

# Knitted Monkey

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We are looking for knitted monkeys to give to patients to cheer them up during their hospital stay or to sell to raise money for Voluntary Services which can then be spent on patients.

## Knit pattern:

### What you need

4.0mm needles (UK 8, UK6)  
50 grs of 8 ply or worsted weight yarn/double knit  
Small amount of contrast colours  
toy filling/wadding  
1 pipe cleaner for tail.  
Black embroidery thread

### Instructions

17 Inch Monkey

#### **Body and Head**

Using whichever combinations of colours, or plain colour.

Cast on 10 stitches

Knit twice into every stitch (20)

Stocking stitch 3 rows

(knit 1, knit twice into next stitch) to the end. (30)

Stocking stitch 3 rows

(knit 2, knit twice into next stitch) to the end. (40)

Stocking stitch 3 rows

(knit 2, knit 2 tog) to the end (30)

Stocking stitch 11 rows

Shape shoulders

Knit 5 (knit 2 tog) 3 times, knit 8 (knit 2 tog) 3 times, knit 5 (24)

Purl 1 row

(knit 3, knit twice into next stitch) to the end. (30)

Purl 1 row

(knit 4, knit twice into next stitch) to the end.

Stocking stitch 17 rows

(knit 4, knit 2 tog) to the end. (30)

Purl 1 row

(knit 3, knit 2 tog) to the end. (24)

Purl 1 row

(knit 2, knit 2 tog) to the end. (18)

Purl 1 row

(knit 1, knit 2 tog) to the end. (12)

(purl 2 tog) to the end. (6)

Thread yarn through stitches and secure tightly

#### **Legs (Make 2)**

Cast on 12 stitches

Stocking stitch 48 rows

Shape feet (change to contrast colour)



Knit twice into every stitch (24)  
Stocking stitch 5 rows  
(knit 2, knit 2 tog) to the end. (18)  
Purl 1 row  
(knit 1, knit 2 tog) to the end. (12)  
Purl 1 row  
(knit 2 tog) to the end. (6)  
Thread yarn through stitches and secure tightly

### ***Arms (make 2)***

Cast on 12 stitches  
Stocking stitch 38 rows  
Shape hands (change to contrast colour)  
Knit twice into every stitch. (20)  
Stocking stitch 3 rows  
(knit 2, knit 2 tog) to the end (15)  
Purl 1 row  
Knit 1 (knit 2 tog) to the end. (7)  
Thread yarn through stitches and secure tightly.

### ***Ears ( Make 2) ( use contrast colour)***

Cast on 18 stitch  
Stocking stitch 6 rows  
(knit 2 tog, knit 1) to the end. (12)  
Purl 1 row  
(knit 2 tog) to the end. (6)  
Thread yarn through stitches and secure tightly.

### ***Eye Patch using contrast colour***

Cast on 10 stitches  
Stocking stitch 4 rows  
Knit 5 then turn  
Purl 5 then turn  
Knit 5 then turn  
(purl 2 tog) (purl1) (purl 2 tog)  
Knit 3 tog, Fasten off  
With knit row facing repeat the second side in same pattern as first.

### ***Muzzle***

Cast on 28 stitch  
Stocking stitch 4 rows  
(knit 2 tog, k 3) to the last st, then Knit 1 (24)  
Stocking stitch 3 rows  
(knit 2 tog, k 2) to the end. (18)  
Purl 1 row  
(knit 2 tog, k 1) to the end . (12)  
Thread yarn through stitches and secure tightly.

### ***Tail ( optional for non clothed monkey)***

Cast on 6 stitches  
Knit 48 rows  
When stitching the tail, this is where you use the pipe cleaner. Sew it inside as you sew up the tail. This will enable you to curl the tail when finished.

### **Make up instructions.**

Body – Stitch the body together leaving a gap at the back approx 1 ½ inch for the filling/stuffing. Now sew together. Run a thread of yarn around the neck area to emphasize the head shape. Put aside.

Legs – With wrong side facing you, sew up the legs beginning at the feet. Sew to the top of the leg and fasten off. Turn the leg right side out and fill with approved toy stuffing. Push the filling down the leg a little at a time.

Arms - Complete the same method as the legs.

Ears – Join the ends together, thread yarn through the cast on stitches and draw up. Position the ear so the two gathered sections are together then sew across. Attach to the head approx 1/3 the way down the head.

Eye section – Sew to the center of the face in with the ears. Using black sew on your eyes making sure your secure stitches will be on the face under the muzzle when the face is finished.

Muzzle – Sew the two sides together and gather up the cast on stitches and fill with wadding as you go. Use black to sew the mouth in the center across with a small cross on the top. Sew in to place at the base edge of the eye section covering all the yarn. Now attach the muzzle with matching yarn.

Attach legs and arms into place.

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