

Elephant – glove puppet

DK wool (can use contrast colour for inner ear but not essential) 3 pairs size 7 needles (4 ½)

Buttons can be added for eyes and tusks (optional – toggle buttons or beads better here)

TRUNK – Knit separately

Cast on 14 and knit 9 rows

Row 10 – inc 1st each end (16st)

Knit 5 rows - then inc 1st at each end next row (18st)

Repeat last 6 rows twice (20st) (22st)

Knit 2 rows

K2tog cast off 4 k10st cast off to last 2st k2tog and cast off

10st remain on needle to add to front body later.

MAIN BODY

Cast on 42st and rib 11 rows

Row 12 – inc 1st each end (44st) rib next row

Repeat last two rows 3 times (46st) (48st) (50st)

K 12 rows

K12st k2tog k22st k2tog (use a new needle for remaining k12st)

BACK BODY

Using new needle k12 st and add 12st from other new needle.

This creates (24st) across back and leaves 22 st on separate needle for front.

You may be using lots of needles at this point to create front and back!

Continue with back body - K2tog both ends of next row - then K12rows (22st)

*Decrease to shape head - K2tog both ends (20st)

K3 k2tog k2 k2tog k2 k2tog k2 k2tog k3 (16st) THEN K1row

K2tog k2 k2tog k4 k2tog k2 k2tog (12st)

K2tog and cast off

CONTINUE FRONT BODY

Pick up the 22st and k3 rows

K7 cast off 8 k7

K7st then add the 10st from trunk knit remaining 7st (24st) then k8 rows

*Decrease to shape head – same as back of head

EARS – BACK - KNIT 2

Cast on 14 st

K2 rows then inc 1 both ends of next row (16st)

Repeat last 3rows 3 times (18st) (20st) (22st)

K1 row then inc 1 at end of next row (23st) Repeat 2rows (24st)

K to end k2tog (23st)

K2tog k to end (22st) Repeat last two rows (21st) (20st)

K2tog both ends of next 4 rows (18st) (16st) (14st) (12st) cast off

EARS - FRONT – KNIT 2

You may wish to use two threads of wool for inner ear for double thickness.

This may strengthen the ear and prevent fingers poking through.

Cast on 10st knit 2 rows then inc 1 each end next row (12st)

Repeat last 3rows 3times (14st) (16st) (18st)

K 1row then k2tog each end next row (16st)

Repeat last 3rows 3times (14st) (12st) (10st) cast off

TO SEW UP EARS – sew back ear to back of body and front of ear to front of body leaving gap for fingers to be inserted. Sew front ear piece onto back ear – probably best to use main colour used for back of ear so colour does not show behind ear if using two different colours. Fingers will fit between the front and back ear pieces to allow ears to wiggle.

SEW UP BODY – sew rib up back. Sew up trunk and sew top edge joining front of head along the area where the 8st of the body were cast off.

