

H. Dumpty



H. Dumpty is knit in the round. Finished size is about 10 inches tall (not including legs), with an 18 inch girth. Knees, ankles, and elbows are built in using short rows. This is the second pattern in my series of designs based on a children's book or nursery rhyme.

Materials Required

Worsted weight yarn in the following amounts:

- Color A (for shirt, arms, and legs) – app. 100 yards
- Color B (for bow tie) – app. 20 yards
- Color C (for egg head and hands) - app. 75 yards
- Plus scrap amounts of white & black for socks, cuffs, and shoes (if different from B & C above)

Size 4 double pointed needles

2 or 3 small buttons

Darning needle

Stuffing

CO	cast on
K	knit
P	purl
sts	stitches
Kfb	knit in the front and the back of the next stitch before slipping it off the left needle
M1	make one stitch (see special note below)
K2tog	knit the next two stitches together
WT	wrap and turn (see special note below)
PU	pick up (create) a new stitch from existing work

Special Notes

- WT = after knitting the specified number of stitches, bring yarn to the front of work, slip the next stitch on the left dpn to the right one, move yarn to the back of your work, and slip the stitch back to the left needle. This “wraps” the stitch. Turn your work and purl the number of stitches indicated. Bring yarn to the back of work, slip the next stitch on the left dpn to the right one, move yarn to the front of your work, and slip the stitch back to the left needle. This wraps the second stitch. Turn your work and knit the number of stitches indicated.
- Most of the increases in this pattern (M1) are made by lifting the right “leg” of the next stitch (the right side of the stitch directly below the next stitch on your left needle), placing it on the left needle, then knitting it as you would any other stitch.

Begin near bottom and work upward

With color A, CO 30 stitches and work the following rounds:

- 1) (Kfb, K2) repeat to end of round
- 2-5) K all sts
- 6) (M1, K4) repeat to end of round
- 7-10) K all sts
- 11) (M1, K5) repeat to end of round
- 12-15) K all sts
- 16) (M1, K6) repeat to end of round
- 17-20) K all sts
- 21) (M1, K7) repeat to end of round
- 22-27) K all sts

Cut color A, join color B

- 28-30) K all sts

Cut color B, join color C

- 31-37) K all sts
- 38) K33, place next 14 sts on a piece of scrap yarn, CO 14 new sts to tip of right dpn, K33
- 39-44) K all sts

Short rows (WT's) are now worked back and forth to shape the nose. In the row below, 2 sts are wrapped 4 times each. Just follow the instructions exactly as written:

- 45) K43, WT, P6, WT, K6, WT, P6, WT, K6, WT, P6, WT, K6, WT, P6, WT, K to end of round
- 46) K all sts
- 47) (K2tog, K6) repeat to end of round
- 48-51) K all sts
- 52) (K2tog, K5) repeat to end of round
- 53-56) K all sts
- 57) (K2tog, K4) repeat to end of round
- 58-61) K all sts
- 62) (K2tog, K3) repeat to end of round

- 63-66) K all sts
- 67) (K2tog, K2) repeat to end of round
- 68) K all sts
- 69) (K2tog, K1) repeat to end of round
- 70) K all sts
- 71) (K2tog) repeat to end of round

Cut yarn, thread through remaining live stitches, insert darning needle down through center and pull tightly closed from the inside, secure end.

Mouth pocket

Place 14 live stitches from scrap yarn onto a dpn. PU 2 stitches on one side of mouth, 14 stitches along top edge, and 2 more on the other side. Stitches can be spread around 3 or 4 dpns more evenly if desired. Knit all stitches in the round for 2 inches. Divide them evenly onto 2 dpns which run horizontally across mouth. Graft together with the Kitchener stitch.

Turn egg inside out; weave in loose ends, and darn small holes on side of nose and mouth. Turn right side out again, sew on buttons, and stuff very firmly to about one inch from open end. Mouth pocket is then pushed down inside of egg; lips can be shaped into desired expression.

Bottom of egg

Stitches are now picked up in the original cast on stitches to shape the bottom of the egg. With color A, PU 30 stitches, one in each of the cast on stitches, then work the following rounds:

- 1) K all sts
- 2) (K2tog, K1) repeat to end of round
- 3) K all sts
- 4) (K2tog) repeat to end of round

Cut yarn and thread through remaining live stitches. Before pulling closed, add more stuffing to the bottom until it is very full.



Legs (make 2)

With color A, CO 15 stitches and work the following rounds:

- K all sts for 3 inches

Short rows are now worked back and forth to shape the knee:

- 1) K3, WT, P6, WT, K3
- 2) K4, WT, P8, WT, K4
- 3) K5, WT, P10, WT, K5
- 4) K6, WT, P12, WT, K6

- 5) K all sts
- 6) (K2tog, K3) repeat to end of round

- K all sts for 2 inches

- 7) (K2tog, K2) repeat to end of round
- 8-9) K all sts

Cut color A, join white yarn

- 10-12) K all sts

Cut white yarn, join black yarn

- 13-15) K all sts

Short rows are now worked to shape the ankle and heel:

- 16) K6, WT, P3, WT, K2, WT, P1, WT, K to end of round
- 17-20) K all sts
- 21) (K2tog, K1) repeat to end of round

Cut yarn, thread through remaining live stitches, pull tightly closed, and secure. Stuff leg and sew to bottom of egg. The placement of the legs will determine the seated posture of your egg.

Bow Tie

With color B, CO 8 stitches onto 1 dpn and work back and forth in stockinette stitch for 7 inches. Cast off all stitches. Seam CO end to cast off end. Set aside.

With color B, CO 4 stitches onto 1 dpn and work back and forth in stockinette stitch for 2 inches. Cast off all stitches.

While pinching larger piece together in the middle, wrap smaller piece around it, pulling tightly, and sew together in the back. Sew bow tie to front of egg.

Arms (make 2)

With color A, CO 12 stitches and work the following rounds:

- K all sts for 2 inches

Short rows are now worked back and forth to shape the elbow:

- 1) K2, WT, P4, WT, K2
- 2) K3, WT, P6, WT, K3
- 3) K4, WT, P8, WT, K4

- K all sts for an additional 2 inches from inside of elbow

Cut color A, join white yarn (if your color C is white, continue the next 4 rounds with color A)

- 4-7) K all sts

Cut yarn, join color C

- 8) K all sts
- 9) (K2tog, K2) repeat to end of round

- K all sts for 1 inch

Cut yarn, thread through remaining live stitches, pull tightly closed, and secure. Stuff arm and sew to egg in desired position.

Eyes

Eyes can be embroidered or made with buttons, safety eyes, etc. The eyes pictured in this pattern were made with pieces of felt that were cut out and hot-glued in place.

