



# FLAMINGO

a claire  
garland  
knitting  
pattern



**FINISHED SIZE** 15cm from tail to front breast, 26cm tall - with the legs - 51cm

**YARN** 50gm worsted or aran yarn - I used Adriafile Sierra Andina shade 014 together with Drops Lima pale pink

Tiny amount white, grey and black yarn in same weight for the beak and legs  
- I used Drops Lima grey, Drops Alaska Black and Off-white

**NEEDLES** 3 x 4mm/ size 6 double pointed knitting needles (dpn)

**TENSION** 13 stitches, 22 rows of garter stitch over 5cm with 4mm needles -

**EXTRAS** Toy filling or scraps fabric or yarn for stuffing

### **Pattern**

Beginning at the base of the neck

Cast on 26sts

**Rows 1 - 2** Garter stitch 2 rows.

**TAIL AND BACK**

**Row 3 inc)** Kfb, k10, kfb, k2, kfb, k10, kfb - 30sts

**Row 4 inc)** K1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 - 32sts

**Row 5 inc)** Kfb, k to last st, kfb - 34sts

**Row 6 inc)** K1, kfb, k15, m1, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 - 37sts

**Row 7 inc)** K18, kfb, k to end - 38sts

**Row 8 inc)** K1, kfb, k17, m1, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 - 41sts

**Row 9 inc)** K20, kfb, k to end - 42sts

**Row 10 inc)** K1, kfb, k19, m1, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 - 45sts

**Row 11 inc)** K22, kfb, k to end - 46sts

...short rows for the back ...Side A

**Short row 1** K16, bring yarn to the front of the work, slip next st purl-wise onto the right hand needle, take working yarn to the back, slip the slipped stitch back onto the left hand needle, turn the knitting, take working yarn to the back ready for knitting = W+T (wrap and turn) then after you've turned you knit back along the stitches you've just knitted.

\* **Short row 2** K15, Turn

**Short row 3** K14, W+T

**Short row 4** K13, Turn

**Short row 5** K12, W+T

**Short row 6** K11, Turn

**Short row 7** K10, W+T

**Short row 8** K9, Turn

**Short row 9** K8, W+T

**Short row 10** K7, Turn

**Short row 11** K6, W+T

**Short row 12** K5, Turn

**Short row 13** K4 W+T

**Short row 14** K3, Turn

**Short row 15** K2, W+T

**End short row 16 (Side A)** K9sts back to beginning.\*\*

**Row 12** K46 across.

...short rows for back ...Side B

**Short row 1** K16, W+T

**Short rows 2 - 16** Rep as Side A from \* to \*\*.

**Row 13** K46 across.

.. short rows to shape the tail - Side A

\***Short row 1** K2, W+T

**Short row 2** K2

**Short row 3** K3, W+T

**Short row 4** K3

**Short row 5** K4, W+T

**Short row 6** K4

**Short rows 7 - 28** Continue to work short rows, increasing each row by one stitch into the centre of the back to create the curve until the last 2 short rows read Short row 23 - K15 W+T, then Short row 28 - K15 back

...then for the tip of the tail

**Short row 29** K6, W+T

**Short row 30** K6

**Short row 31** K5, W+T

**Short row 32** K5

**Short row 33** K4, W+T

**Short row 34** K4

**Short row 35** K3, W+T

**Short row 36** K3

**Short row 37** K2, W+T

**Short row 38** K2

**Short row 39** K1, W+T

**Short row 40** K1\*\*

**Row 14** K46 across.

... short rows to shape the tail - Side B

**Short rows 1 - 40** Rep as Side A from \* to \*\*.

**Row 15** K46 across.

**Row 16** dec) Cast off 16sts, k to end - 30sts

**Row 17** dec) Cast off 16sts, k to end - 14sts

#### SHAPE TOP OF THE LEGS

**Row 18** dec) K2 tog 7 times - 7sts

Cut yarn with a long enough length for join along the tail, thread end through the sts and pull up to gather then join cast off edges together with mattress stitch

#### BACK AND NECK

Return to the 26 cast on stitches from the beginning of the pattern

Pick up and knit 26sts

Divide the stitches over the two needles, cut yarn and graft together the first 2 sets of 6 sts by working Kitchener stitch (*see end of pattern for details*) - 14sts

#### NECK

RS facing rejoin the yarn for 14 Neck stitches, (beginning to the right of the neck )- you'll need your third dpn for this to begin with... Important: Make sure that the stitches run in a row around the front of the neck and NOT around the back - this must be left open for sewing up later

**Row 1** K

**Row 2** Skpo, k3, kfb, k2, kfb, k3, k2 tog

**Row 3** K

**Rows 4 - 9** Rep last 2 rows 3 times

**Row 10** dec) Skpo, k5, m1 k to last 2, k2 tog - 13sts

**Rows 11 - 47** Work 37 rows garter stitch

#### HEAD

**Row 48** Skpo, k3, kfb, k1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog

**Row 49** K

**Rows 50 - 55** Rep last 2 rows 3 times

**Row 56** inc) K5, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end - 15sts

.. short rows to shape top of head

Side A

\***Short row 1** K1, W+T

**Short row 2** K1

**Short row 3** K2, W+T

**Short row 4** K2

**Short row 5** K3, W+T

**Short row 6** K3

**Short row 7** K4, W+T

**Short row 8** K4

**Short row 9** K5, W+T

**Short row 10** K5

**Short row 11** K6, W+T

**Short row 12** K6

**Short row 13** K15 sts across\*\*

Work Side B as Side A from \* to \*\*

**Row 57** Skpo, k4, kfb, k1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog

**Row 58** K

**Rows 59 - 60** Rep last 2 rows once

... short rows to shape under the head

**Short row 1** K10, W+T

**Short row 2** K5, W+T

**Short row 3** K4, W+T

**Short row 4** K3, W+T

**Short row 5** K2, W+T

**Short row 6** K1, W+T

**End of short rows 7** K8 across.

**Row 61** WS) Skpo, k4, kfb, k1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog

Cut yarn MC - Join in beak yarn - white part

**Row 62** RS) K

**Row 63** Skpo, k4, kfb, k1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog

**Row 64** K

**Row 65** dec) Skpo, k5, kfb, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 14sts

**Row 66** K

**Row 67** dec) Skpo, k5, m1, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 13sts

**Row 68** K

**Row 69** dec) Skpo, k4, kfb, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 12sts

**Row 70** K

**Row 71** dec) Skpo, k4, m1, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 11sts

**Row 72** K

**Row 73** dec) Skpo, k3, kfb, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 10sts

Cut white yarn - join in black

**Row 74** K

**Row 75** dec) Skpo, k3, m1, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 9sts

**Row 76** K

**Row 77** dec) Skpo, k2, kfb, k2, k2 tog - 8sts

**Rows 78 - 80** Work 3 rows garter stitch

Cut yarn, divide the stitches over the two needles and graft together working Kitchener stitch.

## LEGS

Cast on 12 sts in the leg colour yarn - I used the grey together with the peachy pink, gave me a worsted weight.

... short rows to shape the webbed feet

**Short row 1** K11, W+T

**Short row 2** K10, W+T

**Short row 3** K9, W+T

**Short row 4** K8, W+T

**Short row 5** K7, W+T

**Short row 6** K6, W+T

**Short row 7** K5, W+T

**Short row 8** K4, W+T

**Short row 9** K3, W+T

**Short row 10** K2, W+T

**Short row 11** K1, W+T

**End of short rows 12** K7 to end

## LEG

Cast off 5 sts, k1, cast off and fasten off remaining stitches - 2sts

Rejoin yarn to the 2 sts for leg

**Rnd 1** K2, work as i cord – slide sts to other end of dpn without turning, bring working yarn across the back, k2, rep - until the cord/ leg measures 10cm/ 4in.

**Increase round** Kfb twice - 4sts

**Next 3 rounds** 3 rounds i cord on 4 sts

**Decrease round** Skpo, k2 tog - 2sts

Continue working i cord until entire leg, foot included, measures 25cm/ 10in

Cast off.

## TO MAKE UP

Join all seams with mattress stitch:

Join along the beak, head and neck tucking the tail ends into the inside to use as a light stuffing - Stuff the neck, head and the white part of the beak also with toy filling - Tip: a length of skipping/ washing-line rope inserted into the neck acts as a strengthener if a floppy neck is not what you are after!

Complete the sewing along the back and down to the tail, stuffing quite firmly as you go. Sew the legs in place under the top of the leg shaping.

**Kitchener stitch** or grafting: to 'graft' or sew together 'live' stitches held on double pointed needles (dpns) that are held parallel in your left hand.

1. Thread up a yarn needle with the tail end as mentioned in the pattern, insert the threaded needle purl-wise into the first stitch on the knitting needle closest to you, pull the yarn through, leave the stitch on the needle.
  2. Insert the threaded needle into the first stitch on the back needle knit-wise, pull yarn through, leave that stitch on the needle.
  3. Insert the threaded needle into the first stitch on the knitting needle closest to you again this time knit-wise, then slip that stitch off the knitting needle then bring the threaded needle through the next front stitch as if to purl it – leave this stitch on the needle.
  4. Insert the threaded needle into the first stitch on the back needle this time purl-wise, then slip that stitch of the knitting needle, bring the threaded needle through the next back stitch knit-wise – leave this stitch on the needle.
- Repeat steps 1 - 4 until there are no stitches remaining - the last stitch will be fastened off as normal.
5. Secure the end.