



Ombre DUCK
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knitting
pattern



FINISHED SIZE 14cm from tip of bill to tip of tail, 21cm tall

YARN 50gm DK yarn- I used DY Craft Cotton Ecru - you need no more than 70 mtrs

NEEDLES 2 x 3.25mm/ size 3 knitting needles - *optional* - crochet hook see 'Foot'

TENSION 11 stitches, 23 rows of garter stitch over 5cm with 3.25mm needles

EXTRAS Toy filling or scraps fabric or yarn for stuffing - If you've used cotton yarn and want to use the duck as a bath toy whta about stuffing it with old cut up towelling - also if you want your's ombre style you'll need some cold or hot water dye suitable for the yarn you'll use - I used Dylon Hot Water Dye and applied the stove method detailed within the instructions so I could regulate the gradation of tone

Pattern

Beginning with the neck Cast on 16sts

Rows 1 (WS) - 2 Garter stitch 2 rows, so ending with RS

NECK SHAPING

Row 3 inc) K5, kfb, k4, kfb, k to end - 18sts

Row 4 K

Row 5 inc) K6, kfb, k4, kfb, k to end - 20sts

Row 6 K

Row 7 inc) K7, kfb, k4, kfb, k to end - 22sts

Row 8 K

Row 9 inc) K8, kfb, k4, kfb, k to end - 24sts

Row 10 K

Row 11 inc) K9, kfb, k4, kfb, k to end - 26sts

Row 12 RS) K

Row 13 inc) [K1, kfb] 5 times, k6, [kfb, k1] 5 times -36sts

Row 14 K

...short rows for the front breast

Short row 1 K29, 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 K22, W+T

Short row 3 K21, W+T

Short row 4 K20, W+T

Short row 5 K19, W+T

Short row 6 K18, W+T

End short rows K27 sts to end of row

BACK

Row 15 Kfb, k14, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k to last st, kfb

Row 16 K

Rows 17 - 18 Rep last 2 rows once

Row 19 inc) K1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 - 38sts

Row 20 K

Rows 21 - 22 inc) Rep last 2 rows once - 40sts

Rows 23 WS) - 32 Garter stitch 10 rows so ending with a RS row

...short rows to shape the keel

Short row 1 K39, W+T

Short row 2 K38, W+T

Short row 3 K37, W+T

Short row 4 K36, W+T

Short row 5 K35, W+T

Short row 6 K34, W+T

Short row 7 K33, W+T

Short rows 8 - 33 Continue to work shorter and shorter rows to create the rounded shape at the keel by knitting one less on each row before the wrap and turn until the last short row reads:-

Short row 34 K6, W+T

End short rows K23 sts to end of row

Rows 33 - 36 Garter stitch 4 rows

Row 37 dec) Skpo, k to last st, k2 tog - 38sts

Row 38 K

Rows 39 - 40 dec) Rep last 2 rows once - 36sts

...short rows for the stern (the bit under the tail)

Short row 1 K15, W+T

Short row 2 K10, W+T

Short row 3 RS) K9, W+T

Short row 4 K8, W+T

Short row 5 K7, W+T

Short row 6 K6, W+T

Short row 7 K24, W+T

Short row 8 K10, W+T

Short row 9 K9, W+T

Short row 10 K8, W+T

Short row 11 K7, W+T

Short row 12 K6, W+T

End short rows K13 sts to end of row

Row 41 K7 sts, cast off next 22 sts, k to end - 14sts

TAIL

Continue to work across the 2 sets of 7 sts either side of cast on stitches for the Tail as follows:

Rows 42 - 44 Garter stitch 3 rows

Row 45 dec) Skpo, k to last st, k2 tog - 12sts

Row 46 K

Row 47 dec) Skpo, k to last st, k2 tog - 10sts

Row 48 K

Row 49 dec) k2 tog 5 times - 5sts

Cast off.

NECK

Return to the 16 cast on stitches from the beginning of the pattern - RS facing (remember the 1st row after cast on was a WS row) pick up and knit 16sts

Rows 2 - 10 Garter stitch 9 rows so ending with a WS row

... short rows to shape 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 K7, W+T

Short row 14 K7

Short row 15 K16 sts across to the other side**

Side B

Rep last 15 short rows from * to **

Row 11 K

... back of head shaping short rows Side A

***Short row 1** K7, W+T

Short row 2 K7

Short row 3 K6, W+T,

Short row 4 K6

Short row 5 K5, W+T

Short row 6 K5

Short row 7 K4, W+T

Short row 8 K4

Short row 9 K3, W+T

Short row 10 K3

Short row 11 K2, W+T

Short row 12 K2**

Row 12 dec) Skpo, k to end - 15sts

... back of head shaping short rows Side B

As Side A short rows 1 - 12 * to **

Row 13 dec) Skpo, k5, k2 tog, k to the end - 13sts

Row 14 dec) K1, skpo, k to the last 3 sts, k2 tog, k1 - 11sts

Row 15 dec) Skpo, k to the last 2 sts, k2 tog - 9sts

BILL

Switch colour here is you want a coloured bill

Rows 16 - 17 Garter stitch 2 rows.

Row 18 dec) K3, k3 tog, k to end - 7sts

Rows 19- 21 Garter stitch 3 rows.

Row 22 dec) Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 5sts

Rows 23 -26 Garter stitch 4 rows.

Cast off.

FOOT *make 2 alike*

Cast on 12 sts (in foot colour yarn if you want coloured 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 K6 to end

... leg

Cast off 4 sts, k3, cast off and fasten off remaining stitches - 4sts

Rejoin yarn to the 4 sts for leg

Rows 1 - 5 Garter stitch 5 rows

Cast off

P.S A line of 5 chain crochet (same size hook as knitting needle) may be added through the centre of the foot to add extra detail if you wish

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 bill also with toy filling -

Complete the sewing along the back and down to the tail, stuffing quite firmly as you go - finish by joining the cast off at the Stern.

Legs -

Fold the leg in half and join from cast off edge at the top down to where it joins the foot. Weave in all the ends around the foot and sew on the crochet chain if made. Sew the legs about an inch apart - referring to the photo for position - they are placed near the end of the curve of stitches created by the short rows

If you want an ombre effect - Follow the directions on your dye packet as to amounts of water to dye and temperatures etc.

Wet your duck and balance it in the dye bath - I held my duck in place over a

saucepan between two wooden spoons tied together at the ends with rubber bands.

To create the gradation/ ombre effect the duck needs to be in the dye for more time for a heavier colour/ less time for a lighter colour so you'll need to lift the duck gradually out of the water in stages during its dying time.

