

LUCKY
DUCKLING
PATTERN





Hello!

Thanks for choosing to knit one of my patterns, I really do hope you enjoy the knitting process and experience!

I try to make my patterns as straight forward as possible and sometimes include little videos on my Instagram account

@dotpebbles_knits to support the projects.

That said, sometimes, it's not so understandable and there are still questions that need to be asked, in which case I also offer pattern support via email: **claire.garland@btopenworld.com**

... or you may find your answers here:

FAQs:

Q. Can I sell what I make from your patterns:

A. Yes - I encourage it, please see the Instagram shop **@imadethisrabbit_shop** where I'll even promote for you if that's what you want?

Q. Are your patterns suitable for beginners?

A. Yes, some are for sure, because, I also link to a how to video within the pattern - try these two: **Knitted Bunny** and **Itty Bitty Kitty**

And here's a **1-10 List**, (number 1 being the easiest)

Q. Where can I get the similar yarn listed in the pattern? (*NOTE: It's best try to source similar yarn-types to the ones listed for the best results*)

A. I nearly always choose Drops Yarn as a favourite brand which you can buy from **KnittedHome.com**. **Drops Garnstudio** also have a stockists list and failing that try this amazing site **yarnsub.com** for perfect substitution ideas

Q. Where can I get the similar eyes from?

A. I've bought mine from these places: **Rainbow Craft Eyes**; **Cello Expresss** (noses too); **Suncatchercrafteyes.com**; Etsy

Q. What is uncarded stuffing?

A. It's a dense toy filling, which I prefer to the lofty fibre fill stuffing, I buy mine from Ebay.co.uk - I also use all my yarn snippings

MATERIALS

YARN

Unless otherwise stated, double strands of yarn are used together throughout this pattern. The exact combinations of yarn to be used are indicated by multiple letters so if the pattern states yarn AB use both A & B yarn held together as one. My yarn choices for the **Grey Duckling** (*the brand and shades I used are in italic*) are:

For the Beak and Feet, small amounts of:

Yarn **A** - 4-ply Alpaca in pink, *Drops Baby Alpaca Silk 3125*

Yarn **B** - fine crochet cotton in beige, *DMC Petra, 3-ply shade 5712*

For the Head and Body, small amounts of:

Yarn **C** - 4-ply Alpaca in beige, *Drops Alpaca shade 2020*

Yarn **D** - silk mohair in yellow, *Rico Essentials Super Kid Mohair Loves Silk shade 017*

KNITTING NEEDLES

Pair of 3.50 mm/ US 4 straight knitting needles

TOY EYES & NOSE

Pair 7 mm, black, toy eyes (and Pritt Stick type glue) *or* black fine yarn or embroidery thread for the eyes (*toy eyes are not suitable for children under 3 years*)

NOTE (*you can use push on backs too just remember to add your eyes before completing the stuffing*)

TOY FILLING

I use uncarded toy filling out of preference

EXTRAS

Scissors and yarn sewing needle



My yarn choices for the **Yellow Duckling** (*the brand and shades I used are in italic*) are:

For the Beak and Feet, small amounts of:

Yarn **A** - 4-ply Alpaca in pink, *Drops Baby Alpaca Silk 3125*

Yarn **B** - silk mohair in yellow, *Rico Essentials Super Kid Mohair Loves Silk shade 017*

Yarn **C** - Alpaca in gold, *Drops Sky shade Curry*

Yarn **D** - silk mohair in yellow, *Rico Essentials Super Kid Mohair Loves Silk shade 017*

PATTERN NOTES

. Use **Cable Cast-on** throughout

COLOURED MARKER GUIDE:

This guide is here to pull out and use together with the pattern should you wish to use similar coloured guides to mine for ease of following, especially at the making-up stage:

BABY PINK NECK

BABY PINK FOOT



SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

W+TK bring working yarn to the front of the work, slip next stitch knit-wise onto the RH needle, take working yarn to the back, slip the slipped stitch back onto the LH needle, turn the knitting = W+Tk (wrap and turn knit)

W+Tp take working yarn to the back of the work, slip next stitch purl-wise onto the RH needle, bring working yarn to the front, slip the slipped stitch back onto the LH needle, turn the knitting = W+Tp (wrap and turn purl)

GENERAL ABBREVIATIONS

k = knit

p = purl

inc = increase

dec = decrease

k2tog/ k3tog = knit two together/ knit three together

k2tog/ k3tog = purl two together/ purl three together

RH/LH = right hand/ left hand RS/WS = right side/ wrong side

st/ sts =stitch/ stitches M1

skpo = slip one stitch, knit next stitch, pass slipped stitch over knit stitch to decrease by one stitch

kfb = knit into front then into back of stitch to increase by one stitch

pfb = Purl into front then knit into back of stitch to increase by one stitch

M1= With RH needle point pick up the horizontal bar in between stitches, put onto LH needle, knit the new stitch

BEAK

Beginning at the Front of the Beak with yarn **AB** cast on 6 sts

Rows 1-3 Beginning with a purl row work three rows stocking stitch

Row 4 inc) Kfb, k4, kfb - 8sts

Row 5 Purl

Row 6 inc) K3, kfb twice, k3 - 10sts

Row 7 Purl

Cut Beak yarn AB, join on head and body yarn **CD**, continue as follows:

HEAD

Row 8 inc) K2, kfb, k4, kfb, k2 - 12sts

Row 9 Purl

Row 10 inc) K3, kfb, k4, kfb, k3 - 14sts

Row 11 Purl

PM (place marker) on stitch at each end of the last purl row for Left and Right **Neck Markers**

Row 12 inc) K4, kfb, k4, kfb, k4 - 16sts

Rows 13, 15 & 17 Purl

Row 14 inc) K5, kfb, k4, kfb, k5 - 18sts

Row 16 inc) K6, kfb, k4, kfb, k6 - 20sts

Row 18 inc) K7, kfb, k4, kfb, k7 - 22sts

Row 19 Purl

Row 20 dec) K7, skpo, k4, k2tog, k7 - 20sts

Row 21 dec) P2tog, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog - 18sts

Row 22 dec) K5, skpo, k4, k2tog, k5 - 16sts

Cast off all 16 Head Back sts purl-wise.

Join Head Back Seam

WS together, fold the cast-off edge at Head Back and mattress stitch to join the two sides together from the fold to the cast-off edge corners (see Fig. 1, join dotted line A to dotted line B; Fig. 2 shows seam as sewn) Smooth out top of the seam with your thumb and forefinger to create a rounded seam and to lose the pointedness (see Fig. 3).

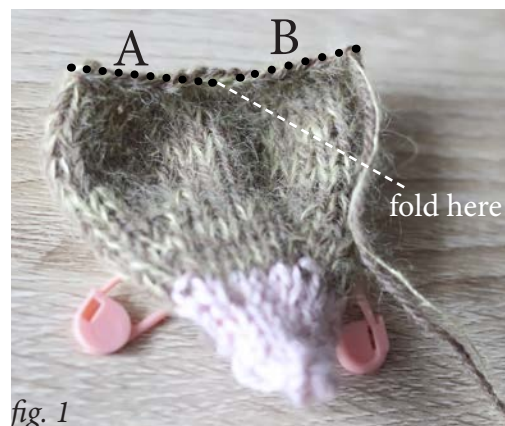


fig. 1



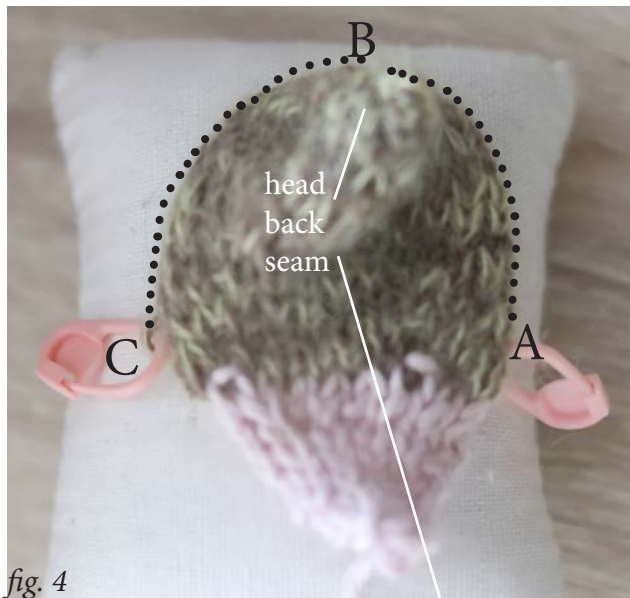
fig. 2



fig. 3

BODY

RS facing, begin at duckling's Left Neck Marker, with yarn **CD**, pick up and knit 4 sts evenly along row ends towards the Head Back seam; pick up and knit 1 stitch at the seam; pick and knit 4 sts from the seam evenly along row ends to the Right Neck Marker (see Fig. 4, pick up and knit as dotted lines from A to B; B to C, Fig. 5 shows stitches already picked up and knitted) - 9sts



Row 1 inc) Cast on 6 sts, purl all 15sts

Row 2 inc) Cast on 6 sts, knit all 21sts

Row 3 inc) Pfb, purl to last st, pfb - 23sts

Row 4 inc) K8, kfb, k5, kfb, k8 - 25sts

Row 5 inc) Pfb, purl to last st, pfb - 27sts

Row 6 inc) K8, kfb, k9, kfb, k8 - 29sts

Row 7 inc) Pfb, purl to last st, pfb - 31sts

Work short rows to shape Back

Short Row 1 K30, W+Tk (Wrap and Turn knit - see Page 4)

Short Row 2 P29, W+Tp (Wrap and Turn purl - see Page 4)

Short Row 3 K28, W+Tk

Short Row 4 P27, W+Tp

Short Row 5 K26, W+Tk

Short Row 6 P25, W+Tp

Short Row 7 K24, W+Tk

Short Row 8 P23, W+Tp

Short Row 9 K22, W+Tk

Short Row 10 P21, W+Tp

Short Row 11 K20, W+Tk

Short Row 12 P19, W+Tp

Short Row 13 K18, W+Tk

Short Row 14 P17, W+Tp

Short Row 15 K24 across to end

Rows 8, 10 & 12 Purl

Row 9 dec) K8, skpo, k11, k2tog, k8 - 29sts

Row 11 dec) K8, skpo, k9, k2tog, k8 - 27sts

Work short rows to shape Duckling's Left Side

Short Row 1 dec) K8, k2tog, W+Tk

Short Row 2 P9

Short Row 3 dec) K6, k2tog, W+Tk

Short Row 4 P7

Row 13 dec) K9, skpo, k1, k2tog, k11 to end of row - 23sts

Work short rows to shape Duckling's Right Side

Short Row 1 dec) P8, p2tog, W+Tp

Short Row 2 K9

Short Row 3 dec) P6, p2tog, W+Tp

Short Row 4 K7

Row 14 Purl all 21 sts

Work short rows to shape Tail

Short Row 1 K14, W+Tk

Short Row 2 P7, W+Tp

Short Row 3 K6, W+Tk

Short Row 4 P5, W+Tp

Short Row 5 K4, W+Tk

Short Row 6 P3, W+Tp

Short Row 7 K2, W+Tk

Short Row 8 P1, W+Tp

Short Row 9 K11 to end of row

Row 15 dec) P7, p2tog, p3tog, p2tog, p7 - 17sts

Cast off for 17 sts at Duckling's Tail End.

Join Body Seam

WS together, fold the duckling in half so that the corners of the cast-off edge at Tail End match and the Neck Markers match (see *Fig. 6*).

Mattress stitch the cast-off edge from the cast-off edge corners to the fold near the tail (see *Fig. 6, join seam, joining two halves, as dotted line shows*).



fig. 6

Body Seam continued...

Join along the front of the body from the seam you've just sewn to the corners of the cast-on edges near the neck (see Fig. 7, join seam from B to C as dotted line shows).

Stuff the body fairly firmly.

NOTE: The tail is also stuffed but only with yarn ends.



fig. 7

Join the cast-on edges together with mattress stitch

Stuff the head fairly firmly and continue to join the seam at the neck, removing the markers, to just before the colour change at the beak (see Fig. 8).

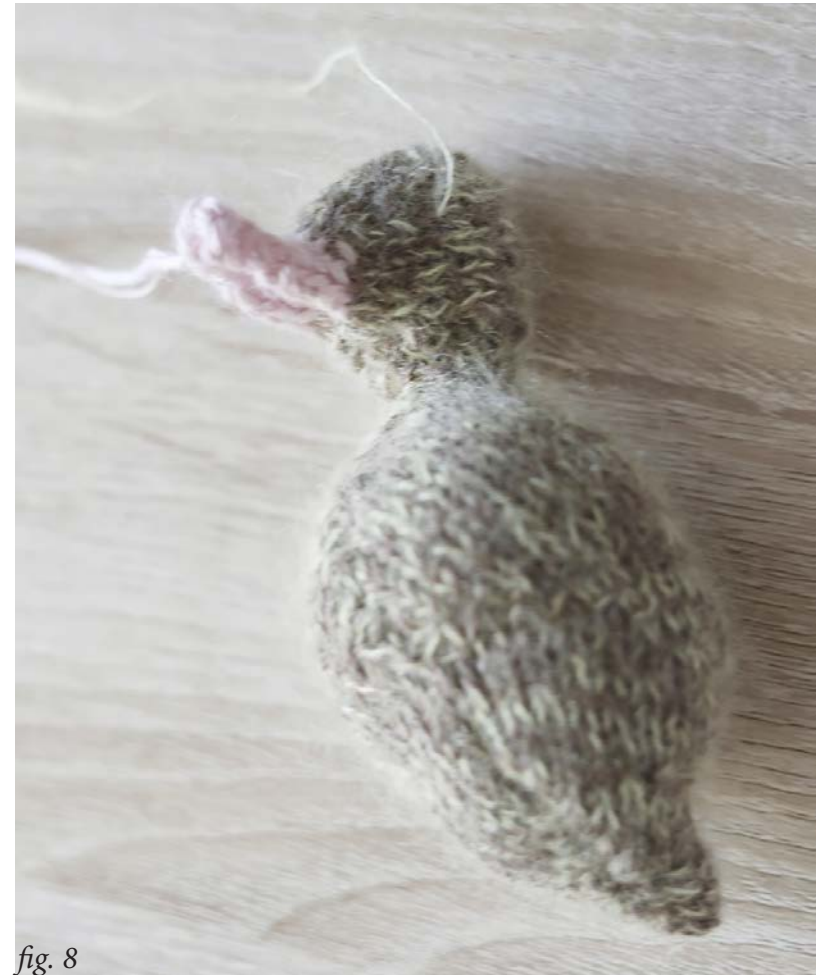


fig. 8

Join Beak

WS together, carefully join the beak row ends ending the seam by over-sewing neatly at the cast-on edge from the front of the beak (see Fig. 9).

The beak is not stuffed.



fig. 9

Create indents for Head Shaping

Thread up some yarn D and secure one end.

Pass the tip of the sewing needle into one side of the head just under the eye (NOTE: *If you're planning to embroider your eyes then insert the sewing needle where you want your eyes to be, work this shaping technique then, with black yarn or thread, work French Knots inside the indents*). Pass the thread through the head to emerge under the other eye on the other side of the head. Pass the thread back in, near where you have just pulled through to emerge back where you started. Gently tug the yarn to create indents at each side. When you are happy with the shapes then secure the thread (see Fig. 10, *in at A; out at B; in at C; out at A*)



fig. 10

Add Eyes

Glue in the toy eyes (*you can use push on backs too just remember to add your eyes before completing the stuffing*) (see Fig. 11)



fig. 11

Extra Detail

As an extra small detail, thread up some yarn D and secure one end. Working on one side of the head at a time, pass the tip of the sewing needle under the horizontal stitch where the beak colour changes to the head colour and pull the stitch down towards the beak so creating a tiny beak detail (see Fig. 12).



fig. 12

WEBBED FEET *make 2 alike*

With the yarn **AD** cast on 4 sts

Upper of the foot

Rows 1-4 Work 4 rows stocking stitch

Row 5 RS) inc) Kfb, p2, kfb - 6sts (*yes, it's correct!*)

Row 6 inc) P1, k2, m1, k2, p1 - 7sts

Row 7 inc) Kfb, p2, k1, p2, kfb - 9sts

Row 8 P1, k3, p1, k3, p1

Row 9 inc) Kfb, p3, k1, p3, kfb - 11sts

Row 10 P1, k4, p1, k4, p1

Row 11 inc) Kfb, p4, k1, p4, kfb - 13sts

Row 12 P1, k5, p1, k5, p1

PM at each end of last row for **Foot Markers**

Sole of the foot

Row 13 dec) K2tog, p4, k1, p4, k2tog - 11sts

Row 14 P1, k4, p1, k4, p1

Row 15 dec) K2tog, p3, k1, p3, k2tog - 9sts

Row 16 P1, k3, p1, k3, p1

Row 17 dec) K2tog, p1, k3tog, p1, k2tog - 5sts

Row 18 [P1, k1] twice, p1

Row 19 dec) K1, k2tog, p1, k1 - 4sts

Rows 20-22 Start with a purl row work three rows stocking stitch

Cast off.

Join Feet to Body

With WS together fold the foot in half at the markers and carefully over-sew all around to sandwich Foot Upper and Sole together leaving the cast-on and cast-off edges open (*see Fig. 13*).

Remove the markers.

Join the foot to each side of the body (*see Figs. 14, 15 & 16*).

The feet aren't stuffed.



fig. 13



fig. 14



fig. 15



fig. 16



Remember to get in touch if you need a little extra advice
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