

## ALUSA KNITTED DOLL with Back Seam (2 sizes)



Arms sewn on very securely

Detail of eyes and hair plaits



Plump version with bright clothes

Simple eyes and mouth embroidery



Use 8ply wool, size 3mm or size 11 needles. Finished doll approx 26cms. Smaller doll, 19cms, has instructions in brackets (.....).

Doll is mainly knitted in stocking stitch, but you may prefer to highlight knitted-in clothing with garter stitch. With 3mm needles the stuffing doesn't show through when the doll is finished. Clothes may be knitted separately or indicated with change of colour. Patterns not provided.

Knowing that the body of the doll is 44 sts give you an idea for creating your own designs.

**Legs:** (Make 2) Cast on 22 (15) sts. Work 27 (17) rows. Do not cast off.

**Body:** Knit across both legs 44 (30) sts. Continue on these sts. Work 27 (17) rows.

Shape **shoulder:** K 7 (4), K2 tog, K4 (3), K2 tog, K14 (8), K2 tog, K4 (3), K2 tog, K7 (4). Work 3 (1) row/s.

**Neck:** Next row: K2 tog across row (20 (13) sts). Both sizes. P 1 row.

**Head:** Next row: Inc in every st (40 (26) sts).

Work 23(13) rows in stst.

Next row: K2, K2 tog to end of row ending with K2 on smaller size (30 (20)sts).

Both sizes: P 1 row.

Next row: K2 tog to end. Fasten off by threading the yarn through the rem sts and oversewing.

**Arms:** (Make 2) Starting at hands. Cast on 20 (16) sts. Work 24 (18) rows.

Knit 2 tog ea end of every row until 6 sts remain. Cast off.

**Hair:** There are many solutions to doll's hair.

- Fat or tiny **plaits** stitched on firmly are the simplest.
- Try knitting with **two yarns** together, eg black 8 or 12 ply together with feathers or knobbly yarn.
- Cast on 24 sts, knitting a few rows, eg 10, then decreasing to rem 12 sts to make a **semi circle**, also fits well over the head. Looks good in rib, K2, P2 or in moss stitch.
- Add **pony tail** or knit along with **beads** threaded on a finer yarn.
- **Wig:** Cast on 35 (24) sts. Work 15 (10) rows. Cast off 11 (8)sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows. **Larger doll.** Knit 2 tog ea end of the next and the following third rows until 1 st rem. Fasten off. **(Smaller doll.** Dec 1st at each end of every alt row until 2 sts remain. K2 tog. Fasten off.) Pin at ears, stitch around adjusting the shape.

**MAKING UP; Body, legs and head:** Fold **head and body** with right sides together. Start at top of head where the yarn has been threaded through stitches of head and secured.

Continue ladder stitching down back seam of head to about half way down the body. Leave an opening.

Fold **legs** with right sides together. Run a thread through cast on stitches at bottom of one leg. Pull up tightly and oversew securely. Carry on closing leg seam until dividing point for legs is reached. Repeat for other leg.

Sew up **back** of body from the top of the legs to the opening. Turn the legs and body and head to the right side, stuff the legs, body and head. When happy with the shape close the back seam of body. Run a double gathering thread through the stitches around the neck and pull up lightly to define neck shape. Secure and bury the ends into the body.

**Arms:**(2) With right sides facing start at the hand end of the arm. Gather a thread through cast on stitches and secure. Continue sewing up the sides of the arm. Do not sew across the cast off end. Turn inside out and stuff. Sew arms securely to the body at the decreasing row for the shoulders.

**Face:** Embroider the face, using black and white yarn for the eyes and red or pink for the mouth. Avoid sewing or gluing on buttons as they come off. Also avoid very large stitches as children's fingers will wriggle underneath.

**TINY DOLL** Using **2.75** or **2.25** mm needles and **2/3/4** or **5** ply wool. Follow instructions for **smaller** size.

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