

KNITTED HAND PUPPET

This pattern has a centre back seam and two holes for the thumb and little finger:

MATERIALS

8ply wool and No 8 needles for adult puppet,
No 9 for child puppet.

(Using a lower ply will also make smaller puppets.)



Cast on 40 stitches.

1. Work 40 rows of stocking stitch or garter stitch.

(You can work patterns or stripes or whatever.

Suggestion: use lower half one colour and the top half another colour.)

2. Next row. K5 cast off 10 stitches K10 cast off 10 stitches K5

3. Next row. Knit the 20 stitches.

4. Change to face colour and knit 2 rows.

5. Next row. "K1, increase in next stitch" continue to the end of the row(30 stitches.)

6. Until you change to hair colour all work is done in stocking stitch.

7. Next row K7 inc in next stitch K14 increase in next stitch K7.

8. Stocking stitch 3 rows.

9. Next K8 increase in next stitch K14 increase in the next stitch K8.

10. Stocking stitch 5 rows.

11. With right side facing join in hair wool

12. Knit two rows in garter stitch.

13. Next row K8 decrease in the next stitch K14 decrease in the next stitch K8.

14. Work one row of garter stitch

15. Next row K7 decrease in the next stitch K14 decrease in the next stitch K7.

16. Work one row of garter stitch.

17. K2 together to the end of row

18. Work one row garter stitch

19. K2 together to the end of row.

20. Work on row garter stitch

21. K2 together to the end of row.

22. Cast off or pass thread through remaining stitches.

Embroider face before sewing up the back seam.



These puppets will be used especially by counsellors helping children. By both using a hand puppet each, there is more freedom for the child to express themselves openly.

Give this aspect some thought when you embroider the face or choose the colours of the puppet.

Choose the character of your doll. It might be a grandmother or grandfather, a mother or father, a baby or a boy or a girl. The face might be sad or angry, not always happy.