

Elephant knitting pattern

You will need: Oddments of double knitting wool and 1 size 8 (4mm) circular needle or 1 pair size 8 (4mm) needles.

Cast on 44 stitches work 6 rows in rib.

Change colour and work 24 rows in stocking stitch in various striped wool.

***Next row:** Change colour wool and cast on 10 stitches. Knit back 32 altogether, turn leaving remaining 22 stitches on a spare needle (or slip them onto a length of wool and knot it loosely into a loop), cast on 10 sts. K.4 P34 K4

Continue for a further 6 rows remembering to knit the first and last 4 stitches on purl rows.

Cast off 12sts. Knit to end of row.
Cast off 12sts. Purl to end of row.*

Change colour and work 4 rows in stocking stitch (18 stitches)

Next row: K7, turn leaving remaining 11 stitches on a wool loop.
Work 4 more rows in stocking stitch ending with a knit row. Slip stitches onto a wool loop.

Trunk: Cast on 10 stitches. Work 4 rows in garter stitch. Work 2 rows in stocking stitch.

7th row: Increase 1 stitch at each end of row. Work 3 further rows in stocking stitch.

11th row: Increase 1 stitch at each end of row. Work 5 further rows in stocking stitch.

17th row: Increase 1 stitch at each end of row. Work 3 further rows in stocking stitch.

Cast off 5sts. Knit to end of row.
Cast off 5sts. Purl to end of row.
Slip remaining 6 stitches onto a wool loop.

Sew up sides to form the trunk

Rejoin wool to the 11 stitches. Cast off 4sts. Knit to end of row. Work 5 more rows in stocking stitch. (last row purl)

Turn trunk right way out. Sew into gap with the seam in the middle of the cast-off stitches and the 6 stitches at the top. Purl across the 6 trunk stitches and the 7 saved stitches of the face.

Next row: K7, slip 1, K1, pass slip stitch over, K2, K2tog, K7

Next row: P18

****Next row:** Slip 1, K1, pass slip stitch over, K14, K2tog

Next row: P16

Next row: Slip 1, K1, pass slip stitch over, K12, K2tog

Next row: P14

Next row: Slip 1, K1, pass slip stitch over, K10, K2tog

Next row: P12

Next row: Slip 1, K1, pass slip stitch over, K8, K2tog

Next row: Slip 1, P1, pass slip stitch over, P6, P2tog

Next row: Slip 1, K1, pass slip stitch over, K4, K2tog

Cast off remaining 6sts**

Rejoin wool to 22 stitches of body, work from * to *

Change colour wool, work 12 rows in stocking stitch, work from ** to **

Left Ear: With the knit side of the back of the head facing you, pick up and knit into 10 stitches along the left side of the head from row 5 to 14. Work 2 rows in garter stitch (ending at top)
(If preferred, the ears can be worked as separate pieces - Cast on 10 stitches). Work 2 rows in garter stitch (ending at top)

Next row: (Knit) increase 1 stitch at each end of row.

Next row: K12

Next row: (Knit) increase 1 stitch at each end of row.

Next row: K14

Next row: Slip 1, K1, pass slip stitch over, knit to end, increase 1

Next row: K14

Next row: Slip 1, K1, pass slip stitch over, knit to end, increase 1

Next row: K14

Next row: Slip 1, K1, pass slip stitch over, K10, K2tog

Next row: K12

Next row: Slip 1, K1, pass slip stitch over, K8, K2tog

Next row: K10

Cast off

Right Ear: With the knit side of the back of the head facing you, pick up and knit into 10 stitches along the right side of the head from row 14 to 4. Work 2 rows in garter stitch (ending at bottom)

Next row: (Knit) increase 1 stitch at each end of row.

Next row: K12

Next row: (Knit) increase 1 stitch at each end of row.

Next row: K14

Next row: Increase 1, knit, K2tog at end

Next row: K14

Next row: Increase 1, knit, K2tog at end

Next row: K14

Next row: Slip 1, K1, pass slip stitch over, K10, K2tog

Next row: K12

Next row: Slip 1, K1, pass slip stitch over, K8, K2tog

Next row: K10

Cast off