



Operation Christmas Child

## Knitted Clown Hand Puppets

### Pattern

**You will need:** Oddments of double knitting wool, including white and colour suitable for hair and 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, 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 12 sts. Knit to end of row.

Cast off 12sts. Purl to end of row.

**Slip** these stitches onto spare needle, and break off wool.

**Rejoin** wool to 22 sts on first spare needle, and work to match.

On last row purl across the stitches left on the second needle giving total of 36

**Join on** white wool for the face and K 18 sts. Join on colour for hair and K further 18 sts. (Taking care to twist two yarns together at join.)

Work 10 more rows in stocking stitch twisting yarns each time to avoid a hole.

**Join on first colour for hat**

Work 2rows garter stitch

Next Row S.1.K.1. p.s.s.o. K14 K2 tog. S.1.K.1.p.s.s.o. K14 K2 tog. Knit to end

Next Row Purl.

**Repeat** these last two rows until 2 sts remain. (The middle number of K's will decrease each time.)

**Cast off.**

**Embroider facial details** on white piece of knitting.

**Sew up.**

*(Your imagination could come up with many variations – e.g. Father Christmas)*



Thank you so much for your time, and please rest assured that these little puppets will be treasured for years!

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