

Duduza (Comfort) doll pattern

4 ply wool, various colours in small amounts. For stuffing, polyester fibre toy stuffing is recommended.

Cast on 32 stitches on size 11 (3mm) needles. Knit 4 rows in stocking stitch, leaving a 15cm “tail” to gather for feet when completing the doll.

Change colour for trousers. Knit 16 rows. Change colour for belt. Knit 2 rows plain.

Change colour for sweater. Knit 14 rows, leaving a 15cm “tail” to gather for the neck, and decreasing four stitches evenly across last row. Change to cream / white (or any light colour) for face, changing to size 12 (2.75mm) needles. Knit 10 rows.

Change colour for cap. Knit 2 rows in garter stitch (plain) for border. Decrease as follows:

Row 1: (Knit 4, k 2 together) x 4, knit 4 (24 stitches). Alternate rows: Purl.

Row 3: (Knit 3, k 2 together) x 4, knit 4 (20 stitches).

Row 5: (Knit 2, k 2 together) x 4, knit 4 (16 stitches).

Row 7: (Knit 1, k 2 together) x 4, knit 4 (12 stitches).

Row 8: (Purl 2 together) across row.

Thread remaining stitches onto needle and sew up cap. Sew up face. Run the gathering thread through the last row of sweater stitches and, after stuffing head, pull up tightly for neck, finishing off securely.

Sew up centre back. Run the gathering thread through last row of feet. Stuff body and pull up gathering thread tightly, finishing off well.

Complete feet by sewing up centre seam through both thickness of knitting, ie: dividing feet, which are stuffed individually. Fold foot across cast on edge at right angles to body and sew up.

Finish off other foot in same way.

Define legs by sewing through all thicknesses from feet towards belt, finishing off 2 rows from belt. Define arms in the same way starting 2 rows from the neck.

Embroider face as desired to give your doll character.