

The Knitted Puppet - Small puppets for small hands
Use up oddments of wool - the more colourful the better.

- Cast on 32 stitches
- Knit 6 rows in stretchy moss stitch or garter stitch (plain and purl)
- Knit 6 rows in stocking stitch (plain one side and purl the other)
- Decrease 1 stitch (Knit 2 stitches together) at the beginning and end of the next row
- Repeat the last 7 rows two more times
- Knit 8 rows on 26 stitches
- Cast on 6 stitches at the beginning of the next two rows for the arms
- On 38 stitches knit 8 rows
- Cast off 11 stitches at the beginning of the next two rows for the shoulders
- On 16 stitches change wool to the colour you want the puppet's skin to be
- Increase one stitch at beginning of next 10 rows
- On 26 stitches knit 10 rows
- Decrease one stitch at beginning of next 10 rows
- Cast off 16 stitches
- Knit another piece the same
- Knit an extra head
- Sew eyes, a nose and mouth onto the puppet's face
- Put some stuffing between the back of the face and the extra headpiece. This makes the head less floppy. Sew together at the neck.
- Sew the puppet right sides together
- Make hair from wool
- Decorate with puppet with extra clothes, badges, ribbons, buttons etc. as appropriate

