



Operation Christmas Child Knitted Doll Puppets

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You will Need: One pair of size 8 knitting needles and 2 spare needles. Oddments of 8 ply knitting yarn including a colour suitable for the face and hair. *Feathers* or *Jazz* yarn gives a nice bushy effect for the hair if you choose.

Cast on 44 stitches and work 6 rows in rib.

Work 24 rows in stocking stitch changing colours if you choose to create a striped effect.

Next Row: Form arms by casting on 10 stitches. Knit back 32 altogether, turn, leaving remaining 22 stitches on a spare needle. Cast on 10 sts.
K4 P34 K4.

Continue for a further 6 rows knitting the first 4 stitches on purl rows.

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

Slip these stitches onto a spare needle or stitch holder and break off wool.

Rejoin wool to 22 stitches on first spare needle, and work to match. On the last row purl across the stitches left on the second needle or stitch holder giving a total of 36.

Join on white wool (or colour of choice) for the face and neck and **K2 tog. K1** across the row leaving a total of 24 stitches. Purl back, then work two more rows in stocking stitch in the face colour.

Next row: M1 (by knitting into the back and front of the stitch), K1 across the row to give a total of 36 stitches.

Next row purl.

Next row: K18 in face colour. Tie in hair wool. Twist the two yarns to avoid a hole and K remaining stitches in hair colour.

Next row: Purl across, twisting the two yarns at the centre.

Work ten more rows in stocking stitch taking care to twist the two yarns at the centre.

Next row: Knit 18 in face colour. Tie off face colour, knit remaining 18 stitches.

Work three rows in stocking stitch using only the hair colour.

Next Row: S.1 K1. pssso K14, K2 tog, S1, K1.p.s.s.o. K 14 , K2 tog (32).

Next Row: Purl.

Next Row: S.1 K1. pssso K12, K2 tog. S1, K1.p.s.s.o. K 12, K2 tog (28).

Next Row: Purl.

Next Row: S.1 K1. pssso K10, K2 tog. S1, K1.p.s.s.o. K 10, K2 tog (24).

Next Row: Purl.

Next row: K2 together across the row (12 stitches left).

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K2 together across the row (6 stitches left).

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K2 tog across the row (3 stitches left).

Next row: purl 3 together and tie off the wool.

Embroider facial details and sew up. Place a ball of wadding in the head and tie a ribbon or crocheted or finger knitted scarf around the neck.

