

Bathtime Set 4-5" doll

Materials

25g DK (Worsted/Sport) for bath (colour of choice)
10g DK (Worsted/Sport) for towel (colour of choice)
10g DK blue (Worsted/Sport) for water
Scrap yellow and orange for duck; white for bubbles;
and colour of choice for towel edging
4mm needles (UK 8, US 6)
3 ¼ mm needles (UK10, US3)

Circular needle: 3 ¼ mm (UK10, US3)
One small button
Shirring elastic
Black cotton/embroidery thread for eyes
Small amount of wadding
Small bag/cushion approx 2.5"x5" (a washing tablet
mesh bag is perfect)

Abbreviations

K: knit
P: purl
G-st: garter stitch
St-st: Stocking stitch
Dec: decrease
Inc: increase by knitting into front and back of stitch
Sl 1: slip next stitch
Pss0: Pass slipped stitch(es) over
Yfwd: Yarn forward
Y2on: Wrap yarn twice over needle

K2 tog: knit next 2 stitches together
P2 tog: purl next 2 stitches together
Rs: right side
Ws: wrong side
Cont: continue
Sts: Stitches
MB: (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) into next st, turn and P these
5sts. Turn and K these sts. Pass 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th sts
over 5th stitch
MD: See below

Make Duck (joining in yellow)

(K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) into next st, turn and work 3 rows on these 5sts in st-st starting P.

Next row: K2, (K1, P1, K1) into next st, turn and work 3 rows on these 3sts in st-st starting P

Next row: Cont on these 3sts, K1, join in orange, K and P into next st in orange, K1 in yellow

Next row: P1 yellow, P2tog in orange, break orange, P1 yellow

Next row: K3, Slip 1st and 2nd sts over 3rd, K rem 2sts from body bobble

Next row: P 5sts of body bobble

Next row: K5, slip 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th sts over 5th stitch

Author's note

This is a fun item that is great for displaying the smaller sculpts and dolls. As you can see from the photos the little ducks look cute, but please do not expect exact duck shape! A tiny bit of wadding inside and careful sewing of gaps ensures that they look pretty good.

Tension (in st-st): please note that US equivalent yarns above are comparisons with UK yarns – if in doubt always check your tension!

Double knitting: 22 stitches and 30 rows to 10 cm. (4 inches) on a 4 mm (US 6) needle.

Bath

Using larger needles cast on 89sts
and work 4 rows in st-st.

Row 1: K35, (inc in next st, K5) 3
times, inc in next st, K to end

Row 2: P

Row 3: K35, (inc in next st, K6) 3
times, inc in next st, K to end

Row 4: P

Row 5: K35, (inc in next st, K7) 3
times, inc in next st, K to end

Rows 6&7: K

Row 8: P

Rows 9, 10&11: K

Row 12: P

Row 13: K

Row 14: P

Row 15: K35, (K2tog, K7) 3
times, K2tog, K to end

Row 16: P

Row 17: K35, (K2tog, K6) 3
times, K2tog, K to end

Row 18: P

Row 19: K35, (K2tog, K5) 3
times, K2tog, K to end

Cont in st-st for 5 rows.

Next row: Use lh needle to pick
up first stitch of cast on edge, and
knit this and 1st stitch together. Do
this with 2nd stitch and then all the
way across row to join outer side
to bath inner.

Please note, if you prefer you can just knit this row normally and sew the inner down afterwards if you do not like joining by knitting.
K 1 row.

Decrease

Row 1: K9, *K2tog, K8; rep from * to end (81sts)

Row 2: K

Row 3: (K2tog) 4 times, K24, (K2tog) 4 times, K1, (K2tog) 4 times, K24, (K2tog) 4 times (65sts)

Rows 4, 5 & 6: K

Row 7: (K2tog) 4 times, K16, (K2tog) 4 times, K1, (K2tog) 4 times, K16, (K2tog) 4 times (49sts)

Rows 8, 9 & 10: K

Row 11: (K2tog) 4 times, K8, (K2tog) 4 times, K1, (K2tog) 4 times, K8, (K2tog) 4 times (33sts)

Row 12: K

Cast off.

Join central base seam, and doubled side seam.

Water

Using larger needles and blue cast on 10sts and work 2 rows in st-st. Join in white for the bobbles where instructed 'MB', and thread the yarn along the ws of your work to prevent long strands being loose.

Increase and create bubbles

Row 1: Cast on 2sts, K these sts, (MB, K1) twice, MB, K5 (12sts)

Row 2: Cast on 2sts, P to end (14sts)

Row 3: Cast on 2sts, K these sts, (K1, MB) four times, K6 (16sts)

Row 4: Cast on 2sts, P to end (18sts)

Row 5: Inc in 1st st, (K1, MB) five times, K6, inc in last st (20sts)

Row 6 and foll alt rows: P

Row 7: Inc in 1st st, (K1, MB) five times, K8, inc in last st (22sts)

Row 9: K2, (MB, K1) four times, MB, K11

Row 11: K3, (MB, K1) three times, MB, K12

Row 13: K4, (MB, K1) twice, MB, K5, MD, K7

Row 15: K5, MB, K1, MB, K14

Row 17: K6, MB, K15

Row 19: K10, y2on, K3tog, K9

Row 20 (alt): P10, (P1, K1 into yo), P10

Cont straight in st-st for 6 rows, working a duck as before on the 6th stitch of the 3rd row.

Next row: K6, yfwd, K2tog, K6,

yfwd, K2tog, K6
Cont straight in st-st for 3 rows.

Decrease and shape top for hole for head

Row 1: Sl 1, K1, pssso, K18, K2tog (20sts)

Row 2: P

Row 3: Sl 1, K1, pssso, K6, turn (7sts)

Row 4: P

Row 5: Cast off 2sts (1 st on needle), K2, K2tog (4sts)

Row 6: P

Row 7: Cast off 2sts (1 st on needle), K1 (2sts)

Row 8: Cast on 2sts, P4 (4sts)

Row 9: K

Row 10: Cast on 2sts, P1, yfwd, P2tog, P3 (6sts)

Cast off.

Rejoin yarn to rem 12sts and work as follows:

Row 1: Cast off 4sts, K to last 2sts, K2tog (7sts)

Row 2: P

Row 3: Sl 1, K1, pssso, K5

Row 6: Cast off 2sts, P3 (4sts)

Row 7: K

Row 8: Cast off 2sts, P1 (2sts)

Row 9: Cast on 2sts, K4 (4sts)

Row 10: P

Row 11: Cast on 2sts, K6 (6sts)

Cast off purlways.

Making up

Push tiny amount of wadding inside the ducks. Sew edges of duck bobble to bath and head to body. Make ducks' eyes by sewing small French knots. Turn bath inside out. Pin water in place along the garter stitch row of the inside, so that ducks and bubbles are on the opposite side to that which you are sewing (facing inwards, so that when work is turned the right way out, there is a neat seam on the inside and the ducks and bubbles are on the top inside the bath). Sew neatly in place, **leaving the cast off edges of the top shaping unattached** to allow space to get filling and doll in. Turn right way out through this hole carefully. Place lightly stuffed cushion/mesh bag inside bath for doll to lie on. It must be lightly padded or water will bulge! Sew button on top flap (opposite buttonhole made on the other flap) to fasten behind doll's head. Lightly elasticate the shaped neck area to ensure snug fit round doll's neck. Place doll in bath, put leg through leg hole and arms through armholes. Fasten button.

Towel

Using larger needles cast on 33sts and work 48 rows in patt as below:

Row 1: K1, *P7, K1; rep from * to end

Row 2: P1, *K7, P1; rep from * to end

Row 3: K2, *P5, K3; rep from * to last 7sts, P5, K2

Row 4: P2, *K5, P3; rep from * to last 7sts, K5, P2

Row 5: K3, *P3, K5; rep from * to last 6sts, P3, K3

Row 6: P3, *K3, P5; rep from * to last 6sts, K3, P3

Row 7: K4, *P1, K7; rep from * to last 5sts, P1, K4

Row 8: P4, *K1, P7; rep from * to last 5sts, K1, P4

Row 9: As row 8

Row 10: As row 7

Row 11: As row 6
Row 12: As row 5
Row 13: As row 4
Row 14: As row 3
Row 15: As row 2
Row 16: K1, *P7, K1; rep from *
to end

Cast off.

Hood

Cast on 16sts and work 2 rows in st-st. Decrease one stitch at each end of next and foll alt rows until 2sts remain. P2tog and fasten off. Using smaller needles and contrast colour, pick up and K 16sts along cast on edge of hood. K 1 row.

Cast off. Sew hood in place at corner of towel.

Edging

Using circular needle and contrast colour pick up and K 32sts along each side of towel. K 1 row. Cast off.

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