

Lifeboat Volunteer



Double knitting yarn 50g yellow, 25g flesh colour and white and oddments of red and black

3 ¼ mm and 4 ½ mm needles

St-st – stocking stitch

K f&b – knit front and back of same stitch.

Legs Body and Head

Left Leg

With black and 3 ¼ needles cast on 30 sts and purl 1 row.

Next row: (k1, k f&b in next st) to end (45 sts).

Starting with a purl row st-st 4 rows.

Knit 1 row.

Change to yellow and starting with a knit row st-st 8 rows.

Next row: K17, (k2tog) 11 times, K6, (34 sts)

Purl 1 row.

Next row: K17, k2tog) 6 times, K5 (28 sts)

Starting with a purl row st-st 9 rows.

Knit 4 rows.

Change to black yarn and starting with a knit row st-st 9 rows. Place sts on a stitch holder.

Right Leg

With black and 3 ¼ needles cast on 30 sts and purl 1 row.

Next row: (k1, k f&b in next st) to end (45 sts).

Starting with a purl row st-st 4 rows.

Knit 1 row.

Change to yellow and starting with a knit row st-st 8 rows.

Next row: K6, (k2tog) 11 times, K17, (34 sts)

Purl 1 row.

Next row: K5, k2tog) 6 times, K17 (28 sts)

Starting with a purl row st-st 9 rows.

Knit 4 rows.

Change to black yarn and starting with a knit row st-st 9 rows.

Continuing with black, purl across right leg and then across left leg (56 sts)

Starting with a knit row, st-st 8 rows.

Change to yellow and knit 4 rows.

Starting with a knit row st-st 14 rows.

Next row: K5 (k1, k2tog) 6 times, K10, (K1, k2tog) 6 times K5. (44 sts)

Purl 1 row.

Next row: K5 (k2tog) 6 times, K10, (K2tog) 6 times, K5 (32 sts)

Purl 1 row, knit 1 row, purl 1 row.

Next row: (k2, k2tog) to end (24 sts)

Purl 1 row.

Join in flesh colour and knit 1 row and purl 1 row
 Next row: (k2, k f&b in next st) to last 3 sts and K3 (31 sts)
 Starting with a purl row st-st 3 rows
 Next row: (K2, k f&b in next st) to last 4 sts and k4. (40 sts)
 Purl 1 row.
 Next row (k3, k f&b in next st) to end (50 sts)
 Purl 1 row.
 Next row: (k4, k f&b in next st) to end (60 sts)
 Starting with a purl row, st-st 21 rows.
 Next row: (k4, k2tog) to end (50 sts)
 Purl 1 row.
 Next row: (k3, k2tog) to end (40 sts)
 Purl 1 row.
 Next row: (k2, k2tog) to end (30 sts)
 Purl 1 row.
 Next row: (k1, k2tog) to end (20 sts)
 Purl 1 row.
 Next row: K2tog to end (10 sts)
 Draw thread through stitches and pull up.
 Sew down the head. Sew boot and trouser seams then boot sole making sure that the boot is facing forward. Sew trouser seam and then stuff well and close body seam.

Arms

With yellow and 3 ¼ needles cast on 12 sts and purl 1 row.
 Next row: K f&b in every sts (24 sts)
 Starting with a purl row st-st 19 rows.
 Change to black and st-st 4 rows.
 Change to flesh colour and starting with a knit row st-st 10 rows.
 Next row: K2tog to end (12 sts)
 Draw thread through remain sts. Sew up arm seam and stitch arms to body.

Nose

Using flesh and 3 ¼ needles cast on 4 sts and purl 1 row.
 Next row: K f&b in every st (8 sts)
 Starting with a purl row st-st 3 rows.
 Next row: K2 tog to end (4 sts)
 Cast off. Sew round edge and pull up to form a button shape and sew to face.
 Add eyes and a red mouth.

Life Jacket

With red and 3 ¼ needles cast on 16 sts and knit about 79 rows, or long enough to go round neck and down to trouser top. Cast off and sew up seam loosely. Wrap round neck and sew ends together and fasten at back of neck.

Helmet

With 4 ½ mm needles and using 2 strands of white yarn cast on 8 sts and purl 1 row.

K f & B in every st (16 sts)

Purl 1 row.

Next row: (k1, k f&b in next st) to end (24 sts)

Purl 1 row.

Next row: (k2 k f&b in next st) to end (32 sts)

Purl 1 row.

Next row: (k3, k f&b in next st) to end (40 sts)

Purl 1 row.

Next row: (k4, k f&b in next st) to end (48 sts)

Starting with a purl row st-st 6 rows

Next row: P16, K16, P16

Next row: K16, cast of 16, k16.

Working on first set of 16 sts.

Purl 1 row, knit 1 row, purl 1 row.

Next row: K2tog, knit to end

Next row: Purl to last 2 sts and p2tog.

Repeat last two rows. (12 sts)

Cast off purl wise.

Rejoin to other side

Purl 1 row, knit 1 row, purl 1 row.

Next row: Knit to last 2 sts and k2tog,

Next row: P2tog purl to end.

Repeat last two rows. (12 sts)

Cast off purl wise.

Sew in ends and down back seam. Sew helmet to top of head.

Visor

Using 3 ¼ needles and grey yarn cast on 25 sts.

Purl 1 row.

Starting with a purl row st-st 5 rows

Purl 1 row and cast off.

Stitch side edges to front of helmet.