

Knitables

Mouse



Measurements

Mouse height measures approximately 10cm (3.9in), width approximately 7cm (2.75in)

Equipment and Materials

One pair of 3.25mm knitting needles (UK10 / US3)

Double pointed needles

One wool sewing needle

Scissors and tape measure

Good quality washable polyester toy filling

Yarn

The yarns listed may be substituted for any DK yarn

Body, head, legs and ears: **Yarn A** Debbie Bliss Rialto DK, Colour Grey (004), 20g (40m)

Ears, nose and tail: **Yarn B** Debbie Bliss Rialto DK, Colour Vintage Pink (066) Oddment of yarn

Eyes : **Yarn C** Black / Dark Brown DK yarn or embroidery thread

Abbreviations

K	Knit
P	Purl
st(s)	Stitch(es)
m1	Make one stitch by picking up the horizontal loop before next stitch and knitting into the back of it
Inc 1	Increase one by knitting into the front and back of the stitch
K2 tog	Knit two stitches together
SSK	Slip, slip, knit (Decrease - slip the next stitch on the left needle knitwise, then slip the next stitch on the left needle purlwise. Take the left needle and knit through the front of the two slipped stitches on the right needle)
P2 tog	Purl two stitches together
SSP	Slip, slip, purl (Decrease - slip the next two stitches knitwise, one at a time, to right hand needle. Move these two stitches back to the left hand needle. Insert the right needle into these two stitches through their back loops and purl these two slipped stitches together)
sl1	Slip 1 stitch (stitch is passed from the left needle to the right needle without being knitted, slip purl-wise)
yb	Yarn back (take yarn to the back before working the next stitch)
yf	Yarn forward (bring yarn to the front before working the next stitch)
B & T	Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through remaining stitches on needle, draw up tightly and secure by threading yarn a second time through sts

Instructions in round brackets

These are to be repeated the number of times stated after the closing bracket.

Making up

To create a neat, invisible seam when joining pieces use a mattress stitch, with right side of work uppermost. When casting on leave a length of yarn that could be used to sew up the seam if required.

Toy Safety

Please ensure that attached pieces are sewn on very securely and seams are tightly finished off. Use only new, hygienic, washable stuffing that conforms to current safety standards.

Mouse

Body

Begin at neck edge of body and with yarn **A** cast on 9 sts

Row 1 Purl

Row 2 (K1, m1) 7 times, K2 (16 sts)

Row 3 Purl

Row 4 (K2, m1, K2) 4 times (20 sts)

Rows 5 - 9 Beg with a Purl row, st-st 5 rows

Row 10 K2, m1, K6, (m1, K1) 5 times, K5, m1, K2 (27 sts)

Rows 11 - 19 Beg with a Purl row, st-st 9 rows

Row 20 K2, (K1, K2tog, K1) 6 times, K1 (21 sts)

Row 21 Purl

Row 22 K1, (K2tog) 10 times (11 sts)

Row 23 Purl B&T

Working up from the gathered base, join the side edges of the body using mattress stitch, leaving the cast on edge open. This seam will be at the centre back of the body. Stuff the body firmly, turning and moulding as you work.

Head

Begin at end of nose and with yarn **A** cast on 6 sts

Row 1 Purl

Row 2 (K1, m1) 5 times, K1 (11 sts)

Row 3 Purl

Row 4 (K2, m1) 2 times, K3, (m1, K2) 2 times (15 sts)

Row 5 Purl

Row 6 K7, m1, K1, m1, K7 (17 sts)

Row 7 Purl

Row 8 K8, m1, K1, m1, K8 (19 sts)

Row 9 Purl

Row 10 K9, m1, K1, m1, K9 (21 sts)

Row 11 Purl

Row 12 K10, m1, K1, m1, K10 (23 sts)

Rows 13 - 17 Beg with a Purl row, st-st 5 rows

Row 18 K2, (K1, K2tog, K2) 4 times, K1 (19 sts)

Row 19 Purl

Row 20 K1, (K2tog) 9 times (10 sts)

Row 21 Purl B&T



Work a gathering thread through the cast on stitches at the nose, pull up tightly and join the seam from the nose to the chin. Then working down from the gathered back of head, join the seam, leaving an opening of approximately 1.5cm at the base of the head. Fill the head with small amounts of stuffing at a time, taking care to push the stuffing well into the nose to shape it. The head should be firm to the touch but avoid overstretching the stitches. Embroider two black eyes and a small pink nose as illustrated!

Ears (make two)

Outer Ear (make two)

Begin at base of ear and with yarn **A** cast on 4 sts

Row 1 (Inc 1) 3 times, K1 (7 sts)

Row 2 Purl

Row 3 (K1, m1) 6 times, K1 (13 sts)

Row 4 Cast off purlwise

Inner Ear (make two)

Begin at base of ear and with yarn **B** cast on 3 sts

Row 1 K1, Inc 1, K1 (4 sts)

Row 2 Purl

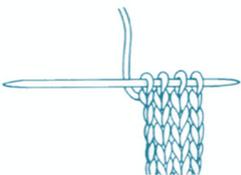
Row 3 K1, K2tog, K1 B&T

Join the row ends of the outer ear piece together to form a circular shape. Place the inner ear piece on top of the outer ear piece and sew in place. Sew the ears onto the head (the ears are positioned approximately 2.5cm apart). Position the head onto the neck opening and sew in place.



Legs (make four)

The legs are made from an *I-cord*. This simple knitting technique creates a very narrow tube of knitting. Begin at base of legs and with yarn **A** cast on 5 sts, with double pointed needles (DPNs). (Please note the illustrations are simply to show the technique of knitting an I-cord and as such depict 4 sts NOT the 5 sts that are required).



Row 1 Knit, do not turn the work
Slide the stitches to the other end of the needle



Row 2 Knit a second row by bringing the yarn behind the work and starting with the first stitch. Tug the work from the bottom after each first stitch to help it to take shape and to even out the tension. Continue knitting in this way for a further **8 Rows** (10 rows in total). The leg should measure approximately 3cm.

Tail

The tail is also made from an *I-cord*. Begin at base of tail and with yarn **B** cast on 3 sts, with double pointed needles (DPNs).

Rows 1 - 16 Knit 16 rows

Row 17 K1, K2tog (2 sts)

Rows 18 - 20 Knit 3 rows B&T

The tail should measure approximately 6.5cm. Attach the four legs and the mouse's tail to the body.

