

# KNITTED DONKEY PATTERN



**This is a great pattern for anyone who stock piles left-over odds and ends of wool, as each donkey takes very little material and is also very quick to make.**

Height of finished donkey to ear tips – 5ins approx

## MATERIALS

1. Double knitting wool in any donkey colour.
2. Small amount of black or dark brown for hooves, eyes, nostrils and dorsal cross.
3. White or cream for muzzle, any bright colour for collar.
4. Size 10 / 3¼ mm knitting needles.
5. Polyester filling. Please only use polyester filling that complies to BS 1425 and BS 5852. Suitable filling will have these codes printed on the bag it is packed in.

## KEY

Inc. in next ST. = knit into front and back of next stitch.

P. = Purl

K. = Knit

ST-ST. = Stocking Stitch

sts. = stitches

## TIPS:

- Use the blunt end of a crochet hook to push filling into legs etc.
- When breaking off yarn always leave enough to sew up with

## DONKEY BODY

Beginning at front end cast on 12 sts. in main colour.

P. 1 row

Next row: inc. K.-wise into every stitch = 24 sts.

Beginning with P. row ST-ST. 17 rows.

Next row: K.2 together to end = 12 sts.

Break off yarn, thread through sts. + pull tight.

Noting that P.-side of ST-ST. is right side, over-sew row end together + stuff.

Keeping seam under belly, sew up chest by gathering cast on sts. together and fasten off.

Squish into oblong shape.

## HEAD

Beginning at top of head, cast on 14 sts. in main colour.

P. 1 row.

Next row: K.4, inc into next 6 sts. K. 4 = 20 sts.

Beginning with P. row ST-ST. 8 rows.

Next row: ST-ST becomes reversed at this point.

Decrease for face: K.2, (K.2 together) 8 times, K.2 = 12 sts.

P. 1 row.

K. 1 row.

Next row: P. 2 together, P8, P 2 together = 10 stitches.

ST-ST 2 more rows.

Break off main colour and join in white for muzzle.

ST-ST 2 rows.

Next row: K.2 tog to end = 5 sts.

Break off yarn and thread through remaining sts.

Pull tight and fasten off.

Noting that K.-side of ST-ST on face is right side.

Sew row end together and stuff.

Keeping seam under chin, sew cast on edge together to form back of head and neck.

Sew head to body at shoulders – slightly tilting the head into a donkey-like pose (see image on reverse).

Use black wool to embroider eyes, nostrils and dorsal cross.

## COLLAR

Use crochet hook to make chain of 12 sts.  
Fasten off leaving length of yarn at each end.  
Cut separate length of yarn and thread through end sts. of chain.  
Put round neck, pull ends together and tie in knot.  
Cut end to form tassel.

## TAIL

Cut 3 pieces of wool approx 6 ins long.  
Twist together tightly and fold in half to form cord.  
Bind round 1 inch from fold to prevent it coming undone.

## EARS (MAKE TWO)

Cast on 3 sts.  
P. 1 row.  
Next row: inc. in first 2 sts., K. 1 = 5 sts.  
Beginning with P. row, work 3 rows in ST-ST.  
Next row: inc. in first st., K. 2, inc in next st., K. 1 = 7 sts.  
ST-ST 7 rows.  
Cast off.  
Fold cast off edge in half with K. side outside.  
Sew cast off edge together and sew to head.

## FRONT LEGS (MAKE TWO)

With black cast on 6 sts.  
Beginning with K. row, ST-ST 2 rows.  
Break off black and join in body colour.  
ST-ST 5 rows.  
Next row: wrong side facing.  
Inc. knitwise into first st., K. 3, inc in next st. K. 1 = 8 sts.\*.  
Beginning with P. row ST-ST 5 more rows, cast off.  
Fold in half – K. side outside for hoof and lower leg.  
Sew up base of hoof and row ends up back of leg.  
Stuff and sew to body.

## BACK LEGS (MAKE TWO)

Follow instructions for front legs as far as\*.  
Beginning with P. row ST-ST 3 rows.  
Next row: K. 2 sts. Inc in next st., K. 1, inc. in next st., K. 3 = 10 sts.  
Beginning with P. row ST-ST 3 more rows.  
Cast off.

## CONSTRUCTION OF MINI DONKEY

Fold each leg in half and sew up as for front legs.  
Stuff and sew to body. Attach tail to body and trim to required length. Use black wool to embroider dorsal cross to body. (A dorsal cross is a T shape, with the horizontal bar running across the shoulders and vertical bar running from the middle of the shoulder and down the spine.)

Use any size needles that you like according to the wool you are using. You can knit really tiny ones on size 2 needles and also big ones on size 7 needles. In theory, as long as the wool fits, you can use any size needles you want. It is a good idea to use two strands of wool if you want to make the donkey bigger. The keyrings sell very well and if you would like to knit these then the keyrings to sew on to the donkey can be bought online quite easily. You can knit them in normal brown or grey colours, or they can be any colour you like or even multi-coloured.

