

Xtreme Knitting!

Dinosaurs



I originally designed these knitted dinosaurs for little boys, but judging from the reactions of my male (and female) friends, all fully grown up, they would be a fantastic gift for anybody!

They are quite easy to knit, but lots of little parts make for some slightly fiddly finishing, so I would say they are intermediate in difficulty.

Each dinosaur can easily be made from 1 ball of the specified yarn, so all 3 can be made cheaply, and in cotton they are machine-washable – essential after they've been made to fight in the mud!

Pattern is below, with a bigger photo of each dinosaur.

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SIZE

One Size

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Bronty:

Length from Head to Tail: 11 inches

Height from floor to Head: 7 inches

Mr. Stegs:

Length from Head to Tail: 11.5 inches

Height from floor to highest point on Back: 5.5 inches

Trice:

Length from Head to Tail: 11.5 inches

Height from floor to highest point on Back: 5 inches

MATERIALS

Yarn A Rowan Handknit DK Cotton [100% Cotton; 85m per 50g ball];

color: Gooseberry [219]; 1 ball

Yarn B Rowan Handknit DK Cotton [100% Cotton; 85m per 50g ball];

color: Celery [309]; 1 ball

Yarn C Rowan Handknit DK Cotton [100% Cotton; 85m per 50g ball];

color: Double Choc [315]; 1 ball

Oddment of same weight yarn/embroidery thread in Black (to embroider face)

1 set US #6/4mm straight needles (plus one extra for **BRONTY** for 3 needle bind off)

Tapestry Needle

Stuffing

GAUGE

20 sts/28 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch

PATTERN NOTES

For seaming the dinosaurs, I found that the best method was to backstitch any cast on edges together where necessary, and to use mattress stitch for all other seams, sewing only half a stitch away from the edge.

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BRONTY



Use Yarn A

Body and Tail

Cast on 10sts

Work 2 rows of st st

Next row: *k1 m1* rep to last st, k1, 19 sts

Next row: purl

Next row: *k2 m1* rep 3 more times, k3, *m1 k2* rep to end, 27 sts

Next row: purl

Next row: *k3 m1* rep to last 3 sts, k3, 35 sts

Next row: purl

Next row: *k4 m1* rep 3 more times, k3, *m1 k4* rep to end, 43 sts

Next row: purl

Work 20 rows of st st

Next row: *k3 k2tog tbl* rep 3 more times, k3, *k2tog k3* rep to end, 35 sts

Work 3 rows

Next row: *k2 k2tog tbl* rep 3 more times, k3, *k2tog k2* rep to end, 27 sts

Work 3 rows

Next row: *k1 k2tog tbl* rep 3 more times, k3, *k2tog, k1* rep to end, 19 sts

Work 3 rows

Next row: k2 k2tog tbl, k to last 4 sts, k2tog k2

Work 3 rows

Rep last 4 rows 5 more times, 7 sts

Next row: k2 s1 k2tog pssso k2, 5 sts

Work 3 rows

Next row: k1 s1 k2tog pssso k1, 3sts

Next row: purl

Break yarn and thread through rem 3 sts, leaving a long tail of yarn for seaming.

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Legs (make 4)

Cast on 4 sts and work 6 rows of garter st

Next row: Cast on 10 sts and knit row, 14 sts

Work 13 more rows in st st, starting and ending with a purl row.

Bind off, leaving a long tail of yarn for seaming.

Neck and Head

Cast on 12 sts and work 20 rows of st st

Cast on 5 sts at beg of next 2 rows, 22 sts

Next row: k2 m1 k8 m1 k2 m1 k8 m1 k2, 26 sts

Next row: purl

Next row: k2 m1 k10 m1 k2 m1 k10 m1 k2, 30 sts

Work 3 rows

Next row: k2 k2tog tbl k8 k2tog tbl k2 k2tog k8 k2tog k2, 26 sts

Next row: purl

Next row: k2 k2tog tbl k6 k2tog tbl k2 k2tog k6 k2tog k2, 22 sts

Next row: p11, place right sides together and bind off k-wise using a third needle, leaving a long tail of yarn for seaming.

FINISHING

Body and Tail

Seam the piece together, stuffing as you go.

Head and neck

Seam front of head.

Using oddment of black yarn/thread, embroider eyes by making a cross st.

Embroider a smile over the seam at the front of the head, using back stitch.

Using back stitch, seam together cast on edges under the head.

Seam down the neck, stuffing as you go.

Using photo as a guide for positioning, slip stitch neck onto body.

If the neck is too floppy, secure in place by making additional stitches from the back of the neck to the body to pull the neck up into place.

Legs

Sew down legs and then sew the tube you have just made onto the garter st square at the bottom.

Stuff.

Sew onto the body by slip stitching all around the top of the tube onto knitted stitches on the belly.

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MR. STEGS



Use Yarn B

Head, Body and Tail

Cast on 4 sts and work 2 rows of st st

Next row: *k1 m1* rep 2 more times, k1, 7 sts

Next row: purl

Next row: *k1 m1* rep 5 more times, k1, 13 sts

Next row: purl

Next row: *k1 m1* rep 11 more times, k1, 25 sts

Work 3 rows

Next row: *k1 k2tog tbl* rep 3 more times, k1, *k2tog k1* rep to end, 17 sts

Next row: purl

Next row: *k1 k2tog tbl* rep 1 more time, k5, *k2tog k1* rep 1 more time, 13 sts

Work 3 rows

Next row: k3 k2tog tbl k3 k2tog k3, 11 sts

Work 3 rows

Next row: k5 k2tog k4, 10 sts

Work 3 rows

Now work as for **Body and Tail** from **BRONTY**, following directions starting straight after cast on row.

Legs (make 4)

As for **BRONTY**

Spiney Back

Cast on 2 sts and knit 2 rows

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Row 1: yfwd k2
Row 2: k3
Row 3: yfwd k3
Row 4: k4
Row 5: yfwd k4
Row 6: k5
Row 7: k2tog k3
Row 8: k4
Row 9: k2tog k2
Row 10: k3
Row 11: k2tog k1
Row 12: k2

Rep these 12 rows 7 times more, making a total of 8 spines
Bind off

Tail Spikes (make 4)

Cast on 6 sts
Bind off, leaving a tail for seaming.

FINISHING

Head, Body and Tail

Seam the piece together, stuffing as you go, up to the neck.
Using back stitch, fold the cast on edge in half and seam together.
Using oddment of black yarn/thread, embroider eyes by making a cross st.
Embroider a smile over the seam at the front of the head, using back stitch.
Finish seaming the piece together.

Legs

Sew down legs and then sew the tube you have just made onto the garter st square at the bottom.

Stuff.

Sew onto the body by slip stitching all around the top of the tube onto knitted stitches on the belly.

Spiney Back

Pin in place along the centre of the body, using photograph as a guide for positioning.
Stitch in place by stitching through the bottom of the spiney trim from left to right, under a stitch on the main body from right to left, and back through the trim – this creates an invisible seam.

Tail Spikes

Sew in place in pairs on the tail.

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TRICE



Use Yarn C

Head, Body and Tail

Cast on 10 sts and work 2 rows in st st

Next row: k2 m1 k3 m1 k3 m1 k2, 13 sts

Next row: purl

Next row: k2 m1, k to last 2 sts, m1 k2

Next row: purl

Rep last 2 rows 4 time more, 23 sts

Next row: k2 m1 k6 m1 k7 m1 k6 m1 k2, 27 sts

Next row: purl

Next row: k2 m1 k8 m1 k7 m1 k8 m1 k2, 31 sts

Next row: purl

Next row: k2 m1 k9 m1 k9 m1 k9 m1 k2, 35 sts

Next row: purl

Next row: k2 m1 k10 m1 k11 m1 k10 m1 k2, 39 sts

Next row: purl

Next row: k2 m1 k11 m1 k13 m1 k11 m1 k2, 43 sts

Next row: purl

Now work as for **Body and Tail** from **BRONTY**, following directions starting from "work 20 rows of st st".

Frill

With head and RS facing, pick up and knit centre 13 sts from 12th row of head (the last row before the increases in the middle of the rows start).

Work 3 rows of st st, starting and ending with a purl row.

Next row: k3 m1 k2 m1 k3 m1 k2 m1 k3, 17 sts

Next row: purl

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Next row: k4 m1 k3 m1 k3 m1 k3 m1 k4, 21 sts

Next row: purl

Next row: k5 m1 k4 m1 k3 m1 k4 m1 k5, 25 sts

Work 3 rows

Bind off.

Legs (make 4)

As for **BRONTY**

Big Horns (make 2)

Cast on 10 sts

Bind off, leaving a tail for seaming.

Small Horn (make 1)

Cast on 6 sts

Bind off, leaving a tail for seaming.

FINISHING

Head, Body and Tail

Seam the piece together, stuffing as you go, up to the neck.

Using back stitch, fold the cast on edge in half and seam together.

Using oddment of black yarn/thread, embroider eyes by making a cross st.

Embroider a smile over the seam at the front of the head, using back stitch.

Finish seaming the piece together.

Legs

Sew down legs and then sew the tube you have just made onto the garter st square at the bottom.

Stuff.

Sew onto the body by slip stitching all around the top of the tube onto knitted stitches on the belly.

Frill

Slip stitch the Frill in place onto the body, 1cm away from the bound off edge.

Horns

Sew the 2 big horns in place on the forehead, and the small one on the nose.