



Knit-A-Chick for Barnardo's

Designed for Barnardo's by Sue Stratford



The useful stuff...

Size: To fit a Cadbury's Creme Egg

Materials: Small quantities of DK yarn in yellow, brown, orange and red
Toy filling
Two 4mm (1/6in) black toy safety eyes or beads
Black sewing thread

Needles: Pair of 3mm (UK 11) knitting needles
(recommended size for double knitting yarn)

Notions: Darning needle
Sewing needle
Pins

Tension: 6 sts to 2.5cm (1 in), measured over garter stitch using 3mm (UK11) knitting needles.
Please check your tension before starting and adjust needle size if necessary.



Abbreviations:

CDD	(Central double decrease) Slip the next 2 stitches, as if knitting them together, K1, pass the 2 slipped stitches over the knitted stitch
cm	centimetres
DK	Double Knitting
in(s)	inch(es)
K	Knit
K2tog	Knit 2 stitches together
MC	Main colour yarn
mm	millimetre(s)
M1	Make one stitch (see techniques)
P	Purl
ssK	slip 2 sts knitwise one at a time, pass the 2 slipped stitches back to the left hand needle, knit both stitches together through the back of the loops
st(s)	stitch(es)

Techniques:

Make one Stitch

With your right hand needle, pick up the 'bar' of yarn between the two stitches on your left and right hand needles. Slip the loop of yarn onto your left hand needle and knit (or purl) through the back of the stitch.

Easter Chick and Hen

Body and Head

Using MC and 3mm (UK11) knitting needles, cast on 24 sts and knit 4 rows.

Next row: (K4, M1) five times, K4. (29 sts)

Knit 18 rows.

Cast off 6 sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows. (17 sts)

Next row: (K2, ssK) twice, K1, (K2tog, K2) twice. (13 sts)

Knit 1 row.

Next row: (ssK) three times, K1, (K2tog) three times. (7 sts)

Thread yarn through remaining stitches and fasten, leaving a length of yarn for sewing up.

Wings: (make two)

Using MC and 3mm (UK11) knitting needles cast on 5 sts, leaving a length of yarn for sewing up.

Knit 1 row.

Next row: K1, M1, K3, M1, K1. (7 sts)

Knit 1 row.

Next row: K6, M1, K1. (8 sts)

Knit 5 rows.

Next row: K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1. (7 sts)

Knit 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows twice more. (5 sts)

Next row: K2tog, K1, ssK. (3 sts)

Next row: CDD. (1 st)

Thread yarn through remaining stitch and fasten.

Beak

Using orange yarn and 3mm (UK11) knitting needles, cast on 2 sts and knit 2 rows.

Thread yarn through remaining stitches and fasten, leaving a length of yarn for sewing up.

Mini Chick

Body and Head

Using yellow yarn and 3mm (UK11) knitting needles, cast on 7 sts and knit 4 rows.

Cast off 1 st at the beginning of the next two rows. (5 sts)

Next row: K2tog, K1, ssK. (3 sts)

Thread yarn through remaining stitches and fasten, leaving a length of yarn for sewing up.

Making up:

Taking the body and head and starting at the top of the head, sew the seam which will run along the back of the Easter chick or hen.

Place some toy filling inside the head.

Using the pictures for guidance, position the two black safety eyes. When you are happy with their placement, remove the toy filling and push on the backs of the safety eyes to secure.

Replace the toy filling in the head and at the top of the body, leaving space for the chocolate egg.

Sew the side seam of the beak and sew in place.

For the hen, embroider the comb using red yarn and French knots, running a stitch between each French knot to join them.

Taking the wings and using the pictures for guidance, pin in place on either side of the body with the cast-on end of yarn at the top, making sure they are level. Sew each wing in place along the front and lower edge, leaving the top open to form a pocket.

Taking the mini chick and starting at the top of the head, sew the seam all around the head and body to close, stuffing with toy filling as you go.

Using black sewing thread, embroider the eyes with a French knot. Using orange DK yarn, embroider the beak with straight stitches.

Pop the mini chicks inside the wings of the hen.

Alternatively, chocolate mini eggs will also fit inside the wings.