

Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales

Easter

Knitting Patterns



Making a
difference to children
in Wales who have cerebral palsy



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Materials

Knitting needles size 3mm or 3.25mm (UK size 11 or 10)
Double knitting wool (various colours)
Toy stuffing
Orange felt for Chick's nose

Abbreviations

K = knit, P = purl, sts = stitches, M1 = increase by knitting into the front and back of the stitch, K2tog = knit 2 stitches together, stocking stitch = knit 1 row, purl 1 row

Easter Chick

With yellow cast on 20 sts

Row 1 (K4, M1) 3 times, K5 (23 sts)

Row 2 Purl

Row 3 (K3, M1) 5 times, K3 (28 sts)

Rows 4 - 22 Beginning with purl, stocking stitch 19 rows

Row 23 *Shape head row*

K6, K2tog, K12, K2tog, K6 (26 sts)

Rows 24 - 29 Beginning with purl, stocking stitch 6 rows

Row 30 Change to 1st contrast colour, purl

Row 31 Purl

Row 32 Knit

Row 33 Change to 2nd colour, knit

Row 34 Purl

Row 35 Change to 1st colour, knit

Row 36 Purl

Row 37 Change to 2nd colour, knit

Row 38 P1 (P1, P2tog, P1) 6 times, P1 (20 sts)

Row 39 K2tog to end (10 stitches)

Row 40 Change to 1st colour, purl

Rows 41 - 43 Beginning with a purl, stocking stitch 4 rows



Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through remaining stitches on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off for the top of the bobble. Join the side edges of the bobble, then work a gathering thread through every stitch on the first knitted row of the bobble and draw up to make bobble. Put a little stuffing inside the bobble.

Join the side edges of the hat, then change to yellow and join the side edges of the head and body. To make the head, work a gathering thread through every stitch on the *shape head row*, draw up and stuff head. Using black wool embroider on the eyes and make a beak using a piece of diamond shaped orange felt.

Easter Bunny

With white cast on 20 sts

Row 1 (K4, M1) 3 times, K5 (23 sts)

Row 2 Purl

Row 3 (K3, M1) 5 times, K3 (28 sts)

Rows 4 - 10 Beginning with purl, stocking stitch 7 rows

Row 11 Change to 1st contrast colour, knit

Row 12 Purl

Row 13 Change to 2nd colour, knit

Row 14 Purl

Row 15 Change to 1st colour, knit

Row 16 Purl

Row 17 Change to 2nd colour, knit

Row 18 Purl

Row 19 Change to 1st colour, knit

Row 20 Purl

Row 21 Change to 2nd colour, knit

Row 22 Purl

Row 23 *Shape head row* Change to white K6, K2tog, K12, K2tog, K6 (26 sts)

Rows 24 - 32 Beginning with purl, stocking stitch 9 rows

Row 33 K2tog to end (13 sts)

Row 34 Purl



Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through remaining stitches on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off for top of head. Join side edges, working down from gathered top of head, using white wool for head and body and coloured wool for jumper. To make the head, work a gathering thread through every stitch on *shape head row*, draw up and stuff head.

Ears & Face

With white cast on 7 stitches

Rows 1 - 4 Beginning with knit, stocking stitch 4 rows

Row 5 K2tog, K3, K2tog (5 stitches)

Row 6 Purl

Row 7 K2tog, K1, K2tog (3 stitches)

Break yarn and thread through remaining stitches on needle.

Repeat for second ear. Position and sew ears on to head.

Using black wool embroider on eyes. To create a small, cute nose separate the wool yarn into 3 single strands and use just 1 strand to embroider the nose.

Egg People



With 1st colour cast on 20 sts

Row 1 (K4, M1) 3 times, K5 (23 sts)

Row 2 Purl

Row 3 (K3, M1) 5 times, K3 (28 sts)

Rows 4 Knit for base edge of hem. This completes the hem section

Rows 5 - 14 Beginning with knit, stocking stitch 10 rows

Row 15 Change to 2nd colour and using 2 strands of wool knit 1 row

Row 16 Knit, using 2 strands of wool

Row 17 Purl, using 2 strands of wool

Row 18 Change to white or apricot for the egg and purl 1 row, using 1 strand of wool. Treat each double strand as 1 stitch (28 sts)

Rows 19 - 28 Beginning with knit, stocking stitch 10 rows

Row 29 *Shape top of egg* K2, (K1, K2tog) 8 times, K2 (20 sts)

Row 30 Purl

Row 31 (K2tog) to end (10 sts)

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through remaining stitches on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off for top of head. Join side edges, working down from gathered top of head. Using black or blue wool embroider on the eyes.

Bobble Hat

With 1st colour cast on 28 sts

Row 1 Knit

Row 2 Knit

Rows 3 - 6 Change to 2nd colour.

Beginning with knit, stocking stitch 4 rows

Row 7 K2, (K1, K2tog) 8 times, K2 (20 sts)

Row 8 Purl

Row 9 K2tog to end (10 sts)

Row 10 Change to 1st colour and purl

Row 11 Beginning with purl, stocking stitch 4 rows

Break yarn and thread through remaining stitches on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off for the top of the bobble. Join the side edges of the bobble and hat.



Flower Headband

Cast on 36 sts

Row 1 Knit

Cast off

Flower

Cast on 18 sts

Break yarn and thread through the stitches on the needle, draw up tightly and fasten off. Catch the ends together, make a flower and sew flower onto headband.



Beret

Cast on 28 sts

Row 1 - 7 Beginning with purl, stocking stitch 7 rows

Row 8 K2, (K1, K2tog) 8 times, K2 (20 sts)

Row 9 Purl

Row 10 K2tog to end (10 sts)

Break yarn and thread through remaining stitches on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off for the top of the beret. Join the side edges of the beret.

For the loop at the centre of the beret plait 3 strands of wool together and then make a loop. Position and sew beret onto egg.



Easter Egg



Row 1 Cast on 9 sts (leaving a length of yarn about 10cm for sewing)

Row 2 Purl

Row 3 K1, (M1) 7 times, K1 (16stitches)

Row 4 Purl

Row 5 K2, (M1) 12 times, K2 (28 stitches)

Row 6 Purl

Row 7 Knit

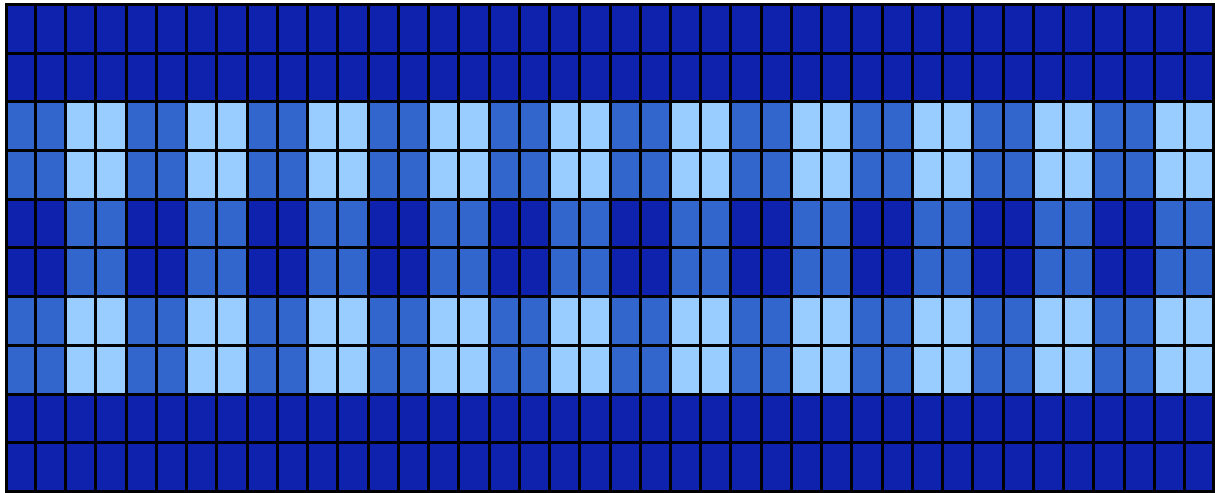
Row 8 Purl

Row 9 K2, (K1, M1) 12 times, K2 (40 stitches)

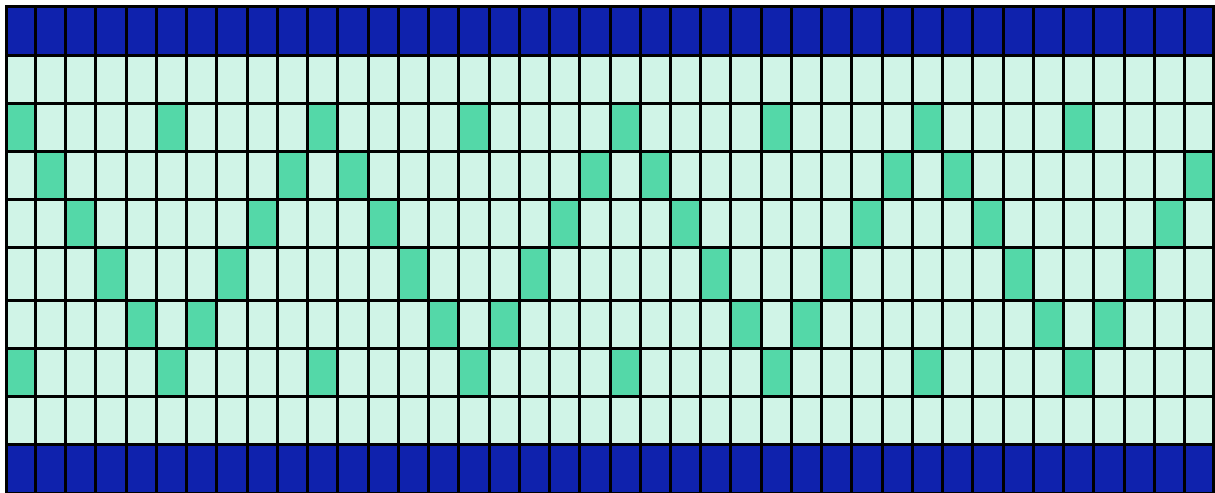
Row 10 Purl

Rows 11 - 20 Patterned band - work chosen patterned band over the next 10 rows (see grids for suggestions) or simply use a contrasting colour.

Gingham pattern using 3 colours



Zig Zag pattern using 3 colours



Or you could design your own pattern, perhaps including the name of a loved one.

- Row 21** Change yarn colour and knit
- Row 22** Purl
- Row 23** (K1, K2tog, K1) 10 times (30 stitches)
- Row 24** Purl
- Row 25** K1, (K1, K2tog) 9 times, K2 (21 stitches)
- Row 26** Purl
- Row 27** Knit
- Row 28** Purl
- Row 29** K1, (K2tog) 9 times, K2 (12 stitches)
- Row 30** Purl

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through remaining stitches on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off for bottom of egg. Join side edges to where the patterned band begins. Then working down from the top of the egg join side edges to where the patterned band begins, leaving a gap of about 2cm for inserting the egg.

Easter Basket

With yellow cast on 20 sts

Row 1 (K4, M1) 3 times, K5 (23 sts)

Row 2 Purl

Row 3 K7, M1, K7, M1, K7 (25 sts)

Row 4 Knit (Base Edge)

Row 5 Knit

Row 6 K3, P3, K1 M1, P3, K3, P3, K1 M1, P3, K3

Row 7 P3, K3, P3, K3, P3, K3, P3, K3, P3

Row 8 K2 M1, P3, K3, P3, K3, P3, K3, P3, M1 K2

Row 9 K4, P3, K2 M1, P3, K2 M1, P3, K2 M1, P3, K4

Row 10 P4, K3, P4, K3, P4, K3, P4, K3, P4

Row 11 K4, P3, K4, P3, K4, P3, K4, P3, K4

Row 12 K4, P3, K4, P3, K4, P3, K4, P3, K4

Row 13 P4, K2 M1, P4, K2 M1, P4, K2 M1, P4,

K2 M1, P4 (36 sts)

Row 14 K4, P4, K4, P4, K4, P4, K4, P4, K4

Row 15 K4, P4, K4, P4, K4, P4, K4, P4, K4

Row 16 P4, K4, P4, K4, P4, K4, P4, K4, P4

Row 17 K4, P4, K4, P4, K4, P4, K4, P4, K4

Row 18 Purl

Row 19 Knit, using 2 strands of wool

Row 20 Knit, using 2 strands of wool

Row 21 Purl, using a single strand of wool

Cast off

Join side edges

Handle

Cast on 36 sts. Knit 1 row. Cast off. Position and sew on to bag.



Once you have made these Easter gifts you can raise funds for Bobath by filling them with chocolate eggs and selling them to your family and friends. Or you can donate them to the Centre and we will sell them on your behalf. To save on postage please do not send them with the eggs. These Easter knitting patterns were designed by Sarah, Bobath's Fundraising Assistant, so if you require any assistance please get in touch, telephone 029 20522600 or email sarahg@bobathwales.org