

Ella the Elephant



Knit Kit

Yarn: Cygnet Silcaress DK, shades (A) 2080 White, (B) 2887 Buttercup, (C) 2672 Pearl Grey, (D) 2119 Cornflower Blue, one 100g ball of each, (E) 2837 Fondant Pink, small amount, (F) Black DK, oddment

Needles: 3.75mm

Safety toy stuffing

Toy safety eyes, two

Buttons: daisy, large; elephant, large, one of each

Tapestry needle

NOTE: this is everything you need for Ella, plus her outfits (in LK July issue 172)

Measurements & sizes

Elephant height (cm): 42cm

Tension Square

24 sts x 28 rows

10cm x 10cm

Stocking stitch

3.75mm needles

For abbreviations visit

letsknit.co.uk/knitting-abbreviations

About the Yarn

Cygnets Silcaress DK is a super soft acrylic yarn with an incredibly smooth and silky feel, and a high twist that will make your stitches look beautiful. Available in a rainbow of shades, this light yarn with its soft sheen works well for toys and garments alike, and can be machine

washed at 30°C. It has an RRP of £2.99 for a 100g (245m) ball. For stockists visit cygnetyarns.com

Need an alternative?

See what DK yarn is in your stash!

TIP

When gifting to a young child, choose eyes to suit the age range. Embroidered eyes are suitable for all, and best for very young children. Safety eyes are secure as long as the back cannot be pulled through the stitches. Buttons and beads make for very characterful faces, but are best saved for gifting to older children and those young at heart.

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Head and trunk

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn C, cast on 16 sts

- Row 1: p to end
- Row 2: (kfb) to end. 32 sts
- Row 3: p to end
- Row 4: * k1, kfb, rep from * to end. 48 sts
- Row 5: p to end
- Row 6: k to end
- Row 7: p to end
- Row 8: * k5, kfb rep from * to end. 56 sts.
- Beg with a p row, work in st st for 13 rows
- Decrease for trunk as follows:
 - Next row: k25, skpo, k2, k2tog, k25. 54 sts
 - Next row and following WS rows: p to end
 - Next RS row: k24, skpo, k2, k2tog, k24. 52 sts

- Next RS row: k23, skpo, k2, k2tog, k23. 50 sts
- Continue as set, dec two sts in the centre of every RS row until 36 sts rem, ending after a WS row
- Cast off four sts at beg of next two rows. 28 sts
- Cast off five sts at beg of next two rows. 18 sts
- Next two rows: k to end
- Beg with a k row, work four rows in st st
- Rep last six rows three times more
- Next row: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. 16 sts
- Next row: k to end
- Beg with a k row, work four rows in st st
- Rep last six rows once more. 14 sts
- Next two rows: k to end
- Beg with a k row, work in st st for two rows
- Cast off

Outer ear (make two)

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn C,
cast on ten sts

- Row 1: k to end
- Row 2: kfb, k to last st, kfb. 12 sts
- Rows 3-12: rep Rows 1-2 five times. 22 sts
- Rows 13-20: k to end
- Row 21: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. 20 sts
- Rows 22-31: rep Rows 20-21 five times. Ten sts
- Row 32: k to end
- Cast off

Inner ear (make two)

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn E,
cast on eight sts

- Row 1: k to end
- Row 2: kfb, k to last st, kfb. Ten sts
- Rows 3-12: rep Rows 1-2 five times. 20 sts
- Rows 13-18: k to end
- Row 19: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. 18 sts
- Rows 20-29: rep Rows 18-19 five times. Eight sts
- Row 30: k to end
- Cast off

Body

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn B,
cast on ten sts

- Row 1 and all foll WS rows: p to end
- Row 2: (kfb) to end. 20 sts
- Row 4: * k1, kfb, rep from * to end. 30 sts
- Row 6: * k2, kfb, rep from * to end. 40 sts
- Row 8: * k3, kfb, rep from * to end. 50 sts
- Rows 9-15: beg with a p row, work seven rows in st st

□ Row 16: * k4, kfb, rep from * to end. 60 sts

□ Rows 17-29: beg with a p row, work 13 rows in st st

□ Rows 30-35: k to end

Change to yarn C

□ Rows 36-41: beg with a k row, work six rows in st st

□ Row 42: * k4, skpo, rep from * to end. 50 sts

□ Rows 43-55: beg with a p row, work 13 rows in st st

□ Row 56: * k3, k2tog, rep from * to end. 40 sts

□ Row 57 and all foll WS rows: p to end

□ Row 58: * k2, k2tog, rep from * to end. 30 sts

□ Row 60: * k1, k2tog, rep from * to end. 20 sts

□ Row 62: (k2tog) to end. Ten sts

□ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

Hand Pad (make two)

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn C,
cast on seven sts

- Row 1: k to end
- Row 2: kfb, k to last st, kfb. Nine sts
- Row 3: k to end
- Rows 5-8: rep Rows 2-3 twice more. 13 sts
- Rows 9-12: k to end
- Row 13: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. 11 sts
- Rows 14-17: rep Rows 12-13 twice more. Seven sts
- Cast off

Arm (make two)

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn C,
cast on ten sts

- Row 1: p to end
- Row 2: kfb, k to last st, kfb. 12 sts
- Rows 3-10: rep Rows 1-2 four more times. 20 sts
- Row 11: p to end
- Row 12: * k3, kfb, rep from * to end. 25 sts
- Rows 13-29: beg with a p row, work 17 rows in st st
- Row 30: * k3, kfb, rep from * to last st, k1. 31 sts
- Rows 31-35: beg with a p row, work five rows in st st
- Cast off

Foot pad (make two)

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn C,
cast on nine sts

- Row 1: k to end
- Row 2: kfb, k to last st, kfb. 11 sts
- Row 3: k to end
- Rows 5-8: rep Rows 2-3 twice more. 15 sts
- Rows 9-16: k to end
- Row 17: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. 13 sts
- Rows 18-21: rep Rows 16-17 twice more. Nine sts
- Cast off

Leg (make two)

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn C,
cast on ten sts

- Row 1: p to end
- Row 2: kfb, k to last st, kfb. 12 sts
- Rows 3-12: rep Rows 1-2 five times more. 22 sts
- Row 13: p to end
- Row 14: * k3, kfb, rep from * to last two sts, k2. 27 sts

□ Rows 15-33: beg with a p row, work 19 rows in st st

□ Row 34: * k3, kfb, rep from * to last three sts, k3. 33 sts

□ Rows 35-41: beg with a p row, work seven rows in st st

□ Cast off

To make up

Sew seam on Body leaving gap and place at centre back. Stuff firmly and shape as you go. Close seam. Stitch seams on Arms and Legs. Pin Pads in place on bottom of each limb. Carefully sew in place, easing to fit. Stuff limbs firmly. Attach to Body on each side. Using yarn E, embroider nails by oversewing a few stitches around the base of each Arm and Leg. On Head, sew seam that runs underneath leaving gap at back and trunk end. Carefully stuff and shape, avoiding overstuffing to allow trunk to curl. Attach safety eyes, using photo as a guide to placement. Close Head opening and end of trunk. Embroider eyelashes with Black DK. Place Inner and Outer Ears WS together and join. Pin at an angle and sew to each side of Head. At cast-off area, push in before base of trunk to form mouth. Secure with a few stitches. Sew Head to Body securely, oversewing several times to ensure Head does not flop over. Curl trunk into shape **LK**