



Zippy's Friends

Teaching coping and social skills

Zippy knitting pattern



Zippy is knitted in the round from the head down to his tail, using double pointed needles. You could also use a long circular needle and the magic loop method if preferred. When knitting in the round you only need to do a knit stitch, this will produce a stocking stitch effect on the right side.

Don't worry too much about gauge when making Zippy, as long as you use the same weight yarn throughout, and slightly smaller needles than recommended on the yarn band (so the stuffing doesn't show through) you will get a great result. DK will produce a slightly smaller Zippy, chunky yarn will give you a bigger Zippy.

Materials needed

100g Aran in light green (I used Cascade 220 in Chartreuse)
50g Aran in mid green (I used Cascade 220 in Palm)
Small amount of Aran in your school colours A and B for the hat and scarf.
Small amount of black yarn for the mouth
3.75 double pointed needles (dpn)
4mm straight needles
Stitch marker
For eyes- white and black felt, fabric glue, needle and white thread.
Polyester stuffing



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Increase by knitting into front and back of stitch. Decrease by knitting two stitches together.

Head and body

On one double pointed needle, cast on 6 st. Divide by placing 2 stitches each in 3 double pointed needles. Be careful not to twist. I find it helpful to place a stitch marker after the first stitch, so I know when a round is completed. Slide it along every round.

Inc every stitch.

Row 1 (12)

Row 2 K1, inc 1 round. (18)

Row 3 K2, inc 1 round. (24)

Row 4 K3, inc 1 round. (30)

Row 5 K4, inc 1 round. (36)

Row 6 K5, inc 1 round. (42)

Row 7 K6 inc 1 round. (48)

Row 8 K7 inc 1 round. (54)

Row 9 K8, inc 1 round. (60)

Row 10-18 (9 rows) Knit round.

Row 19 K8, K2tog round. (54)

Row 20 K7, K2tog round. (48)

Row 21 K6, K2tog round (42)

Row 22 K5, K2tog round. (36)

Row 23 K2tog round (18) This part forms the neck and start of body section.

Row 24 K round (18)

Row 25 Inc round (36) Stuff the head section at this point.

Row 26 K round.

Row 27 K5, inc 1 round. (42)

Row 28-35 (8 rows) Knit round.

Row 36 K6, inc 1 round. (48)

Row 37-44 (8 rows) K round

Row 45 K6, dec 1 round. (42)

Row 46-69 (24 rows) Knit round. The body should measure approximately 6" from the neck. Stuff most of the body now. The tail starts from this point, which changes shades of green for each segment.

Row 70 Change to mid green yarn. K2tog round (21)

Row 71 K round

Row 72 * K1, inc 5, K1* 3 times. (36)

Row 73-80 (8 rows) K round.

Row 81 Change to light green yarn. K2tog round. (18)

Row 82 K round.

Row 83 *K1, inc 4, K1* 3 times. (30)

Row 84-91 (8 rows) K round.

Row 92 Change to mid green yarn. K2tog round (15)

Row 93 K round

Row 94 *K1, inc 3, K1* 3 times. (24)

Row 95-102 (8 rows) K round.

Row 103 Change to light green yarn. K2tog round. (12)

Row 104 K round.

Row 105 *K1, inc 2, K1* 3 times. (18)

Row 106-111 (6 rows) K round.

Row 112 *K1, K2tog* round (12)

Row 113 K2tog round (6)

Stuff the rest of body and tail, being careful to fill out the bumps of tail sections without over stuffing. Cut yarn and thread through last 6 stitches to secure. Cut out the felt to make eyes and sew onto the head or stick with fabric glue.



Legs - Make 6

Zippy's legs are a little bit fiddly but when you have done one it will become easier. You could use a tiny bit of short row shaping to form a curve for his knees. When stuffing the toes and leg, you will need to use a tool, like tweezers or a pencil, to press the stuffing into the nooks.

Cast on 8 stitches, and spread them between 3 double pointed needles, two needles will have 3 stitches and one will have 2 stitches.

Row 1-20 (20 rows) K round.

Row 21 K4, turn work, P4 back to beginning, turn work, K4, turn work, P4 back, turn again and knit to end.

Row 22-31 (10 rows) Next part will be the start of the foot.

Row 32 Inc every stitch. (16)

Row 33 K round.

Row 34 *K1, inc 1* round (24)

Row 35-36 K round

Row 37 *K1, dec1* round (16)

Row 38 K round. Next you will split the round into two toes.

Row 39 k 2, slide these stitches back next to the last 6 stitches on the round. Carefully slide these 8 onto a stitch holder or large safety pin. You will complete the first toe then go back and re-join the yarn to these 8 stitches to form the second toe. Knit the next 8 stitches rearranging them onto 3 needles.



Row 40-41 K round (8)

Row 42 K2tog, K2, K2tog, K2 (6)

Row 43-44 K round

Row 45 K2tog round (3) Cut yarn and thread through these stitches to secure.

Pick up the remaining 8 stitches on 3 dpns, re-join yarn and repeat rows 40-45. Stuff toes and leg not too firmly.

Antennae - Make 2

Onto one dpn, cast on 3 stitches. Work 14 rows as an I cord. On final row slip one stitch, K2tog, pass slipped stitch over. Cut leaving a long tail, thread through last stitch. Thread the tail back through the tube to give it extra strength.

Making up



To shape Zippy's head a bit more, thread a large needle with the light green yarn and sew a few stitches through from one side of his head to the other, pulling slightly tight.

Cut 2 white circles of felt, approx 1- 1.5" diameter. Glue these in place with fabric glue, using the pictures here as a guide. When dry sew around the perimeter using the needle and white thread to secure. Cut smaller circles of black, and smaller again of white, for the highlights, and glue into place.

Sew the antennae on below the eyes, any remaining tail of yarn left after sewing, thread it back up through the tube to add extra strength so the antennae stick out.

Embroider a smile using black yarn just below and between the antennae.

Sew the legs about halfway up the body, closer to the front end and spaced equally apart.

Sad Face mask

On 3.75mm straight needles, using light green yarn, cast on 24 stitches.

Row 1 Knit

Row 2 Purl

Carry on this pattern for another 6 rows. Cast off. This part will need to be blocked to uncurl the edges. Embroider on a sad mouth using black yarn.

Cast on 3 stitches onto a dpn and make an I cord just long enough to wrap round Zippy's head from one corner of the mouth piece to the other. Sew in place. The mouth wraps securely round his head, just under his antennae, covering his smiley mouth.



Scarf

On 4mm straight needles, using colour A of your choice, (I used grey) Cast on 80 stitches.

Row 1 Knit

Row 2 Knit

Row 3 Change colour to B. Knit

Row 4 Knit

Row 5 Change colour to A. Knit

Row 6 Knit

Row 7 Change colour to B. Knit

Row 8 Knit

Row 9 Change colour to A. Knit

Row 10 Knit

Row 11 Knit

Cast off.

Hat

On straight 4mm needles, cast on 28 stitches in colour A.

Row 1-4 Knit

Row 5 Change to colour B. Knit.

Row 6 *K2tog, K5* 4 times (24)

Row 7 Change to colour A. Knit.

Row 8 *K2tog, K4* 4 times. (20)

Row 9 Change to colour B. Knit.

Row 10 *K2tog, K3* 4 times. (16)

Row 11 Change to colour A. Knit.

Row 12 *K2tog, K2* 4 times. (12)

Row 13 Change to colour B. Knit.

Row 14 *K2tog, K1* 4 times. (8)

Row 15 Change to colour A. Knit

Row 16 K2tog round. (4)

Cut yarn and thread through remaining stitches. Pull tight and use same tail of yarn to sew up seam of hat.

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