

Jean Greenhowe's Dainty Dollies



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Here are two little charmers – Molly in a red dress and Lucy in a yellow dress. Both are knitted from the same pattern and measure 17cm [6¾in] in height.

The shoes, legs, body and head are knitted in one piece and each doll only requires 40 grams [1½ ounces] of yarn oddments and about 25 grams [just under one ounce] of stuffing.

No doubt little girls will love these sweet dollies and they are also perfect for those wonderful knitters who raise funds for charity.

MATERIALS

Knitting yarn: Oddments of double knitting [USA Astra or Bonus DK: Australia 8 ply]. A total of 40 grams [1½ ounces] for each doll.

Good quality washable stuffing: About 25 grams [less than 1 ounce] for each doll.

Knitting needles: A pair of 3mm [No 11, USA 2].

Pink sewing thread: For the mouth stitches.

Other items: A red colouring pencil for the cheeks and Molly's flowers and a yellow pencil for Lucy's flowers. A tapestry needle with a rounded point for sewing up the pieces. A darning needle.

NOTES

Abbreviations: K = knit; P = purl; st[s] = stitch[es]; st-st = stocking stitch [K on the right side and P on the wrong side]; g-st = garter stitch [every row K]; inc = increase [by knitting into front and back of st]; tog = together; mm = millimetres; cm = centimetres; in = inch[es].

Special abbreviations

B & T tightly – means break off yarn leaving a long end, thread it through the sts left on the knitting needle, pull to gather tightly, then fasten off.

B & T loosely – means the same as above, but thread yarn loosely through sts and leave until later on.

yrn = yarn round needle as follows. Take strand of yarn under and over the tip of right-hand needle, then continue as given in the instructions.

USA glossary

UK	USA
K wise	K ways
P wise	P ways
Cast off	bind off
Stocking stitch	stockinette stitch
Tension	gauge

Instructions in round brackets: These are repeated the number of times stated after the closing bracket.

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A star in the instructions is used to mark a place which will be referred to later on. Meanwhile, follow the instructions in the usual way.

Tension: Using 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles, the tension for double knitting yarn is 26 sts = 10cm [4in] in width over st-st.

Casting on: The thumb method is recommended.

Making up: Join all seams with right sides of work together and back-stitch one knitted stitch within the edges, unless oversewing is stipulated.

Working embroidered stitches: To hide the starting and fastening off of yarn ends inside the doll, proceed as follows. Thread a blunt-ended needle [tapestry needle] with yarn required and knot end of yarn. Pass the needle through the doll, *between* the knitted sts and bring it out at the position required. Pull the yarn to draw the knotted end right inside the stuffing. Tug the yarn to make sure the knot is caught in the stuffing.

Now work the required embroidered stitches. Pass the needle back through the doll to come out at a position *between* the knitted sts. Pass needle back through the doll again between the same knitted sts to come out at a different position. Repeat until yarn is securely fastened off, then pull end of yarn and snip it off close the knitted sts. The cut end will disappear into the doll.

TOY SAFETY GUIDELINES: A certain amount of common sense should always be used regarding the safety factor in children's toys. It is important to ensure that the toy you are making is appropriate for the age group of the child for which it is intended. For example, children under 3 years of age should not be given toys which have separate tiny parts, or any small attached pieces which might be pulled off.

The materials used for the designs which appear in this pattern are : knitting yarn and polyester stuffing.

Do not add any other materials such as wire, pipe cleaners, buttons or beads. Use only new, hygienic, washable stuffing which conforms to current safety standards – your craft materials supplier will advise.

When sewing up the items always use large, glass-headed or plastic-headed pins. Ordinary pins should not be used as they can pass into a stuffed item between the knitted stitches. Take care to sew all the added pieces *securely* in place – for example arms, hats etc.

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THE DOLLS

Note about the colours

The colours used for Lucy are given first followed by the colours used for Molly which are given in {} brackets. Where colours are the same for both dolls only one colour is stated.

LEGS, BODY AND HEAD

Begin at lower edge of one leg and using yellow {red} for the shoe cast on 10 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st - 20 sts.
Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 5 rows.

Shape shoe

Next row: K3, (K2tog, K2) 4 times, K1 – 16 sts. Break off yellow {red} and join on white for both dolls.
St-st 13 rows *.

Break off yarn and leave sts on a spare double-pointed needle.
Work the other leg in the same way as far as *. Continue in white and mark each end of the next row with a coloured thread.

With right side of st-st facing, K across the 16 sts on the knitting needle, then across the 16 sts on the spare needle – 32 sts.

St-st 9 rows. Break off white and join on yellow {red} for upper body. St-st 6 rows, marking centre of one of these rows with a coloured thread.

Shape body

Next row: K7, (K2tog) twice, K10 (K2tog) twice, K7 – 28 sts.
St-st 3 rows.

Next row: K6, (K2tog) twice, K8, (K2tog) twice, K6 – 24 sts.
Break off yarn and join on light pink or colour required for head.
P 1 row. This is the 'neck' row.

Inc for head

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end – 36 sts.
St-st 21 rows, marking centre of one of these rows with a coloured thread as a guide to positioning the facial stitches.

Shape top of head

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end – 24 sts.
P 1 row.
Next row: (K2tog) to end – 12 sts.
B & T loosely.

To make up

Join row ends of the body and head from the coloured threads to within 2cm [$\frac{3}{4}$ in] of the B & T sts at the top of the head. This seam will be at centre back of the doll. Gather along the cast on sts on each leg, pull up tightly and fasten off. Join row ends of each leg. Turn the piece right side out through open top of the head.

Stuff the feet then the legs. Each leg should measure 8cm [3in] around. Stuff the body next, to measure 16cm [$6\frac{1}{4}$ in] around at the 'waist'. Stuff the neck, then the head. The head should measure 19cm [$7\frac{1}{2}$ in] around at the centre. The 'neck' will be just a bit narrower than the body and head at this stage. Pull up the B & T length of yarn tightly at top of the head and fasten off but do not break off yarn. If necessary, continue stuffing the head through the gap in the seam, to round off the top. Close gap in seam, using the B & T length of yarn.

To shape the neck, use a length of matching yarn. Starting at the centre back seam, gather around the first knitted row of the head colour, [the 'neck' row]. Pull up the gathers very tightly and knot ends of yarn. Sew yarn ends into the neck.

Eyes

The coloured thread marks the centre of the face. Mark the eye positions with pins centrally on the face, placing pins 10 knitted rows above the neck row and leaving 4 clear knitted sts between the pins. The eyes are worked in back-stitch as follows.

Use a length of dark brown yarn and start and fasten off the yarn ends invisibly as described in 'Working embroidered stitches' on Page 2.

Bring needle and yarn out at one marked eye position. Pass needle through the face 2 knitted rows directly above the first position and bring it out at first position. Pull yarn through. This completes one back-stitch. Work another back-stitch in the same way. Now pass the needle and yarn through top of the eye and fasten off inside the head. Work other eye in the same way.

Mouth

Use four strands of pink sewing thread and start and fasten off as for the eyes. Mark lower end of mouth position with a pin at centre of face, 5 knitted rows above the neck row. Work a V-shape, covering one knitted stitch on either side of centre and one knitted row above the marked position.

Cheeks and nose

Colour the cheeks with red pencil as follows. Use the side of the red pencil lead and rub it against the knitted sts with a circular motion. For the nose use red pencil to colour a small dot at centre of face, level with lower edges of the eyes.



PANTALET FRILLS

[Make two alike]

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 25 sts.

1st row: [right side], K1, (K into back of next st, K1) to end.

Cast off K wise.

Oversew the row ends together, then turn right side out. Place frills on the legs, with seams at centre back. Sew cast off edges to the first knitted rows of white on the legs.

BUTTONS

The coloured thread marks centre of the body. Place a pin at centre in the 6th row of yellow {red} above the last white row. Place next pin at centre of the 4th row of yellow {red} above the white row.

Using green work a small horizontal stitch at first pin position covering half a st on each side of centre. Work another stitch at same position. Repeat at the second pin position.

SKIRT

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 66 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

Join on green.

Next row: [using green] K1, (yrn, K2tog) to last st, K1.

Next row: P.

Break off green.

Continue in white and g-st 2 rows.

Break off white and join on yellow {red}.

Beginning with a K row, continue in st-st and work 14 rows.

Shape top

Next row: (K4, K2tog) to end – 55 sts.

St-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K3, K2tog) to end – 44 sts.

Cast off K wise.

To make up

Join the row ends, noting that this seam will be at centre back of the doll. Turn right side out, place skirt on the doll and sew cast off edge to the first knitted row of yellow [red] on the upper body.

SKIRT WAISTBAND

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 38 sts.

Note that cast on row is right side of the piece.

Cast off P wise.

Place waistband around the doll stretching for a tight fit and with cast on edge level with top of skirt. Catch row ends together at centre back. Sew cast on and cast off edges in place.



NECK FRILL

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 34 sts.

1st row: [right side] K15; K next 4 sts winding yarn twice around the needle; K15.

Cast off K wise, dropping the extra wound-round loop on the centre 4 sts.

Place frill around the neck and catch row ends together at centre back. Sew cast off edge to neck.

ARMS

[Make two alike]

Begin at top edge and using yellow {red} for the sleeve cast on 11 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

Break off yellow {red} and join on green.

G-st 4 rows.

Break off green and join on colour to match head.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 12 rows.

B & T tightly.

To make up

Join the row ends noting that this seam will be at the underarm position.

Turn right side out. Stuff arm section to measure 5cm [2in] around. Stuff sleeve section lightly.

Bring the seam to centre of cast on edge, then oversew across cast on sts. Now sew cast on edges to sides of body level with the neck frill and at the position of the body shaping rows.

Sew seams to body at base of the sleeves.

HAIR

Using gold {tan} cast on 15 sts and note that first row is right side of the piece.

1st row: Cast off 2 sts, K to last 3 sts, turn.

2nd row: K to end.

3rd row: Inc in first 2 sts, K to last 6 sts, turn.

4th row: K to end.

5th row and 6th rows: K.

Repeat these six rows 15 more times.

Cast off P wise.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. This seam will be at centre back of the doll's head. Gather round the short set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off. Turn right side out. Place hair on the doll's head as illustrated.

Pin lower end of seam to head about 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] above the neck. Pin one wavy point to forehead 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] above tops of the eyes.

Now pin each wavy point to the head, pulling them down slightly. Sew points in place as pinned, removing each pin as you go.

HAIR-BAND

Begin at lower edge and using green cast on 60 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

Cast off P wise, noting that this row is wrong side of the piece.

Catch the row ends together, then turn right side out. Place hair-band on the head, with seam at centre back. Pin front of cast on edge to head about 2cm [$\frac{3}{4}$ in] above the hair points. Pin cast on edge at centre back about 1cm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in] above the hair points.

Pin rest of the band to head, forming a smooth circle. Sew cast on and cast off edges in place.

Flowers

[Make three]

Using white cast on 10 sts, then B & T tightly. Note that the B & T sts are wrong side of the flower.

Catch the cast off row ends together, then sew tail-ends of yarn into back of flower and trim off excess. Moisten the yellow [red] pencil point and twirl it at centre of each flower. Sew flowers to the hair-band as illustrated.

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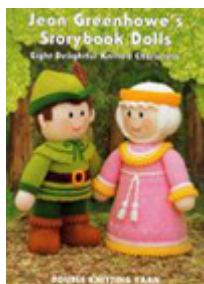
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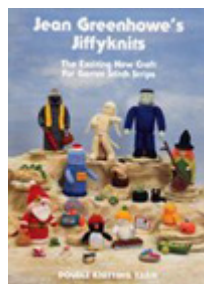
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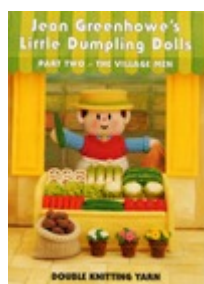
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