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What you will need:

RED HEART® Amigurumi: 1 ball 9745 Elephant

Susan Bates® Knitting Needles: 2.25 mm [US 1] double pointed needles (set of 5).

Stitch markers, stitch holders, stuffing, two 6mm safety eyes, yarn needle, sewing needle and white sewing thread for sewing hat to head.

Optional: Knee high stocking and plastic pellets for weighted stuffing, chenille stem for trunk armature.

GAUGE: 28 sts = about 4" [10 cm]; 40 rounds = about 4" [10 cm] in Stockinette stitch worked in rounds (knit every round). EXACT GAUGE IS NOT CRITICAL TO THIS PROJECT. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.

BUY YARN



RED HEART® Amigurumi, Art E885 available in 3.5 oz (100 g) 239 yds (219m) cakes



Emily & Edward Knit Elephants

Emily and Edward are best friends and love traveling together. They're always on the lookout for new and exiting things to try.

Elephant measures about 4" [10 cm] tall, measured in seated position.

Special Stitches

kfb (Knit into front and back) = Knit next stitch but do not remove from needle, knit into back loop of same stitch and remove from needle - 1 st increased.

ssk (slip, slip, knit) = Slip next 2 stitches, one at a time, as if to knit to right needle, insert point of left needle through front of stitches, knit these sts together through back loop - 1 st decreased.

Notes

- 1. Before beginning, separate the different color sections of the yarn as follows: Pop the center color out by pushing gently on the center of the ball so that it comes out intact. Find the point where the color changes and cut the yarn. Repeat this process for the remaining yarn colors by carefully pushing the rings of color out of the larger ring and cutting. Wind each color into a separate ball to prevent tangling. You may find that one color appears both in the center, and on the outside of the ball, wind together or separately. In the pattern instructions, the light grey or dark grey color is referred to as A, the white as B, and the pink as C.
2. Elephant is made from 10 pieces: Head, body, 2 ears (2 parts each), 2 arms, 2 legs, a tail, and a hat (2 parts).
3. Yarn color is changed when working Elephant's shirt. Carry color not in use along the inside of the piece until next needed.
4. Most of the pieces are worked in rounds. Ears, arms, tail, and hat brim are worked back and forth in rows using only two of the double pointed needles.

- 5. Pieces are sewn together using yarn scraps, yarn tails or sewing thread.
6. Take care to attach safety eyes before head opening becomes too small. Do not use safety eyes if toy is intended for a child 2 years of age or younger.

HEAD

Beginning from top of head with A, cast on 6 sts. Distribute stitches evenly over 3 double pointed needles (2 stitches on each needle). Place marker for beginning of round. Prepare to work in rounds.

Round 1 (right side): [Kfb] 6 times—12 sts.

Round 2: Knit.

Round 3: [K1, kfb] 6 times—18 sts.

Round 4: Knit.

Round 5: [K2, kfb] 6 times—24 sts.

Round 6: Knit.

Round 7: [K3, kfb] 6 times—30 sts.

Round 8: Knit.

Round 9: [K4, kfb] 6 times—36 sts.

When desired, add another double pointed needle and distribute stitches evenly over 4 needles.

Round 10: Knit.

Round 11: [K5, kfb] 6 times—42 sts.

Round 12: Knit.

Round 13: [K6, kfb] 6 times—48 sts.

Rounds 14-19: Knit.

Round 20: [K6, k2tog] 6 times—42 sts.

Rounds 21-24: Knit.

Round 25: [K5, k2tog] 6 times—36 sts.

Round 26: Knit.

Round 27: [K4, k2tog] 6 times—30 sts.

Begin stuffing head and continue as work progresses.

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## Make Opening for Trunk

**Notes:** A trunk opening is created by working 5 sts onto scrap yarn, then knitting them again with the working yarn. Later the scrap yarn is removed to form the trunk opening and the released stitches are placed on needles to begin the trunk. This technique is often used in sock knitting and is known as the "afterthought heel" technique. Drop but do not cut the working yarn. Cut a length of scrap yarn of same weight but different color as working yarn.

**Round 28:** With the scrap yarn, k5; slip the 5 sts just made back onto left needle, with working yarn, knit the same 5 sts then knit the remaining sts around.

**Round 29:** Knit.

**Round 30:** [K3, k2tog] 6 times—24 sts.

**Round 31:** [K2, k2tog] 6 times—18 sts.

**Round 32:** [K1, k2tog] 6 times—12 sts.

**Note:** Now you will pause working the head so that the trunk can be made while it is easier to access the trunk from the inside of head, rather than having to stuff the trunk through the tiny opening at the tip of the trunk. The head will be completed after the trunk is made.

Place remaining 12 stitches onto stitch holders or a length of scrap yarn. Cut working yarn, leaving about 1yd/1m tail for completing head.

## Trunk

With right side facing, carefully remove the scrap yarn for trunk opening and place the 10 released sts on needles, distributing them evenly.

**Round 1 (right side):** Join **A** to first st along bottom row of trunk opening, k5, pick up 1 st in corner of opening, k5, pick up 1 st in corner of opening—12 sts.

Place marker for beginning of round and prepare to work in rounds.

**Rounds 2–6:** Knit.

**Round 7:** [K4, k2tog] twice—10 sts.

**Rounds 8–13:** Knit.

**Round 14:** [K3, k2tog] twice—8 sts.

**Round 15:** Knit.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Weave tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. Secure tail and weave to inside of trunk.

**Eyes:** Using photograph as a guide, attach safety eyes about 2 rounds above trunk and about 8 stitches apart.

Working from inside of head, complete stuffing head and stuff trunk inserting chenille stem for armature (if desired).

## Complete Head

Return 12 head sts to needles, distributing them evenly. Place marker for beginning of round and prepare to work in rounds.

**Round 33:** [K2tog, k1] 4 times—8 sts.

Finish stuffing head. Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. Secure tail and weave to inside of head.

## BODY

Beginning at bottom of body with **A**, cast on 9 sts.

Distribute stitches evenly over 3 double pointed needles (3 stitches on each needle). Place marker for beginning of round. Prepare to work in rounds.

**Round 1 (right side):** [Kfb] 9 times—18 sts.

**Round 2:** [K1, kfb] 9 times—27 sts.

**Round 3:** Knit.

**Round 4:** [K2, kfb] 9 times—36 sts.

**Rounds 5–7:** Knit.

Cut **A**.

## Begin Striped Shirt

Join **C**.

**Round 8:** With **C**, knit.

Join **B**. Do not cut **C**. Carry color not in use up inside of piece.

**Round 9:** With **B**, [k2, k2tog] 9 times—27 sts.

Drop, but do not cut, **B**. Continue to drop old color and pick up next color at the beginning of each round. Do not cut colors until instructed.

**Round 10:** With **C**, knit.

**Round 11:** With **B**, knit.

**Round 12:** With **C**, [k7, k2tog] 3 times—24 sts.

**Round 13:** With **B**, knit.

**Rounds 14–17:** Repeat Rounds 10 and 11 twice.

**Round 18:** With **C**, [k2, k2tog] 6 times—18 sts.

Stuff body with stuffing or with optional knee high filled with plastic pellets.

**Round 19:** With **B**, knit.

**Round 20:** With **C**, knit. Cut **C**.

**Round 21:** With **B**, bind off sts while making decreases as follows, [k7, k2tog] twice.

Cut **B**, leaving a long tail for sewing head to body.

## EARS (make 2)

### Inner Ears (make 2)

Working back and forth in rows on 2 double pointed needles with **C**, cast on 8 sts.

**Rows 1–7:** Knit—8 sts.

**Row 8:** Ssk, k4, k2tog—6 sts.

**Row 9:** Ssk, k2, k2tog—4 sts.

Bind off. Weave in and trim ends.

Outer Ears (make 2)

With **A**, make same as inner ear through Row 9—4 sts.

Bind off leaving a long tail for sewing inner and outer ears together. Place one inner ear on top of one outer ear with stitches matching. Thread long yarn tail onto yarn needle and sew pieces together all around the outer edge. Do not trim tail, leave tail for sewing ear to head.

## ARMS (make 2)

Working back and forth in rows on 2 double pointed needles with **A**, cast on 7 sts.

**Rows 1–9:** Beginning with a wrong side (purl) row, work in Stockinette stitch (knit on right side, purl on wrong side) for 9 rows.

**Row 10 (right side):** [K1, k2tog] twice, k1—5 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through stitches of last row and pull to close opening then whip stitch side edges together. Secure tail but do not trim or weave in remainder of tail, it can be used later for sewing arm to body.

## LEGS (make 2)

With **A**, leaving a long beginning tail, cast on 6 sts.

Distribute stitches evenly over 3 double pointed needles (2 stitches on each needle). Place marker for beginning of round. Prepare to work in rounds.

**Round 1 (right side):** [Kfb] twice, k2, [kfb] twice—10 sts.

Stuff lightly as following rounds are completed.

**Rounds 2–11:** Knit.

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**Round 12:** [K1, k2tog] 3 times, k1—7 sts. Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. Secure and weave in ending tail. Do not weave in or trim beginning tail, it can be used later for sewing leg to body.

## TAIL

With 2 double pointed needles and **A**, cast on 5 sts. Bind off all sts. Cut yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing tail to body. Trim beginning yarn tail to about ¼" [6mm] and fray yarn to form a tiny tassel.

## HAT

**Brim**  
Working back and forth in rows on 2 double pointed needles with **B**, cast on 36 sts.

**Row 1:** Knit.  
**Row 2:** [K5, kfb] 6 times—42 sts.  
**Rows 3 and 4:** Knit.  
Bind off, leaving a long tail. With yarn tail, sew side edges of brim together to form a ring. Weave in and trim tail.  
**Crown (Top of Hat)**

With **B**, leaving a long beginning tail, cast on 36 sts. Distribute stitches evenly over 3 double pointed needles (12 stitches on each needle). Place marker for beginning of round. Prepare to work in rounds.

**Rounds 1-4:** Knit—36 sts.  
**Round 5:** [K4, k2tog] 6 times—30 sts.  
**Round 6:** Knit.  
**Round 7:** [K3, k2tog] 6 times—24 sts.  
**Round 8:** [K2, k2tog] 6 times—18 sts.  
**Round 9:** [K1, k2tog] 6 times—12 sts.  
**Round 10:** [K1, k2tog] 4 times—8 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. Hold brim and crown together, with right side of crown facing outwards and brim encircling crown. With beginning tail, whipstitch brim to crown. Weave in and trim tail.

## FINISHING

Referring to photograph as a guide to placement, use yarn tails or yarn scraps to sew the following pieces together.

1. Sew ears to lower portion of each side of head.
2. Sew head to neck opening of body.
3. Sew arms to upper sides of body about 2 rounds below top of body.
4. Sew legs to A-colored lower portion of body, placing them towards the front, about 3 or 4 stitches apart, so that elephant is in a sitting position.
5. Sew tail to back of body in middle of the A-colored lower portion.

Tilt hat to one side of top of head. With sewing needle and white sewing thread, sew hat to head placing a small amount of stuffing in the crown before completing the sewing.

Weave in and trim any remaining ends.

If chenille stem was used in trunk, bend trunk upwards or into desired position.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**A, B, and C** = Color A, Color B, and Color C; **k** = knit; **k2tog** = knit next 2 sts together; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.

