

Jungle Fun

You can use Leonard Lion's basic body pattern
for all of these endearing little knitted toys

MATERIALS: 1 x 50 g ball of D.K. yarn in each colour stated; small amounts of orange for Lion's mane and tail tip, white for Elephant's tusks, cream for Tiger's snout and black and grey for features. A pair of No. 10 (3¼ mm) knitting needles; washable stuffing.

TENSION AND MEASUREMENT: Worked at a tension of 24 stitches and 36 rows, to measure 10 x 10 cm, over stocking stitch, using No. 10 (3¼ mm) needles, each toy will measure about 20cm (8in) in height.

ABBREVIATIONS: K, knit; p, purl; st, stitch; tog, together; inc, increase (by working twice into same st); dec, decrease (by taking 2 sts tog); ss, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); gst, garter st (k every row).

NOTE: Instructions in brackets are worked as stated after the closing bracket.





LEONARD LION

BODY: Right leg: With honey cast on 14 sts and ss 2 rows.

Inc row: Inc kwise in each st — 28 sts. Beginning with a p row, ss 5 rows.

For foot: Next row: (K2, k2tog) to end — 21 sts.

Ss 9 rows. ** Break off yarn and leave sts on a st holder.

Left leg: Work as for right leg to **.

Body and head: Next row:

With right side facing, marking each end of row with a coloured thread, k21 sts of left leg, then k21 sts of right leg — 42 sts.

Ss 25 rows.

For neck: Next row: (K2tog) to end — 21 sts. Beginning with a p row, ss 5 rows.

For head: Inc kwise in each st — 42 sts. Ss 21 rows.

For top of head: (K1, k2tog) to end — 28 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 14 sts. Break yarn, leaving a long end, thread this through remaining sts, draw up and fasten off securely.

ARMS (make 2): Cast on 6 sts for top edge and ss 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at beginning only of next 8 rows — 14 sts.

For underarm: Cast on 3 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 20 sts. Ss 12 rows.

To shape lower edge: (K2tog) to end — 10 sts. Break yarn, leaving a long end, thread this through remaining sts, draw up tightly and fasten off securely.

TO MAKE UP LION: Run a gathering thread through all sts of 2nd row down from head shaping row. Join back head and body seam from top of head to within 2 cm below neck gathering thread. Run another gathering thread through cast-on edge of each leg, draw up tightly, then join leg seams as far as markers. Join back body seam, leaving an opening. Stuff legs and body, then close

opening. Join arm seams, stuff firmly, then sew in position, placing top cast-on edge in line with neck shaping row on body.

SNOUT: Cast on 26 sts and ss 6 rows.

To shape snout: (K2tog) to end — 13 sts. Break yarn, leaving an end, thread through remaining sts, draw up and fasten off securely. Join seam, leaving cast-on edge open. Sew cast-on edge to face, placing between 2nd and 12th rows up from head shaping row, stuff lightly.

EARS (make 2): Cast on 16 sts and ss 5 rows. **Next row:** (P2tog) to end — 8 sts. Break yarn, leaving an end, thread this through remaining sts, draw up and fasten off securely, then join seam. Sew cast-on edges tog.

MANE: With Orange cast on 36 sts. **1st row:** K1, (insert needle kwise into next st, wind yarn over from front to back round both needles and first finger of left-hand 3 times, then over right-hand needle only, draw this loop through and place on left-hand needle, then k all 5 loops tog through back) to last st, k1. **2nd row:** All k. **3rd row:** As 1st row. **4th row:** (K1, k2tog) to end — 24 sts. **5th row:** As 1st row. **6th row:** (K1, k2tog) to end — 16 sts. **7th row:** As 1st row. **8th row:** (K2tog) to end — 8 sts. Break yarn, leaving an end, thread this through remaining sts, draw up and fasten off securely. Join row-ends tog. Sew in position on head. Sew ears behind front row of loops.

TAIL: With orange cast on 6 sts for tail tip and k 1 row. **Next row:** As 1st row of mane. Break off orange. With honey, ss 12 rows. Cast off. Fold in half lengthwise and join row-ends, gathering up cast-on edge of tail tip. Sew in position. Embroider eyes, nose and mouth with black.

ELLA ELEPHANT

TO MAKE: Work as Lion, working legs, body, head and arms in grey. **EARS (make 2):** With grey cast on 24 sts and ss 2 rows. **Next row:** (Inc, k1) to end — 36 sts. Ss 11 rows. **Next row:** (K1, k2tog) to end — 24 sts. P1 row. **Next row:** (K2tog) to end — 12 sts. Break yarn, leaving an end, thread through sts, draw up and fasten off. Fold in half lengthwise and join row-ends tog. Sew cast-on edges to sides of head. **TRUNK:** With grey cast on 4 sts and ss 2 rows. Cast on 4 sts at beginning of next 4 rows — 20 sts. Ss 4 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 4 following 4th rows — 10 sts. Ss 3 rows, then gst 3 rows. Break yarn, leaving an end,

thread this through remaining sts, draw up and fasten off securely. Fold in half lengthwise and join row-ends tog, leaving cast-on edge open. Stuff lightly and sew in position. **TUSKS (make 2):** With white cast on 6 sts and ss 12 rows. Break yarn, leaving an end, thread this through remaining sts, draw up and fasten off. Fold in half lengthwise and join row-ends tog. Run a gathering thread through and draw up to form a curl. Sew in position at both sides of trunk. Embroider eyes in Black. Work 3 chain sts in White on arms and legs for toenails. Using 2 strands of Grey tog, make a 4cm (1½in) twisted cord for tail and sew in position.

TOMMY TIGER

TO MAKE: Tie 30 cm (12in) lengths of yellow and brown yarn tog to give a random effect and work as Lion, working legs, body and first part of head in this combination, then last 14 rows of head in yellow only.

Work arms and tail, using both colours. Work ears in yellow and snout in cream. Embroider eyes, nose and mouth with black. Work 3 lines of chain st over top of head, having centre line 2 sts longer on front of face.

MORRIS MONKEY

TO MAKE: Work as Lion, working first 12 rows of legs in beige, and remainder of body in brown. Work first 16 rows of arms in brown and remainder in beige. Work snout and ears in beige and tail in brown, omitting loop row. **Eye surround:** With beige cast on 14 sts and ss 4 rows. **Next row:** (K2tog) to end — 7 sts. Break yarn, leaving an end, thread this through remaining sts, draw up and fasten off securely. Sew in position above snout, sewing side edges to snout. Embroider eyes, nostrils and mouth with black.

PETER PANDA

TO MAKE: Work as Lion, working both legs in black, first 20 rows of body and head in white, and next 10 rows of body in black. Work head in white and arms and ears in black. **Eye surround:** With black cast on 18 sts. **Next row:** (K2 tog) to end — 9 sts. Break yarn, leaving an end, thread this through remaining sts, draw up and fasten off securely. Join side seam. Sew eye surrounds in position 8 rows up from head shaping row, having 2 sts between them. Embroider eyes, nose and mouth with grey.