

Laila doll knitting pattern

BOO-BILOO KNITTING PATTERNS



Materials

Yarn

Any 4ply (fingering) weight yarn can be used. A relatively small amount is needed for each colour. Below are the yarns I have used with approximate lengths needed in brackets.

Patons 100% cotton 4ply:

Yarn A Limestone 1716 (50m/55yds)

Yarn B Bright Pink 1725 (40m/44yds)

Yarn C Pale Blue 1173 (10m/11yds)

Anchor Style Creativa Fino Cotton:

Yarn D White 01331 (45m/49yds)

Yarn E Rose/Nude 01026 (18m/20yds)

Puppets Lyric Cotton:

Yarn F Brown 5013 (15m/17yds)

Scraps of black and red for eyes and mouth

Needles

A pair of 3mm and 2.5mm straight needles

A pair of 2.5mm double pointed needles

You will need

Tapestry needle

3 small circles of white felt

Toy Stuffing

4 Small Buttons, 6mm 1/4 inch diameter

2mm crochet hook for flower (this is optional, I have also included alternative instructions for embroidering the flower instead)

Measurements

Finished doll approximately 28cm /11 inches tall

Abbreviations

K = knit

P = purl

st(s) = stitch(es)

Stocking Stitch = 1 row knit, 1 row purl

M1 = make one

K2tog = knit 2 stitches together

P2tog = purl 2 stitches together

SSK = slip, slip, knit

SSP = slip, slip, purl

yfwd = yarn forward

Double (Long Tail) cast on method is used throughout this pattern.

Head

Starting at neck:

Using **Yarn A** and 2.5mm needles **cast on** 13 sts

1st row (wrong side): Purl

Next row: (K1, M1) 12 times, K1 (25 sts)

Next row: Purl

Next row: K3, (K1, M1) 7 times, K4, (K1, M1) 7 times, K4 (39 sts)

Next row: Starting with a purl row, stocking stitch 3 rows

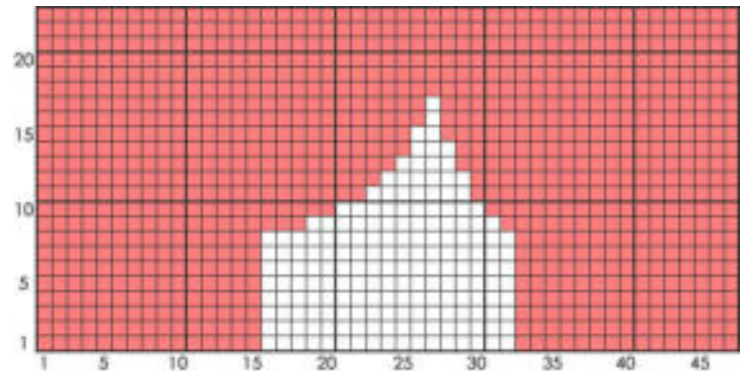
Next row: K3, (K3, M1) 4 times, K6, (K3, M1) 4 times, K6 (47 sts)

Cut yarn

Place Hair Chart

Hair Chart: Using Intarsia technique and working in stocking stitch start with a purl row (wrong side) at the bottom left hand corner of chart. Read right side (knit) rows from right to left and wrong side (purl) rows from left to right. A row of squares represents a row of knitting.

□ = Yarn A ■ = Yarn F



For top of head continue in **Yarn F**

Next row: K8, K2tog, K4, SSK, K15, K2tog, K4, SSK, K8 (43 sts)

Next row: Purl

Next row: K8, K2tog, K2, SSK, K15, K2tog, K2, SSK, K8 (39 sts)

Next row: Purl

Next row: K8, K2tog, SSK, K15, K2tog, SSK, K8 (35 sts)

Cut Yarn, leave these stitches on needle.

Face

Take a small circle of white felt and place at the back of the work behind where you plan to embroider the first eye. Using the black yarn place a couple of small stitches to form the eye and knot the black thread securely at the back of the work, trim off the excess. Repeat for second eye. Embroider mouth in same way as eyes (see fig. 1 & 2).



Fig. 1



Fig. 2

Top Edge of Head

Transfer first nine stitches onto a double pointed needle, middle 17 stitches onto second double pointed needle and last 9 stitches onto opposite end of first double pointed needle (see fig. 3 & 4).

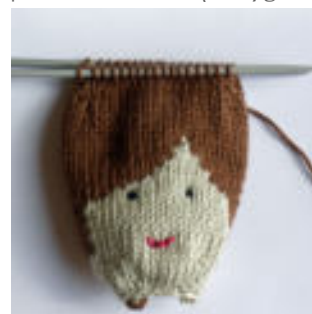


Fig. 3



Fig. 4

Join the top edges using Kitchener Stitch (Grafting)

Step 1: Thread a tapestry needle with a length of **Yarn F**. Hold the work with the stitches parallel in your left hand. Insert the tapestry needle through the first stitch on the front needle as if to PURL (see fig. 5). Pull the yarn through, leaving a tail that you will weave in later. Leave the stitch on the front needle.

Step 2: Insert the tapestry needle through the first stitch on the back needle as if to KNIT (see fig. 6), pull the yarn through, leaving the stitch on the back needle.



Fig. 5



Fig. 6

Step 3: Insert the tapestry needle through the first stitch on the front needle as if to KNIT, pull the yarn through, removing the stitch from the front needle. Insert the tapestry needle through the next stitch on the front needle as if to PURL, pull the yarn through, leaving the stitch on the front needle.

Step 4: Insert the tapestry needle through the first stitch on the back needle as if to PURL, pull the yarn through, removing the stitch from the back needle. Insert the tapestry needle through the next stitch on the back needle as if to KNIT, pull the yarn through, leaving the stitch on the back needle.

Repeat Step 3 - Step 4 until you have 11 sts left on the back needle and 9 sts left on the front needle.

Step 5: Insert the tapestry needle through the next stitch on the back needle as if to PURL, pull the yarn through, removing the stitch from the back needle. Insert the tapestry needle through the next two stitches together on the back needle as if to KNIT (see fig. 7), pull the yarn through, leaving these two stitches on the back needle.

Repeat Step 3

Step 6: Insert the tapestry needle through the first two stitches together on the back needle as if to PURL, pull the yarn through, removing the two stitches from the back needle (see fig. 8). Insert the tapestry needle through the next stitch on the back needle as if to KNIT, pull the yarn through, leaving the stitch on the back needle.

Repeat Step 3 - Step 4 until all stitches have been worked.

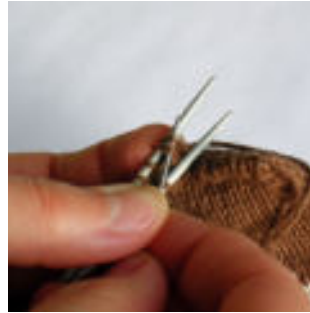


Fig. 7



Fig. 8

Starting at one end, neaten up tension on worked stitches and thread both loose ends through to back of work and weave in.

Body

Using **Yarn A** and 2.5mm needles **cast on** 9 sts

Starting at neck:

1st row (wrong side): Purl

Next row: K1, (K1, M1) 6 times, K2 (15 sts)

Next row: Purl

Next row: K2, (K1, M1) 3 times, K4, (K1, M1) 3 times, K3 (21 sts)

Next row: Purl

Next row: K3, (K1, M1) 4 times, K6, (K1, M1) 4 times, K4 (29 sts)

Starting with a purl row, stocking stitch 3 rows

Next row: K4, (K1, M1) 6 times, K8, (K1, M1) 6 times, K5 (41 sts)

Starting with a purl row, stocking stitch 5 rows

Next row: K3, (K3, M1) 4 times, K8, (K3, M1) 4 times, K6 (49 sts)

Starting with a purl row, stocking stitch 11 rows

Knickers - continue working the 49 sts on needle:

Knickers are worked in a stripe pattern of 2 rows **Yarn C** and 2 rows **Yarn D**

Change to Yarn C: Knit 2 rows

Change to Yarn D: Starting with a knit row stocking stitch 2 rows

Work 12 more rows in stocking stitch following stripe pattern

Cast off using **Yarn D**

Arms (make 2)

Using **Yarn A** and 2.5mm needles **cast on** 12 sts

Starting with a purl row (wrong side), stocking stitch 3 rows

Next row: Cast on 3 sts, knit to end (15 sts)

Next row: Cast on 3 sts, purl to end (18 sts)

Starting with a knit row, stocking stitch 2 rows

Next row: SSK, K14, K2tog (16 sts)

Next row: Purl

Next row: SSK, K12, K2tog (14 sts)

Next row: Purl

Next row: SSK, K10, K2tog (12 sts)

Starting with a purl row, stocking stitch 35 rows

Next row: SSK, K8, K2tog (10 sts)

Next row: Purl

Next row: SSK, K6, K2tog (8 sts)

Next row: Purl

Next row: SSK, K4, K2tog (6 sts)

Next row: Purl

Next row: SSK, K2, K2tog (4 sts)

Next row: Purl

Cast off

Legs (make 2)

Starting at top of leg:

Using **Yam A** and 2.5mm needles **cast on** 16 sts

Starting with a purl row (wrong side), stocking stitch 33 rows

Change to Yam D

Knit 4 rows

Starting with a knit row, stocking stitch 18 rows

Top of foot:

Next row: Cast off 5 sts, knit to end (11 sts)

Next row: Cast off 5 sts, purl to end (6 sts)

Starting with a knit row, stocking stitch 18 rows

Cast off

Shoes (make 2)

Using **Yam B** and 2.5mm needles **cast on** 12 sts

1st row (wrong side): Purl

Next row: K1, M1, K3, (K1, M1) 3 times, K4, M1, K1 (17 sts)

Next row: Purl

Next row: (K1, M1) 2 times, K3, (K1, M1) 2 times, K2, (K1, M1) 2 times, K3, (K1, M1) 2 times, K1 (25 sts)

Next row: Purl

Next row: (K2, M1) 2 times, K2, (K2, M1) 2 times, K3, (K2, M1) 2 times, K2, (K2, M1) 2 times, K2 (33 sts)

Next row: Purl

Next row: (K3, M1) 2 times, K1, (K3, M1) 2 times, K4, (K3, M1) 2 times, K1, (K3, M1) 2 times, K3 (41 sts)

Starting with a purl row, stocking stitch 5 rows

Next row: K15, SSK, K7, K2tog, K15 (39 sts)

Next row: Purl

Next row: K15, SSK, K5, K2tog, K15 (37 sts)

Next row: Purl

Next row: ** K15, SSK, K3, K2tog, K15 ** ** Cast off

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Shoe Straps (make 2)

Using **Yam B** and 2.5mm needles **cast on** 10 sts

1st row (wrong side): K7, P3

Next row: K3, turn

Next row: P3, turn

Cast off knitwise

Kimono Jacket

Right Front

Using **Yam D** and 3mm needles **cast on** 20 sts

1st row (wrong side): Knit

Next row: Knit

Next row: P18, K2 (20sts)

Repeat last 2 rows, 6 more times

Button hole:

Next row: K2tog, yfwd, K to end (20 sts)

Next row: P18, K2 (20 sts)

Next row: Knit

Next row: Purl to last 4 sts, SSP, K2 (19 sts)

Next row: K2, SSK, Knit to end (18 sts)

Repeat last 2 rows until 7 sts remain

Cast off

Left Front

Using **Yam D** and 3mm needles **cast on** 27 sts

1st row (wrong side): Knit

Starting with a knit row, stocking stitch 9 rows

Next row: K2, Purl to end

Next row: Knit to last 4 sts, K2tog, K2 (26 sts)

Next row: K2, P2tog, Purl to end

Repeat last 2 rows until 7 sts remain

Cast off

Back

Using **Yam D** and 3mm needles **cast on** 27 sts

1st row (wrong side): Knit

Starting with a knit row, stocking stitch 29 rows

Next row: P5, K17, P5 (27 sts)

Cast off

Sleeves (make 2)

Using **Yam D** and 3mm needles **cast on** 25 sts

1st row (wrong side): Knit

Starting with a knit row, stocking stitch 20 rows

Cast off

Skirt

Front

Using **Yam C** and 3mm needles **cast on** 40 sts

1st row (wrong side): Knit

Next row: Knit

Change to Yam B

Next row: Purl

****Change to Yam E**

Next row: K5, (slip 2 purlwise, K6) to last 3 sts, slip 2 purlwise, K1 (40sts)

Next row: P1, (slip 2 purlwise, P6) to last 7 sts, slip 2 purlwise, P5 (40sts)

Repeat last 2 rows, 2 more times

Change to Yam B

Next row: Knit

Next row: Purl

Change to Yam E

Next row: K1, (slip 2 purlwise, K6) to last 7 sts, slip 2 purlwise, K5 (40sts)

Next row: P5, (slip 2 purlwise, P6) to last 3 sts, slip 2 purlwise, P1 (40sts)

Repeat last 2 rows, 2 more times

Change to Yam B

Next row: Knit

Next row: Purl**

Repeat from ** to **

Next row: K1, K2tog to last st, K1 (21 sts)

Knit 2 rows

Next row: Purl

Knit 2 rows

Cast off

Back

Make as skirt front

Flower Instructions

I have provided instructions for two different flower designs.

The first is for a simple crochet flower (as photo on front page), the second, for those of you who do not enjoy crochet, is for an embroidered flower.

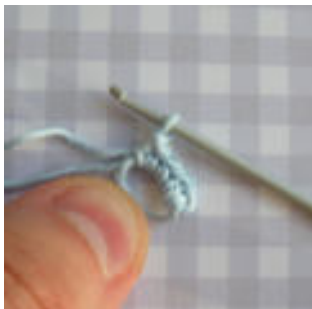
Crochet Flower

This is written using UK crochet terms (see table for US terms).

UK	US
Chain (ch)	Chain (ch)
Single crochet (sc)	Double crochet (dc)
Double crochet (dc)	Treble crochet (tr)
Slip stitch (sl st)	Slip stitch (sl st)

Step 1: Using **Yarn C** and a 2mm crochet hook make a magic circle.

Step 2: 5sc into ring, pull circle closed. Join with sl st into first sc.



Step 3: ch2, 1sc into same st, 2sc into next 9 sts, sl st to first sc. (10 sts)



Step 4: (ch3, dc into the sc st that touches the ch3, dc into next sc st, ch3, sl st in same sc, sl st into next sc) this makes 1 petal, repeat 4 more times for a total of five petals.

End off, weave in ends.



Step 5: Position and sew onto right front of kimono jacket, secure contrasting button in centre of flower.

Embroidered Flower

This is made using a Lazy Daisy Stitch.

Step 1: Secure the yarn on the wrong side and bring the needle through at the centre of the flower.

Step 2: Reinsert the needle through to the back at starting point and bring it out to the front a short distance away as shown.



Step 3: Secure the loop with a short stitch.



Step 4: Bring the needle back through at the centre and follow steps 2, 3 and 4 for the remaining petals.

Step 5: Sew on contrasting button to form centre of flower.



To Make Up

Tie off or weave in any loose ends as you go.

Body

Starting from bottom, sew up back edges of body, matching stripes. Leave an opening at neck big enough to push stuffing through.

Sew up base of body, making sure back seam is central to back.

Stuff and close neck seam, bury loose ends in body.

Right Leg/ Shoe

Sew top of shoe (using the first row of back loops under cast off edge) to base of leg and foot (see fig. 9 & 10), making sure end of foot is central to front of shoe.



Fig. 9



Fig. 10

Sew strap onto left edge of shoe, pull ends through to inside and secure.
 Stitch button onto opposite end of strap, securing it to shoe.
 Sew bottom edges of shoe together, to ankle.
 Stuff foot.
 Sew leg edges together, making sure socks line up, stuffing legs as you go.

Left Leg/ Shoe

Make up as right leg/shoe but sew strap onto right edge of shoe instead of left.

Stitch legs to bottom of body, making sure buttons are on the outer edges.

Arms

Pull yarn through cast on stitches at start of hand and draw up.
 Sew side edges together, leaving tapered top of arm open.
 Stuff arm and hand.
 Sew tapered edges of arm to body, stuffing slightly as you go.

Head

Starting at the top, join back edges of head together, leaving a big enough gap at neck to push stuffing through.
 Stuff and close gap, drawing up ends.
 Attach to top of body.

Plaits (make 2)

Step 1: Wrap **Yarn F** around a small piece of card (about 9cm/3½ inch long) 12 times (see *fig. 11*).



Fig. 11



Fig. 12

Step 2: Thread a short length of yarn through top of loops and secure tightly. Cut yarn through bottom of loops (see *fig. 12*).

Step 3: Divide into three equal sets of strands and plait.

Step 4: Wrap a short length of yarn around bottom of plait and secure tightly. Using a Tapestry needle thread the two loose ends back through the middle of the plait (see *fig. 13*).

Step 5: Neaten bottom of plait by trimming uneven ends (see *fig. 14*).



Fig. 13



Fig. 14

Sew plaits to top of head.

Kimono Jacket

Block all pieces of jacket. Sew up shoulder seams. Sew arms to front and back pieces lining up centre of arms to shoulder seams. Sew up arm and body edge seams. Sew the right edge of left front to inside seam. Sew on button.

Skirt

Block front and back pieces of skirt. Sew up side seams.

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