



Special delivery!

Postman Pat THE TOY

LEGS, BODY AND HEAD (make 1 piece)

Right leg: With Blue, cast on 32 sts for ankle edge and ss 16 rows. Break yarn and sl sts on a st holder.

Left leg: With Blue, cast on 32 sts for ankle edge and ss 16 rows.

Joining row: K30, skpo across sts of left leg, then k2tog, k30 across sts of right leg — 62 sts.

Place markers each end of last row.

For body: P 1 row.

1st dec row: [K2tog, k27, skpo] twice — 58 sts. P 1 row. **2nd dec row:** [K2tog, k25, skpo] twice — 54 sts. Ss 7 rows.

To shape body: **3rd dec row:** K4, k2tog, [k7, k2tog] to last 3 sts, k3 — 48 sts. P 1 row.

For shirt: Change to White yarn and ss 6 rows.

4th dec row: K3, k2tog, [k6, k2tog] to last 3 sts, k3 — 42 sts. Ss 7 rows.

5th dec row: K3, k2tog, [k5, k2tog] to last 2 sts,

k2 — 36 sts. Ss 3 rows.

To shape shoulders:

6th dec row: K7, [k2tog] twice, k14, [k2tog] twice, k7 — 32 sts. **7th dec row:**

P6, [p2tog] twice, p12, [p2tog] twice, p6 — 28 sts.

8th dec row: K5, [k2tog] twice, k10, [k2tog] twice, k5 — 24 sts. P 1 row.

For head: Change to Flesh yarn and ss 2 rows.

To shape chin: **1st inc row:**

K8, inc in each of next 8 sts, k8 — 32 sts. Ss 27 rows.

To shape top of head:

1st dec row: K1, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] to last st, k1 — 24 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: [K1, k2tog] to end — 16 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: [K2tog] to end — 8 sts. Break yarn leaving a long end. Thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

SHOE UPPERS (make 2 pieces)

With Black, cast on 44 sts for base edge and gst 2 rows, then ss 4 rows.

To shape toe: Dec

row: K16, [skpo, k2tog] 3 times, k16 — 38 sts. P 1 row. Cast off 16 sts at beginning of next 2 rows for ankle edge — 6 sts. Cast off for front seam.

SHOE SOLES (make 2 pieces)

With Black, cast on 8 sts for back edge and ss 2 rows, then inc 1 st each end of next row and following 10th row — 12 sts. Ss 7 rows, then dec 1 st each end of next 2 rows — 8 sts. Cast off for front edge.

JACKET (make 1 piece)

With Blue, cast on 64 sts for base edge and ss 12 rows. **Dec row:** K4, [k2tog, k4] to end — 54 sts. Ss 9 rows.

To shape lapels: Dec 1 st each end of next 4 rows — 46 sts.

Next dec row: K2tog, k3, k2tog, [k5, k2tog] to last 4 sts, k2, k2tog — 38 sts. Dec 1 st each end of next 3 rows — 32 sts.

To shape shoulders:

Next row: K5, turn and work on these sts only.

1st row: P2tog, p3 — 4 sts. **2nd row:** K2, k2tog — 3 sts.



Here comes Postman Pat delivering the mail. Our Postman Pat toy is lovingly

created by Alan Dart with his postbag at the ready to deal with the post. We've also a child's sweater to make with a picture of their favourite postie.

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Materials

Of D.K. yarn, allow 50 g in Blue, 20 g each in Flesh, Black, White and Caramel, 10 g in Orange and a small ball each in Yellow and Sand. No. 11 (3 mm) knitting needles; a size 2.50 crochet hook; 70 g washable toy stuffing; a pencil; Newey Fray Check to stiffen glasses; clear adhesive.

Tension and size

Worked at a tension of 26 stitches and 36 rows, to 10 x 10 cm, over stocking stitch, using No. 11 (3 mm) needles.

Postman Pat will measure approximately 30 cm/12 in tall.

Abbreviations

K, knit; p, purl; st, stitch; sl, slip; 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 plain on every row); skpo, (sl1, k1, pass sl st over); ytf, yarn to front; ytb, yarn to back.

Note

Directions in square brackets are worked as stated after the 2nd bracket. Begin all ss pieces with a k row, unless otherwise stated.

The toy is knitted mainly in stocking stitch, with easy loop knitting for the hair. The yarn is a combination of machine-washable, acrylic, nylon and wool mixes of D.K.

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3rd row: P2tog, p1 — 2 sts. Cast off.

Rejoin yarn to inner end of remaining sts, k22, turn and work on these sts only.

Dec 1 st each end of next 3 rows — 16 sts. Cast off for back neck.

Rejoin yarn to inner end of remaining 5 sts and k to end.

1st row: P3, p2tog — 4 sts. **2nd row:** K2tog, k2 — 3 sts.

3rd row: P1, p2tog — 2 sts. Cast off.

LAPELS

(make 1 piece)

Left lapel: With Blue, cast on 2 sts and ss 2 rows. Inc 1 st at beginning of next row and the 2 following 4th rows — 5 sts. Ss 3 rows.

For collar: Next row: Cast off 3 sts, sl st from right-hand needle onto left-hand needle, cast on 3 sts, k to end — 5 sts. Ss 35 rows.

For right lapel: Next row: Cast off 3 sts, sl st from right-hand needle onto left-hand needle, cast on 3 sts, k to end — 5 sts. Ss 3 rows. **Next row:** Skpo, k to end. Repeat last 4 rows, twice more — 2 sts. P 1 row. Cast off.

SHIRT COLLAR

(make 1 piece)

With White, cast on 32 sts and ss 3 rows. Cast off kwise.

TIE

(make 1 piece)

With Black, cast on 4 sts and ss 20 rows. Cast off.

CAP CROWN

(make 1 piece)

With Blue, cast on 12 sts and ss 2 rows.

1st inc row: Inc in each st to end — 24 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: [Inc, k1] to end — 36 sts. P 3 rows.

3rd inc row: K1, inc, [k2, inc] to last st, k1 — 48 sts. Ss 3 rows.

4th inc row: K1, inc, [k3, inc] to last 2 sts, k2 — 60 sts. Ss 5 rows.

1st dec row: K2, k2tog, [k4, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 — 50 sts. P 1 row. **2nd dec row:** K2, k2tog, [k3, k2tog] to last st, k1 — 40 sts.

P 1 row. **3rd dec row:** K1, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] to last st, k1 — 30 sts. P 1 row.

4th dec row: [K1, k2tog] to end — 20 sts. P 1 row.

5th dec row: [K2tog] to end — 10 sts. Break yarn leaving an end. Thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

CAP BAND

(make 1 piece)

With Blue, cast on 36 sts and ss 6 rows. Cast off.

CAP PEAK

(make 1 piece)

With Black, cast on 28 sts.

1st row: K25, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

2nd row: Sl1, p22, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

3rd row: Sl1, k1, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] 4 times, k1, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

4th row: Sl1, p13, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

5th row: Sl1, k2, [k2tog, k1] 3 times, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **6th row:** Sl1, p6, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

7th row: Sl1, k to end. Cast off all 20 sts.

LEFT SLEEVE

(make 1 piece)

With Blue, cast on 26 sts for wrist edge and gst 2 rows. Ss 8 rows.

**** Next row:** K3, k2tog, [k4, k2tog] to last 3 sts, k3 — 22 sts. P 1 row.

Cast off 3 sts at beginning of next 2 rows for underarm — 16 sts.

For sleeve head: Dec 1 st at beginning of next 8 rows, then dec 1 st each end of following 2 rows — 4 sts. Cast off.

RIGHT SLEEVE

(make 1 piece)

With Blue, cast on 26 sts for wrist edge and gst 2 rows. Ss 4 rows.

To shape for elbow:

1st row: K22, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **2nd row:** Sl1, p18, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **3rd row:** Sl1, k14, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

4th row: Sl1, p10, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **5th row:** Sl1, k8, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

6th row: Sl1, p10, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

7th row: Sl1, k14, ytf, sl1,

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ytb, turn. **8th row:** Sl1, p18, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **9th row:** Sl1, k to end. **10th row:** P across all 26 sts.

Work as given for left sleeve from ** to end.

HANDS (make 2 pieces)

With Flesh, cast on 26 sts for wrist edge and ss 2 rows.

Cast on 3 sts at beginning of each of next 2 rows for thumb — 32 sts.

Ss 2 rows, then cast off 6 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 20 sts.

Ss 2 rows.

To divide for fingers:

Next row: K3, inc in next st, k2, inc in next st, k5, inc in next st — 16 sts, turn and work on these sts only.

*** **Next row:** P8, turn and work on these sts only.

Ss 4 rows. Break yarn leaving an end. Thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off. Join side edges of finger. ***

Middle finger: With held 8 sts on right-hand needle and right side facing, rejoin yarn and work k2, inc in next st from sts on left-hand needle — 12 sts — turn and work on these sts only. Work from *** to ***.

Index finger: With held 4 sts on right-hand needle, rejoin yarn and k remaining 4 sts from left-hand needle — 8 sts. Ss 5 rows.

Break yarn leaving an end. Thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

EARS (make 2 pieces)

With Flesh, cast on 8 sts and k 1 row.

Break yarn leaving an end. Thread through

sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

HAIR (make 1 piece)

Loop pattern: **1st row:** K1, [k next st but do not sl off needle, ytf, wrap yarn round pencil to make a loop, ytb, k into same st again and sl it off needle, then pass first st over second st to seal the loop, k1] to end. **2nd row:** K to end. **3rd row:** K2, [make a loop as before, k1] to last st, k1 more.

4th row: K to end. These 4 rows form the pattern.

To make: With Orange, cast on 29 sts for top edge, and work 1st row of loop pattern. **2nd row:** Cast off 3 sts kwise, k1, inc in each of next 3 sts, k15, inc in each of next 3 sts, k4 — 32 sts. **3rd row:** Cast off 3 sts kwise, loop pattern to end — 29 sts. Keeping pattern correct, work 2 rows, then cast off 6 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 17 sts. Pattern 2 rows. Cast off for base edge.

NOSE (make 1 piece)

With Flesh, cast on 18 sts and ss 2 rows.

Dec row: K5, [skpo, k2tog] twice, k5 — 14 sts. Ss 10 rows. Break yarn leaving an end. Thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

POCKETS (make 2 pieces)

With Blue, cast on 8 sts and ss 9 rows.

For flap: Beginning with a k row, ss 3 rows. Cast off kwise.

ENVELOPE (make 1 piece)

With White, cast on 9 sts and ss 9 rows. K 2 rows, then beginning with a p row, ss 7 rows. Cast off.

SACK (make 1 piece)

With Caramel, cast on 40 sts and ss 30 rows.



tie to centre front neck of shirt. Work a stitch of Black yarn round tie, 1 cm below neck and draw up to shape knot. Wrap shirt collar round neck and join top edges together at centre front. Press jacket as given on ball band, then join shoulder seams. Press lapel and collar piece, then sew straight edges to back neck and shaped front edges.

Wrap jacket round body, overlapping 4 sts at front and pin in place.

Join sleeve seams from cast-on edge to underarm, then fold each hand in half and join down index finger and round thumb, leaving cast-on edge open.

Using tweezers, push stuffing into fingers and thumb on each hand, then sew cast-on edges of sleeves

and hands tog, placing hand seam 6 sts away from sleeve seam. Stuff remainder of hands and sleeves firmly, position and sew sleeve heads to body sides, sewing through both layers of jacket and shirt. Press pocket pieces, folding down flaps, then sew in place.

Catch overlapped front edges of jacket to body at 2 button positions, then with Yellow yarn embroider a circle of 6 chain with a single chain centre for each button. With White yarn, Swiss darn a 2-st wide and 3 rows deep rectangle on front of each shoe for "gloss".

Join side edges of cap crown piece, then stuff lightly. Run a gathering thread through every st on cast-on edge, draw up tightly and fasten off to form a circular pad. Join side edges of cap band piece, then sew cast-off edge to crown, sewing just outside gst row on underside of crown. Position and sew to top of head.

Sew ears to sides of head, 4 rows down from base edge of cap, then wrap hair piece round back of head and sew in place, covering half of each ear with hair piece. Press cap peak and sew to front of cap.

Join nose seam, stuff firmly and sew centrally

to head, placing 6 rows down from base of cap.

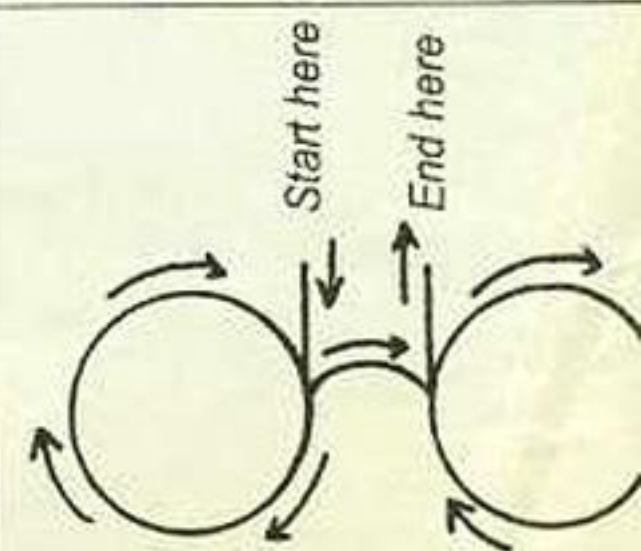
With Black yarn, embroider a single chain st for each pupil of the eye, placing in line with top of nose and 4 sts apart. With White, embroider a semi-circle of 5 chain sts round top of each eye, then embroider mouth in split stitch with Black.

With Sand yarn and crochet hook, work 1 x 15 cm and 2 x 4 cm lengths of chain. Trace off outline of glasses frame (below) and tape to a piece of corrugated cardboard. Cover with clear plastic cut from a bag, and tape in place. Use long chain to follow outline of frame and hold in place with pins pushed into cardboard, then pin the 2 short "arm" chains to card in straight lines. Spread chains with Fray Check to stiffen and leave to dry. Remove pins, trim away excess chain on frame, then glue trimmed ends in place. Position and glue to nose, then trim each arm chain to 2.5 cm and glue ends to frame and "sideburns".

Embroider cap badge in Yellow by working a circle of 10 chain sts, then add details with single chains and straight sts as in photograph.

Fold envelope in half at gst row and oversew edges together, then using a single strand of Black yarn, embroider 4 straight sts to form flaps. Sew envelope to right hand, then position and catch base of right sleeve to jacket.

Fold sack in half and join base and side edges, leaving a 5 cm space open at top of sack. Stuff lightly, then join remainder of seam. Sew narrow section of sack top to palm of left hand, then wrap fingers and thumb round sack and catch in place with a few sts. Position and sew base of sleeve to jacket.



POSTMAN PAT'S GLASS