

Frankie's Knitted Stuff

Pocket Ted



Pocket Ted is only 8 cm / 3" tall and sleeps in his own knitted bed in a tin. What more could anyone want?



The Tins

The tins measure about 9.5×6 cm and are 2 cm deep ($3\frac{3}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{4}$ ", $\frac{3}{4}$ " deep). St Martins are sourcing the tins.

Yarn



Pocket Ted is knitted with thin yarn on 2 mm / US size 0 needles, working to a tension of about 9 stitches and 12 rows to 2.5 cm / 1" in stocking stitch. I used Rowan Felted Tweed (175 m / 50 g), shades 157 (light) and 160 (dark).

His bed is worked on 2.75 mm / US size 2 needles, using 4 ply sock yarn. I knitted to a tension of about 14 stitches and 28 rows to 5 cm / 2"², using garter stitch.

Other Bits and Bobs

Pocket Ted's legs and arms are lined with pipe cleaners so that he can sit up. I used the thicker, fluffy ones.

Pocket Ted

The head, body and legs are worked in one piece, beginning with the legs.

Legs and Body

Using the long tail method and 2 mm needles, cast on five stitches. Leave a long enough tail to close the leg seam later.

Row 1: Purl.

Row 2: K1, *m1, K1, repeat from * to end (9 sts).

Work nine rows in stocking stitch, starting with a purl row. Cut the yarn and leave the stitches on the needle.

Cast on another five stitches on the empty needle and work another leg in the same way. Don't cut the yarn.

Next row: K9, K9 stitches from the first leg (18 sts).

Starting with a purl row, work 11 rows in stocking stitch for the body.

Head

- Row 1: *K1, K2tog, repeat from * to end (12 sts).
Row 2: Purl.
Row 3: K2, m1, K2, m1, K4, (m1, K2) twice (16 sts).
Row 4: Purl.
Row 5: Knit.
Row 6: Purl.
Row 7: K2, (m1, K4) three times, m1, K2 (20 sts).
Row 8: Purl.
Row 9: Knit.
Row 10: Purl.
Row 11: *K2, K2tog, repeat from * to end (15 sts).
Row 12: Purl.
Row 13: *K1, K2tog, repeat from * to end (10 sts).
Row 14: (P2tog) five times (5 sts).

Cut the yarn, leaving a tail for sewing up and thread through the remaining five stitches. Sew the head seam and stuff the head lightly.

Using the cast on ends, gather the bottom of the feet and close the leg seams. For each leg cut a 10 cm / 4" length of pipe cleaner, fold it in half and push the folded half into the leg. The other ends will be inside the body.

Now close the back seam, adding a little stuffing as you go. If you fold the legs into a sitting position while you do this it will stop the stuffing going into them.

Run a gathering thread round the neck to tighten it.

Arms

These are worked in the same way as the legs but are slightly longer.

Using the long tail method and 2 mm needles cast on five stitches.

Row 1: Purl.

Row 2: K1, *m1, K1, repeat from * to end (9 sts).

Work 11 rows in stocking stitch, starting with a purl row.
Cast off. Gather the cast on end and close the seam. Insert a 5 cm / 2" folded pipe cleaner into each arm and close the top.
Sew the arms to the body. Sew the inside of the arm a little way down the body so that the arms point downwards rather than out to the sides.

Ears

Using the long tail method cast on three stitches.

Row 1: Purl.

Row 2: K1, (m1, K1) twice (5 sts).

Row 3: Purl.



Cast off.

Gather the cast off edge and sew to the head with the knit side of the stocking stitch facing forward.

Muzzle

Using the long tail method cast on six stitches.

Cast off. Knot the yarn ends together and sew to the front of the head.

Embroider eyes, nose and mouth with black 4 ply yarn. If you add a few tiny stitches to the centre of the eyes with light coloured sewing thread it will bring them to life.

Pattern adapted for St Martins courtesy of © Frankie Brown, 2013.

The Bed

The sheet and blanket are knitted in one piece, beginning at the top of the sheet.

Using the cable method and 2.75 mm needles cast on 16 stitches. Knit 56 rows or until the sheet is long enough to fit inside the bottom of the tin (about 9 cm / 3½").

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K2, m1, (K4, m1) three times, K2 (20 sts).

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Purl.

The blanket is worked in a four row slip stitch pattern with two rows in the blanket colour (**C**) followed by two in the sheet colour (**M**).

Row 1: **C** Knit.

Row 2: **C** Purl.

Row 3: **M** *K1, sl 1 pwise wyib, repeat from * to end.

Row 4: **M** Knit.

Work these four rows eight times or until the blanket measures about 4.5 cm / 1¾".

Now knit another five rows in **M** for the top of the sheet.

Cast off knitwise.

Sew the two side seams to close the bed.

The Pillow

Using the long tail method cast on 14 stitches.

Knit two rows.

Work the following two row pattern four times (8 rows in all):

Row 1: Knit.
Row 2: K2, P10, K2.

Knit three more rows.
Cast off knitwise.
Sew the pillow to the bed.

You can also replace the slip stitch patterned blanket with 20 rows of plain stocking stitch.

