



READING BUDDY PATTERN

SUPPLIES: Worsted weight yarn, various colors in small amounts (Please use brown for feet and face), polyester fiber stuffing, knitting needles in size 8 (5 mm) and size 7 (4.5 mm).

DIRECTIONS:

- Cast on 32 stitches on Size 8 (5 mm) needles leaving at least a 6-8 inch "tail" of yarn to gather for feet when completing doll.
- Feet: Knit 4 rows in stockinette stitch (knit odd rows, purl even rows). Change colors for trousers.
- Trousers: Knit 16 rows in stockinette stitch. Change colors for belt.
- Belt: Knit two rows in garter stitch (knit every row). Change color for sweater.
- Sweater: Knit 14 rows in stockinette stitch. On row 14 decrease four stitches evenly across row as follows: K3, K2tog, [K6, K2tog] 3 times, K3. Leave a 6-8 inch tail of the sweater yarn to tighten neck when finishing doll. Change color for face, changing to size 7 (4.5 mm) needles.
- Face: Knit 10 rows in stockinette stitch. Change color for cap.
- Cap:
 - Rows 1 and 2: Knit 2 rows in garter stitch.
 - Row 3: (Knit 4, k 2 tog) x 4, knit 4 (24 sts)
 - Row 4: Purl
 - Row 5: (Knit 3, K 2 tog) x 4, knit 4 (20 sts)
 - Row 6: Purl
 - Row 7: (Knit 2, k 2 tog) x 4, knit 4 (16 sts)
 - Row 8 : Purl
 - Row 9: (Knit 1, k 2 tog) x 4, knit 4 (12 sts)
 - Row 10: (Purl 2 tog) across row
- Thread remaining stitches onto needle and sew up cap. Before sewing up face, embroider face as desired to give your doll character. Sew up face.
- Run the gathering thread through the last row of sweater stitches and, after stuffing head, pull up tightly for neck, finishing off securely. Sew up center back.
- Run the gathering thread through last row of feet. Stuff body and pull up gathering thread tightly, finishing off well. Complete feet by sewing up center seam
- Through both thickness of knitting, i.e., dividing feet, which are stuffed individually. Fold foot across cast on edge at right angles to body and sew up.
- Finish off other foot in same way. Define legs by sewing through all thicknesses from feet towards belt, finishing off 2 rows from belt.
- Define arms in same way starting approximately 2 rows from neck.

Please help the students of Cohen Hillel Academy in Marblehead, MA complete their mission of making Reading Buddy Dolls to send to Uganda and to give to students at Ford School in Lynn to encourage a love of reading. If you would prefer just to knit and not assemble the dolls, our upper school students will complete them at a Knit-In on April 7.

Completed dolls can be left at Cohen Hillel Academy, 6 Community Road, Marblehead, MA. If you want your dolls picked up, please leave a message at 781-639-2880 or email karenm@cohenhillel.org.