

## Mini Wooley Knitted Donkey

Stands 5" high

### MATERIALS

Double knitting wool in any donkey colour.  
Small amount of black or dark brown for hooves, eyes, nostrils and dorsal cross.  
White or cream for muzzle, any bright colour for collar.  
Size 10/ 3 1/4 mm knitting needles.  
Filling.

### KEY

Inc. in next st. = knit into front and back of next stitch.  
p. = purl  
k. = knit  
St-St = Stocking Stitch  
sts. = stitches



### TIPS:

- Use blunt end of a crochet hook to push filling into legs etc.
- Leave enough yarn to sew up with when breaking off yarn

### DONKEY BODY

Beginning at front end cast on 12 sts. in main colour.  
p. 1 row  
Next row: inc. K. – wise into every stitch = 24 sts.  
Beginning with P. row St-St 17 rows  
Next row: K.2 together to end = 12 sts.  
Break off yarn, thread through sts. & pull tight.  
Noting that p.-side of ST-ST. is right side, over-sew row end together & stuff.  
Keeping seam under belly, sew up chest by gathering cast on sts. together and fasten off.  
Squish into oblong shape.

### HEAD

Beginning at top of head, cast on 14 sts. in main colour.  
p. 1 row.  
Next row: k. 4, inc into next 6 sts. k. 4=20 sts.  
Beginning with p. row St-St 8 rows.  
Next row: St-St becomes reversed at this point.  
Decrease for face: K.2 (K.2 together) 8 times, k.2 = 12 sts.  
p. 1 row.  
k. 1 row.  
Next row: p. 2 together, p. 8, p 2 together = 10 sts.  
St-St 2 more rows.  
Break off main colour and join in white for muzzle.  
St-St 2 rows  
Next row: K. 2 tog to end = 5 sts.  
Break off yarn and thread through remaining sts.  
Pull tight and fasten off.  
Noting that k.-side of St-St on face is right side.  
Sew row end together and stuff.

Keeping seam under chin, sew cast on edge together to form back of head and neck.  
Sew point of neck to body at shoulders.  
Use black wool to embroider eyes, nostrils and dorsal cross.

## **COLLAR**

Use crochet hook to make chain of 12 sts.  
Fasten off leaving length of yarn at each end.  
Cut separate length of yarn and thread through end sts. of chain.  
Put around neck, pull ends together and tie in knot.  
Cut end to form tassel.

## **TAIL**

Cut 3 pieces of wool approx 6" long.  
Twist together tightly and fold in half to form cord.  
Bind around 1" from fold to prevent it coming undone.

## **EARS (make 2)**

Cast on 3 sts.  
p. 1 row.  
Next row: inc. in first 2 sts., k. 1 = 5 sts.  
Beginning with p. row, work 3 rows in ST-ST.  
Next row: inc. in first st., k. 2, inc in next st., k. 1 = 7 sts.  
St-St 7 rows.  
Cast off.  
Fold cast off edge in half with k. side outside.  
Sew cast off edge together and sew to head.

## **FRONT LEGS (make 2)**

With black cast on 6 sts.  
Beginning with k. row, St-St 2 rows.  
Break off black and join in body colour.  
St-St 5 rows.  
Next row: wrong side facing.  
Inc. knitwise into first st., k. 3, inc in next st. k. 1 = 8 sts. \*.  
Beginning with p. row St-St 5 more rows, cast off.  
Fold in half – k. side outside for hoof and lower leg.  
Sew up base of hoof and row ends up back of leg.  
Stuff and sew to body.

## **BACK LEGS (make 2)**

Follow instructions for front legs as far as \*.  
Beginning with p. row St-St 3 rows.  
Next row: k. 2 sts. Inc in next st., k. 1, inc. in next st., k. 3 = 10 sts.  
Beginning with p. row St-St 3 more rows.  
Cast off.

Fold each leg in half and sew up as for front legs.

Stuff and sew to body. Attach tail to body and trim to required length. Use black wool to embroider dorsal cross to body.

## **SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS**

Please send completed "Mini Wooleys" to The Donkey Sanctuary of Canada, 6981 Puslinch Concession 4, R.R. # 6, Guelph, ON N3H 1J3.

## **QUESTIONS?**

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