

PAX the ALPACA

KNITTING PATTERNS BY AMANDA BERRY

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YARN + NOTIONS

Needles:

- *For the alpaca toy:* A pair of 3.5mm straight knitting needles (US 4)
- *For the scarf:* A pair of 5mm straight knitting needles (US 8)

Notions:

- 2 x 10mm diameter domed black buttons for the eyes, sewing needle and thread
- Toy filling (less than 200g)
- A darning or tapestry needle to sew the knitted pieces together
- Less than 1 metre of black embroidery thread to add the nose/mouth features
- Pins for making up

Yarn:

For the alpaca toy: DK weight yarns; less than 100g in each colour:

- **Cream**
Stylecraft Alpaca DK in "Cream"
- **Brown**
Stylecraft Alpaca DK in "Toffee"

For the scarf: Aran weight yarn; less than 50g:

- **Green**
Rooster Almerino Aran in "Gooseberry"

For a blue scarf, knit in shade "Lagoon"



NOTES

Finished size: The finished alpaca is 50cm tall (standing, from toes to tips of ears).

Work flat: All pieces are knitted flat (back and forth) on a pair of straight knitting needles.

Tension: The tension for the alpaca DK yarn is approximately 23 sts x 31 rows for a 10cm x 10cm square in stockinette stitch on 3.5mm needles. Don't worry too much about tension, as the knitted pieces will stretch a bit when the toy is stuffed.

Casting on: Unless otherwise specified, use the long tail cast on for all pieces.

Sewing seams: Use mattress stitch to sew the seams.

ABBREVIATIONS

| | | | | | |
|--------------|--|---------------------------------|--|-----------------|--|
| Aran | Worsted weight yarn | p2tog | <i>Decrease:</i> purl two stitches together. | | stitch on the left needle purl-wise. Take the left needle and knit through the front of the two slipped stitches on the right needle |
| DK | Double knitting or light worsted weight yarn | Pull through to cast off | Cut the yarn leaving at least a 30cm tail. Thread the tail onto a darning needle and sew through the remaining sts on the knitting needle. Pull the sts off the knitting needle on to the yarn, gather together tightly and secure the yarn. | st(s) | Stitch(es) |
| k | Knit | rem | Remaining | WS | Wrong side |
| k2tog | <i>Decrease:</i> knit two stitches together. | rep | Repeat | wyif | With the yarn at the front of the work |
| kfb | <i>Increase:</i> knit twice into the stitch. Knit into the front of the next stitch on the left hand needle, but do not slip off the needle. Then take the right hand needle and knit into the back of the stitch, then remove the loop from the left hand needle. | RS | Right side | [...] | Repeat the sequence between the square brackets by the number indicated. |
| p | Purl | ssk | <i>Decrease:</i> slip the next stitch on the left needle knit-wise, then slip the next | (.. sts) | The number in round brackets at the end of the instruction indicates the number of stitches after working the row. |

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Alpaca Head and Body

Make 1. Cast on 9 sts in cream on straight 3.5mm needles. Start at the bottom of the body.

Row 1: k (9 sts, WS)

Row 2: k1, [kfb] x 8 (17 sts, RS)

Row 3: k (17 sts)

Row 4: k1, [kfb, k1] x 8 (25 sts)

Row 5: k (25 sts)

Row 6: k1, [kfb, k2] x 8 (33 sts)

Row 7: k (33 sts)

Row 8: k1, [kfb, k3] x 8 (41 sts)

Row 9: k (41 sts)

Row 10: k1, [kfb, k4] x 8 (49 sts)

Row 11: k (49 sts)

Row 12: k1, [kfb, k5] x 8 (57 sts)

Row 13: k (57 sts)

Row 14: k1, [kfb, k6] x 8 (65 sts)

Rows 15 to 41: k (65 sts)

Row 42: k12, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k24, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k13 (61 sts)

Rows 43 to 47: k (61 sts)

Row 48: k11, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k22, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k12 (57 sts)

Rows 49 to 53: k (57 sts)

Row 54: k10, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k20, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k11 (53 sts)

Rows 55 to 59: k (53 sts)

Row 60: k9, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k18, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k10 (49 sts)

Rows 61 to 65: k (49 sts)

Row 66: k8, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k16, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k9 (45 sts)

Rows 67 to 73: k (45 sts)

Row 74: k7, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k14, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k8 (41 sts)

Rows 75 to 125: k (41 sts)

Row 126: k1, [k2tog, k3] x 8 (33 sts)

Rows 127 to 129: k (33 sts)

Row 130: k1, [k2tog, k2] x 8 (25 sts)

Row 131: k (25 sts)

Row 132: k1, [k2tog, k1] x 8 (17 sts)

Row 133: k (17 sts)

Row 134: k1, [k2tog] x 8 (9 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

Alpaca Arms

Make 2. Cast on 10 sts in cream on straight 3.5mm needles. Start at the top of the arm.

Work rows 1 to 13 in cream.

Row 1: k (10 sts, WS)

Row 2: [kfb] x 10 (20 sts, RS)

Rows 3 to 13: k (20 sts)

Work rows 14 to 49 in brown.

Row 14: k (20 sts)

Row 15: p (20 sts)

Row 16: k (20 sts)

Rows 17 to 46: rep rows 15 and 16 fifteen times (20 sts)

Rows 47 to 48: k (20 sts)

Row 49: [p2tog] x 10 (10 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

Alpaca Legs

Make 2. Cast on 24 sts in cream on straight 3.5mm needles. Start at the top of the leg.

Work rows 1 to 23 in cream.

Rows 1 to 23: k (24 sts)

Work rows 24 to 59 in brown.

Row 24: k (24 sts, RS)

Row 25: p (24 sts, WS)

Row 26: k (24 sts)

Rows 27 to 56: rep rows 25 and 26 fifteen times (24 sts)

Rows 57 to 58: k (24 sts)

Row 59: [p2tog] x 12 (12 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

Alpaca Ears

Make 2. Cast on 8 sts in cream on straight 3.5mm needles.

Row 1: k to the last stitch, slip the last stitch purl-wise with the yarn at the front of the work (wyif) (8 sts)

Row 2: k1, kfb, k4, kfb, slip the last stitch purl-wise wyif (10 sts)

Rows 3 to 5: rep row 1 three times (10 sts)

Row 6: k1, kfb, k to the last 2 sts, kfb, slip the last stitch purl-wise wyif (12 sts)

Rows 7 to 9: rep row 1 three times (12 sts)

Row 10: rep row 6 (14 sts)

Rows 11 to 15: rep row 1 five times (14 sts)

Row 16: k1, k2tog, k to the last 3 sts, k2tog, slip the last stitch purl-wise wyif (12 sts)

Rows 17 to 19: k to the last stitch, slip the last stitch purl-wise wyif (12 sts)

Rows 20 to 31: rep rows 16 to 19 three times (6 sts)

Row 32: k1, [k2tog] x 2, slip the last stitch purl-wise wyif (4 sts)

Row 33: k3, slip the last stitch purl-wise wyif (4 sts)

Row 34: [k2tog] x 2 (2 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

Alpaca Nose

Make 1. Cast on 48 sts in brown on straight 3.5mm needles.

Row 1: p (48 sts, WS)

Row 2: k (48 sts, RS)

Row 3: p (48 sts)

Row 4: k1, k2tog, k to the last 3 sts, ssk, k1 (46 sts)

Rows 5 to 14: rep rows 3 and 4 five times (36 sts)

Row 15: p (36 sts)

Row 16: k1, [k2tog, k3] x 7 (29 sts)

Row 17: p (29 sts)

Row 18: k1, [k2tog, k2] x 7 (22 sts)

Row 19: p (22 sts)

Row 20: [k2tog] x 11 (11 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

Alpaca Tail

Make 1. Cast on 24 sts in cream on straight 3.5mm needles.

Rows 1 to 13: k (24 sts)

Row 14: [k2tog, k1] x 8 (16 sts)

Rows 15 to 17: k (16 sts)

Row 18: [k2tog] x 8 (8 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

Scarf

Make 1. Cast on 9 sts in green on straight 5mm needles.

Row 1: k (9 sts)

Next: rep row 1 until you have used almost all the 50g of green yarn (my scarf is approximately 106cm long).

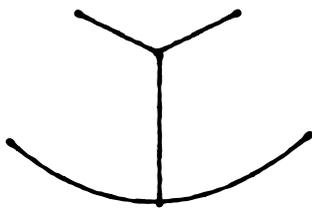
Cast off all sts.

MAKING UP

Note: I have used buttons for eyes which are sewn on after making up. But if you are using toy safety eyes instead you will need to insert these before making up the head/body.

Head and body: Note that the cast off sts are the top of the head. Sew the side edges together from the cast off to the cast on edge, adding stuffing as you sew. This seam runs down the centre back of the head/body. Finish by gathering together the cast on sts together at the base.

Nose: Note that the cast off sts are the tip of the nose. Sew the side edges together, leaving the cast on edge open. Add some stuffing inside the nose then pin onto the front of the head (the seamed edge of the nose is at the bottom). Sew the cast on edge of the nose onto the head. To finish, embroider the nose and mouth in black embroidery thread.



Eyes: Sew on the black buttons just above the nose on the front of the head.



Arms: Note that the cast off sts are the hand. Sew the side edges together, stuffing as you sew. This seam runs down the back of the arm. Finish by gathering the cast on sts together at the top of the arm. Sew the top of the arm onto the side of the body.



Legs: Note that the cast off sts are the foot. Sew the side edges together, stuffing as you sew. This seam runs down the inside of the leg. Finish by oversewing the cast on sts together at the top of the leg. Sew the top of the leg onto the bottom of the body.

Tail: Note that the cast off sts are the tip of the tail. Sew the side edges together, adding stuffing as you sew. Finish by oversewing the cast on sts together at the base of the tail. Sew the base of the tail onto the bottom of the body.



Ears: Fold the cast on edge in half, and with the folded edge at the back, sew the cast on edge of the ear onto the top side of the head.



Hair: Cut at least ten 20cm lengths of cream yarn. Knot these onto the top of the head between the ears. To finish, trim the hair so each strand is approximately 7cm long.

Scarf: Weave in your yarn tails and wrap around the alpaca's neck.

