

Bobble and Bubble

PENGUINS KNITTING PATTERN BY AMANDA BERRY

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YARN



- The two penguins are made from acrylic DK yarns (double knitting, light worsted weight, 8 ply) in up to 50g each of five yarn shades: Black, White and Yellow for the penguins, plus Purple and Blue for the hats.
- The penguins photographed were knitted in **Hayfield Bonus DK** 100% acrylic yarns in shades *Black, White, Sunflower, Powder Blue* and *Lilac*.
- This yarn or a similar DK yarn is recommended.

NEEDLES & NOTIONS

- A pair of 3.5mm (US 4) single pointed needles, minimum length 20cm
- A darning or tapestry needle for seaming
- A 200g bag of toy filling
- Two each of 4mm and 5mm diameter black beads for eyes, a scrap of white felt fabric, sewing needle and thread
- Bobbins for intarsia colour-work
- A 4cm pompom maker

NOTES

Introduction: Bobble and Bubble are a happy pair of penguins, with little hats to keep them warm on chilly winter days. You can knit your own penguins with this knitting pattern, which includes the instructions to knit Bobble the large penguin, Bubble the little penguin and their hats. The pattern incorporates intarsia colour-work to make both penguins.

Work flat: All pieces are worked flat (back and forth) on a pair of single pointed knitting needles, not in the round.

Casting on: Use the long tail cast on unless otherwise instructed.

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 onto the yarn, gather together tightly and secure the yarn.

Stockinette stitch: Also known as stocking stitch, purl the WS rows and knit the RS rows.

Intarsia: This is a method for knitting blocks of colour, and is used for the penguins' bodies. Use a bobbin of yarn for each colour section, and when you change colours twist the strands of each colour together at the back of the work to avoid making holes.

One size: The finished large penguin is 16cm tall (18cm with the hat) and the little penguin is 9cm tall (10cm with the hat).

Tension: 24 sts x 30 rows for a 10 cm x 10 cm square in stockinette stitch on 3.5mm needles. Don't worry about tension for this pattern, it is not critical.

ABBREVIATIONS

foll	Following
k	Knit
k2tog	Knit two stitches together (decrease by 1)
kfb	Knit into front and back (increase by 1)
p	Purl
rep	Repeat
RS	Right side
ssk	Slip the next stitch on the left needle knit-wise, then slip the next 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 (decrease by 1)
st(s)	Stitch(es)
St st	Stockinette
WS	Wrong side

YARN COLOUR ABBREVIATIONS

(B)	Black
(W)	White

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KNITTING PATTERN

LARGE PENGUIN: HEAD AND BODY

Make 1. Cast on 9 sts in Black yarn on 3.5mm needles. Start at the bottom.

Row 1 (WS): purl

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

Row 3: purl

Row 4: [kfb] 16 times, k1 (33 sts)

Row 5: purl

Row 6: [k3, kfb] 8 times, k1 (41 sts)

Break the Black working yarn. Join bobbins of White (W) yarn (1 bobbin) and Black (B) yarn (2 bobbins) for intarsia colour-work.

Row 7: (B) p12, (W) p17, (B) p12

Row 8: [(B) k4, (B) kfb] 2 times, (B) k2, (W) k2, [(W) kfb, (W) k4] 3 times, [(B) kfb, (B) k4] 2 times, (B) kfb, (B) k1 (49 sts)

Row 9: (B) p15, (W) p20, (B) p14

Row 10: (B) k14, (W) k20, (B) k15

Rows 11 to 30: rep rows 9 and 10 ten more times

Row 31: (B) p15, (W) p20, (B) p14

Row 32: (B) k8, (B) ssk, (B) k4, (W) k2tog, (W) k16, (W) ssk, (B) k4, (B) k2tog, (B) k9 (45 sts)

Row 33: (B) p14, (W) p18, (B) p13

Row 34: (B) k7, (B) ssk, (B) k4, (W) k2tog, (W) k14, (W) ssk, (B) k4, (B) k2tog, (B) k8 (41 sts)

Row 35: (B) p13, (W) p16, (B) p12

Row 36: (B) k6, (B) ssk, (B) k4, (W) k2tog, (W) k12, (W) ssk, (B) k4, (B) k2tog, (B) k7 (37 sts)

Row 37: (B) p12, (W) p14, (B) p11

Row 38: (B) k11, (W) k14, (B) k12

Rows 39 to 52: rep rows 37 and 38 seven more times

Row 53: rep row 37

Row 54: (B) k1, (B) k2tog, (B) k2, (B) ssk, (B) k4, (W) k2tog, (W) k2, (W) ssk, (W) k2, (W) k2tog, (W) k2, (W) ssk, (B) k4, (B) k2tog, (B) k2, (B) ssk, (B) k2 (29 sts)

Break the bobbins of Black (B) and White (W) yarns. Join the ball of Black yarn for the top of the head.

Rows 55 to 57: starting on a WS purl row work 3 rows in St st

Row 58: k1, [k2tog, k2] 7 times (22 sts)

Row 59: purl

Row 60: k1, [k2tog, k1] 7 times (15 sts)

Row 61: purl

Row 62: k1, [k2tog] 7 times (8 sts)

Pull through to cast off.



LARGE PENGUIN: BEAK

Make 1. Cast on 28 sts in Yellow yarn on 3.5mm needles. Start at the bottom edge.

Row 1 and all foll WS rows: purl

Row 2 (RS): k1, ssk, k2, k2tog, k14, ssk, k2, k2tog, k1 (24 sts)

Row 4: k1, ssk, k1, k2tog, k12, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1 (20 sts)

Row 6: k1, ssk, k2tog, k10, ssk, k2tog, k1 (16 sts)

Row 8: [k2tog] 8 times (8 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

LARGE PENGUIN: WINGS

Make 2. Cast on 6 sts in Black yarn on 3.5mm needles. Start at the top edge.

Row 1 (WS): purl

Row 2: k1, kfb, knit to the last 2 sts, kfb, k1 (8 sts)

Rows 3 to 12: rep rows 1 and 2 five more times (18 sts)

Rows 13 to 15: starting on a WS purl row work 3 rows in St st

Row 16: k1, ssk, knit to the last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 (16 sts)

Row 17: purl

Rows 18 to 27: rep rows 16 and 17 five more times (6 sts)

Row 28: rep row 16 (4 sts)

Break the Black working yarn and join White.

Row 29: purl

Row 30: k1, [kfb] 2 times, k1 (6 sts)

Rows 31 to 57: rep rows 1 to 27 (6 sts)

Cast off all sts.

LARGE PENGUIN: FEET

Make 2. Cast on 29 sts in Yellow yarn on 3.5mm needles. Start at the front edge.

Row 1 (WS): purl

Row 2: k1, [ssk, k3, k2tog] 4 times (21 sts)

Row 3: purl

Row 4: k1, [ssk, k1, k2tog] 4 times (13 sts)

Rows 5 to 7: starting on a WS purl row work 3 rows in St st

Row 8: k1, [k2tog] 6 times (7 sts)

Row 9: purl

Row 10: k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1 (5 sts)

Rows 11 to 15: starting on a WS purl row work 5 rows in St st

Pull through to cast off.

LARGE PENGUIN: TAIL

Make 1. Cast on 16 sts in Black yarn on 3.5mm needles. Start at the base of the tail.

Rows 1 to 7: starting on a WS purl row work 7 rows in St st

Row 8: [k2tog] 8 times (8 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

LARGE PENGUIN HAT

Make 1. Cast on 41 sts in Purple yarn on 3.5mm needles. Start at the brim.

Row 1 (RS): [k2, p2] to the last stitch, k1

Row 2 (WS): p1, [k2, p2] to the end of the row

Rows 3 to 6: rep rows 1 and 2 twice more

Row 7: knit

Join the Blue yarn to work the top of the hat in Blue and Purple stripes.

⇒ NOTE: When changing colours, you do not need to break the yarn. Carry the unused yarn up the side of the work as you knit with the other colour, and change colour on each WS row.

Rows 8 to 9: in Blue yarn, starting on a WS purl row work 2 rows in St st

Rows 10 to 11: in Purple yarn, starting on a WS purl row work 2 rows in St st

Rows 12 to 13: in Blue yarn, starting on a WS purl row work 2 rows in St st

Rows 14 to 15: in Purple yarn, starting on a WS purl row work 2 rows in St st

Row 16: in Blue yarn, purl

Row 17: in Blue yarn, k1, [k2tog, k2] 10 times (31 sts)

Row 18: in Purple yarn, purl

Row 19: in Purple yarn, k1, [k2tog, k1] 10 times (21 sts)

Row 20: in Blue yarn, purl

Row 21: in Blue yarn, k1, [k2tog] 10 times (11 sts)

Pull through to cast off.



LITTLE PENGUIN: HEAD AND BODY

Make 1. Cast on 11 sts in Black yarn on 3.5mm needles. Start at the bottom.

Row 1 (WS): purl

Row 2 (RS): [kfb] 10 times, k1 (21 sts)

Row 3: purl

Row 4: [k1, kfb] 10 times, k1 (31 sts)

Break the Black working yarn. Join bobbins of White (W) yarn (1 bobbin) and Black (B) yarn (2 bobbins) for intarsia colour-work.

Row 5: (B) p9, (W) p13, (B) p9

Row 6: (B) k9, (W) k13, (B) k9

Rows 7 to 16: rep rows 5 and 6 five more times

Row 17: rep row 5

Row 18: (B) k4, (B) k2tog, (B) k3, (W) k2tog, (W) k9, (W) ssk, (B) k3, (B) k2tog, (B) k4 (27 sts)

Row 19: (B) p8, (W) p11, (B) p8

Row 20: (B) k8, (W) k2tog, (W) k7, (W) ssk, (B) k8 (25 sts)

Row 21: (B) p8, (W) p9, (B) p8

Row 22: (B) k8, (W) k9, (B) k8

Rows 23 to 26: rep rows 21 and 22 twice more

Row 27: rep row 21

Row 28: [(B) k2, (B) k2tog] 2 times, [(W) k2, (W) k2tog] 2 times, (W) k1, (B) k1, (B) k2tog, (B) k2, (B) k2tog, (B) k1 (19 sts)

Break the bobbins of Black (B) and White (W) yarns. Join the ball of Black yarn for the top of the head.

Rows 29 to 31: starting on a WS purl row work 3 rows in St st

Row 32: [k2tog] 9 times, k1 (10 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

LITTLE PENGUIN: BEAK

Make 1. Cast on 9 sts in Yellow yarn on 3.5mm needles. Start at the bottom edge.

Row 1 (WS): purl

Row 2 (RS): [k2tog] 4 times, k1 (5 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

LITTLE PENGUIN: FEET

Make 2. Cast on 7 sts in Yellow yarn on 3.5mm needles. Start at the front edge.

Row 1 (WS): knit.

Row 2 (RS): k1, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1 (5 sts)

Row 3: knit

Row 4: ssk, k2tog, k1 (3 sts)

Row 5: knit

Row 6: ssk, k1 (2 sts)

Cast off all sts.

LITTLE PENGUIN: WINGS

Make 2. Cast on 5 sts in Black yarn on 3.5mm needles. Start at the top edge.

Row 1 (WS): knit

Row 2 (RS): [k1, kfb] 2 times, k1 (7 sts)

Row 3: knit

Row 4: k1, kfb, knit to the last 2 sts, kfb, k1 (9 sts)

Rows 5 to 6: rep rows 3 and 4 (11 sts)

Rows 7 to 13: knit

Row 14: k1, ssk, knit to the last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 (9 sts)

Row 15: knit

Rows 16 to 19: rep rows 14 and 15 twice more (5 sts)

Row 20: ssk, k2tog, k1 (3 sts)

Row 21: knit

Row 22: ssk, k1 (2 sts)

Cast off all sts.

LITTLE PENGUIN: TAIL

Make 1. Cast on 10 sts in Black yarn on 3.5mm needles. Start at the outer edge.

Row 1 (WS): knit

Row 2 (RS): [k2tog] 5 times (5 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

LITTLE PENGUIN: HAT

Make 1. Cast on 29 sts in Blue yarn on 3.5mm needles. Start at the brim.

Row 1 (RS): [k2, p2] to the last stitch, k1.

Row 2 (WS): p1, [k2, p2] to the end of the row

Rows 3 to 4: rep rows 1 and 2

Rows 5 to 10: starting on a RS knit row work 6 rows in St st

Row 11: k1, [k2tog, k2] 7 times (22 sts)

Row 12: purl

Row 13: k1, [k2tog, k1] 7 times (15 sts)

Row 14: purl

Row 15: k1, [k2tog] 7 times (8 sts)

Pull through to cast off.



MAKING UP

⇒ NOTE: Use mattress stitch for seaming.

BOBBLE THE LARGE PENGUIN

Head and body: Sew the side edges tog, stuffing as you sew. Gather the cast on sts tog at the bottom.

Beak: Sew the side edges tog (this seam runs down the underside of the beak). Add stuffing and sew the cast on edge onto the front of the body.

Eyes: Cut two 1cm tall ovals in white felt fabric and sew two 5mm black beads on top of the felt pieces on the front of the head above the beak.

Wings: Sew the side edges tog. Sew the cast on/cast off edge onto the side of the body with the Black wing facing outwards.

Feet: Fold in half, sew the side edges tog (this seam runs down the side of the foot), add a little stuffing and sew the cast on edge tog. Sew the cast off edge onto the bottom of the body with the seamed side edge facing inwards.

Tail: Sew the side edges tog (the seam runs down the underside of the tail), add stuffing, and sew the cast on edge onto the back of the body.

Hat: Sew the side edges tog. Make a 4cm pompom in Purple yarn and sew onto the top of the hat.



BUBBLE THE LITTLE PENGUIN

Head and body: Make up as per the large penguin instructions.

Beak: Sew the side edges tog to make a small triangle shape (this seam runs down the underside). Sew the cast on edge onto the front of the body.

Eyes: Cut two 1cm circles in white felt fabric and sew two 4mm black beads on top of the felt pieces on the front of the head above the beak.

Wings: Sew the cast on edge onto the side of the body.

Feet: Sew the cast off end onto the bottom of the body.



Tail: The cast on edge is the outer edge of the semi-circular tail. Sew the side edges onto the back of the body.

Hat: Sew the side edges tog. Knot a few strands of Blue yarn onto the top of the hat.