



# PERCY

# THE PIGEON

## KNITTING PATTERN



over stocking stitch worked with DK on 3mm needles.

### ABBREVIATIONS

beg = beginning; dec = decrease (by working 2 stitches together); inc = increase (by working into front and back of stitch); K = knit; P = purl; ss = stocking stitch; st(s) = stitch(es); SKPO = slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over; tog = together.

### MEASUREMENTS

10cm/4in tall.

### MATERIALS

Of standard DK yarn: 12g in pale grey, 2g each in dusky pink and white, and oddments in black, yellow, and old gold; pair of 3mm (no.11) knitting needles; 10g of washable toy stuffing; clear adhesive.

### TENSION

26 sts and 36 rows to 10cm, measured

### IMPORTANT NOTE

Use 3mm needles throughout and cast on by using the cable (two needle) method, beginning all pieces with a K row.

Please also take time to make sure that you are familiar with the correct method of increasing before commencing, otherwise you will find that the number of stitches on your needle will not match those stated in the pattern. 'Inc 1' means to increase by working into the front and back of the next stitch, thus making two stitches from one

without leaving a hole in the knitting. This technique is sometimes referred to as KFB and is the only form of increasing that I use, so once you have mastered this you will be able to knit any of my patterns with complete confidence.

### **BODY make 1 piece**

With pale grey cast on 8 sts for neck edge and ss 2 rows.

**1st inc row:** Inc into every st to end [16 sts].

P 1 row.

**2nd inc row:** (Inc 1, K1) to end [24 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

**3rd inc row:** (K1, inc 1, K1) to end [32 sts].

Ss 11 rows.

Inserting marker threads at beg and end of next row, ss 2 rows.

**1st dec row:** (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [24 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

**2nd dec row:** (K1, K 2 tog) to end [16 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

**3rd dec row:** (K 2 tog) to end [8 sts].

P 1 row.

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

### **CHEST make 1 piece**

With dusky pink cast on 6 sts for neck edge and ss 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at beg and end of next row.

P 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows once more [10 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row.

Ss 2 rows.

Repeat the last 3 rows two more times [4 sts].

Cast off for base edge.



### **HEAD make 1 piece**

With pale grey cast on 26 sts for neck edge and ss 2 rows.

**Inc row:** K10, (inc 1) six times, K10 [32 sts].

Ss 7 rows.

**1st dec row:** (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [24 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

**2nd dec row:** (K1, K 2 tog) to end [16

sts].

P 1 row.

**3rd dec row:** (K 2 tog) to end [8 sts].

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

### TAIL make 1 piece

With pale grey cast on 10 sts for body edge and ss 12 rows.

Cast off.



### RIGHT WING make 1 piece

\*With pale grey cast on 10 sts for front edge and ss 2 rows.

**1st inc row:** (Inc 1, K2, inc 1, K1) twice [14 sts].

P 1 row.

**2nd inc row:** (Inc 1, K4, inc 1, K1) twice [18 sts].\*\*

Ss 11 rows.

\*\*\*Dec 1 st at beg and end of next 2 rows [14 sts].

**3rd dec row:** (K 2 tog, K3, SKPO) twice [10 sts].

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row [8 sts].

**5th dec row:** (K 2 tog, SKPO) twice [4 sts].

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.\*\*\*

### LEFT WING make 1 piece

Work as given for right wing from \* to \*\*.

P 1 row.

Change to white for bandage and K 1 row.

P 3 rows.

K 3 rows.

P 1 row.

Change to pale grey and ss 2 rows, beg with a K row.

Work as given for right wing from \*\*\* to \*\*\*.

### BANDAGE TIE make 1 piece

With white cast on 15 sts.

Cast off.

## **LONG HEAD FEATHER make**

### **1 piece**

With pale grey cast on 5 sts.

Cast off.

## **SHORT HEAD FEATHER**

### **make 1 piece**

With pale grey cast on 3 sts.

Cast off.

## **BEAK make 1 piece**

With yellow cast on 5 sts and K 1 row.

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

## **FEET make 4 pieces**

With old gold cast on 6 sts.

Cast off.



## **TO MAKE UP**

Unless otherwise specified, sew seams and join pieces using mattress stitch, working with right side of knitting uppermost. A

one stitch knitted seam turning has been allowed on most pieces to accommodate this method.

To glue-sew small pieces in place, leave length of yarn attached to piece and sew this into toy at appropriate position, drawing out needle approximately 2.5cm/1in away. Draw up, leaving about 12mm/1/2in of yarn visible at base, dab a spot of glue on yarn then pull end to draw piece into place. Trim away excess yarn. Matching neck edges, join one side of chest piece to body, matching base edge of chest to marker thread. Now join body seam from gathered back edge up to marker threads, remove markers, then continue to join remainder of body to chest, stopping 12mm/1/2in away from neck edge. Stuff body firmly, join remainder of seam, then work a gathering thread through every stitch along neck edges of body and chest, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Starting at gathered top point, join side edges of head, leaving neck edge open. Stuff firmly, then position and sew neck edge to body, placing seam at centre back and having centre front of neck in line with top of chest.

With knit side outermost, fold each wing in half and, starting at gathered tip, oversew side edges together, then sew across front edge. Position and sew front section of wings to body sides. Before darning in ends

of yarn, tie a tight knot in centre of bandage tie piece (this is easier to do if you leave the ends of yarn), darn in ends down to base of knot then glue-sew knot to bandage.

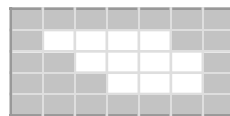


Join side edges of tail then, with this seam running down centre, fold cast-off edge flat and sew across. With seam running along underside, position and sew cast-on edge of tail to gathered back edge of body. Before making feet, first stretch each foot strip tightly. For each foot, take two strips and hold together in a cross shape with a few stitches, then bend uppermost strip into a V shape to form three toes at front of foot and hold in position with a couple more stitches. Repeat with remaining foot strips, pin feet in position at base of body, checking that pigeon stands correctly, then glue-sew in place.

Mark eye positions on head with pins, placing 4 knitted stitches apart. Take a length of black yarn and carefully draw out a single strand. Use the remaining 2 strands to embroider each eye with a circle of 5 tiny chain stitches. Now use 2 strands of white yarn to surround each eye with a circle of 9 tiny chain stitches. Oversew side edges of beak piece to form a little cone, then glue-sew in place between eyes. Use ends of yarn remaining on each head feather to glue-sew in place down centre back seam of head.



**left side head marking**



**right side head marking**

Following charts, use white yarn to Swiss darn markings on head, placing 2 knitted rows up from neck edge and 2 knitted stitches to the side of each eye.

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