Finger Ducks

Knit and crochet finger puppets

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This pattern has been created as part of The Little Yellow Ducks Project

The Little Yellow Ducks Project was started, by Emma, on April 15th 2014 to help raise awareness of the need for blood, stem cell, organ, and tissue donors. The Project’s web site (thelittleyellowduckproject.org/) says:

The Little Yellow Duck Project involves people around the world handcrafting little yellow duck gifts as random acts of kindness that are left in public places for others to find. A special tag on each one invites the finder to take their gift home to brighten their day and to visit this website to register where they found their gift. We hope that the stories and information found here will encourage them to pledge their own random act of kindness by registering to donate blood, bone marrow, organs tissues.

This project is very important to me as I received a kidney transplant, from an unknown donor, in 1986. On May 9 (the time of writing this pattern) 58 ducks had been reported as found, in six different countries.

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**Crochet Ducks**

**Yarn:** Approximately 8 metres of DK yellow; small amounts of orange and black.

**Hook:** 3 mm (or size required to give a firm fabric)

**UK instructions**

**Body**
Work from the top down, in a spiral.
Round 1: Make 6 dc into a ‘magic ring’
Round 2: 2 dc into each dc (12 stitches)
Rounds 3 - 6: 1 dc into each dc
Round 7: (miss 1 dc, 1 dc into next dc) 6 times (6 stitches)
Round 8: 1 dc into each dc
Round 9: 2 dc into each dc (12 stitches)
Round 10: 1 dc into each dc
Stuff the head and, using a sewing needle, make a few stitches across the inside of the neck to keep the stuffing in place. Do not pull tight.
Continue, as for Round 10, until the body is the length you want, 1 slip-stitch, fasten off.

**Beak**
Leaving an end for stitching, chain 4
Work 1 htr into the second chain from the hook, 1 htr into each of the other two chains. Fasten off
The end of the beak may be splayed out. Use the tail to draw it together to be more pointed.

**Finishing**
Fold the beak in half so that the two points stick out. Stitch in place. Embroider eyes.

**US instructions**

**Body**
Work from the top down, in a spiral.
Round 1: Make 6 sc into a ‘magic ring’
Round 2: 2 sc into each sc (12 stitches)
Rounds 3 - 6: 1 sc into each sc
Round 7: (miss 1 sc, 1 sc into next sc) 6 times (6 stitches)
Round 8: 1 sc into each sc
Round 8: 2 sc into each sc (12 stitches)
Round 9: 1 sc into each sc
Stuff the head and, using a sewing needle, make a few stitches across the inside of the neck to keep the stuffing in place. Do not pull tight.
Continue, as for Round 10, until the body is the length you want, 1 slip-stitch, fasten off.

**Beak**
Leaving an end for stitching, chain 4
Work 1 hdc into the second chain from the hook, 1 hdc into each of the other two chains. Fasten off
The end of the beak may be splayed out. Use the tail to draw it together to be more pointed.

**Finishing**
Fold the beak in half so that the two points stick out. Stitch in place. Embroider eyes.
Knitted Ducks

Yarn: Approximately 6 metres of DK yellow; small amounts of orange and black.
Needle:  3.25 mm (or size required to give a firm fabric)

Garter stitch instructions
Body
Worked from the bottom.
Cast on 12 stitches
Knit in garter stitch (knit every row) until the body is about 2.5 cm (1”)
Next row: k2 tog 6 times (6 stitches)
Knit 2 rows
Next row: kfb 6 times (12 stitches)
Knit 8 rows
Next row: k2 tog 6 times (6 stitches)
Break off yarn, thread through remaining stitches and fasten off tightly.
Stitch back of head, as far as neck. Stuff the head and, using a sewing needle, make a few stitches across the inside of the neck to keep the stuffing in place. Do not pull tight. Stitch remainder of back seam.

Beak
Cast on 2 using the backward loop method
Knit 6 rows
K2 tog. Fasten off.

Finishing
Fold the beak in half so that the two points stick out. Stitch in place. Embroider eyes.

Stocking stitch instructions
Body
Worked from the bottom.
Cast on 13 stitches
Knit 2 rows
Work in stocking stitch (one row knit, one row purl) until the body is about 2.5 cm (1”) finishing after a knit row
Next row: p2 tog 6 times, p1 (7 stitches)
Next row: knit
Next row: purl
Next row: kfb 6 times, k1 (13 stitches)
Work in stocking stitch for 6 rows
Next row: p2tog 6 times, p1 (7 stitches)
Break off yarn, thread through remaining stitches and fasten off tightly.
Stitch back of head, as far as neck. Stuff the head and, using a sewing needle, make a few stitches across the inside of the neck to keep the stuffing in place. Do not pull tight. Stitch remainder of back seam.

Beak
As for garter stitch beak.

Finishing
Fold the beak in half so that the two points stick out. Stitch in place. Embroider eyes.

Top-knot (if required)
Using a sewing needle, make a few loops into the top of the head, securing each loop with a firm stitch so they will not pull undone.