

# Knitted Duck House

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Would you like to create a little outdoor haven of calm for an indoor environment? Look no further than this lovely knitted Duck House where it's always peaceful and the ducks will never make a mess of your best carpet.

## You will need:

### For both the Duck House and Duck

2.25mm knitting needles

Blunt-ended sewing needle suitable for yarn

Scissors

### For the Duck House only

Approx. 40g black 100% acrylic DK yarn

Approx. 35g blue 100% acrylic DK yarn

Approx. 20g white 100% acrylic DK yarn

Approx. 15g green 100% acrylic DK yarn

Approx. 10g yellow 100% acrylic DK yarn

57cm x 28cm piece cardboard (approx. 0.5mm thickness)

Yarn bobbins for intarsia knitting (optional)

### For the Duck only

Oddments of 100% acrylic DK yarn in the following colours:

yellow, green, black, white, brown, purple and grey

Stuffing

## Tension

31 st x 43 rows worked on 2.25mm needles in acrylic DK yarn and stocking stitch = 10cm squared

## Abbreviations

K – knit, P – purl, M1 – make one (knit increase), M1p – make one (purl increase), K2tog – Knit 2 together, P2tog – Purl 2 together, tbl – through the back(s) of the loop(s), pssso – pass the slipped stitch over, cm – centimetre(s), mm – millimetre(s), DK – double knit, st(s) – stitch(es)

## Additional Note

As you can see from the picture, this design features several colour combinations. Please use your preferred method to work the colour changes for this pattern, however when changing colours don't forget to wrap the two strands of yarn around one another on the wrong side of your work before working the first stitch in the new colour.

### OUTER SIDE PANNELLING (MAKE THREE)

**Cast on** 25 stitches using green DK yarn and 2.25mm knitting needles

**Row 1** (*Wrong Side*) Knit

**Row 2** (*Right Side*) P3, switch to yellow DK yarn, k to last 3 sts, switch to green, p3

**Row 3** K3, switch to yellow, p to last 3 sts, switch to green, k3

**Rows 4 – 7** Repeat rows 2 – 3 a further 2 times

**Row 8** Work as for row 2

**Row 9** K3, switch to yellow, p3, switch to green, p13, switch to yellow, p3, switch to green, k3

**Row 10** P3, switch to yellow, k3, switch to green, p13, switch to yellow, k3, switch to green, p3

**Row 11** K3, switch to yellow, p3, switch to green, k13, switch to yellow, p3, switch to green, k3

**Row 12** P3, switch to yellow, k3, switch to green, p2, switch to black, k9, switch to green, p2, switch to yellow, k3, switch to green, p3

**Row 13** K3, switch to yellow, p3, switch to green, k2, switch to black, p9, switch to green, k2, switch to yellow, p3, switch to green, k3

**Rows 14 – 21** Repeat rows 12 – 13 a further 4 times

**Row 22** Work as for row 12 (fasten off black at the end of this row)

**Row 23** K3, switch to yellow, p3, switch to green, k2, p9, k2, switch to yellow, p3, switch to green, k3

**Row 24** P3, switch to yellow, k3, switch to green, p13, switch to yellow, k3, switch to green, p3

**Row 25** K3, switch to yellow, p3, switch to green, k13, switch to yellow, p3, switch to green, k3

**Row 26** P3, switch to yellow, k to last 3 sts, switch to green, p3

**Row 27** K3, switch to yellow, p to last 3 sts, switch to green, k3

**Rows 28 – 33** Repeat rows 26 – 27 a further 3 times (fasten off yellow at the end of row 33)

**Row 34** P3, k to last 3 sts, p3

**Row 35** Knit **Row 36** Purl

**Cast off** as knit

### OUTER FRONT PANNELLING

**Cast on** 25 stitches using green DK yarn and 2.25mm knitting needles

**Row 1** (*Wrong Side*) Knit

**Row 2** (*Right Side*) P3, switch to yellow DK yarn, k4, switch to green, p2, switch to black DK yarn, k7, switch to green, p2, switch to yellow, k4, switch to green, p3

**Row 3** K3, switch to yellow, p4, switch to green, k2, switch to black, p7, switch to green, k2, switch to yellow, p4, switch to green, k3

**Rows 4 – 21** Repeat rows 2 – 3 a further 9 times

**Row 22** Work as for row 2 (fasten off black yarn at the end of this row)

**Row 23** K3, switch to yellow, p4, switch to green, k2, p7, k2, switch to yellow, p4, switch to green, k3

**Row 24** P3, switch to yellow, k4, switch to green, p11, switch to yellow, k4, switch to green, p3

**Row 25** K3, switch to yellow, p4, switch to green, k11, switch to yellow, p4, switch to green, k3

**Row 26** P3, switch to yellow, k to last 3 sts, switch to green, p3

**Row 27** K3, switch to yellow, p to last 3 sts, switch to green, k3

**Rows 28 – 33** Repeat rows 26 – 27 a further 3 times (fasten off yellow yarn at the end of row 33)

**Row 34** P3, k to last 3 sts, p3

**Row 35** Knit **Row 36** Purl

**Cast off** as knit

### INSIDE PANNELLING (MAKE FOUR)

**Cast on** 23 stitches using black DK yarn and 2.25mm knitting needles

**Row 1** (*Right side*) Knit **Row 2** (*Wrong side*) Purl

**Rows 3 – 34** Repeat rows 1 – 2 a further 16 times

**Cast off**



### ROOF (MAKE FOUR)

**Cast on** 2 stitches using black DK yarn and 2.25mm knitting needles

**Row 1** (*Wrong side*) Purl

**Row 2** (*Right side*) K1, m1, k1 (3 sts)

**Row 3** Purl **Row 4** K1, (m1, k1) x 2 (5 sts)

**Row 5** Purl **Row 6** K2, m1, k to end (6 sts)

**Row 7** Purl **Row 8** K3, m1, k to end (7 sts)

**Row 9** Purl **Row 10** K3, m1, k to end (8 sts)

**Row 11** Purl **Row 12** K4, m1, k to end (9 sts)

**Row 13** Purl **Row 14** K4, m1, k to end (10 sts)

**Row 15** Purl **Row 16** K5, m1, k to end (11 sts)

**Row 17** Purl **Row 18** K5, m1, k to end (12 sts)

**Row 19** Purl **Row 20** Knit **Row 21** Purl

**Rows 22 – 31** Repeat rows 20 – 21 a further 5 times

**Row 32** K1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1 (14 sts)

**Row 33** Purl

**Rows 34 – 51** Repeat rows 32 – 33 a further 9 times (32 sts on needle by the end of row 51)

**Row 52** Switch to blue DK yarn (fasten off black), k1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1 (34 sts)

**Row 53** P2, m1p, p to last 2 sts, m1p, p to end (36 sts)

**Rows 54 – 57** Repeat rows 52 – 53 a further 2 times (44 sts on needle by the end of row 57)

**Row 58** K1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1 (46 sts) **Row 59** Purl

**Rows 60 – 61** Work as for rows 58 – 59 (48 sts on needle by the end of row 61)

**Row 62** K1, slip 1, k1, pssso, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 (46 sts)

**Row 63** Purl

**Row 64** K1, slip 1, k1, pssso, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 (44 sts)

**Row 65** P1, slip 1, p1, pssso, p to last 3 sts, p2tog tbl, p1 (42 sts)

**Rows 66 – 67** Work as for rows 64 – 65 (38 sts on needle by the end of row 67)

**Row 68** K1, slip 1, k1, pssso, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 (36 sts)

**Row 69** Purl

**Rows 70 – 91** Repeat rows 68 – 69 a further 11 times (14 sts on needle by the end of row 91)

**Row 92** Purl **Row 93** Knit

**Row 94** Switch to green DK yarn (fasten off blue), k2, (switch to black, k2, switch to green, k2) x 3

**Row 95** P2, (switch to black, k2, switch to green, p2) x 3

**Row 96** K2, (switch to black, p2, switch to green, k2) x 3  
**Row 97** P2, (switch to black, k2, switch to green, p2) x 3  
**Rows 98 – 103** Repeat rows 96 – 97 a further 3 times  
**Row 104** K2, (switch to black, p2, switch to green, k2) x 3  
**Row 105** P2, (switch to black, p2, switch to green, p2) x 3  
**Row 106** Switch to blue yarn (fasten off black & green), knit  
**Row 107** Knit  
**Row 108** P2tog, p to end (13 sts)      **Row 109** Purl  
**Row 110** K to last 2 sts, k2tog (12 sts)      **Row 111** Purl  
**Row 112** K2tog, k to end (11 sts)      **Row 113** Purl  
**Rows 114 – 129** Repeat rows 110 – 113 a further 4 times (3 sts on needle by the end of row 129)  
**Row 130** Slip 1, k2tog, pssso (1 st remaining), fasten off this remaining stitch

#### BASE (MAKE TWO)

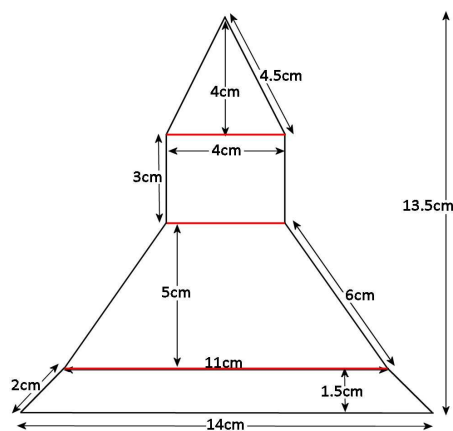
**Cast on** 39 stitches using white DK yarn and 2.25mm knitting needles  
**Row 1** (*Right side*) Knit      **Row 2** (*Wrong side*) Purl  
**Rows 3 – 54** Repeat rows 1 – 2 a further 26 times  
**Cast off**

#### MAKING UP

**Side Panelling** – starting with the outer panels, sew in and fasten off all of the loose ends of yarn on the wrong side of your work, excepting any lengths along the side edges which you think can be used for sewing up your work. Using white DK yarn, embroider window panes on each of the outer side panels. Now cut four squares of cardboard each one 8cm x 8cm.

With the right sides facing outwards, place one of the exterior panels on one side of the cardboard and one of the inner panels on the other side so that the cast on/off edges of each piece are lined up against that of their counterpart. Stitch all of the side edges together, sealing the cardboard inside. NB – the inner panelling is deliberately a little smaller than the outer panelling so that the black knitting won't show when you sew up the house. Repeat this process until you've got four pieces of knitting-covered cardboard. Using green yarn, sew the vertical side edges of each piece together to make a box shape.

**Base** – cut a square of cardboard 13cm x 13cm. With the right sides of both pieces facing outwards, fit the knitting over both sides of the cardboard. Stitch all four edges together, sealing the piece of cardboard inside. Sit the side panelling box in the middle of one side of the base and stitch the bottom edge of the box to the base.



**Roof** – using the diagram above as a guide, cut out four pieces of cardboard and prepare them before use by bending them along the lines shaded red in the diagram.

Sew in the loose ends of yarn on the wrong side of your work, again excepting any which you think can be used to sew up your work. Taking one piece at a time, fit your

knitting around the cardboard and sew the side edges together until all four roof panels are complete. Sew the side edges of the roof panels to one another until you've got a four-sided structure which serves as both a roof and a lid for your Duck House.

#### DUCK

##### HEAD/BODY

**Cast on** 3 stitches using yellow DK yarn and 2.25mm knitting needles  
**Row 1** K1, p1, k1      **Row 2** P1, k1, p1      **Row 3** K1, p1, k1  
**Row 4** (*Wrong Side*) Switch to green DK yarn (fasten off yellow), purl  
**Row 5** (*Right Side*) K1, (m1, k1) x 2 (5 sts)      **Row 6** Purl  
**Row 7** K1, (m1, k1) x 4 (9 sts)      **Row 8** Purl  
**Row 9** K1, (m1, k1) x 2, k to last 2 sts, (m1, k1) x 2 (13 sts)  
**Row 10** Purl      **Row 11** Knit      **Row 12** Purl  
**Rows 13 – 14** Work as for rows 11 – 12  
**Row 15** (K2tog) x 2, k to last 4 sts, (k2tog) x 2 (9 sts)  
**Row 16** Purl      **Row 17** Knit  
**Rows 18 – 21** Repeat rows 16 – 17 a further 2 times  
**Row 22** Switch to white DK yarn (fasten off green), purl  
**Row 23** Knit      **Row 24** Purl  
**Row 25** Switch to brown DK yarn (fasten off white), k1, (m1, k1) x 8 (17 sts)  
**Row 26** Purl  
**Row 27** K3, m1, k1, m1, k to last 4 sts, m1, k1, m1, k to end (21 sts)  
**Row 28** Purl  
**Row 29** K5, m1, k1, m1, k to last 6 sts, m1, k1, m1, k to end (25 sts)  
**Row 30** Purl      **Row 31** Knit      **Row 32** Purl  
**Rows 33 – 40** Repeat rows 31 – 32 a further 4 times  
**Row 41** K5, k2tog, k11, k2tog, k to end (23 sts)  
**Row 42** Purl  
**Row 43** K5, k2tog, k9, k2tog, k to end (21 sts)  
**Row 44** Purl  
**Row 45** K4, k2tog, k8, k2tog, k to end (19 sts)  
**Row 46** Purl  
**Row 47** K4, k2tog, k7, k2tog, k to end (17 sts)  
**Row 48** Purl  
**Row 49** K4, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k to end (15 sts)  
**Row 50** Switch to purple DK yarn (fasten off brown), purl  
**Row 51** K3, k2tog, k5, k2tog, k to end (13 sts)  
**Row 52** P1, \*k1, p1 – repeat from \* to end  
**Row 53** K1, \*p1, k1 – repeat from \* to end  
**Rows 54 – 57** Repeat rows 52 – 53 a further 2 times  
**Cast off** whilst working the stitches in accordance with the pattern specified in Row 52

##### BACK FEATHERS

**Cast on** 5 stitches using grey DK yarn and 2.25mm knitting needles  
**Row 1** (*Wrong side*) Purl  
**Row 2** (*Right side*) K1, m1, k3, m1, k1 (7 sts)  
**Row 3** Purl  
**Row 4** K1, m1, k5, m1, k1 (9 sts)      **Row 5** Purl  
**Row 6** K1, m1, k7, m1, k1 (11 sts)      **Row 7** Purl  
**Row 8** Knit      **Row 9** Purl  
**Rows 10 – 15** Repeat rows 8 – 9 a further 3 times  
**Row 16** K1, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1 (8 sts)  
**Row 17** Purl  
**Row 18** K1, (k2tog) x 3, k1 (5 sts)      **Row 19** Purl  
**Row 20** K2tog, k1, k2tog (3 sts)      **Row 21** Purl  
**Row 22** K2tog, k1 (2 sts)      **Row 23** Purl  
**Row 24** K2tog then fasten off this remaining stitch

##### SIDE FEATHERS

**Rows 1 – 21** Work as for Rows 1 – 21 of Back Feathers pattern  
**Row 22** Slip 1, k2tog, pssso, then fasten off this remaining stitch

#### FEET (MAKE TWO)

**Cast on** 6 stitches using yellow DK yarn and 2.25mm knitting needles  
**Rows 1 – 2** (K1, p1) x 3      **Row 3** P2tog, k1, p1, k2tog (4 sts)  
**Row 4** (P1, k1) x 2      **Row 5** P1, k2tog, p1 (3 sts)  
**Row 6** K1, p1, k1  
**Row 7** Slip 1, p2tog, pssso, then fasten off this remaining stitch

#### MAKING UP

With the right (predominantly k) side facing outwards and using the appropriate colours of yarn, sew the side edges of the Head/Body together starting from the yellow beak right down to the end of the white stripe. Starting from the other end of your work, sew the side edges of the purple knitting together, then fold your work so that the open side seam runs down the middle of one side of your work. Sew up the end of the duck where the purple knitting meets the brown knitting, stuff the duck's head, neck and body cavity and then sew up the remainder of the open seam(s). Use black yarn to embroider the duck's eyes.

Place the two feet together so that the last stitches of each of them are touching, then sew them both together. Now sew the feet to the underside of the duck's body, just a little bit closer to the purple tail than the white neck collar.

Place the Back Feathers knitting on the duck's back with the right (k) side facing upwards and the pointed end sitting on top of the purple tail. As a rough guide, the cast on edge of the Back Feathers should be sewn to the fifth row of brown knitting on the duck's back. Stitch the Back Feathers in place, then stitch each of the two Side Feather pieces on top, again with their right (k) sides facing upwards and their pointed ends sitting over the purple tail.

#### Safety Notice

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