



Pattern for Marine Doll

As part of our campaign to raise awareness about the challenges posed by long parental absences, The Naval Children's Charity is delighted to invite you to create this Marine doll.

These will be sent out, alongside the book "Knit the Family", to families that have request them.

The Marine Doll can be paired up with/stitched together at the hand with one of the children dolls.

We would like to add that with the modern Navy being a diverse environment, we actively encourage the adaption of our dolls, but request that the uniform remains the set colours.

Please send any dolls you knit to the address below, or email: book@navalchildrenscharity.org.uk if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time.

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Royal Marine Doll



You will need:

- 31 m (13 g) khaki DK yarn
- 6 m (3 g) white DK yarn
- 13 m (6 g) skin tone DK yarn
- 7 m (3 g) black DK yarn
- 6 m (3 g) dark green DK yarn
- Small amounts of light green and mid-brown DK yarn
- A very small amount of red DK yarn
- 10-15 g polyester toy filling

You will also need:

- A pair of 3 mm knitting needles
- A needle to sew your doll together
- A large-eyed embroidery needle
- Red colouring pencil for colouring the cheek
- Water soluble pen to mark the position of the features before you embroider them.

Body and head

Make 2x pieces

- Cast on 14 sts in khaki.
- Work 9 rows in st st beg with a K row.
- Next row: K.
- Break khaki yarn and join white yarn.
- Next row: K.
- Work 11 rows in st st beg with a K row.
- Break white yarn and join beige yarn.
- Next row: P.
- Next row: K2tog, K to last 2 sts, ssk. [12 sts]
- Next row: (P2tog), 6 times. [6 sts]
- Next row: K1, (m1, K1) to end. [11 sts]
- Next row: P.
- Next row: K2, m1, K1, m1, K5, m1, K1, m1, K2. [15 sts]
- Next row: P.
- Next row: K2, m1, K to last 2 sts, m1, K2. [17 sts]
- Work 7 rows in st st beg with a P row.
- Next row: K2, k2tog, K to last 4 sts, ssk, K2. [15 sts]
- Next row: P2tog, P to last 2 sts, p2tog. [13 sts]
- Rep last 2 rows twice more. [9 sts]
- Cast off.

Legs

Make x2

- Cast on 24 sts in black.
- Work 6 rows in st st beg with a K row.
- Next row: K6, cast off 12 sts, K to end. [12 sts]
- Next row: P across all 12 sts.
- Break black yarn and join khaki yarn.
- K 4 rows.
- Work 18 rows in st st beg with a K row.
- Cast off.

Arms

Make x2

- Cast on 9 sts in khaki.
- Work 19 rows in st st beg with a K row.
- Break khaki yarn and join beige yarn.
- Next row: K.
- Next row: K1, k2tog, K3, ssk, K1. [7 sts]
- Next row: P2tog, P3, p2tog. [5 sts]
- Break yarn, thread through rem sts, pull up tightly and secure.

Making up

Place the two body and head pieces right sides together. Oversew round the head. Turn the piece the right way out and join the sides using mattress stitch, leaving the lower edge open for stuffing. Stuff, then close the gap. Fold the first leg piece in half lengthways.

Oversew the top and bottom seams of the shoe.

Turn the leg the right way out and join the back seam using mattress stitch.

Repeat for the second leg. Stuff the legs and oversew in place on the lower edge of the doll.

Fold the arms in half lengthways so that the right sides are facing outwards. Join the long seam but do not stuff. Oversew the arms in position. Weave in all yarn tails. Work six French knots across the top seam of the head for the hair. Embroider two French knots for the eyes using black yarn. Work the mouth in straight stitch using red yarn. Colour the cheeks with the red crayon.

Jacket

The sleeves of the jacket are knitted as part of the doll itself.

Make x1

- Cast on 30 sts in khaki.
- K 2 rows.
- Next row: K2, P to last 2 sts, K2.
- Next row: K.
- Next row: K2, P to last 2 sts, K2.
- Rep last 2 rows 5 times more.
- Next row: K8, turn and work on these sts only, leaving rem sts on needle.
- Next row: P to last 2 sts, K2.
- Next row: K.
- Break yarn and rejoin it to rem sts on RS of work.
- Next row: K14, turn and work on these sts only, leaving rem sts on needle.
- Next row: P.
- Next row: K.
- Break yarn and rejoin it to rem 8 sts on RS of work.
- Next row: K.
- Next row: K2, P to end.
- Next row: K.
- Now knit across all sts on needle.
- Next row: K2, P5, p2tog, P12, p2tog, P5, K2. [28 sts]
- K 6 rows.
- Cast off.

Making up

Put the jacket piece onto the doll and oversew the armhole edges round the top of the arms.

Overlap the left side of the jacket over the right and stitch in place.

Belt

Make x1

- Cast on 25 sts in light green.
- Cast off.

Making up

Join the two short edges of the belt.

Beret

The beret is knitted in two parts – the sides and the top.

Sides

Make x1

- Cast on 26 sts in black.
- Break black yarn and join dark green yarn.
- Work 2 rows in st st beg with a K row.
- Next row: (Inc1, K1) 13 times. [39 sts]
- Next row: P.
- Cast off.

Top

Make x1

- Cast on 12 sts in dark green.
- 1st row: Inc1, K to last 2 sts, inc1, K1. [14 sts]
- Next row: P.
- Next row: K1, m1, K to last st, m1, K1. [16 sts]
- Next row: P.
- Rep last 2 rows once more. [18 sts]
- Work 4 rows in st st beg with a K row.
- Next row: K1, k2tog, K to last 3 sts, ssk, K1. [16 sts]
- Next row: P.
- Rep last 2 rows once more. [14 sts]
- Next row: K1, k2tog, K to last 3 sts, ssk, K1. [12 sts]
- Cast off.

Making up

Join the short sides of the sides to form a circle and oversew the top in place from the inside, so the rows of knitting lie across the width of the hat. Weave in all yarn tails. Soak finished piece in cool water, squeeze out excess, shape and leave to dry.