

St Tue the Saint Finger Puppet

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St Tue the Saint is the hero in our Legend of Cheesewring story. Although only small, he defeated the mighty giants by drawing on God and the strength of his angels.

I have added a halo to the puppet by working a round of blanket stitch over a curtain ring but if this is too fiddly for you, why not cut a card or felt halo and stitch or glue it in place instead.

If you are knitting this to help raise money for Children's Hospice South West, please bring your finished items to Stuart House.

We'll be packing up the first batch in early October.

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Materials: any DK weight yarn in black, white, pink and brown. I used a gold colour for the halo. Scraps from your stash are great for this as you need very little of any colour.

3.5mm needles

Small curtain ring for halo (optional)

Small pieces of coloured felt or card for the halo plus fabric glue or sewing needle and thread

Polyester Toy stuffing.

Tension and size: not important. Will fit adult and child's fingers easily.

Abbreviations:

Kfb make 1 st by knitting into the front of back of stitch

Pattern Instructions: working from the bottom of body upward to the head

Using black DK wool and 3.5mm needles, CO 15sts.

Knit 2 rows

Beginning with a knit row, work 14 rows in stocking stitch ending with a purl row.

Shape Neck:

R1: (k3, k2tog) 3 times 12sts

R2 and all alternate rows: purl

Change to pink

R3: (K3, kfb) 3 times 15sts

R5: (k4,kfb) 3 times 18sts

Work 2 rows in stocking stitch

R9: (k4, k2tog) 3 times 15sts

R10 and all alt rows: purl

R11: (k2,k2tog) 3 times 12sts

R13: (k1,k2tog) 3 times 9sts

R15: k1, (k2tog) 4 times 5sts

Break yarn leaving a long tail, thread thru remaining 5sts, pull tight and fasten off.

Arms: make 2

Using pink DK yarn and 3.5mm needles, Cast on 3 sts.

Work in 4 rows in stocking stitch then change to black.

Work until arms meas 2in/ 5cm. Cast off .

Halo:

Using a gold or yellow colour of dk, thread a length of yarn through a darning needle. Secure one end of the yarn to a curtain ring using a slip knot. Work a round of blanket stitch over the ring until it is completely covered. Fasten off with some small stitches.

Alternatively, cut a halo shape in either felt or card to either glue or stitch in place.

Finishing:

Darn in all loose yarn ends.

Sew the rear seam of the finger puppet.

Stuff the head firmly with toy stuffing.

Take a length of white yarn and wrap tightly around the neck several times. Secure with a few stitches and fasten off.

Sew on both arms.

Either swiss darn a white cross on the chest as shown or stick a felt one on with fabric glue

Work 2 French knots for eyes and embroider a mouth using back stitch. I used long and short

stitches to embroider the tonsure onto the head. Stick or sew the halo onto the back of the head.

