



# Uther the Giant Finger Puppet

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Uther is the big, bad giant from The Legend of The Cheesewring. As we do not know exactly what a Cornish Giant looked like, I have decided to make him green with bright yellow hair. You may see him differently so do play with colours, hairstyles and expressions. Just make him ugly. We know that bit is true.

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. Scraps from your stash are great for this as you need very little of any colour.

3.5mm needles

Small pieces of coloured felt and buttons for eyes

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

MB make bobble by knitting into front, back, front and back of same stitch, turn, purl the 4 sts, turn and knit the 4sts, turn and purl the 4sts, turn, slip 1, k3tog and pass the slipped stitch over.

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

Using 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

R3: (K3, kfb) 3 times 15sts

R5: (k4,kfb) 3 times 18sts

R7: (k5, kfb) 3times 21sts

R9: (k6, kfb) 3 times 24sts

R11: (k7, kfb) 3 times 27sts

R12: purl

R13- **Make the nose:** k 13, MB, k13

R14: purl

**Decrease for crown of head as folls;**

R15: (k7, k2tog) 3 times 24sts

R16 and all alt rows: purl

R17: (k6,k2tog) 3 times 21sts

R19: (k4,k2tog) 3 times 18sts

R21: (k3,k2tog) 3 times 15sts

R23: (k2,k2tog) 3 times 12sts

R25: (k1,k2tog) 3 times 9sts

R27: k1, (k2tog) 4 times 5sts

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

**Arms: make 2**

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

Work in stocking stitch until arms meas 3.5in/ 9cm. Cast off .

Weave in loose yarn ends and tie a knot in the upper arm for biceps.

**Ears: make 2**

Using DK yarn and 3.5mm needles, CO 5sts

Knit 2 rows

Next: k2tog, k1, k2tog 3sts

Next: sl1, k2tog, pass the slipped stitch over.

Fasten off and weave in loose yarn ends.

**Finishing your Giant:**

Sew up the back seam of the finger puppet from base to top of head.

Stuff the head firmly with toy stuffing, easing into shape. Take a length of body coloured yarn and wrap a few times tightly around the neck. Secure with a few small stitches. Sew on each ear to sides of head. Sew on arms to sides of body.

Sew one button for an eye. Cut a circle of contrast felt and secure with a cross stitch in contrast-sewing thread for a second eye. Embroider a mouth using back stitch and contrast yarn.

Take lengths of contrast yarn and snip into 8in/20cm lengths. Fold in half and thread the loop through a darning needle. Thread needle and loop through head, remove needle and thread yarn ends through the loop and pull tight to secure. Repeat over head until you are happy with the character of your giant. Snip lengths according to preference.

