

Elmo Peep Pattern

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2 Size 4 circular needles

2 Size 3 circular needles

(you could use straight needles and dpns if you prefer)

Sport weight red, orange, white and black yarn
(I used Lion Brand Microspun)

Stitches used:

Other than knitting and purling, I use two types of increase stitches, the kfb and the kinc, and I used k2tog for decreases..

(video help for kinc:

http://www.knittinghelp.com/apps/flash/video_player/play/90/1 for increasing in the right side of the stitch where she calls it a M1R or M1B,

and

<http://www.saveknitting.com/AnimatedKnittingStitches/Kinc/tabid/76/Default.aspx> for the left side of the stitch)

Elmo is knit using the double knitting technique described here:

[http://free-knitting-](http://free-knitting-pattern.com/doubleknitbear.htm)

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His legs, body, and arms are doubleknit inside-out, then turned right side out and his head is knit in the round. There are no seams.

TIP:

Pull the first st of each row tight to minimize gaps. Keep your tension fairly tight as the slip st creates a looser st tension.



Beginning with the first leg and 1 circ (or two straight needles):

LEG

Cast on 10 st (I recommend the cable cast on)

Row 1: Slip the first st, k1 sl1 across, k last st, turn.

Repeat row 1 till you have about 1.5" of knitting (13 rows)

Second Leg:

Break yarn, leaving a long tail.

On the same needle as the first leg but not attached to it, cast on 10 st.

Make second leg the same way as the first, but when it is the same size as the first leg (1.5"/13 rows), continue double knitting (sl1k1) across both legs to make the body.

BODY

Turn and knit across 20 stitches a second time and turn.

Cast on two st and knit across 22 st, turn.

Cast on two st and knit across 24 st, turn.
sl1k1 across 24 st twice more.

Cast on two st and knit across 26 st, turn.

Cast on two st and knit across 28 st, turn.

Continue doubleknitting 28 st till body is 1.5"

ARMS

at end of row, cast on (using cable cast on) 16 st, do not turn.

slip1/knit1 across (beginning w slipping last cast on st) & turn.
Cast on 16 stitches at opposite side & continue in pattern till arms are as thick as legs.
Cast off 20 st & sl/k across.
Repeat on other arm. (20 st remain)

SHOULDERS

sl/k once around
Cast off 2 st & sl/k across, do not turn.
Repeat on other side. (16 st remain)

NECK

sl/k once more around for neck.
Pass alternating stitches onto two needles (1 for front stitches & 1 for back). Turn inside-out (arms first). Stuff legs arms & torso.

HEAD

Rnd 1: knit around
Rnd 2: k1, kinc, around.
Rnd 3: k around.
Finish stuffing body & limbs, stuff head as you go.
Rnd 4: *(k1, kinc) 2x, k across to last 2 st on current needle, (k1, kinc) 2x * repeat from *on 2nd needle.
rnds 5-10 (or 12): k (prox 6 to 8 rows)
Rnd 11: * k2tog, k to last 2 st on current needle, k2tog* repeat from *on 2nd needle.
Rnd 12: k
Rnds 13 & 14: repeat rnds 11 & 12
Continue repeating rnds 11 & 12 till 6 st left on each needle.
Finish stuffing head.
Cut yarn, leaving a long tail and kirchener st the stitches on front and back needles together.

EYES

With white yarn, cast on 6 st on 2 size 3 circs.
Rnd 1: Kfb each st around (12 st)
Rnd 2 and all even rows: k around
Rnd 3: kinc k1 around (18 st)
Rnd 5-8: k around (18 st)
Rnd 9: k1, k2tog around (12 st)
Rnd 11: k2tog around (6 st)
Finish stuffing.
Cut yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing, and weave through remaining 6 st. Pull yarn to close hole.

PUPIL

With black yarn, cast on 6 st on 2 size 3 circs.,
Rnd 1: cast off all st around. (this makes a small black circle)
Sew to center of white eyeball.

Alternate methods: you could crochet a small circle and sew it on, or embroider a circle directly onto the eyeball if you prefer.

Make second eye the same.

NOSE

With orange yarn cast on 4 st onto sz 4 needles.
Row 1: k across
Row 2: p across
Row 3: k across, with second needle, p/u 4 st from cast on row.
Rnd 1: knit across needle 1, inc 1, k across needle 2, inc 1 (10 st)
Rnd 2-4: k around
Rnd 5: kinc, k to last st on needle 1, repeat for needle 2 (14 st)
Rnd 6 & 7: k
Rnd 8 & 9: k2tog around
Cut yarn, leaving a long tail and kirchener st front and back sides together.

MOUTH:

With black yarn and an I ?? Crochet hook, make a chain long enough to make a smile and sew it in place after sewing the eyes and nose on.

ASSEMBLY:

With red yarn tails, close any gaps or holes (between the legs, under the arms, at the neck or anywhere else gaps have occurred). I use duplicate stitch, as it looks like knit stitches.

With white yarn tails, sew eyes to top of head (using photos as reference). With orange yarn tails, sew nose to face.

Sew mouth in a smile under nose.

Elmo is born! :o)