



Brooke's Jenny the Donkey

Knitting Pattern

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You will need:

- A small amount of double-knit wool. The main body and legs can be any colour – it doesn't have to be grey or brown. If you have any odds and ends of different coloured wool left over from other knitting projects, this is fine to use.
- A very small amount of black for hooves and facial features
- A very small amount of white or cream for muzzle
- Size 5 needles
- Toy stuffing

Abbreviations:

- P Purl
- K Knit
- SS Stocking stitch (knit one row, purl one row)
- Sts stitches
- Inc Increase by knitting into the front and back of next stitch, or whatever increase method you use.



HEAD

Starting at back of head, cast on 14 sts
 First row: P all sts
 Next row: K4, inc K-wise into next 6 sts, K4 (20 sts)
 Starting with P row, SS 8 rows
 Next row (SS becomes reversed at this stage as this shapes the head): K2, K2 together 8 times, K2 (12 sts)



Next row: P to end
 Next row: K to end
 Next row: P2 together, P8, P2 together (10 sts)
 Break off wool and join on white/cream for muzzle
 Next row: K to end
 Next row: P to end
 Next row: K2 together to end (5sts)
 Break off wool and thread through remaining 5 sts, pull tight and fasten off

Sew row end together and stuff
 Sew cast on edges together
 Ensuring seam is under the head, attach head to body making sure that it is positioned on the top edge of the front of the body, rather than straight out from the body.
 Use black wool to embroider the eyes and the nostrils.

BODY

Cast on 12 sts in main body colour
 First row: P all sts
 Next row: Inc K-wise into each st (24 sts)
 Beginning with a P row, SS 17 rows
 Next row: K2 together to end of row (12 sts)
 Break off wool, thread through remaining sts, pull tight and fasten off
 Sew edges together, noting that the purl side is the right side (to give the body texture)
 Stuff with toy stuffing, sew gathering stitch round open end, pull tight and fasten off
 If knitting this is a donkey, you could embroider the T shaped dorsal cross on the body which is a nice touch.

FRONT LEGS (make 2)

Starting at the hooves, cast on 6 sts in black
 SS 2 rows
 Break off wool and join on main colour
 SS 5 rows
 Next row (wrong side facing to shape legs): Inc K-wise into first st, K3, inc K-wise into last st (8 sts)
 SS 5 rows
 Cast off
 Sew up along seam of leg and base of hoof, ensuring hoof and lower leg are K-side facing outwards
 Stuff and sew to front of body



Helpful hints :

- Use 2 strands of wool to make the finished product firmer. You can also use Aran weight wool but you will only need to use one strand.
- Ensure leg seams are facing inwards, head seam is underneath and the body seam is under the body, so they are as invisible as possible. Use the mattress stitch method of sewing the seams together. This helps on the legs particularly as it can be done with the right side outwards so you don't have to turn them right side out afterwards.
- Ensure that the head is positioned on top of the body and not straight out from the front.
- When breaking off the wool, leave a long tail which can be used when sewing up each piece.
- If there are any knitting or sewing methods with which you are not familiar, YouTube has lots of tutorial videos which will show you what to do.



BACK LEGS (make 2)

Starting at the hooves, cast on 6 sts in black
SS 2 rows
Break off wool and join on main colour
SS 5 rows
Next row (wrong side facing to shape leg): Inc K-wise into first st, K3, inc K-wise into last st (8 sts)
SS 5 rows
Next row: K2, inc in next st, K1, inc into next st, K3 (10 sts)
SS 3 rows
Cast off
Sew up along seam of leg and base of hoof, ensuring hoof and lower leg are K-side facing outwards
Stuff and sew to back of body



EARS (make 2)

Start at bottom edge and cast on 3 sts
First row: P all sts
Next row: K1, inc in following 2 sts (5 sts)
SS 5 rows
Cast off
Fold cast off edges in half with K side outside
Sew cast on edges to top of head

TAIL

Cut three pieces of wool about 6 inches long
Twist together tightly and fold in half
Tie at the end of prevent it coming undone
Sew onto the back of the body

Jenny the donkey is complete! If you have more yarn, why not make a companion for Jenny

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Brooke's Jack the Donkey Crochet Pattern

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You will need:

- DK weight yarn in grey, cream, black
- A 3.0mm hook
- 1 pair of 5mm safety eyes (or black embroidery thread to sew in eyes)
- Fiberfill (Polyester toy filling that complies to BS1425 and BS5852.)
- Stitch markers
- Tapestry needle

Abbreviations:

- Magic circle
- SC – Single crochet
- ST – Stitch
- INC – Single Crochet Increase (2 sc in one stitch)
- DEC – single crochet decrease (2 sc together – using front loops only)
- BLO – Back Loop Only
- SL ST – Slip Stitch
- CH – Chain
- (...) repeat the instructions in brackets the given number of times
- [...] total number of stitches in the round

Notes:

- This pattern is worked using the amigurumi method, using continuous spirals without closing each round with a slip stitch. It may help to use a stitch marker in the last stitch of each row, moving it at the end of each row.
- **Finished size:** approximately 5 inches /12.5cm

HEAD (in cream and grey yarn)

Starting with the cream yarn

Round 1: 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Round 2: inc in all 6 st [12]

Round 3: sc in all 12 st [12]

Round 4: (sc in next 2 st, inc in next st) repeat 4 times [16]

Round 5: sc in all 16 st [16]

Change to the grey yarn:

Round 6: (sc in next 2 st, inc in next st) repeat 5 times, sc [21]

Rounds 7–9: sc in all 21 st [21]

Round 10: (sc in next 2 st, inc in next st) repeat 7 times [28]

Round 11: (sc in next 3 st, inc in next st) repeat 7 times [35]

Round 12–14: sc in all 35 st [35]

Add the safety eyes between rows 9 and 10, leaving 5 stitches between the eyes. Using some black yarn, sew in the nostrils using 3 stitches per nostril and fasten off securely.



Round 15: (sc in next 3 st, dec) repeat 7 times [28]

Round 16: (sc in next 5 st, dec) repeat 4 times [24]

Stuff the head with fiberfill and continue stuffing as you go.

Round 17: (sc in next 2 st, dec) repeat 6 times [18]

Round 18: (sc in next st, dec) repeat 6 times [12]

Round 19: dec 6 times [6]

Sl St in next stitch and fasten off. Weave in any remaining yarn.



EARS (Make 2, in grey yarn)

Round 1: 4 sc in a magic ring [4]

Round 2: (sc in next st, inc in next st) repeat 2 times [6]

Round 3: sc in each st [6]

Round 4: (sc in next 2 st, inc in next st) repeat 2 times [8]

Rounds 5–7: sc in each st [8]

Round 8: (sc in next 2 st, dec) repeat 2 times [6]

Sl st in next stitch and fasten off, do not stuff. Leave a long tail for sewing to the head.

Attach the ears to the head between rows 15 and 16 in line with the eyes, approximately 4–5 st between the ears.

LEGS (Make 4 in black and grey yarn)

Starting with the black yarn

Round 1: 5 sc in a magic ring [5]

Round 2: inc in each st [10]

Round 3: BLO sc in each st [10]

Round 4: sc in each st [10]

Change to grey yarn, stuff the leg with fiberfill and continue stuffing as you go.

Rounds 5–12: sc in each st [10]

Sl st in next stitch and fasten off. (Leave a tail for sewing onto body)

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BODY (in grey yarn)

Begin by leaving a long tail for sewing on the head. The body starts at the neck.

Round 1: ch 14, join with a sl st to the first in the ch to form a circle.

Rounds 2-3: sc in each st [14]

The next round forms the donkey's back.

Round 4: ch 11 starting in the 2nd ch from the hook, inc in next st, sc in next 9 st of the back.

Moving into the neck: sc in next 5 st, inc in next st, sc in next 2 st, inc in next st, sc in next 5.

Moving into the donkey's back sc in the next 10 st, inc in next st.. [39]

Move the stitch marker to this final st

Round 5: inc in next st, sc in the next 36 st, inc in next st, sc in next st [41]

Round 6: inc in next 2 st, sc in next 16 st, inc in next st, sc in next 3 st, inc in next st, sc in next 16 st, inc in next 2 st [47]

Rounds 7-12: sc in each st [47]

Round 13: dec twice, sc in next 15 st, dec, sc in next 5 st, dec, sc in next 15 st, dec twice [41]

Round 14: sc in next 14 st, dec, sc in next 2 st, dec, sc in next st, dec, sc in next 2 st, dec, sc in next 14 st [37]

Round 15: sc in next 2 st, dec, sc in next st, dec, sc in next 8, dec, sc in next 3 st, dec, sc in next 8 st, dec, sc in next st, dec, sc in next 2 st [31]

Round 16: (dec three times, sc in next 6 st) repeat 2 times, dec three times, sc in next st [22]

Round 17: dec, sc in next 6 st, dec, sc in next 2 st, dec, sc in next 6 st, dec [18]

Stuff and continue to stuff as you go.

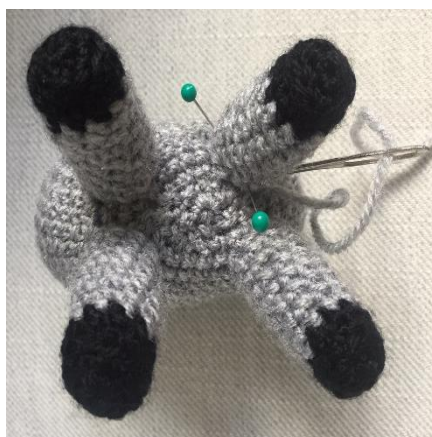
Round 18: (dec, sc in next st) repeat 6 times, [12]

Round 19: dec six times, [6]

BODY (continued)

Fasten off, and weave in any remaining tail of yarn.

Next attach the head and legs. Use pins to ensure legs are spaced evenly on each side, head is straight and sew on.



TAIL (in black yarn)

Ch 10. The tail will now be added to the body of the donkey. Take crochet chain off the hook and set aside. Put your hook through one st on the middle of the back of the donkey, then return the ch of 10 back to the hook.

Sl st in each of the 10 st back along the chain.

(Ch 6. Sl st back into the first of this ch) repeat 3 times.

Fasten off. Weave tail of yarn into the tail to finish.

TAIL (Continued)

(Ch 6. Sl st back into the first of this ch) repeat 3 times.

Fasten off. Weave tail of yarn into the tail to finish.

HAIR (in black yarn)

Base chain: ch 9, sl st into second ch from hook. This ch forms the base of the hair, and we now will work loops of 'hair' along the main base ch.

Start hair loops. ch 6, sl st back into first ch. Sl st in next ch of the base chain. (repeat 8 times)

Ch6 sl st into last stich on main base chain. Now continue with hair loops along the other side of the base chain,

(Ch 6, sl st back into first ch. Sl st in next ch of the base chain) repeat 8 times. Fasten off and leave a long tail of yarn to sew onto the head.

Position the hair in place with pins, and starting at the neck end and working up to the ears, sew the hair into place.

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