



# Simpson the Snowman

Knitted in garter stitch

Easy to knit and with the addition of a time lapse video to show how it is sewn up, Simpson is knitted in DK man made yarn and filled with polyester stuffing.

In the first 3 months of life, babies have underdeveloped optic nerves and see the world in black, white and shades of grey. Simpson with its black mouth, eyes and buttons will be attractive to young babies. It has a purple scarf and hat which is the colour of the SSCB charity and also of World Prematurity Day.

Encourage young people to learn to knit, starting with his scarf and then they can help you stuff and dress it after watching the video. It can be knitted in 3 sizes and there is also a challenge for the experienced knitter to make an even larger snowman for display.

## Requirements

Please use new yarn and 100% polyester filling.

While we appreciate that knitters have different abilities and as these are gifts for babies and families who have gone through so much, we would appreciate a high quality of knitting and sewing up.

All sewing MUST be fastened securely.

## Post to us

Please email the charity BEFORE you mail to the PO Box with the quantity made. This will allow us to contact you with our thanks:

Simpsons Special Care Babies  
PO Box 12258  
North West DO  
Comely Bank Road  
Edinburgh  
EH4 1YB

## Our snowman comes in 3 sizes, knitted in garter stitch and to make him you will need:

### Materials

White DK yarn  
Purple DK yarn  
Soft toy filling  
Small amount of orange and black DK yarn  
Size 3.25 knitting needles  
Wool or tapestry needle

### Body & Head

Body and head knitted in one piece  
Using white cast on 12 (18, 22) stitches  
Knit 1 row  
Row 2 Knit and increase into every stitch 24 (36, 44) sts  
Work 36 (50, 70) rows in garter stitch  
Next row \*K 2 tog, repeat from \* to end of row  
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Draw up these stitches, secure and sew back seam together to cast on edge  
Fill with stuffing, gather up cast on edge and fasten securely. This is the top of the head  
To create the head, count down approx 12 (18, 26) rows from cast on edge and firmly tie a length of yarn round and round, fasten securely

### Arms (make 2)

Using white cast on 10 (14, 20) sts  
Work 14 (18, 26) rows in garter stitch  
Next row \*K2 tog, repeat from \* to end of row  
Draw up stitches and join seam, stuff softly and sew to side of body just below neck and at wrist, fasten securely

### Hat

Using purple cast on 26 (38, 46) sts  
Row 1 purl  
Row 2 Knit  
Row 3 Purl - these 3 rows allow the hat brim to curl up  
In garter stitch, work 14 (22, 30) rows  
Next row \* K 2 tog, repeat from \* to end of row  
Next row \* K 2 tog, repeat from \* to end of row  
Gather stitches on to yarn and sew back seam. Put a small amount of stuffing into hat but do not sew on at this stage

### Scarf

Using purple cast on 38 (46, 65) sts  
In garter stitch work 2 (4, 6) rows and cast off

### To make up

You can watch our time lapse video on our website.  
[sscb.org/knitting](http://sscb.org/knitting)  
Tie scarf around neck and sew down onto body at back and front.  
On face with hat in position, mark and sew 2 eyes in black and a nose in orange using French Knots and a black mouth in a wide V.  
Sew 2 (3, 3) French Knots down front using black yarn.  
All embroidery should be started and finished through the top of the head or through the back of the neck for the buttons.  
Put the hat on and sew all the way round, fasten securely.