

Poppet the Poodle

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Yes, it really is a poppet, this engaging woolly dog—a pram toy that will get many an admiring glance when riding in the park. It is hard to believe that this thoroughbred little lady is produced entirely in knitting, but that's how she's made—loopy stitch for “unclipped” parts, stocking-stitch the rest. Just follow the easy instructions and Poppet will soon be sitting proudly on your baby's pram.



White wool is the nicest choice for Poppet's coat, though grey or chocolate or black are other good poodle shades. Whichever you choose, have bow and collar in brilliant contrast, for poodles are highly fashionable dogs and very fussy about *le tout ensemble*. Our Poppet wore magenta pink accessories when she sat for her picture on this page. They were made from a scrap of felt, which is an excellent material to use as it comes in such bright, clear colours. If you use ribbon instead choose one that is fairly stiff, so that it will set nicely for the collar.

The finished dog measures about 10 inches high and is knitted with *double wool* throughout. The stitches are easy . . . stocking-stitch, as you know, is just one row plain and one row purl, alternately; for the loop-stitch the needle is put into a stitch as for knitting, then the double wool is passed over right-hand needle and first finger of left hand three times, then over right-hand needle again, and all loops drawn through.



MATERIALS.—3 ozs. 3-ply fingering in white; small ball of pink for ear linings; tiny pieces of black and white felt for eyes; black wool for marking features; felt or ribbon for collar and bow; kapok for stuffing; two No. 9 knitting needles.

NOTE.—Use wool *double* throughout.

BACK LEGS AND BODY (worked in one).—Start at end of leg, casting on 12 sts., and work 9 rows st.-st. Next row (purl side facing)—K. 1, work in loop stitch till 1 rem., by working into each stitch thus: insert needle in stitch as for knitting, then pass wool over right-hand needle and first finger of left hand three times, then over right-hand needle again, and draw all loops through, then drop the stitch off the left-hand needle in the usual way; k. last st. Next row—Knit, counting each group as one stitch. Repeat last 2 rows 7 more times. Put stitches on spare needle and work other leg in same way. Put both sets of stitches on one needle and work one row of loops right across, knitting first and last st.; then knit one row. Repeat last 2 rows once. Next row—(P. 2, inc.) to end (32 sts.). Work 47 rows st.-st. Next row—P. 1, work loop-stitch in next 9 sts., p. 12, loop-stitch in next 9 sts., p. 1. Next row—K. Rep. last 2 rows once. Cast off. Fold each leg in half lengthways and stitch sides together and across ends; fold body in half lengthways and stitch long sides together. Stuff firmly. Bend legs under body and catch in position half-way along leg.

CHEST GUSSET.—Cast on 4 sts. and knit 1 row. Continue in st.-st., inc. each end of next and every alternate row till 12 sts. are on needle, then dec. each end of alternate rows till 4 sts. rem. Cast off. Sew over open end of body.

FRONT LEGS.—Make exactly as for back legs, but cast off each separately instead of slipping sts. to spare needle. Sew to body just under loops.

TAIL.—Cast on 12 sts. and work in st.-st. for 14 rows. Next row—Inc. in every stitch. Work one row of loops. Cast off. Gather looped end, stitch sides together and stuff. Gather open end and sew to body.

HEAD.—Cast on 17 sts. and work 24 rows st.-st. Next row—K. 2 tog., k. till 2 rem., k. 2 tog. Next row—P. 2 tog., loop-stitch till 2 rem., p. 2 tog. Next row—K. Rep. last 2 rows once, then work one row of loops. Knit one row, then work one row of loops increasing each end. Repeat last 2 rows once. Knit 24 rows st.-st. Cast off. Fold in half, join sides, stuff, and gather open end slightly.

Sew head to body, cast-off edge at back.

MUZZLE.—Cast on 17 and work 3 rows st.-st., then purl next row, decreasing each end. Repeat these 4 rows twice more, then decrease each end of next row. Cast off. Work another piece in the same way. Sew together, leaving cast-on edges open. Stuff and sew open end to lower end of head.

NOSE.—With double black wool cast on 5 sts. and knit one row. Purl next row, increasing each end; knit 3 rows st.-st.; purl next row decreasing each end. Cast off. Gather over a small ball of stuffing and sew to end of muzzle.

EYES.—Cut two tiny circles of black felt and two white circles slightly larger; place black on white and stitch on to head. Mark mouth and round eyes with black stitches.

EARS.—Cast on 8 sts. and knit one row. Work one row of loop-stitch, increasing each end. Repeat these 2 rows 3 more times. Knit one row. Work one row of loops. Knit one row; work one row of loops, decreasing each end. Repeat last 2 rows 3 more times. Cast off.

EAR LININGS.—With double pink wool cast on 8 sts. and knit 1 row, then purl one row increasing each end. Repeat last 2 rows twice. Work 11 rows st.-st., then decrease each end of next row. Work one row, then decrease each end of next 2 rows. Cast off. Sew lining and ears together in pairs; do not stuff; sew cast-off edge to head just below loops.

Make a bow from felt or ribbon and stitch to head; put strip of ribbon or felt round neck, making a buckle effect with black stitches. Mark claws with black stitches.