



Knitted Easter Chicken containing a Cream Egg.

Yellow Double Knitting Wool (a small amount).
1 Pair 3.75mm Knitting Needles.
Small amount of stuffing for the head.
Small piece felt for the Beak and Black Yarn for eyes.
Chocolate Egg (Can also use a hard-boiled Egg).

Instructions.

Body

Cast on 26 St.
Row 1: K1 increase 1, K to end of row.
Repeat first row until until 36 stitches.
K. a further 4 rows (a total of 14 rows will have been knitted).

Shape the tail

Row 1: K. 3 bring yarn forward slip next stitch, yarn to the front and bring slip stitch back onto left needle. Turn.
Row 2: K. 3 to the end.
Row 3: K. 2 bring yarn forward, slip next stitch, yarn to the front and bring slip stitch back to left needle.
Row 4: K. 2 to end.
Row 5: Cast off 10 stitches, K. to end.
Row 6: Repeat last 5 rows for the other side to shape the tail.
Row 7: You will have 16 St. on needle.

Head

Rows 1-4 K.
Row 5: K. 1 K2tog. K to last 3 stitches. K2tog. K1.
Rows 6-8 as row 5.
Rows 9-10 Knit.

This leaves 8 stitches. Cut a length of yarn about 12 inches long. Thread a needle with the yarn and run it through the remaining stitches and pull tight. Continue with the yarn to sew up the head, back and side leaving a hole big enough to insert an egg. Stuff the head lightly. Insert the egg which will give a good shape making it easy to see where the neck should be. With a needle and yarn work a running stitch to shape neck by pulling thread lightly then tie securely.

Make the eyes with a French knot or small stitch using black yarn and sew on a beak from felt. I also add a bow using narrow ribbon round the neck.