

PLAYMAKERS

Knitted King Alf

Join our Knitted King Alf Project and help us fill Winchester with King Alfs!

Whether you're an enthusiast or a beginner, local or overseas, we want your imaginations to run wild, creating King Alfs for us to hide around Winchester city centre during Hat Fair – the UK's longest running festival of Outdoor Arts, which this year runs from Friday 2 - Sunday 4 July 2021*.

We want festival goers to go exploring, to find the Alfs, share them on social media, then take them when they leave so that the Alfs can explore other parts of the UK, if not the world!

Think how far your Alf could go - and get knitting!

Check out **#KnittedAlf**

Submission deadline: **Saturday 12 June 2021**

*This exciting project was due to culminate at Hat Fair 2020 but, due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the festival was cancelled, so we've extended the project to 2021!

All information on the Knitted King Alf project can be found at playmakers.org.uk



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Knitted King Alf Pattern

Pattern designed by Kat Henderson

What will you need?

Knitting needle size: 4mm, Small amounts yarn in brown, white, flesh colour, yellow/gold, blue and red, black thread for the eyes, polyfill stuffing and needle.

Key: K - Knit, P - Purl, Kfb - Knit in to the front and back of the stitch, K2tog - Knit next two stitches together, st - Stitch, Yo - Yarn over

Legs, tunic and head

Starting at the legs cast on 15 st in brown yarn.

Row 1 Kfb in to each st (30)

Mark the middle of the row with a stitch marker or coloured piece of yarn

Row 2 P (30)

Row 3 K (30)

Row 4 P (30)

Row 5 K (30)

Row 6 P (30)

Row 7 K (30)

Row 8 P (30)

Row 9 K (30)

Row 9 P (30)

Row 10 K (30)

Mark the middle of the row with a stitch marker or coloured piece of yarn.

Change to tunic colour yarn

Rows 11 - 13 P (30)

Row 14 K (30)

Row 15 P (30)

Row 16 K (30)

Row 17 P (30)

Row 18 K (30)

Row 19 P (30)

Row 20 K (30)

Row 21 P (30)

Row 22 K (30)

Row 23 P (30)

Row 24 K (30)

Row 25 P (30)

Row 26 K (30)

Row 27 P (30)

Row 28 K8, K2tog, K2tog, K6, K2tog, K2tog, K8 (26)

Change to flesh coloured yarn

Row 29 P (26)

Row 30 K8, Kfb, Kfb, K6, Kfb, Kfb, K8 (30)

Row 31 P (30)

Row 32 K (30)

Row 33 P (30)

Row 34 K (30)

Row 35 P (30)

Row 36 K (30)

Row 37 P (30)

Row 38 K (30)

Row 39 P (30)

Row 40 K2tog x15 (15)

Thread needle through stitches gather and sew together and up the back. The seam will be the centre of the back of the doll. Fill with polyfill stuffing and sew up the bottom.

To define the legs: sew a line from the front to the back of the doll between the stitch markers in row 1 and row 10.

To define the head: wrap a piece of flesh coloured yarn between the head and tunic, pull tight and fasten with a knot.

Arm x 2

With flesh coloured yarn cast on 8 st.

Row 1 P (8)

Row 2 K (8)

Row 3 P (8)

Change to tunic colour

Row 4 K (8)

Row 5 P (8)

Rows 6-15 repeat rows 4 and 5 five times.

Row 16 K (8)

Cast off Purl wise

Sew the arms together working from the flesh to the tunic colour. Stuff lightly with polyfill, sew the arm to the side of the doll.

Belt

Using brown yarn cast on 30 st.

Cast off K wise

Attach the belt around the waist of the doll and sew in place.

Hair

Using hair coloured yarn cast on 20 st.

Row 1-11 K (20)

Row 12 K2tog x 10 (10)

Cast off

Fold in half and sew the cast off edge together and attach to the top of the head.

Crown

Using gold or yellow yarn cast 30 st.

Row 1-3 K (30)

Row 4 K2tog, (Yo, K2tog) x 14 (28)

Row 5-7 K (28)

Cast off

Fold the piece in half length wise and sew together to reveal the jagged edge. Sew the ends together to create a crown and attach to the top of the hair.

Beard

Using beard coloured yarn cast on 2 st.

Row 1 Kfb x2 (4)

Row 2 K (4)

Row 3 Kfb, K2, Kfb (6)

Row 4 K (6)

Row 5 Kfb, K4, Kfb (8)

Row 6 K (8)

Row 7 Kfb, K6, Kfb (10)

Row 8 K (10)

Row 9 Kfb, K8, Kfb (12)

Row 10 K (12)

Row 11 Kfb, K10, Kfb (14)

Row 12 K1 K2tog x6 K1 (8)

Cast off

Attach the beard to the face and embroider some eyes

Cape

Using red yarn cast on 24 st.

Row 1 K (24)

Row 2 K (24)

Row 3 K2, P20, K2 (24)

Row 4 K (24)

Row 5 K2, P20, K2 (24)

Row 6 K (24)

Row 7 K2, P20, K2 (24)

Row 8 K (24)

Row 9 K2, P20, K2 (24)

Row 10 K (24)

Row 11 K2, P20, K2 (24)

Row 12 K (24)

Row 13 K2, P20, K2 (24)

Row 14 K (24)

Row 15 K2, P20, K2 (24)

Row 16 K (24)

Row 17 K2, P20, K2 (24)

Row 18 K (24)

Row 19 K2, P20, K2 (24)

Row 20 K (24)

Row 21 K2, P20, K2 (24)

Row 22 K6, K2tog x 2, K4, K2tog x2, K6 (20)

Row 23 K2, P16, K2 (20)

Row 24 K2tog x 10 (10)

Row 25 K2tog, k6, K2tog (8)

Cast off

Attach the cape around the neck of the doll.

Shield x 2

In blue cast on 10 st

Row 1 K (10)

Row 2 K (10)

Row 3 P (10)

Row 4 K (10)

Row 5 P (10)

Row 6 K (10)

Row 7 P (10)

Row 8 K2tog, K6, K2tog (8)

Row 9 P (8)

Row 10 K2tog, K4, K2tog (6)

Row 11 P (6)

Row 12 K2tog, K2, K2tog (4)

Row 13 P (4)

Row 14 K2tog, K2tog (2)

Cast off Purl wise.

Sew both pieces together back to back and embroider a cross on the front.

Send in your creations, and a note to say where it's from to:

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