

## Wol



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**FINISHED SIZE** Approx. 15cm/ 9in tall from top of head to point of the claws

**YARN** Unless otherwise stated, double strands of yarn are used together throughout this pattern. The exact combinations of yarn to be used are indicated by two letters - yarn **AB** for example. You'll need less than quarter 50g ball of the following yarn, the shade I suggest is written in *italics* but you can substitute with a similar weight yarn if you wish, [yarnsub.com](http://yarnsub.com) is a good site for help with that:

Yarn **A** under third 25g ball 4-ply/ fingering-weight in beige

- My suggestion: *Cardiff Cashmere Classic shade 509 Silver (actual amount needed - 35 metres)*

Yarn **B** under half 25g ball 4-ply/ fingering-weight in off-white

- My suggestion: *Cardiff Cashmere Classic shade 501 Neve (actual amount needed - 45 metres)*

Yarn **C** under third 25g ball 4-ply/ fingering-weight in mid-brown

- My suggestion: *Cardiff Cashmere Classic shade 511 Brown (actual amount needed - 35 metres)*

Yarn **D** under quarter 25g ball 4-ply/ fingering-weight in dark-brown

- My suggestion: *Cardiff Cashmere Classic shade 643 Cacao (actual amount needed - 25 metres)*

**PLUS** - length (approx. 20cm/ 8in) of yellow yarn for the Beak –Cardiff Cashmere Large shade 576 Pooh

**KNITTING NEEDLES** Pair 3.50mm, plus, for the Lower Legs only, you'll need two 3mm double-pointed needles or 2 x 3mm circular needle to create an i-cord

**TENSION** 8 rows and 5.5 stitches over 2.5cm with 3.50mm needles and yarn AB

**EXTRAS** Pair 9mm black or brown Toy Safety Eyes with plastic washer-type backs; lockable-style stitch markers in various colours (*Ref. Page 2*); yarn sewing needle;

**OPTIONAL EXTRAS** If you want to add **Claws** I used 8 small toggle-type buttons similar to these from [Etsy](https://www.etsy.com)

If you want to add **Wire** into the legs and talons I used 2 x 30cm gauge 24 wires similar to these from [Etsy](https://www.etsy.com)

The **Spectacles** were bought from Etsy, 3.3cm wide x 2.3 arms – [similar ones here](https://www.etsy.com)

**COLOURED MARKER GUIDE:**

This guide is here to pull out and use together with the pattern should you wish to use similar coloured guides to mine for ease of following, especially at the making-up stage:

Markers:

**ORANGE** HEAD BACK

**BABY PINK** BREAST

**TURQUOISE** NECK

**PALE TURQUOISE** WING

**PINK** LOWER WING END

**LIME GREEN** WING TO LEG TOP

**BLUE** CENTRE WING

**GREEN** TAIL FOLD

**TURQUOISE** TAIL

**PATTERN NOTES & TIPS:**

. I generally cast on with Cable Cast On unless it's casting on in the middle of a row then I use [Backward Loop Cast-On method](#)

. **WIRE:** I found the best wires to create an armature with are paper-wrapped (easier to handle) ones - the best gauge for this project being 24 which is very fine and really malleable so easy to bend and which I used for the legs and talons

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

**W+Tk** bring working yarn to the front of the work, slip next stitch purl-wise onto the RH needle, take working yarn to the back, slip the slipped stitch back onto the LH needle, turn the knitting = W+Tk (wrap and turn knit)

**W+Tp** take working yarn to the back of the work, slip next stitch knit-wise onto the RH needle, bring working yarn to the front, slip the slipped stitch back onto the LH needle, turn the knitting = W+Tp (wrap and turn purl)

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**GENERAL ABBREVIATIONS**

k = knit

p = purl

inc = increase

dec = decrease

k2tog/ k3tog = knit two together/ knit three together

p2tog/ p3tog = purl two together/ purl three together

RH/LH = right hand/ left hand

RS/WS = right side/ wrong side

st/ sts =stitch/ stitches

skpo = slip one stitch, knit next stitch, pass slipped stitch over knit stitch to decrease by one stitch

kfb = knit into front then into back of stitch to increase by one stitch

pfb = purl into front then knit into back of stitch to increase by one stitch

m1= with RH needle point pick up the horizontal bar in between stitches, put onto LH needle, knit the new stitch

## FACE FRONT

**Right Eye Socket**

With yarn **AB** cast on 7 sts

**Work Short Rows to shape the Right Eye Socket as follows:**

Short Row 1. K6, W+Tk (*wrap and turn knit, see Page 3*)

Short Row 2. P6

Short Row 3. K5, W+Tk

Short Row 4. P5

Short Row 5. K1, **PM** (*place marker*) on the stitch you've just knitted for **Right Head Back Marker**, k3, W+Tk

Short Row 6. P4

Short Row 7. K3, W+Tk

Short Row 8. P3

Short Row 9. K2, W+Tk

Short Row 10. P2

**Row 1.** dec) K2tog, k3, k2tog - 5sts

**Row 2.** dec) P3, p2tog - 4sts

**Row 3.** (dec) K2tog, k2 - 3sts

**Row 4.** Purl

**Row 5.** (inc) Kfb, k2 - 4sts

**Row 6.** (inc) P3, pfb - 5sts

**Row 7.** (inc) Kfb, knit to last st, kfb - 7sts

**Row 8.** Purl

**Work Short Rows to shape the Left Eye Socket as follows:**

Short Row 1. K2, W+Tk

Short Row 2. P2

Short Row 3. K3, W+Tk

Short Row 4. P3

Short Row 5. K1, **PM** on the stitch you've just knitted for **Left Head Back Marker**, k3, W+Tk

Short Row 6. P4

Short Row 7. K5, W+Tk

Short Row 8. P5

Short Row 9. K6, W+Tk

Short Row 10. P6

**Row 9.** Knit across all 7 sts Left Eye Socket sts; pick up and knit one stitch in the centre of the dip (*in between the left and right eye sockets*); pick up and knit 7 sts into the cast on stitches from Right Eye Socket - 15sts. - *Ref. Fig. 1, shows as already knitted from A to B, then to pick up and knit at C; pick up and knit from D to E & Fig. 2, showing the stitches picked up and knitted*

Cast off all 15 Face Front sts purl-wise.



FIG. 1



FIG. 2

## BREAST

The Breast sts are picked up and knitted along the Face Front Cast-Off Edge as follows:

With the top of the Face Front sts facing you, the Right Eye Socket to your right, with yarn **AB**, starting at the outer corner of the Right Eye Socket, pick up and knit 12 sts evenly into the Face Front Cast-Off Edge. - *Ref. Fig. 3, pick up and knit from A to B*



FIG. 3

**Row 1.** (inc) Pfb, purl to last st, pfb – 14sts

**Work Short Rows to shape the Breast, Right-Side, as follows:**

Short Row 1. K6, W+Tk

Short Row 2. P5, W+Tp (*wrap and turn purl, see Page 3*)

Short Row 3. K4, W+Tk

Short Row 4. P3, W+Tp

**Then...**

**Work Short Rows to shape the Breast, Left-Side, as follows:**

Short Row 5. K11, W+Tk

Short Row 6. P5, W+Tp

Short Row 7. K4, W+Tk

Short Row 8. P3, W+Tp

Short Row 9. K5 sts to end of row

**Row 2.** Purl

**Row 3.** Kfb, k1, skpo, k6, k2tog, k1, kfb. **PM** on first and last stitch of last row for Left and Right **Breast Markers**

**Rows 4-6.** Beginning with a purl row work three rows stocking stitch

**Row 7.** Kfb, k2, skpo, k4, k2tog, k2, kfb

**Rows 8-10.** Beginning with a purl row work three rows stocking stitch

**Row 11.** Kfb, k3, skpo, k2, k2tog, k3, kfb

**Row 12.** Purl

**Row 13.** Kfb, k4, skpo, k2tog, k4, kfb

**Row 14.** Purl

**Divide Legs** (\*\*First see the Note at the bottom of Page 9)

**Both Legs are now to be separated from the Breast as follows:**

**Row 15.** K7, Turn (flip work over so that purl-side faces)

**Row 16.** Purl just the 7 sts for **Right Leg**

**Row 17.** (inc) Cast on 8 sts for Back Right Leg, knit across all 15 Right Leg sts, Turn

**Row 18.** P15

**Row 19.** K15, Turn

**Row 20.** P15

**Row 21.** (dec) K2tog, k11, k2tog, Turn - 13 Right Leg sts

**Row 22.** P13

**Row 23.** (dec) K4, skpo, k1, k2tog, k4, Turn - 11 Right Leg sts

**Row 24.** P11

**Row 25.** (dec) K2tog, k7, k2tog, Turn - 9 Right Leg sts

**Row 26.** P9

**Row 27.** (dec) K2tog, skpo, k1, [k2tog] twice, Turn - 5 Right Leg sts

Cast off all 5 Right Leg sts purl-wise.

**Left Leg**

Rejoin yarn **AB** to the 7 sts on the knitting needle and continue as follows:

**Row 15.** Knit

**Row 16.** (inc) Cast on 8 sts for Back Left Leg, purl across all 15 Left Leg sts

**Rows 17- 20.** Beginning with a knit row work four rows stocking stitch

**Row 21.** (dec) K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog - 13sts

**Rows 22, 24 & 26.** Purl

**Row 23.** (dec) K4, skpo, k1, k2tog, knit to end of row - 11sts

**Row 25.** (dec) K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog - 9sts

**Row 27.** (dec) K2tog, skpo, k1, [k2tog] twice - 5sts

Cast off all 5 Left Leg sts purl-wise.

**Join Leg Back to Leg Front for Inner Leg Seams**

Working on one leg at a time, WS together, fold across the Leg Cast-Off Edge and match the Leg Back row ends to the Leg Front row ends. Work mattress stitch to join both sets of row ends together so joining the Back Leg to the Front Leg at the Inner Leg Seam, stuff the yarn endings inside the legs. - *Ref. Fig. 4, join A to B as dotted lines show*



FIG. 4

**\*\*If you'd prefer short legs (Wol's legs are quite long to enable him to bend one leg up and hold a quill for example) simply omit Rows 19 and 20 from Right Leg and mirror that by only working just two rows stocking stitch after Row 16 for Left Leg**

## HEAD BACK

**The Head Back sts are picked up and knitted along the very top of the Face Front, into rows ends from marker to marker as follows:**

With the Face Front, Breast and Legs facing you, with yarn AC, starting at the Left Head Back Marker (on your right) pick up and knit 6 sts into row ends towards the dip in between both eye sockets; pick up and knit 1 stitch in the centre of the dip; pick up and knit 6 sts into row ends to the Right Head Back Marker - 13sts. - *Ref. Fig. 5, pick up and knit from A to B; pick up and knit at C; pick up and knit from D to E*

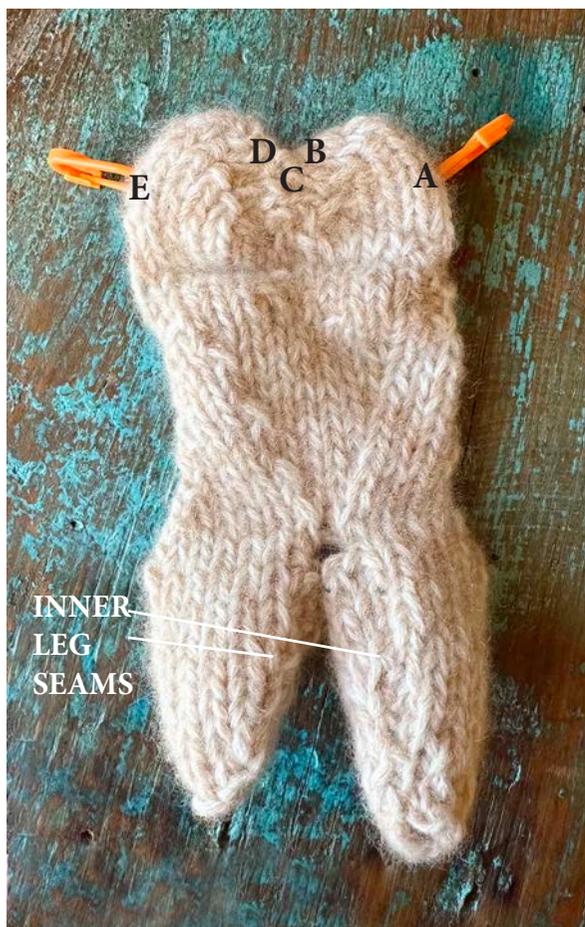


FIG. 5

**Row 1.** (inc) Cast on 4 sts for Right Head Side, PM on first cast-on stitch for Right Neck Marker, purl across all 17 sts

**Row 2.** (inc) Cast on 4 sts for Left Head Side, PM on first cast-on stitch for Left Neck Marker, Knit across all 21 sts

**Work Short Rows to shape the Head Back as follows:**

Short Row 1. P20, W+Tp

Short Row 2. K19, W+Tk

Short Row 3. P18, W+Tp

Short Row 4. K17, W+Tk

Short Row 5. P16, W+Tp

Short Row 6. K15, W+Tk

Short Row 7. P14, W+Tp

Short Row 8. K13, W+Tk

Short Row 9. Purl 17 sts to end of row

**Work extra Short Rows to shape the Middle of the Head Back as follows:**

Short Row 1. K14, **Turn** (*NOTE: these are NOT wrap and turn short rows*)

Short Row 2. P7, Turn

Short Row 3. K6, Turn

Short Row 4. P5, Turn

Short Row 5. Knit 13 sts to end of row

**Row 3.** (dec) P6, p2tog, p5, p2tog, p6 to end of row – 19sts

**Row 4.** Knit

**Row 5.** (dec) P6, p2tog, p3, p2tog, p6 to end of row – 17sts

Cast off all 17 Head Back sts.

## BACK WINGS

The Back Wings sts are picked up and knitted across the Head Back Side row ends and across the Head Back Cast-Off Edge as follows:

With the Face Front, Breast and Head Back facing you, with yarn AC, starting at the Left Neck Marker (*on your right*) pick up and knit 3 sts into row ends towards Head Back Cast-Off Edge; pick up and knit 10 sts evenly across the cast-off edge; pick up and knit 3 sts into row ends to the Right Neck Marker - 16sts. - *Ref. Fig. 6, pick up and knit from A to B; pick up and knit from B to C; pick up and knit from C to D*



FIG. 5

**Row 1.** (inc) Pfb, purl to last st, pfb - 18sts

**Work Short Rows to shape the Left Back Wing as follows:**

Short Row 1. K5, W+Tk

Short Row 2. P1, W+Tp

Short Row 3. K2, W+Tk

Short Row 4. P3, W+Tp

Short Row 5. K4, W+Tk

Short Row 6. P5, W+Tp

Short Row 7. K6, W+Tk

Short Row 8. P7, W+Tp

Short Row 9. Knit 17 sts to end of row

**Work Short Rows to shape the Right Back Wing as follows:**

Short Row 1. P5, W+Tp

Short Row 2. K1, W+Tk

Short Row 3. P2, W+Tp

Short Row 4. K3, W+Tk

Short Row 5. P4, W+Tp

Short Row 6. K5, W+Tk

Short Row 7. P6, W+Tp

Short Row 8. K7, W+Tk

Short Row 9. Purl 17 sts to end of row

**Row 2.** (inc) Kfb, knit to last st, kfb - 20sts

**Row 3.** Purl

**Row 4.** (inc) Kfb, knit to last st, Kfb - 22sts

**Row 5.** Purl. **PM** on first and last stitch of last row for Left and Right Wing Markers

**Row 6.** (dec) K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog - 20sts

**Row 7.** Purl

**Rows 8-19.** (dec) Repeat last 2 rows six times - 8sts

**Row 20.** (dec) K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog - 6sts

Cast off all 6 Back Wing sts purl-wise. **PM** in the centre of the cast-off edge for **Lower Wing End Marker**

## WING LOWER EDGES

The Wing Lower Edges are picked up and knitted along the wings that you've just finished knitted, into rows ends from marker to cast-off edge as follows:

## Left Wing Lower Edge

With the Left Wing facing you and the Left Wing Marker to your right, with yarn AC, starting at the Left Wing Marker pick up and knit 13 sts into row ends towards the Back Wing Cast-Off Edge; pick up and knit 2 sts along the cast-off edge to the centre at the Lower Wing End Marker - 15sts. - *Ref. Fig. 7, pick up and knit from A to B; B to C; Fig. 8 shows the left wing lower edge as knitted*



FIG. 7



FIG. 8

## Row 1. Purl

You'll now join on yarn DD (*use the other end of the ball*) to add the darker wing markings, the yarn that's not in use is stranded across the back until needed, as follows:

**Row 2.** (inc) With yarn AC k3, with yarn DD k2, AC k2, DD k2, AC k2, DD k2, AC k1, kfb - 16sts

**Row 3.** (dec) With yarn AC p3, with yarn DD p2, AC p2, DD p2, AC p2, DD p2, AC p1, p2tog - 15sts

**Row 4.** (inc) With yarn AC k2, with yarn DD k2, AC k2, DD k2, AC k2, DD k2, AC k2, DD kfb - 16sts

**Row 5.** (dec) With yarn DD p2, with yarn AC p2, DD p2, AC p2, DD p2, AC p2, DD p2, AC p2tog - 15sts

**Row 6.** (inc) With yarn AC k1, with yarn DD k2, AC k2, DD k2, AC k2, DD k2, AC k2, DD k1, kfb - 16sts

**Row 7.** (dec) With yarn DD p3, with yarn AC p2, DD p2, AC p2, DD p2, AC p2, DD p1, p2tog - 15sts. **PM** on last st for Left Wing to Leg Top Marker

**Row 8.** (inc) With yarn DD k2, AC k2, DD k2, AC k2, DD k2, AC k3, DD k1, kfb - 16sts

Alternating with yarn DD and AC cast off all 16 Left Wing sts purl-wise.

## Right Wing Lower Edge

With the Right Wing facing you and the Right Wing Marker to your left, with yarn AC, starting at the Lower Wing End Marker pick up and knit 2 sts along the cast-off edge; then pick up and knit 13 sts into row ends towards the Right Wing Marker - 15sts. - *Ref. Fig. 8, pick up and knit from C to D; D to E*

**Row 1.** Purl

You'll now join on yarn **DD** as follows:

**Row 2.** (inc) With yarn **AC** kfb, k1, with yarn **DD** k2, **AC** k2, **DD** k2, **AC** k2, **DD** k2, **AC** k3 - 16sts

**Row 3.** (dec) With yarn **AC** p2tog, p1, with yarn **DD** p2, **AC** p2, **DD** p2, **AC** p2, **DD** p2, **AC** p3 - 15sts

**Row 4.** (inc) With yarn **DD** kfb, with yarn **AC** k2, **DD** k2, **AC** k2, **DD** k2, **AC** k2, **DD** k2, **AC** k2 - 16sts

**Row 5.** (dec) With yarn **AC** p2tog, with yarn **DD** p2, **AC** p2, **DD** p2, **AC** p2, **DD** p2, **AC** p2, **DD** p2 - 15sts

**Row 6.** (inc) With yarn **DD** kfb, k1, with yarn **AC** k2, **DD** k2, **AC** k2, **DD** k2, **AC** k2, **DD** k2, **AC** k1 - 16sts

**Row 7.** (dec) **PM** on first st for Right **Wing to Leg Top Marker**, with yarn **DD** p2tog, p1, with yarn **AC** p2, **DD** p2, **AC** p2, **DD** p2, **AC** p2, **DD** p3- 15sts

**Row 8.** (inc) With yarn **DD** kfb, k1, **AC** k3, **DD** k2, **AC** k2, **DD** k2, **AC** k2, **DD** k2 - 16sts

Alternating with yarn **DD** and **AC** cast off all 16 Left Wing sts purl-wise.

**Join Head Side edges to Face Front Edges**

Working on one side at a time, **WS** together, match Neck Marker to the corner of the Breast (*where you picked up and knitted for Breast sts - left neck marker to left-side corner and visa-versa*), and work a couple of stitches to hold in place.

Work mattress stitch to join each side of the Head Sides to the Face from the neck markers to the Head Back Markers. - *Ref. Fig. 9, join A to B as dotted lines show*  
Remove Head Back Markers.



FIG. 9



FIG. 10

### Join Wing Edges to Breast Front Edges

Working on one side at a time, WS together, match Wing Marker to the Breast Marker and work mattress stitch to join the side of the breast to the edge of the wing from the wing/ breast markers to the Neck Marker. - *Ref. Fig. 10, join A to B as dotted lines show*

Remove both Wing and Neck Markers.

### Join Side of Wing Edges to Breast Front Edges

Working on one side at a time, WS together, find the corner where you folded the leg and match that folded corner to the Wing to Leg Top Marker. Work mattress stitch to join the side of the breast to the edge of the side of the wing from the wing to leg top marker/ leg fold corner to the Breast Marker. - *Ref. Fig. 11, join A to B as dotted lines show*

Remove Breast Markers.

### Add Stuffing

Stuff the head and the upper body of the owl fairly firmly.

Stuff the legs.

### Add Eyes

Add Eyes by pushing the toy eye into the centre of the socket and securing the eye backing onto the inside/ WS of the eye socket. - *Ref. Fig. 12*



FIG. 11



FIG. 12

**TAIL**

**The Tail is picked up and knitted both Leg Back Cast-On Edges as follows:**

With the back of the owl and, with the wings lifted up, the cast-on edges from both Leg Backs facing you, starting at the corner of the outer edge of the Right Leg Back Cast-On Edge (*near the Right Wing to Leg Top Marker*), with yarn CC, pick up and 8 knit sts into the Right Leg Back Cast-On Edge towards the Right Inner Leg Seam; from the Left Inner Leg Seam pick up and knit 8 sts into the Left Leg Back Cast-On Edge across to the corner of the outer edge of the Left Leg Back Cast-On Edge (*near the Left Wing to Leg Top Marker*) - 16sts. - *Ref. Fig. 13, pick up and knit from A to B; C to D*

Remove Wing to Leg Top Markers.

**Row 1.** (inc) Pfb, purl to last st, pfb - 18sts

**Row 2.** Knit

**Rows 3-4.** (inc) Repeat last 2 rows once - 20sts

**Row 5.** Purl

**Row 6.** (dec) K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog - 18sts

**Rows 7-9.** Beginning with a purl row work three rows stocking stitch

**Row 10.** (dec) K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog - 16sts

**Row 11.** Purl

**Row 12.** (dec) K2tog, k6, **PM** in between the last and the next stitch (*to mark the centre*)

for **Centre Wing Marker** (*NOTE: have the marker sitting on the WS/ purl-side of the knitting*), k6, k2tog - 14sts

**Row 13.** Purl

**Row 14.** (dec) K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog - 12sts

**Rows 15-17.** Beginning with a purl row work three rows stocking stitch

**Row 18.** (dec) K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog - 10sts

**Row 19.** (dec) P4, p2tog, p4 to end of row - 9sts

**Row 20.** (dec) K3, k3tog, p3 to end of row - 7sts. **PM** on first and last stitch of last row

for Left and Right **Tail Fold Markers**

**Row 21.** Purl

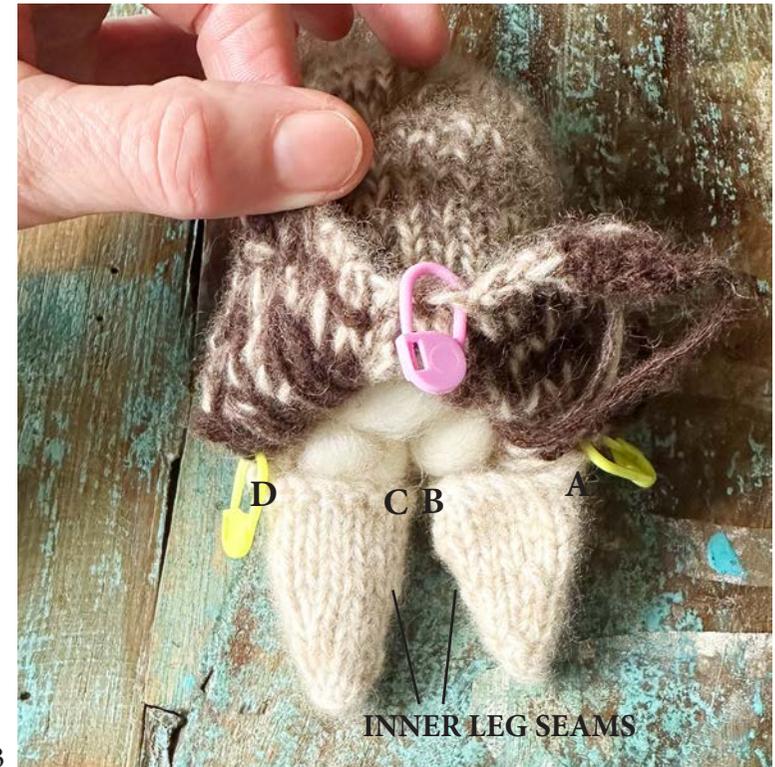


FIG. 13

Join yarn DD, continue to work with yarn CC

**NOTE: You'll now be working the Tail Top in stripes of yarn CC and DD as follows:**

**Rows 22-23.** With yarn DD, beginning with a knit row work two rows stocking stitch

**Rows 24-25.** With yarn CC, beginning with a knit row work two rows stocking stitch

**Rows 26-27.** DD, beginning with a knit row work two rows stocking stitch

**Rows 28-29.** CC, beginning with a knit row work two rows stocking stitch

**Rows 30-31.** DD, beginning with a knit row work two rows stocking stitch

**Rows 32-33.** CC beginning with a knit row work two rows stocking stitch

Cast off all 7 Tail sts in yarn CC. **PM** in the centre of the cast-off edge for **Tail Marker**

### Join Two Tail Points

With WS together fold the Tail at the Tail Fold Markers and match the Tail Marker to the Centre Wing Marker and make a stitch or two to hold in place. -

*Ref. Fig. 14*

Remove Tail Marker and Tail Fold Markers.

### Join Tail to Wing

Match the Centre Wing Marker (*from the Tail, this is the marker you placed on the WS of the knitting*) to the Lower Wing End Marker (*this is the marker that sits in the centre of the wings cast-off edge*). Make a stitch or two to hold in place. - *Ref. Fig. 15*

Remove Centre Wing Marker and Lower Wing End Marker.

### Join Under Tail to Top Tail Side Seams

Working on one side at a time, work mattress stitch to join the row ends and cast-off edge from the Top (striped) Tail to the under part of the wing. - *Ref.*

*Figs. 16 & 17, join dotted lines A to B*

Stuff the owl to complete the stuffing of the lower part of the body and the top part of the tail.

*NOTE: There is no filling inside the striped part of the tail.*

### Wing Joining

Place the Wings (*the striped ones*) over the striped part of the Top Tail and join with stitches that are sewn beneath the wings to close up the seam but still allow a part of the wing edges to not be sewn down completely. - *Ref. Figs. 18 & 19*

*NOTE: You may have a tiny gap in between the tops of the legs – to make neat and to close the gap simply work a few mattress stitches. - Ref. Fig. 20*



FIG. 14



FIG. 15



FIG. 16

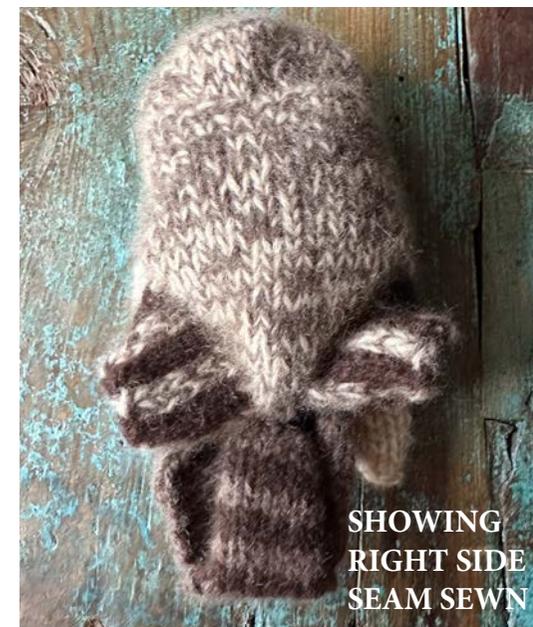


FIG. 17



FIG. 18 PLACE WINGS OVER THE TAIL AND JOIN WINGS TO TAIL BY SEWING SMALL STITCHES BENEATH THE WINGS, ON THE WS OF THE WINGS, TO JOIN TO THE TOP OF THE TAIL

MATTRESS STITCH THIS TINY GAP CLOSED



FIG. 19



FIG. 20

### Face Detailing

Thread up some yarn **A**. Pinch the centre in between the two Eye Sockets. With the needle and threaded-up yarn work two or three short stitches at the place near where you are pinching to enhance the beak-bone/ create a division between the two sockets. - *Ref. Fig. 21*



FIG. 21



FIG. 22

### Beak

Thread up the length of yellow yarn. Secure one end near the centre of the 'Beak-Bone' and working downwards towards the breast work four or five horizontal straight stitches each one decreasing in length to create a triangular beak. - *Ref. Fig. 22*

### Create the Frill Around the Eye Sockets

Thread up the length of yarn D. Secure one end at the dip in between the Eye Sockets and work [chain stitch](#) all around each eye socket outer-edge, near where the eye socket to head back seam is sewn. - *Ref. Figs. 23 & 24*

I then added a single line of stitch along one side of the Beak to create a shadow. - *Ref. Fig. 25*

### Front Breast Feather Details

For these fine dark lines, I separated a length of yarn C into a single ply and used the single ply yarn, threaded-up, to embroider straight stitches all over the Breast in a random fashion. - *Ref. Fig. 26*



FIG. 23



FIG. 24



FIG. 25



FIG. 26



FIG. 27

## TALONS

**The Lower Legs and Talons are knitted independently from the rest of the owl, as i-cord, then joined into the openings the bottom of the ‘upper’ legs as follows:**

Using the smaller double-pointed knitting needles and yarn **BB** cast on 4 sts (*you can use Magic Loop Cast-On for this if you choose*)

**Row 1/ i-cord Row 1.** K4 – do not turn the work, instead, slide the 4 sts to the other end of the needle and knit 4, continue with the i-cord as follows:

*NOTE: Keep RS facing at all times whilst working the i-cord*

**i-cord Row 2.** K4

**i-cord Row 3-5.** As i-cord Row 2 for three rows

**First Talon**

**First Talon Row 1.** (inc) Kfb, Turn the work so that the WS/ Purl-side of first Talon is facing

**First Talon Row 2.** (dec) P2tog – 1st  
Fasten off for First Talon.

**2nd Talon**

\*2nd Talon Row 1. (inc) Kfb, Turn the work so that the WS/ Purl-side of 2nd Talon

**2nd Talon Row 2.** P2, Turn

**2nd Talon Row 3.** K2, Turn

**2nd Talon Row 4.** P2, Turn

**2nd Talon Row 5.** (dec) K2tog – 1st  
Fasten off for 2nd Talon.\*\*

**3rd & 4th Talons**

Work as 2nd Talon from \* to \*\*.

Weave all the tail ends back into the i-cord talons and leg.

**(\*) Join Lower Legs onto the Owl**

If you **do not** want to add wires and claws feed the top of the Lower Legs inside the open end of the ‘upper’ leg and adjust the talon so that the smaller talon sits at the back of the leg, (*the yarn ends can act as extra stuffing*) before working small, neat over-sew stitches to join lower leg to the upper leg- *Ref. Fig. 27*

If you wish to **Add Wires:**

## TALON ARMATURE

**The Armature is created from a single wire that’s bent to look similar to the talons, the wire is then sewn around the talons at one end and is passed into the lower leg at the other as follows:**

Take the one length of 24 gauge wire and bend it to look similar to the knitted talons, twisting the wire leaving tiny loops at the part that is bent (*NOTE: I found wrapping the sharp ends with a little bit of masking tape prevents any potential poking-out from the knitted leg*). - *Ref. Fig. 28*

With threaded up yarn **B** work neat over-sew stitches in and out of the looped end and along the wire talon at the same time joining each wire talon to each knitted talon in turn, completely covering the wire. - *Ref. Fig. 29*

Bend over the other end of the wire and pass it into the lower leg i-cord.  
Join the lower leg to the upper leg as before (\*).



FIG. 28



FIG. 29

## FINISHING TOUCHES

**Adding claws and maybe spectacles creates the character or Wol, as follows:**

I found some tiny doll's clothes toggle buttons which make for perfect claws - and they are not at all sharp. - I've linked to where I bought mine in the ingredients section of this pattern.

To join, simply use the buttonholes to sew the claws securely onto the bottom of each talon. - *Ref. Figs. 30 & 31*

The Glasses are also dolls' accessories - mine are simply perched on top of Wol's beak - the handles ends are poked into the side of his head. - *Ref. Fig. 32*



FIG. 30



FIG. 31



FIG. 32



Remember to get in touch if you need a little extra advice  
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