

Little Cotton Rabbits Little dog bone



*This is a simple pattern for a little dog bone
which will fit in the pocket of my toy dungarees pattern,
and makes a nice little extra for your hand-knitted dog.
Finished size is approximately 4cms/ 1½ inches long.*

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<https://littlecottonrabbits.typepad.co.uk>*

Dog Bone:

Using 4ply yarn (cotton is best and most bone-like) and 2.75mm (US 2) needles, cable cast on 10 stitches, leaving a long tail for seaming with later.

row 1: (wrong side) Purl

row 2: K2, (M1L, K2) 4 times (14 stitches)

rows 3-5: Beginning and ending with a Purl row, work 3 rows in stocking stitch

row 6: K1, (K2tog) 6 times, K1 (8 stitches)

rows 7-15: Beginning and ending with a Purl row, work 9 rows in stocking stitch

row 16: K2, (M1L, K1) 6 times (14 stitches)

rows 17-19: Beginning and ending with a Purl row, work 3 rows in stocking stitch

row 20: K2, (K2tog, K1) 4 times (10 stitches)

row 21: Purl

Cut the work from the ball leaving a tail of around 8 inches and use a tapestry needle to sew this tail through the remaining 10 stitches (*fig. 1*). Pull up tightly and over-sew/whip stitch once in order to keep the seam from opening out again. Continue using this thread to begin closing the seam using mattress stitch but stop where the bone narrows and place a tiny amount of stuffing in the wide end (just enough to stuff it lightly). Carry on seaming the narrow central shaft of the bone – I don't bother stuffing this part – and continue with the second wide end, right to the end of the seam. Tie both the cast on and cast off tail ends together.



fig. 1



fig. 2



fig. 3

Place a similar sized amount of stuffing in the second wide end of the bone and then use the longer tail end to sew through the loops from the cast on edge and gather it in tightly before tying both tail ends together.

Next thread the tapestry needle with the longer tail end and sew through the middle of the wide part of the bone (*fig. 2*). Over-sew/ whip stitch across the top of the bone 2 or 3 times and pull the stitch really tight each time in order to create the double lobe shape, then tie the tail ends together again before sewing them through the bone and trimming any excess.

Cut a length of yarn and use this to sew across the top of the other end of the bone in exactly the same way (*fig. 3*) and then the bone is finished.

If preferred, you can use 3mm needles and DK or worsted weight yarn for a slightly larger bone (see front cover picture).

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