French Knitting Fox Doll

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1 set of pre-cut coloured felt shapes, 24-pronged French knitting reel, crochet hook, yarn, stuffing, ribbon, glue, 1 plastic cone, 2 plastic needles and detailed instructions.

B. MAKING THE FOX BODY

The Fox Doll is composed of tube-shaped knitwork, filled with stuffing and with added embellishments on top. The technique used is basic French knitting. You may reuse the same tools and the same technique to make your own creations, such as scarfs, dolls, ornaments, etc.



KNITTING THE BASE:

1. The first two rows of yarn form the base of your knitting work, and require a special technique. Take the brown yarn and start from the prong with a circle marked next to it. Wind the yarn once around the knitting reel in an "alternate prong" pattern, as shown in the diagram. Leave a loose end of about 10 cm and place it through the middle of the reel.

2. Wind the yarn through a second round, forming a complete circle this time. You will see that the two rows of yarn are now overlapped in an alternate prong pattern, as shown in the diagram.

3. Use the crochet hook provided. At the prong where two strands of yarn overlap, lift the bottom loop over the top.

4. Hook it through the prong.

5. Repeat the same process until all the alternate prongs with overlapping yarn are done.

6. The base is now completed and will look like the one shown in diagram 6.



KNITTING:

7. Take the loose end and wind the yarn around the reel to form a complete circle.

8. Lift the bottom loop over the top and hook it, as in step 3. Repeat with ALL other prongs.

9. Keep winding and knitting until you have finished 9 rows of brown yarn. Next, continue to knit 9 rows of orange yarn, 8 rows of white yarn, and lastly another 8 rows of orange yarn. Knot to connect the yarn of different colours. We recommend using the prong marked with a circle as a mark for counting each completed row of knitting. Please note: Do not wind the yarn too tight, as this will hinder knitting. Always gently pull down your knitwork when knitting. This will help properly maintain the shape of your knitwork. 10. CASTING OFF: After the 34 rows of yarn are knitted, cut the yarn, leaving a length of about 60 cm. Use the sewing needle to thread the yarn through the loop at each prong as shown.



11. Release your work from the reel using the crochet hook.

12. Strap one end of the yarn to close one side of the knitwork.

13. Loosen the stuffing a bit. Leave about one-fourth of it for the fox tail in step 14. Tuck the rest into the pocket formed. Take the mini plastic cone and insert it in the middle of the white yarn area of the knitwork to make the fox nose protrude. Strap to close the other end.

14. FOX TAIL: Apply the same technique in steps 1-13 to knit another 10 rows of orange yarn and 10 rows of white yarn to make the fox tail. Tuckin remaining stuffing. Strap to close both ends of knitwork.



C. ADDING EMBELLISHMENTS

1. Tie the ribbon at approximately the middle of fox body (where orange meets white), as shown in the diagram. Adjust the ribbon so that the knot will appear on one side of the body.

2. Position one of the pre-cut felt ear pieces onto the fox head.

3. Thread a 20-cm strand of brown yarn onto the plastic needle. Tie a knot at the longer end. Loop it once around any yarn underneath the ear felt. This loop is used to later secure the knitting. Thread the yarn through the fox head and pre-cut holes of the ear felt one after the other. Tie a knot to secure the felt and trim the excess yarn.

4. Repeat this step to attach the other ear felt.



5. Position one of the felt fox arm pieces just below the side of the fox neck. Thread a 20-cm strand of orange yarn onto the plastic needle. Tie a knot at the longer end. Loop it once around any yarn underneath the arm felt. Following the needle path shown in the diagram, thread the yarn through the arm felt and the body. Tie a knot to secure the arm felt and trim the excess yarn. Repeat this step to attach the other arm. 6. Follow the same step to attach two legs at the bottom of the body.

7. Thread a 20-cm strand of brown yarn onto the plastic needle. Tie a knot at the longer end. On the fox face right below the protruded nose, thread the yarn to make a 1-cm long straight line. Repeat once to double the line. Tie a knot and trim the excess yarn. To make the fox eyes, repeat this step, but in a diagonal orientation as shown.

8. Take the fox tail completed in previous section. Thread the excess orange yarn from the tail onto the plastic needle. Next, thread the yarn through the tail and the bottom back area of the fox body a few times. Tie a knot to secure the connection, and trim the excess yarn.



9. Glue the remaining felt pieces onto the fox doll, as shown in the diagram. Note: For superior results, apply a sufficient amount of glue for each piece of felt. After applying the glue, allow the doll to remain undisturbed for at least a half hour for it to dry and set. Your French Knitting Fox Doll is done!

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