



Knitted Easter Chickens

There's nothing that says Easter more than a clutch of chickens and eggs. These simple to knit chicks will fit neatly over a chocolate egg or a fresh boiled egg to delight the young at heart.



Requirements

A ball of yellow double knitting yarn (100g will make approx. 8 chicks)

A pair of 3.00 or 3.25mm (10/11) knitting needles

A small piece of orange felt for the beaks

Black felt or thread for the eyes

Small amount of stuffing or a cotton wool ball for the head

Ribbon for the scarf

To make

- Cast on 24 stitches
- Knit 1 row
- Increase one stitch at the beginning of the next 16 rows (40 sts)
- Cast off 11 stitches at the beginning of the next two rows (18 sts)
- Increase 1st at the beginning of the next 4 rows (22 sts)
- Knit 4 rows
- K2 then K2tog to last 2 sts, K2 (12 sts)
- Knit 4 rows
- K2 then K2tog to last 2 sts, K2 (8 sts)
- Break the yarn leaving a 10" length. Draw the yarn through the remaining stitches and pull tight. Make a securing stitch but do not cut the yarn
- Using the black felt or thread stitch the eyes in place
- Using the orange felt cut a 1" x 0.5" rectangle then trim into a diamond shape. Fold in half and stitch the top fold in place, just beneath the eyes



- Fold the chick in half with right sides together. Then, using the length of yarn sew around the sides leaving the cast on edge open so that the egg can be inserted
- Turn right side out and stuff the head loosely
- Using a length of yarn or matching thread, sew a line of running stitch around the neck, gather in and secure to form the neck
- Tie a length of narrow ribbon round the neck to finish