

Freddie the Field Mouse



Knitting Pattern by Jo Creates

Freddie didn't intend to come to live with us, he just appeared!

Who says mice can't be cute?? - this is a very simple knitting pattern to let you make your own Freddie!

Suggested Yarn: Any DK weight Yarn, I used Stylecraft DK in colour “Mocha”. You won’t need much, around (45m/50yds) 10-15g, depending on the weight of the yarn.

Other Notions:

- 2 x 6mm safety eyes (or you could use buttons or black yarn to sew if you wanted)
- Tapestry needle for darning in the ends
- Small amount of toy stuffing
- Some pink or black yarn for the nose
- Double Pointed Needles to knit the i-cord tail. If you don’t have any, don’t worry, see the tutorial link below for how to do this using a circular needle



Needle Size: 3.5mm (US 4) Straight needles, or circular needles can be used to “knit back and forth”.

Gauge: Gauge isn’t really important for knitting toys, just make sure that there aren’t too many gaps for the filling to show through, unless you knit really loosely, you should be fine with 3.5mm needle and DK Yarn

Finished Size: Freddie stands approx. 10cm tall, and is about 7cm wide

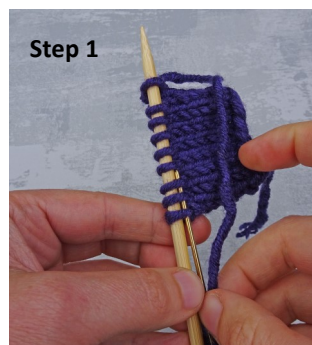
Suitable for: Beginners

Finishing: This pattern is worked flat (back and forth) and then seamed using mattress stitch

Casting on: Use the long-tail cast-on method for all pieces unless stated. You can find a tutorial for how to use this cast-on method here. [Jo-Creates Long Tail Cast On Tutorial](#)

Special Techniques: You will need to knit an **i-cord** for Freddie’s tail. This is really simple and you can find a tutorial on how to do it here. [Jo-Creates i-cord Tutorial](#)

Some of the items also say to “**pull through to cast off**”. To do this, break the yarn with enough left to thread onto a tapestry needle. Step 1 - Starting at the opposite end, put the tapestry needle through the stitches and pull them off the knitting needle, onto the tapestry needle. Step 2 - pull the yarn through and pull tight. See Pictures below...



Abbreviations used:

- ◆ i-cord (see instructions above)
- ◆ K, Knit
- ◆ P, Purl
- ◆ Kfb, Knit front and back
- ◆ K2tog, Knit two together
- ◆ SSK, Slip Slip Knit

Here is the Pattern for Freddie...

Head

Cast on 10 stitches

Row 1: P all stitches (10 sts)

Row 2: Kfb x 10 (20 sts)

Row 3: P all stitches (20 sts)

Row 4:[K1, Kfb]x10 (30 sts)

Row 5: P all stitches (30 sts)

Row 6: K all stitches (30 sts)

Row 7-12: Repeat row 5 & 6 three more times (30 sts)

Row 13: P all stitches (30 sts)

Row 14: K2tog x 15 (15 sts)

Row 15: P all stitches (15 sts)

Row 16: [K1, K2tog]x5 (10 sts)

Row 17: P all stitches (10 sts)

Row 18: K2tog x5 (5 sts)

Pull through to cast off (see pictures above)

Body

Cast On 10 stitches

Row 1: P all stitches(10 sts)

Row2: Kfbx10 (20 sts)

Row3: P all stitches (20 sts)

Row 4: [Kfb, K1] x 10 (30 sts)

Row 5: P all stitches (30 sts)

Row 6: [Kfb, K2]x10 (40 sts)

Row 7: P all stitches (40 sts)

Row 8: K all stitches (40 sts)

Row 9: P all stitches (40 sts)

Row 10-13: repeat row 8 and 9 twice more

Row 14: K4, K2tog, K8, SSK, K8, K2tog, K8, SSK, K4 (36 sts)

Row 15: P all stitches (36sts)

Row 16: K3, K2tog, K8, SSK, K6, K2tog, k8, ssk, k3 (32sts)

Row 17: P all stitches (32 sts)

Row 18: K2, K2tog, K8, SSK, K4, K2tog, K8, SSK, K2 (28 sts)

Row 19: P all stitches (28 sts)

Row 20: K1, K2tog, K8, SSK, K2, K2tog, K8, SSK K1 (24 sts)

Row 21: P all stitches (24 sts)

Row 22: K2tog, K8, SSK, K2tog, K8, SSK (20 sts)

Row 23: P all stitches (20 sts)

Row 24: K2tog x10 (10 sts)

Row 25: P all stitches (10 sts)

Row 26: K2tog x5 (5 sts)

Pull through to cast off (see pictures above)

Ears (make 2)

Cast on 8 stitches

Row 1: P all stitches (8 sts)

Row 2: K2tog, K4, K2tog (6 sts)

Row 3: P all stitches (6 sts)

Row 4: K2tog, K2, K2tog (4 sts)

Row 5: P all stitches (4 sts)

Row 6: Kfb, K2, Kfb (6 sts)

Row 7: P all stitches (6 sts)

Row 8: Kfb, K4, Kfb (8 sts)

Row 9: P all stitches

Cast off all stitches

(Don't use pull-through method for this one)

Arms (make 2)

Cast on 5 stitches

Row 1: P all stitches (5 sts)

Row 2: Kfb x5 (10 sts)

Row 3: P all stitches (10 sts)

Row 4: K all stitches (10 sts)

Row 5 - 10: Repeat Rows 3 and 4 three more times

Row 11: P all stitches (10 sts)

Row 12: [K2tog, K1] x 3, K1 (7 sts)

Row 13: P all stitches (7 sts)

Row 14: K2tog x 3, K1 (4 sts)

Pull through to cast off (see pictures above)

Feet (make 2)

Cast on 6 stitches

Row 1: P all stitches (6 sts)

Row 2: Kfb x6 (12 sts)

Row 3: P all stitches (12 sts)

Row 4: K all stitches (12 sts)

Row 5: P all stitches (12 sts)

Row 6: K2tog x 6 (6 sts)

Row 7: P all stitches (6 sts)

Row 8: K2tog x 3 (3 sts)

Pull through to cast off (see pictures above)

Tail

Cast on 2 stitches

Make an i-cord tail to the desired length (see tutorial link above for details if you aren't sure how to make an i-cord)



That's it, you're all knitted and now all you have to do now is to make him up.

You'll find instructions on the next page for that!

Putting Freddie together

Body

- Using Mattress Stitch, sew up Freddie's Body and stuff with toy-filling. Make sure to put enough in to "fill" Freddie but not so much that his stitches start to come apart. Sew closed once you're happy with the amount of filling you have put in.
- The seam runs up Freddie's back and the Cast off edge is the top of Freddie's body

Head

- Using Mattress Stitch, sew up Freddie's Head and stuff, as for the body.
- Before you sew Freddie's head closed, if you are using safety eyes, add them now!
- Cast off edge is Freddie's nose and seam runs under nose, front to back

Ears

- Sew Freddie's ears around all sides, no need to stuff

Arms

- Using Mattress Stitch, sew up Freddie's Arms, and put a small amount of stuffing in. Sew closed once you're happy with the amount of filling you have put in.
- The Cast-off Edge is the tip of Freddie's arms (where his paws are) and the seam runs along the bottom of his arms

Feet

- Using Mattress Stitch, sew up Freddie's Feet, and put a small amount of stuffing in. Sew closed once you're happy with the amount of filling you have put in.
- The cast-off edge goes where Freddie's toes are and the seam runs along the bottom

Assembly

- Sew Freddie's Ears onto his Head...then say hello as he can hear you now!
- Attach Freddie's head to his body, then attach the arms and feet
- Attach Freddie's tail in the centre of his back (where his tail would be durr!)
- Finally, using a little pink (or black) wool, make Freddie a nose, so that he can sniff out all that cheese!

That's it - You have made a Freddie to live with you - Congratulations! :)

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