

# Mummy and baby ostrich



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Finished size:  
Mummy 12cm,  
baby 8cm tall sitting height

## Tools

- 3.0mm Bamboo Knitting Needles **Takumi**<sup>®</sup> Single Pointed (23 cm) (Art No. 3705)
- Gold Eye Chenille Needles(No. 18) (Art No. 234/18)
- All-purpose sewing needle
- Patchwork Scissors Mini (Art No. 493/CW)

## Materials

- [A] 7g felted tweed black DK
- [B] 5g white DK
- [C] 3g pale pink DK
- [D] 3g honey yellow DK
- [E] A small amount of yellow DK
- [F] A small amount of orange DK
- Stuffing
- Two pairs of 4mm eye beads
- Black cotton thread

## About yarn used for samples

- [A] Rowan Felted Tweed DK Treacle (145)  
– 50% wool, 25% viscose, 25% alpaca, 175m per 50g
- [B] Rowan Superwash DK Enamel (013)  
– 100% wool, 125m per 50g

## <Abbreviations>

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|------------------------|--|
| RS: right side         | K: knit  |
| WS: wrong side         | P: purl  |
| RH: right hand         | Kfb: k one through the front then through the back (same stitch) |
| St st: stocking stitch | K2tog: knit two together   |
| St(s): stitch(es)      | P2tog: purl two together   |
|                        | Skpo: slip 1 stitch, k1, pass slipped stitch over                |

[Bamboo Knitting Needles Takumi<sup>®</sup> Single Pointed](#)



[Patchwork Scissors \(Mini\)](#)



[Gold Eye Chenille Needles \(No. 18\)](#)



## Practical tips

- Leave a long end at the beginning and end of each piece for sewing.
- Sew seams with RS facing, using mattress stitch.

## Tension

24 sts and 30 rows for 10 x 10cm tension square over St st (not essential).



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## Mummy

### Body

With yarn A, cast on 10 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2: [Kfb] 10 times. 20 sts

Row 3 and every odd-numbered row: Purl.

Row 4: [K1, kfb] 10 times. 30 sts

Row 6: [K2, kfb] 10 times. 40 sts

Row 8: [K3, kfb] 10 times. 50 sts

Row 10: [K4, kfb] 10 times. 60 sts

Rows 11-25: Starting with a p row, work 15 rows in St st.

Row 26: [K4, k2tog] 10 times. 50 sts

Row 27 and every odd-numbered row: Purl.

Row 28: [K3, k2tog] 10 times. 40 sts

Row 30: [K2, k2tog] 10 times. 30 sts

Row 32: [K1, k2tog] 10 times. 20 sts

Row 34: [K2tog] 10 times. 10 sts

Break yarn, thread through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

### Neck

With yarn C, cast on 12 sts.

Rows 1-13: Starting with a p (WS) row, work 13 rows in St st.

Row 14: K3, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k3. 10 sts

Rows 15-19: Starting with a p row, work 5 rows in St st.

Row 20: K4, k2tog, k4. 9 sts

Cast off.

## Head

With yarn C, cast on 8 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2: [Kfb] 8 times. 16 sts

Rows 3-11: Starting with a p row, work 9 rows in St st.

Row 12: [K2tog] 8 times. 8 sts

Break yarn, thread through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

## Beak

With yarn E, cast on 5 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2: K2tog, k1, k2tog. 3 sts

Row 3: P2tog, p1. 2 sts

Row 4: K2tog and fasten off.

## To make up

With fastened-off yarn end, sew body half way.

With cast-on yarn end, work a gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw tightly.

Sew up a little further, stuff and close body.

Seam neck and stuff, leaving both ends open.

Make up head the same way as body.

Seam beak and attach it to head.

Attach beads.

Attach head to narrower end of neck.

Attach neck to body.

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## Baby

### Egg shell

With yarn B, cast on 10 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2: [Kfb] 10 times. 20 sts

Row 3 and every odd-numbered row: Purl.

Row 4: [K1, kfb] 10 times. 30 sts

Row 6: [K2, kfb] 10 times. 40 sts

Row 8: [K3, kfb] 10 times. 50 sts

Rows 9-19: Starting with a p row, work 11 rows in St st.

Row 20: [K3, k2tog] 10 times. 40 sts

Row 21 and every odd-numbered row: Purl.

Row 22: [K2, k2tog] 10 times. 30 sts

Row 24: [K1, k2tog] 10 times. 20 sts

Row 26: [K2tog] 10 times. 10 sts

Break yarn, leaving a long end.

Thread the end through a sewing needle.

Insert sewing needle through first st from right to left and pull through, then bring the needle round and insert it from right to left again through the same st and pull through.



Drop st from knitting needle.



\*Insert sewing needle through next st from right to left and pull through, then bring the needle round and insert it from right to left again through the same st and pull through.

Drop st from knitting needle.

Repeat from \* to end."



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## Neck

With yarn D, cast on 10 sts.

Rows 1-5: Starting with a p (WS) row, work 5 rows in St st.

Row 6: [K3, k2tog] twice. 8 sts

Rows 7-10: Starting with a p row, work 4 rows in St st.

Cast off.

## Head

With yarn D, cast on 7 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2: [Kfb] 7 times. 14 sts

Rows 3-9: Starting with a p row, work 7 rows in St st.

Row 10: [K2tog] 7 times. 7 sts

Break yarn, thread through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

## Beak

With yarn F, cast on 4 sts.

Row 1: Purl.

Row 2: [K2tog] twice. 2 sts

Row 3: P2tog and fasten off.

## To make up

With cast-on yarn end of shell, work a gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw tightly.

Sew seam to finished edge and stuff.

Make up neck and head as for Mummy.

Insert neck into shell opening and secure neck to shell.

## Designer' s Favorite

### Bamboo Knitting Needles Takumi® Single Pointed

These are perfect when you work a small toy project.

They prevent from yarn to slip and make the finish clean and neat.

Very nice to the touch and delightful to work with.

<https://www.clover-mfg.com/product/4/130>



## Designer' s Favorite

### Mini Knitting Counter (Art No. 3118)



To keep on track the work in progress, I use it for both knitting and crochet.

It is handy, easy to use and practical.

It comes with a lock function to prevent accidental clicks.

One of the best in the market.

<https://www.clover-mfg.com/product/4/218>

