

## Knitted Jayhawk Finger Puppet

Use size 2 needles. (I also use a crochet hook and double pointed needles (but single pointed will work) for wings and beak. Large needle for sewing together.

Needs blue, red, scraps of yellow and white yard – I use 4 ply, but 3 ply will work.

Cast on 19 stitches in blue.

Work knit one row, purl one row for 5 rows.

Starting with the sixth row, work this pattern (left to right on first row, right to left on 2<sup>nd</sup>, alternate) You are knitting from the bottom, so this will look upside down.

B= blue W= white

Start here	Purl 5 blue	W	B	B	W	B	W	W	W	W	Purl 5 blue	↙
↙	Knit 5 blue	W	B	W	B	B	W	B	B	W	Knit 5 blue	Start here
Start here	Purl 5 blue	W	W	B	B	B	W	B	B	W	Purl 5 blue	↙
↙	Knit 5 blue	W	B	W	B	B	W	B	B	W	Knit 5 blue	Start here
Start here	Purl 5 blue	W	B	B	W	B	W	B	B	W	Purl 5 blue	

Knit one row blue.

Purl one row blue. Cut blue yard about 18 inches from end of knitting, for sewing puppet together when knitting is done.

Wings: For right wing – start 1 stitch to the right of the U (toward the top). Pull three loops of blue yard through to front in a diagonal pattern up and to the right from the start. Insert needle into each loop working from center toward outside edge. . (I use the crochet hook for this.) Cut blue yarn about 24 inches long. Tie off the short end in back and pull the long end through to the front just below the loops. Purl three stitches (makes 2<sup>nd</sup> row). double knit in the first stitch of the 3<sup>rd</sup> row, then knit two stitches. Purl row, knit row twice more. Purl 2 together, twic (8<sup>th</sup> row) Knit two together. Pull yarn through remaining stitch to tie off the wing. Leave string long to tie wing to body and run extra through body to secure yarn.

Reverse and repeat for left wing.

(I do the wings with the body on the needle, because I think it makes it easier to control, but it can be done anytime before you tighten the top.)

On the body, switch to red yarn (I use a double strand on red cotton yarn, because it gives it a different texture, but that is the knitter's choice.)

Knit one row red, purl one row red, for 7 rows.

Use blue to make two eyes, with a French knot technique about three rows from the top and evenly spaced over the KU below.

Beak: In second row of red, pull though 4 yellow stitches. Cut yellow 18 inches long, tie off short end to long end. Pull long end to front under the 4 stitches. Put needle in loops

from right to left. Knit row, Purl row, Knit two together. Purl two together. Pull remaining yarn through last stitch to secure. Use large needle to run yellow carefully through the back of the beak and to underside. Tie to remaining short end and trim both lengths.

Top: Run 8 inches of red thread through the 19 stitches on the knitting needle. Pull the red thread tight and take a stitch to other end, so it closes off the top of the puppet. Use the red thread to sew up the back of the red part of the puppet. Run thread through the head seam to secure.

Use the blue end to sew the blue back together. Run loose end through the body to secure.

DONE.

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