

# Stricktux

Tux is knit partly in the round, and partly flat. The body is made first, and other body parts are attached afterwards.

It measures about 15cm or 6 inches.

## Materials:

- Black, white and orange (or yellow, as you wish) yarn
- Stuffing for the body, beak and feet

The prototype was knitted with sport-weight yarn, 160m/50g, with 3mm needles. For other yarn weights, please adjust needle size; Tux will naturally come out in another size, then.

Instructions for knitting in the round assume use of double-pointed needles, but can be adapted to magic loop or other techniques.

On flat-knitted portions, edge stitches are done as follows: slip the first stitch of a row purlwise, knit the last stitch of the row through the back loop.



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## Body

black

If you prefer to knit the entire body flat, add two stitches per row for seaming. Needle 1 is the beginning and Needle 4 the end of the row.

- 1 Cast on 16 stitches.
- 2 Knit into the front and back loop (kfb) of each stitch, for a total of 32 stitches. Distribute evenly over four needles.
- 3 Knit all stitches.
- 4 Repeat (k1, kfb) 32 times - 48 stitches total, 12 on each needle.
- 5 Knit all stitches.
- 6-9 The tail is worked over the next four rounds. Knit the first stitch, kfb twice, knit to the three last stitches of needle four, kfb twice, knit the last stitch. Needles 1 and 4 will gain two stitches in each round, ending with 20 stitches, and needles 2 and 3 continue with 12 stitches each.
- 10-15 Knit all stitches for six rounds.
- 16-23 Knit the first stitch, ssk, knit to the last three stitches of needle 4, k2tog, knit the last stitch. Repeat 7 more times, until there are once again 12 stitches on all needles.
- 24-58 Knit all stitches for 35 rounds.
- 59 Repeat (k1, k2tog) for the entire round, for a total of 36 stitches (9 on each needle).
- 60 Knit all stitches.
- 61 Repeat (k1, k2tog) for the entire round, for a total of 24 stitches (6 on each needle).
- 62 Knit all stitches.
- 63 In the last round, k2tog repeatedly, halving the stitch count to 12. Pull the working yarn tight in order to close the opening.

To finish, fill the body with stuffing through the lower opening. Take care to fill it evenly, particularly the tail. Use the tail of yarn left over from the cast-on to close the opening.

## Belly

white

- 1 Cast on 12 stitches for the belly.
- 2 Slip the first stitch of the row, purl 10, knit last stitch tbl.
- 3 K1, m1 (pick up the yarn between the stitches and knit it through the back loop) up to the last stitch, which is knitted through the back loop, for a total of 23 stitches.
- 4-26 Knit the next 23 rows in flat stockinette, starting with a purl row.
- 27-33 On the right-side rows, ssk the two stitches just after the first stitch, and knit the two stitches just before the last stitch together. On the wrong-side rows, purl all.
- 34 Bind off the remaining 15 stitches purlwise.

Sew the belly centrally onto the front of the the body.

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## Eyes

white

Make two eyes separately, and sew them onto the body.

- 1 Cast on 7 stitches.
- 2-9 Knit 8 rows in stockinette, starting with a knit row. Slip the first stitch, and knit the last stitch through the back loop.
- 10 K1, ssk, k1, k2tog, ktbl.
- 11 Purl one row.
- 12 Slip 1, ssk, ktbl. Bind off the stitches as you go.

Sew the eyes onto the body. The outside edges of the eyes should line up with the outside edge of the belly.

Embroider the pupils onto the eyes using duplicate stitch.

## Beak

orange or yellow

If you wish to knit the beak flat, make two pieces which are equivalent to the instructions for the first two needles plus edge stitches, then sew those pieces together with black yarn.

In the round, the beak is worked similarly to a sock toe. The instructions assume double-pointed needles, but can be adapted to magic loop or other techniques.

- 1 Cast on 36 stitches, 9 per needle. (If working flat, cast on 20 stitches per side to account for edge stitches.)
- 2-3 Knit all in stockinette (or, if working flat, knit all right-side rows and purl the wrong-side rows).
- 4 Decrease round: on needles 1 and 3, knit 1, ssk, knit to end of needle, and on needles 2 and 4, knit to 3 stitches before the end of the needle, k2tog, k1. (If working flat, k1, ssk, k to 3 before end, k2tog, k1.)

Continue to decrease as follows.

- 5-6 stockinette
- 7 decrease round (28|7)
- 8 stockinette
- 9 decrease round (24|6)
- 10 stockinette
- 11-14 four successive decrease rounds (20|5, 16|4, 12|3, 8|2)  
Bind off on the last round.

If working flat, sew the two pieces together along the band generated by the decrease lines. Once the beak is complete, embroider on a thin line in black yarn along the outside of the beak.

Stuff the beak and sew it to the body, covering the lower edge of the eyes and upper edge of the belly.

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## Feet

orange or yellow

Make two feet separately, and sew them onto the body.

To knit the feet flat, add two stitches per row as edge stitches. Needle 1 is the beginning, needle 4 the end of the row.

1 Cast on 24 stitches, 6 per needle.

The toes are fashioned by steadily increasing and decreasing stitches.

2-4 K1, kfb, k to 2 stitches before end of round, m1, k2. There are 7|8|9 stitches on the 1st and 4th needles. (To work flat, purl the non-increase stitches on the wrong-side rows.)

5-7 K1, ssk, knit to 3 stitches before end of round, k2tog, k1.

There are 8|7|6 stitches on the 1st and 4th needles. (To work flat, purl the non-decrease stitches on the wrong-side rows.)

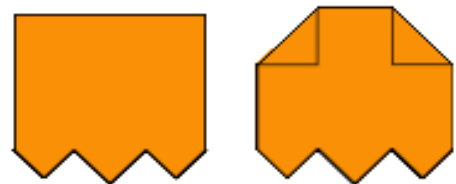
8-11 Increase as described, so there are 7|8|9|10 stitches on the 1st and 4th needles.

12-15 Decrease as described, so there are 9|8|7|6 stitches on the 1st and 4th needles.

16-18 Increase as described, so there are 7|8|9 stitches on the 1st and 4th needles.

19-21 Decrease as described, so there are 8|7|6 stitches on the 1st and 4th needles. Bind off in the last round.

Fill the front part of the feet, paying particular attention to the toes. Close any side seams, fold in the back corners and sew up the feet.



Sew the feet onto the bottom of the body.

## Wings

black

Make two wings separately and sew them onto the body.

1 Cast on 9 stitches.

2-19 Knit flat in stockinette, using edge stitches.

20 Slip 1, ssk, k3, k2tog, ktbl.

21 Purl one row, using edge stitches.

22 Slip 1, ssk, k1, k2tog, ktbl.

23 Purl one row, using edge stitches.

24 Slip 1, kfb, k1, m1, k1, ktbl.

25 Purl one row, using edge stitches.

27 Slip 1, kfb, k3, m1, k1, ktbl.

28-45 Knit flat in stockinette, using edge stitches. Bind off on the last row.

Turn the wing pieces to the wrong side, fold at the narrowest point, and close the side seams. Turn the wings back to the right side and sew them to the body at the left and right side.

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## Glossary

k	knit
p	purl
k2tog	knit two together
ssk	separately slip two stitches knitwise, transfer them back to the left needle, and knit them together through the back loop
RS	right side (side facing the public when finished)
WS	wrong side (side facing away from the public when finished)
stockinette	in the round: knit all stitches; in rows: knit right-side stitches and purl wrong-side stitches



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