

SO EGG-CITING!

Cast on **Ann Franklin's** cracking selection of brilliantly bright egg cosies – we're not yolking when we say they'll be perfect for Easter



EASY TO KNIT

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YOU WILL NEED

- King Cole Dollymix DK, (100% acrylic, 25g/73m), 1 ball of each:
 - Yarn A White (001)
 - Yarn B Black (048)
 - Yarn C Gold (055)
 - Yarn D Orange (144)
 - Yarn E Pink (006)
 - Yarn F Sky (005)
- 1 set of 2.75mm double-pointed needles (DPNs)
- 6 black sequins
- 2 silver sequins
- Black and white sewing thread

TENSION

20 sts and 50 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over garter st using 2.75mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Height 6cm (2½ inches)

ABBREVIATIONS

B&T Break yarn and thread through rem sts to fasten off

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TOP TIP

Once all the knitting has been done it can be tempting to rush the finishing. With these egg cosies being so small you'll notice when something doesn't look quite right, so take your time when sewing them up and pay special attention to getting the facial features spot on!



EGG COSIES BASIC BODY (FOR ALL COSIES)

Note Use Yarn A for the Lamb, Yarn C for the Chick, Yarn E or F for the Bunnies.

Cast on 24 sts using 2.75mm DPNs and yarn required.

Making sure not to twist the stitches, join them into the round, and work as follows:

Rounds 1 and 2 *K1, P1; rep from * to the end of the round.

Round 3 Purl.

Round 4 Knit.

Repeat Rounds 3 and 4 eight more times and then Round 3 once.

Round 22 *K2tog, K4; rep from * to the end of the round. [20 sts]

Rounds 23, 25 and 27 Purl.

Round 24 *K2tog, K3; rep from * to the end of the round. [16 sts]

Round 26 *K2tog, K2; rep from * to the end of the round. [12 sts]

Round 28 *K2tog; rep from * to the end of the round. [6 sts] B&T.

LAMB COSY

Make the Basic Body as given above in Yarn A.

FACE AND HEAD

Cast on 6 sts using two 2.75mm DPNs and Yarn B.

Note If preferred you can use a separate pair of single-pointed needles, but as the items are so small, it is just as easy to use two of the needles from the set of double-pointed needles. However, here you will be using the needles to knit back and forth rather than in the round.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 *Kfb, knit to the last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [8 sts]

Knit 7 rows.

Row 10 K2tog, knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog. [6 sts]

Row 11 Knit.

Cast off.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 4 sts using two 2.75mm DPNs and Yarn B.

Knit 3 rows.

Cast off.

FINISHING

1 Neaten the cast-on and cast-off ends of the body.

2 With the cast-on edge of the Face at the bottom, embroider a small capital 'Y' at the centre bottom of the Face using Yarn A.

3 Using the white sewing thread, sew a silver sequin above and to either side of the 'Y' for eyes.

4 Sew the Face to the centre front of the Body, 5 rounds up from the ribbing.

5 Sew one of the side edges of each ear to the top of the face on either corner of the face.

Create the lamb's mouth by embroidering a capital 'Y' in the lower portion of the face



"I would love to have these cute little cosies on the breakfast table. They would cheer up breakfast time as a special treat on Easter Sunday (just before the big hunt)!"

NICOLA LYNN, ART EDITOR



CHICK COSY

Make the Basic Body as given above, using Yarn C.

WINGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 8 sts using two 2.75mm DPNs and Yarn C.

Knit 13 rows.

Cast off.

BEAK

Cast on 2 sts using two 2.75mm DPNs and Yarn D.

Row 1 Kfb, K1. [3 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 Kfb twice, K1. [5 sts]

Purl 3 rows.

Row 7 K1, sl1, k2tog, pss0, K1. [3 sts]

Row 8 Purl

Row 9 Sl1, k2tog, pss0 and fasten off.

FINISHING

1 Neaten the cast-on and cast-off ends of the Body.

2 Neaten the ends of the Beak and fold it in half to form two small triangles. Sew the seam between the two triangles to the front of the Body, 15 rounds above the ribbing.

3 Using black sewing thread, sew two black sequins above and on either side of the Beak.

4 On each wing, gently gather one side edge, and sew to either side of the body. Catch the top of the other side edges to the Body at the back of the chick to hold the Wings down in place.

BUNNY COSY (1 IN YARN E AND 1 IN YARN F)

Make the Basic Body as given above, using Yarn E or F.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 9 sts using two 2.75mm DPNs and Yarn E or F.

Knit 6 rows.

Cast off.

FINISHING

1 Neaten the cast-on and cast-off ends of the body.

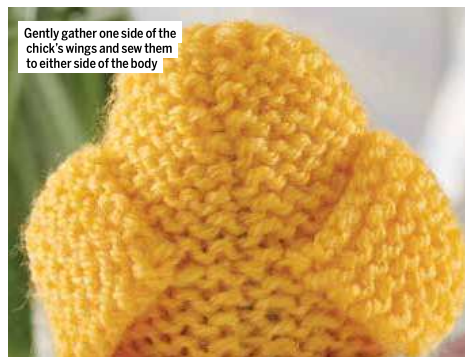
2 Using Yarn B, embroider a small horizontal stitch at the centre front of the Body 15 rounds up from the ribbing.

3 Sew a small inverted 'V' below this stitch. Using black sewing thread, sew a black sequin on either side of the embroidered nose.

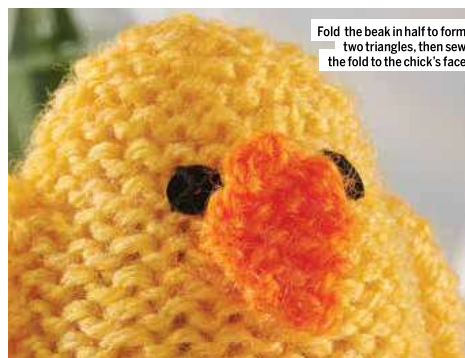
4 Gently gather both side edges of the Ears to round the top and bottom of the Ears. Sew one end to the top of the cosy's Head.

NEXT MONTH

We move on to Father's Day next issue in our seasonal section, and Ann Franklin has come up with some must-try gifts for the chaps in your life. Issue 185 of *Simply Knitting* is available at all good supermarkets and newsagents from Thursday 18 April 2019.



Gently gather one side of the chick's wings and sew them to either side of the body



Fold the beak in half to form two triangles, then sew the fold to the chick's face



To make the ears, cast on 9 stitches, knit 6 rows and cast off. Gather one end and then sew the ear onto the head