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Due to the contacts we have made through the Aids Baby Project it has been brought to our notice that the Orphans get enormous comfort by owning a small doll of their own. It has proven that a doll is most beneficial to a child's need for playful interaction and emotional development. By simply making a comfort doll we can make a huge difference to a child's life. The little doll is approximately 7 inches high, knitted all in one and very simple. This appeal is not intended to take the place of the jumpers, just a small addition with a massive impact. Happy knitting and Thanks.

Jumper

Orphans Comfort Doll Pattern

8 ply wool, various colours in small amounts. For stuffing we recommend polyester fibre toy stuffing.

Cast on 32 stitches on 4m.m. needles. Knit 4 rows in stocking stitch leaving a 15 cm length to gather for feet when completing doll.

Change colour for trousers. Knit 16 rows. Change colour for belt. Knit 2 rows garter stitch.

Change colour for sweater. Knit 14 rows, decreasing 4 stitches across last row. Leave 15cm length to gather neck. Change colour for face (use brown so that the children will relate to it), also change to 3.25mm needles. Knit 10 rows. Change back to 4mm needles. Change colour for cap. Knit two rows in garter stitch for border. (Pink face for other countries.)

Decrease as follows –

Row 1(knit 4 knit 2 tog)x 4. Knit 4(24 sts.). Alternate rows purl.

Row 3(knit 3, knit 2 tog) x 4, knit 4 (20 sts.).

Row 5 (knit 2, knit2 tog) x 4 knit 4 (16 sts.)

Row 7(knit 1, knit 2 tog) x 4 knit 4 (12 sts.)

Row 8 (purl 2 tog) across row

Thread remaining sts. onto large sewing needle & sew up cap. Sew up face. Run the gathering thread through the last row of sweater sts. &, after stuffing head, pull up tightly for neck. Finish securely.

Sew up centre back. Run the gathering thread through last row of feet. Stuff body and pull up gathering thread tightly. Finishing off securely. Complete feet by sewing up centre seam through both thicknesses of knitting i.e. dividing feet, which are stuffed individually. Join foot across cast on edge and sew up. Finish off other foot in the same way. Define legs by sewing through all thicknesses from feet towards belt. Finishing off 2 rows from belt. Define arms in the same way starting 2 rows from neck. Finished doll will appear to have his hands in his pockets. Embroider a face as desired to give your doll character. Happy face please. **Congratulations.** You have just woven some magic into a child's life. Thank You on behalf of the tiny orphans of Africa. Please send your completed dolls to above address & enclose stamp/addressed envelope for a newsletter.