

Knit, knit, knit, knit, chicken!

(Lay a little egg for me!)

You will need:

Any coloured double knit wool

Knitting needles UK size 11 (3mm)

Orange felt

Black thread

Cotton wool balls

Thin ribbon

The Easter chicks are made to hold a Crème Egg, but don't worry about including these as we will provide the chocolate!

Knitting pattern

1. Cast on 26 stitches
2. Knit 1 row
3. Increase 1 stitch at the beginning of every row until 42 stitches are on the needle
4. Cast off 11 stitches at the beginning of the next 2 rows (20 st)
5. Increase 1 stitch at the beginning of the next 4 rows (24 st)
6. K4 rows
7. K2 then 2 together to last 2 st. K2. (14 stitches)
8. K4 rows
9. K2 then 2 together to last 2 stitches. K2.
10. Draw wool through remaining stitches and pull tight
11. With that piece of wool, sew around the edge of the work to the beginning stitch leaving the cast on edge open so that the chocolate egg can be inserted
12. Stuff the head with cotton wool ball, sew around the neck and then gather in
13. Sew two eyes with fine black wool and stick or sew a small diamond of orange felt for the beak
14. Tie a thin piece of ribbon around the neck for a bow

When you've made as many Easter chicks as you would like, please drop them off at Independent Options, 67 Chester Road, Hazel Grove, Stockport, SK7 5PE by Monday 13th March!