

# THE AIRMAN

Your air-minded son will love this cuddly mascot

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## MATERIALS

One ounce of 4-ply fingering or equivalent yarn in Air Force blue; about  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce of similar wool in black; a small quantity of flesh-coloured wool for face and hands; a small quantity of pale blue wool for shirt; a little brown wool for hair; a needleful of yellow, red, and dark blue or brown embroidery cotton; a pair of No. 12 knitting pins; kapok, cottonwool, odds and ends of wool or finely cut up rags for stuffing.

## SIZE

The original doll was about 12 ins. high.

## THE FRONT

**C**OMMENCING at foot, cast on 4 sts. with black wool, and working in st.-st., inc. at beginning of 1st-5th rows, then work 3 rows more on the 9 sts.

**9th row:** Dec. twice in middle of row. P. 1 row.

**11th row:** Inc. twice in middle of row. P. 1 row.

★Work 48 more rows, then break off the wool and leave the sts. on a spare pin.

Make a second foot and leg in the same way, but do not break wool.

K. the second leg sts., cast on 1 st., k. the first leg sts. Work 21 rows on the 19 sts. and leave on a spare pin.★

## THE TROUSERS

**C**AST on 12 sts. with Air Force blue and work 42 rows. **43rd, 45th and 47th rows:** Inc. in first st., k. to end. (P. alternate rows.)

**48th row:** P. and leave the 15 sts. on a spare pin.

Make a second leg in same way, but with the incs. at end of rows. K. the second leg sts., cast on 1 st., then k. to end of first leg. K. 3 tog. in middle of 5th, 9th, 13th, 17th, 21st and 23rd rows.

**24th row:** P.

Place the 19 sts. in front of the 19 body sts. and k. each trouser st. tog. with a body st. to join the parts. P. 1 row. Leave on a spare pin.

## THE TUNIC

**C**AST on 15 sts. with Air Force blue. Work 20 rows, dec. at end of 5th, 11th and 17th rows. Leave the 12 sts. on a spare pin. Work another piece to correspond, with decs. at beginning of rows. Do not break wool.

**21st row:** K. 7 sts. of second piece. Put remaining 5 sts. in front of first 5 sts. of first piece and k. them together in pairs to join the parts, then k. remaining 7 sts. of first part. P. 1 row on the 19 sts. Place in front of lower part of body and k. each tunic st. tog. with a body st.

Work 13 rows, inc. at both ends of 2nd row. (21 sts.)

## THE ARMS

**C**AST on 21 sts. at beginning of next 2 rows. Work 6 rows straight.

**Next 2 rows:** Work 30 sts. in Air Force blue, 3 pale blue, 30 Air Force blue.

**Next 2 rows:** 29 Air Force blue, 5 pale blue, 29 Air Force blue.

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**Next 2 rows:** 28 Air Force blue, 7 pale blue, 28 Air Force blue.

**Next 2 rows:** Cast off 27 sts. with Air Force blue, work the 9 middle sts. with pale blue.

## THE HEAD

**W**ORK 2 rows in pale blue, then change to flesh wool and work 2 rows for neck.

**Next row:** Inc. in every st. except the 5th and last sts. (16 sts.) Work 19 rows

**Next row:** (K. 2, k. 2 tog.) 4 times. P. 1 row.

**Next row:** (K. 1, k. 2 tog.) 4 times. P. 1 row. Cast off.

## THE BACK

**C**AST on 4 sts. with black wool and inc. at beginning of 1st-5th rows. (9 sts.) Work 7 rows straight.

**13th row:** S. 1, k. 7, turn.

**14th row:** S. 1, p. 6, turn.

**15th row:** S. 1, k. 5, turn.

Continue in this way until the row with s. 1, p. 2 has been worked.

**19th row:** S. 1, k. 3, turn.

**20th row:** S. 1, p. 4, turn.

Work 1 st. more in every row until the row with 9 sts. has been worked. Continue as for front from ★ to ★.

## THE TROUSERS

**W**ORK as for the front until the two legs are joined. (31 sts.) K. 3 tog. in middle of 15th, 19th and 21st rows.

**23rd row:** (K. 2, k. 2 tog.) 6 times, k. 1. P. the 19 sts. Place these in front of the 19 body sts. and join the two parts. P. 1 row and leave on a spare pin.

## THE TUNIC

**W**ORK as for front until the arm sts. are cast on. (63 sts.) Work 12 rows, then cast off 27 sts. at beginning of next 2 rows. (9 sts.)

## THE HEAD

**W**ORK 2 rows, then change to flesh wool and work 2 rows more. Finish as for front.

## THE HANDS

**J**OIN the shoulder seams. Along the sleeve edge, with J right side facing, pick up and k. 10 sts. with flesh wool. Work 8 rows. Dec. at beginning of 9th and 10th rows. Work 2 rows more. Cast off. Make the other hand in same way.

## THE CAP

**C**AST on 2 sts. for the top part and inc. at beginning of first 6 rows. Work 12 rows. Dec. at beginning of next 6 rows. Cast off.

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# THE SOLDIER

Next time Daddy's home on leave he'll  
have some competition!

## MATERIALS

As for airman, substituting khaki wool for Air Force blue, and omitting the pale blue wool.

## THE FRONT

**W**ORK as for airman from the beginning until the trousers are joined to the body, but do not break the wool. Cast on 2 sts. at end of next 2 rows. (23 sts.) Work 15 rows more.

## THE ARMS

**C**AST on 21 sts. at beginning of next 2 rows and work 10 rows straight. Cast off 28 sts. at beginning of next 2 rows, leaving 9 sts. for neck. Work 2 rows in khaki. Change to flesh and complete the head as for the airman.

## THE BACK

**W**ORK as for airman until the trousers and lower body are joined, cast on 2 sts. at end of next 2 rows and finish as for front.

## THE CUFFS AND HANDS

**J**OIN the shoulder seams. Along one sleeve edge, with right side facing, pick up and k. 14 sts. with khaki wool. Work 2 rows.

**Next row :** (P. 2 tog., p. 2) 3 times, p. 2 tog.

Change to flesh wool. Work 6 rows. Dec. at the beginning of next 2 rows. Work 2 more rows and cast off. Make the other cuff and hand in the same way.

## THE COLLAR

**C**AST on 22 sts. with khaki wool and work 4 rows in garter-st. Cast off loosely.

## THE CAP

As for airman.

## THE ANKLE CUFFS

**C**AST on 7 sts. with khaki wool and work 24 rows in garter-st. Cast off.

## TO MAKE UP

**S**TUFF the doll and embroider the features and hair as for airman. Sew cap on head. Sew cast-on edge of collar to neck. Make little loops of khaki wool for shoulder straps. Outline the pockets and front opening of blouse with stitches of khaki wool. Wind wool round the waist to a width of  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch for the belt. Embroider belt buckle and lettering at top of sleeve with yellow, using small straight stitches. Join the ankle cuffs into a ring and place round the ankles, tucking the bottoms of the trousers inside, and catch in place.

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Cast on 40 sts for main part and work 8 rows, inc. at beginning and in middle of the 3rd and 6th rows.

**9th row :** K. 22 and leave 22 sts. on a safety-pin. Cast off 4 sts. at beginning of next 4 rows. Cast off. Return to the 22 sts. and work to correspond.

Join the two ends of this strip for the front seam and sew the top part to the cast-off edges. Fold the cap into shape and press it well.

Work long embroidery stitches to indicate the part of the cap which turns up and embroider two buttons and a badge in yellow.

## THE BELT

**C**AST on 48 sts. and work 6 rows, inc. at end of 2nd row and dec. at beginning of 5th row. Cast off.

## TO MAKE UP

**J**OIN seams of feet and 1 inch up the legs. Stuff them, and gradually complete all the seams of the body, head, arms and legs, stuffing the doll as the seams are made. Sew the trousers seams. Embroider the nose with a few flesh colour stitches on top of each other. The eyes and mouth are short, straight stitches of appropriate colours. Embroider the hair with brown wool in long stitches. Sew the cap on the head. Indicate the front opening of tunic and revers with long stitches of same colour, and work pockets in the same way. Embroider a black tie and make blue stitches to represent shirt collar. Sew belt round waist and embroider a buckle with yellow cotton and buttons of yellow cotton—three above the belt and one below. With pale blue wool embroider the wings on the shoulders.

## ABBREVIATIONS

St., stitch ; k., knit ; p., purl ; st.-st., stocking-stitch (k. 1 row, p. 1 row alternately. All three toys are worked throughout in st.-st.) ; garter-st. is every row k. ; tog., together ; inc., increase by working twice into the same st. ; dec., decrease by working 2 sts. tog. ; s., slip.