



KNITTING PATTERN

# Mama Chicken

Soft toys

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## MATERIALS

### Amigo


A: 1 skein of col. 16  
B: 1 skein of col. 47  
C: 1 skein of col. 29  
D: 1 skein of col. 37  
E: 1 skein of col. 02

Circular needles 3 mm, 60 cm / US 2, 24"

### Filling

2 x 12mm safety eyes  
6 x 9 mm safety eyes  
Sewing up needle  
Stitch markers

## YARN QUALITY

 **Amigo**, Hobbii  
100 % Acrylic,  
50 g / 0.1.75 oz = 175 m / 191 yds

## GAUGE

26 sts x 30 rows = 10 cm x 10 cm / 4" x 4"  
in stockinette stitches

## SIZE

One size

## MEASUREMENTS

Chicken: 25 cm / 10" tall  
Chick: 13 cm / 5" tall

## PATTERN INFORMATION

Knit a mama chicken and her brood of little chicks.

This Chicken family is knitted flat on circular knitting needles and seamed, using mattress stitch. Knit using 3 mm (US 2) needles to give a tighter than usual gauge.

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<https://shop.hobbii.com/mama-chicken-soft-toys>

## QUESTIONS

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Happy Crafting!

# Pattern



## ABBREVIATIONS

CO = Cast on

k = knit

p = purl

RS = right side

Kfb = make 1 stitch by knitting into front and then back of the same stitch. (1 stitch increased)

K2tog = Knit the following 2 stitches together as 1 stitch. (1 stitch decreased)

stst = stockinette stitches: k 1 row, p 1 row. (Makes 2 rows) Pattern indicates whether to start with a k or p row.

ssk = slip next st knit wise, slip following stitch purl wise, Insert the tip of the left needle, from left to right, into the fronts of the 2 slipped stitches and knit them together as one stitch. (1 stitch decreased)

rep = repeat

Sl1 = slip one stitch purl wise. Slip stitch purl wise from left to right needles without making a stitch.

Pss0 = Pass slipped stitch over. Slip first st from left to right needle, knit the next st, use left hand needle to slip the first st over the second st and off the needle.

BO = bind off (Cast Off)

C&T = cut yarn and thread through remaining stitches. Slide stitches off the needle.

## CHICKEN body and head

Cast on 8 sts using Yarn E.

Starting at the base of the body.

**Row 1 (RS)** \*Kfb, rep from \* to end of row. [16 sts]

**Row 2** Purl.

**Row 3** \*K1, kfb, rep from \* to end of row. [24 sts]

**Row 4** Purl.

**Row 5** \*K2, kfb, rep from \* to end of row. [32 sts]

**Row 6** Purl.

**Row 7** \*K3, kfb, rep from \* to end of row. [40 sts]

**Row 8** Purl.

**Row 9** \*K4, kfb, rep from \* to end of row. [48 sts]

**Row 10** Purl.

**Row 11** \*K5, kfb, rep from \* to end of row. [56 sts]

**Row 12** Purl.

**Row 13** \*K6, kfb, rep from \* to end of row. [64 sts]

**Row 14** Purl.

**Row 15** \*K7, kfb, rep from \* to end of row. [72 sts]

**Row 16** Purl.

**Row 17**\*K8, kfb, rep from \* to end of row. [80 sts]

**Row 18** Purl.

**Row 19** \*K9, kfb, rep from \* to end of row. [88 sts]

**Row 20** Purl.

**Row 21** \*K10, kfb, rep from \* to end of row. [96 sts]

**Row 22-62** Stst 41 rows, starting with a p row.

**Row 63** \*K10, k2tog, rep from \* to end of row. [88 sts]

**Row 64-66** Stst 3 rows, starting with a p row.

**Row 67** \*K9, k2tog, rep from \* to end of row. [80 sts]

**Row 68-70** Stst 3 rows, starting with a p row.

**Row 71** \*K8, k2tog, rep from \* to end of row. [72 sts]

**Rows 72-74** Stst 3 rows, starting with a p row.

**Row 75** \*K7, k2tog, rep from \* to end of row. [64 sts]

**Rows 76- 78** Stst 3 rows, starting with a p row.

**Row 79** \*K6, k2tog, rep from\* to end of row. [56 sts]

**Rows 80-88** Stst 9 rows, starting with a p row.

**Rows 89** Knit. Mark 25<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> stitches for eye placement.

**Rows 90- 98** Stst 9 rows, starting with a p row.

**Row 99** \*K5, k2tog, rep from\* to end of row. [48 sts]

**Rows 100** Purl.

**Row 101** \*K4, k2tog, rep from \* to end of row. [40 sts]

**Rows 102** Purl.

**Row 103** \*K3, k2tog, rep from \* to end of row. [32 sts]

**Rows 104** Purl.

**Row 105** \*K2, k2tog, rep from \* to end of row. [24 sts]

**Row 106** Purl.

**Row 107** \*K1, k2tog, rep from \* to end of row. [16 sts]

**Row 108** Purl.

**Row 109** \*K2tog, rep from \* to end of row. [8 sts]

**Row 110** C&T.

### **Chicken Beak**

Use yarn D, CO 11 sts.

**Rows 1-2** Knit 2 rows.

**Row 3** K1, k2tog, k5, k2tog, k1 [9 sts]

**Rows 4-5** Knit 2 rows.

**Row 6** K1, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k1 [7 sts]

**Rows 7-8** Knit 2 rows.

**Row 9** K1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1 [5 sts]

**Rows 10-11** Knit 2 rows.

**Row 12** K1, Sl1, k2tog, pssso, k1. [3 sts]

**Row 13** Sl1, k2tog, pssso [1 sts]

Cut yarn and thread through remaining stitch, pull tight to fasten off. Weave in end.

### **Chicken Head feathers (Make three, one in each colour)**

Use yarn A, B or C, CO 12 sts.

**Rows 1-6** Stst 6 rows, starting with a k row .

**Row 7** \*K1, k2tog, rep from \* to end of row. [8 sts]

**Row 9** Purl.

**Row 10** \*K2tog, rep from \* to end of row. [4 sts]

**Row 11** C&T.

### **Chicken Wattle (Beneath the beak, make two)**

Use yarn B, CO 4 sts.

**Row 1** Purl.

**Row 2** K1, kfb, kfb, k1. [6 sts]

**Row 3** Purl.

**Row 4** K1, kfb, k2, kfb, k1. [8 sts]

**Rows 5-11** Stst 7 rows, starting with a p row.

**Row 12** C&T.

### **Chicken Tail feathers (Make three, one in each colour)**

Use yarn A, B or C, CO 15 sts.

**Rows 1-18** Stst 18 rows, starting with a k row .

**Row 19** K1, \*k2tog, k2, k2tog, k1, rep from \* once. [11 sts]

**Row 20** Purl.

**Row 21** \*K1, k2tog, k2tog, rep from \* to last st k1. [7]

**Row 22** C&T.

### **Chicken Wings (make two.)**

Use yarn A, CO 12 sts.

**Row 1** Purl.

**Row 2** \*Kfb, rep from \* to end of row. [24 sts]

**Row 3** Purl.

**Row 4** \*K3, kfb, rep from \* to end of row. [30 sts]

**Rows 5** Purl

**Row 6** \*K4, kfb, rep from \* to end of row. [36 sts]

**Rows 7-9** Stst 3 rows, starting with a p row.

**Row 10** \*K5, kfb, rep from \* to end of row. [42 sts]

**Rows 11-15** Stst 5 rows, starting with a p row.

**Row 16** K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. [40 sts]

**Row 17** Purl.

**Row 18** K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. [38 sts]

**Row 19** Purl.

**Row 20** K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. [36 sts]

**Row 21** Purl.

**Row 22** K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. [34 sts]

**Row 23** Purl.

**Row 24** K1, k2tog, k13, ssk, k2tog, k13, k2tog k1. [30 sts]

**Row 25** Purl.

**Row 26** K1, k2tog, k11, ssk, k2tog, k11, k2tog k1. [26 sts]

**Row 27** Purl.

**Row 28** K1, k2tog, k9, ssk, k2tog, k9, k2tog k1. [22 sts]

**Row 29** Purl.

**Row 30** K1, k2tog, k7, ssk, k2tog, k7, k2tog k1. [18 sts]

**Row 31** Purl.

**Row 32** K1, k2tog, k5, ssk, k2tog, k5, k2tog k1. [14 sts]

**Row 33** Purl.

**Row 34** K1, k2tog, k3, ssk, k2tog, k3, k2tog k1. [10 sts]

**Row 35** Purl.

**Row 36** \*K1, k2tog, rep from \* to last st, k1. [7 sts]

**Row 37** C&T

## CHICK

### Body and head

Use Yarn A, B or C. Starting at the head.

Cast on 9 sts

**Row 1** \*Kfb, rep from \* to last st, k1. [17 sts]

**Row 2** Purl.

**Row 3** \*K1, kfb, rep from \* to last st, k1. [25 sts]

**Row 4** Purl.

**Row 5** \*K2, kfb, rep from \* to last st, k1. [33 sts]

**Row 6**-Purl.

**Row 7** \*K3, kfb, rep from \* to last st, k1. [41 sts]

**Row 8-13** Stst 6 rows, *starting with a p row.*

**Row 14** Purl. Mark 18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> stitch with removable markers.

**Row 15-18** Stst 4 rows, *starting with a k row.*

**Row 19** \*K3, k2tog, rep from \* to last st, k1. [33 sts]

**Rows 20 -22** Stst 3 rows, *starting with a p row.*

**Row 23** \*K2, k2tog, rep from \* to last st, k1. [25 sts]

**Row 24** Purl.

*(Body shaping)*

**Row 25** \*K2, kfb, rep from \* to last st, k1. [33 sts]

**Rows 26 -28** Stst 3 rows, *starting with a p row.*

**Row 29** \*K3, kfb, rep from \* to last st, k1. [41 sts]

**Row 30** Purl.

**Row 31** \*K4, kfb, rep from \* to last st, k1. [49 sts]

**Rows 32- 42** Stst 11 rows, *starting with a p row.*

**Row 43** \*K4, k2tog, rep from \* to last st, k1. [41 sts]

**Row 44** Purl.

**Row 45** \*K3, k2tog, rep from \* to last st, k1. [33 sts]

**Row 46** Purl.

**Row 47** \*K2, k2tog, rep from \* to last st, k1. [25 sts]

**Row 48** Purl.

**Row 49** \*K1, k2tog, rep from \* to last st, k1. [17 sts]

**Row 50** Purl.

**Row 51** \*K2tog, rep from \* to last st, k1. [9 sts]

**Row 52** C&T.

### **Chick Wings (make two)**

Use yarn A, B or C, and 3.25mm needles CO 5 sts.

**Row 1** \*kfb, rep from \* to last st, k1. [9 sts]

**Rows 2-4** Knit 3 rows.

**Row 5** K1, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k1 [7 sts]

**Rows 6 -8** Knit 3 rows.

**Row 9** K1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1 [5 sts]

**Rows 10-12** Knit 3 rows.

**Row 13** K1, Sl1, k2tog, pssso, k1. [3 sts]

**Row 14** Sl1, k2tog, pssso [1 sts]

Cut yarn and thread through remaining stitch, pull tight to fasten off. Weave in end.



### Chick Beak

Use yarn D, CO 7 sts.

**Row 1** K1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1 [5 sts]

**Row 2** K1, Sl1, k2tog, pssso, k1. [3 sts]

**Row 3** Sl1, k2tog, pssso [1 sts]

Cut yarn and thread through remaining stitch, pull tight to fasten off. Weave in the end.

### Making up instructions.

All seams are mattress stitched with right sides together.

### Chicken Body and Head.

#### Safety eyes

Affix the eyes before seaming and stuffing the Chicken's Body and head.

The safety eyes are positioned at each of the stitch markers on row 89.

Carefully push the stem of each safety eye through the loop at each stitch marker- remove the marker.

Place some stuffing around each stem before pushing the plastic backing covers over the eye stems to hold the eyes in place.

Use the CO yarn end at the base to gather the CO on stitches, then stitch the seam stopping 2 cm / 0.75" from the C&T row at the head.

Stuff the Chicken, taking care to keep the base flat.

Stuff the Chicken body and head firmly, paying attention to the shaping.



Finish sewing the side seam, add more stuffing to the open top of the chicken before pulling the C&T yarn to close the top. Weave in the yarn end.

Finished dimensions: 53 cm / 21" around the body (measured around the widest part of the body) and 29 cm / 11" around head middle (measured around the head over the eyes).

### Head feathers

With the wrong sides together, stitch each seam. Pull the C&T yarn to close the top of each shape then stuff each feather. Sew the CO edge together to close the shape.

Pin and sew the blue head feather in front of the Head C&T closure. Position the green head feather along the head seam immediately behind the C&T head closure, repeat to position the pink feather behind the second feather.



### Tail feathers

With the wrong sides together, stitch each seam. Pull the C&T yarn to close the top of each shape then stuff each feather. Sew the CO edge together to close the shape. Sew all three feathers together at the CO edges to create a fan shape.

Pin and Sew the tail feathers into position along the body seam 12 cm / 4.75" from the middle of the Chicken base/CO gather.



### **Beak**

Sew the beak seam, and gently stuff the beak. Position the Beak between the eyes, with the seam facing down. The upper edge of the beak will be level with the middle of the eyes.

Pin and sew around the beak.

### **Wattle**

With the wrong sides together, stitch each seam. Pull the C&T yarn to close the top of each shape then stuff each wattle. Sew the CO edge together to close the shape.

Position the wattles with The CO edges just under the beak. Ensure the seams are facing towards each other. Pin and sew the CO edges to the chicken.

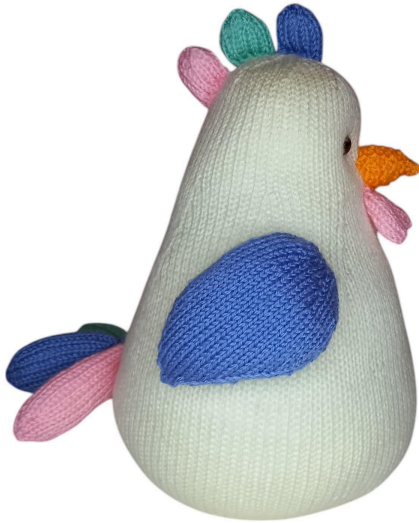
### **Wings**

For each wing, with Wrong sides together, pull the C&T yarn to close the wing tip, secure the gather with 2 small stitches. Mattress stitch the wing seam. Stuff the wing lightly to create a plump flat wing shape. Sew the CO edge closed.

Pin and sew the wings into position with the seams facing down.

Position the wings at an angle as shown.

Sew to the chicken body along the CO edge and at the wing tip.



### Chick Body and Head

#### *Safety eyes*

Affix the eyes before seaming and stuffing the Chick.

The safety eyes are positioned at each of the stitch markers on row 14.

Carefully push the stem of each safety eye through the loop at each stitch marker then remove the marker.

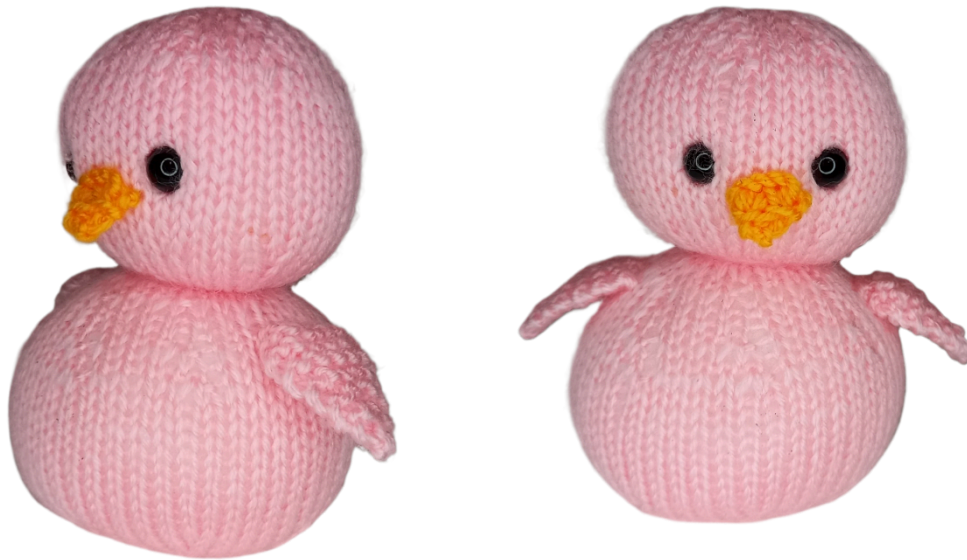
Place some stuffing around each stem before pushing the plastic backing covers over the eye stems to hold the eyes in place. Pull the C&T yarn end to close the base then stitch the seam stopping 2 cm / 0.75" from the CO row at the head.

Stuff the Chick, taking care to keep the base flat.

Finish sewing the side seam. Tie a piece of matching yarn tightly around the neck at row 24.

Once the neck has been formed you can continue to stuff the head. add more stuffing before gathering the CO edge yarn to close the top. Weave in the yarn end.

Finished dimensions: 24 cm / 9" around the body and 21 cm / 8" around the head.



### Beak

Position the CO edge of the beak between the eyes and 2 rows up from the lower edge of the eyes. Pin and sew the CO edge to the chick.

### Wings

Position a wing on either side of the chick, the CO edge is horizontal and 2 cm / 0.75" below the neck gather.

### Enjoy!

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