

Basic pattern for Biblical Figures

Materials

8ply (20g balls): 1 ball each of colours used, maybe extra brown and black for hair and beards

2 balls of Cream

3 balls of Flesh

One pair 3.00mm knitting needles, or the required size to give correct tension

Polyester filling

5cm circle of stiff cardboard for each figure

Fabric glue

Knitter's needle

Measurements

Figures: approx 15cm high.

Tension. These items have been designed at a tension of 26 sts and 36 rows to 10cm over stocking st, using 3.00mm needles.

Abbreviations

Alt: alternate

beg: begin, beginning

cm: centimetres

cont: continue

dec: decrease, decreasing

foll: follows, following

garter st: every row knit

inc: increase, increasing

include: inclusive, including

K: knit

'M1' (make 1): pick up loop which lies before next st, place on left-hand needle and knit into back of loop

tog: together.

NOTE: All pieces are worked in stocking st unless otherwise stated.

TO MAKE BASIC FIGURES BODY AND HEAD (make 1 piece)

Using 3.00mm needles and robe colour (stated for individual figures), cast on 35 sts.

Work 20 rows stocking st.

Shape waist. Next row. (K3, K2tog) to end - 28 sts.

Work 11 rows.

Shape neck. Next row. (K2tog) to end - 14 sts.

Purl 1 row.

Change to flesh colour and work 2 rows.

Shape head. Next row. Inc in every st - 28 sts.

Work 13 rows.

Shape top of head. Next row. K1, (K1, K2tog) to end -19 sts.

Purl 1 row.

Next row. K1 (K2tog) to end - 10 sts.

Break yarn, thread end through rem sts, draw up and fasten off securely.

BASE

With right sides of work facing, pick up and knit 35 sts from cast on edge, using same colour yarn.

Knit 2 rows. Purl 1 row.

Shape base. Next row. (K3, K2tog) to end - 28 sts.

Purl 1 row.

Next row. (K2, K2tog) to end - 21 sts.

Purl 1 row.

Next row. (K1, K2tog) to end - 14 sts.

Next row. (P2tog) to end - 7 sts.

Break yarn, thread end through rem sts, draw up and fasten off securely.

ARMS (make 2 pieces)

Using sleeve colour – cast on 6 sts.

Work 2 rows.

Inc one st at beg only of next 6 rows - 12 sts.

Work 4 rows.

Change to flesh colour and work 5 rows.

Shape base of hand. Next row. (P2tog) to end - 6 sts.

Break yarn, thread end through rem sts, draw up and fasten off securely.

To make up

Join body seam from centre of base to neck edge. Glue card circle in base and stuff body firmly. Stuff head firmly, then sew up head seam. Run a gathering thread through first row of flesh colour on head, draw up to shape neck and fasten off securely. Join arm seams, leaving shaped edge open. Stuff firmly, then position and sew onto body. Embroider features as follows: fastening off ends of yarn at back of head, count 9 sts up from neck edge in centre of face and work 5 sts in flesh colour over one knit st to form nose. Work French knots in black for eyes, leaving 3 knit sts between, work 2 straight sts in red for mouth. If desired, blush cheeks lightly with red pencil.

HAIR LOOPS

Make loops by winding yarn around pencil 3 times. Sew loops tog securely then slip off pencil. Darn the yarn ends into the figure securely.

TWISTED CORD

Cut a length of yarn, 4 times required finished length, and knot end tog. Fix knot to a surface with a drawing pin (or get someone to hold it), pull yarn taut, place a pencil in looped end, twist yarn tightly. Bring looped and knotted ends tog and let cord twist. Knot ends and trim.

THE LAST SUPPER

Basic figures as per Ruth's blog 27th January Lissa T's comment.
Make variety of colours with and without head covers, beards and belts.

Head Covers

Cast on 2 sts.

Work in garter stitch

Inc 1 st. at beg of every row until 20 sts.

Next row Inc in 1st st., K5 (Inc in next st., K1) 4 times, K6 (25 sts)

Inc 1 st. at beg of every row until 34 sts.

Next row Inc in 1st st., K5 (K2 tog., K5) 4 times (31 sts)

Inc 1 st. at beg of every row until 35 sts.

Cast off

Attach to figure.

Make double twisted cord and sew in place over head cover with knot to back.

Beard

Cast on 2 sts.

Work in garter stitch

Inc 1 st. at beg of every row until 14 sts.

Knit 4 rows

Next Row K1, (K2 tog.) 6 times, K1 (8 sts)

Cast off

Attach to face

Belts

Make double twisted cord and attach round waist.

Hair

Sew loops of wool under front of head covers.

For John placed strands of wool over head and sew in place.

THE LAST SUPPER

Bread

Plate Cast on 50 sts
K 4 rows (this forms rim of plate)
P 1 row
(K3, K2 tog) 10 times (40 sts)
P 1 row
(K2, K2 tog) 10 times (30 sts)
P 1 row
(K1, K2 tog) 10 times (20 sts)
P 1 row
(K2 tog) to end (10 sts)
Break wool, thread through stitches and fasten off.
Cut round of cardboard and place on base
knitted side down
Cast on 45 sts
K 1 row
P 1 row
(K3, K2 tog) 9 times (36 sts)
P 1 row
(K2, K2 tog) 9 times (27 sts)
P 1 row
(K1, K2 tog) 9 times (18 sts)
(P2 tog) to end (9 sts)
Break wool, thread through stitches and fasten off.
Place on top of cardboard and sew in place

Rolls

Make five
Cast on 5 sts
Increase knitwise into every stitch (10 sts)
Beginning with K row st-st 8 rows
Next row (K2 tog) to end (5 sts)
Break wool, thread through stitches
Sew cast on edge and row ends,
stuff and fasten off stitches.

Put on plate and sew in place

THE LAST SUPPER

Wine Vat and Chalice

Base Cast on 4 sts
Increase knitwise into every stitch (8 sts)
Beginning with a P row continue in st-st increasing
1st. at each end of every row until 14 sts
St-st 19 rows
Dec 1 st. at each end of every row until 8 sts
K 2 tog to end (4 sts)
P 1 row
Increase knitwise into every stitch (8 sts)
Beginning with a P row continue in st-st increasing
1st. at each end of every row until 14 sts
St-st 19 rows
Dec 1 st. at each end of every row until 8 sts
K 2 tog to end (4 sts)
Cast off
Fold over at centre P row and cut cardboard to fit
Sew round card

Chalice Cast on 12 sts (starting at bottom)
Work st-st throughout
Work 2 rows
Next row K 2 tog to end (6 sts)
Work 3 rows
Next row increase knitwise into every stitch (12 sts)
Work 5 rows
Cast off
Sew row ends together with K side out
For wine - cast on 10 sts, cast off. Roll up and put
in chalice - Sew in place
Attach to base
Wrap wool round stem to strengthen

Vat Cast on 12 sts
Knit 2 rows
(K2, inc Kwise in next st) 4 times (16 sts)
P 1 row
(K3, inc Kwise in next st) 4 times (20 sts)
P 1 row
(K4, inc Kwise in next st) 4 times (24 sts)
P 1 row
(K5, inc Kwise in next st) 4 times (28 sts)
St-st 5 rows
Next row (K2, K2tog) 7 times (21 sts)
Work 5 rows
Next row K 9 (Inc in next 3 sts) K 9 (24 sts)
Cast off
For wine Cast on 16 sts
(K2, K2 tog) 4 times (12 sts)
P 1 row
(K1, K2 tog) 4 times (8 sts)
P 1 row
K 2 tog to end (4 sts)
Break wool, thread through stitches and sew row ends.
Place wine near top of vat and sew in place
Stuff vat through bottom and sew in place on base