**Knitted Rainbow Mice**

A harvest of multicoloured knitted mice, to decorate a clock, a nursery or a craft room, or to use individually as a toy.

I’ve had a lot of requests for a knitting pattern for the Rainbow Mice, as the crochet version has proved very popular on **Face Book** and **Pinterest**.

**Materials***:*

*DK mercerised 100% cotton yarn - 25g balls* 14 rainbow shades

1 Pair 3.25mm **knitting needles**

**Sewing needle**

**Toy Stuffing**

**Beads** for eyes and nose, **or black embroidery thread**.

Abbreviations:

k – knit, p – purl, sts – stitches, ss – stocking stitch, inc – increase by knitting into st twice, from front and back, k2tog – knit two stitches together

Finished size – 3” long excluding tail.

Body:

Cast on 9 stitches.

Row 1: k1, inc knitwise into every st to end. (17sts)

Row 2: p

Row 3: k1, inc knitwise into every st to end. (33 sts)

Row 4: p

Row 5: inc knitwise into every other st to end. (49 sts)

Row 6; p

Rows 7 – 16: work in ss, end with a p row.

Row 17: k2tog, k 14, k2tog, k13, k 2 tog, k 14 k2tog( 45 sts)

Row 18: p

Row 19: k2tog, k 13, k2tog, k11, k2tog, k 13, k2tog. (41sts)

Row 20: p

Row 21: k2tog, k11, k2tog, k11, k2tog, k11 k2tog. ( 37sts)

Row 22: p

Row 23: k2tog, k10, k2tog, k9, k2tog, k10, k2tog. (33 sts)

Row 24: p

Row 25: k2tog, k8, k2tog, k9, k2tog, k8, k2tog (29st)

Row 26: p

Row 27: k2tog, k7, k2tog, k7, k2tog, k7, k2tog. (25 sts)

Row 28: p

Row 29: k2tog, k6, k2tog, k5, k2tog, k6 k2tog. (21 sts)

Row 30: p

Row 31: k2tog, k4, k2tog, k5, k2tog, k4 k2tog. (17sts)

Row 32: p

Row 33: k2tog, k3, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k3, k2tog. (13st)

Row 34: p

Row 35: k2 tog, k2, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k2, k 2tog. (9 st)

Don’t cast off, but cut the yarn leaving a tail for sewing up, thread through the stitches and pull up tight.

**Ears:** *Make 2*

Cast on 4st.

Row 1: inc in every st to end (8st)

Row 2: p

Row 3: inc into every st to end (16st)

Row 4: p

Row 5-14: work in ss, end with a p row.

Row 15: k2tog to end (8st)

Row 16: p

Row 17: k2tog to end.(4st)

Cast off purlwise.

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| **Eyes & Nose** | Using black thread sew on black beads for the nose and eyesand embroider the whiskers.**N.B. If making for a baby, small child or pet, omit the beads and embroider the features** |

Now make one in every colour!

