

Design 5537 • Finger Puppets

All measurements are in centimeters (cm). For approximate inch sizes simply multiply by 0.4 (or divide by 2.54).

Materials: yarn **Schachenmayr**, quality **Regia 4faedig**, oddments or 50 g each #1254 grass, #2082 leaf, #2041 yellow, #1992 ecru, #1968 pale gray, #2903 dark brown, #1259 jaffa, #1258 raspberry, and #2066 black

2-3 mm [size 0-3] double-pointed needles and one 2-3 mm [size B/1-D/3] crochet hook, **or size to obtain gauge.**

Stockinet stitch (st-st): K RS rows; P WS rows; in rounds K all sts.

Gauge: 30 sts. and 42 rows/rounds st-st, each to 10 cm [4"].

Frog: for the body cast on 16 sts. grass evenly across 4 double-pointed needles (= 4 sts. on each needle) and work about 4 cm st-st.

Cont for head. Work face over sts. on needles 1 and 2, and back of head over sts. on needles 3 and 4.

Round 1: on needle 1 work 3 sts. into 1st st. (= K1,P1,K1), K1, make 1 knitwise tbl, K1, make 1, K2, make 1, K1, make 1, K1, work 3 into last st. on needle 2 = 8 sts. each on needles 1 and 2. Work the 4 sts. each on needles 3 and 4 in patt.

Round 2: make 1 before and after 3rd st. on needle 1, 10 in patt, then work to 3 from end of needle 2 and make 1 before and after this st. = 10 sts. each on needles 1 and 2.

Round 3: work to 2 from end of needle 1, then work K1 and K1 tbl 4 times into foll st., end round in patt = 12 sts. each on needles 1 and 2 = 32 sts. altog.

Rounds 4-5: K32.

Round 6: work to 3 from end of needle 1, K2 tog, 2 in patt, slip dec knitwise over 2 sts. (= slip 1 knitwise, K1, pass slipped st. over) = 11 sts. each on needles 1 and 2.

Rounds 7, 8 and 9: work as for round 6 =dec 2 sts. on each round, and 8 sts. each on needles 1 and 2. Now slip



1st 2 sts. on needle 1 onto needle 4, and the last 2 sts. on needle 2 onto needle 3 = 6 sts. on each needle.

Rounds 10-11: work a slip dec knitwise over the first 2 sts. each on needles 1 and 3; work to 2 from end of needles 2 and 4 and K2 tog = 4 sts. on each needle. Graft sts. of needles 1 and 2 tog with those on needles 3 and 4.

Stuff head with some wadding, then sew 1st round tog. Embroider the eyes with ecru in satin stitch, with 1 French knot in black, stem stitch the mouth with raspberry. For the **arms** attach yarn just below the head with the crochet hook, work 9 ch, turn on a ch, and work 9 sl-st. For the **toes** attach yarn in raspberry at the ends of the arms, 4 ch, 1 sl-st into arm, 4 ch, 1 sl-st, 4 ch and 1 sl-st.

Tiger: for the body cast on 16 sts. yellow evenly across 3 double-pointed needles (5 sts. each on needles 1 and 2, and 6 on needle 3), and work in st-st, 1 round yellow, then alt 1 round dark brown and 2 rounds yellow. When work measures about 4 cm, after a yellow stripe, inc 2 sts. each on needles 1 and 2 = 7 sts. on each needle, and inc 4 sts. on needle 3 = 10 sts., and 24 sts. altog.

For **back of head** work short rows over the 14 sts. on needles 1 and 2, leave sts. on needle 3 on a holder. At the same time work alt 2 rows yellow and 2 rows dark brown. Work 1 st. less at the end of each short row, turning on a yarn-over.

On **row 1** with yellow work 7 sts. off needle 1 and 6 sts. off needle 2 in patt, turn on a yarn-over.

Row 2: in yellow, work 6 sts. each on needles 2 and 1 in patt, turn on a yarnover.

Row 3: in dark brown work 6 sts. on needle 1 and 5 sts. on needle 2 in patt, turn on a yarn-over.

Row 4: in dark brown work 5 sts. each on needles 2 and 1 in patt, turn on a yarn-over, etc. After 10 short rows altog, on 10th row 4 sts. were worked in yellow, cont in rounds, 1 round dark brown, and K yarn-over on needle 1 tog with preceding st. tbl; on needle 2 K yarn-over tog with foll st., cont in yellow. At the same time shape upper head as foll: mark 3 from end of needle 1 and 3rd st. on needle 2, and K 1st marked st. tog with preceding st.; work a slip dec knitwise over 2nd marked st. tog with foll st. = 22 sts. Rep these dec on every 2nd round another 3 time = 16 sts. after 7th round yellow.

For the **snout** cont in ecru. At the same time K2 tog every 3 sts. on 1st round 4 times = 12 sts.; on 2nd foll round K2 tog evenly across 6 times, then bring yarn through rem 6 sts., pull up firmly and fasten off.

For the **ears** pick up 4 sts. each yellow on either side of the 4 center sts. of head before the dark brown panel, working a yarn-over after every st. 3 times = 7 sts. Then P 1 WS row. On foll RS row K2 tog at beg of row, and work a slip dec knitwise over last 2 sts. = 5 sts. P 1 WS row, and on foll RS row K3 tog at center. Bring the yarn through rem 3 sts., pull up firmly and fasten off. Darn away thread.

Embroider the eyes in position below the ears with 2-3 straight sts. Embroider the nose with satin stitch dark brown onto snout, and the mouth with straight sts.

Stuff the head a little, and darn off. For the **paws** pick up 5 sts. yellow just below the head, with a yarn-over in between each st. = 9 sts. Work each paw as foll:

Row 1: slip each picked up st. purlwise, yarn at front of work, and K yarn-over.

Rows 2-5: K slipped st. of previous row, slip worked st. of previous row purlwise, yarn at front of work.

On foll row bind off all sts., K3 tog at beg of row, and K3 tog tbl over last 3 sts. Embroider claws with 3 straight sts. in dark brown.

For **tail** knot in 2 threads yellow and 1 thread dark brown at center back, and braid. Knot end of tail.

Crocodile:

Cast on 16 sts. leaf altog across 3 doublepointed needles (= 5 sts. each on needles 1 and 2, and 6 sts. on needle 3) and work about 4 cm st-st for trunk.

Cont for **head** and inc 5 sts. over needles 1 and 5 = 7 sts. on needle 1 and 8 sts. on needle 2, and 21 sts. altog. Work 2 rounds even. Then for **back of head** work short rows over sts. on needles 1 and 2 as foll: work 1 st. less at the end of each short row, turning on a yarn-over (see also method for back of head for tiger). After 10th short row, 5 sts. were worked on last row, cont in rounds over all sts., and on 1st round K yarn-overs tog with preceding st. tbl on needle 1; and on needle 2 K yarn-overs tog with foll st. On 6th round mark the 8th st. (= 1st st. on needle 2) and K the 2 preceding sts. tog, work a slip dec knitwise over marked st. and foll 2 sts. = 19 sts. Rep these dec on every 2nd round another 5 times = 9 sts. On foll round work a slip dec knitwise over marked st. tog with foll st. = 8 sts. Then slip last st. on needle 3 onto needle 1, and 1st st. onto needle 2, and graft the 4 sts. on needles 1 and 2 tog with the 4 sts. on needle 3.

Embroider some French knots with leaf to center st. of head, each 2 rounds apart. For the eyes embroider 3 small horizontal straight sts. with white and 1 vertical black on top.

For the mouth work 2 rows stem st-st. raspberry on either side of the center front each about 3 cm long, and small straight sts. in ecru for the teeth.

Stuff the head with wadding and darn off. For the arms pick up 4 sts. leaf on either side just below the head and ♦slide sts. to the other end of the needle, K4, rep from ♦. After 4 rows bind off all sts. Cut thread, but not too short, and with the rem yarn work 4 ch, 1 sl-st into arm, 4 ch, 1 sl-st, 4 ch and 1 sl-st.

Sheep:

Loop pattern: even no. of sts.

Round 1: K.

Round 2:♦K1, then work loop as foll: K1, leaving st. on LH needle, bring yarn between both needles to front and make a loop over your left thumb. Make this loop about 2 cm long, then yarn back and work K1 into this st. once more, then let st. slide off LH needle, yarn-over, slip the 2 previously worked sts. over, rep from ♦.

Round 3: K.

Round 4: ♦1 loop, K1, rep from ♦. Rep rounds 1-4 throughout for patt.

Body: cast on 5 sts. each on needles 1 and 3, and 6 sts. on needle 2 = 16 sts. ecru altog, and work 10 rounds st-st. Cont with loop patt.

When work measures 6 cm cont for **head**. For face cont in st-st over sts. on needle 2, and in loop patt over sts. on needles 1 and 3 as foll: on 1st round make 1 knitwise tbl on 2nd needle between sts. 3 and 4 = 7 sts., and 17 sts. altog. Then inc 1 st. on either side of the 3 center sts. on needle 2 another 3 times on every foll round = 13 sts. and 23 sts. altog. Work 3 rounds without inc. On foll round work to 1 from 3 center sts. on needle 2, K2 tog, K1, slip dec knitwise over 2 sts. (= slip 1 knitwise, K1, pass slipped st. over) = 11 sts., and 21 sts. altog. Dec alike on needle 2 on every foll round twice, and on foll round K sts. 3 and 4 tog = 6 sts., and 16 sts. altog.

Work another 3 rounds loop patt over all sts., and on foll round K2 tog evenly across. 8 times Bring the single yarn through rem 8 sts., pull up firmly and fasten off.

For the **ears** pick up 4 sts. ecru each on either side of the 2 center sts. of face, below the loop patt, working a yarn-over each after st. 1, 2, and 3 = 7 sts. Then ♦slide sts. to the other end of the needle, K7, rep from ♦. On 5th row K3 tog tbl at center = 5 sts., and on foll row K3 tog tbl at center. Pull the single yarn through rem 3 sts., and fasten off. Oversee the ears with dark brown, embroider the eyes with 1 straight sts. each, the nose in satin stitch, and 2 running sts. for the mouth. Stuff the head with wadding and darn off. For leg contours work back sts. in dark brown along center front below loop patt, and for front foot work 2 straight sts., each, then another 2 straight sts. 1 st. apart once.

Elephant: cast on 16 sts. pale gray evenly across 4 double-pointed needles and work 5 cm even in st-st for body.

Then for **head** inc 1 st. after every 2nd st. = 24 sts. On 2nd foll round inc for ears as foll: inc 1 before last st. on needle 1 and after 1st st. on needle 2, then inc 1 before last st. on needle 3 and after 1st st. on needle 4 = 28 sts., and 7 sts. on each needle. Rep these inc on every foll round another 3 times = 40 sts., and 10 sts. on each needle. On 11th foll round K2 tog at end each of needles 1 and 3; and on needles 2 and 4 work a slip dec knitwise each over first 2 sts. (= slip 1 knitwise, K1, pass slipped st. over) = 36 sts., and 9 sts. on each needle. Rep these dec on every foll round another 3 times = 24 sts., and 6 sts. on each needle. Graft sts. of needles 2

and 3 tog, and those on needles 1 to those on needle 4. Embroider the ears in duplicate stitch with ecru as foll: work 1 st. 3 sts. in from outer edge of each ear, then 1 st. for 6 rows onto 2nd st., and each onto sts. 3 and 4, starting each row of embroidery 1 knitted round higher.

For **trunk** pick up 5 sts. along 4 center sts. on needles 2 and 3 of 4th round of head. ♦Slide sts. to the other end of the needle and K. Rep from ♦. After 15 rows work another row in ecru alike, working K2 tog over first and last 2 sts. Bring single yarn through rem 3 sts., pull up firmly, darn away thread.

For **tusks** attach ecru yarn beside trunk, crochet 4 ch, turn on a ch, work 4 sl-st. Embroider eyes in position with 2-3 small straight sts. in black. Darn off ears using back sts., stuff head and also darn off. Knot in about 6 small tassels into head for fringe, then untwist ends of yarn.

At center front use back stitch in ecru for the leg shaping, work the toes with straight sts.

Chick: in yellow cast on 16 sts. altog = 5 sts. each on needles 1 and 2, and 6 sts. on needle 3 and work about 5 cm st-st for trunk.

For **head** make 1 knitwise tbl evenly across every 2nd row 8 times and arrange sts. evenly across 3 needles = 8 sts. on each needle, and 24 sts. altog.

On 8th foll round mark the 2 center sts. on each needle and K 1st marked st. tog with preceding st., K 2nd marked st. tog with foll st. = 18 sts. Rep these dec on every foll round twice more. Bring the single yarn through rem 6 sts., pull up firmly, then fasten off.

For the **beak** pick up 5 sts. jaffa along 4th round of head, working a yarn-over between each st. = 9 sts.

Row 1: slip each picked-up st. purlwise, yarn at front of work, and K each yarnover.

Rows 2-5: K slipped st. of previous row, slip worked st. of previous row purlwise, yarn at front of work. On foll row bind off all sts., working K3 tog at beg, and K3 tog at end. Crochet 2 eyes above beak with 1 French knot each in black. Stuff head slightly with wadding, darn off. Knot 4 small tassels Jaffa into head, and untwist the ends.

For **feet** work at lower front edge with Jaffa as for beak.

For **wings** pick up 4 sts. yellow along each side edge below head, working a yarn-over between each st. = 7 sts., then work 4 rows as for beak, and on 5th row bind off all sts., working K3 tog over first and last 3 sts.

Conversation table from centimeters (cm) to inches: 10 cm = 4" (2.54 cm = 1").

cm	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	6	7	8	9	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
inch	¼	½	¾	1	1¼	1½	1½	1¾	2	2¼	2¾	3¼	3½	4	7¾	11¾	15¾	20	23½	27½	31½	35½	40