

Here's a knitting pattern for the left toy, a soldier. This pattern will guide you through creating the legs, uniform, torso, arms, head, and cap.

Materials

- **Yarn:** Flesh tone, black, red, gold/yellow, and white.
- **Knitting needles:** 2.5mm or 3.0mm, suited to your yarn.
- **Polyester stuffing:** For filling the figure.
- **Embroidery thread:** Black and gold for facial details and uniform embellishments.
- **Tapestry needle:** For assembly and embroidery.
- **Small buttons or felt pieces:** For uniform accents.

Stitches and Techniques

- **Stocking Stitch (St st):** Knit one row, purl one row.
 - **Garter Stitch:** Knit every row.
 - **Increasing and Decreasing:** For shaping the figure's parts.
 - **Embroidery:** For facial details and uniform decorations.
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Knitting Pattern Instructions

1. Legs (Make 2)

1. Using black yarn, cast on 8 stitches.
2. Knit in St st for 10 rows to create the boot.
3. Switch to red yarn and knit for 12 more rows to make the lower part of the trousers.
4. Cast off and set aside. Repeat for the second leg.

2. Body and Torso

1. With red yarn, cast on 16 stitches.
2. Knit in St st for 12 rows for the lower body.
3. Join the two legs by knitting across both sets of stitches (now 32 stitches in total).
4. Continue knitting in red for another 14 rows to create the torso.
5. Switch to black yarn and knit 4 rows to form the belt area.
6. After the belt section, switch back to red and knit 10 more rows for the upper torso.

3. Arms (Make 2)

1. With red yarn, cast on 6 stitches.
2. Knit in St st for 12 rows for the length of the arm.

3. Switch to flesh tone and knit 4 rows to create the hand.
4. Cast off and set aside. Repeat for the second arm.

4. Head

1. With flesh tone yarn, cast on 18 stitches.
2. Knit in St st, increasing by 1 stitch at each end of every alternate row until you have 24 stitches.
3. Knit straight for 10 rows.
4. Begin decreasing by 1 stitch at each end of every alternate row until you return to 18 stitches.
5. Cast off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

5. Cap

1. With black yarn, cast on 20 stitches.
2. Knit 4 rows in garter stitch to form the brim.
3. Knit in St st for 6 rows, then begin decreasing by 2 stitches per row until you have 8 stitches left.
4. Cast off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew the edges together to form a circular cap shape.

6. Assembly

1. Stuff each piece (legs, torso, arms, head) firmly but not overly full.
2. Sew the legs to the bottom of the torso.
3. Attach the arms to the sides of the body.
4. Sew the head on top of the torso, ensuring it is centred.
5. Position and sew the cap onto the head, tilting it slightly to add character.

7. Uniform Details

1. **Epaulettes:** Using gold yarn, knit two small rectangles (about 4 stitches wide and 6 rows long) for the shoulder decorations. Sew them onto each shoulder.
2. **Embroidery:** Use black thread to embroider the eyes and mouth. Add a gold "belt buckle" and any additional uniform decorations.
3. **Buttons or Felt Pieces:** Attach small buttons or felt shapes along the front of the torso for extra uniform details.

8. Final Touches

- Check that all seams are secure and even.
- Adjust the stuffing if needed to maintain an even shape.