

Harry Potter Knitting Magic

Hegwig

Designed by Sara Elizabeth Kellner

Skill level: 4

SIZE

One size

Height: 9³/₄ in. / 25 cm

YARN

Worsted weight (medium #4) yarn, shown in Wool and the Gang Shiny Happy Cotton (100% cotton; 155 yd. / 142 m per 3¹/₂ oz. / 100 gram ball)

Color A: White Noise, 1 ball Color B: 101 Spots, 1 ball

NEEDLES

•• US 4 / 3.5 mm straight needles and set of 4 or 5 double-pointed needles or size needed to obtain gauge

NOTIONS

- Stitch marker
- Waste yarn or small stitch holders •• 5 yd. / 4.5 m DK or finer weight black yarn
- Polyester stuffing
- Pair of 1/2 in. / 14 mm yellow safety eyes
- Tapestry needle
- Sewing needle and white thread (optional)

GAUGE

21 sts and 28 rows = 4 in. / 10 cm in St st

To produce a dense fabric so the stuffing does not show through, use needles smaller than the smallest needle size

NOTES

- Hedwig is a stuffed toy that is worked primarily in the round. Short rows add shaping to several areas, and stitches are picked up to create the legs and head. The wings are worked separately, then sewn on.
- Hedwig was designed to be freestanding on hard, flat surfaces. The wings and tail feathers extend beyond body to provide balance, while legs support the weight. For ease in knitting, leave the entire project unstuffed until the head has been knitted.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

k1b&f: Knit into the back then the front of the same stitch—2 sts inc'd.
sp2p: Slip 1 st purlwise, p2tog, then pass slipped st over—2 sts dec'd.

PATTERN STITCH

Stockinette Stitch (any number of sts) Worked back and forth, knit RS rows, purl WS rows.
Worked in the round, knit every round.

BODY

With dpn and color A, CO 42 sts. Distribute sts evenly over 3 dpn with 14 sts on each needle. Pm and join to work in the rnd, taking care not to twist sts.

Rnds 1–2: Knit.

Rnd 3 (inc): [K1, M1L, k12, M1R, k1] 3 times—48 sts.

Rnds 4–7: Knit.

Rnd 8 (inc): [K1, M1L, k14, M1R, k1] 3 times—54 sts.

Rnds 9–12: Knit.

Rnd 13 (inc): [K1, M1L, k16, M1R, k1] 3 times—60 sts.

Rnds 14–17: Knit.

Rnd 18 (inc): [K1, M1L, k18, M1R, k1] 3 times—66 sts.

Rnds 19–22: Knit.

Rnd 23 (short rows): K52, w&t, p38, w&t, knit to end of rnd.

Rnds 24–25: Knit.

Rnd 26 (short rows): K54, w&t, p42, w&t, knit to end of rnd.

Rnds 27–28: Knit.

Rnd 29 (short rows): K56, w&t, p46, w&t, knit to end of rnd.

Rnds 30–31: Knit.

Rnd 32 (short rows): K58, w&t, p50, w&t, knit to end of rnd.

Rnds 33–34: Knit.

Rnd 35 (dec): K31, ssk, k2tog, k31—64 sts rem.

Rnd 36: Knit.

Rnd 37 (dec): K30, ssk, k2tog, k30—62sts rem.

Rnd 38: Knit.

Rnd 39 (dec): K29, ssk, k2tog, k29—60sts rem.

Rnd 40: Knit.

Rnd 41 (dec): K28, ssk, k2tog, k28—58sts rem.

Rnd 42: Knit.

Rnd 43 (dec): K27, ssk, k2tog, k27—56sts rem.

DIVIDE FOR LEGS AND TAIL

Rnd 44: K17, place next 9 sts on waste yarn, CO 6 sts using Backward Loop method, k4, place next 9 sts on waste yarn, CO 6 sts, k17—50 sts rem.

TAIL

Rnd 45: Knit.

Rnd 46 (dec): K23, ssk, k2tog, k23—48sts rem.

Rnd 47: Knit.

Rnd 48 (dec): K22, ssk, k2tog, k22—46sts rem.

Rnd 49: Knit.

Rnd 50 (dec): K21, ssk, k2tog, k21—44sts rem.

Rnd 51: Knit.

Rnd 52 (dec): K20, ssk, k2tog, k20—42sts rem.

Rnd 53: Knit.

Rnd 54 (dec): K19, ssk, k2tog, k19—40sts rem.

Rnd 55: Knit.

Rnd 56 (dec): K18, ssk, k2tog, k18—38sts rem.

Rnd 57: Knit.

Rnd 58 (dec): K17, ssk, k2tog, k17—36sts rem.

Rnd 59: Knit.

TAIL FEATHERS

Next rnd: K9, place rem 27 sts on waste yarn. Rearrange 9 sts over 3 dpn. Join to work in the rnd.

Cont even in St st until piece measures approx 3 in. / 7.5 cm from division.

Dec rnd: [K2tog, k1] 3 times—6 sts rem.

Next rnd: Knit.

Cut yarn and thread tail through rem sts. Pull tight to close hole.

Return next 9 sts on 3 dpn. Rejoin yarn and work 2nd tail feather same as first. Work 2 more tail feathers same as the last one. Weave in ends, leaving hole between tail feathers open.

LEGS

Return held 9 sts for one leg onto a dpn. With RS facing and color A, k9, then with 2 more dpn, pick up and knit 9 sts along CO edge below opening—18 sts. Rearrange sts over 3 dpn, making sure rnds beg and end at beg of 9 held sts.

Rnds 1–4: Knit.

Rnd 5 (dec): [K4, k2tog] 3 times— 15 sts rem.

Rnd 6: Knit.

Rnd 7 (dec): [K3, k2tog] 3 times—12 sts rem.

Rnd 8: Knit.

Rnd 9 (dec): [K2, k2tog] 3 times—9 sts rem. Rnd 10: Knit.

TOES

Rnd 11: [K1f&b] 3 times, place rem 6 sts on waste yarn. Rearrange 6 sts over 3 dpn. Join to work in the rnd.

Rnd 12: Knit.

Rnd 13 (inc): [K1f&b, k1] 3 times—9 sts. Rnd 14: Knit.

Rnd 15 (dec): [K1, k2tog] 3 times—6 sts rem.

Rnd 16: Knit.

Rnd 17 (dec): [K2tog] 3 times—3 sts rem. Place all sts on one dpn.

Cut color A. Join black yarn.

Work 3 rows of 3-st I-cord.

Cut and thread tail through sts. Pull tight to close hole. Fasten off and pull yarn to inside.

Return next 3 sts to dpn and work 2nd toe same as first. Rep with rem sts for 3rd toe.

Use one color A tail to close hole at bottom of foot.

HEAD

You can face the head sideways or forward. For a side-facing head, count 8 sts to the left of the first CO st and begin picking up sts there. For a front-facing head, begin in the first CO st when picking up stitches. After that, both head positions are worked the same. The 14 knit sts in the middle of Rnd 2 mark the location of the face.

With dpn, color A and RS facing, pick up and knit 1 in each CO st—42 sts. Pm and join to work in the rnd.

Rnd 1: Knit.

Rnd 2 (inc): K2, RLI, [k4, RLI] 3 times, k14, [RLI, k4] 3 times, RLI, k2—50 sts.

Rnds 3–17: Knit.

BO all sts.

RIGHT WING

UPPER WING

With straight needles and color B, CO 9 sts.

Row 1 and all other WS rows to Row 17: Purl.

Row 2 (inc): K1f&b, knit to end of row—10 sts.

Row 4 (inc): K1f&b, knit to end of row—11 sts.

Row 6 (inc): K1f&b, knit to end of row—12 sts.

Row 8 (inc): K1f&b, knit to end of row—13 sts.

Row 10 (inc): K1f&b, knit to end of row—14 sts.

Row 12 (inc): K1f&b, knit to end of row—15 sts.

Row 14 (inc): K1f&b, knit to end of row—16 sts.
Row 16 (inc): K1f&b, knit to end of row—17 sts.
Row 18 (inc): K1f&b, knit to end of row—18 sts.
Right Wing Scallop: P3, turn, k3, turn, sp2p, [pick up and purl 1 st along left edge of scallop, pass first st over st just picked up] twice, p1, lift first st over st just worked—15 sts rem.
Row 19 (WS): Purl.
Row 20 (inc): K1f&b, knit to end of row—16 sts.
Work Right Wing Scallop—13 sts rem.
Row 21: Purl.
Row 22 (inc): K1f&b, knit to end of row—14 sts.
Work Left Wing Scallop—11 sts rem.
Row 23: Purl.
Row 24 (inc): Knit to last st, k1b&f—12 sts.
Row 25: Purl.
Row 26: Knit.
Row 27: Purl.
Row 28: Knit.
Row 29: Purl.
Row 30: Knit.
Final Right Wing Scallop: P3, turn, k3, turn, sp2p—1 st rem. Fasten off rem st.

LOWER WING

With straight needles and color B, CO 33 sts.

Row 1 (WS): [P2, k1] to end of row

Row 2 (RS): [P1, k2] to end of row.

Rows 3–4: Rep Rows 1 and 2.

*Work Right Wing Scallop—3 sts dec'd.

Row 5: P1, k1, [p2, k1] to end of row.

Work 3 more rows even in established patt.

Rep from * 9 times more—3 sts rem.

Work 3 rows even.

Final Right Wing Scallop: P3, turn, k3, turn, sp2p—1 st rem. Fasten off rem st.

LEFT WING

UPPER WING

With straight needles and color B, CO 9 sts.

Row 1 and all other WS rows to Row 17: Purl.

Row 2 (RS): Knit to last st, k1b&f— 10 sts.

Row 4: Knit to last st, k1b&f—11 sts.

Row 6: Knit to last st, k1b&f—12 sts.

Row 8: Knit to last st, k1b&f—13 sts.

Row 10: Knit to last st, k1b&f—14 sts.

Row 12: Knit to last st, k1b&f—15 sts.

Row 14: Knit to last st, k1b&f—16 sts.

Row 16: Knit to last st, k1b&f—17 sts.

Row 18: Knit to last st, k1b&f—18 sts.

Row 19: Purl.

Left Wing Scallop: K3, turn, p3, turn, sk2p, [pick up and knit 1 st along left edge of scallop, pass first st over st just picked up] twice, k1, lift first st over st just worked—15 sts rem.

Row 20 (inc): Knit to last st, k1b&f— 16 sts.

Row 21: Purl.

Work Left Wing Scallop—13 sts rem.

Row 22 (inc): Knit to last st, k1b&f—
14 sts.

Row 23: Purl.

Work Left Wing Scallop—11 sts rem.

Row 24 (inc): Knit to last st, k1b&f—12 sts.

Row 25: Purl.

Work Left Wing Scallop—9 sts rem.

Row 26: Knit.

Row 27: Purl.

Work Left Wing Scallop—6 sts rem.

Row 28: Knit.

Row 29: Purl.

Work Left Wing Scallop—3 sts rem.

Row 30: Knit.

Row 31: Purl.

Final Left Wing Scallop: K3, turn, p3, turn, sk2p—1 st rem. Fasten off rem st.

LOWER WING

With straight needles and color B, CO 33 sts.

Row 1 (RS): [K2, p1] to end of row.

Row 2 (WS): [K1, p2] to end of row.

Rows 3–4: Rep Rows 1 and 2.

*Work Left Wing Scallop—3 sts dec'd. Row 5: K1, p1, [k2, p1] to end of row. Work 3 more rows even in established patt.

Rep from * 9 more times—3 sts rem.

Work 2 rows even.

Final Left Wing Scallop: K3, turn, p3, turn, sk2p—1 st rem. Fasten off rem st.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. Stuff body carefully, being careful not to overstuff; do not stuff tail feathers. Stuff legs very firmly.

With a strand of color A threaded in tapestry needle, thread yarn through base of each tail feather. Pull tight to gather tail feathers together and close hole, then fasten off, keeping tail flattened.

SHAPE HEAD

Stuff head about halfway. Fold front (face) edge down onto stuffing so front edge almost touches the back of the head. Fold left and right sides of head down on top of front piece so the side edges meet in the middle of the head and a little pointed “hood” is formed at the back of the head.

Sew side edges together from front to point at back (approx 3 in. / 7.5 cm), adding additional stuffing to hood as needed. Pull point forward and over face, about 1 in. / 2.5 cm above neck; excess fabric on each side of face is used to shape face and eyelids. Sew tip to front of head

EYES

Insert safety eyes under 2 legs of one stitch in space next to “hood” from center of face toward side. Turn post of eye to inside of head. Fabric above eye can be brought down slightly over top of eye at inner corner and sewn to form a small tuck with optional sewing needle and thread to create a more realistic eye.

BEAK

With tapestry needle threaded with black yarn, make 3 or 4 straight sts in same place between neck and about 1/4 in. / .5 cm below point of hood, making sure sts are slightly loose. Adjust by pulling them outward slightly if needed. Wrap yarn around sts several times until they are completely covered. Thread tapestry needle down into bottom of beak and out back of head. Cut yarn.

WINGS

Sew both pieces of each wing together, with scallops of upper wing over CO edge of lower wing. Baste left and right wings together along back edges from just above the upper scallops to halfway to lower edge.

Sew upper wings to sides of body, with top of wings approx 1/2 in. / 1.3 cm below neck and centering seam on the back of body. Remove basting and sew left and right wings together along back edges as basted, adjusting seam at back of wings if needed so wings separate just above the bottom of the tail feathers.

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