

Jason the Parrot Pattern – as featured in *Let's Knit* by Val Pierce

Materials

1 x 100g Pato Value DK Saxe 909, Apple 914
Small amounts of 910 Red, 905 Yellow, 923 Salmon, 903 Black, 914 Apple
1 pair 4mm needles
Toy stuffing

Body and Head – (The body and head are knitted in one piece)

Using 4mm needles and 909 Saxe cast on 12sts
Next Row : Purl
Next Row : Inc in each st to end
Next Row : Purl
Next Row : *K1, inc in next st * repeat from * to * to end
Work in st st for 3 rows
Next Row : *K2, increase in next st * repeat from * to * to end. 48 sts
Continue in st st for 30 rows
Next Row : * K2, K2tog * , rep from * to * across row. 36 sts
Work a further 9 rows in st st beginning purl
Break 909 Saxe and join in 914 Apple.
Work 24 rows in 914 Apple.

Shape top of head.

Next Row : *K3, k2tog* rep from * to * to last st K1.
Work 3 rows st st
Next Row : * K2, k2tog * rep from * to * to last st k1
Next Row : Purl
Next Row : * K1, k2tog* rep from * to * , to last st, K1.
Next Row : purl
Next Row : k2tog all across row to last st, K1.
Break yarn and run through sts on the needle, draw up tight and fasten off.

Top knot

Using 914 Apple and 4mm needles cast on 1 st,
Row 1 : Knit
Row 2 : Knit into the front, back and front of the stitch. 3 sts.
Row 3 : Purl



Row 4 : Inc in first and last st . 5sts

Row 5 : Purl

Continue in this way increasing 1 stitch at each end of the next and every following alt row until you have 9 sts.

Work 5 rows straight in st st, beginning purl
Now decrease 1 st at each end of the next and following alt rows until you have 4sts.
Purl 1 row and cast off.

Feet - (make 2 alike)

Using 905Yellow and size 4.00mm needles cast on 10 sts,
Next Row : Purl
Now Inc 1 st at each end of row on next and following alt rows until you have 22 sts.
Work 12 rows in st st on these sts.

Now dec 1 st at each end of the next and following alt row until you have 10 sts. Cast off.

Top of foot - (make 2 alike)

Using 909 Saxe and 4mm needles cast on 12 sts

Next Row : Purl

Next Row : Inc in each st to end. 24sts

Beginning purl work in st st for 3 rows

Next Row : * K2, increase in next st * rep from * to * to end of row.

Next Row : Purl

Next Row : *K2 increase in next st * rep from * to * to end of row

Next Row : Purl

Now work 8 rows st st

Cast off.

Beak

Top of beak

Using 923 Salmon and 4mm needles cast on 3sts

Increase 1 st at each end of next and following alt rows until you have 9 sts on the needles. ***

Next Row : Purl

Next Row : * increase in next st, k2* rep from * to *, across row

Beginning purl work 3 rows st st

Next Row : * Increase in next st, k2 * rep from * to * across row

Beginning purl work 3 rows st st;

Next Row : * Increase in next st, k2 * rep from * to * across row.

Beginning purl work 5 rows st st and cast off

Bottom of beak

Work as top to *** then continue to increase as before until you have 21 sts on the needle. Purl 1 row and cast off.

Wings – (Worked all in garter stitch)

914 Apple Base wing make 2

Using 914 Apple and 4mm needles cast on 3 sts.

Now increase 1 st at each end of next and of every alt row until you have 29 sts
Work 10 rows garter stitch.

Now decrease 1 st at each of next and every alt row until you have 11 sts. Cast off. This is the top of the wing.

Feathers – (Worked all in garter stitch)

Make 2 x 910 Red, 4 x 909 Saxe, 905 Yellow and 923 Salmon.

Using appropriate colour and 4mm needles
Cast on 3sts.

Now increase 1 st at each end of the next and every following alt row until you have 11 sts.
Knit 6 rows straight in garter stitch.

Now decrease 1 st at each end of the next row and following alt row until you have 3 sts.

Next Row : K3tog and fasten off. This is the base of the feather.



Tail

Large Tail Feather

Using 909 Saxe and size 4mm needles cast on 10 sts,

Next Row : Purl

Now Inc 1 st at each end of row on next and following alt rows until you have 24 sts.

Work 4 rows in st st on these sts.

Next Row : K1, *yfwd,K2tog,* rep from * to * to last st, K1.

Next Row : Purl

Work 4 rows st st

Now dec 1 st at each end of the next and following alt row until you have 10 sts. Cast off.

Small Tail Feather.

Using 910 Red and 4.00mm needles work as Large tail feather but only increase to 16 sts.

Eyes – (make 2 alike)

Using 902 White and 4mm needles cast on 3sts

Working in Garter stitch

Next Row : Increase 1 st at each end of next and following alt row till 9 sts

Work 4 rows in garter stitch.

Next Row : Decrease 1 st at each end of next and following alt rows until you have 3 sts, Cast off.

Black centre make 2 alike

As 902 White but inc to 5sts

Top knot twist

Using 910 Red and 4mm needles cast on 8 sts. Knit 10 cm in st st ending purl. Cast off

To Make up.

There are many pieces to put together to create the parrot. Time and patience are required so work slowly and carefully.

Begin with the body and head. Sew the seam leaving the base open to stuff. The seam will run down the back of the body. Stuff quite firmly. Before finally closing thread a needle with apple yarn and beginning at the back seam, run the yarn in and out of every stitch all around the line where you joined the Apple yarn to Saxe, this is the neck line. Draw up the yarn quite tightly, forming the head. Secure firmly at the back seam. Now add extra stuffing if needed to the body and then close the remaining seam. Take the Apple top knot and place onto the centre of the head, sew in place adding a little stuffing to pad out slightly. Sew the bottom beak section to the top beak section. You need the top section to protrude in front a little when it is stuffed. Ease the pieces to fit as you sew them. Take the top beak section and pin in a semi circle shape onto the front of the face, look at the picture to give you guidance. Add stuffing and shape the beak, pulling the top section downwards to give a little point. Now pin the bottom section in place and shape the whole beak. Once you are happy with how it looks sew in place. Using black embroider two dots, one either side to depict the nose. Take the eyes and place a black centre onto a white outer eye. Sew in place. Using yellow yarn embroider a line around the black centre of

the eye. Using white add a tiny accent to the black inner eye. Again, use the photo as a guide. Do the same with the other eye. Pin eyes in place on the face either side of the beak and stitch. Let the twisted red topknot form into a cylindrical shape, then fold into over into a kind of bow shape. Sew to the back of the head.

To assemble the wings, take an apple base wing and overlap the feathers stitching them, working from the top down. Pin in place first to get a neat appearance. Use the photo as a guide. When you are happy with the look, stitch each feather at the top point to secure, then catch each feather together as you overlap them. Make other wing in the same way. Place the wings on either side of the body, making sure they both look level. Sew in place. To make the feet fold a foot piece in half, stitch the side seams and then stuff lightly to give shape. Close the base. To make the indentations for the claws sew through from the base of the foot to two points, equally spaced on the top of the foot. Pull quite firmly to make the indent. Take the blue top of the foot piece and sew the side seam. You should have a little cup shape. Add some stuffing to this, pin onto the base of the body and sew in place all around. Do the same with the other piece. Now sew a foot onto each of the blue pieces. Look at the photo for guidance. Angle the feet outwards slightly so the parrot with stand. Take the large tail feather piece and fold in half along the picot line, sew the side seams. Stuff lightly to give shape. Sew the base together. Repeat with the small tail feathers. Place the small piece on top of the large piece and sew together at the base. Finally sew the tail to the back of the parrot.



**** NOTE *****As the yarn comes in 100grm balls only small amounts of many colours will be required to make the toy.