



THE GHILLIE DHU CREW



Thank you for helping

The family placement team have been running a group for children who are in permanent foster care. This group is called the Ghillie Dhu Crew. The name came about after searching for something Scottish. There are various descriptions and stories about the Ghillie Dhu but a general consensus is that the Ghillie Dhu was a Scottish Faerie who “was kindly and reticent yet sometimes wild in character but had a gentle devotion to children.” Each Ghillie Dhu faerie is meant to have an identical wee one and big one so that the children who we come into contact with, start to understand that there is always somebody who can protect and look after them.

The children who attended the group were consulted and asked what they would have liked, in a bag, when they first came to stay in foster care and came up with some brilliant suggestions, which included a set of Ghillie Dhuis. So after consultation with the group facilitators we agreed that in order to fulfil the request of the children from the Ghillie Dhu Crew we would have to ask for assistance.

So on behalf of the children, thanks again.

The Ghillie Dhu Pattern (adapted from multiple other patterns)



- Please feel free to be creative and adapt things as you see fit as we know that there will be more experienced knitters than ourselves out there.
- Can do all the rows in knit if it's easier
- Can use whatever colour and combinations that you like
- We'll get wings to sew on.
- Bits in red are for the wee ones
- People have used needles from around 3mm to 4mm but not any bigger.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

With colour of boots that you choose cast on 10 (6)

Purl 1 row

Knit 1, increase 1 to the end (15 stitches) (9)

Purl 1 row

Knit 1 row

Purl 1 row

Knit 3, knit 2 together, knit 2 together, knit 2 together, knit 2 together, knit 3 (9 st)

Knit 2, knit 2 together, knit 2 together, knit 2

Purl 1 row

Knit 1 row

Knit 1 row

Change to colour of flesh that you choose

Knit 1 row, purl 1 row for 23 rows (12 rows)

Cast off

Sew up the back and stuff

BODY (MAKE 1 PIECE)

With colour of choice cast on 30 stitches (20sts)

Starting with a purl row stocking stitch 7 rows (6rows)

Knit 2 rows

Starting with a purl row stocking stitch 13 rows (7 rows)

Knit 2, knit 2 together to the end

Purl 1 row

Knit 2 together to the end

Purl 1 row

Draw wool through stitches and pull tight

Sew up and stuff

HEAD MAKE 1

with flesh colour to match the legs cast on 8 (4)

purl 1 row

increase 1 to the end (16) (8)

purl 1 row

(Increase 1, knit 1) to the end of row

Purl 1 row

(Increase 1, knit 2) to the end of row

Purl 1 row

(increase 1, knit 3) to the end of row

Purl 1 row

Knit 1 row

Purl 1 row

(Knit 2 together, knit 3) to end of row

Purl 1 row

(Knit 2 together, knit 2) to the end of row

Purl 1 row

(knit 2 together, knit 1) to the end of row

Purl 1 row

Knit 2 together to the end of row

Draw up remaining stitches and pull tight, sew up back and stuff it,
sew up bottom

ARMS (make 2)

With colour of body cast on 6 stitches (4)

Purl 1 row

Increase into every stitch (12) (8)

Purl 1 row, knit 1 row for 17 rows (11)

Purl 1 row, knit 1 row

Change to flesh colour

Knit 1 row

Purl 1 row

Knit 2 together

Purl 1 row

Pull up stitches tight and sew up

BOY SHORTS

Cast on 30 (18)

Knit 3 rows

Knit 1 row, purl 1 row for 9 rows (6)

Put stitches on a holder

Do the same again

Get both sets of stitches and knit right across

Knit 1 row

Purl 1 row

Knit 1 row

Purl 1 row

Knit 1 row

Knit 3 rows

Cast off sew up each leg and join at the top

GIRL SKIRT

Cast on 80 (46)

Knit 2 rows

Knit 1 row, purl 1 row for 8 rows (6 rows)

(Knit 1, knit 2 together) to the end

Purl 2 row

Knit 2 together to the end

Cast off

Sew up back seam

HATS

Cast on 45 stitches (38)

Knit 4 rows

Purl 1 row

Knit 1 row

Purl 1 row

(Knit 5, knit 2 together) to the end

Purl 1 row

(knit 4, knit 2 together) to the end

Purl 1 row

(Knit 3, Knit 2 together) to the end

Purl 1 row

(Knit 2, Knit 2 together) to the end

Purl 1 row

(Knit 1, Knit 2 together) to the end

Purl 1 row

Knit 1 Row

Purl 1 row

Knit 2 together to the end

Purl 1 row

Knit 1 row

Purl 1 row

Pull up all the stitches and sew up

GHILLIE DHU WINGS

Cast on 16

Knit into front and back 32

St st 4 rows

Cast off 3 stitches purl to end (29)

Cast off 3 stitches knit to end (26)

Purl 1 row

Knit 1 row

Cast off 3 sts purl to end (23)

Cast off 3 sts knit to end (20)

Purl 1 row

Knit 1 row

Cast off 3sts purl to end (17)

Cast off 3sts knit to end (14)

Purl 1 row

K2tog to end (7)

Purl 1 row

Knit 2 tog, knit 1, k 2 tog

Purl 2 tog 2

Break off wool

Thread through remaining 2 sts pull tight

Fold in half sew around all the outside

Take both wings and join together at the top
Sew on to the back of the ghillie dhu.



Sew all together, put on face and add hair in whatever colour/style you choose!

THANKS AGAIN ON BEHALF OF THE GHILLIE DHU CREW !