

## Dolls to the Outback Knitting pattern (use scraps of 8ply wool/acrylic)



Cast on 32 sts on size 8 needles.

Knit 4 rows in stocking stitch (leave 15cm wool to gather for feet when completing doll.)

Change colour for trousers. Knit 16 rows stocking stitch.

Change colour for belt. Knit 2 rows garter stitch.

Change colour for jumper. Knit 14 rows, decreasing 4 sts evenly across last row – 28 stitches left on needle. (leave 15cm wool for later).

Change colour for face. Knit 10 rows.

Change colour for cap. Knit 2 rows in garter stitch for rim. Then decrease as follows:

- Row 1: (Knit 4, k2 tog) 4 times; Knit 4 – 24 sts on needle
- Rows 2, 4, 6: Purl
- Row 3: (Knit 3, k2 tog) 4 times; Knit 4 – 20 sts on needle
- Row 5: (Knit 2, k2 tog) 4 times; Knit 4 – 16 sts on needle
- Row 7: (Knit 1, k2 tog) 4 times; Knit 4 – 12 sts on needle
- Row 8: (Purl 2 tog) 6 times.

- Thread remaining stitches onto needle and sew up cap.
- Sew up face.
- Run the gathering thread through the last row of jumper stitches and, after stuffing the head, pull up tightly for neck, finishing off securely.
- Sew up centre back. Run the gathering thread through the last row of feet.
- Stuff the body and pull up gathering thread tightly, finishing off well.
- Complete the feet by sewing up the centre seam through both thickness of knitting, ie. dividing feet, which are stuffed individually.
- Fold foot across cast on edge at right angles to body and sew up.
- Finish up the other foot in the same way.
- Define legs by sewing through all thicknesses from feet towards belt, finishing off 2 rows from the belt.
- Define arms in the same way starting 2 rows from the neck.
- Embroider face as desired to give your doll character.