

## ARMED FORCES FIGURES



**Figures measure 7" & sit just inside the 30cm ring centre**

**Skill Level – Intermediate**

## Materials needed

Needles UK No 10 (3.25mm) US 3	Toy stuffing
Tapestry/Darning needle for sewing up	Gauge 7sts x 9 rows = 1"
Suggested colours – DK/8ply for each doll	
6cm piece of card (optional)	20g Tan
Scrap of red for poppy	10g Dark Tan
5g Black	10g White
20g Navy Blue	5g Skin tone
20g RAF Blue	
5g Blue	

I cast on using the cable method, I use mattress stitch to sew up and use KFB (knit front & back) to increase. I find both these methods work really well. I used unbranded yarn.

**Stuffing tips:** Knitted soft toys and decorative items can be fiddly to stuff due to its stretchy nature and can affect the finished look and shape of your item. I would suggest not overstuffing arms and legs, bodies can be stuffed more firmly than limbs but do not over stuff. Same goes for the head, I usually stuff heads with smaller amounts of fibre at a time and shape as I go.

## Abbreviations

Alt – alternate row

B&T– break yarn leaving a tail, thread through remaining sts on needle, gather & fasten off

CO – Cast on

Inc - increase

K – Knit

KW – knit wise

KFB – knit into front and back of the same stitch

K2tog – knit the next 2 stitches together (right lean decrease)

M1 – make one stitch (I use Make 1 left)

P – Purl

PW – purl wise

P2tog – purl the next 2 stitches together

Rep – repeat

RS – right side

St-St – stocking stitch (knit on right side, purl on wrong side)

Sts – stitches

SSK – Slip 1 st KW Slip 1 st PW Knit these 2 sts tog (left lean decrease) for a smoother surface after K2tog let the 1st stitch slip off needle, with 2nd st gently pull loop to remove excess yarn. Then slip this stitch off the needle.

## So let's begin and I hope you enjoy

All make up instructions and photos are at the end so you can print or not print ☺

## RAF/NAVY/ARMY FIGURES - LEGS/BODY

With 3.25mm needles CO 10 sts in shoe/boot colour

### Army feet & legs

R1	P & every alt row	
R2	K2, (M1, K1) rep to end	18 sts
R4	K2, (M1, K2) rep to end	26 sts
R5 – R7	St st start P row	
R8	K3, (K2tog) 6 times, K11	20 sts
R10	K4, (K2tog) 4 times, K8	16 sts
R11 – R14	St st starting with a P row	
R15	K	

### change to trouser colour

R16 – R23	St st starting with a K row	
R24	K2tog each end of row	14 sts
R25	P & leave these sts on RHN, cut yarn leaving a tail	

### on empty needle CO 10 sts

R1	P & every alt row	
R2	K2, (M1, K1) rep to end	18 sts
R4	K2, (M1, K2) rep to end	26 sts
R5 – R7	St st start P row	
R8	K11, (K2tog) 6 times, K3	20 sts
R10	K8, (K2tog) 4 times, K4	16 sts
R11 – R14	St st starting with a P row	
R15	K	

### change to trouser colour

R16 – R23	St st starting with a K row	
R24	K2tog each end of row	14 sts
R25	P & leave these sts on RHN, cut yarn leaving a tail	

### now continue with pattern from \*R26 below

### Navy feet & legs

R1	P & every alt row	
R2	K2, (M1, K1) rep to end	18 sts
R4	K2, (M1, K2) rep to end	26 sts
R5 – R7	St st start P row	
R8	K3, (K2tog) 6 times, K11	20 sts
R10	K4, (K2tog) 4 times, K8	16 sts
R11	K	

### change to white

R12 – R13	St st starting with a K row	
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### change to Navy blue

R14 – R23	St st starting with a K row	
R24	K2tog each end of row	14 sts
R25	P & leave these sts on RHN, cut yarn leaving a tail	

### on empty needle CO 10 sts

R1	P & every alt row	
R2	K2, (M1, K1) rep to end	18 sts
R4	K2, (M1, K2) rep to end	26 sts
R5 – R7	St st start P row	
R8	K11, (K2tog) 6 times, K3	20 sts
R10	K8, (K2tog) 4 times, K4	16 sts
R11	P	

**change to white**

R12 – R13 St st starting with a K row

**change to Navy blue**

R14 – R23 St st starting with a K row

R24 K2tog each end of row 14 sts

R25 P & leave these sts on RHN, cut yarn leaving a tail

**now continue with pattern from \*R26 below**

**RAF feet & legs**

R1	P & every alt row	
R2	K2, (M1, K1) rep to end	18 sts
R4	K2, (M1, K2) rep to end	26 sts
R5 – R7	St st start P row	
R8	K3, (K2tog) 6 times, K11	20 sts
R10	K4, (K2tog) 4 times, K8	16 sts
R11	P	

**change to trouser colour**

R12	K	
R13	K	
R14 – R23	St st start K row	
R24	K2tog each end of row	14 sts
R25	P & leave these sts on RHN, cut yarn leaving a tail	

**on empty needle CO 10 sts**

R1	P & every alt row	
R2	K2, (M1, K1) rep to end	18 sts
R4	K2, (M1, K2) rep to end	26 sts
R5 - R7	St st start P row	
R8	K11, (K2tog) 6 times, K3	20 sts
R10	K8, (K2tog) 4 times, K4	16 sts
R11	P	

**change to trouser colour**

R12	K	
R13	K	
R14 - R23	St st start K row	
R24	K2tog each end of row	14 sts
R25	P	

**both legs should now be on one needle**

**joining the legs**

\*R26 K3 , (M1, K3) 3 times, M1, K2, sl1, K1, M1, (K3, M1) 3 times, K3 36 sts

**optional - mark each end of R26 to match later when sewing**

R27 - R28	St st start P row	
R29	K	
R30 – R35	St st start K row	
R36	K5, (K2tog, K3) rep to last st, K1	30 sts
R37 – R43	St st start P row	
R44	(K1, K2tog) rep to end	20 sts
R45 – R46	St st start P row	

**change to skin tone and thread through R47 as shown**

R47	P	
R48	K1, (KFB) rep to last st, K1	38 sts
R49 – R57	St st start P row	
R58	K2 (K2tog, K2) rep to end	29 sts
R60	K2 (K2tog, K1) rep to end	20 sts
R62	K1 (K2tog) rep to last, K1	11 sts

**B&T – over sew cast on edge on foot base as shown, and join seam from foot to head, using the row markers to join between the legs, stuff as you go. Add the mini poppy, belt, arms and head wear.**

## FEMALE VERSION: LEGS/BODY

With 3.25mm needles CO 10 sts in shoe colour. Torso can be Army, Navy or RAF

R1	P & every alt row	
R2	K2, (M1, K1) rep to end	18 sts
R4	K2, (M1, K2) rep to end	26 sts
R5 – R7	St st start P row	
R8	K3, (K2tog) 6 times, K11	20 sts
R10	K4, (K2tog) 4 times, K8	16 sts
R11 –	P	
R12		

**Change to skin tone**

R13	P2tog each end of row	14 sts
R14 – R20	St st start K row	
R21	P2tog each end of row	12 sts

**leave sts on needle**

**On empty needles CO 10 sts**

R1	P & every alt row	
R2	K2, (M1, K1) rep to end	18 sts
R4	K2, (M1, K2) rep to end	26 sts
R5 – R7	St st start P row	
R8	K11, (K2tog) 6 times, K3	20 sts
R10	K8, (K2tog) 4 times, K4	16 sts
R11 – R12	P	

**Change to skin tone**

R13	P2tog each end of row	14 sts
R14 – R20	St st start K row	
R21	P2tog each end of row	12 sts

**joining the legs – change to torso colour mark each end of R22 to match later**

R22	KFB, K10, KFB, next leg, KFB, K10, KFB	28 sts
R23	K	18 sts
R24 – R28	St st start K row	
R29	K	
R30 – R35	St st start K row	
R36	K5, (K2tog, K3) rep to last st, K1	30 sts
R37 – R43	St st start P row	
R44	(K1, K2tog) rep to end	20 sts
R45 – R46	St st start P row	

**change to skin tone and thread through R47 as shown**

R47	P	
R48	K1, (KFB) rep to last st, K1	38 sts
R49 – R57	St st start P row	
R58	K2 (K2tog, K2) rep to end	29 sts
R60	K2 (K2tog, K1) rep to end	20 sts
R62	K1 (K2tog) rep to last, K1	11 sts

**B&T – over sew cast on edge on foot base as shown, and join seam from foot to head, using the row markers to join between the legs, stuff as you go. Add the mini poppy, belt, arms and head wear.**

## ARMS

With 3.25mm needles CO 12 sts in torso colour

R1 – R13	St st start K row
R14	K

**change to skin tone**

R15 – R20	St st start K row
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**B&T – join seam leaving top open and stuff lightly, attach to torso as shown**

## PEAKED CAP

With 3.25mm CO 38sts in brim colour – RAF & Navy

R1 – R2	St st start P row	
<b>change colour &amp; thread through the purl bumps on R6</b>		
R3 – R7	St st start P row	
R8	K2, (M1, k2) rep to end	56 sts
R9 – R10	St st start P row	
R11	K	
R12	K4, (K2tog, K3) rep to last 2sts, K2	46 sts
R14	K4, (K2tog, K2) rep to last 2sts, K2	36 sts
R16	K4, (K2tog, K1) rep to last 2sts, K2	26 sts
R18	K1, (K2tog) rep to last st, K1	14 sts

B&T

**Peak for RAF Cap CO 8sts in brim colour**

R1	P
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R2 (KFB) rep to end 16 sts  
**Cast off KW – Join seam, insert piece of card to top and pull the threads on R6 to make an indent, as shown, then add the cast on edge of the peak to the hat. Place on head & sew cast on edge of hat to the head (optional)**

## HELMET

With 3.25mm needles CO 44 sts in chosen colour

R1 K2, (K2tog, K5) rep to end 38 sts  
 R2 P & every alt row  
 R3 K2, (K2tog, K4) rep to end 32 sts  
 R4 – R10 St st start P row  
 R11 K2, (K2tog, K3) rep to end 26 sts  
 R13 K2, (K2tog, K2) rep to end 20 sts  
 R15 K2, (K2tog, K1) rep to end 14 sts  
 R17 K1, (K2tog) rep to last, K1 8 sts

**B&T – Join seam and place on head & sew to the head (optional)**

## BELTS

With 3.25mm needles CO 38 sts, knit 1 row, cast off KW

## MINI POPPY

With 3.25mm needles CO 6 sts B&T – sew onto torso with black to make the centre

## NAVY NECK COLLAR

With 3.25mm needles CO 14st in white leaving a 16” tail (\*use this on other side of work rather than taking the white over)

**Blue is in BOLD** all other are worked in white

R1 K1W, **K12B**, \*K1W  
 R2 P1W, **P12B**, P1W  
 R3 K1W, **K12B**, K1W  
 R4 P1W, **P12B**, P1W  
 R5 K1W, **K12B**, K1W  
 R6 P1W, **P2B**, knit & cast off 8sts, **P1B**, P1W - you now have 3\_3 sts on needles

**Now working on the first side**

R7 K1W, **K2B**  
 R8 **P2B**, P1W  
 Rep R7 – R8 until you have 25 rows in total  
 R26 **P2togB**, P1W

R27        **K2togB**  
**B&T in blue**  
**re-join blue & work other side**  
R7        **K2B, P1W**  
R8        **P1W, P2B**  
**Rep R7 – R8 until you have 25 rows in total**  
R26       **P1W, P2togB**  
R27       **K2togB**  
**B&T in blue – join with other side once on doll.**

## Make Up



Sew thread through purl loops



Going in one direction as shown



Pull gently to shape neck  
Do the same for the hat



body parts



base of shoe/foot – over sew and pull tight



place arm and sew across the top to close



## Mattress Stitch



I used a blush yarn to sew cream knitting so that the mattress stitch can be seen clearer, you then pulled and the different coloured yarn becomes invisible.

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