



Tiny Chickens

These little cluckers were feeling proud of their big accomplishments a few hours ago, but now they're just trying to figure out how to get off this ride. . . .

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

Picking up stitches (page 20)

YARN

Fingering-weight yarn in 3 colors and black

Samples made with Knit Picks Palette

(1/super fine; 100% wool; 1³/₄ oz/50g, 231 yd/211m)

Color 1 (body): 23730 (Cream), 24240 (Doe)

Color 2 (beak and feet): 24250 (Semolina)

Color 3 (comb): 24553 (Serrano)

Black: 23729

OTHER SUPPLIES

Set of size 1 U.S. (2.25mm) double-pointed needles

Small tapestry needle

Stuffing

Tiny Chickens are about 1" tall, or 15 times tinier than an Ameraucana chicken.

BODY (worked bottom to top)

With Color 1, CO 6 sts onto 3 needles and join in a round.

Rnd 1: [Kfb] 6 times (12 sts).

Rnd 2: [Kfb, k1] 6 times (18 sts).

Rnd 3: Knit.

Rnd 4: [Kfb, k2] 6 times (24 sts).

Rnds 5-8: Knit (4 rnds).

Rnd 9: [K2tog, k2] 6 times (18 sts).

Rnd 10: [K2tog, k1] 6 times (12 sts).

Rnds 11-14: Knit (4 rnds).

Stuff the piece.

Rnd 15: [K2tog] 6 times (6 sts).

Break the yarn and draw it tightly through the sts with a tapestry needle.

FEATURES

For beak, wrap one stitch 3 times with Color 2, placed about 4 sts from the top of the head.

For eyes, make 2 sts with Black for each, placed about 2 sts apart.

COMB

With Color 3, pick up and knit 3 sts at the top of the head (A, above, right). Turn, and bind off the sts.

Note: You will probably end up with a row of Color 3 sts on one side of the head. To make the coloring more even, weave in the loose ends of Color 3 so that they cover the gaps.



A To make the comb, pick up and knit 3 stitches at the top of the head, then turn and bind off the stitches.

WINGS (make 2)

Flip the chicken upside down, and with Color 1, pick up and knit 4 sts at the side of the Body, just under the first decrease round (B, below).



B To begin making a wing, turn the Body upside down and pick up and knit 4 stitches horizontally at the side of the Body, just under the first decrease round. Turn piece.

Row 1: Purl.

Row 2: Knit.

Break the yarn, and pulling across the purl side of piece, draw it tightly through the sts with a tapestry needle.

You can either tack the wing down onto the Body with the loose end, or weave the end back through the wing for outstretched wings.

LEGS

With Color 2, CO 2 sts onto one needle.

Knit 12 rows of I-cord, then break the yarn and draw it tightly through the sts with a tapestry needle.

With the end still threaded on the tapestry needle, thread the I-cord

through the bottom front side of the Body, going in and coming out at the second increase round, and spaced about 5 sts apart. Pull the I-cord halfway through the Body, so that an even amount sticks out from each side. When you weave in the loose ends, bend the ends of the I-cord upward and tack them in place for feet.

FINISHING

Weave in loose ends.