

Knitted Chick and Chicken

You will need:

Chicken colored wool

Knitting Needles #5, 6, 7 or 8 - The size of the needle will determine the size of your chicken.

Stuffing: sheep's wool

Red wool for the comb and a tiny piece of felt for the beak

For a chicken:

Cast on 16 stitches and knit only for 16 rows or until you have a square piece of knitting. Cast off.

A larger chicken can be made with 20 stitches and 20 rows. Remember that the larger the needles and the thicker the yarn, the bigger your chicken will be...experiment!

For a chick:

Cast on 10 stitches and knit for 10 rows or until you have a square.

Fold the piece over diagonally and sew up one side. Stuff the chicken and sew up the other side.

Shape the chicken by sewing with a gathering stitch from the chicken's middle all the way around to give it a little "waist". Stitch carefully to pull the chicken's front and back together, so it sits.

Form a head by pulling the stuffing up a bit.

Make the comb with red yarn, making a small loop and following it with a securing stitch, continue until your chicken has the look you want.

Add a beak in red or any color felt or yarn you like. Add eyes if you wish.

Flatten the bottom of the chicken slightly so it sits well.

If you want to wash your knitted animal at some point just hand-wash in cool water and air dry.

