

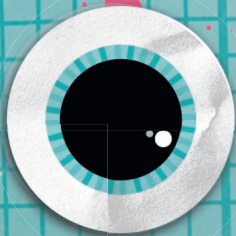


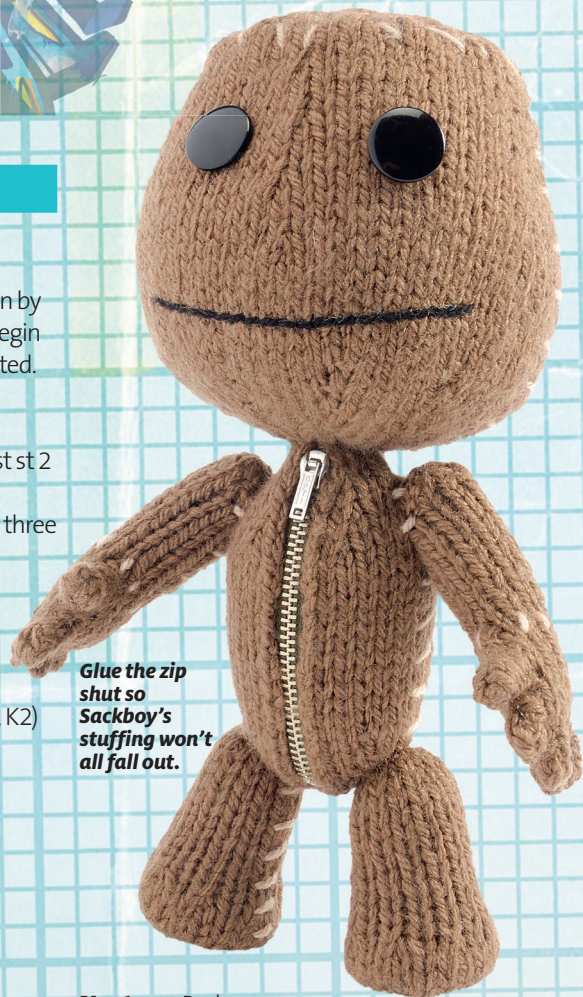
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# Sack Boy

Perfect for the gamers in your family

Recreate the hero of Sony's brand new PlayStation3 game *LittleBIGPlanet™*.





Glue the zip shut so Sackboy's stuffing won't all fall out.

## Pattern Info

### You will need...

#### Sirdar, Click Chunky

Duffler (143), 2 x 50g/75m balls Oddments of beige and black DK yarn

A pair of 4mm knitting needles 75g washable toy stuffing 4in (10cm) brown metal trouser zip

Two 3/4in (2cm) diameter black buttons with shanks

Two plastic drinking straws Clear adhesive

### Measurements

10 1/2in (27cm) tall

### Tension square

Yarn used knits as chunky to this tension:

20 sts and 23 rows to measure 4x4in (10x10in) over stocking stitch using 4mm needles



### Abbreviations

<b>beg</b>	beginning
<b>cont</b>	continue
<b>K</b>	knit
<b>P</b>	purl
<b>st st</b>	stocking stitch
<b>st(s)</b>	stitch(es)
<b>tog</b>	together



### Start knitting here

#### SACKBOY

**NOTE** Use 4mm needles throughout, cast on by using the cable (two needle) method, and begin all pieces with a K row, unless otherwise stated.

#### BODY (MAKE 1 PIECE)

**Cast on** 12 sts with Click for base edge and st st 2 rows.

**1st inc row** K1, (inc 1) three times, K3, (inc 1) three times, K2. [18 sts]

**Next row** Purl.

**2nd inc row** K1, (inc 1, K1) three times, K3, (inc 1, K1) three times, K2. [24 sts]

**Next row** Purl.

**3rd inc row** (K2, inc 1) three times, K5, (inc 1, K2) three times, K1. [30 sts]

St st 13 rows.

**1st dec row** (K2, k2tog, K1) to end. [24 sts]

**Next row** Purl.

**2nd dec row** (K1, k2tog, K1) to end. [18 sts]

**Next row** Purl.

**3rd row** (K1, k2tog) to end. [12 sts]

**Next row** Purl.

**4th dec row** (K2, k2tog, K2) twice. [10 sts]

**Cast off** for neck edge.

#### HEAD (MAKE 1 PIECE)

**Cast on** 12 sts with Click for neck edge and st st 2 rows.

**1st inc row** (inc 1, inc 1, K1) to end. [20 sts]

**Next row** Purl.

**2nd inc row** (inc 1, K1) to end. [30 sts]

**Next row** Purl.

**3rd inc row** (K1, inc 1, K1) to end. [40 sts]

**Next row** Purl.

**4th inc row** (K1, inc 1, K2) to end. [50 sts]

**Next row** Purl.

**5th inc row** (K2, inc 1, K2) to end. [60 sts]

**Next row** Purl.

**6th inc row** (K2, inc 1, K3) to end. [70 sts]

St st 7 rows.

**1st dec row** (K6, k2tog, K6) to end. [65 sts]

St st 3 rows.

**2nd dec row** (K6, k2tog, K5) to end. [60 sts]

St st 3 rows.

**3rd dec row** (K5, k2tog, K5) to end. [55 sts]

St st 3 rows.

**4th dec row** (K5, k2tog, K4) to end. [50 sts]

St st 3 rows.

#### SHAPE TOP OF HEAD

**5th dec row** (K2, k2tog, K1) to end [40 sts].

St st 2 rows.

**6th dec row** (P2tog, P2) to end [30 sts].

St st 2 rows.

**7th dec row** (K1, k2tog) to end [20 sts].

**Next row** Purl.

**8th dec row** (K 2 tog) to end. [10 sts]

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

#### LEGS (MAKE 2 PIECES)

**Cast on** 8 sts with Click for base edge and cont in st st.

**1st inc row** Inc into every st to end. [16 sts]

**Next row** Purl.

**2nd inc row** (inc 1, K1) to end. [24 sts]

St st 3 rows.

**1st dec row** (K1, k2tog) to end. [16 sts]

St st 11 rows.

**2nd dec row** (K2tog) to end. [8 sts]

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

#### ARMS (MAKE 2 PIECES)

**Cast on** 6 sts with Click for top edge and cont in st st.

**Next row** Purl.

**Inc row** Inc into every st to end. [12 sts].

St st 13 rows.

**Cast on** 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows for thumb. [18 sts]

**Cast off** 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows [12 sts].

St st 2 rows.

#### WORK FINGERS: LITTLE FINGER

**Next row** K7, turn and work on these sts only.

**Next row** P3, turn and work on these sts only.

**Next row** Knit.



Break yarn, leaving a 40in (100cm) length. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly, then oversew side edges of finger together.

### RING FINGER

**Next row** Using remaining length of yarn, K2 from left-hand needle, turn and work on these 6 sts only.

**\*Next row** P3, turn and work on these sts only.

**Next row** Knit.

Thread yarn through sts on needle, draw up tightly, then oversew side edges of finger together.\*\*

### MIDDLE FINGER

**Next row** Using remaining length of yarn, K1 from left-hand needle, turn and work on these 4 sts only.

Work as given for ring finger from \* to \*\*.

### INDEX FINGER

**Next row** Using remaining length of yarn, K 2 sts from left-hand needle. [3 sts].

St st 2 rows.

Thread yarn through sts on needle and draw up tightly.



*Keep the whipping stitches nice and bold – they're part of the essential detail.*

### knit tip

When sewing seams on toy projects, use small stitches and matching yarn.

Work a gathering thread through every stitch along base edge, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Use yarn remaining at tip of each index finger to oversew side edges of finger together and round thumb, then mattress stitch arm seam, stopping 1in (2.5cm) away from top edge. Leaving fingers and thumb unstuffed, stuff hand and arm, then join remainder of seam. Work a gathering thread through every stitch along top edge, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Use beige yarn to embroider uneven whipping stitches. First work round top of head on 5th decrease row, pinching knitting between finger and thumb along this row as you embroider to accentuate flat top of head. Now work a line of stitching down each side of head.

Work a line of stitching down each leg seam. Also work a line of stitching round each wrist and up inside of arm, from wrist to top edge.

Use Click to sew arms and legs securely in place, then use beige yarn to embroider whipping stitches up each side of body and round top of arms.

Mark eye positions with pins, placing between 2nd and 3rd decrease rows and spacing 2in (5cm) apart, then sew buttons securely in place and remove pins.

Draw out a single strand from a length of black yarn and use the remaining 2 strands to embroider mouth with split stitch, working a 4in (10cm) long, slightly curved, line.



### Mattress stitch



Thread approximately 20in (50cm) of yarn on to your needle and secure it by weaving it down the edge of one piece to the point where you will start stitching, then bringing it to the front between the first and second stitch. Now lay both pieces to be joined together on a flat surface and insert the needle between the first two stitches on the other piece. Bring the needle back up through the opposite piece between the two stitches on the next row up. Keep stitching in this way all the way up the edges to be joined, pulling nice and tight on the yarn every two or three stitches in order to bring the fabric together.



Sackboy is the hero of the game LittleBIGPlanet™, made by Media Molecule for Sony PlayStation 3. Knit our unofficial Sackboy for the gamer in your life!

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