



# What you will need:

Red Heart® Baby: 1 ball each 08529 Taupe A, 08507 Turquoise B, 08510 Green C, 08509 Marine D and 08500 White E

**Double Pointed Needles:** 2.75mm [US 2], set of five needles.

Crochet hook: 2.75mm [C US]

Rattle cat toy, stitch markers, yarn needle, small amount of scrap yarn in same weight as project yarn, embroidery needle, stuffing, knee-high stocking (optional)

TENSION/GAUGE: 30 sts = 10 cm [4"]; 40 rows = 10 cm [4"] in Stockinette stitch. CHECK YOUR TENSION/GAUGE. Use any size needle to obtain the tension/gauge.



Red Heart® Baby, Art. 9809648 available in 50 g (1.76 oz), 190 m (208 yd) balls



# Elephant Rattle

Create a gift to please baby with this soft knit elephant rattle. Use a cat toy inside the rattle so small parts are safely enclosed.

Rattle measures 14 cm [5½"] tall and head is 16.5 cm [6½"] around at widest point

#### SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

kf&b = knit into front and back of next stitch.

#### **SPECIAL TECHNIQUES**

Provisional Crochet Cast-On = With scrap yarn and crochet hook, chain 24-26 sts, cut yarn and pull tail through last loop. With project yarn and knitting needle, pick up and knit specified number of sts through back loops of crochet chain.

#### **Notes**

- 1. Ears are worked flat and seamed; rest of rattle is worked in the round.
- When working Handle's stripes, carry yarns not in use loosely on inside. Do not cut unless otherwise instructed.
- 3. Option: insert cat toy in knee-high stocking to ensure security in rattle head.
- 4. Use photo(s) as guide for assembling pieces.

# RATTLE HANDLE

With **B** and using Provisional Crochet Cast-On, cast on 20 sts. Distribute sts evenly to double-pointed needles and join to work in rounds, being careful not to twist sts. Place marker for beginning of round.

Round 1: Knit. Drop B. ioin C.

Rounds 2-4: Knit.

Cut C and fasten off; join D.

Rounds 5-7: Knit.

Cut **D** and fasten off.

Rounds 8-10: With B, knit. Cut B and fasten off; join A.

Weave in ends and begin gently stuffing handle, adding more as it lengthens.

Rounds 11-58: Knit.

Cut A and fasten off; join B.

Rounds 59-61: Knit. Drop B, join D.

Rounds 62-64: Knit.

Cut **D** and fasten off. Join **C**.

Rounds 65-67: Knit. Cut **C** and fasten off.

Rounds 68-69: With B, knit.

Join Handle Ends

With working yarn at end of one double-pointed needle, distribute sts on 2 double-pointed needles for one side of Handle top. For other side of Handle top, push tail out of last loop of cast-on crochet chain. Pull out chain sts, slip picked-up sts on 2 double-pointed needles — 40 sts, 10 per needle. Form circle with needles for working in the round. Place marker at working yarn for beginning of round (center front of rattle handle).

Round 70: Continuing with B, knit.

Drop B. Join E.

Rounds 71-73: Knit.

Cut E.

Round 74: With B. knit.

Round 75 (decrease): \*K8, k2tog; repeat from

\* to end -36 sts.

Round 76: Knit.

Cut  $\boldsymbol{B}$  and fasten off; join  $\boldsymbol{A}.$ 

Adjust Handle stuffing. Use yarn tails to close any openings that appear where tubes were ioined.

#### HEAD

Round 77: Knit.

Round 78 (increase): \*K5, kf&b; repeat from \*

to end -42 sts.

Round 79 (increase): \*K6, kf&b; repeat from \*

to end – 48 sts.

Rounds 80-88: Knit.

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### **Trunk Opening**

Check beginning of round marker is in center of rattle front; work to center if it is not and adjust marker.

**Round 89:** Knit to 3 sts before end of round; drop **A**. With scrap yarn, k6, cut scrap yarn; slip sts just worked back to left needle. Continuing with **A**, work to end of round.

Rounds 90-95: Knit.

Round 96 (decrease): K6, [k2tog] twice, k4, [k2tog] twice, k12, [k2tog] twice, k4, [k2tog] twice, k6 - 40 sts.

Round 97: Knit.

Add stuffing to head and insert cat toy in center of head. Continue stuffing head as you work, adjusting position of cat toy and stuffing. Round 98 (decrease): K5, [k2tog] twice, k2,

[k2tog] twice, k10, [k2tog] twice, k2, [k2tog] twice, k5 - 32 sts.

Change to 4 (from 5) double-pointed needles as circumference decreases.

Round 99: Knit.

**Round 100 (decrease):** K4, [k2tog] 4 times, k8. [k2tog] 4 times. k4 – 24 sts.

Round 101: Knit.

**Round 102 (decrease):** K3, [k2tog] 3 times, k6, [k2tog] 3 times, k3 – 18 sts.

**Round 103 (decrease):** \*K2tog; repeat from \* to end – 9 sts.

Finish stuffing head. Cut yarn, weave tail through remaining sts and pull to gather. Fasten off.

#### TRUNK

Remove waste yarn from Trunk Opening in Head, slipping loops from both sides to double-pointed needles. Pick up extra stitch from each side of opening – 14 sts. Join **A**.

Rounds 1-14: Knit.

Gently stuff trunk as it lengthens.

**Round 15 (decrease):** \*K5, k2tog; repeat from \* one more time – 12 sts.

Rounds 16-18: Knit.

**Round 19:** \*K1, k2tog; repeat from \* to end – 8 sts.

Round 20: Knit.

Cut yarn, leaving 20 cm [8"] tail. Weave tail through remaining sts and pull to gather. Shape trunk by weaving tail through rows on top of trunk to join with head. Pull tail to curve trunk upward; weave in tail and fasten off.

#### EAR

#### Make 2

Leaving long tail for seaming, with **A** cast on 18 sts.

Row 1 (Wrong Side): SI1, purl to end. Row 2 (Right Side): SI1, knit to end.

Row 3: SI1, purl to end.

**Row 4 (decrease):** Sl1, k2tog, k12, k2tog, k1 – 16 sts.

Rows 5-7: Repeat Rows 1-3.

**Row 8 (decrease):** K1, [k2tog] twice, k6, [k2tog] twice, k1 - 12 sts.

Row 9: Repeat Row 1.

**Row 10 (decrease):** K1, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k1 – 10 sts.

Row 11: Repeat Row 1.

**Row 12 (increase):** K1, kf&b, k6, kf&b, k1 – 12 sts.

Row 13: Repeat Row 1.

**Row 14 (increase):** K1, [kf&b] twice, k6, [kf&b] twice, k1 – 16 sts.

In next section, strand colour not in use across back of work.

**Row 15:** Sl1, p4; join **C** and p6; drop **C**, with **A** p5.

Row 16: With A, sl 1, k3; with C k8; with A k4. Row 17: With A, sl 1, p3; with C p8; with A p4. Row 18 (increase): With A, sl 1, Kf&b, k2; with

C k8: with A k2. kf&b. k1 - 18 sts.

Row 19: With A, sl 1, p4; with C p8; with A p5. Row 20: With A, sl 1, k4; with C k8; with A k5. Cast off purlwise in colour pattern. Cut both yarns, leaving long tail of A for seaming.

## **FINISHING**

#### Face

Using photo as guide, place markers either side of trunk for eyes. Split **D** into 2 plys; thread one ply onto embroidery needle or yarn needle.

For each eye, sew short parallel stitches 1-2 stitches wide for 3-4 stitches (OR, make French Knots for eyes instead).

For eyebrows, make small angled stitches (outline stitch) above eye.

For mouth, make small angled sts (outline or running stitch) in smile shape, below trunk.

#### Ears

Fold ear with right sides together; with **A** seam along sides of ear. Turn ear right side out; seam bottom. Do not stuff ear. Pin ear to side of head; with tail, sew to head.

Weave in ends, fasten off.

#### **ABBREVIATIONS**

A, B, C = Colour A, B, C; k = knit; p = purl; st(s) = stitch(es); St st = Stockinette stitch; ch = chain; k2tog = knit next 2 sts together; sl = slip; [] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; \* = repeat whatever follows the \* as indicated.







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