

MAMA IN A STITCH



Poppy The Chicken  
Knitting Pattern



**Description:**

Adorable Poppy the hen is ready to sit pretty in your house or be cuddled by your favorite little one! Add a touch of farm whimsy to any space and make her in any colors you like. This super easy pattern works up quickly and is simple enough for new knitters. Photos are also included to help you along. Pick your favorite yarn shade and go!

**Materials:**

1 skein Lion Brand Yarn Wool Ease Thick & Quick super bulky yarn in Oatmeal or preferred color *170 g/skein & 106 yds/skein Pattern uses 85 g*

1 skein Lion Brand Yarn Hometown USA super bulky #6 yarn in Tampa Spice (red)

1 skein Lion Brand Yarn Hometown USA super bulky #6 yarn in Madison Mustard (yellow)

US Size 15 10.0mm, 16" inch circular knitting needles

Small black safety eyes or black yarn for eyes (if being used by children)

Fiber fill for stuffing (5-10 oz)

Scissors

Tapestry needle to seam and weave in ends

Measuring Tape

**Finished Size (approximate):**

6.5" wide x 8.5" long x 8" tall at crest

**Gauge:**

Not important for this pattern

**Pattern Notes:**

You will begin by knitting a flat square base for your chicken in garter stitch. Next, you'll pick up stitches evenly around the base to knit the chicken in the round. You'll simply knit until the specified height. The stuffing, beak, eyes and wings are then added. The chicken is closed up on the top with a simple whip stitch seam. There is no shaping in the pattern except for the wings (which are optional!). While this chicken has safety eyes, you may also use black yarn to create eyes. If Poppy will be around little ones or small children, black yarn secured tightly should be used for safety reasons. ***See the photos at the end of the pattern for additional assistance.***

***Have fun!***

## **Abbreviations (US) & Skills:**

The chicken body section is knit in the round.

You should know how to pick up stitches. (tutorials can be found online with a simple search)

k - knit

p - purl

st - stitch

sts – stitches

K2tog – knit two stitches together (decrease)

P2tog – purl two stitches together (decrease)

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## **Square Base of Chicken**

Cast on 10 sts

**Row 1** Knit each st across the row.

**Rows 2 – 21** Repeat row 1, working knit stitches across each row.

Do not cast off. You should have 10 stitches on your needles. Next, work the Chicken Body Section.

## **Chicken Body Section**

You'll now pick up stitches on each side of your square base. Pick up one stitch between each "ridge" of garter stitches, for a total of 10 stitches on each side. This will equal a **total** of 40 stitches around. *(see photo at end of pattern)*

Next, knit in the round. Mark your first round if needed with a stitch marker.

**Round 1** Knit each st around.

Repeat Round 1, knitting until entire piece measures approximately 9" inches from top to bottom when laid flat.

Cast off with a knit cast off.

## **Stuff Your Chicken**

*Here's the fun part!*

Next, fill your chicken evenly with stuffing ensuring that the shaping looks good. Your fat chicken shouldn't look lumpy!

### **Seam**

With a length of yarn and your tapestry needle, close the opening at the top of the chicken. Sew with whip stitch seam from back to front working through one "leg" of each stitch on either side.

Seam until there is approximately 2 inches left where the head will go. Don't finish seaming until you've added the beak and eyes.

### **Beak**

Locate the center front of the chicken where the face will go when folded and seamed.

Count 5 stitches down from the top. This is the stitch where you will create a knot for the beak.

With your tapestry needle and a length of yellow yarn, work yarn from front to back of stitch. Tie a knot. Next, work each end of yellow yarn back into the fabric. *(see photo at end of pattern)*

### **Eyes**

Feel free to customize the eyes to your liking! You may choose any size, shape, or color. You may also use yarn rather than toy eyes. If your chicken is decorative, you have more flexibility with the eyes. If children will be playing with the chicken, black yarn should be used as the stitches are large and the safety eyes may come loose from the fabric.

Place eyes just above, and to the side of the beak.

You may add wings here (see Wing Section), or you may add them once the chicken is seamed to better see the final shaping.

## Crest

With your red yarn, cast on 3 stitches.

**Row 1** Knit each st across the row.

**Row 2** Purl each st across the row.

**Rows 3-4** Repeat rows, 1 and 2, in that order knitting stockinette.

Knit cast off and weave in ends.

With a length of red yarn and your tapestry needle, whip stitch the crest to the top of the chicken's head seaming it lengthwise. Pull ends of yarn into the chicken body to finish.

## Wings (optional)

### ***Wing 1***

Cast on 6 sts

**Row 1** Knit each st across the row.

**Row 2** Knit each st across the row.

**Row 3** Purl each st across the row.

**Row 4** Knit each st across the row.

**Row 5** Purl each st across the row.

**Row 6** Knit each st across the row.

**Row 7** P2tog, p2tog, purl to end.

**Row 8** Knit across to last 2 sts, k2tog.

**Row 9** P2tog, purl last st.

**Row 10** K2tog

Cast off/tie off.

### ***Wing 2***

Cast on 6 sts

**Row 1** Knit each st across the row.

**Row 2** Knit each st across the row.

**Row 3** Purl each st across the row.

**Row 4** Knit each st across the row.

**Row 5** Purl each st across the row.

**Row 6** Knit each st across the row.

**Row 7** Purl across to last 4 sts, p2tog, p2tog.

**Row 8** K2tog, knit to end.

**Row 9** P, p2tog.

**Row 10** K2tog

Cast off/tie off.

## Seam Wings To Chicken

With a measuring tape, measure 3” inches across from center front of bird and approximately 3.5” inches down from top of bird. This is where the top of the wing will be attached.

Place stitch marker as needed to mark placement of wings

Seam the *cast on edge* vertically to the chicken.

The shaped edge which had the decreases will be at the lower edge of the wing, running horizontally along the body. Whip stitch seam along the front cast on edge of the wing only. If you'd like the wings to lay flatter against the body, you may stitch them back as well. Check out the photo at the end of the pattern that shows the side of Poppy for a better view of the wing placement.

***That's it!***

***Check out the next page for progress pictures!***



# Photos

1. Start by knitting the base



Getting stuffed!



2. Pick up stitches around. There will be a total of 40 stitches as pictured.



How it looks when seamed.



3. Knit in the round until it's approximately 9" tall. Cast off.



Tie a knot for the beak, then place the ends back into the face.



**The crest, eyes, and wings are added as instructed in the pattern! Voila!**



*So cute!*

Poppy the chicken with a her wee little wings!



*Enjoy your chunky little "Poppy" hen!*

XO,  
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