

Knit a Battlefield Musketeers!

This front line infantry soldier wore a wool jacket instead of armour and a hat with a brim instead of a helmet. 12 individual charges of gunpowder hung from a bandolier across his chest ready to reload his matchlock musket.

You will need:

DK wool in the following colours:

A skin colour, of your choice

Light or dark brown or black for his hat and boots

Any colour for his trousers and jacket

White, cream or oatmeal for his linen shirt

Toy Stuffing

Pipe cleaners

Recycled card (e.g. from a cereal box)

12 beads (optional)

Accurate gauge is not important but use needles smaller than usual to ensure that stuffing does not show (e.g. 3mm)

Abbreviations:

K = Knit

P = Purl

Kfb = Knit in the front and back of the same stitch to increase one. Find a tutorial [here](#)

M1= increase one stitch by picking up the bar between the stitch you have just knit and the next one from front to back. Knit this bar through the back loop. Find a tutorial [here](#)

K2Tog = Knit two stitches together

SS = stocking stitch, knit one row, purl one row

SSK = slip 2 stitches, knit wise, one at a time, pass the two slipped stitches back to the left needle, knit both together through the back of the loop



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Head

Using the skin colour of your choice, cast on 13 sts.

Row 1. P

Row 2. K1, M1 (K2, M1) five times, K2

Starting with a P row work three rows in SS

(The next three rows create a nose in the middle of your soldier's face)

Row 6. K9, Kfb, turn

Row 7. P2, turn

Row 8. K to end of row

Row 9. P9, P2tog, P9 (19 sts)

Row 10. K5, (SSK) twice, K1, (K2tog) twice, K5 (15 sts)

Change wool to Dark or light brown and starting with a P row work 5 rows in SS

Row 14. K1, K2 tog, K2, K2tog, K1, K2tog, K2, K2tog, K1 (11 sts)

Thread yarn through remaining stitches and fasten off.

Make up and stuff.

Hat Brim

Cast on 14 stitches in hat brim colour

Row 1 knit

Row 2 change to hat colour P to end

Row 3 K2, (Kfb, K2) repeat to end (18 stitches)

Row 4 P

Row 5 Kfb to end (36 stitches)

Row 6 P

Row 7 (K2, Kfb) repeat to end (48 stitches)

Row 8 P

Row 8 cast off loosely.

Stitch the hat brim together by joining the two short edges. Place the brim over the head, centring the seam at the back. Stitch the hat brim to the head where the skin colour changes to hat colour. Catch the front of the brim and stitch into the hat band so that your musketeer can see!

Body

Using the linen shirt colour of your choice cast on 8 stitches

Row 1. P

Row 2. K2, M1, K4, M1, K2 (10 sts)

Row 3. P

Row 4. K2, M1, K1, M1, K4, M1, K1, M1, K2 (14 sts)

Row 5. P

Row 6. K3, M1, K1, M1, K6, M1, K1, M1, K3 (18 sts)

Starting with a P row work 19 rows in SS

Row 26. (K2 tog) repeat to the end of the row (9 stitches),

Row 27. P

Thread yarn through remaining stitches and fasten off.

Make up and stuff.

Arms (make 2)

Using the linen shirt colour of your choice, cast on 8 stitches

Row 1. K

Row 2. P

Row 3. K1, M1, K6, M1, K1 (10 stitches)

Starting with a P row work 13 rows in SS

Change to skin tone colour of your choice.

Row 17. P

Starting with a K row work 4 rows in SS

Row 21. (K 2 tog) to end of the row (5 stitches)

Thread yarn through remaining stitches and fasten off. Sew up side. Insert a piece of pipe cleaner cut to length and bent over at each end to prevent piercing through, then stuff and stitch onto body at the shoulder

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Legs (make 2)

Using the trouser colour of your choice, cast on 8 stitches

Row 1. K

Row 2. P

Row 3. K1, M1, K6, M1, K1(10 sts)

Starting with a P row work 11 rows in SS

Change to 'boots' colour

Rows 15 - 16 K

Rows 17- 34. SS starting with a K row

Row 35. K2tog x 5

Thread yarn through remaining stitches and fasten off.

Insert a piece of pipe cleaner cut to length, wrapped in stuffing and bent over at each end to prevent piercing through. Sew up the side seam adding more stuffing where required. Bend foot up to form the boot.

Jacket body (make 2)

Using jacket colour of your choice cast on 18 stitches

Row 1. K into back of stitches to make a neat edge

Row 2 knit

Row 3 -6 SS

Row 7. K2tog, knit to the last two stitches, K2tog (16 sts)

Row 8. P2tog, P to the last two stitches, P2tog (14 sts)

Starting with a K row work 14 rows in SS

Row 22 -24 K

Cast off.

Jacket sleeves (make 2)

Using your chosen jacket colour cast on 12 stitches

Knit in SS for required length . End with two knit rows.

Cast off

Bandolier

Cast on 32 stitches

Knit one row. Cast off. Place diagonally across the chest and tie together at the back.

Stich 12 beads on the front loosely if desired.

Musket

Cast on 14 stitches

Rows 1-8 SS

Row 9 K1, K2 tog, K to last 3 stitches, K2 tog, K1 (12 sts)

Rows 10-12 SS Starting with a P row

Repeat the last four rows twice more (8 sts)

Knit in SS until the gun is approx. the same length as the leg. Cast off.

Draw around your knitted piece on a piece of card. Cut out the shape and fold. Fold the knitted gun over the card and seam along the edge.

To make up the jacket

Join the body pieces together at the shoulder stitching five stitches at each side.

Lay the jacket body out flat with the neck opening in the middle. Centre the sleeve pieces and stitch to the body at the top. Place the jacket over the musketeer's head stitch the jacket together at the sides working from the cuff right down to the thigh.

Stitch the musket to the musketeer either in a firing or resting pose as desired.