

# Knit a Simple Pikeman

*Our pikeman is made from one simple shape, using knit and purl stitches with a few increases and decreases at the beginning and end. This makes him a next-step knit for a beginner or a quick and relaxing knit for someone more experienced. His pike is an old knitting needle!*

*Scroll down to find a chart if you prefer visual instructions.*

## You will need:

Scraps of DK wool in oatmeal, grey, brown and any colour for his breeches.

2.75 or 3mm needles. (Accurate gauge is not required)

## Instructions

*Cast on 24 stitches*

Row 1 (K1, Kfb) twice, knit to last four stitches (K1, Kfb) twice, 28 stitches

Row 2 P

Row 3-11 Knit 8 rows in SS

*Change to breeches colour*

Row 12-29 Knit 18 rows in SS

*Change to armour colour*

Rows 30-53 Knit 24 rows in SS

*Change to face colour*

Row 54 (Knit 2 tog) repeat to end, 14 stitches

Row 55-64 Knit 10 rows in SS

*Change to helmet colour*

Row 65 K2 (Kfb, K2) repeat to end, 18 stitches

Row 66-69 Knit 4 rows

Row 70 K2 (K2tog, K2) repeat to end, 14 stitches

Row 71-77 Knit 7 rows SS beginning with a P row

Row 78 (K2tog) repeat to end, 7 stitches

Row 79-81 Knit 3 rows in SS beginning with a P row

Row 82 K1 (K2 tog) repeat to end, 4 stitches.

*Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread yarn through remaining stitches, pull tight and secure.*

## To Make up

**Method 1** Fold the pikeman in half lengthwise and stitch him together along his boots and breeches, centring the seam at the back. Stitch along the bottom of his boots and up through the middle of his breeches. Stuff each leg. Continue to stitch him up at the back along his armour. Sew his arms about 2 stitches up from his belt and four stitches in from the side stopping at his armpit, see chart below for guidelines. Stuff his body and arms. Stitch his head together at the back leaving his helmet seam open. Stuff his head and helmet and close the helmet seam at the back.

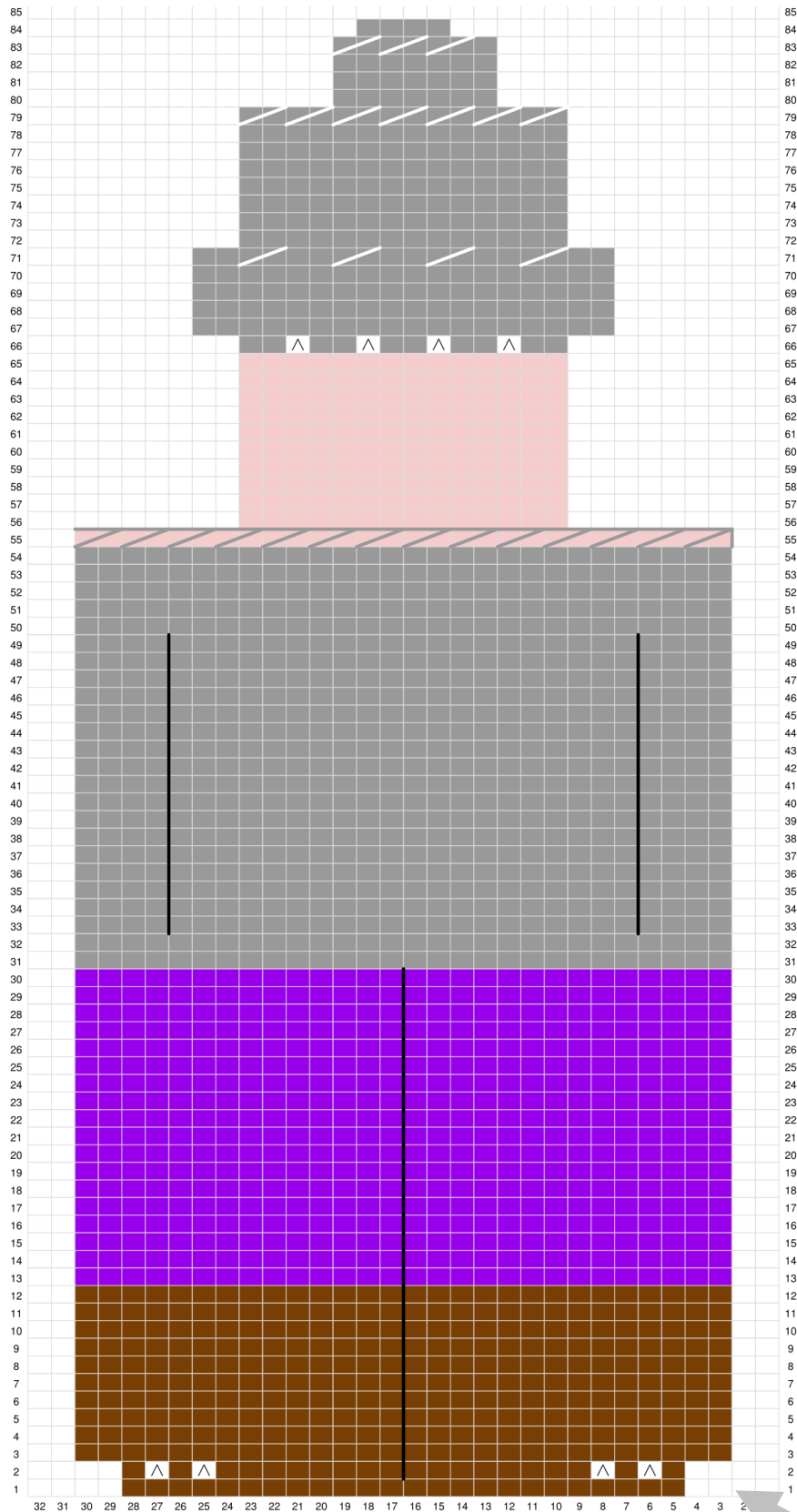
**Method 2** Sew long seam from helmet down to boots leaving the lower boot edge open. Centre the seam at the back. Stuff the figure firmly and then close lower edge seam. Stitch through the figure, using a firm running stitch following the guidelines on the chart below

Add embroidered features if you like!



# Knit a Battlefield

## Chart



Knit 2 together to decrease one



Kfb: Increase one by knitting in the front and back of the stitch

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