

# TEWKESBURY ABBEY - Knitted Monks

Thank you for offering to knit a Monk for TEWKESBURY ABBEY

## Abbreviations

DK - Double Knitting

ss - stocking stitch

gst - garter stitch

k2tog - knit two together

## Body and Head

With black DK yarn and 3mm needles cast on 56sts  
ss 4 rows.

**Next (dec) row:** [k6,k2tog] to end 49 sts

ss 3 rows

**Next (dec) row:** [k5,k2tog] to end 42 sts

ss 3 rows

**Next (dec) row:** [k4m, k2tog] to end 35 sts

ss 3 rows

## Shape Waist:

**Next row:** [k3,k2tog] to end 28 sts

ss 7 rows

## Shape Neck:

**Next (dec) row:** [k2tog] to end 14 sts

purl 1 row

Change to flesh colour

ss 2 rows

## Shape head:

**Next (inc) row:**

inc in each st to end 28 sts

purl 1 row

## Shape chin:

**Next (inc) row:**

k12, [inc,k1] twice, k12 30 sts

ss 9 rows

## Shape top of head:

**Next (dec) row:** [k1,k2tog] to end 20 sts

purl 1 row

**Next (dec) row:** [k2tog] to end 10 sts

break yarn, leaving an end, thread through stitches and pull tight and fasten off.

## Robe:

with wrong side facing and using black yarn,

pick up and k 56 sts from cast on edge and gst 2 rows

**Next (dec) row:** [k2, k2tog] to end 42 sts

gst 3 rows

**Next (dec) row:** [k1, k2tog] st end 28 sts

gst 3 rows

**Next (dec) row:** [k2tog] to end 14 sts

knit 1 row, break yarn, leaving an end, thread through stitches and pull tight and fasten off.



## To Make up

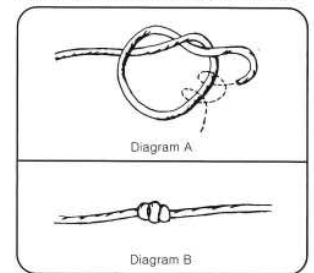
Join base and robe up to waist, join head seam. cut a 6cm diameter circle of sponge and fit into base, stuff evenly, then join back seam. With flesh coloured yarn, run a gathering thread through each stitch on 2nd row below head shaping row, draw up to shape, fasten off.

## Eyes

Mark eye positions with pins in appropriate place on faces. For each eye cut a 20cm length of black yarn. Make a loose simple knot (see diagram A) wrapping yarn around needle 3 times. Pull ends of yarn to tighten the knot making a small oval eye as shown in diagram B.

Thread one end of yarn into needle and put into head at eye position pushing needle all the way through the head. Thread other end of yarn and push this through the head one stitch over from 1st stitch.

Knot ends securely behind head and trim off excess. Repeat for other eye.



## Mouth

Using pink yarn embroider mouth in appropriate place

## Cheeks

Blush cheeks lightly with pencil.

## Hair (Tonsure)

Using colour of your choice cast on 26sts (lower edge). beginning with a purl row ss 2 rows. Break off yarn, leaving a long end. Thread this loosely through the sts. Join row ends (short) of hair place it on the head and pull up the yarn threaded through the sts, to fit the head. leaving a bare patch at the top. Sew these sts and the cast on edge in place.

## Arms (make 2)

With black yarn cast on 6sts for top and purl 1 row.

Continue in ss, beginning with a knit row, increase 1 st at beginning of next 6 rows - 12 sts. ss 2 rows.

purl 1 row.

Change to flesh colour and beginning with a purl row,

ss 3 rows.

**Next (dec) row:** [k2tog] to end 6 sts.

Break yarn, leaving an end, thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

## Hood & Collar

**Hood** - with black yarn cast on 26 sts for top edge.

ss 18 rows

**Next (dec) row:** [k2tog] to end 13 sts

Break yarn, leaving an end, thread through sts. do not draw up.

**Collar** - with black yarn cast on 36 sts.

ss 6 rows

**Next (dec) row:** [k2tog] to end 18 sts

Break yarn leaving a long end. Thread through sts. Do not draw up.

**Making up** - Fold top edge of hood in half and join, place on head, draw up yarn to fit neck and sew in place. Join collar seam, place over head, draw up yarn to fit neck sew in place.

Use a piece of string to make cord around Monks waist.