

# HOW TO KNIT A PURPLE BUTTERFLY



**Materials:** Pure wool double knitting yarn, purple

**Needles:** Size 8

## Abbreviations:

k = knit

kfb = knit in front and back of stitch

ptbl = purl through back loop

s2kpo = slip 2 stitches together, knit 1,  
pass 2 slipped stitches over

st(s) = stitches

yo = yarn over

k2tog = knit 2 together

p = purl

RS = right side

skpo = slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped stitch  
over

WS = wrong side

## Instructions:

### 1. RIGHT LOWER WING

Using A, cast on 4 sts.

**1st row (RS)** K2, kfb, k1. 5 sts.

**2nd and WS rows** K.

**3rd row** Kfb, k2, kfb, k1. 7 sts.

**5th row** K5, kfb, k1. 8 sts.

**7th row** K6, kfb, k1. 9 sts.

**8th row** K.

Break yarn and leave sts on a spare  
needle.

### 2. LEFT LOWER WING

Using A, cast on 4 sts.

**1st row (RS)** Kfb, k3. 5 sts.

**2nd and WS rows** K.

**3rd row** Kfb, k2, kfb, k1. 7 sts.

**5th row** Kfb, k6. 8 sts.

**7th row** Kfb, k7. 9 sts.

**8th row** K. Break yarn and, both RS facing,  
slip sts of right lower wing on to left-hand  
needle. 18 sts.

**9th row** K.

**11th row** K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.  
16 sts.

**13th row** As 11th row. 14 sts.

**15th row** K1, k2tog, k2, [k2tog] twice, k2,  
k2tog, k1. 10 sts.

**17th row** K1, [k2tog] 4 times, k1. 6 sts.

**18th row** K.

Break yarn and leave sts on a spare needle

### 3. RIGHT UPPER WING

Using A, cast on 6 sts.

**1st row (RS)** Kfb, k3, kfb, k1. 8 sts.

**2nd row** Kfb, k7. 9 sts.

**3rd row** Kfb, k6, kfb, k1. 11 sts.

**4th row** Kfb, k10. 12 sts.

Break yarn and leave sts on a spare needle.



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## 4. LEFT UPPER WING

Using A, cast on 6 sts.

**1st row (RS)** Kfb, k3, kfb, k1. 8 sts.

**2nd row** K6, kfb, k1. 9 sts.

**3rd row** Kfb, k6, kfb, k1. 11 sts.

**4th row** K9, kfb, k1. 12 sts.

Break yarn and leave sts on a spare needle.

**Joining row** All RS facing, across sts of right upper wing work kfb, k11; across sts of lower wings work k1, [k2tog] twice, k1; across sts of left upper wing work k10, kfb, k1. 30 sts.

**6th row** K.

**7th row** Kfb, k12, [k2tog] twice, k11, kfb, k1.

**8th row** K.

**9th row** K13, [k2tog] twice, k13. 28 sts.

**10th row** K.

**11th row** K1, k2tog, k9, [k2tog] twice, k9, k2tog, k1. 24 sts.

**12th row** k1, k2tog, k18, k2tog, k1 across the row.

**13th row** Bind off knitwise

## 6. FINISHING

Press to shape.

Lightly gather center of butterfly vertically to measure slightly less than the length of the body. Attach body.

Pinch upper and lower wings together, upper over lower, and hold with a few sts on WS.

Using B, add antennae.

## 5. BODY

Using B, cast on one st.

**1st row (RS)** (K1, yo, k1) in this one st. 3 sts.

**2nd row** P1, p1tbl, p1.

**3rd row** K1, [yo, k1] twice. 5 sts.

**4th row** P1, [p1tbl, p1] twice.

**5th row** K.

**6th row** P. Repeat last 2 rows.

**9th row** K2tog, k1, skpo. 3 sts.

**10th row** P.

**11th row** K.

**12th row** P.

**13th row** S2kpo. Fasten off remaining one st.

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