

# Dracula

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# deramores

*This visitor to Zombie Land survives on the blood of others – and you can see it trickling out of his mouth. Smartly dressed and sporting an elegant skull-topped cane, he may be a cut above your average zombie – though those trousers are looking a mite tattered.*

## YOU WILL NEED

- 28g (70m) pale green DK yarn
- 30g (74m) black DK yarn
- Very small amounts of white, red and purple DK yarns
- 9.5g (23m) teal DK yarn
- 8g (19m) pale grey DK yarn
- Small amounts of deep yellow and pale brown DK yarns
- Cream sewing thread
- 30g of polyester toy filling
- Two small cylindrical white glass beads
- Three small grey buttons
- A 13.5cm length of plastic drinking straw
- A skull-shaped plastic button
- A piece of Velcro tape in beige, measuring 2.5 x 1cm
- A piece of Velcro tape in beige, measuring 5 x 2cm
- Two 13mm snap fasteners

### You will also need:

- 3mm knitting needles
- 3.25mm or similar size crochet hook
- A yarn needle to sew your items together
- An embroidery needle
- An ordinary sewing needle
- A grey crayon



## DOLL

### HEAD

#### FRONT

(Make 1)

Cast on 4 sts in pale green.

**1st row:** Inc1, K1, inc1, K1. (6 sts)

**Next row:** P.

**Next row:** K2, M1, K to last 2 sts, M1, K2. (8 sts)

**Next row:** P.

Rep last 2 rows 4 times more. (16 sts) \*

Work 12 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

**Next row:** K2, k2tog, K8, ssk, K2. (14 sts)

**Next row:** P2tog, P10, p2tog. (12 sts)

Cast off.

### BACK

(Make 1)

Work as for front until \*.

Work 4 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Break yarn and join black yarn.

Work 8 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

**Next row:** K2, k2tog, K8, ssk, K2. (14 sts)

**Next row:** P2tog, P10, p2tog. (12 sts)

Cast off.

### FIRST EAR

(Make 1)

Cast on 4 sts in pale green.

**1st row:** Inc1, K3. (5 sts)

**Next row:** P.

Cast off.

### SECOND EAR

(Make 1)

Cast on 4 sts in pale green.

**1st row:** K3, inc1. (5 sts)

**Next row:** P.

Cast off.

### UPPER BODY

The upper body is knitted from the top to the bottom.

#### FRONT

(Make 1)

Cast on 14 sts in pale green.

Work 6 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

**Next row:** Cast on 4 sts, K to end. (18 sts)

**Next row:** Cast on 4 sts, P to end. (22 sts)

Work 23 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

**Next row:** P4, K14, P4.

**Next row:** Cast off 4 sts, K to last 4 sts, cast off 4 sts. (14 sts)

Break yarn and rejoin it to WS of work.

Work 5 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Cast off.

## BACK

(Make 1)

Cast on 14 sts in pale green.

Work 24 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Cast off.

## LOWER BODY

### FRONT

(Make 1)

Cast on 14 sts in pale green.

Work 6 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

**Next row:** Cast on 4 sts, K to end. (18 sts)

**Next row:** Cast on 4 sts, P to end. (22 sts)

Work 7 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

**Next row:** P4, K14, P4.

**Next row:** Cast off 4 sts, K to last 4 sts, cast off 4 sts. (14 sts)

Break yarn and rejoin it to RS of work.

Work 5 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Cast off.

## BACK

(Make 1)

Cast on 14 sts in pale green.

Work 8 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Cast off.

## LEGS

(Make 2)

Cast on 28 sts in pale green.

Work 6 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

**Next row:** K6, cast off 16 sts, K to end. (12 sts)

Work 23 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Cast off.

## ARMS

(Make 2)

Cast on 4 sts in pale green.

Work 4 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

**Next row:** Cast on 3 sts, K to end. (7 sts)

**Next row:** Cast on 3 sts, P to end. (10 sts)

Work 28 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Cast off.

**Next row:** K1, k2tog, K4, ssk, K1. (8 sts)

**Next row:** P2tog, P4, p2tog. (6 sts)

Break yarn, thread it through rem sts and secure.

## MAKING UP & DECORATING

### THE HEAD

Place the two head pieces right sides together and oversew round the sides and lower edge of the head. Turn the piece right side out. Stuff and then close the top of the head, using mattress stitch. Sew the loop part of the Velcro fastening to the centre back of the head. The fastening should be vertical and the lower edge should be about 1.5cm up from the bottom of the head.

### THE UPPER BODY

Form the front upper body piece into a box shape, so that the right side of your knitting is on the inside of the 'box'. Oversew the short seams at the corners. Turn the 'box' right side out. Join the back upper body piece to the front using mattress stitch, leaving the lower edge open for stuffing. Stuff the piece and close the lower edge, using mattress stitch.

### THE LOWER BODY & LEGS

Join the front and back of the lower body in the same way as the upper body.

Attach the hook part of the Velcro fastening to the top of the lower body and the loop part to the lower part of the upper body.

Fold the leg pieces in half lengthways so that the right sides are together. Oversew the lower, back and top seams of the foot. Turn the piece right side out and use mattress stitch to sew the back leg seams. Stuff the legs and oversew them to the base of the lower body.

### ARMS

Fold the arm pieces in half lengthways, so that the right side of your knitting is on the inside. Oversew round the hand. Turn the piece right side out and use mattress stitch to sew the arm seams. Stuff lightly. Fold the top flap of the arm down across the opening to form a flat surface and oversew the edges in place. Stitch the stud side of the snap fasteners to the flat top section of each arm. Stitch the socket side of the snap fasteners to the top sides of the upper body.

Oversew the ears in place at the sides of the head. Embroider two French knots for the eyes, using black yarn.

Using white yarn, work a ring of chain stitch around each French knot. Using a single separated strand of red yarn, work three straight stitches from the centre to the outside of one eye. Using a separated strand of black yarn, work the eyebrows in chain stitch.

Embroider the nose in chain stitch, using pale green yarn. Embroider the mouth in chain stitch, using a separated strand of purple yarn. Use a separated strand of red yarn to work the trickles of blood in chain stitch. Sew on the two white glass beads for the teeth.

Shade one of the eye sockets, using the grey crayon.

Using black yarn, work a few rows in chain stitch to form the front part of the hair and sideburns, using the photograph as a guide.



## TROUSERS

(Make 1)

Cast on 19 sts in teal for the first leg.

**1st row:** K2, [yf, s1, k2tog, pssso, yf, K1] 4 times, K1.

**Next row:** P.

**Next row:** K1, k2tog, yf, K1, [yf, s1, k2tog, pssso, yf, K1] 3 times, yf, s1, K1, pssso, K1.

**Next row:** P.

Rep last 4 rows once more.

Work 4 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Break yarn and leave sts on needle.  
Cast on 19 sts for second leg.  
Work 18 rows in st st, beg with a K row.  
**Next row:** K 19 sts from second leg, then 19 sts from first leg. (38 sts)  
Work 15 rows in st st, beg with a P row.  
**Next row:** [K2, P2] 9 times.  
**Next row:** [P2, K2] 9 times.  
**Next row:** [K2, P2] 9 times.  
Cast off, keeping to the K2, P2 pattern.

## MAKING UP

Using mattress stitch, join the back seam of the trousers so that the lowest part of the seam is level with the crotch. Then join the two inside leg seams, again using mattress stitch.



## WAISTCOAT

(Make 1)  
Cast on 42 sts in pale grey.  
**1st row:** K2, P to last 2 sts, K2.  
**Next row:** K.  
Rep last 2 rows 5 times more.  
**Next row:** K2, P to last 2 sts, K2.  
**Next row:** K11, turn and work on these 11 sts only, leaving rem 31 sts on needle.  
**Next row:** K2, P7, K2. (11 sts)  
**Next row:** K2, k2tog, K to end. (10 sts)  
**Next row:** K2, P to last 2 sts, K2.  
Rep last 2 rows 4 times more. (6 sts)  
**Next row:** K.  
**Next row:** K2, P2, K2.  
Cast off and break yarn.  
Rejoin yarn to sts rem on needle on RS of work.  
**Next row:** K20, turn and work on these 20 sts only, leaving rem 11 sts on needle.  
**Next row:** K2, P16, K2.  
**Next row:** K.  
Rep last 2 rows 5 times more.  
**Next row:** K.  
Cast off and break yarn.  
Rejoin yarn to 11 sts rem on needle on RS of work.  
**Next row:** K. (11 sts)  
**Next row:** K2, P7, K2.

**Next row:** K to last 4 sts, ssk, K2. (10 sts)  
**Next row:** K2, P to last 2 sts, K2.  
Rep last 2 rows 4 times more. (6 sts)  
**Next row:** K.  
**Next row:** K2, P2, K2.  
Cast off.

## MAKING UP

With the right sides of the waistcoat together, oversew the shoulder seams. Overlap the left border over the right border of the waistcoat and sew on the small grey buttons.



## CLOAK

(Make 1)  
Cast on 28 sts in black.  
K 2 rows.  
**Next row:** K6, M1, K2, M1, K12, M1, K2, M1, K6. (32 sts)  
**Next and every WS row unless stated:** P.  
**Next RS row:** K7, M1, K2, M1, K14, M1, K2, M1, K7. (36 sts)  
**Next RS row:** K8, M1, K2, M1, K16, M1, K2, M1, K8. (40 sts)  
**Next RS row:** K9, M1, K2, M1, K18, M1, K2, M1, K9. (44 sts)  
**Next RS row:** K10, M1, K2, M1, K20, M1, K2, M1, K10. (48 sts)  
**Next RS row:** K11, M1, K2, M1, K22, M1, K2, M1, K11. (52 sts)  
**Next row:** P.  
Work 30 rows in st st, beg with a K row.  
K 2 rows.  
Cast off pwise.  
  
With RS facing, pick up and K 28 sts across top (neck) edge.  
K 14 rows.  
Cast off.

## TIES

(Make 2)  
Using the crochet hook, make a 16cm chain in deep yellow for each cloak tie.

## MAKING UP

Weave the yarn tail at one end of each of the ties back into the chain and trim. Use the other yarn tail to secure the tie to the neck edges of the cloak.



## CANE

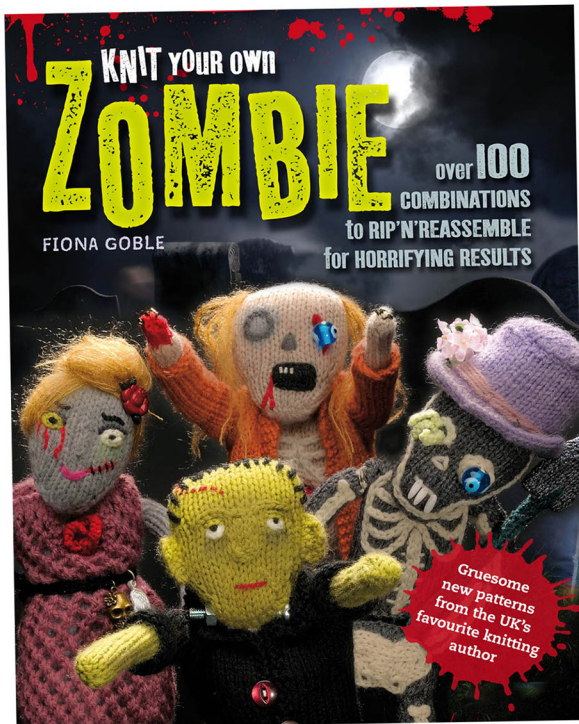
(Make 1)  
Cast on 38 sts in pale brown.  
Work 3 rows in st st, beg with a K row.  
Cast off pwise.

## MAKING UP

Roll the piece around your length of drinking straw so that the reverse of the stocking stitch is on the outside. Oversew down the long seam and the two ends. Sew the skull button in place.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**K** – knit  
**inc1** – increase (usually knit into same stitch twice)  
**P** – purl  
**st st** – stocking stitch  
**beg** – beginning  
**k2tog** – knit next 2 stitches together  
**ssk** – slip 2 stitches one at a time, knit 2 slipped stitches together (1 stitch decreased)  
**m1** – make one (increase 1 stitch)  
**st(s)** – stitch(es)  
**Pss0** – pass slipped stitch over  
**P2tog** – purl 2 stitches together (1 stitch decreased)  
**kwise** – by knitting the stitch  
**pwise** – by purling the stitch



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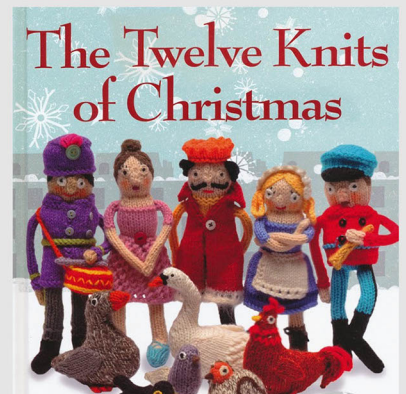
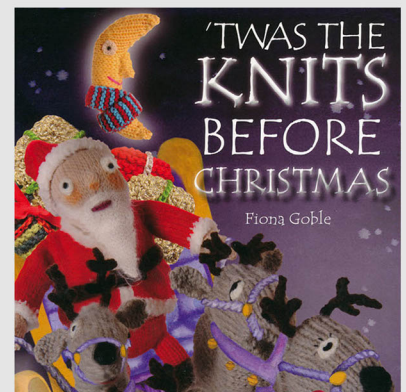
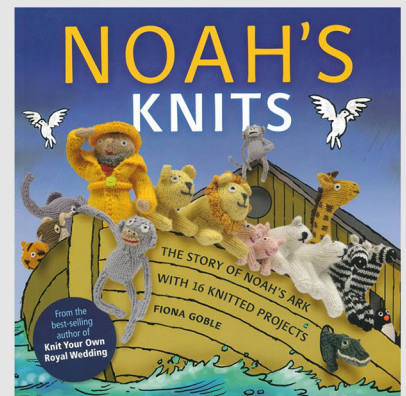
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