

## **Knitted Easter Chicks**

(to fit over a creme egg sized chocolate egg)

You will need:

Any coloured double knit wool (yellow chicks are great but quirky is just as welcome!). A pair of needles UK Size 11 Orange felt for the beaks Black felt or thread for eyes. Cotton wool ball for the head Coloured ribbon to finish off.

- 1. Cast on 26 stitches
- 2. Knit 1 row.
- 3. Increase 1 st at the beginning of every row until 42 st. are on the needle.
- 4. Cast off 11 st. at the beginning of next 2 rows. [20 st].
- 5. Increase 1 st at the beginning of the next 4 rows [24st]
- 6. k4 rows
- 7. k2 then 2 together to last 2 st. k2. [14 stitches].
- 8. k4 rows.
- 9. k2 then 2 together to last 2 stitches. k2.
- 10. Draw wool through remaining stitches and pull tight.
- 11. Sew with that piece of wool round the edge of work to the beginning stitch leaving the cast on edge open so that egg can be inserted.
- 12. Stuff the head with a cotton wool ball and sew around the neck and gather in.
- 13. Sew 2 eyes with fine black wool and stick or sew a small diamond shaped piece of orange felt for the beak.
- 14. Tie a thin piece of ribbon around the neck and tie in a bow.



When you've knitted your chicks please send them in to us by mid March 2020 to: Arthur Rank Hospice Charity, Cherry Hinton Road, Shelford Bottom, Cambridge, CB22 3FB Thank you for your support!