

Stegosaurus means “plated lizard,” which refers to the large bony plates that ran along the back and tail in two rows. They also had spikes at the end of their flexible tails. Stegosauruses were similar in size to a bus, but with a small head about the same size as a horse’s head!



STEGOSAURUS



Information you'll need

Finished size

Stegosaurus measures 18in (46cm)
from nose to tail

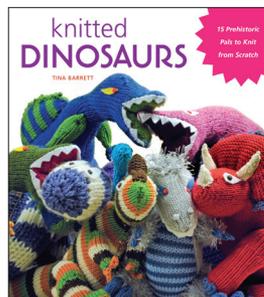
Materials

Rico Merino Essentials DK 100% merino
(131yds/120m per 50g)
2 x 50g balls each in the following shades:
Mulberry (19) (A)
Sun (66) (B)
1 pair of US2–3 (3mm) needles
Small piece of yellow felt for eyes
2 small brown buttons (approx. $\frac{3}{16}$ in/5mm)
Fabric glue
Polyester toy stuffing

Gauge

26 sts and 36 rows to 4in (10cm) over St st
using US2–3 needles.
Use larger or smaller needles if necessary
to obtain correct gauge.

DID YOU KNOW?
Stegosaurus had a tiny
brain, about the size of a
walnut, but he had very
BIG spikes on his tail.



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How to make Stegosaurus

Body: worked from nose to tail (make 1)

Head

Using A, cast on 6 sts.

Row 1: Kfb into each st (12 sts).

Row 2 and every foll alt row: Purl.

Row 3: (K1, kfb) 6 times (18 sts).

Row 5: (K2, kfb) 6 times (24 sts).

Row 7: (K3, kfb) 6 times (30 sts).

Row 9: (K4, kfb) 6 times (36 sts).

Work 6 rows in St st.

Neck

Row 1: (K4, k2tog) 6 times (30 sts).

Row 2 and every foll alt row: Purl.

Row 3: (K3, k2tog) 6 times (24 sts).

Row 5: (K2, k2tog) 6 times (18 sts).

Row 6: Purl.

Work 14 rows in St st.

Body

Row 1: (K2, kfb) 6 times (24 sts).

Row 2 and every foll alt row: Purl.

Row 3: (K3, kfb) 6 times (30 sts).

Row 5: (K4, kfb) 6 times (36 sts).

Row 7: (K5, kfb) 6 times (42 sts).

Row 8: Purl.

Working in St st, inc 1 st at each end of every row to 66 sts.

Work in St st for a further 44 rows, ending on a WS row.

Dec 1 st at each end of every row to 26 sts, ending on a WS row.

Tail

Work in St st for 22 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next and every foll alt row to 14 sts. Purl 1 row.

Dec 1 st at each end of every row to 2 sts.

Next row: K2tog and fasten off.

Back legs (make 2)

Using A, cast on 10 sts.

Row 1: Kfb into every st (20 sts).

Row 2 and every foll alt row: Purl.

Row 3: (K1, kfb) 10 times (30 sts) **.

Row 5: (K2, kfb) 10 times (40 sts).

Row 6: Purl.

Work 10 rows in St st.

Next row: (K2, k2tog) 10 times (30 sts).

Next row: Purl.

Next row: (K1, k2tog) 10 times (20 sts).

Next row: Purl.

Work 20 rows in St st.

Bind off.

Front legs (make 2)

Using A, cast on 10 sts and work as for back legs to **.

Row 4: Purl.

Work 12 rows in St st.

Next row: (K1, k2tog) 10 times (20 sts).

Next row: Purl.

Work 20 rows in St st.

Bind off.

Soles (make 4)

Using B, cast on 4 sts.

Row 1: Kfb, k2, kfb (6 sts).

Row 2 and every foll alt row: Knit.

Row 3: Kfb, k4, kfb (8 sts).

Row 5: Kfb, k6, kfb (10 sts).

Row 7: K2tog, k6, k2tog (8 sts).

Row 9: K2tog, k4, k2tog (6 sts).

Row 11: K2tog, k2, k2tog (4 sts).

Bind off.

Large armour plates (make 12)

Using B, cast on 6 sts.

Using Garter st throughout, inc 1 st at each end of next and every foll alt row to 16 sts.

Work 6 rows in Garter st.

Dec 1 st at each end of next and every foll alt rows until 2 sts.

Next row: K2tog and fasten off.

Small armour plates (make 12)

Using B cast on 6 sts.

Knit 1 row.

Row 2: Sl1, k1, pss0, k2, ssk (4 sts).

Row 3: Knit.

Row 4: Sl1, k1, pss0, ssk (2 sts).

Row 5: Sl1, k1, pss0 and fasten off.



Tail spikes (make 2)

Using B, cast on 16 sts.

Row 1: Kfb, k14, kfb (18 sts).

Row 2: Kfb, k16, kfb (20 sts).

Row 3: K2tog, k14, k2tog (18 sts).

Row 4: K2tog, k12, k2tog (16 sts).

Bind off.

Making up

Sew in loose yarn ends.

Body

Fold body in half lengthwise and sew belly seam leaving a small opening for stuffing.

Stuff firmly and close opening.

Legs

Fold all four legs in half and sew rear seam. Stuff firmly though sole with stuffing. Sew a sole onto the bottom of each leg. Position the legs onto the stegosaurus and sew firmly in place, making sure they are all even and he can stand up on a flat surface.

Armoured plates and spikes

Sew six pairs of the large armour plates together leaving a hole at the bottom for stuffing. Stuff fairly firmly and close the opening. Arrange two rows of armour plating down his back (refer to photo) and sew the plates firmly in place. Fold the tail spikes in half lengthwise and sew the seam. They will curl upwards. Place them onto the tail tip and secure in the center.

Facial features

Cut two teardrop shapes of yellow felt for eyes and glue in place with fabric glue.

Sew a button on the top of each eye.

