Mini Longest Day Soldier – 4" high (10cm) designed specifically for The Longest Yarn Project By Jenny Shepperd

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Needles – 3.50mm & 2.75mm, (double pointed needles for icord legs, crochet hook for chin strap)
DK Hayfield Bonus - Olive Green
Oddments of dark brown and Black
Stylecraft Special – Toy
Stuffing
Pipe cleaners/chenille sticks or wire.

Tension
Unimportant, just make sure work is tight so stuffing doesn't show through
Body – 3.50mm needles
Leg (Make 2)
CO 3 Stitches in green yarn (Work as an icord)
Row 1 – Inc K wise every stitch – 6 Stitches
Row 2 - 11 – work 10 rounds in K
Leave stitches on separate needle
Work second leg in the same way as the first
With right side facing, K across 6 stitches of second leg and then 6 stitches of first leg – 12 Stitches (Now working flat)
Beginning with P row St-st 11 rows
Break off yarn and join in flesh colour for head
St-st 6 rows
Next row – (K2 tog) to end- 6 stitches
Break off yarn and leave long end and B & T
Join body & head seam leaving top of head open, turn right side out. Put pipe cleaner down legs and bring out through bottom of legs to include the boots later. Stuff body and head. Pull up yarn tightly of head and fasten off, tie a strand round the neck and tighten

Jacket body – 3.50mm needles
CO 20 stitches in Green
Knit 2 rows
Next row – K1 Purl to last stitch K1
Next Row K
Repeat last 2 rows 4 more times
Next row – K1 Purl to last St K1
Next row K1 (K2 tog) to last 2 stitches K1 – 11 stitches
Collar – Change to 2.75mm needles
K1 (inc 1, K2) to last 2 Stitches inc 1, K1 (15 sts)
P 1 row
Cast off
Sew onto body joining down the front. Turn down collar

Arms – make 2 – 3.50mm needles
Using flesh CO 2 stitches – work as i cord
Row 1 – Increase knit wise into every stitch – 4 stitches
Work 1 round
Join green yarn
Work 8 rounds
Cast off
Pass pipe cleaner through jacket and body to make the arms moveable, you can stuff the arms if you prefer
Sew arms to each side of body with jacket on – lift collar and sew under this.

Belt – 3.50mm needles
In brown – Cast on 22 sts
Cast off
Sew around middle of jacket
Boots – make 2 – Size 3.50mm needles – (Black boots for British Soldiers)
Begin at top edge
In black cast on 10 sts
Next row – k4, inc in next 2sts, k4 (12sts)
Next row - purl
Next row – k4,(K2tog) 2 times, K 4 (10sts)
Cast off
Join row ends at cast off edges –sew onto bottom of the legs angling pipe cleaner as foot

Beret - Size 2.75mm needles
In Black - CO 18 stitches (tightly)
Row 1 - Knit
Row 2 – Purl
Row 3 – K4 Inc K8 Inc K4
Row 4 – Purl
Row 5 – K4 K2tog K8 K2tog K4
Row 6 – P2 P2tog to end
Row 7 – K2tog to end
Slip stitches and pull to finish
Place beret on head and pull top over to side – secure in place
Add emblem in gold thread

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80 meters long in 3D wool art depicting scenes of the worlds largest ambitious invasion - 80 meters for 80 years and the 80 days it took to get to Paris, The Battle of Normandy.
1000 People all over the world are knitting and crocheting, in the UK, USA, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, France and even people with NATO stationed in Europe have joined in!

The interest is incredible, educational, the thirst for knowledge, the historical accuracy in details of uniforms, vehicles, battles, medals won etc. Is absolutely spot on as we recruited a couple of historians to check everything.