

# Little Blossom

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**NOTE:** Use 3mm needles throughout and cast on by using the cable (two needle) method, beginning all pieces with a K row, unless otherwise stated.

## BODY (MAKE 1 PIECE)

**Cast on** 33 sts using Nursery Pink for neck edge and st st 10 rows for bodice.

Change to White and st st 4 rows.

**\*1st inc row** (K1, inc 1, K1) to end.

[44 sts]

St st 3 rows.

**2nd inc row** (K1, inc 1, K2) to end.

[55 sts]

St st 3 rows.

**3rd inc row** (K2, inc 1, K2) to end. [66 sts]\*\*

St st 9 rows.

**\*\*\*1st dec row** (K2, k2tog, K2) to end.

[55 sts]

St st 3 rows.

**2nd dec row** (K2, k2tog, K1) to end. [44 sts]

St st 3 rows.

**3rd dec row** (K1, k2tog, K1) to end. [33 sts]

St st 3 rows.

**4th dec row** (K1, k2tog) to end. [22 sts]

Purl row.

**5th dec row** (K2tog) to end. [11 sts]

Break yarn, leaving a long end.

Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.\*\*\*\*

## HEAD (MAKE 1 PIECE)

**Cast on** 33 sts using Snowflake for neck edge.

St st 4 rows.

Work as given for body from \* to \*\*.

St st 13 rows.

Work as given for body from \*\*\* to \*\*\*\*.

## LEGS (MAKE 2 PIECES)

**Cast on** 24 sts using Snowflake for top edge.

St st 10 rows.

### SHAPE FOOT

**1st inc row** K5, (inc 1, K2) five times, K4. [29 sts]

Purl row.

**2nd inc row** K5, (inc 1, K3) five times, K4. [34 sts]

St st 4 rows.

Change to Petal Pink Snuggly and st st 2 rows, beg with a K row.

**1st dec row** K2, (k2tog, K2) to end. [26 sts]

Purl row.

**2nd dec row** K2, (k2tog, K1) to end. [18 sts]

Purl row.

**3rd dec row** (K2tog) to end. [9 sts]

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

## ARMS (MAKE 2 PIECES)

**Cast on** 10 sts using Nursery Pink for top edge of sleeve.

St st 2 rows.

**Cast on** 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows for underarm. [18 sts]

St st 2 rows.

K 2 rows for sleeve cuff.





# Pattern info

## You will need...

### Sirdar Snuggly Snowflake DK

Petal Pink (212) 1 x 50g/170m ball

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White (251) 1 x 50g/175m ball

Nursery Pink (317) 1 x 50g/175m ball

Petal Pink (212) 1 x 50g/175m ball

Lemon (252) 1 x 50g/175m ball

Angelica (213) 1 x 50g/175m ball

20in (50cm) length of black DK yarn

A pair of 3mm knitting needles

50g of washable toy stuffing

Pink pencil

Long tweezers

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## Tension

### Yarn used knits as DK to this tension:

26 sts and 36 rows to measure 4x4in (10x10cm) over stocking stitch using 3mm needles.

## Measurements

8in (20cm) tall when sitting

## Abbreviations

**beg** beginning

**dec** decrease

**inc** increase (by working into front and back of stitch)

**K** knit

**K wise** knitwise

**k2tog** knit 2 stitches together

**M1** make one stitch by winding yarn over needle

**P** purl

**p2tog** purl 2 stitches together

**pssso** pass slipped stitch over

**sl** slip

**st st** stocking stitch

**st(s)** stitch(es)

**skpo** slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over

**A little bit of pink pencil brings a blush to Blossom's cheeks!**



## KNIT TIP

Use very tiny sewing stitches when doing the seams on toys to keep the stuffing in place.

Change to Snowflake and K 1 row.

St st 2 rows, beg with a K row.

**1st inc row** (K2, inc 1, K3) to end. [21 sts]

St st 3 rows.

**2nd inc row** (K3, inc 1, K3) to end. [24 sts]

St st 3 rows.

Change to Petal Pink Snuggly and st st 2 rows, beg with a P row.

**1st dec row** (P2tog, P1) to end [16 sts].

Knit row.

**2nd dec row** (P2tog) to end. [8 sts]

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

## EARS (MAKE 2 PIECES)

**Cast on** 14 sts using Snowflake for top edge.

St st 2 rows.

**1st inc row** (Inc 1, K5, inc 1) twice. [18 sts]

Purl row.

**2nd inc row** (Inc 1, K7, inc 1) twice. [22 sts]

Inserting White marker threads at beg and end of first row, and Lemon marker threads at beg and end of last row, st st 11 rows.

**1st dec row** (Skpo, K7, k2tog) twice. [18 sts]

**2nd dec row** (P2tog, P5, p2tog) twice. [14 sts]



“Always make a note of the number of rows when working with a highly textured yarn – it’s difficult to count them if you’re interrupted!”

Alan Dart, toy and knitwear designer

3rd dec row (Skpo, K3, k2tog) twice. [10 sts]  
 4th dec row (P2tog, P1, p2tog) twice. [6 sts]  
 5th dec row (Sl 1, k2tog, pss0) twice. [2 sts]  
 6th dec row P2tog, break yarn and draw through st.

### TRUNK (MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 24 sts using Snowflake for top edge.

St st 6 rows.

1st dec row (K2, k2tog, K2) to end. [20 sts]

St st 3 rows.

2nd dec row (K2, k2tog, K1) to end. [16 sts]

St st 3 rows.

3rd dec row (K1, k2tog, K1) to end. [12 sts]

St st 4 rows.

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

### TAIL (MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 7 sts using Snowflake for top edge.

St st 4 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row.

St st 3 rows.

Repeat the last 4 rows once more. [3 sts]

Next row Sl 1, k2tog, pss0, break yarn, and draw through st.

### KNICKER LEG FRILLS (MAKE 2 PIECES)

Cast on 24 sts using White.

Purl row.

Next row Inc K wise into every st to end. [48 sts]

Cast off K wise.

### SKIRT (MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 99 sts using Nursery Pink for base edge.

St st 4 rows.

1st dec row (K4, k2tog, K3) to end. [88 sts]

St st 3 rows.

2nd dec row (K3, k2tog, K3) to end. [77 sts]

St st 3 rows.

3rd dec row (K3, k2tog, K2) to end. [66 sts]

St st 3 rows.

### GATHER WAIST

4th dec row K2tog, (k3tog, K1) to end. [33 sts]

Purl row.

Cast off for waist edge.

### BOW (MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 60 sts using Nursery Pink.

Knit row.

Cast off K wise.

### DAISIES (MAKE 8 PIECES)

Cast on 14 sts using White.

Purl row.

Next row (M1, k2tog) to end. [14 sts]

Purl row.

Change to Lemon and K 1 row.

Next row (P2tog) to end. [7 sts]

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

The sweet little daisies look adorable – and they hide seams too!





Little details, such as the bow on her dress, make her even more special.

## TO MAKE UP

Use mattress stitch when sewing pieces together. A one-stitch seam allowance has been included on all pieces to accommodate this method. Also treat the purl side of all pieces knitted in Snowflake as right side.

### BODY

Join body seam from gathered base edge up to neck edge and stuff firmly, then join head seam from gathered top edge down to neck edge and stuff firmly. Matching these centre back seams, join neck edges of head and body.

Join the seam on each leg piece, stuff firmly, then position and sew top edges to body in sitting position, spacing 1¼in (3cm) apart. Wrap a knicker frill piece round the top of each leg, join ends, then sew in place, working backstitch over cast on edge of frill.

Fold tail piece in half and oversew side edges together. Use tweezers to stuff firmly, then position and sew to back of knickers.

Join seam on each arm piece, sewing from gathered base edge up to underarm. Stuff firmly, then position and sew top edges of sleeves to bodice sides.

Following instructions on ball band, press skirt piece lightly on wrong side. Wrap skirt round body and join seam, then, matching this seam to body back seam, sew waist edge of skirt to last knitted row of bodice. Darn in yarn ends on bow piece, then tie into a bow and sew knot securely to centre back waist edge of skirt.

Join trunk seam from the gathered tip up to the top edge. Use tweezers to stuff it firmly, then position and sew to head, placing it ¼in (5mm) up from the neck edge.

Fold each ear piece in half, bringing matching White and Lemon marker threads together. Join top, sewing across cast on edge and down to White markers, then join base, sewing from cast off edge up to Lemon markers. Remove markers, then position and sew ears vertically to sides of head, placing ¾in (2cm) up from neck edge.

Mark eye positions with pins, placing directly above trunk and spacing 1in (2.5cm) apart. Carefully draw out a single strand from the length of black yarn and use the remaining 2 strands to embroider a circle of 6 tiny chain stitches for each eye. Blush cheeks lightly with pink pencil.

### DAISY

To make each daisy, join seam on Lemon centre section, then fold White petal section along knitted eyelet row and sew cast on edge to first row knitted in Lemon at back of work.

To make daisy stem, cut a 19½in (50cm) length of Angelica and fold in half. Holding open ends of yarn between left thumb and index finger, insert right index finger into folded end and turn it round and round, keeping yarn taut, until very tightly twisted. Holding centre point of yarn, bring ends together, then release centre and allow cord to form. Make a tight knot 2in (5cm) from folded end and trim cord close to this knot. Using a large needle, thread stem through end of trunk, then sew a daisy in place to cover cord knot.

Make circlet cord in same manner, this time using a 78¾in (2m) length of Angelica yarn and tying a knot 9¾in (25cm) from folded end. Wrap cord round head and sew ends together then pin remaining seven daisies in position, spacing evenly and making sure one daisy covers cord join, then sew in place and remove pins.

**Next month you can keep your little boys and girls happy by knitting Alan Dart's dashing pirate, Buccaneer Bill. He comes complete with earring and parrot! The July issue is in the shops from Thursday 24 March 2007.**

## How to... Embroider

Embroider 6 chain stitches in a circle to create each eye.

### Chain stitch



Chain stitch is essentially a series of loops and can be used for straight or curving lines or even in rows to fill shapes. Come out of the fabric at 1, where you want to begin, and, leaving a loop, go back down again in the same hole at 2. Bring the needle out again at 3, keeping the thread under the needle. Repeat. Make a small stitch over the last loop.

