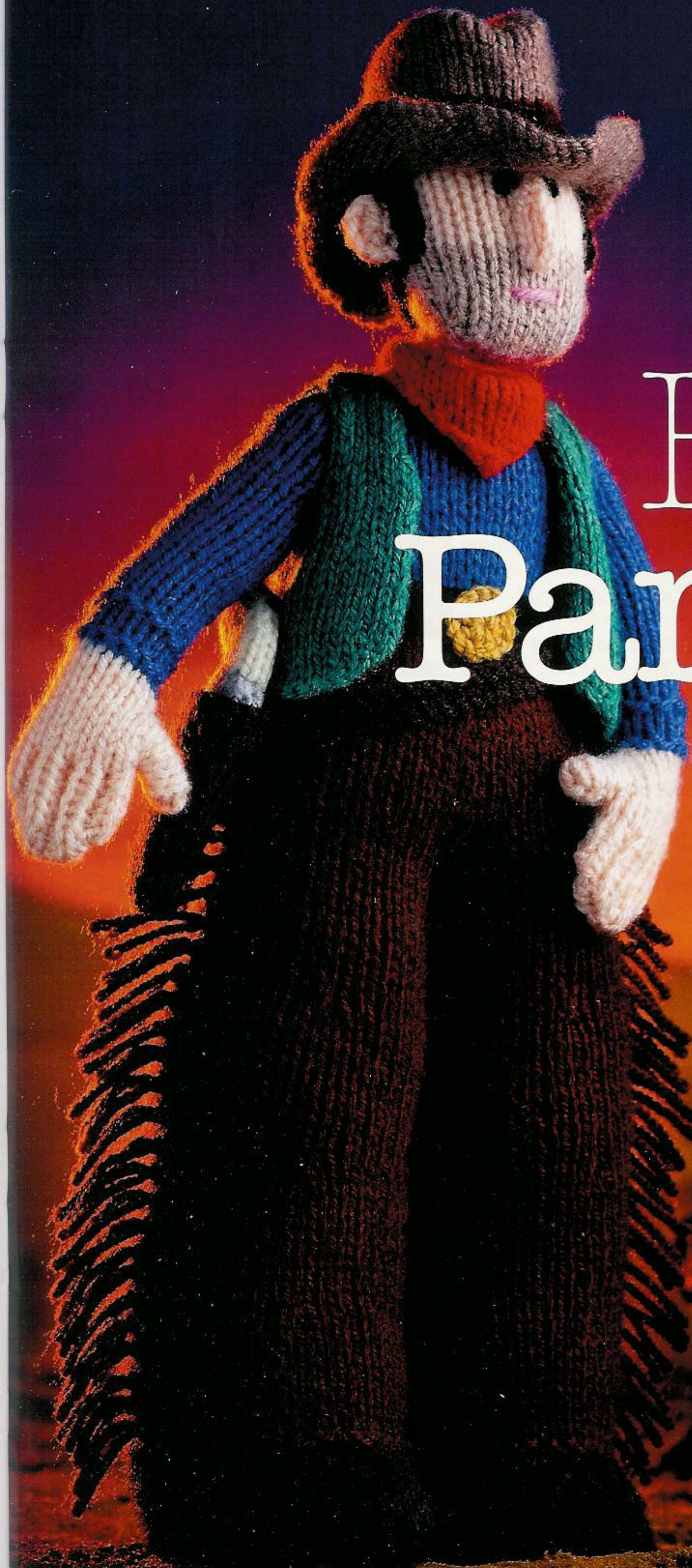
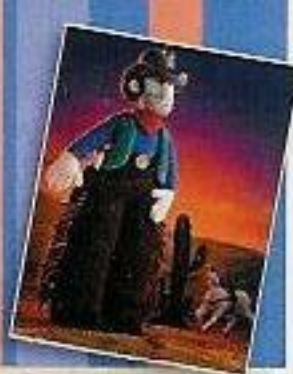


By Alan Dart

# Howdy Pardner!

This woolly Western hero is ready to fight off wild animals as he drives his cattle over the plains.





## Pattern info

### You will need...

#### Sirdar, Bonus DK

1 x 100g/280m ball of each: Oatmeal (964), Walnut (927), Chocolate (947), Black (965), Flesh Tone (963), Signal Red (977) and Denim (994)  
Small amounts in Silver Cloud (968), Aran (993) Antique Rose (892)

#### Sirdar, Country Style DK

1 x 100g/280m ball of each: Chocolate (530) Forest (581)  
Small amount in Mustard 537

A pair of 3mm knitting needles

A 3.5mm crochet hook

Stitch holder

50g of washable toy stuffing

One thick and one thin plastic drinking straw

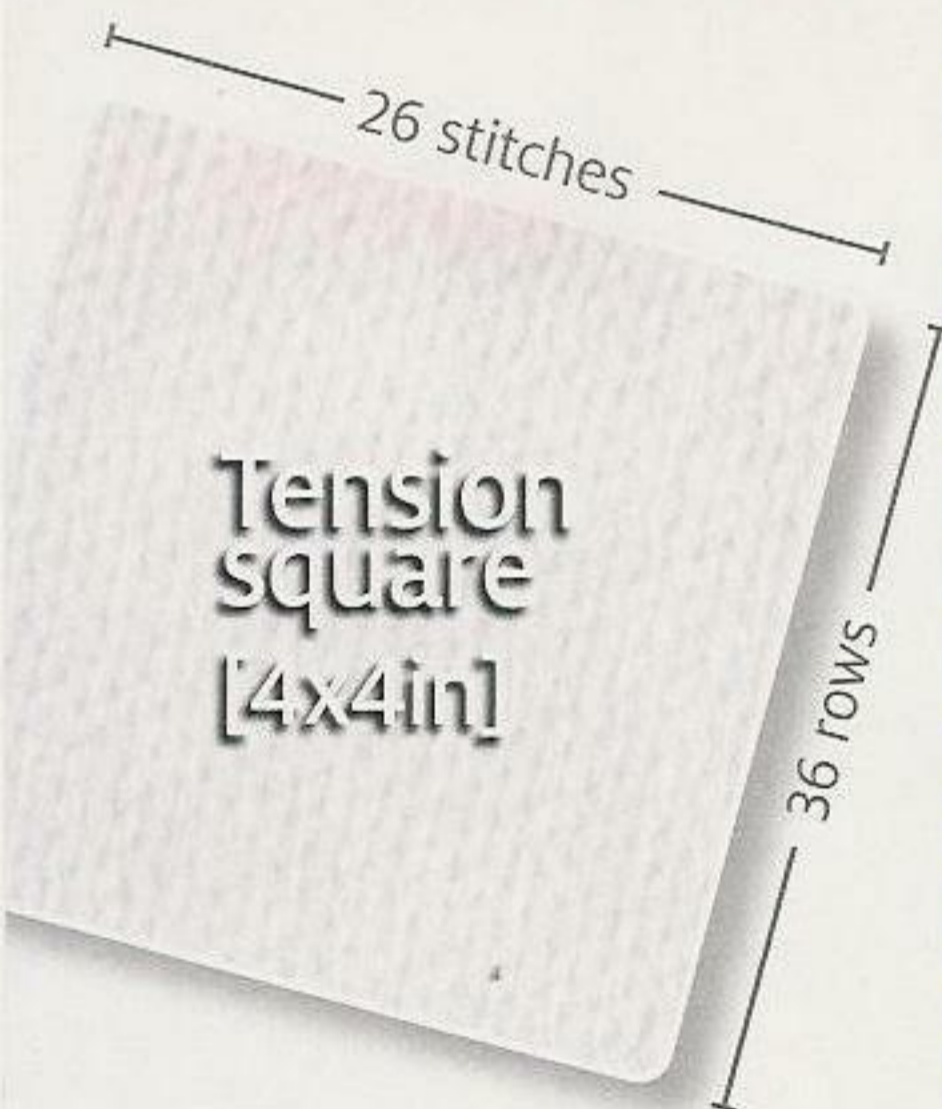
Scrap of stout card

Long tweezers

Hair spray

Clear adhesive

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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

14in (35.5cm) tall

# Howdy Pardner!

*Start knitting here...*

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

## LEGS AND BODY (MAKE 1 PIECE)

### RIGHT LEG

\*Cast on 45 sts with Chocolate Bonus for base edge and K 3 rows.

St st 9 rows, beg with a P row.

**1st dec row** (K4, k2tog, K3) to end. [40 sts]

St st 11 rows.

**2nd dec row** (K3, k2tog, K3) to end. [35 sts]

St st 11 rows.

**3rd dec row** (K3, k2tog, K2) to end. [30 sts]

St st 11 rows.\*\*

Break yarn and slip sts on to a stitch holder.

### LEFT LEG

As right leg from \* to \*\*.

### JOIN LEGS

**Next row** Inserting marker threads at beg and end of row, K28, SKPO from left leg sts, then k2tog, K28 from held right leg sts. [58 sts]

**Next row** Purl.

### SHAPE CROTCH

**1st dec row** K1, (k2tog, K24, SKPO) twice, K1. [54 sts]

**Next row** Purl.

**2nd dec row** K1, (k2tog, K22, SKPO) twice, K1. [50 sts]

St st 3 rows.

### SHAPE WAIST

**1st dec row** (K4, k2tog, K4) to end. [45 sts]

St st 3 rows.

**2nd dec row** (K4, k2tog, K3) to end. [40 sts]

St st 3 rows.

Change to Black for belt and st st 3 rows.

Change to Denim for shirt and st st 13 rows, beg with a P row.

### SHAPE SIDES

**1st dec row** (K7, SKPO, K3, k2tog, K5) twice, K2. [36 sts]

**Next row** Purl.

**2nd dec row** (K7, SKPO, K1, k2tog, K5) twice, K2. [32 sts]

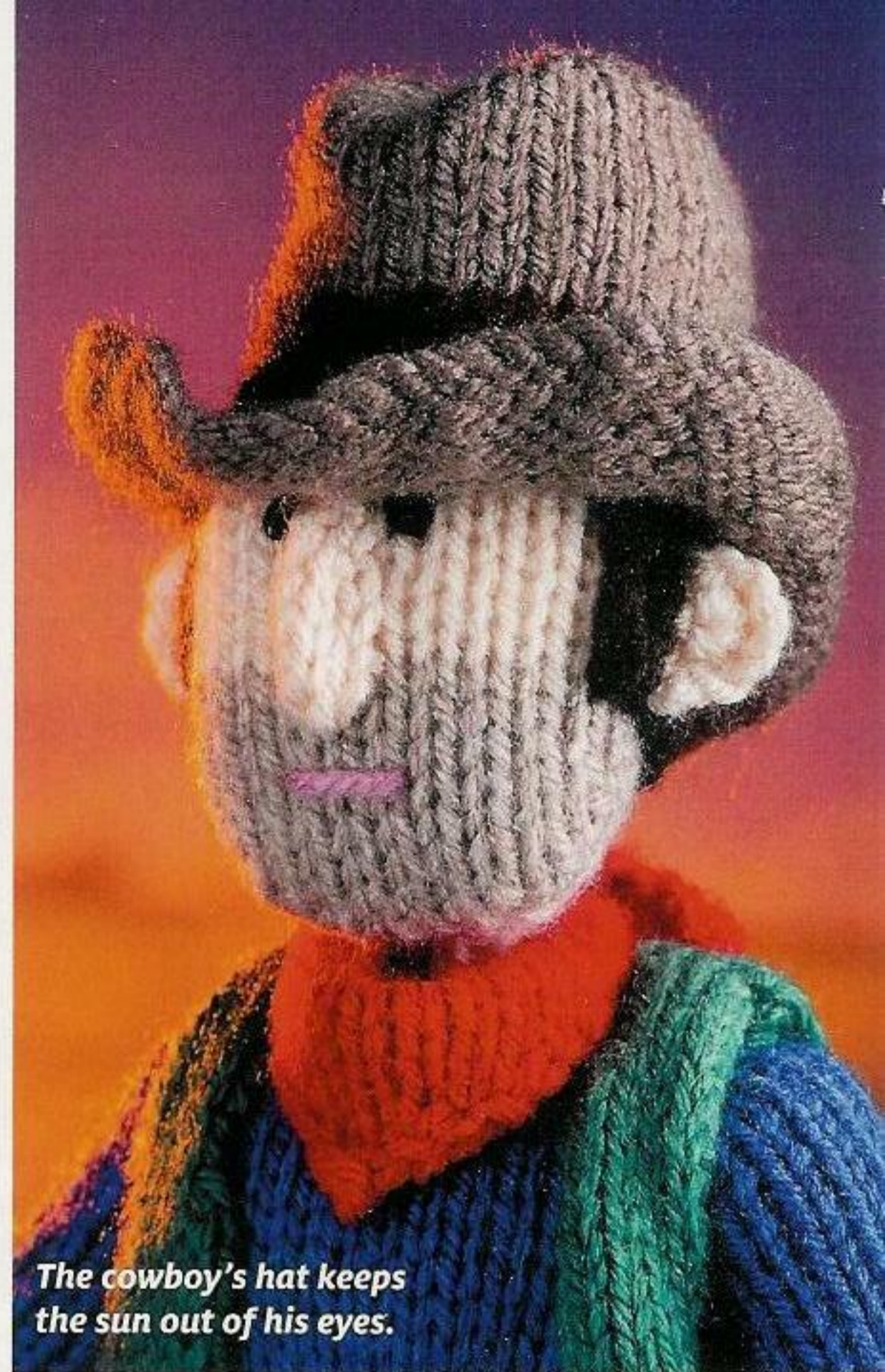
**Next row** Purl.

**Cast off** for shoulder edge.

## SHOES (MAKE 2 PIECES)

Cast on 21 sts with Black for centre edge of sole and cont in st st.

**1st inc row** (Inc 1) three times, K4, (inc 1) six times, K4, (inc 1) three times, K1 [33 sts].



*The cowboy's hat keeps the sun out of his eyes.*

**Next row** Purl.

**2nd inc row** (Inc 1, K1) three times, K4, (inc 1, K1) six times, K4, (inc 1, K1) three times, K1 [45 sts].

**Next row** Purl.

**3rd inc row** (K2, inc 1) twice, K11, (inc 1, K2) four times, K10, (inc 1, K2) twice [53 sts].

Purl 2 rows for sole edge.

Change to Chocolate Country Style and st st 3 rows, beg with a P row.

### SHAPE FRONT

**1st dec row** K1, SKPO, K2, k2tog, K39, SKPO, K2, K2tog, K1. [49 sts]

**Next row** Purl.

**2nd dec row** K1, SKPO, k2tog, K39, SKPO, K2tog, K1. [45 sts]

St st 2 rows.

**Cast off** for top edge.

## HEAD (MAKE 1 PIECE)

**Cast on** 14 sts with Oatmeal for chin edge and cont in st st.

**1st inc row** K2, (inc 1) twice, K5, (inc 1) twice, K3. [18 sts]

**Next row** Purl.

**2nd inc row** K3, (inc 1) twice, K7, (inc 1) twice, K4. [22 sts]

**Next row** Purl.

**3rd inc row** K4, (inc 1) twice, K9, (inc 1) twice, K5. [26 sts]

St st 3 rows.

Work base of neck opening: change to Flesh Tone and dec 1 st at beg and end of next row [24 sts].

**Next row** Purl.

Work top of neck opening: inc 1 st at beg and end of next row [26 sts].

St st 9 rows.



“Reach for the yarn, pardner! This ornery cowpoke’s real quick on the knit.”

Alan Dart, *toy and knitwear designer*

#### SHAPE TOP OF HEAD

**1st dec row** K2, (k2tog, K1) to end. [18 sts]

**Next row** Purl.

**2nd dec row** (K2tog) to end. [9 sts]

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

#### NECK (MAKE 1 PIECE)

**Cast on** 6 sts with Flesh Tone for base edge and st st 9 rows.

**Cast off** for top edge.

#### NOSE (MAKE 1 PIECE)

**Cast on** 2 sts with Flesh Tone for top edge and st st 2 rows.

**1st inc row** Inc 1, K1. [3 sts]

**Next row** Purl.

**2nd inc row** (Inc 1) twice, K1. [5 sts]

St st 5 rows.

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

#### EARS (MAKE 2 PIECES)

**Cast on** 8 sts with Flesh Tone for outside edge and K 1 row.

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

#### HAIR (MAKE 1 PIECE)

**Cast on** 8 sts with Chocolate Country Style and g st 36 rows.

**Cast off.**

#### HAT (MAKE 1 PIECE)

**Cast on** 72 sts with Walnut for brim edge and K 1 row.

##### SHAPE BRIM

**1st dec row** (P3, p2tog, P3) to end. [63 sts]

**Next row** Knit.

**2nd dec row** (P5, p2tog) to end. [54 sts]

**Next row** Knit.

**3rd dec row** (P2, p2tog, P2) to end. [45 sts]

**Next row** Knit.

**4th dec row** (P3, p2tog) to end. [36 sts]

Change to Chocolate Bonus for hatband and st st 4 rows.

Change to Walnut for crown and st st 10 rows.

##### SHAPE TOP

**1st dec row** (K1, K2tog) twice, K7, (k2tog, K1) four

times, K5, (k2tog, K1) twice. [28 sts]

St st 3 rows.

**2nd dec row** (K2tog) twice, K6, (k2tog) four times, K6, (k2tog) twice. [20 sts]

**Next row** Purl.

**Cast off** for top edge.

#### SLEEVES AND HANDS (MAKE 2 PIECES)

**Cast on** 6 sts with Denim for top edge and st st 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at beg and end of next row.

St st 3 rows.

Repeat the last 4 rows once more [10 sts].

**Cast on** 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows for underarm. [16 sts]

St st 12 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row. [14 sts]

St st 3 rows.

K 3 rows for top of cuff.

**Next row** Purl.

K 2 rows for base of cuff.

Change to Flesh Tone and st st 2 rows, beg with a K row.

**Cast on** 5 sts at beg of next 2 rows for thumb. [24 sts]

St st 2 rows.

**Cast off** 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows. [16 sts]

St st 2 rows.

##### WORK FINGERS

**1st rib row** K2, (P1, K1) three times, K1, (P1, K1) three times, K1.

**2nd rib row** P2, (K1, P1) three times, P1, (K1, P1) three times, P1.

Repeat the last 2 rows once more.

**5th rib row** K2, (P1, K1) twice, k2tog, SKPO, (K1, P1) twice, K2. [14 sts]

**6th rib row** P2, (K1, P1) twice, P3, (K1, P1) twice, P1.

**7th rib row** (K2tog, P1, K1, P1, SKPO) twice. [10 sts]

**8th rib row** (P1, K1) twice, P2, (K1, P1) twice.

**Cast off.**

#### NECKERCHIEF (MAKE 1 PIECE)

**Cast on** 23 sts with Signal Red for top edge and st st 2 rows.

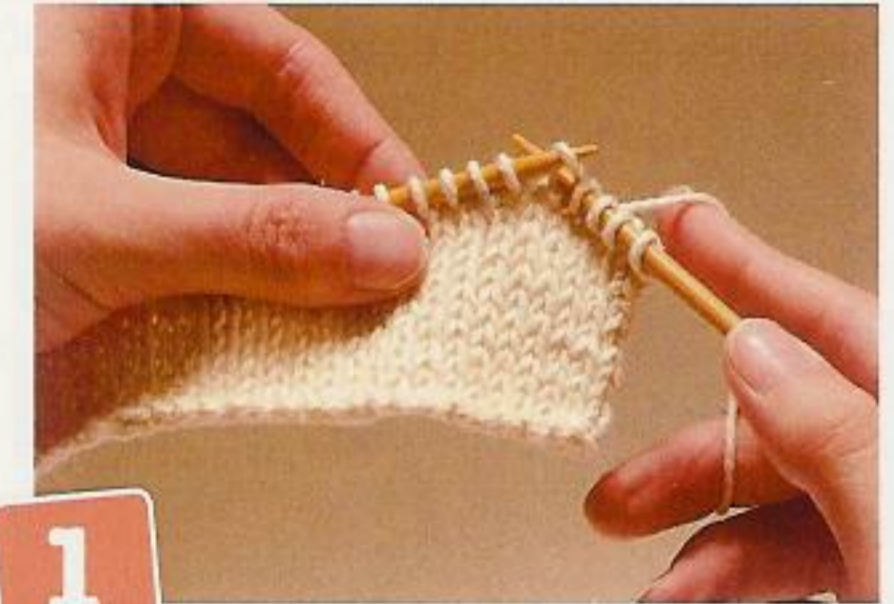
Dec 1 st at beg and end of next 10 rows. [3 sts]

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

How to...

## SKPO

Some patterns call for you to decrease using this method.



1

Insert the point of the right-hand needle into the next stitch as if you were to knit it, but instead of winding the yarn around the needle, just slip the stitch off and on to right-hand needle.



2

Knit the next stitch as normal.



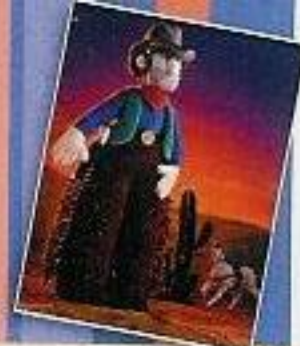
3

Now insert the left-hand needle into the slipped stitch on the right-hand needle and lift it over the knitted stitch.



4

Continue knitting until the end of the row, and your slipped stitch should look like this.



# Pattern info

## Abbreviations

<b>beg</b> beginning	<b>PSSO</b> pass slipped stitch over
<b>dec</b> decrease (by working 2 stitches together)	<b>sl</b> slip
<b>gs</b> garter stitch	<b>st st</b> stocking stitch
<b>inc</b> increase (by working into front and back of stitch)	<b>st(s)</b> stitch(es)
<b>K</b> knit	<b>SKPO</b> slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over
<b>P</b> purl	<b>tog</b> together

**Sturdy legs enable him to stand tall.**



### NECKERCHIEF TIE (MAKE 1 PIECE)

**Cast on** 16 sts with Signal Red and K 1 row.  
**Cast off.**

### BELT BUCKLE (MAKE 1 PIECE)

**Cast on** 14 sts with Mustard for outside edge.  
Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

### WAISTCOAT (MAKE 1 PIECE)

**Cast on** 46 sts with Forest for base edge and st st 1 row.

Inc 1 st at beg and end of next 3 rows. [52 sts]

St st 8 rows.

**Dec row** K4, (k2tog, K4) to end. [44 sts]

St st 3 rows.

#### WORK RIGHT SIDE

**Next row** K8, turn and work on these sts only.

Dec 1 st at beg of next 2 rows. [6 sts]

St st 5 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg of next row. [5 sts]

St st 5 rows.

**Cast off** for shoulder edge.

#### WORK BACK

**Next row** Rejoin yarn to remaining 36 sts, cast off first 4 sts for armhole, K20, turn and work on these sts only.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row. [18 sts]

St st 12 rows.

**Cast off** for shoulder and back neck edge.

#### WORK LEFT SIDE

**Next row** Rejoin yarn to remaining 12 sts, cast off first 4 sts for armhole, K to end. [8 sts]

Dec 1 st at end of next 2 rows. [6 sts]

St st 5 rows.

Dec 1 st at end of next row. [5 sts]

St st 5 rows.

**Cast off** for shoulder edge.

### HOLSTER (MAKE 1 PIECE)

**Cast on** 14 sts with Chocolate Country Style for top edge and st st 6 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row.

St st 3 rows.

Repeat the last 4 rows two more times.

[8 sts]

**Cast off** for base edge.

### HOLSTER BELT (MAKE 1 PIECE)

**Cast on** 56 sts with Chocolate Country Style for base edge and K 1 row.

**Cast off** knitwise for top edge.



**Keep the smokin' gun away from small children – they could choke.**

### GUN (MAKE 1 PIECE)

**Cast on** 8 sts with Silver Cloud for front edge of barrel and st st 6 rows.

**1st dec row** K2, k2tog, SKPO, K2. [6 sts]

Change to Aran for handle and st st 3 rows.

Inc 1 st at beg and end of next 2 rows. [10 sts]

**2nd dec row** K3, k2tog, SKPO, K3. [8 sts]

**Next row** Purl.

**3rd dec row** K2, k2tog, SKPO, K2. [6 sts]

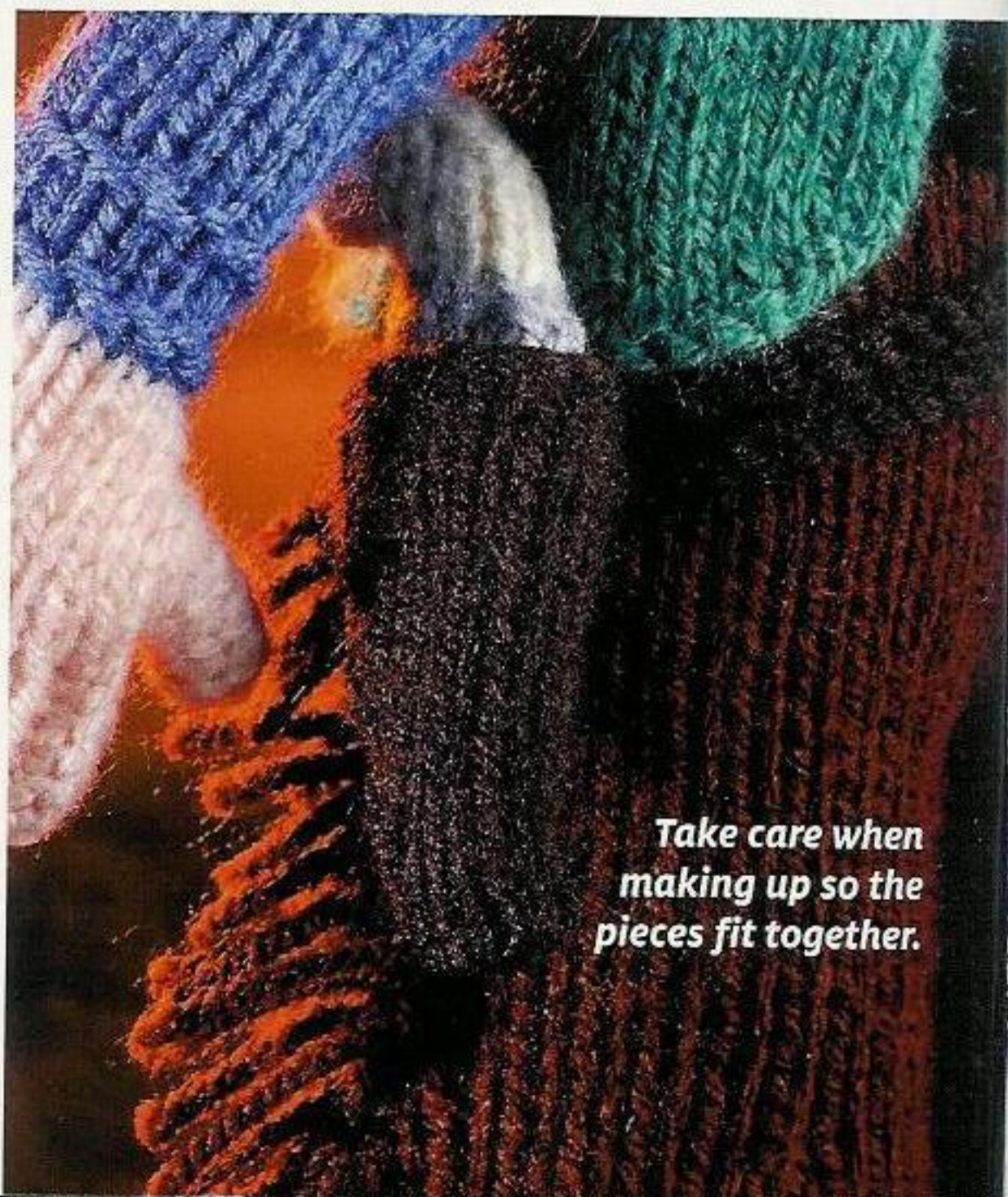
**Next row** Purl.

**Cast off.**

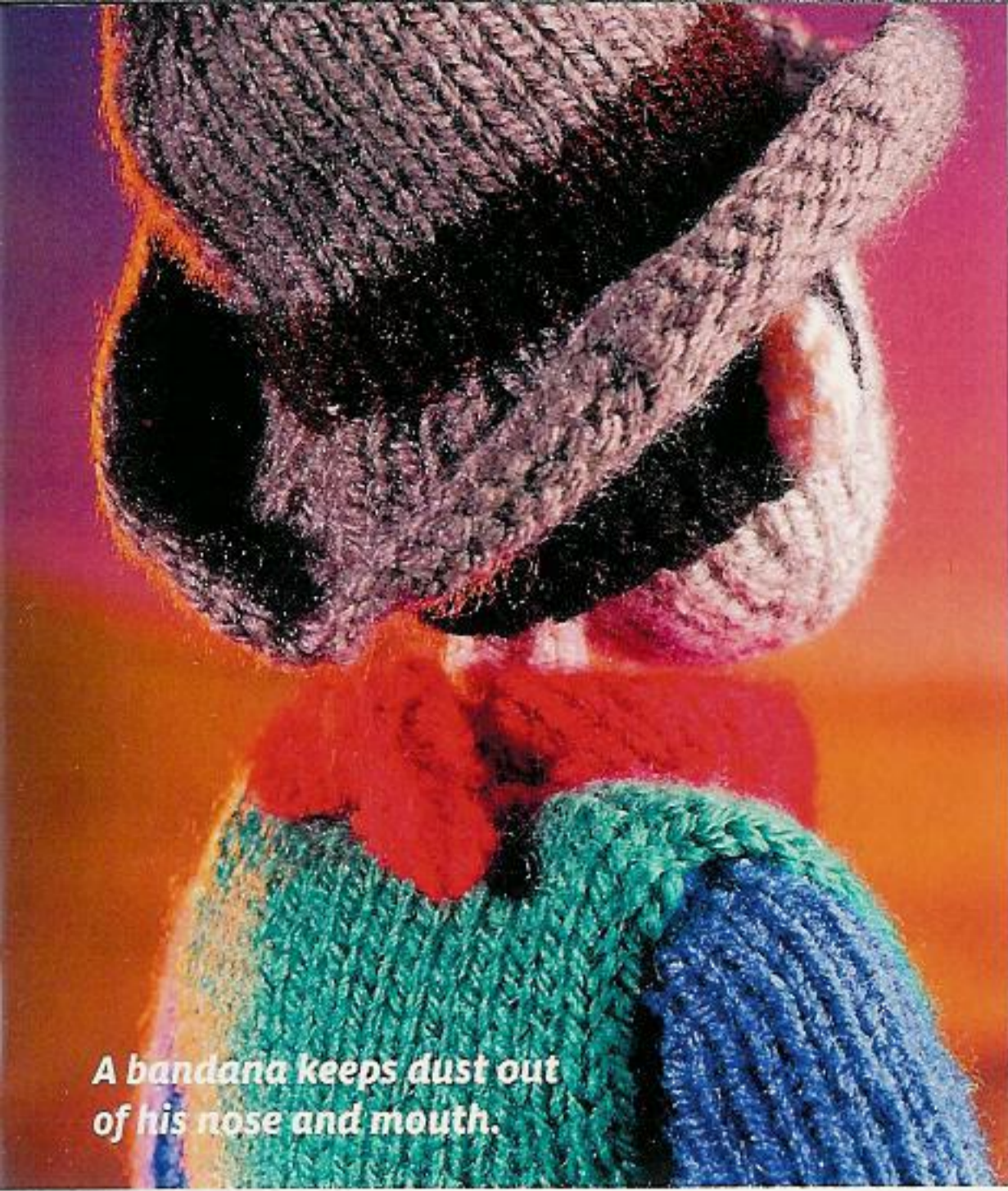
## TO MAKE UP

For best results, sew seams and join pieces using mattress stitch, working with right side of knitting uppermost. A one stitch-knitted seam turning has been allowed on all pieces to accommodate this method.

Join each leg seam from base edge up to marker thread, then join body back seam from marker threads up to shoulder edge and remove markers. On each shoe piece, fold centre edge of sole in half and sew across, then join remainder of sole seam and back seam. Draw two 1½ x 3in (3.5 x 7.5cm) rectangles onto card for sole formers and curve off each corner by drawing round a large coin or cotton reel. Cut out formers and glue to wrong side of shoe soles. Stuff each shoe firmly, then sew top edge to base edge of leg, placing inside leg seam 11 knitted stitches away from back seam of shoe. Stuff legs and body firmly then, with body seam running down centre back, fold shoulder edge flat and sew across, leaving a 3/8in (1cm) space in centre of seam unsewn.



**Take care when making up so the pieces fit together.**



A bandana keeps dust out of his nose and mouth.

Using Black yarn, work backstitch over every knitted stitch on first and last rows of belt to form neat edges. Cut several 4in (10cm) lengths of Chocolate Bonus yarn for trouser fringing. Using crochet hook and a single strand of yarn for each tassel, work a line of fringing down side of each leg, following decreased stitches as a guide, working a tassel into every alternate row, and stopping 8 knitted rows down from base of belt. Hold fringing over a steaming kettle to straighten strands, then trim to 1in (2.5cm).

Cut a 4in (10cm) length of thick drinking straw for neck former and bind centre 1in (2.5cm) section with Flesh Tone yarn, holding in place with a little glue. Push a large knitting needle into opening at top of body and make a hole through stuffing, then spread a little glue over one end of former and push into hole up to bound section.

Join head seam from gathered top edge down to top of neck opening. Stuff firmly, then join remainder of seam from base of neck opening down to chin edge. With seam running down centre back, fold chin edge flat and sew across, adding more stuffing if necessary.

Inserting large needle into neck opening, make a hole through head stuffing and fit opposite end of neck former in place as before. Wrap neck piece round former and join side edges, placing this seam at centre back, then sew top edge to head and base edge to body.

Fold cast off edge of each hand in half and sew across, then join down side of index finger, round thumb, and up sleeve, stopping at underarm. Use tweezers to stuff fingers lightly then, with a length of Flesh Tone yarn, sew through both layers of knitting, working down each purl channel of rib section to make fingers more pronounced. Stuff remainder of hand and sleeve, then sew sleeve head to side of body. Bend thumb down slightly

and catch to side of hand with a few stitches. Join side edges of belt buckle to form a circle and sew to centre front of belt. Following instructions on ball band, press neckerchief and waistcoat pieces lightly on wrong side. Fold top ½in (12mm) of neckerchief down and wrap round neck, joining ends at centre back with a few stitches. Now make a knot in centre of tie piece and sew this to back of neckerchief. Join shoulder seams of waistcoat, then fit on body and hold in place with a couple of stitches at shoulder.

Leaving nose unstuffed, position and sew down centre front of head, placing base point 2 knitted rows into Oatmeal section. Tying off ends of yarn at top of head, use a length of Antique Rose yarn to embroider a single, horizontal, ½in (12mm) stitch for mouth, placing 4 knitted rows down from top of Oatmeal section. Now draw out a single strand from a length of Black yarn and use the remaining 2 strands to embroider a circle of 4 tiny chain stitches for each eye, placing 5 knitted rows up from base of Flesh Tone section and spacing 2 knitted stitches apart, again fastening off ends at top of head.

Wrap hair piece round back of head, placing base edge 1 knitted row into Oatmeal section and spacing side edges 10 knitted stitches apart, and sew in position. Now sew ears on top of hair, placing in line with base of hair to form sideburns.

Fold top edge of hat in half and sew across, then join crown and brim seam. Coat with hair spray and mould into shape, pushing down top of crown and curving up sides of brim, then leave on a flat surface to set. Stuff crown lightly, then position and sew hat to head, working backstitch over first knitted row of hatband.

Wrap holster belt round body so that middle point touches waist on left side and ends join at right hip, 8 knitted rows down from top of trousers. Fold base edge of holster in half and sew across, then join side seam. Position holster on top of belt at right hip and sew in place along top edge. Fold cast off edge of gun handle in half and oversew across this, then round handle and down side of barrel, leaving front edge of barrel open. Use tweezers to stuff lightly. Cut a 1½in (4cm) length of thin drinking straw and bind a 1in (2.5cm) section at one end with Silver Cloud yarn, holding in place with glue. Spread glue over opposite end and push into front of barrel, then oversew remaining front edges of barrel together. Coat with hair spray and mould into shape with fingers. Leave to set hard before fitting the gun into holster.

**Alan's cheeky scarecrow will be in issue 45, September, out on sale Thursday 14 August.**

**KNIT TIP**  
Sew up the seams using small stitches and fasten off securely, so they don't split or come undone when the toy is stuffed.

## How to... Add colour mid-row

Knitting with more than one colour is simpler than it seems.



**1** Hold the new colour at the back of your work and insert your needle ready to work the next stitch.



**2** Wind the new colour around the right-hand needle and work the stitch.



**3** As you knit, twist the tail end of the new colour with the ball end as you go across the row to weave it in.



**4** When you finish one section of colour, twist it with the next colour to stop holes forming.