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PLEASE NOTE: JESS TOY NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER THREE YEARS OF AGE.

Height		20 8	cm in
Quality	Shade		Balls
021 088	Country Style DK Snowflake DK	417 383	1 1 50 gm
Oddments of Country Style DK in White shade 412, Parasol Pink shade 413 and Signal Green shade 415.			

The quantities of yarn are based upon average requirements and are therefore approximate.

1 Pair of 3mm (UK11 - USA0) Knitting Needles.

85 gms of washable toy stuffing.

White and green sewing threads.

Newey Fray Check and clear adhesive for whiskers (omit if making for a very young child).

TENSION

26 sts and 36 rows to 10cm. (4in) over stocking stitch worked with Country Style DK on 3mm needles or the size required to give correct tension.

VERY IMPORTANT

IT IS ESSENTIAL TO WORK TO THE STATED TENSION TO ENSURE SUCCESS.

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Owing to printing restrictions the colour reproduction is matched as closely as possible to the yarn.

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ABBREVIATIONS

beg beginning

cont continue

dec decrease (by working 2 stitches together)

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

k knit

p purl

psso pass slipped stitch over

s1 slip

ss stocking stitch (1 row knit, 1 row purl)

st(s) stitch(es)

skpo slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over

tog together

NOTE

Begin all pieces worked in stocking stitch with a K row, unless otherwise stated.

BODY

(Make 1 piece)

With Black cast on 44 sts for neck edge and ss 6 rows.

Next Row. K2, (k1, inc 1, k4) to end [51 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next Row. K2, (k2, inc 1, k4) to end [58 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next Row. K2, (k2, inc 1, k5) to end [65 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next Row. K2, (k3, inc 1, k5) to end [72 sts].

Ss 11 rows.

Shape Base

Next Row. (K2, k2tog, k2) to end [60 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

Next Row. (K2, k2tog, k1) to end [48 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next Row. (K1, k2tog, k1) to end [36 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next Row. (K1, k2tog) to end [24 sts].

P 1 row.

Next Row. (K2tog) to end [12 sts].

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

HEAD

(Make 1 piece)

With Black cast on 15 sts for centre front edge and ss 2 rows.

Next Row. Inc into every st to end [30 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next Row. (Inc 1, k1) to end [45 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next Row. (K1, inc 1, k1) to end [60 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

Next Row. (K1, inc 1, k2) to end [75 sts].

Ss 11 rows.

Shape Back of Head

Next Row. (K2, k2tog, k1) to end [60 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

Next Row. (K1, k2tog, k1) to end [45 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next Row. (K1, k2tog) to end [30 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next Row. (K2tog) to end [15 sts].

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

FRONT LEGS

(Make 2 pieces)

With White Snowflake cast on 22 sts for base edge and K 1 row.

Next Row. Using a ball of yarn for each colour and carrying yarn not in use across p side of work, (p1 Black, 1 White Snowflake) to end.

Cont in Black and ss 6 rows, beg with a K row.

Shape Top

Cast off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows [14 sts].

Dec 1 st at beg of next 8 rows [6 sts].

Cast off for top edge.

FRONT PAWS

(Make 2 pieces)

With White Snowflake cast on 12 sts for back edge and ss 2 rows.

Next Row. K1, (inc 1, k2,

inc 1, k1) twice, k1 [16 sts].

P 1 row.

Next Row. K1, (inc 1, k4, inc 1, k1) twice, k1 [20 sts].

Ss 15 rows.

Shape Front

Next Row. K1, (k2tog, k5, skpo) twice, k1 [16 sts].

P 1 row.

Cast off for front edge.

BACK LEGS

(Make 2 pieces)

With Black cast on 22 sts for base edge and ss 2 rows.

Next Row. K8, inc 1, k3, inc 1, k9 [24 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next Row. K8, inc 1, k5, inc 1, k9 [26 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next Row. K8, inc 1, k7, inc 1, k9 [28 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Shape Top

Next Row. (K1, k2tog, k1) to end [21 sts].

P 1 row.

Next Row. (K1, k2tog) to end. [14 sts].

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

BACK PAWS

(Make 2 pieces)

With Black, work as given for front paws.

MUZZLE

(Make 1 piece)

With White Snowflake cast on 60 sts for outside edge and ss 4 rows.

Next Row. (K2, k2tog, k1) to end [48 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next Row. (K1, k2tog, k1) to end [36 sts].

P 1 row.

Next Row. (K1, k2tog) to end

[24 sts].

P 1 row.

Next Row. K3, (sl 1, k2tog, pssso) twice, k6, (sl 1, k2tog, pssso) twice, k3 [16 sts].

P 1 row. Cast off.

CHEST

(Make 1 piece)

With White Snowflake cast on 14 sts for neck edge and ss 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at beg and end of next 2 rows [18 sts].

Ss 8 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next 8 rows [2 sts].

Cast off for base edge.

EAR FRONTS

(Make 2 pieces)

With Black cast on 9 sts for base edge.

Next Row. Using a separate ball of yarn for each colour change, and twisting yarns where colours meet to avoid leaving a hole, K2 Black, 5 White Country Style, 2 Black.

Next Row. P2 Black, 5 White, 2 Black.

Next Row. With Black k1, skpo, with White k3, with Black k2tog, k1 [7 sts].

Next Row. P2 Black, 3 White, 2 Black.

Next Row. With Black k1, Skpo, with White k1, with Black k2tog, k1 [5 sts].

Next Row. P2 Black, 1 White, 2 Black.

Next Row. Cont in Black and k1, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k1 [3 sts].

P 1 row.

Cast off for tip.

EAR BACKS

(Make 2 pieces)

With Black cast on 9 sts for base edge and ss 2 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row.

P 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows two more times [3 sts].

Cast off for tip.

EYES

(Make 2 pieces)

With Signal Green cast on 6 sts for top edge and ss 4 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row [4 sts].

P 1 row.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row [2 sts].

Cast off for base edge.

NOSE

(Make 1 piece)

With Parasol Pink cast on 9 sts and ss 2 rows.

Next Row. Inc into every st to end [18 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next Row. (K2tog) to end [9 sts].

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

TAIL

(Make 1 piece)

With Black cast on 6 sts for top of opening and ss 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at beg of next 4 rows [10 sts].

Cast on 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows for base of opening [16 sts].

Ss 26 rows.

Change to White Snowflake and K 1 row.

Next Row. (Inc 1, k1) to end [24 sts].

P 1 row.

Next Row. (K1, inc 1, k1) to end [32 sts].

Ss 7 rows.

Shape Tip

Next Row. (K1, k2tog, k1) to end [24 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next Row. (K1, k2tog) to end [16 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next Row. (K2tog) to end

[8 sts].

P 1 row.

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

TO MAKE UP

Treat purl side of all pieces knitted in Snowflake as right side. Join body seam, leaving neck edge open, and stuff firmly. Join head seam, leaving a 5cm space open at front edge. Stuff firmly and join remainder of seam, then work a gathering thread through every stitch along cast on edge, draw up tightly and fasten off to form centre front point. Pin head to open neck edge of body, tilting head upwards by placing body seam at centre front, with neck edge touching first decrease row at back of head, and placing centre back of body neck edge so it touches gathered centre back point of head. Sew in place and remove pins. Join side edges of front legs, leaving top and base edges open, and stuff firmly. Fold each front paw piece in half and join back and side edges, leaving front edge open. Stuff firmly, then sew across front edge. With a doubled length of White Snowflake yarn, work two stitches round front edge of each paw, drawing up each stitch to indent and fastening

off. Position and sew paws to base edges of legs, then sew top edges to body front. Join side edges of each back leg, leaving base edge open, and stuff firmly. Make up back paws as given for front paws, using Black yarn, then sew to base edges of legs. Position and sew back legs to body sides. Join side edges of tail, leaving opening unsewn, and stuff firmly. Sew opening to back of body, curve tail round right back leg and catch in place with a few stitches. Pin chest piece in position and oversew in place with thread. Join muzzle seam then, with seam running down centre, fold cast off edge in half and join. With seam running down centre front, position so that base edge of muzzle is in line with body neck edge and top edge is touching gathered centre front point of head, and oversew in place with thread, stuffing lightly. Darn in ends of yarn on ear front pieces, then join side edges of ear front and back pieces, leaving base edges open. Sew to top of head, 8 knit stitches apart and in line with last head front increase row. Place eye pieces 1 knit stitch apart, with base edges just overlapping muzzle, and oversew in position with thread. With a length of Black yarn embroider mouth in split stitch, working a straight line down

centre of muzzle with two 'U' shapes at base. Also with Black, embroider a circle of 6 chain stitches at base of each eye for pupils, then embroider a tiny stitch of White on each pupil for 'gloss'. Join side seam on nose piece, stuff firmly, then work a gathering thread through every stitch on cast on edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Flatten between thumb and finger to form a oval shape and sew in place at top of muzzle. Cut six 12cm lengths of Black yarn for whiskers. Make each whisker by holding yarn taut and twisting very tightly. Bring ends together, allowing yarn to twist into a cord, then knot open end to prevent unravelling. Cut a piece of corrugated cardboard and cover with clear plastic, cut from a bag, and tape in place. Pin each whisker out taut on top of card, then spread with Fray Check and leave to set hard. Remove pins and trim each whisker to 4cm. Mark whisker positions on muzzle with pins, then use a knitting needle to make a hole through knitting and stuffing at each point, spread a little glue over one end of whisker, insert into hole and leave to set. Alternatively, embroider three straight lines of split stitch with Black yarn at each side of muzzle for whiskers.



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