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Materials Required :

D.K. yarn: 30g in Flesh; 20g in Red and Blue; 10g in Yellow, Light Blue, and Rust; small amount in Black and White; 40g washable toy stuffing; pair of 3mm/No.11 knitting needles; 2.5mm crochet hook.

Measurements

28cm/11in tall

Tension

26 sts. and 36 rows to 10cms over st. st. using DK yarn on 3mm needles.

Abbreviations

beg = beginning; dec = decrease by working 2 stitches together; inc = increase by working into front and back of stitch; K = knit; P = purf; SKPO = slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over; sl = slip; ss = stocking stitch; st(s) = stitch(es); tog = together; YF = yarn forward; YB = yarn back.

Note : Use 3mm knitting needles and begin all pieces worked in stocking stitch with a K row, unless otherwise stated.

Legs and Body

Make 1 piece

Right leg: With flesh cast on 13 sts for ankle edge and ss 17 rows.

Next row: P to end, cast on 4 sts [17 sts].

Break yarn and slip sts on to a stitch holder.

Left leg: With flesh cast on 13 sts for ankle edge and ss 17 rows.

Next row: P to end, cast on 3 sts [16 sts].

Join legs for body, next row: K3, K 2 tog, K9, SKPO from left leg sts, then K4, K 2 tog, K9, SKPO from held right leg sts, then cast on 3 sts [32 sts].

Ss 13 rows.

Shape top of body, next row: K8, K 2 tog, K12, SKPO, K8 [30 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: K7, K 2 tog, K12, SKPO, K7 [28 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: K7, K 2 tog, K10, SKPO, K7 [26 sts].

Ss 7 rows.

Cast off for shoulder edge.

Shoe Uppers

Make 2 pieces

With red cast on 11 sts for base front edge and ss 2 rows.

Cast on 5 sts at beg of next 2 rows [21 sts].

Next row: Cast on 8 sts [29 sts], K10, (SKPO, K1) three times, (K1, K 2 tog) three times, K1 [23 sts].

Next row: Cast on 8 sts, P to end [31 sts].

Using a separate ball of yarn for each colour change, and twisting yarns where colours meet:

Next row: With red: K6, (SKPO, K1) twice, SKPO, with flesh: K3, with red: (K 2 tog, K1) three times, K5 [25 sts].

Next row: P10 red, 5 flesh, 10 red.

Next row: With red: K4, (SKPO) three times, with flesh: K5, with red: (K 2 tog) three times, K4 [19 sts].

Next row: P7 red, 5 flesh, 7 red.

Next row: With red: K2, (SKPO) three times with flesh: K3, with red: (K 2 tog) three times K2 [13 sts].

Next row: P5 red, 3 flesh, 5 red

K 1 row red

Cast off for ankle edge

Shoe Soles

Make 2 pieces

With red cast on 6 sts for back edge and ss 2 rows inc 1 st at beg and end of next row

P 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows two more times [12 sts].

Ss 6 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row.

P 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows once more [8 sts].

Cast off for front edge.

Shoe Cuffs

Make 2 pieces

With red cast on 13 sts and ss 4 rows.

Cast off.

Shorts and Sweater

Make 1 piece

Left leg: With light blue cast on 26 sts and ss 2 rows.

Next row: K 2 tog, K22, SKPO, cast on 4 sts [28 sts].

Break yarn and slip sts on to a stitch holder.

Right leg: With light blue cast on 26 sts and ss 2 rows.

Next row: K 2 tog, K22, SKPO, cast on 3 sts [27 sts].

Join legs for shorts, next row: P the 27 sts of right leg, then P the held 28 sts of left leg, then cast on 3 sts [58 sts].

Ss 2 rows.

Next row: K3, (K 2 tog, K3) to end [47 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next row: K3, (K 2 tog, K2) to end [36 sts].

Change to yellow for belt and ss 2 rows.

Change to red for sweater and P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc 1, K1) to end [48 sts].

Shorts and Sweater continued :

Ss 5 rows.
Next row: (K2, K 2 tog, K2) to end [40 sts].
P 1 row.
Next row: (K2, K 2 tog, K1) to end [32 sts].
P 1 row.
Next row: (K3, K 2 tog, K3) to end [28 sts].
Ss 13 rows.
Cast off for shoulder edge.

Sleeves and Hands

Make 2 pieces
With red cast on 5 sts for top of sleeve and ss 2 rows.
Inc 1 st at beg and end of next 2 rows [9 sts].
Cast on 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows for underarm [15 sts].
Ss 4 rows.
Shape elbow, next row: K13, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.
Next row: Sl 1, P11, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.
Next row: Sl 1, K9, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.
Next row: Sl 1, P7, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.
Next row: Sl 1, K5, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.
Next row: Sl 1, P3, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.
Next row: Sl 1, K4, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.
Next row: Sl 1, P5, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.
Next row: Sl 1, K7, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.
Next row: Sl 1, P9, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.
Next row: Sl 1, K to end.
Next row: P across all sts [15 sts].
Next row: K1, (inc 1, K1) to end [22 sts].
Ss 4 rows.
Next row: (P 2 tog) to end [11 sts].
Ss 2 rows for cuff.
Change to flesh for hand and ss 2 rows.
Next row: K2, (inc 1) seven times, K2 [18 sts].
Ss 3 rows.
Cast off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows for thumb [14 sts].
Ss 4 rows for fingers.
Cast off.

Head

Make 1 piece
With flesh cast on 14 sts for base edge and ss 2 rows.
Next row: Inc into every st to end [28 sts].
P 1 row.
Next row: (Inc 1, K1) to end [42 sts].
Ss 3 rows.
Next row: K7, (inc 1, K2) twice, inc 1, K13, (inc 1, K2) twice, inc 1, K8 [48 sts].
Ss 3 rows.
Next row: K7, (inc 1, K3) twice, inc 1, K15, (inc 1, K3) twice, inc 1, K8 [54 sts].
Ss 11 rows.
Next row: K8, (K 2 tog, K3) twice, K 2 tog, K15, (K 2 tog, K3) twice, K 2 tog, K7 [48 sts].
Ss 3 rows.
Next row: K8, (K 2 tog, K2) twice, K 2 tog, K13, (K 2 tog, K2) twice, K 2 tog, K7 [42 sts].
Ss 3 rows.
Next row: (K1, K 2 tog) to end [28 sts].
P 1 row.
Next row: (K 2 tog) to end [14 sts].
P 1 row.
Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Neck

Make 1 piece
With flesh cast on 10 sts and ss 4 rows.
Cast off.

Eyes

Make 1 piece
With blue cast on 60 sts for base edge and ss 10 rows.

Next row: (K2, K 2 tog, K2) to end [50 sts].
Ss 7 rows.
Next row: (K2, K 2 tog, K1) to end [40 sts].
Ss 7 rows.
Next row: (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [30 sts].
Ss 7 rows.
Next row: (K1, K 2 tog) to end [20 sts].
Ss 7 rows.
Next row: (K 2 tog) to end [10 sts].
Ss 7 rows.
Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Bell

Make 1 piece
With yellow cast on 11 sts and ss 2 rows.
Next row: Inc into every st to end [22 sts].
Ss 3 rows.
K 2 rows.
P 2 rows.
Ss 4 rows, beg with a K row.
Next row: (K 2 tog) to end [11 sts].
Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Scarf

Make 1 piece
With yellow cast on 20 sts and ss 1 row.
Inc 1 st at beg and end of next 2 rows [24 sts].
P 1 row.
Cast off 7 sts at beg of next 2 rows [10 sts].
Dec 1 st at beg and end of next 3 rows [4 sts].
P 1 row.
Next row: SKPO, K 2 tog [2 sts].
Cast off.

Scarf Ends

Make 2 pieces
With yellow cast on 6 sts and ss 6 rows.
Dec 1 st at beg of next 4 rows [2 sts].
Cast off.

Scarf Knot

Make 1 piece

With yellow cast on 10 sts and ss 6 rows.

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

Front Hair Tuft

Make 1 piece

With rust cast on 6 sts.

Next row: Cast off 3 sts, K to end [3 sts].

K 1 row.

Next row: Cast on 3 sts, cast off 3 sts, K to end [3 sts].

Repeat the last 2 rows five more times.

Cast off.

Side Hair Tufts

Make 2 pieces

With rust cast on 4 sts.

Next row: Cast off 2 sts, K to end [2 sts].

*K 1 row.

Next row: Cast on 2 sts, cast off 2 sts, K to end [2 sts].*

Repeat from * to * three more times.

Cast off.

Back Hair Strip

Make 1 piece

With rust cast on 4 sts.

Next row: Cast off 2 sts, K to end [2 sts].

Work as given for side hair tufts from * to * six times.

Cast off

Ears

Make 2 pieces

With flesh cast on 8 sts and K 1 row.

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

Nose

Make 1 piece

With flesh cast on 10 sts and ss 3 rows.

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

To Make Up

Join back body seam and both leg seams, then join across crutch. Stuff legs and body firmly then, with body seam running down centre back, fold shoulder edge flat and join. Darn in ends of yarn on shoe uppers then join back seam on each piece. Sew base edge of each upper to a shoe sole, matching front and back points, then stuff firmly.

Position and sew shoes to base of legs, placing upper back seam 2 knit stitches away from leg seam. Join back seam on shorts and sweater piece, then fold shoulder edge flat, with back seam in centre, and join. Fit over body, then join inside leg and crutch seams on shorts. Pin belt section to body and, with red yarn, hold in place by working backstitch over every stitch on the first row of sweater section. Remove pins, then smooth sweater down from top of body so that hem blouses over belt and hold in place with a row of tacking, 2cm up from top of belt. Fold each sleeve and hand piece in half and join sleeve seam and all round hand, leaving top of sleeve open. Leaving fingers unstuffed, stuff hand and sleeve firmly, then position and sew sleeve heads to sides of body, sewing through both sweater and body layers of knitting. On each hand work a vertical stitch round thumb section, using flesh yarn, and draw up to indent, then fold fingers flat to palm and catch in place with a few stitches. With red yarn, work a gathering thread through every stitch on first row of sweater sleeve cuff, draw up slightly to shape, then fasten off ends and darn back into sleeve. Catch hands to sides of shorts with a few stitches

sewing through both shorts and body layers of knitting. Join head seam, leaving a 3cm space open at base. Stuff firmly and join remainder of seam, then work a gathering thread through every stitch on base edge, draw up tightly and fasten off securely. Join neck side seam then sew cast on edge to base of head. Stuff very firmly, then sew cast on edge to top of sweater, sewing through both sweater and body layers of knitting. Join hat seam and stuff very lightly then position and sew to head, placing front edge of hat 26 knit rows up from base of head, and back edge 8 knit rows up from base. On wrong side of bell piece, oversew first and last rows of reverse stocking stitch section together to form a ridge on right side, then join side seam and stuff firmly. Work a gathering thread through every stitch on cast on edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. With black yarn, work a straight stitch across base section of bell, then embroider 2 chain stitches across each end of straight stitch to form oval shapes. Sew bell securely to end of hat, then bend hat to form two pleats at side, and hold in place with a few stitches. Wrap scarf piece round neck and sew ends to centre front of sweater. Join side seam on knot piece, stuff firmly, then work a gathering thread through every stitch on cast on edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Sew cast on edge of each scarf end piece to back of knot, then sew knot to scarf. With red yarn, embroider detached chain stitches over scarf to form spot pattern. Wrap shoe cuff strip round each ankle, meeting ends at centre front, and sew cast on edge to top of shoe. With crochet hook and blue yarn, work two 15cm lengths of chain for shoelaces and darn in yarn at each end. Tie into bows and sew to front of shoes. Join cast on and cast off edges of front hair tuft piece, work a gathering thread through every row end on straight side, draw up tightly and fasten off, then sew to front of hat. Sew ears to sides of head, then make up side hair tufts in same manner as front tuft and sew above each ear. Sew back hair strip to base of hat at back of head. Mark centre front of head with a line of tacking. Join side edges of nose piece, stuff lightly, then sew centrally to head, placing 12 knit rows up from base. With black yarn, embroider a detached chain stitch for each pupil, placing in line with top of nose and leaving a space of 8 knit stitches between each pupil. Fill in centre of each pupil with a couple of straight stitches to form oval shapes. With light blue yarn, embroider a semicircle of 5 chain stitches round top of each pupil. With white yarn embroider 2 chain stitches above each iris, then work a semicircle of 7 chain stitches round top of each eye. Carefully draw out one strand from a length of black yarn and use to outline top of each eye with split stitch, then embroider 5 diagonal straight stitches above each eye for eyelashes. Using the remaining 2 strands of black yarn, embroider eyebrows and mouth in split stitch, and work belt buckle with 3 straight stitches. Remove tacking threads.

BIG EARS

Materials Required :

D.K. yarn: 30g in Red and White; 20g in Flesh, Lemon Yellow and Cornflower Blue; 10g in Rust and Golden Yellow; small amount in Black, Orange, Lime Green and Pale Blue; 65g washable toy stuffing; pair of 3mm/No.11 knitting needles; pencil.

Measurements

28cm/11in tall

Tension

26 sts and 36 rows to 10cm over stocking stitch, using double knitting on 3mm needles.

Abbreviations

beg = beginning; dec = decrease by working 2 stitches together; inc = increase by working into front and back of stch; K = knit; P = purl; SKPO = slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over; sl = slip; ss = stocking stitch; st(s) = stitch(es); tog = together; YF = yarn forward; YB = yarn back.

Note : Use 3mm knitting needles and begin all pieces worked in stocking stitch with a K row, unless otherwise stated.

Legs, Body and Head

Make 1 piece

Right leg: With red cast on 12 sts for ankle edge and ss 13 rows.

Next row: P to end, cast on 10 sts [22 sts].

Break yarn and slip sts on to a stitch holder.

Left leg: With red cast on 12 sts for ankle edge and ss 13 rows.

Next row: P to end, cast on 6 sts [18 sts].

Join legs for body, next row: K6, K 2 tog, K8, SKPO from left leg sts, then K10, K 2 tog, K8, SKPO from held right leg sts, then cast on 6 sts [42 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: (K3, inc 1, K3) to end [48 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: (K3, inc 1, K4) to end [54 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: (K4, inc 1, K4) to end [60 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: (K4, inc 1, K5) to end [66 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: (K5, inc 1, K5) to end [72 sts].

Ss 7 rows.

Change to white for vest and ss 6 rows.

Next row: (K5, K 2 tog, K5) to end [66 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next row: (K5, K 2 tog, K4) to end [60 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next row: (K4, K 2 tog, K4) to end [54 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Change to flesh for head and ss 20 rows

Shape top of head, next row: K2, K 2 tog, K2 to end [45 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

Next row: (K2, K 2 tog, K1) to end [36 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next row: (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [27 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, K 2 tog) to end [18 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: (K 2 tog) to end [9 sts].

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

Shoe Uppers

Make 2 pieces

With rust cast on 38 sts for base edge and ss 8 rows.

Cast off 6 sts at beg of next 2 rows for ankle edge [26 sts].

Cast off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows for front seam [18 sts].

K 1 row.

Shape toe cap, next row: (P 2 tog) to end [9 sts].

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

Shoe Soles

Make 2 pieces

With rust cast on 5 sts for back edge and ss 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at beg and end of next row [7 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Inc 1 st at beg and end of next row.

P 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows once more [11 sts].

Ss 6 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next 2 rows [7 sts].

Cast off for front edge.

Trousers

Make 1 piece

Right leg: With lemon yellow cast on 32 sts and ss 5 rows.

Next row: P to end, cast on 6 sts [38 sts].

Break yarn and slip sts on to a stitch holder.

Left leg: With lemon yellow cast on 32 sts and ss 5 rows.

Next row: P to end, cast on 4 sts [36 sts].

Join legs, next row: K4, K 2 tog, K28, SKPO from left leg sts, then K6, K 2 tog, K28, SKPO from held right leg sts, then cast on 4 sts [74 sts].

Ss 21 rows.

Cast off for waist edge.

Striped Shirt

Make 1 piece

With red cast on 40 sts for base edge and ss 4 rows.

Change to white and ss 2 rows.

Next row: (K3, K 2 tog, K3) to end [35 sts].

P 1 row.

Change to red and ss 4 rows.

Change to white and ss 2 rows.

Next row: (K3, K 2 tog, K2) to end [30 sts].

P 1 row.

Change to red and ss 4 rows.

Shape neck edge: Change to white and cast off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows [22 sts].

Next row: Cast off 4 sts, (K1, K 2 tog) four times, K to end [14 sts].

Next row: Cast off 4 sts, P to end [10 sts].

Cast off.

Jacket

Make 1 piece

Left tail: With cornflower blue cast on 5 sts and ss 2 rows.

Next row: Inc 1, K to end.

Next row: Cast on 4 sts, P to end.

Repeat the last 2 rows two more times [20 sts].

Break yarn and slip sts on to a stitch holder.

Right tail: With cornflower blue cast on 5 sts and ss 2 rows.

Next row: Cast on 4 sts, K to end.

Next row: Inc 1, P to end.

Repeat the last 2 rows two more times [20 sts], then cast on 6 sts [26 sts].

Join tails, next row: K24, SKPO from right tail sts, then K 2 tog, K18 from held left tail sts, then cast on 6 sts [50 sts].

Ss 7 rows.

Next row: K10, (K 2 tog, K8) to end [46 sts].

Ss 7 rows.

Next row: K9, (K 2 tog, K7) four times, K1 [42 sts].

Ss 7 rows.

Shape back neck, right side, next row: K16, turn and work on these sts only.

Next row: Cast off 4 sts, P to end.

K 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows two more times [4 sts].

Cast off.

Left side, next row: Rejoin yarn to remaining 26 sts, cast off first 10 sts, K to end [16 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: Cast off 4 sts, K to end.

Repeat the last 2 rows two more times [4 sts].

P 1 row.

Cast off.

Sleeves

Make 2 pieces

With cornflower blue cast on 6 sts for top of sleeve and ss

Sleeves continued

ss 2 rows.
Inc 1 st at beg and end of next 4 rows [14 sts].
Cast on 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows for underarm [20 sts].
Ss 6 rows.
Shape elbow, next row: K18, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.
Next row: Sl 1, P16, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.
Next row: Sl 1, K14, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.
Next row: Sl 1, P12, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.
Next row: Sl 1, K10, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.
Next row: Sl 1, P8, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.
Next row: Sl 1, K6, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.
Next row: Sl 1, P4, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.
Next row: Sl 1, K5, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.
Next row: Sl 1, P6, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.
Next row: Sl 1, K8, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.
Next row: Sl 1, P10, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.
Next row: Sl 1, K12, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.
Next row: Sl 1, P14, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.
Next row: Sl 1, K to end.
Next row: P across all sts [20 sts].
Ss 6 rows.
P 2 rows for sleeve hem.
K 1 row.
Next row: (P 2 tog) to end [10 sts].
Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Hands

Make 2 pieces
With flesh cast on 12 sts for wrist edge and ss 2 rows.
Next row: (Inc 1, K1) to end [18 sts].
Ss 3 rows.
Cast off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows for thumb [14 sts].
Ss 4 rows for fingers.
Cast off.

Hat

Make 1 piece
With red cast on 60 sts for base edge and ss 10 rows.
Next row: (K2, K 2 tog, K2) to end [50 sts].
Ss 7 rows.
Next row: (K2, K 2 tog, K1) to end [40 sts].
Ss 7 rows.
Next row: (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [30 sts].
Ss 7 rows.
Next row: (K1, K 2 tog) to end [20 sts].
Ss 7 rows.
Next row: (K 2 tog) to end [10 sts].
Ss 7 rows.
Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Scarf

Make 1 piece
With golden yellow cast on 54 sts and ss 4 rows.
Cast off 16 sts at beg of next 2 rows [22 sts].
Dec 1 st at beg and end of next 10 rows [2 sts].
Cast off.

Scarf Ends

Make 2 pieces
With golden yellow cast on 6 sts and ss 6 rows.
Dec 1 st at beg of next 4 rows [2 sts].
Cast off.

Back Hair Strip

Make 1 piece
With white cast on 23 sts.
Work loop pattern thus:

Row 1: K1, (K next st but do not sl off needle, YF, wrap round pencil to make loop, YB, K st again and sl off needle, pass first st over second, K1) to end.
Rows 2 & 4: K.
Row 3: K2, (make loop, K1 as before) to last st, K1.
These 4 rows form the pattern.
Work 4 rows altogether.
Cast off.

Beard

Make 1 piece
With white cast on 53 sts and work rows 1 and 2 of loop pattern.
Next row: Work row 3 of pattern over first 42 sts, YF, turn.
Next row: (K3, K 2 tog, K3) four times, YF, turn.
Next row: Work row 1 of pattern over next 25 sts, YF, turn.
Next row: (K2, K 2 tog, K2) four times, YF, turn.
Next row: Work row 3 of pattern over next 20 sts, YF, turn.
Next row: (K1, K 2 tog, K1) four times, YF, turn.
Next row: Work row 1 of pattern to last st, K1.
Next row: K to end [41 sts].
Cast off for face edge.

Front Hair Tuft

Make 1 piece
With white cast on 11 sts and work 8 rows of loop pattern.
Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Nose

Make 1 piece
With orange cast on 16 sts and ss 5 rows.
Next row: (P 2 tog) 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
With flesh cast on 6 sts for top of ear and ss 2 rows.
Inc 1 st at beg and end of next row.
P 1 row.
Repeat the last 2 rows two more times [12 sts].
Next row: Inc 1, K3, SKPO, K 2 tog, K3, inc 1 [12 sts].
Ss 3 rows.
Next row: K4, SKPO, K 2 tog, K4 [8 sts].
P 1 row.
Cast off for base of lobe.

To Make Up

Join head seam down from top of head to top of vest. Now join body back seam from top of legs to base of vest, and join both leg seams, then join across crotch. Stuff head, legs and body firmly through back vest opening, then join opening. Fold each shoe upper in half and join front seam, then join back seam. Sew base edge of each upper to a shoe sole, matching front and back points, then stuff firmly. Position and sew shoes to base of legs, placing upper back seam 1 knit stitch away from leg seam. With flesh yarn, work a gathering thread through every stitch on first row of head, draw up slightly to shape neck, then fasten off securely and darn ends into body. Following pressing instructions on ball band, press trousers lightly. With lime green yarn, embroider a vertical line of split stitch between the two centre front knit stitches, then work vertical lines parallel to this, each 3 knit stitches apart. Press work lightly and join back and leg seams, then join crotch seam. Fit on body and sew waist edge to first row of vest. Pin striped shirt to front of body, dipping hem down at centre, and sew side and neck edges in place. Wrap jacket round body and sew front edges and neck edge in place. Fold each sleeve in half and join side edges, leaving top of sleeve open. Fold each hand piece in half and join, leaving cast on edge open. Leaving fingers unstuffed, stuff hands and sleeves firmly, then position and sew hands to base of sleeves. Sew sleeve heads to sides of body, sewing through both jacket and body layers of knitting. On each hand work a vertical stitch round thumb section, using flesh yarn, and draw up to indent, then fold fingers flat to palm and catch in place with a few stitches. Sew hands to waist with a few stitches. Join hat seam and stuff very lightly, then position and sew to head, placing front edge of hat 24 knit rows up from base of head, and back edge 10 knit rows up from base. Bend hat to form two pleats at side, and hold in place with a few stitches. With red yarn, embroider diagonal check pattern in split stitch on scarf and scarf end pieces. Wrap scarf piece round neck and sew ends to centre front of sweater, then overlap and sew scarf end pieces to front of scarf. Fold each ear piece vertically in half and join edges, then position and sew to sides of head. Mark centre front of head with a line of tacking. Join side edges of nose piece, stuff lightly, then sew centrally to head, placing 10 knit rows up from base. With black yarn, embroider a detached chain stitch for each pupil, placing in line with top of nose and leaving a space of 10 knit stitches between each pupil. Fill in centre of each pupil with a couple of straight stitches to form oval shapes. With light blue yarn, embroider a semicircle of 5 chain stitches round top of each pupil. With white yarn, embroider 2 chain stitches above each iris, then work a semicircle of 7 chain stitches round top of each eye. Carefully draw out one strand from a length of black yarn and use to outline top of each eye with split stitch, then embroider 6 straight stitches above each eye for eyelashes. Using the remaining 2 strands of black yarn, embroider eyebrows and mouth in split stitch. Remove tacking thread. Wrap beard round face and sew in place, then wrap back hair strip round back of head and sew to base of hat. Join side edges of front hair tuft, stuff lightly, then work a gathering thread through every stitch on cast on edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Sew to front of hat. With golden yellow yarn, embroider two buttons on each jacket front, and two at top of tails on back of jacket, working a circle of 7 chain stitches for each button, filling in the centre of each circle with a single chain stitch. Also with golden yellow yarn, embroider a buckle on each shoe by working a rectangle of chain stitches.

TESSIE BEAR

Materials Required :

D.K. yarn: 50g in Pale Yellow; 30g in Pink; 10g in Deep Yellow, Old Gold, Light Blue, Cornflower Blue, Mint Green, White and Red; small amount in Black; 65g washable toy stuffing; pair of 3mm/No.11 knitting needles.

Materials Required :

26cm/10 1/2in tall

Tension

26 sts and 36 rows to 10cm over stocking stitch, using double knitting on 3mm needles.

Abbreviations

beg = beginning; dec = decrease by working 2 stitches together; gs = garter stitch; inc = increase by working into front and back of stitch; K = knit; M1 = make one stitch by wrapping yarn round needle; P = purl; PSSO = pass slipped stitch over; SKPO = slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over; s = slip; ss = stocking stitch; st(s) = stitch(es); tog = together; YF = yarn forward; YB = yarn back.

Note : Use 3mm knitting needles and begin all pieces worked in stocking stitch with a K row, unless otherwise stated.

Legs

Make 2 pieces

With deep yellow cast on 12 sts for base of foot and ss 2 rows.

Next row: Inc into every st to end [24 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: (Inc 1) four times, K4, (inc 1) eight times, K4, (inc 1) four times [40 sts].

Change to pale yellow and ss 7 rows.

Shape foot, next row: (K2, SKPO) twice, K24, (K 2 tog, K2) twice [36 sts].

P 1 row.

Cast off 6 sts at beg of next 2 rows [24 sts].

Ss 4 rows.

Inc 1 st at beg and end of next row [26 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

Cast off for top of leg.

Body

Make 1 piece

Right leg top: With pale yellow cast on 26 sts and K 1 row.

Next row: P to end, cast on 4 sts [30 sts].

Break yarn and slip sts on to a stitch holder.

Left leg top: With pale yellow cast on 26 sts and K 1 row.

Next row: P to end, cast on 3 sts [29 sts].

Join leg tops for body, next row: K3, K 2 tog, K22, SKPO from left leg sts, then K4, K 2 tog, K22, SKPO from held right leg sts, then cast on 3 sts [58 sts].

Ss 15 rows.

Shape top of body, next row: K2, (K2, K 2 tog, K4) to end [51 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next row: K2, (K2, K 2 tog, K3) to end [44 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next row: K2, (K1, K 2 tog, K3) to end [37 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: K2, (K1, K 2 tog, K2) to end [30 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: K2, (K 2 tog, K2) to end [23 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: K2, (K 2 tog, K1) to end [16 sts].

P 1 row.

Body continued :

Cast off for neck edge.

Head

Make 1 piece

With pale yellow cast on 22 sts for back edge and ss 2 rows.

Next row: (inc 1, K1) to end [33 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc 1, K1) to end [44 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc 1, K2) to end [55 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next row: (K2, inc 1, K2) to end [66 sts].

Ss 9 rows.

Shape front of head, next row: (K2, K 2 tog, K2) to end [55 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

Next row: (K2, K 2 tog, K1) to end [44 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: K38, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, P32, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, K2, (K3, K 2 tog, K2) four times, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, P24, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, K2, (K2, K 2 tog, K1) four times, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, P16, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, K2, (K1, K 2 tog) four times, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, P8, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, K to end.

Next row: P across all sts [32 sts].

Shape snout: Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows [26 sts].

Ss 2 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next 4 rows [18 sts].

Cast off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows [10 sts].

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

Arms

Make 2 pieces

With pale yellow cast on 24 sts for end of paw and ss 8 rows.

Next row: K1, (K 2 tog, K7, SKPO) twice, K1 [20 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

Next row: K1, (K 2 tog, K5, SKPO) twice, K1 [16 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next row: K1, (K 2 tog, K3, SKPO) twice, K1 [12 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, (K 2 tog, K1, SKPO) twice, K1 [8 sts].

P 1 row.

Cast off for top of arm.

Skirt

Make 1 piece

With mint green cast on 94 sts.

Using one ball of yarn for each colour, and stranding yarn not in use across wrong side of work:

Rows 1 & 7: K1 green, 1 white, (3 green, 1 white) to end.

Rows 2 & 6: P in green.

Rows 3 & 5: K in green.

Row 4: P2 green, (1 white, 3 green) to end.

Change to pink and ss 7 rows, beg with a P row.

Work waist gathers, next row: K3, (sl 1, K 2 tog, PSSO, K2) to last st, K1 [58 sts].

Cast off for waist edge.

Bonnet

Make 1 piece

With pale blue cast on 70 sts for front edge of ribbon and ss 6 rows.

Next row: (K3, K 2 tog, K2) to end [60 sts].

K 1 row.

Change to pink and ss 4 rows, beg with a K row.

Next row: (K2, K 2 tog, K2) to end [50 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

Work back, next row: P 2 rows for fold.

Ss 2 rows, beg with a K row.

Next row: (K2, K 2 tog, K1) to end [40 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [30 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, K 2 tog) to end [20 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: (K 2 tog) to end [10 sts].

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

Bonnet Brim

Make 1 piece

With RS of work facing, and pink yarn, K up 60 sts from front edge of bonnet ribbon, starting and finishing 5 knit sts in from each end of ribbon.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K2, inc 1, K3) to end [70 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next row: (K3, inc 1, K3) to end [80 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: K74, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, P68, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, K62, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, P56, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, K50, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, P44, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, K38, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, P32, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, K to end.

Next row: P across all sts [80 sts].

Ss 2 rows.

Next row: K56, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, P32, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, K38, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, P44, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, K50, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, P56, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, K62, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, P68, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, K to end.

Next row: P across all sts [80 sts].

Next row: (K3, K 2 tog, K3) to end [70 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next row: (K3, K 2 tog, K2) to end [60 sts].

P 1 row.

Cast off.

Ear Fronts

Make 2 pieces

With pale yellow cast on 28 sts for outer edge and ss 2 rows.

Next row: (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [21 sts].

Change to deep yellow and ss 2 rows.

Next row: (P1, P 2 tog) to end [14 sts].

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

Ear Backs

Make 2 pieces

Work as given for ear fronts in pale yellow throughout.

Bow Loops

Make 1 piece

With pale blue cast on 4 sts.

Bow Loops - continued

*Ss 2 rows.

Next row: Inc into every st to end [8 sts].

Ss 17 rows.

Next row: (K 2 tog) to end [4 sts].

P 1 row.*

Work from * to * once more.

Cast off.

Bow Tails

Make 2 pieces

With pale blue cast on 5 sts for base edge and ss 8 rows.

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

P 1 row.

Cast off.

Bow Knot

Make 1 piece

With pale blue cast on 5 sts and ss 10 rows.

Cast off.

Basket

Make 1 piece

Top: With old gold cast on 16 sts and ss 2 rows.

Next row: K1, (inc 1) six times, K2, (inc 1) six times, K1 [28 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, (K1, inc 1) six times, K2, (inc 1, K1) six times, K1 [40 sts].

P 1 row.

Gs 14 rows.

Shape base, next row: K3, (K 2 tog, K2) four times, K4, (K 2 tog, K2) four times, K1 [32 sts].

Gs 3 rows.

Next row: K3, (K 2 tog, K1) four times, K4, (K 2 tog, K1) four times, K1 [24 sts].

Gs 3 rows.

Next row: K2, (K 2 tog) four times, K4, (K 2 tog) four times, K2 [16 sts].

K 1 row.

Cast off for base edge.

Basket Handle

Make 1 piece

With old gold cast on 10 sts.

Rows 1, 2 & 3: K.

Row 4: P.

These 4 rows form the pattern.

Repeat the 4 pattern rows twelve more times.

Cast off.

Basket Edging

Make 2 pieces

With old gold cast on 5 sts and work the 4 pattern rows as given for basket handle eight times altogether.

Cast off.

Tea Towel

Make 1 piece

With red cast on 14 sts.

Using one ball of yarn for each colour, and stranding yarn not in use across wrong side of work:

Row 1: K2 red, (2 white, 2 red) to end.

Row 2: P2 red, (2 white, 2 red) to end.

Row 3: K2 white, (2 red, 2 white) to end.

Row 4: P2 white, (2 red, 2 white) to end.

Repeat these 4 pattern rows four more times.

Cast off with red.

Flowers

Make 5 pieces

With comflower blue cast on 10 sts and ss 2 rows.

Next row: (M1, K 2 tog) to end.

Ss 3 rows.

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

Flower Buds

Make 3 pieces

With comflower blue cast on 6 sts and ss 2 rows.

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

To Make Up

Fold each leg in half and join base and front seam, leaving cast off edge open. Join body back seam, leaving a 3cm space open at shoulder edge, then sew across crutch. Stuff legs and body firmly, then sew legs to leg tops on body, placing front leg seam 6 knit stitches away from crutch. Join remainder of body seam then, with seam in centre, fold shoulder edge flat and join. Join head seam from tip of nose to back, leaving a 3cm space open at back. Stuff firmly, then join remainder of seam. Work a gathering thread through every stitch on cast on edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Position and sew head securely to top of body. Fold bonnet brim in half and sew cast off edge to pick up edge, then join side edges of brim. Join side edges of bonnet crown section, stuff lightly, then position and sew to back of head. Sew front and back ear pieces together, then push in a section at base to make a flat edge and sew this edge to head, directly in front of bonnet brim, placing ears 8 knit stitches apart. Following pressing instructions on ball band, press skirt lightly, avoiding gathers, join back seam, then fit on body and sew waist edge in place. Fold each arm in half and join side and top edges, leaving cast on edge open. Stuff firmly, then sew across opening. With a length of pale yellow yarn, work two stitches round end of each paw, drawing up each stitch to indent. With deep yellow yarn, embroider each paw pad by working a circle of 12 chain stitches, then fill in centre with a circle of 7 chain stitches. Sew top of

To Make Up continued :

arms to sides of body, placing left arm pointing forwards, then work a single stitch through top of each arm and draw up to make an indentation. With black yarn, embroider a detached chain stitch for each pupil, placing in line with snout shaping and leaving a space of 6 knit stitches between each pupil. Fill in centre of each pupil with a couple of straight stitches to form oval shapes. With white yarn embroider 2 chain stitches above each pupil, then work a semicircle of 7 chain stitches round top of each eye. Carefully draw out one strand from a length of black yarn and use to outline top of each eye with split stitch. Using the remaining 2 strands of black yarn, embroider mouth with three straight stitches, then embroider curved smile lines at sides of mouth with split stitch. With black yarn work a triangle of three straight stitches for nose, then fill in with horizontal satin stitches. With white yarn, work a single horizontal stitch on nose for 'gloss'. With pale yellow yarn, work six small vertical satin stitches above each eye for eyebrows. Sew cast on and cast off edges of bow loops pieces together, then wrap bow knot strip round centre and join. Sew cast off edges of bow tails to back of knot, then sew bow to front neck. Join side edges of each flower, then work a gathering thread through every stitch on cast on edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Press lightly then, with pale yellow yarn, embroider a circle of 7 chain stitches in the centre of each flower and fill in the middle of each circle with a single chain stitch. For each bud stem take a 15cm length of cornflower blue yarn and fold in half. Holding yarn taut, twist tightly, then bring ends together and knot. Wrap bud piece round knotted end and sew edges together. Position and sew flowers to bonnet ribbon, then push ends of bud stems into knitting with a pair of tweezers and hold in place with a few stitches. Join side edges of basket piece then, with seam in centre, fold cast off edge flat and join. Stuff firmly, then fold and join cast on edge in same manner as base. Join side edges of basket handle, then sew ends to sides of basket. Wrap basket edging strips round basket top, each side of handle, and sew in place. Darn in ends of yarn on tea towel then, following pressing instructions on ball band, press lightly, fit on top of basket, and hold in place with a few stitches. Slip basket handle over left paw and catch in place with a few stitches.

MR PLOD

Materials Required :

D.K. yarn: 60g in Royal Blue; 20g in Flesh; 10g in Black, Brown, and Yellow; small amount in Pale Blue, White, and Orange; 75g washable toy stuffing; pair of 3mm/No.11 knitting needles.

Measurements

28cm/11in tall

Tension

26 sts and 36 rows to 10cm over stocking stitch, using double knitting on 3mm needles.

Abbreviations

beg = beginning; dec = decrease by working 2 stitches together; gs = garter stitch; inc = increase by working into front and back of stitch; K = knit; P = purl; PSSO = pass slipped stitch over; SKPO = slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over; sl = slip; ss = stocking stitch; st(s) = stitch(es); tog = together; YF = yarn forward; YB = yarn back.

Note :

Use 3mm knitting needles and begin all pieces worked in stocking stitch with a K row, unless otherwise stated.

Legs and Body

Make 1 piece

Right leg: *With royal blue cast on 30 sts for base edge and ss 6 rows.

Inc 1 st at beg and end of next row.

P 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows once more [34 sts].*

Break yarn and slip sts on to a stitch holder.

Left leg: Work as right leg from * to *.

Join legs for body, next row: Inserting coloured marker threads at beg and end of row, K32, SKPO from left leg sts, then K 2 tog, K32 from held right leg sts [66 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: (K5, inc 1, K5) to end [72 sts].

Ss 7 rows.

Next row: (K4, inc 1, K4) to end [80 sts].

Ss 15 rows.

Shape top of body, next row: (K4, K 2 tog, K4) to end [72 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

Next row: (K4, K 2 tog, K3) to end [64 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

Next row: (K3, K 2 tog, K3) to end [56 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next row: (K3, K 2 tog, K2) to end [48 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Cast off for shoulder edge.

Shoe Uppers

Make 2 pieces

With black cast on 42 sts for base edge and ss 6 rows.

Shape toe, next row: K17, (SKPO, K 2 tog) twice, K17 [38 sts].

P 1 row.

Cast off 15 sts at beg of next 2 rows for ankle edge [8 sts].

Cast off for front seam.

Shoe Soles

Make 2 pieces

With black cast on 6 sts for back edge and ss 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at beg and end of next row [8 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

Inc 1 st at beg and end of next row.

Ss 3 rows.

Repeat the last 4 rows once more [12 sts].

Ss 4 rows.

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

Cast off for front edge.

Head and Helmet

Make 1 piece

With flesh cast on 14 sts for base of head and ss 2 rows.

Next row: Inc into every st to end [28 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: (Inc 1, K1) to end [42 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next row: (K1, inc 1, K1) to end [56 sts].

Ss 15 rows.

Shape cheeks, next row: K5, (K 2 tog, K2) twelve times, K3 [44 sts].

Ss 7 rows.

Change to royal blue for helmet and ss 10 rows.

Shape top, next row: (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [33 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next row: (K1, K 2 tog) to end [22 sts].

Ss 2 rows.

Next row: (P 2 tog) to end [11 sts].

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

Sleeves

Make 2 pieces

With royal blue cast on 6 sts for top of sleeve and ss 1 row.

Inc 1 st at beg and end of next 3 rows [12 sts].

Cast on 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows for underarm [20 sts].

Ss 4 rows.

Shape elbow, next row: K18, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, P16, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, K14, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, P12, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, K10, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, P8, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, K6, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, P4, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, K5, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, P6, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, K8, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, P10, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, K12, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, P14, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, K to end.

Next row: P across all sts [20 sts].

Ss 2 rows.

Work striped band: Using a separate ball of yarn for each colour, and stranding yarn not in use across wrong side of work:

Next row: (K1 black, 1 white) to end.

Next row: (P1 white, 1 black) to end.

Next row: (K1 black, 1 white) to end.

Change to royal blue and P 3 rows for sleeve hem.

K 1 row.

Next row: (P 2 tog) to end [10 sts].

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

Left

Make 1 piece

With flesh cast on 12 sts for wrist edge and ss 2 rows.

Next row: (Inc 1, K1) to end [18 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

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

Ss 4 rows for fingers.

Cast off.

Right Hand

Make 1 piece

With flesh cast on 12 sts for wrist edge and ss 2 rows.

Next row: (Inc 1, K1) to end [18 sts].

Inc 1 st at beg and end of next 2 rows [22 sts].

Ss 2 rows.

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows for thumb [16 sts].

P 1 row.

Work fingers, next row: K10, turn and work on these sts only.

Next row: P4 for little finger, turn.

K 1 row.

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

Work ring finger, next row: **Rejoin yarn to remaining sts, K2, turn and work on these sts only.

Next row: P4, turn.

K 1 row.

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

Work middle finger, next row: Work as given for ring finger from ** to **.

Work index finger, next row: Work as given for ring finger from ** to **.

Tunic Peplum

Make 1 piece

With royal blue cast on 94 sts and ss 1 row.

Inc 1 st at beg and end of next row [96 sts].

Next row: K5, (K3, K 2 tog, K8) to end [89 sts].

Inc 1 st at beg and end of next row [91 sts].

Next row: (K6, K 2 tog, K5) to end [84 sts].

Inc 1 st at beg and end of next row [86 sts].

Next row: K2, (K5, K 2 tog, K5) to end [79 sts].

Change to black for belt and ss 3 rows.

Cast off P wise.

Tunic Collar

Make 1 piece

With royal blue cast on 36 sts and ss 3 rows.

Shape neck edge, next row: P8, turn and work on these sts only.

K 1 row.

Cast off.

Rejoin yarn to remaining sts, cast off first 20 sts, P to end [8 sts].

K 1 row.

Cast off.

Tunic Pocket Flaps

Make 2 pieces

With royal blue cast on 7 sts and ss 2 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next 2 rows [3 sts].

Next row: Sl 1, K 2 tog, PSSO. Break yarn and draw through st.

Shoulder Stripes

Make 4 pieces

With white cast on 7 sts.

Cast off.

Belt Buckle

Make 1 piece

With yellow cast on 4 sts and ss 7 rows:

Cast off K wise.

Helmit Brim

Make 1 piece

With royal blue cast on 74 sts.

Shape front point, next row: K38, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, P2, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, K4, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, P6, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, K1, SKPO, K 2 tog, K to end.

Next row: P across all sts [72 sts].

Next row: (K2, K 2 tog, K2) to end [60 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: (K 2 tog, K3) to end [48 sts].

Change to black for helmet band and ss 2 rows.

Cast off K wise.

Helmit Tip

Make 1 piece

With yellow cast on 12 sts and P 1 row.

Next row: (K 2 tog) to end [6 sts].

P 1 row.

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

Helmit Badge

Make 1 piece

With yellow cast on 15 sts and P 1 row.

Work first point, next row: ***K3, turn.

Next row: P 2 tog, P1 [2 sts].

Next row: SKPO, break yarn and draw through st.***

Work second point: Rejoin yarn to remaining sts and work as given for first point from *** to ***, then work remaining three points in same manner.

Helmit Strap

Make 1 piece

With black cast on 48 sts.

Cast off.

Hair

Make 1 piece

With brown cast on 4 sts and gs 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at beg of next row.

K 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows once more [6 sts].

Gs 6 rows.

Inc 1 st at beg of next row.

K 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows three more times [10 sts].

Gs 28 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg of next row.

K 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows three more times [6 sts].

Gs 6 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg of next row.

K 1 row.,

Repeat the last 2 rows once more [4 sts].

Cast off.

Nose

Make 1 piece

With orange cast on 16 sts and ss 5 rows.

Next row: (P 2 tog) 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

With flesh cast on 8 sts and K 1 row.

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

To Make Up

Join both leg seams from base edge up to marker threads, then join body back seam from markers up to shoulder edge and remove markers. Stuff legs and body firmly then, with body seam running down centre back, fold shoulder edge flat and join. On each shoe upper, fold cast off 8 sts for front seam in half and join, then join back seam. Sew base edge of each upper to a shoe sole, matching front and back points, then stuff firmly. Position and sew shoes to base of legs, placing upper back seam 3 knit stitches away from leg seam. Fold each sleeve in half and join side edges, leaving top of sleeve open, then stuff firmly. Oversew each finger seam on right hand, then join side of index finger and round thumb, leaving cast on edge open. Fold left hand in half and join, leaving cast on edge open. Stuff both hands firmly, using tweezers to push stuffing into fingers on right hand. Position and sew hands to base of sleeves, then sew top of sleeves to body sides. Bend right arm upwards at elbow and catch in position with a few stitches. Following pressing instructions on ball band, press tunic peplum lightly, then wrap round waist, dipping down at front and meeting edges together at centre front. Using black yarn, sew to body by working backstitch over every stitch on first row of belt. Fold fingers flat to palm on left hand and catch in place with a few stitches of flesh yarn, then sew left hand to belt with a few stitches. Join head and helmet seam, leaving a 3cm space open at base of head. Stuff firmly, then join remainder of seam. Work a gathering thread through every stitch at base of head, draw up tightly and fasten off. Position and sew head securely to top of body. Press helmet brim lightly, then join side edges. Fit over helmet, matching brim and helmet back seams, then sew in place with black yarn and backstitch worked over first row of band as for belt. Wrap hair piece round back of head and sew in place, then sew ears to sides of head. Mark centre front of head with a line of tacking. Join side edges of nose piece, stuff lightly, then sew centrally to head, placing 10 knit rows down from base of helmet. With black yarn, embroider a detached chain stitch for each pupil, placing in line with top of nose and leaving a space of 8 knit stitches between each pupil. Fill in centre of each pupil with a couple of straight stitches to form

oval shapes. With light blue yarn, embroider a semicircle of 5 chain stitches round top of each pupil. With white yarn embroider 2 chain stitches above each iris, then work a semicircle of 7 chain stitches round top of each eye. Carefully draw out one strand from a length of black yarn and use to outline top of each eye with split stitch. Using the remaining 2 strands of black yarn, embroider eyebrows and mouth in split stitch. Remove tacking thread. Wrap helmet strap under chin and in front of ears, and sew ends to head underneath helmet brim. Join side edges of helmet tip, then sew to top of helmet. Work a gathering thread through every stitch on cast on edge of helmet badge, draw up tightly to form a star shape, then fasten off. Using ends of yarn, sew badge to front of helmet band. Press tunic collar lightly and wrap round base of head, meeting ends together at centre front. Catch ends together and sew collar points down, then sew neck edge of collar to back of head with a few stitches. Sew two shoulder stripes to each shoulder, and sew belt buckle to cover join at front of belt. Press pocket flaps lightly, then position and sew to front of tunic. With royal blue yarn, embroider a circle of 5 chain stitches on each pocket flap for buttons. With yellow yarn, embroider five buttons, evenly spaced down centre front, working a circle of 7 chain stitches for each button and filling in the centre of each circle with a single chain stitch.

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Materials Required :

D.K. yarn: 40g in White; 20g in Flesh and Brown; 10g in Black, Red, Dark Grey, and Wedgwood Blue; small amount in Pale Blue, Pale Grey, and Orange; 70g washable toy stuffing; pair of 3mm/No.11 knitting needles; pencil. For the optional milk crate: Corrugated cardboard; clear plastic bag; pins; Newey Fray Check; hot glue gun; cotton wool bud; 2.5mm crochet hook.

Measurements

28cm/11in tall

Tension

26 sts and 36 rows to 10cm over stocking stitch, using double knitting on 3mm needles.

Abbreviations

beg = beginning; dec = decrease by working 2 stitches together; gs = garter stitch; inc = increase by working into front and back of stitch; K = knit; P = purl; SKPO = slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over; sl = slip; ss = stocking stitch; st(s) = stitch(es); tog = together; YF = yarn forward; YB = yarn back.

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

Legs and Body

Make 1 piece

Right leg: *With brown cast on 26 sts and ss 12 rows.*

Break yarn and slip sts on to a stitch holder.

Left leg: Work as right leg from * to *.

Join legs for body, next row: Inserting coloured marker threads at beg and end of row, K24, SKPO from left leg sts, then K 2 tog, K24 from held right leg sts [50 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, (K2, inc 1, K4) to end [57 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, (K3, inc 1, K4) to end [64 sts].

Ss 11 rows.

Next row: (K3, K 2 tog, K3) to end [56 sts].

P 1 row. Change to white for shirt and ss 4 rows. Shape top of body, next row: (K3, K 2 tog, K2) to end [48 sts].

Legs and Body continued :

Ss 3 rows.
Next row: (K2, K 2 tog, K2) to end [40 sts].
Ss 5 rows.
Next row: (K2, K 2 tog, K1) to end [32 sts].
Ss 3 rows.
Cast off for shoulder edge.

Shoe Uppers

Make 2 pieces
With black cast on 38 sts for base edge and ss 6 rows.
Shape toe, next row: K15. (SKPO K 2 tog) twice, K15 [34 sts].
P 1 row.
Cast off 13 sts at beg of next 2 rows for ankle edge [8 sts].
Cast off for front seam.

Shoe Soles

Make 2 pieces
With dark grey cast on 6 sts for back edge and ss 2 rows.
Inc 1 st at beg and end of next row [8 sts].
Ss 5 rows.
Inc 1 st at beg and end of next row.
Ss 3 rows.
Repeat the last 4 rows once more [12 sts].
Ss 2 rows.
Dec 1 st at beg and end of next 2 rows [8 sts].
Cast off for front edge.

Head

Make 1 piece
With flesh cast on 14 sts for base of head and ss 2 rows.
Next row: Inc into every st to end [28 sts].
P 1 row.
Next row: (Inc 1, K1) to end [42 sts].
Ss 3 rows.
Next row: (K1, inc 1, K1) to end [56 sts].
Ss 13 rows.
Shape cheeks, next row: K5, (K 2 tog, K2) twelve times, K3 [44 sts].
Ss 15 rows.
Shape top of head, next row: (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [33 sts].
Ss 3 rows.
Next row: (K1, K 2 tog) to end [22 sts].
P 1 row.
Next row: (K 2 tog) to end [11 sts].
Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Jacket

Make 1 piece
With white cast on 80 sts for base edge and ss 14 rows.
Next row: (K4, K 2 tog, K4) to end [72 sts].
P 1 row.
Shape lapels: Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row [70 sts].
P 1 row.
Next row: K 2 tog, K6, (K 2 tog, K4) ten times, K 2 tog [58 sts].
P 1 row.
Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row [56 sts].
P 1 row.
Next row: K 2 tog, K4, (K 2 tog, K4) eight times, K 2 tog [46 sts].
P 1 row.
Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row [44 sts].
P 1 row.
Next row: K 2 tog, K4, (K 2 tog, K4) six times, K 2 tog [36 sts].
P 1 row.
Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row [34 sts].
P 1 row.

Next row: K 2 tog, (K2, K 2 tog, K1) six times, K 2 tog [26 sts].

P 1 row.

Cast off 9 sts at beg of next 2 rows for shoulders [8 sts].
Cast off for back neck.

Sleeves

Make 2 pieces
With white cast on 7 sts for top of sleeve and ss 2 rows.
Inc 1 st at beg of next 8 rows [15 sts].
Cast on 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows for underarm [21 sts].
Ss 4 rows.
Work cuff: Using a separate ball of yarn for each colour change, and twisting yarns where colours meet:
Next row: K10 white, 1 Wedgwood blue, 10 white.
Next row: P9 white, 3 blue, 9 white.
Next row: K8 white, 5 blue, 8 white.
Next row: P6 white, 9 blue, 6 white.
Continue in Wedgwood blue and ss 4 rows.
P 2 rows for hem.
K 1 row.
Next row: P1, (P 2 tog) to end [11 sts].
Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Right Hand

Make 1 piece
With flesh cast on 12 sts for wrist edge and ss 2 rows.
Next row: (Inc 1, K1) to end [18 sts].
Ss 3 rows.
Cast off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows for thumb [14 sts].
Ss 4 rows for fingers.
Cast off.

Left Hand

Make 1 piece
With flesh cast on 12 sts for wrist edge and ss 2 rows.
Next row: (Inc 1, K1) to end [18 sts].
Inc 1 st at beg and end of next 2 rows [22 sts].
Ss 2 rows.
Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows for thumb [16 sts].
P 1 row.
Work fingers, next row: K10, turn and work on these sts only.
Next row: P4 for little finger, turn.
K 1 row.
Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.
Work ring finger, next row: **Rejoin yarn to remaining sts, K2, turn and work on these sts only.
Next row: P4, turn.
K 1 row.
Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.**
Work middle finger, next row: Work as given for ring finger from ** to **.
Work index finger, next row: Work as given for ring finger from ** to **.

Lapels and Collar

Make 1 piece
Left lapel: With Wedgwood blue cast on 2 sts and ss 2 rows.
Inc 1 st at beg of next row.
Ss 3 rows.
Repeat the last 4 rows three more times [6 sts].
Cast off 3 sts, cast on 3 sts [6 sts].
Work collar: Ss 24 rows.
Cast off 3 sts, cast on 3 sts [6 sts].
Work right lapel: Ss 4 rows.
Dec 1 st at beg of next row.
Ss 3 rows.
Repeat the last 4 rows two more times [3 sts].

Lapels and Collar continued

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

P 1 row.

Cast off.

Pocket Flaps

Make 2 pieces

With white cast on 8 sts and ss 3 rows.

Cast off.

Neck

Make 1 piece

With flesh cast on 16 sts and ss 4 rows.

Cast off.

Cap

Make 1 piece

With Wedgwood blue cast on 50 sts and ss 5 rows.

Change to white and P 1 row.

Next row: (Inc 1, K1) to end [75 sts].

Ss 11 rows.

Shape crown, next row: (K2, K 2 tog, K1) to end [60 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

Next row: (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [45 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next row: (K1, K 2 tog) to end [30 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next row: (K 2 tog) to end [15 sts].

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

Cap Peak

Make 1 piece

With white cast on 28 sts for outside edge and ss 2 rows.

Next row: (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [21 sts].

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row [19 sts].

K 1 row.

Next row: P1, (P 2 tog, P1) to end [13 sts].

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row [11 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, (K 2 tog) to end [6 sts].

Cast off.

Hair

Make 1 piece

With brown cast on 4 sts and gs 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at beg of next row.

K 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows once more [6 sts].

Gs 6 rows.

Inc 1 st at beg of next row.

K 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows three more times [10 sts].

Gs 28 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg of next row.

K 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows three more times [6 sts].

Gs 6 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg of next row.

K 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows once more [4 sts].

Cast off.

Hair

Make 1 piece

With brown cast on 9 sts.

Work loop pattern thus:

Rows 1 & 5: K1, (K next st but do not sl off needle, YF, wrap round pencil to make loop, YB, K st again and sl off needle, pass first st over second,

K1) to end.

Rows 2, 4 & 6: K.

Row 3: K2, (make loop, K1 as before) to last st, K1.

Work 6 rows altogether.

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

Nose

Make 1 piece

With orange cast on 16 sts and ss 5 rows.

Next row: (P 2 tog) 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

With flesh cast on 8 sts and K 1 row.

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

Scarf

Make 1 piece

With red cast on 26 sts and ss 1 row.

Inc 1 st at beg and end of next 2 rows [30 sts].

P 1 row.

Cast off 9 sts at beg of next 2 rows [12 sts].

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

Next row: SKPO, K 2 tog [2 sts].

Cast off.

Scarf Ends

Make 2 pieces

With red cast on 6 sts and ss 6 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg of next 4 rows [2 sts].

Cast off.

Scarf Knot

Make 1 piece

With red cast on 10 sts and ss 6 rows.

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

Milk Bottles

Make 2 pieces (or 4 pieces for crate)

With white cast on 16 sts for base edge and ss 2 rows.

P 2 rows for base line.

Ss 6 rows, beg with a K row.

Shape neck, next row: (K 2 tog) to end [8 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

Change to pale grey for top and K 2 rows.

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

To Make Up

Join both leg seams from base edge up to marker threads, then join body back seam from markers up to shoulder edge and remove markers. Stuff legs and body firmly then, with body seam running down centre back, fold shoulder edge flat and join. On each shoe upper, fold cast off 8 sts for front seam in half and join, then join back seam. Sew base edge of each upper to a shoe sole, matching front and back points, then stuff firmly. Position and sew shoes to base of legs, placing upper back seam 3 knit stitches away from leg seam. Following pressing instructions on ball band, press jacket, lapels and pocket flaps lightly. Fold each shoulder edge on jacket in half and join, then sew straight side edge of lapels and collar piece to diagonal front edges and back neck. Wrap jacket round body, overlapping front edges by 8 knit stitches, and hold in place with tacking. Fold each sleeve in half and join side edges, leaving top of sleeve open, then stuff firmly. Oversew each finger seam on left hand, then join side of index finger and round thumb, leaving cast on edge open. Fold right hand in half and join, leaving cast on edge open. Stuff both hands firmly, using tweezers to push stuffing into fingers on left hand. Position and sew hands to base of sleeves, then sew top of sleeves to body sides, sewing through both jacket and body layers of knitting and placing left arm facing forwards. Position and sew pocket flaps to jacket. With Wedgwood blue yarn, take a stitch at each of four button positions through all layers of knitting at front of jacket. Now embroider a circle of 8 chain stitches for each button, filling in the centre of each circle with a single chain stitch. Remove tacking and hold down base of left lapel to jacket with a few stitches. Join head seam, leaving a 3cm space open at base. Stuff firmly, then join remainder of seam. Work a gathering thread through every stitch at base of head, draw up tightly and fasten off. Join side edges of neck piece, then stuff firmly and sew cast off edge to base of head. Sew cast on edge of neck securely to top of body, adding more stuffing if necessary. Join side edges of cap piece, stuff crown very lightly, then fit on head, placing base 8 knit rows up from cheek shaping row at front, dipping down to 4 knit rows above cheek shaping row at back. With Wedgwood blue yarn, sew cap band to head by working backstitch over every stitch on cast on edge, then repeat on last row of band. Catch centre of cap crown to top of head with a few stitches. Press cap peak lightly, then position and sew to front of cap band. Wrap hair piece round head, starting and finishing at side edges of cap peak, and sew in place, then sew ears to sides of head, overlapping hair piece slightly. Mark centre front of head with a line of tacking. Join side edges of nose piece, stuff lightly, then sew centrally to head, placing 12 knit rows down from base of cap. With black yarn, embroider a detached chain stitch for each pupil, placing in line with top of nose and leaving a space of 8 knit stitches between each pupil. Fill in centre of each pupil with a couple of straight stitches to form oval shapes. With light blue yarn, embroider a semicircle of 5 chain stitches round top of each pupil. With white yarn embroider 2 chain stitches above each iris, then work a semicircle of 7 chain stitches round top of each eye. Carefully draw out one strand from a length of black yarn and use to outline top of each eye with split stitch. Using the remaining 2 strands of black yarn, embroider eyebrows and mouth in split stitch. Remove tacking thread. Join side

edges of front hair tuft, then work a gathering thread through every stitch on cast on edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Position and sew under cap peak. Wrap scarf piece round neck and sew ends to centre front of shirt. Join side seam on knot piece, stuff firmly, then work a gathering thread through every stitch on cast on edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Sew cast on edge of each scarf end piece to back of knot, then sew knot to scarf. Join side edges of each milk bottle, stuff firmly, then work a gathering thread through every stitch on cast on edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Sew a bottle to each hand or, if making milk crate, sew all four bottles together to make a square shape. To make crate, crochet the following lengths of chain with dark grey yarn: three 20cm long, two 7cm long, two 5cm long, and six 2.5cm long. On a piece of corrugated card draw three 5cm squares for the three 20cm lengths of chain, then draw a straight line of the correct length for each of the remaining chains. Cover the card with plastic and hold down with sticky tape. Make each 20cm length into a hoop by tying ends together, then pin on top of the three drawn squares, placing a pin at each corner point. Pin the remaining pieces to their matching drawn lines, then squeeze Fray Check over each piece and leave overnight until completely stiff. Remove pins and trim away ends of yarn. Using glue gun, attach 5cm lengths to one square piece for base of crate, crossing at centre. Now glue one end of a 2.5cm length to each corner of base, then glue opposite end to each corner point of another square piece for top of crate. Fit remaining square piece halfway between base and top squares and glue to corner uprights. Glue remaining 2.5cm lengths vertically to centre of two opposite crate sides. Fit bottles inside crate and hold in place with spots of glue. Cut a 5cm length from cotton bud stem for handle and wind closely with black yarn, securing ends with spots of glue. Glue handle between ends of remaining 7cm lengths of chain, then glue chains to opposite sides of crate. Glue crate handle to palm of right hand, then bend fingers round handle and hold in place with more glue.