

Exclusive
Alan Dart
design

Spritz spritz! Use a
small amount of sparkly
gold yarn to create a
sweet perfume bottle

Ooh la la!

Phew! There's a bit of an unusual scent in the air...
Could it be **Alan Dart's** Mademoiselle Pong?


A LITTLE BIT TRICKY



YOU WILL NEED

- Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 100g/280m)
1 ball of each: Black (965), White (961)
- 4g oddment of pink DK yarn
- 2g oddment of pale pink DK yarn
- 1g oddment of parma violet DK yarn
- 50cm length of dark grey DK yarn
- 1g oddment of Twilley's Goldfingering in Gold (002)
- A pair of 3mm needles
- 60g washable toy stuffing
- Long tweezers

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TENSION

Yarn used knits as DK to this tension:
26 sts and 36 rows to measure 10x10cm
(4x4in) over st st using 3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

18cm (7in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

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Step into Mademoiselle Pong's silky boudoir and discover the magic of clever shaping, delicate embroidery, and the wonders of careful toy stuffing. Skunks are known for a certain smelly trait, but this little cutie has more of a woolly odour than a pongy one! We think she'd make a fab gift for any nature fans or a lovely present for little ones.

NOTE

Use 3mm needles throughout and cast on by using the cable (two needle) method. This is most important when knitting the smaller pieces. Also begin all pieces with a K row, and always work 'inc 1' by knitting into the front and back of the stitch, otherwise your stitch count will not be correct.

BODY (MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 28 sts using Black for neck edge and work in st st for 10 rows.
Inc row 1 (K1, inc 1, K2) to end. [35 sts]
Work in st st for 3 rows.
Inc row 2 (K2, inc 1, K2) to end. [42 sts]
Work in st st for 3 rows.
Inc row 3 (K2, inc 1, K3) to end. [49 sts]
Work in st st for 3 rows.
Inc row 4 (K3, inc 1, K3) to end. [56 sts]
Work in st st for 9 rows.

Dec row 1 (K1, k2tog, K1) to end. [42 sts]

Work in st st for 3 rows.

Dec row 2 (K1, k2tog) to end. [28 sts]
P 1 row.

Dec row 3 (K2tog) to end. [14 sts]
Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

HEAD (MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 12 sts using Black for back edge and work in st st for 2 rows.

Inc row 1 Inc into every st to end. [24 sts]

P 1 row.

Inc row 2 (Inc 1, K1) to end. [36 sts]
Work in st st for 3 rows.

Inc row 3 (K1, inc 1, K1) to end. [48 sts]
Work in st st for 5 rows.

Inc row 4 (K1, inc 1, K2) to end. [60 sts].
Work in st st for 9 rows.

Dec row 1 (K2, k2tog, K1) to end. [48 sts]

Work in st st for 3 rows.

Dec row 2 (K1, k2tog, K1) to end. [36 sts]

Work in st st for 3 rows.

Dec row 3 (K1, k2tog) to end. [24 sts]
P 1 row.

Work snout: Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row.

P 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows once more. [20 sts]

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next 4 rows. [12 sts]

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

LEGS (MAKE 2 PIECES)

Cast on 8 sts using Black for top edge of opening and work in st st for 2 rows.
Inc 1 st at beg and end of next 2 rows. [12 sts]

Inc 1 st at beg of next 6 rows. [18 sts]
Inc 1 st at beg and end of next 2 rows. [22 sts]

Cast on 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows for base edge of opening. [30 sts]
Work in st st for 2 rows.

Dec row 1 (K1, k2tog) to end. [20 sts]
Work in st st for 3 rows.

Dec row 2 (K2tog) to end. [10 sts]
Work in st st for 3 rows.

Cast off for ankle edge.

FEET (MAKE 2 PIECES)

Cast on 10 sts using Black for front edge and work in st st for 2 rows.

Inc row (K1, inc 1) to last 2 sts, K2. [14 sts]

Work in st st for 11 rows.

Dec row K1, (k2tog, K2, skpo) twice, K1.



Take extra care when stuffing the tail. Don't overstuff it, but ensure that it has a firm finish.

[10 sts]

P 1 row.

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

ARMS (MAKE 2 PIECES)

Cast on 20 sts using Black for top edge and work in st st for 4 rows.

Dec row 1 (K1, k2tog, K1) to end.

[15 sts]

Work in st st for 3 rows.

Dec row 2 (K1, k2tog) to end. [10 sts]

Work in st st for 3 rows.

WORK PAW

Inc row (K1, inc 1) to last 2 sts, K2.

[14 sts]

P 1 row.

Cast on 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows for thumb. [20 sts]

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows.

[14 sts]

Work in st st for 4 rows.

Dec row K1, (k2tog, K2, skpo) twice, K1.

[10 sts]

P 1 row.

Cast off.

BIB (MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 9 sts using White for neck edge and work in st st for 8 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row.

[7 sts]

Work in st st for 3 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row.

P 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows once more.

[3 sts]

Dec row Sl 1, k2tog, psso, break yarn and draw through st.

NOSE STRIPE

(MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 10 sts using White. Cast off.

BACK STRIPES

(MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 8 sts using White for neck edge and work in st st for 4 rows.

WORK LEFT-HAND STRIPE

Next row K4, turn and work on these sts only.

Work in st st for 27 rows.

Cast off for tail edge.

WORK RIGHT-HAND STRIPE

Next row Rejoin yarn to remaining 4 sts and K to end.

Work in st st for 27 rows.

Cast off for tail edge.

HEAD MARKINGS

(MAKE 1 PIECE)

With right side of work facing and White, K up 8 sts for cast-on neck edge of back stripes piece.

Work in st st for 3 rows, beg with a P row.

Inc row 1 Inc 1, K5, inc 1, K1. [10 sts].

Work in st st for 3 rows.

Inc row Inc 1, K to last 2 sts, inc 1, K1.

Work in st st for 5 rows.

Repeat the last 6 rows two more times.

[16 sts]

Work in st st for 10 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row.

P 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows once more.

[12 sts]

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next 2 rows.

[8 sts]

Cast off for front edge.

EARS (MAKE 2 PIECES)

Cast on 12 sts using Black for base edge and work in st st for 4 rows.

Dec row K1, (k2tog, K1, skpo) twice, K1.

[8 sts]



Keep the perfume bottle in place with a few clever stitches in each of the paws.

P 1 row.

Cast off for top edge.

EYES (MAKE 2 PIECES)

Cast on 6 sts using White for base edge and work in st st for 3 rows.

Change to parma violet for eyelid and work in st st for 3 rows.

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

TAIL (MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 34 sts using Black for base edge.

WORK MARKINGS

Use a separate ball of yarn for each colour change, and twist yarns where colours meet to prevent a hole from forming.

STEP-BY-STEP KFB INCREASE 1 BY KNITTING INTO FRONT & BACK



1 Insert the tip of the right-hand needle into the front of the stitch and knit as normal, but don't drop it from the left-hand needle.



2 Then take the right-hand needle behind the left and insert the tip of the needle down through the back of the stitch on the left-hand needle.



3 Wrap the yarn round the tip of the right-hand needle to knit the stitch. Bring the needle through to make the stitch, keeping it on the right-hand needle.



4 Take the stitch off the left-hand needle. You will have increased one stitch by knitting twice into the original stitch, first at the front, then at the back.

Row 1 K11 Black, K4 White, K4 Black, K4 White, K11 Black.

Row 2 P11 Black, P4 White, P4 Black, P4 White, P11 Black.

Repeat the last 2 rows four more times.

Row 11 With Black, K7, (inc 1, K1) twice, K4 White, K4 Black, K4 White, with Black, (inc 1, K1) twice, K7. [38 sts]

Row 12 P13 Black, P4 White, P4 Black, P4 White, P13 Black.

Row 13 K13 Black, K4 White, K4 Black, K4 White, K13 Black.

Row 14 P13 Black, P4 White, P4 Black, P4 White, P13 Black.

Repeat the last 2 rows three more times.

Row 21 With Black, K8, inc 1, K1, inc 1, K2, K4 White, with Black, K1, inc 1, K2, K4 White, with Black, (K1, inc 1) twice, K9. [43 sts]

Row 22 P15 Black, P4 White, P5 Black, P4 White, P15 Black.

Row 23 K15 Black, K4 White, K5 Black, K4 White, K15 Black.

Repeat the last 2 rows thirteen more times.

Row 50 P15 Black, P5 White, P3 Black, P5 White, P15 Black.

Row 51 K16 Black, K4 White, K3 Black, K4 White, K16 Black.

Row 52 P16 Black, P4 White, P3 Black, P4 White, P16 Black.

Row 53 K16 Black, K4 White, K3 Black, K4 White, K16 Black.

Row 54 P16 Black, P5 White, P1 Black, P5 White, P16 Black.

Row 55 With Black, K9, k2tog, skpo, K4, K4 White, K1 Black, K4 White, with Black, K4, k2tog, skpo, K9. [39 sts]

Row 56 P15 Black, P9 White, P15 Black.

Row 57 K15 Black, K9 White, K15 Black.

Row 58 P15 Black, P9 White, P15 Black.

Row 59 With Black, K8, k2tog, skpo, K4, K7 White, with Black, K4, k2tog, skpo, K8. [35 sts]

Row 60 P14 Black, P7 White, P14 Black.

Row 61 With Black, K7, k2tog, skpo, K4, K5 White, with Black, K4, k2tog, skpo, K7. [31 sts]

Row 62 P13 Black, P5 White, P13 Black.

Row 63 With Black, K6, k2tog, skpo, K4, K3 White, with Black, K4, k2tog, skpo, K6. [27 sts]

Row 64 P12 Black, P3 White, P12 Black.

Row 65 With Black, K5, k2tog, skpo, K4, K1 White, with Black, K4, k2tog, skpo, K5. [23 sts]

Continue in Black and P 1 row.

Row 67 K4, k2tog, skpo, K7, k2tog, skpo, K4. [19 sts]

P 1 row.

Row 69 K3, k2tog, skpo, K2, k2tog, K1, k2tog, skpo, K3. [14 sts]

P 1 row.

Row 71 (K2, k2tog, skpo) twice, K2. [10 sts]

P 1 row.

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread

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

PERFUME BOTTLE (MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 10 sts using pale pink for top edge and work in st st for 2 rows.

Inc row 1 Inc into every st to end.

[20 sts]

P 1 row.

Inc row 2 (Inc 1, K1) to end. [30 sts]

Work in st st for 7 rows.

Dec row 1 (K1, k2tog) to end.

[20 sts]

P 1 row.

Dec row 2 (K1, k2tog, K1) to end.

[15 sts]

K 2 rows for base edge.

Dec row 3 (P2tog, P1) to end.

[10 sts]

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

BOTTLE TOP (MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 8 sts using gold for base edge and K 1 row.

P 2 rows for top edge.

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

IT'S ALL IN THE DETAIL



Once you've finished knitting all your pieces, carefully follow the making up instructions to join everything together. Details like the facial features are made with embroidery stitches – using a single strand of black thread to create the eyelid definition and pupils. Features like the nose stripe are made by casting on and off a small number of stitches.



Five 12.5cm strands of pink yarn are used to create the perfume bottle's tassel.

BOTTLE SPRAY

(MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 4 sts using gold for base edge and work in st st for 3 rows.

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

BOTTLE BULB

(MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 10 sts using pink for top edge and work in st st for 2 rows.

Inc row Inc into every st to end.

[20 sts]

Work in st st for 11 rows.

Dec row (K2tog) to end. [10 sts]

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

BOTTLE TUBE

(MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 4 sts using gold for spray end and work in st st for 2 rows.

Change to pink and work in st st for 34 rows.

Cast off for bulb end.

TO MAKE UP

Unless otherwise specified, 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 most pieces to accommodate this.

Starting at gathered base edge, join body seam and stuff firmly through open neck edge. Starting at gathered snout edge, join head seam, stopping 2.5cm away from cast-on back edge.

First stuff snout firmly, then stuff remainder of head. Join remainder of seam, then work a gathering thread through every stitch along back edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. With body seam running down centre back, and head seam running along underside, position head on top of body, placing between last increase row and first decrease row on head, then sew neck edge of body to head.

Join each leg seam, from cast-off ankle edge up to base edge of opening, then stuff firmly. Starting at gathered back edge, join each foot seam then use tweezers to stuff lightly. Fold cast-on front edge in half and sew across. Position legs on top of feet, close to back, placing gathered back edge of foot 2 knitted stitches away from leg seam, then sew ankle edges of legs to feet. This will place the seam so it runs up inside of each leg. Now pin top leg openings to body, placing between last increase row and first decrease row on body, spacing 11 knitted stitches apart at the front and 15 knitted stitches apart at the back. Once you are

satisfied that the skunk sits correctly, sew leg openings to body and remove pins.

Pin bib to front of body, matching neck edge to neck seam, and sew in place by working backstitch all round, close to edge, then remove pins.

Fold cast-off edge of each paw in half and sew across, then join down side of paw, round thumb, and up to cast-on top edge. Leaving paws unstuffed, use tweezers to stuff arms firmly. With seam uppermost, so that thumbs point upwards, position and sew arms to sides of body, placing directly below neck seam.

Pin nose stripe vertically up face, with end of stripe 5 knitted rows away from gathered tip of snout, then sew in place by working backstitch down centre and remove pins. Starting at gathered top edge of eyelid, oversew side edges of each eye piece together. Use tweezers to stuff very lightly, then work a gathering thread through every stitch along cast-on edge, draw up tightly and fasten off to create a small ball.

Position and sew eyes to face, placing 3 knitted rows up from end of nose stripe and spacing one knitted stitch away from nose stripe on each side. When embroidering features, fasten off ends of yarn at top of head where they will eventually be hidden by head



Oversew the bottle tube together before attaching it to the gold end of the bottle.



Knit the tail using the intarsia technique, alternating between black and white yarn.



Use tweezers to lightly stuff each of the feet before sewing them onto the legs.



Knit the head markings as one piece then sew into place on the top of the head.



Use strands of dark grey to embroider the nose, working an inverted 't' underneath.



The two back stripes are worked from the same eight stitches, four stitches in each.

markings piece. Take a length of Black yarn and draw out a single strand. Use this to embroider a circle of 5 tiny chain stitches on each eye for pupil, then work a single, horizontal, straight stitch across centre of each eye where colours join for eyelashes. Draw out a single strand from a length of dark grey yarn and use the 2 remaining strands to work 3 straight stitches at end of snout to form a triangular nose, then fill in this triangle with horizontal satin stitches. **Also work a single**, 2cm long, straight stitch vertically below nose, then a 3cm long stitch horizontally below and through base of previous stitch to create an inverted T shape for mouth. Now pin head markings and back stripes piece in place on head and body, matching neck edges. The front edge of the head markings piece should overlap the top end of the nose stripe, and the ends of the back stripes should be spaced 4 knitted stitches apart to create a black stripe down

centre back of body. Sew in place by working backstitch all round, close to edge, then remove pins. Starting at cast-on base edge, join side edges of each ear, then fold cast-off top edge in half and sew across. Position and sew ears to head, spacing one knitted stitch away from head markings on each side, and in line with first decrease row on markings piece. **Darn in ends of yarn** on tail markings, then, starting at gathered end, join tail seam and stuff firmly. Position and sew tail to back of body, matching stripes on tail with back body stripes. Curve tail between hands to shape. Starting at gathered base edge, join seam on perfume bottle, then use tweezers to stuff firmly. Work a gathering thread through every stitch along cast-on top edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. **Starting at gathered edge**, oversew side edges of bottle top piece together, use tweezers to stuff lightly, then fit on top of bottle and sew in place. Starting at

gathered edge, oversew side edges of bottle spray piece together, then sew this to bottle top piece. Starting at gathered base edge, and treating purl side of work as right side, join seam on bottle bulb, then use tweezers to stuff firmly. Work a gathering thread through every stitch along cast-on top edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Oversew side edges of bottle tube piece together, then sew the gold end to side of spray, and opposite end to top of bulb. Cut five 12.5cm lengths of pink yarn for tassel and place together, and use another length to tie in centre. **Hold up by tying yarn**, then bind strands together near top with a length of pink yarn and tie off securely. Sew ends of this binding yarn through centre of bound section to create two more strands of tassel, then trim tassel to neaten. Use tying yarn to sew tassel to base of bulb. Position bottle in left paw and sew securely in place, then position and sew bulb to right paw. ●



NEXT MONTH
It's absolute chaos! Alan Dart's rowdy tots are causing havoc in issue 161. Find them in shops Friday 23 June.

Finish off your skunk with a spritz of hair spray (not perfume!) to keep things looking neat and tidy.