

Springtime in **Brambly Hedge**



It's a most beautiful morning and Wilfred Toadflax, our latest toy from the skilful needles of Alan Dart, stands among the flowers by the hombeam tree — we promise the kids are just going to love him!

**DUNGAREES AND SHIRT****(make 1)**

With Airforce Blue, cast on 14 sts for base edge. Ss 2 rows.

1st inc row: Inc in each st to end — 28 sts. P 1 row.**2nd inc row:** [Inc, k1], to end — 42 sts. Ss 3 rows.**3rd inc row:** K1, inc, [k2, inc] to last st, k1 — 56 sts. Ss 5 rows.**4th inc row:** K1, inc, [k3, inc] to last 2 sts, k2 — 70 sts. Ss 19 rows.**Shape waist:** **1st dec row:** K2, k2tog, [k3, k2tog] to last st, k1 — 56 sts. Ss 5 rows.**2nd dec row:** [K1, k2tog] 7 times, k14, [k2tog, k1] 7 times — 42 sts.**Next row:** K12, p18, k12 for waist edge.**For shirt:** Continuing in ss, in stripes of 2 rows Scarlet and 2 rows White, ss 8 rows.**Shape sides:** **1st dec row:** K9, skpo, k2tog, k16, skpo, k2tog, k9 — 38 sts. P 1 row.**2nd dec row:** K8, skpo, k2tog, k14, skpo, k2tog, k8 — 34 sts. P 1 row.**3rd dec row:** K7, skpo, k2tog, k12, skpo, k2tog, k7 — 30 sts. Ss 2 rows. Cast off with White for shoulder edge.**SLEEVES AND HANDS****(make 2)**

With Scarlet, cast on 24 sts for top edge.

Continuing in stripes of 2 rows Scarlet and 2 rows White, ss 6 rows.

1st dec row: K2, k2tog, [k4, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 — 20 sts. Ss 3 rows.**2nd dec row:** K2, k2tog, [k3, k2tog] to last st, k1 — 16 sts. Ss 3 rows.**3rd dec row:** K2, [k2tog] 6 times, k2 — 10 sts. K 1 row for cuff.**For hands:** Change to Pinky Beige. Ss 8 rows.**Dec row:** K1, [k2tog, skpo] twice, k1 — 6 sts. P 1 row. Cast off.**THUMBS** (make 2)

With Pinky Beige, cast on 4 sts. Cast off.

HEAD (make 1)

With Dark Beige, cast on 12 sts for back edge. Ss 2 rows.

MATERIALS

TDB D.K. in 25 g balls: 1 each in Airforce Blue, Pinky Beige, Dark Beige, Scarlet, White, Ecu and Black; 60 g washable toy stuffing; a pair of No. 11 (3 mm) knitting needles; Airforce Blue sewing thread; soft white pencil. The TDB D.K. costs 65p per 25 g ball. For details of the TDB kit (yarn and pattern), see coupon on page 42 for details.

TENSION

Worked at the tension of 26 stitches and 36 rows to 10 x 10 cm, over stocking stitch, using

**1st inc row:** Inc in every st — 24 sts. P 1 row.**2nd inc row:** [Inc, k1] to end — 36 sts. Ss 3 rows.**3rd inc row:** K1, inc, [k2, inc] to last st, k1 — 48 sts. Ss 7 rows. Using a separate ball of yarn for each colour change, and twisting colours together when changing to avoid leaving a gap, continue thus:**1st row:** K7 Ecu, 34 Dark Beige, 7 Ecu.**2nd row:** P9 Ecu, 30 Dark Beige, 9 Ecu.**3rd row:** K10 Ecu, 28 Dark Beige, 10 Ecu.**4th row:** P11 Ecu, 26 Dark Beige, 11 Ecu.**Shape snout:** **1st (dec) row:** With Ecu, k1, [k2tog, k2] twice, k2tog, with Dark Beige [k2, k2tog] 6 times, k2, with Ecu [k2tog, k2] twice, k2tog, k1 — 36 sts.**2nd row:** P8 Ecu, 20 Dark Beige, 8 Ecu.**3rd row:** K8 Ecu, 20 Dark Beige, 8 Ecu.**4th row:** P9 Ecu, 18 Dark Beige, 9 Ecu.**5th (dec) row:** With Ecu [k1, k2tog] 3 times, with Dark Beige [k1, k2tog] 6 times, with Ecu [k1, k2tog] 3 times — 24 sts.**6th (dec) row:** With Ecu p2tog, p4, with Dark Beige p12, with Ecu p4, p2tog — 22 sts.**7th row:** K5 Ecu, 12 Dark Beige, 5 Ecu.**8th row:** P5 Ecu, 12 Dark Beige, 5 Ecu.**9th (dec) row:** With Ecu k3, skpo, with Dark Beige k2tog, k8,

No. 11 (3 mm) needles. The toy will measure 23 cm/9 in tail.

ABBREVIATIONS

K, knit; p, purl; st, stitch; sl, slip; tog, together; inc, increase (by working twice into same st); dec, decrease (by taking 2 sts tog); ss, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); pssso, pass slipped st over; skpo, (sl1, k1, pssso).

NOTE

Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket. All ss pieces begin with a k row, unless otherwise stated.

skpo, with Ecu k2tog, k3 — 18 sts.

10th row: P4 Ecu, 10 Dark Beige, 4 Ecu.**11th (dec) row:** K4 Ecu, with Dark Beige k2tog, k6, skpo, k4 Ecu — 16 sts.**12th row:** P4 Ecu, 8 Dark Beige, 4 Ecu.**13th (dec) row:** With Ecu k2, skpo, with Dark Beige k2tog, k4, skpo, with Ecu k2tog, k2 — 12 sts.**14th row:** P3 Ecu, 6 Dark Beige, 3 Ecu. Break yarns, leaving an end. Thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.**EARS** (make 2)

With Pinky Beige, cast on 18 sts for outside edge and ss 2 rows.

1st dec row: K3, [sl1, k2tog, pssso] 4 times, k3 — 10 sts. P 1 row.**2nd dec row:** K2, [sl1, k2tog, pssso] twice, k2 — 6 sts. Cast off.**DUNGAREES' LEGS** (make 2)

With Airforce Blue, cast on 16 sts for top edge. Ss 3 rows.

K 2 rows for base edge. Break yarn leaving an end. Thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

FEET (make 2)

With Pinky Beige, cast on 10 sts for front edge. Ss 14 rows. Break yarn leaving an end. Thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

TAIL (make 1)

With Pinky Beige, cast on 5 sts for top edge. Ss 18 rows.

1st dec row: K2, k2tog, k1 — 4 sts. Ss 15 rows.**2nd dec row:** K1, k2tog, k1 — 3 sts. Ss 15 rows.**3rd dec row:** K1, k2tog — 2 sts. Ss 7 rows. Cast off.**TAIL OPENING** (make 1)

With Airforce Blue, cast on 10 sts. Ss 6 rows. Cast off.

DUNGAREES' BIB (make 1)

With Airforce Blue, cast on 18 sts for base edge. Ss 1 row.

Dec 1 st each end of next 4 rows — 10 sts. Ss 3 rows. Cast off for top edge.

DUNGAREES' STRAPS (make 2)

With Airforce Blue, cast on 23 sts. Cast off.

DUNGAREES' FRONT POCKET (make 1)

With Airforce Blue, cast on 15 sts for base edge. Ss 12 rows.

Shape side openings: Dec 1 st each end of next row and 2 following alternate rows — 9 sts. Ss 1 row. Cast off for top edge.**DUNGAREES' BACK POCKETS****(make 2)**

With Airforce Blue, cast on 5 sts for top edge. Ss 6 rows.

Dec 1 st each end of next row — 3 sts. Ss 1 row.

Dec row: Sl1, k2tog, pssso. Fasten off.**TO MAKE UP**

Join dungarees and shirt seam, then work a gathering thread through every stitch on cast-on edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Stuff firmly through open shoulder edge, then, with body seam running down centre back, fold shoulder edge flat and join. Darn in yarn ends on wrong side of head piece, then join seam, starting at tip of snout and leaving a 3 cm space open at back edge.

Stuff head firmly, join remainder of seam, then work a gathering thread through every stitch on back edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. With head seam running along underside, position and sew head securely to top of body.

Fold each sleeve and hand piece in half and join round hand and along sleeve, leaving cast-on edge open. Stuff firmly, then position and sew top edges to shirt sides, placing right arm pointing upwards and left arm downwards. Sew thumb to each hand.

Join each leg seam, leaving cast-on edge open, then stuff firmly and sew top edges to base of dungarees, placing legs 2.5 cm apart. Join each foot seam, leaving cast-on edge open. Stuff lightly then, with seam running down centre of underside, fold front edge flat and join. Position

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and sew feet to base of legs.

Fold tail in half and oversew side edges together, leaving cast-on edge open. Stuff the first 3 cm at top edge firmly, using a pair of tweezers, then position and sew to back of dungarees. Wrap tail opening strip round top of tail and join seam, then sew in place. The stuffed section of tail should act as a stabiliser and enable the toy to stand.

Sew base edge of dungarees' bib piece to waist edge on body, placing between ends of garter-stitch section. Sew straps to top edges of bib, take over shoulders and cross at back, then sew to back waist edge, 5 cm apart. With a length of Black yarn, embroider a detached chain stitch at end of each strap for "buttons". Position and sew back pockets in place below strap ends, using sewing thread, then sew front pocket in place with thread, leaving slanted side edges open.

Mark eye positions on head with pins, placing 8 knit stitches apart and in line with second decrease row at front. With a length of Dark Beige yarn and a long needle, insert at left eye and draw out at right eye, then take a tiny stitch and return to left eye. Repeat once more and draw up yarn to indent eye sockets. Tie off yarn and darn ends into head. Carefully draw out a single strand from a length of Black yarn and use the remaining 2 strands to embroider each eye with a detached chain stitch. Repeat with a length of Pinky Beige yarn and use the 2 strands to embroider nose by working 5 satin stitches, then embroider a "T" shaped mouth by working 2 straight stitches, one long and one short.

Fold cast-off edge of each ear in half and join, then join row-ends together. Position and sew ears to head, placing 8 knit stitches apart with back edge of each ear in line with last increase row at back of head. Finally, lighten area round each eye by colouring with White pencil.

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