

Bunty

the cook



Experienced
make

Knitted hobby bear

skirt. Ss 2 rows. Cast on 3 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 22 sts. Inc 1 st at each end of next 5 rows — 32 sts. P 1 row. Inc 1 st at each end of next row — 34 sts. Ss 15 rows. **Gather waist: Dec row:** K3, k3tog, [k2, k3tog] 5 times, k3 — 22 sts. P 1 row. Cast off.

With Mint, cast on 12 sts for bib. Ss 15 rows. Cast off kwise.

With Mint, cast on 64 sts for base edge of waistband. Ss 5 rows. Cast off kwise for top edge.

With Iced Pink, cast on 156 sts for skirt frill. Ss 2 rows. **1st dec row:** K1, k2tog, * [k2, k2tog] 7 times, [k1, k2tog] 12 times, repeat from * once, [k2, k2tog] 6 times, k1 — 111 sts.

2nd dec row: * [K1, k2tog] 6 times, k1, [k2tog] 13 times, repeat from * once, [k1, k2tog] 7 times — 66 sts. P 1 row. Cast off.

With Iced Pink, cast on 60 sts for shoulder frill. Ss 2 rows. **1st dec row:** K1, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] to last st, k1 — 45 sts. P 1 row. **2nd dec row:** [K1, k2tog] to end — 30 sts. Cast off.

With right side facing and using Mint, pick up and k30 sts along cast-off edge of shoulder frill for strap. Beginning with a p row, ss 2 rows. Cast off kwise. Make one more shoulder frill and strap.

With Mint, cast on 9 sts for pocket. Ss 11 rows. Cast off kwise for top edge.

With Mint, cast on 4 sts for bow loop. Ss 2 rows. **Inc row:** [Inc] to end — 8 sts. Ss 27 rows. **Dec row:** K1, [k3tog] twice, k1 — 4 sts. P 1 row. Cast off.

Make one more bow loop. With Mint, cast on 8 sts for base edge of bow tail. Ss 24 rows. **Dec row:** K1, [k3tog] twice, k1 — 4 sts. P 1 row. Cast off. Make one more bow tail.

With Mint, cast on 4 sts for bow knot. Ss 8 rows. Cast off.

Hat

With White, cast on 88 sts for crown. Ss 4 rows. **1st dec row:** K3, k2tog, [k6, k2tog] to last 3 sts, k3 — 77 sts.

P 1 row. **2nd dec row:** K3, k2tog, [k5, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 — 66 sts. P 1 row. **3rd dec row:** K2, k2tog, [k4, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 — 55 sts.

P 1 row. **4th dec row:** K2, k2tog, [k3, k2tog] to last st, k1 — 44 sts.

P 1 row. **5th dec row:** K1, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] to last st, k1 — 33 sts.

P 1 row. **6th dec row:** [K1, k2tog] to end — 22 sts. P 1 row. **7th dec row:** [K2tog] to end — 11 sts.

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

Press crown as on ball band.

With right side facing and using White, pick up and k44 sts evenly along cast on edge of crown for side. K 2 rows. Beginning with a p row, ss 14 rows. Cast off kwise.

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Cup-cake casing

With Aran, cast on 9 sts for side. Gst 56 rows. Cast off.

With Aran, pick up and k28 sts along row-ends of one edge of cup side for base. P 1 row.

1st dec row: K1, [k2tog, k1]

to end — 19 sts. P 1 row. **2nd**

dec row: K1, [k2tog] to end

— 10 sts. Break yarn leaving a long end. Thread end through remaining sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Cup cake

With Lilac, cast on 12 sts. Ss 2

rows. **1st inc row:** [Inc] to end

— 24 sts. P 3 rows for fold. **2nd**

inc row: K1, inc, [k3, inc] to last

2 sts, k2 — 30 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd inc row: K2, inc, [k4, inc] to

last 2 sts, k2 — 36 sts. Ss 5 rows.

Shape top: 1st dec row: [K1,

k2tog] to end — 24 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: [K2tog] to end — 12

sts. Break yarn leaving a long end.

Thread end through remaining sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Piping bag

With White, cast on 25 sts for top edge. Ss 8 rows. **1st dec row:**

K2, k2tog, [k3, k2tog] to last st,

k1 — 20 sts. Ss 5 rows. **2nd dec**

row: K1, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] to last

st, k1 — 15 sts. Ss 5 rows. **3rd**

dec row: [K1, k2tog] to end —

10 sts. Ss 4 rows. K1 row.

Change to Silver Grey for nozzle.

K 1 row. **4th dec row:** [P2tog] to

end — 5 sts. Ss 2 rows. Cast off

for base edge.

Wooden spoon

With Oatmeal, cast on 17 sts for outside edge. K 1 row.

Break yarn leaving a long end.

Thread end through remaining sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

To make up



- Mark centre points on neck edges of body and head pieces. Join body seam, leaving neck and base edges open. Work a gathering thread through every stitch on base edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Stuff body firmly.

- Join muzzle seam on head from neck edge to markers. Sew gusset in place, matching centre point of nose edge to markers. Remove markers. Mark eye positions on head sides with pins, spacing 3.5 cm/1¼ in apart and 2 cm/¾ in up from nose edge. At each point, push eye shank through knitting to wrong side, then fix with locking washer, pushing it down shank as far as it will go.

- Stuff head firmly. Sew neck edges of head and body together, matching muzzle seam to body marker and back seam of body to head marker. Remove markers. Join ear pieces together in pairs, leaving cast-on edges open. Position ears and sew vertically to sides of head, placing 18 stitches in from muzzle seam, with topmost corner of each touching gusset seam, fastening off ends of yarn at top of head. Use Walnut to embroider three straight stitches to form an inverted 'Y' shape for mouth at end of muzzle. Sew nose in place, stuffing lightly.

- On each arm, join top paw and paw pad together, then join arm seam, leaving an opening. Stuff firmly, then join opening. Fold top edge in half and sew across. Join side seams of cuffs. With wrong side out and cast-on edge uppermost, slide cuffs up arms and sew in place to last row in Powder Blue. Turn up cuffs.

- Fold each shoe and leg piece in half and starting at base edge, join 4 cm/1½ in of back seam. Sew shoe soles to base of shoes, matching back seam to centre point of back edge of sole. To stiffen soles, draw two 7 cm x 3.5 cm/2¾ in x 1¼ in rectangles on to card and curve off each corner. Cut out and glue to wrong side of

each sole. Join remainder of leg seam, leaving an opening. Stuff shoes and legs firmly, then join opening. Fold top edge in half and sew across.

- Mark arm positions on body sides with pins, placing 6 rows down from neck seam. Mark leg positions on sides of body, placing in line with 5th increase row. Using a long sewing needle and matching yarn, fasten off 2 cm/¾ in down from top edge on inside of right arm. Insert needle into marked point on right side of body, draw out at point on left side and take a small stitch in same position on inside of left arm. Return needle through body to right side and take a small stitch in same position on right arm. Remove pins and repeat once more. Pull up yarn tightly to draw arms into sockets and fasten off securely. Attach legs to body in same manner, this time, sewing 3 cm/1 in from top edge on inside of each leg.

- Press skirt as on ball band. Join seam. Fold hem at eyelet row and catch down on the inside at first Powder Blue row. Press hem lightly. With back seam of skirt to back seam of body, sew cast-off edge of skirt to first row of Powder Blue on body.

- Press apron pieces lightly, as on ball band. Sew apron skirt frill in place round edge of apron skirt. Pin apron straps on top of side edges of bib, overlapping slightly and matching one end of each strap to cast on edge of bib. Sew in place by working backstitch over cast-off edges of straps. Remove pins. Mark centre point of apron skirt, waistband and bib pieces, then matching these points, pin top edge of waistband to base of bib and ends of straps, overlapping and sewing in place with back stitch as before. Sew base edge of waistband to top of skirt in same manner, then remove pins and markers. Sew pocket in place with back stitch. Wrap apron waistband round waist and join ends

together at back. Take straps over shoulder to back and sew end of each strap to top of waistband as before.

- Fold each bow loop in half and join cast-on and cast-off edges, then arrange these pieces together with bow tails, to form a bow and join. Wrap knot piece round centre and join ends together at back, then position and sew bow to waistband at back.

- Join hat seam. Roll up strip of wadding and fit inside base, leaving crown unstuffed. Sew hat in position on head by working backstitch over cast off edge.

- Join cup cake casing base and side seam. Cut a 3 cm/1 in-diameter circle of card and glue to wrong side of base. Join cup cake piece, leaving cast on edge open. Stuff firmly. Work a gathering thread through every stitch on cast on row, draw up tightly and fasten off. Glue cup cake inside case.

- To make icing, take a 150 cm/59 in length of Cupid and fold in half. Keeping yarn taut, twist tightly and bring ends together to form a cord. Knot open end to prevent unravelling. With folded end of cord at base point, form icing into a heart shape on top of cup cake and sew in place with deep pink sewing thread. Join piping bag seam, then thread knotted end of cord through open end of nozzle and pull up until there is a 7.5 cm/2¾ in length of cord between nozzle and cake. Use a little glue to hold cord inside nozzle, when set, trim away excess cord. Stuff bag lightly, then work a gathering thread through first decrease row, draw up tightly and fasten off.

- Sew piping bag and cup cake to paws. Join side edges of spoon. Thread ends of yarn through straw, draw up and fix spoon to straw with glue. Holding in place with glue, cover straw binding closely with Oatmeal, then glue ends of spoon handle into apron pocket. Tie a knot in centre of each shoe bow piece and sew to front of shoes.



MATERIALS

Of Sirdar Breeze DK in 100 g balls: Allow one ball in Buttermilk (063); of Sirdar Bonus DK in 100g balls: Allow 40 g in Powder Blue (960), 25 g in White (961), 20 g in Mint (956), 15 g in Iced Pink (958), 10 g in Oatmeal (964), 5 g in each of Lilac (959) and Aran (993), small amounts of Cupid (944), Walnut (927) and Silver Grey (968). No. 11 (3 mm) knitting needles. 100 g washable toy stuffing; 4 x 30 cm strips of washable wadding; a pair of 9 mm brown safety teddy eyes; deep pink sewing thread; 5 cm length of thin plastic drinking straw; scrap of stout card; clear adhesive. Yarn costs about £3.50 per 100 g ball of Sirdar Breeze DK and £1.50 per 100 g ball of Sirdar Bonus DK. For stockists, write to: Sirdar Spinning Ltd, Flanshaw Lane, Alverthorpe, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF2 9ND (01924 371501).

TENSION AND MEASUREMENTS

Worked at a tension of 26 stitches and 36 rows, to 10 x 10 cm, over stocking stitch, using No. 11 (3 mm) needles, the toy will measure 35.5 cm/14 in tall.

ABBREVIATIONS

K, knit; p, purl; st, stitch; sl, slip; ss, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); tog, together; inc, increase (by working twice into same st); dec, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); skpo, (sl1, k1, pass sl st over); gst, garter st (every row k); yf, yarn forward to make a st; ytb, yarn to back; ytf, yarn to front.

NOTE

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



Body

With White, cast on 12 sts for base edge. Ss 2 rows.

1st inc row: [Inc] to end — 24 sts. P 1 row. **2nd inc row:** K1, inc, [k2, inc] to last st, k1 — 32 sts. P 1 row. **3rd inc row:** K1, inc, [k3, inc] to last 2 sts, k2 — 40 sts. Ss 3 rows. **4th inc row:** K2, inc, [k4, inc] to last 2 sts, k2 — 48 sts. Ss 3 rows. **5th inc row:** K2, inc, [k5, inc] to last 3 sts, k3 — 56 sts. Ss 3 rows. **6th inc row:** K3, inc, [k6, inc] to last 3 sts, k3 — 64 sts. Ss 11 rows. Change to Powder Blue. Ss 2 rows. **Shape top: 1st dec row:** K3, k2tog, [k6, k2tog] to last 3 sts, k3 — 56 sts. Ss 5 rows. **2nd dec row:** K3, k2tog, [k5, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 — 48 sts. Ss 5 rows. **3rd dec row:** K2, k2tog, [k4, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 — 40 sts. Ss 3 rows. **4th dec row:** K8, k2tog, skpo, k16, k2tog, skpo, k8 — 36 sts. P 1 row. **5th dec row:** K7, k2tog, skpo, k14, k2tog, skpo, k7 — 32 sts. P 1 row. Cast off for neck edge.

Head

With Buttermilk, cast on 32 sts for neck edge. Ss 2 rows. **Shape base: Inc row:** K2, inc, [k1, inc] 5 times, k5, [inc, k1] 5 times, inc, k3 — 44 sts. P 1 row. **Shape muzzle:** Inc 1 st at each end of next 2 rows. Cast on 5 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 58 sts. Inc 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 62 sts. Ss 8 rows. Mark each end of last row. Cast off 8 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 46 sts. **Right side: Next row:** K16, inc, turn and work on these 18 sts. * P 1 row. Dec 1 st at each end of next row — 16 sts. P 1 row. Dec 1 st at each end of next 4 rows — 8 sts. Cast off for top edge. * **Gusset:** With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining sts, inc, k10, inc, turn and work on these 14 sts. Ss 17 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 3 following alternate rows, then on following 8th row — 4 sts. Ss 7 rows. Cast off for nose edge. **Left side:** With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining sts, inc, k to end — 18 sts. Work as on right side from * to *.

Here's the latest addition to our knit-and-collect series of hobby bears designed by Alan Dart.

Bunty is never happier than when she's busy in her kitchen!

Ears (make 4)

With Buttermilk, cast on 10 sts for base edge. Ss 8 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 6 sts. Cast off for top edge.

Nose

With Walnut, cast on 7 sts. Ss 4 rows. Cast off.

Shoes and legs (make 2)

With Oatmeal, cast on 44 sts for base edge of shoe. K 1 row. Change to Iced Pink.

Shape front: 1st row: K36, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **2nd row:** Sl1, p28, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **3rd row:** Sl1, k25, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **4th row:** Sl1, p22, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **5th row:** Sl1, k19, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **6th row:** Sl1, p16, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **7th row:** Sl1, k13, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **8th row:** Sl1, p10, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **9th row:** Sl1, k to end. **10th row:** P to end.

1st dec row: K8, skpo, k4, k2tog, [k2, skpo, k4, k2tog] twice, k8 — 38 sts. P 1 row. **2nd dec row:** K8, skpo, k2, k2tog, [k2, skpo, k2, k2tog] twice, k8 — 32 sts. K 1 row for top edge of shoe.

Change to Buttermilk for leg. **3rd dec row:** K10, [k2tog, k2, skpo] twice, k10 — 28 sts. P 1 row. **4th dec row:** K10, [k2tog, skpo] twice, k10 — 24 sts. Ss 9 rows.

Shape leg: 1st inc row: K2, inc, [k5, inc] to last 3 sts, k3 — 28 sts. Ss 7 rows. **2nd inc row:** K3, inc, [k6, inc] to last 3 sts, k3 — 32 sts. Ss 13 rows.

Shape top: 1st dec row: K1, [skpo, k2, k2tog, k3, skpo, k2, k2tog] twice, k1 — 24 sts. P 1 row. **2nd dec row:** K1, [skpo, k2tog, k3, skpo, k2tog] twice, k1 — 16 sts. P 1 row. Cast off for top edge.

Shoe soles (make 2)

With Oatmeal, cast on 8 sts for back edge. Ss 2 rows. Inc 1 st at each end of next row and following alternate row — 12 sts. Ss 17 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row and following alternate row — 8 sts. P 1 row. Cast off for front edge.

Shoe bows (make 2)

With Powder Blue, cast on 14 sts. Cast off.

Left arm

** With Powder Blue, cast on 16 sts for top edge of sleeve. Ss 2 rows. **1st inc row:** [K1, inc, k4, inc] twice,

k2 — 20 sts. P 1 row. **2nd inc row:** [K1, inc, k6, inc] twice, k2 — 24 sts. Ss 9 rows.

Change to Buttermilk for arm. Ss 4 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row — 22 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Shape elbow: 1st row: K17, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **2nd row:** Sl1, p12, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **3rd row:** Sl1, k8, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **4th row:** Sl1, p4, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **5th row:** Sl1, k6, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **6th row:** Sl1, p8, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **7th row:** Sl1, k12, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **8th row:** Sl1, p16, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **9th row:** Sl1, k to end. **10th row:** P to end. Ss 6 rows. **

Shape paw: Next row: K10, inc, turn and work on these 12 sts only for paw top.

Paw top: *** Ss 7 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row — 10 sts. Ss 3 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 6 sts. Cast off. ***

Paw pad: With right side facing, rejoin Oatmeal to remaining 11 sts, inc, k to end — 12 sts. Work from *** to ***.

Right arm

Work as left arm from ** to **.

Shape paw: Change to Oatmeal. **Next row:** K10, inc, turn and work on these 12 sts only for paw pad.

Paw pad: Work as left arm from *** to ***.

Paw top: With right side facing, join Buttermilk to remaining 11 sts, inc, k to end — 12 sts. Work as left arm from *** to ***.

Sleeve cuffs (make 2)

With Powder Blue, cast on 24 sts. Ss 9 rows. Cast off kwise.

Skirt

With White, cast on 112 sts. P 1 row. **Eyelet row:** K1, [yf, k2tog] to last st, k1. P 1 row. Change to Powder Blue. K 3 rows. Beginning with a p row, ss 7 rows.

1st dec row: K6, k2tog, [k12, k2tog] to last 6 sts, k6 — 104 sts. Ss 7 rows. **2nd dec row:** K6, k2tog, [k11, k2tog] to last 5 sts, k5 — 96 sts. Ss 5 rows. **3rd dec row:** K5, k2tog, [k10, k2tog] to last 5 sts, k5 — 88 sts. Ss 3 rows. **4th dec row:** K5, k2tog, [k9, k2tog] to last 4 sts, k4 — 80 sts. Ss 3 rows. **5th dec row:** K4, k3tog, [k7, k3tog] to last 3 sts, k3 — 64 sts. Cast off for waist edge.

Apron

With Mint, cast on 16 sts for