# The WOMBLES



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MEASUREMENTS: 28cm (11in) tall.

MATERIALS: Patons Icy Shimmer D.K., 50g balls: 1 in Winter White (shade no. 6564) or Sirdar Snuggly Chatterbox DK 1 in Cream (shade no. 303); Patons Super Chenille, 50g balls: 1 in Honey (shade no. 2464) and 1 in Cream (shade no. 2460); Patons Knit'n'Save D.K., 25g balls: 1 in Daffodil (shade no. 7855), and small amounts in White (shade no. 7813), and Black (shade no. 7814), Patons Knit'n'Save D.K. Spray Shades, 100g balls: 1 ball each in Bluebird (shade no. 7209) and in Marble (shade no. 7216); Hayfield Luxury Mohair, 50g balls: 1 ball in Black (shade no. 003); 100g washable toy stuffing; a 3cm square of cream felt; black and rust stranded embroidery cottons; white and honey sewing threads; pair each of 2.25mm (no. 13) and 3mm (no. 11) knitting needles; wire teasel or suede brush.

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**TENSION:** 26 sts and 36 rows to 10cm, worked over stocking stitch with Icy Shimmer/Chatterbox or Knit'n'Save D.K. on 3mm needles.

ABBREVIATIONS: beg = beginning; dec = decrease by working 2 stitches together; inc = increase by working into st on row below next to be worked and then next st itself; K = knit; gs = garter stitch; P = purl; PSSO = pass slipped stitch over; SKPO = slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over; sl = slip; st(s) = stitch(es); ss = stocking stitch; tog = together; YB = yarn back; YF = yarn forward; MS = main shade (Icy Shimmer or Chatterbox).

**NOTE:** Work all pieces in stocking stitch on 3mm needles, beginning with a K row, unless otherwise stated. If using Chatterbox, brush pieces with a wire teasel or suede brush before making up.

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#### LEGS AND BODY make 1 piece

**Right leg:** With MS cast on 50 sts for base edge and ss 6 rows.

Shape top of foot, next row: K25, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

\*Next row: Si 1, P18, YB, si 1, YF, turn.
Next row: Si 1, K14, YF, si 1, YB, turn.
Next row: Si 1, P10, YB, si 1, YF, turn.

Next row: 5l 1, K to end.

Next row: P across all sts [50 sts].\*

Next row: K8, (sl 1, K 2 tog, PSSO, K4) three times, K to end [44 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: K7, (si 1, K 2 tog, PSSO, K2) three times, K to end [38 sts].

Ss 7 rows.

Break yarn and slip sts on to a stitch holder.

**Left leg:** With MS cast on 50 sts for base edge and ss 6 rows.

Shape top of foot, next row: K43, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

Work as given, for right foot from \* to \*.

Next row: K25, (st 1, K 2 tog, PSSO, K4)
three times, K4 [44 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: K24, (sl 1, K 2 tog, PSSO, K2) three times, K5 [38 sts].

Ss 7 rows.

Join legs for body, next row: Inserting coloured marker threads at beg and end of row, K36, SKPO from left leg sts, then K 2 tog, K36 from held right leg sts [74 sts]. P 1 row.

Shape body, next row: K2, (K7, inc 1, K10) to end [78 sts].

5s 19 rows.

Shape top of body, next row: (K6, K 2 tog, K5) to end [72 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

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

5s 5 rows.

Next row: K9, (SKPO, K4, K 2 tog) twice, K16, (SKPO, K4, K 2 tog) twice, K9 [58 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next row: K9, (5KPO, K2, K 2 tog) twice, K16, (5KPO, K2, K 2 tog) twice, K9 [50 sts].

P 1 row.

**Next row:** K9, (SKPO, K 2 tog) twice, K16, (SKPO, K 2 tog) twice, K9 [42 sts].

P 1 row.

Cast off for shoulder edge.

#### SOLES make 2 pieces

With Cream Super Chenille cast on 5 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 [11 sts].

Ss 14 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row.

P 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows two more times [5 sts].

Cast off for front edge.

#### **HEAD make 1 piece**

With Honey Super Chenille cast on 10 sts for back edge and ss 2 rows.

**Next row:** Inc into every st to end [20 sts].

5s 3 rows.

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

Ss 3 rows.

Next row: (K1, inc 1, K1) to end [40 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

**Next row:** (K1, inc 1, K2) to end [50 sts]. Ss 11 rows.

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

Ss 9 rows.

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

Ss 9 rows.

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

Ss 7 rows.

Next row: K2, (K 2 tog, K1) to end [14 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next row: K1, (K 2 tog) six times, K1 [8 sts].

P 1 row.

Change to Black Knit'n'Save for nose and P 1 row. Next row: Inc into every st K wise to end [16 sts]. Ss 5 rows, beg with a P row.

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

#### RUFF make 1 piece

With Black Mohair cast on 42 sts and ss 6 rows.

Cast off.

#### ARMS make 2 pieces

With MS cast on 8 sts for top of arm 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 [14 sts].

Inc 1 st at beg and end of next row.

Ss 3 rows.

Repeat the last 4 rows once more [18 sts].

Cast on 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows for underarm [26 sts].

Ss 6 rows.

Inc 1 st at beg and end of next row [28 sts].

Ss 7 rows.

Cast off for wrist edge.

#### HANDS make 2 pieces

With Honey Super Chenille cast on 22 sts for wrist edge and ss 2 rows.

**Shape thumb:** Cast on 6 sts at beg of next 2 rows [34 sts].

**Next row:** K14, inc 1, K3, inc 1, K15 [36 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Cast off 5 sts at beg of next 2 rows [26 sts].

Ss 2 rows.

Divide for fingers, next row: K3, inc 1, (K2, inc 1) twice, K5, inc 1 [20 sts], turn and work on these sts only.

\*\*Next row: P8, turn and work on these sts only.

Ss 6 rows.

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

Work ring finger, next row: With held 12 sts on right hand needle, rejoin yarn to work and K2, inc 1 from sts on left hand needle [16 sts], turn and work on these sts only. Work from \*\* to \*\*.

Work middle finger, next row: With held 8 sts on right hand needle, rejoin yarn to work and K2, inc 1 from sts on left hand needle [12 sts], turn and work on these sts only. Work from \*\* to \*\*.

Work index finger, next row: With held 4 sts on right hand needle, rejoin yarn to work and K remaining 4 sts from left hand needle [8 sts].

Ss 7 rows.

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

#### EARS make 2 pieces

With Cream Super Chenille cast on 12 sts for top edge and ss 14 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row.

Ss 3 rows.

Repeat the last 4 rows two more times [6 sts].

Cast off.

#### **EAR LININGS make 2 pieces**

Work as given for ears, using Honey Super Chenille throughout.

#### EYES make 2 pieces

With White Knit'n'Save cast on 12 sts and ss 5 rows.

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

#### **EYELIDS** make 2 pieces

With Honey Super Chenille cast on 6 sts and ss 2 rows.

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

Cast off.

## TEESHIRT FRONT AND BACK make 2 pieces

With Bluebird Knit'n'Save cast on 48 sts and ss 24 rows.

Shape armholes: Cast off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows [40 sts].

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next 6 rows [28 sts].

Ss 2 rows.

Next row: K1, inc 1, K23, inc 1, K2 [30 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: K2, inc 1, K23, inc 1, K3 [32 sts].

P 1 row.

Divide for neck, next row: K3, inc 1, K7, turn and work on these 12 sts only. P 1 row.

Next row: K to last 2 sts, K 2 tog.

Repeat the last 2 rows two more times [9 sts].

P 1 row.

Cast off for shoulder edge.

Rejoin yarn to remaining 21 sts, cast off first 10 sts, K6, inc 1, K4 [12 sts]. P 1 row.

Next row: SKPO, K to end.

Repeat the last 2 rows two more times [9 sts].

P 1 row.

Cast off for shoulder edge.

#### TEESHIRT SLEEVES make 2 pieces

With Bluebird Knit'n'Save cast on 42 sts and ss 6 rows.

Shape sleeve head: Cast off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows [34 sts].

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next 8 rows [18 sts].

Cast off.

#### HAIR make 1 piece

N.B. Shade differs from photograph

With Daffodil Knit'n'Save cast on 36 sts.

Row 1: (Inc 1, (K 2 tog) twice, inc 1) to end.

Row 2: K.

These 2 rows form the pattern.

Work 41 rows of pattern altogether.

Cast off.

#### HAIR BUNCHES make 2 pieces

With Daffodil Knit'n'Save cast on 24 sts and work 36 rows of pattern as given for hair. Cast off.

#### SHELL NECKLACE make 1 piece

With Marble Knit'n'Save cast on 2 sts and gs 2 rows.

\*\*\*Inc 1 st at beg and end of next row.

K 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows two more times [8 sts].

Gs 2 rows.

**Next row:** ((K 2 tog) twice, pass first st over second) twice [2 sts].

K 1 row.\*\*\*

Repeat from \*\*\* to \*\*\* nine more times.

Cast off.

#### SCALLOP SHELL make 1 piece

With 2.25mm needles and Marble Knit'n'Save cast on 17 sts and P 1 row.

Next row: P1, (K1, P1) to end.

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Repeat the last 2 rows four more times.

Next row: (P 2 tog) eight times, P1 [9 sts]. K 1 row.

Next row: P2, P 2 tog, P1, P 2 tog, P2 [7 sts]. Next row: K2, sl 1, K 2 tog, P55O, K2 [5 sts].

Cast off K wise.

#### TO MAKE UP

Treat puri side of all pieces knitted in Super Chenille and Mohair as right side. Sewing is made easier if you use a D.K. yarn of matching shade when joining pieces knitted in textured yarns.

Join each leg seam from base edge up to marker thread, then join back body seam and remove markers. Sew sole to base of each foot, matching centre front points of foot and sole. Stuff legs and body firmly. Then, with body seam running down centre back, fold shoulder edge flat and join. Join each arm seam from wrist edge to underarm.

Join finger seams on each hand, and sew down side of index finger and all round thumb. Stuff fingers and thumb, using tweezers to push stuffing into place, then stuff remainder of hand firmly. Position and sew hands to arms, matching arm seam to centre of palm, then stuff arms firmly and sew top edges to sides of body, adding more stuffing if necessary. Bend fingers into position and hold in place with a few stitches, using sewing thread. Join side seam on ruff piece and sew cast on edge to top of body.

Following instructions on ball band, press teeshirt pieces lightly on wrong side. Join shoulder seams, then sew sleeve heads into armholes. Join side and sleeve seams, then fit on body.

Take head piece and join nose seam, then work a gathering thread through every stitch along first row of nose. Stuff nose firmly, then draw up gathering thread and fasten off. Join head seam from nose to back edge, leaving a 5cm space open at back. Stuff firmly, then join remainder of seam.

Work a gathering thread through every stitch along back edge, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Stuff ruff firmly, then position and sew head to cast off edge of ruff. Join ear and ear lining pieces together, then sew top edges to sides of head. Using teasel or suede brush, lightly brush right side of all hair pieces to make slightly fluffy. Work a gathering thread down each side edge of main hair piece, draw up tightly and fasten off, then pin hair in position on head. With a length of Daffodil Knit'n'Save, embroider a line of backstitch down centre of hair piece, sewing through to head to form 'parting', then sew scalloped cast on and cast off edges to head and ears. Join cast on and cast off edges of each hair bunch piece, then work a gathering thread round one open end, draw up tightly and fasten off. Stuff bunches, filling gathered ends more to make pear shaped, then gather round each open end, draw up tightly and fasten off. Sew these ends to sides of main hair piece. With a length of palest blue Bluebird Knit'n'Save bind base of each bunch by wrapping round 5 times, then tie yarn securely and darn ends back into head.

Join side seam on each eye piece,

stuff lightly, then work a gathering thread through every stitch along cast on edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Position and sew to head with sewing thread, then sew an eyelid over top half of each eye, using sewing thread. With a length of Black Knit'n'Save, embroider a single chain stitch on each eye for pupil, then embroider a circle of 9 chain stitches round each pupil, using palest blue Bluebird Knit'n'Save. Separate 3 strands from a length of black embroidery cotton and use to embroider eyelashes by working blanket stitch over base of each eyelid.

Join side edges of shell necklace piece by oversewing, tucking a little stuffing into each shell as you go. Fold under garter stitch hem at base of scallop shell and sew down on wrong side. Sew one end of necklace to top of scallop shell, wrap round neck, then sew other end of necklace to opposite side of shell.

Trace off Womble badge and transfer to felt, then separate 3 strands from a length of rust embroidery cotton and use to embroider over each line with chain stitch. Trim away felt close to outside edge of circle, then sew badge to teeshirt, using embroidery cotton.



The Wombles™

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