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Materials

45m (49¼yd) of oatmeal 10-ply (Aran) yarn

20m (22yd) of green 5-ply (sportweight) yarn

10m (11yd) of brown 5-ply (sportweight) yarn

35m (38¼yd) of cream 5-ply (sportweight) yarn

Small amount of black 4-ply (fingering) yarn

Toy filling

Two 6mm (¼in) black beads

Black sewing cotton and sewing needle

Two stitch markers

Chenille sticks

Stitch holder or spare needle

Needles

2.75mm (UK 12, US 2) knitting needles

3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) knitting needles

4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles

Tension

9–10 sts measured over 5cm (2in) and worked in SS using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles and 10-ply (Aran) yarn

Size

14cm (5½in) tall to the top of the head.

Body and front legs

Start at the bottom edge of the right foot.

Using oatmeal 10-ply (Aran) yarn and 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles, cast on 10 sts.

Next row: K2, (Kfb) three times, K5 [13 sts].

Purl 1 row.

Next row: K2, (K2tog) three times, K5 [10 sts].

Work 7 rows in SS.

Next row: Cast off 5 sts, K to end of row [5 sts].

Next row: Cast off 2 sts, P to end of row [3 sts].

Next row: K1, M1, K to end of row [4 sts].

Next row: Cast on 10 sts, P to last st, M1, P1 [15 sts].

Next row: K to last st M1, K1 [16 sts].

Work 19 rows in SS, placing a stitch marker at either end of row 10.

Next row: K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 [15 sts].

Next row: Cast off 10 sts, P to last 3 sts, P2togtbl, P1 [4 sts].

Next row: K1, K2tog, K1 [3 sts].

Next row: Cast on 2 sts, P to end of row [5 sts].

Next row: Cast on 5 sts, K to end of row [10 sts].

Work 7 rows in SS.

Next row: K2, (Kfb) three times, K5 [13 sts].

Purl 1 row.

Next row: K2, (K2tog) three times, K5 [10 sts].

Cast off (WS).

Belly

Using oatmeal 10-ply (Aran) yarn and 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles, cast on 4 sts. Starting with a knit row, work 4 rows in SS.

Next row: K1, M1, K2, M1, K1 [6 sts].

Work 5 rows in SS.

Next row: K1, M1, K4, M1, K1 [8 sts].

Work 21 rows in SS.

Next row: K1, ssK, K2, K2tog, K1 [6 sts].

Work 3 rows in SS.

Next row: K1, ssK, K2tog, K1 [4 sts].

Work 5 rows in SS.

Cast off.

Head

Start at the bottom of the head.

Using oatmeal 10-ply (Aran) yarn and 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles, cast on 10 sts and, starting with a knit row, work 2 rows in SS. Place these sts on a stitch holder or spare needle.

Using 10-ply (Aran) yarn and 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles, cast on 10 sts and, starting with a knit row, work 2 rows in SS, making the second section.

Next row: With RS facing, K across 10 sts on needle and then K across 10 sts on holder [20 sts].

Purl 1 row.

Next row: K1, M1, K8, M1, K2, M1, K8, M1, K1 [24 sts].

Next row: P1, M1, P10, M1, P2, M1, P10, M1, P1 [28 sts].

Work 2 rows in SS.

Next row: K11, ssK, K2, K2tog, K11 [26 sts].

Next row: P10, P2tog, P2, P2togtbl, P10 [24 sts].

Next row: K9, ssK, K2, K2tog, K9 [22 sts].

Next row: P8, P2tog, P2, P2togtbl, P8 [20 sts].

Next row: K7, ssK, K2, K2tog, K7 [18 sts].

Purl 1 row.

Next row: K6, ssK, K2, K2tog, K6 [16 sts].

Next row: P1, P2tog, P2, P2tog, P2, P2togtbl, P2, P1 [12 sts].

Cast off.

Back leg (right)

Using oatmeal 10-ply (Aran) yarn and 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles, cast on 10 sts.

Next row: K2, (Kfb) three times, K5 [13 sts].

Purl 1 row.

Next row: K2, (K2tog) three times, K5 [10 sts].

Work 3 rows in SS.

Next row: K8, w&t.

Next row: P3, w&t.

Next row: K to end of row.

Purl 1 row.

Next row: K1, M1, (K3, M1) twice, K3 [13 sts].

Purl 1 row.

Next row: Cast off 9 sts, M1, K3 [5 sts].

Next row: Cast off 2 sts, M1, P1, M1, P1 [5 sts].

* Next row: K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1 [7 sts].

Next row: P1, M1, P to last st, M1, P1 [9 sts].

Work 4 rows in SS.

Next row: K1, ssK, K to last three sts, K2tog, K1 [7 sts].

Next row: P1, P2tog, P1, P2togtbl, P1 [5 sts].

Cast off.

I'm ready to go!

Back leg (left)

Using oatmeal 10-ply (Aran) yarn and 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles, cast on 10 sts.

Next row: K5, (Kfb) three times, K2 [13 sts].

Purl 1 row.

Next row: K5, (K2tog) three times, K2 [10 sts].

Work 3 rows in SS.

Next row: K5, w&t.

Next row: P3, w&t.

Next row: K to end of row.

Purl 1 row.

Next row: (K3, M1) three times, K1 [13 sts].

Purl 1 row.

Next row: Cast off 2 sts, M1, K to end of row [12 sts].

Next row: Cast off 9 sts, M1, P to last st, M1, P1 [5 sts].

Work as for back leg (right) from * to end.

Ears (make two)

Using oatmeal 10-ply (Aran) yarn and 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles, cast on 6 sts. Starting with a knit row, work 4 rows in SS.

Next row: K1, ssK, K2tog, K1 [4 sts].

Work 3 rows in SS.

Next row: K1, K2tog, K1 [3 sts].

Next row: Sl1, P2tog, psso [1 st].

Thread yarn through rem st to fasten, leaving a length of yarn for making up.

Tail

Using oatmeal 10-ply (Aran) yarn and 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles, cast on 4 sts. Work 4 rows in SS.

Next row: K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1 [6 sts].

Purl 1 row.

Next row: K4, w&t.

Next row: P2, w&t.

Next row: K to end of row.

Work 3 rows in SS.

Cast off.

Nose

Using black 4-ply (fingering) yarn and 2.75mm (UK 12, US 2) knitting needles, cast on 3 sts.

Next row: (K1, M1) twice, K1 [5 sts].

Work 3 rows in SS.

Next row: ssK, K1, K2tog [3 sts].

Next row: Sl1, P2tog, psso [1 st].

Thread yarn through rem st to fasten, leaving a length of yarn long enough to embroider the mouth.

Making up

Starting with one of the front legs, thread a length of oatmeal 10-ply (Aran) yarn through the bottom edge of the foot and gather to form the bottom of the foot. Sew up the side seam and stuff firmly with toy filling, placing a chenille stick inside the toy filling. Repeat for the second front leg.

Matching the middle of the cast-off edge of the belly to the stitch marker at the back of the body, and the middle of the cast-on edge of the belly to the stitch marker at the front of the body, pin the belly in place. Stuff the body firmly with toy filling and sew the seams of the belly in place. Sew the cast-off edge of the top of each front leg to the belly, using the picture on the right for guidance.

Sew up both of the back legs in the same way as the front legs. Pin the top of the back leg to the body as shown in the picture, stuff gently with toy filling and sew in place, sewing the cast-off edge of the top of the leg to the belly.

Fold the cast-off edge of the head in half and sew the stitches together. Sew the head seam that will be at the bottom of the head, stuffing with toy filling. Taking the length of yarn from the last decreased stitch of the ear, use a darning needle to run the yarn down the edge stitches on one side of the ear and pull slightly to make the ear bend over. Repeat for the second ear but pull the yarn tighter to make the ear fold over more (see picture). Pin the ears in place using the picture for guidance, then sew them firmly in place. Using black sewing cotton, sew the two beads in place for eyes. Sew the black nose to the front of the head, placing the cast-on edge at the top, then use the length of yarn left at the end of the nose to embroider the mouth in place using straight stitches. Sew the head firmly to the front of the body.

Fold the tail in half and sew the seam. Sew it in place using the picture for guidance and placing the seam on the top.

Boots (make four)

Using brown 5-ply (sportweight) yarn and 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) knitting needles, cast on 4 sts and knit 2 rows.

Next row: K1, M1, K2, M1, K1 [6 sts].

Knit 4 rows.

Next row: K1, (K2tog) twice, K1 [4 sts].

Knit 4 rows.

Cast on 8 sts at the beginning of the next two rows (knitting both rows) [20 sts].

Next row (RS): Change to green 5-ply (sportweight) yarn and, starting with a knit row, work 2 rows in SS.

Next row: K7, ssK, K2, K2tog, K7 [18 sts].

Next row: P6, P2tog, P2, P2togtbl, P6 [16 sts].

Next row: K5, ssK, K2, K2tog, K5 [14 sts].

Work 4 rows in SS.

Knit 2 rows.

Cast off loosely and evenly.

Making up

Sew up the back seam of the first boot. Sew the sole into place along the brown edge of the boot. Place a small amount of toy filling in the toe of the boot, then place the boot on the dog's leg. Repeat for the other three boots.

Coat

When working the cable section of the coat, please see the abbreviations on page 112.

Using cream 5-ply (sportweight) yarn and 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) knitting needles, cast on 20 sts and work as follows:

Row 1: (P2, K4) three times, P2.

Row 2: (K2, P4) three times, K2.

Row 3: Cast on 6 sts at the beginning of the row, P2, K4, (P2, C4F) three times, P2 [26 sts].

Row 4: Cast on 6 sts at the beginning of the row, (K2, P4) five times, K2 [32 sts].

Row 5: (P2, K4) five times, P2.

Row 6: (K2, P4) five times, K2.

Row 7: (P2, C4F) five times, P2.

Row 8: As row 6.

Repeat rows 5–8 twice more.

Row 17: (P2, K4), twice, P1, cast off 6 sts, (K4, P2) twice (leaving you with two sets of 13 sts).

Row 18: Turn work and continue over first set of 13 sts. (K2, P4) twice, K1.

Row 19: Cast off 2 sts, K2, P2, C4f, P2 [11 sts].

Row 20: K2, P4, K2, P3.

Row 21: Cast off 1 st, K1, P2, K4, P2 [10 sts].

Row 22: K2, P4, K2, P2.

Row 23: K2, P2, C4F, P2.

Row 24: As row 22.

Row 25: K2, P2, K4, P2.

Row 26: As row 22.

Row 27: As row 23.

Row 28: As row 22.

Repeat rows 25–28 once more.

Cast off.

With WS facing, rejoin yarn to rem 13 sts.

Row 18: K1, P4, K2, P4, K2.

Row 19: P2, C4F, P2, K4, P1.

Row 20: Cast off 2 sts, P2, K2, P4, K2 [11 sts].

Row 21: P2, K4, P2, K3.

Row 22: Cast off 1 st, P1, K2, P4, K2 [10 sts].

Row 23: P2, C4F, P2, K2.

Row 24: P2, K2, P4, K2.

Row 25: P2, K4, P2, K2.

Row 26: As row 24.

Row 27: As row 23.

Row 28: As row 24.

Repeat rows 25–28 once more.

Cast off.

Making up

With RS facing, pick up and knit 72 sts around the outside edge of the coat. Work 4 rows in K2, P2, rib. Cast off.

With RS facing pick up and knit 32 sts around the neck edge of the coat. Work 8 rows in K2, P2 rib. Cast off.

Sew the front seam of the coat together, from the top of the neck rib to the bottom of the edging rib. Place the coat on the dog and fold the collar over.