

Stripy Sausage

Stripy Sausage is a useful little chap: lay him in front of a door to keep your draughts out! He is a fat little sausage dog whose legs are sticking out in front and behind him, just like my dog when he is fast asleep. You can vary the colours used to fit in with your own colour scheme.

Materials

- 375m (410yd) brown 5-ply (sportweight) yarn (used double throughout)
- The following amounts of 5-ply (sportweight) yarn (used double throughout): 50m (55yd) purple, 34m (37½yd) turquoise, 39m (43yd) teal, 24m (26¼yd) light brown, 44m (48¼yd) bright green and 60m (66yd) red
- Small amount of black 4-ply (fingering) yarn
- Stitch holders
- Toy filling
- Two 10mm (⅝in) black shanked buttons

Needles

- 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) knitting needles
- 2.75mm (UK 12, US 2) knitting needles

Tension

- 18 sts measured over 10cm (4in) and worked in SS using 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) knitting needles and 5-ply (sportweight) yarn.

Size

- 64cm (25¼in) from the tip of the nose to the end of the back leg

Note

This dog is knitted using a double strand of yarn throughout, except for the nose.

Head

Cast on 14 sts using a double strand of brown 5-ply (sportweight) yarn and 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) knitting needles and purl 1 row.

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

Next row: P1, M1, P to last st, M1, P1 [18 sts].

Rep last two rows twice more [26 sts].

Next row: K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1 [28 sts].

Purl 1 row.

Rep last two rows twice more [32 sts].

Next row: K15, M1, K2, M1, K15 [34 sts].

Next row: P16, M1, P2, M1, P16 [36 sts].

Next row: K17, M1, K2, M1, K17 [38 sts].

Next row: P18, M1, P2, M1, P18 [40 sts].

Next row: K19, M1, K2, M1, K19 [42 sts].

Next row: P20, M1, P2, M1, P20 [44 sts].

Next row: K21, M1, K2, M1, K21 [46 sts].

Purl 1 row.

Next row: K22, M1, K2, M1, K22 [48 sts].

Work 9 rows in SS.

Next row: K1, ssK, K18, ssK, K2, K2tog, K18, K2tog, K1 [44 sts].

Purl 1 row.

Next row: K1, ssK, K16, ssK, K2, K2tog, K16, K2tog, K1 [40 sts].

Purl 1 row.

Next row: K1, ssK, K14, ssK, K2, K2tog, K14, K2tog, K1 [36 sts].

Next row: P1, P2tog, P12, P2tog, P2, P2togtbl, P12, P2togtbl, P1 [32 sts].

Next row: K1, ssK, K10, ssK, K2, K2tog, K10, K2tog, K1 [28 sts].

Next row: P1, P2tog, P8, P2tog, P2, P2togtbl, P8, P2togtbl, P1 [24 sts].

Next row: K1, ssK, K6, ssK, K2, K2tog, K6, K2tog, K1 [20 sts].

Next row: P1, P2tog, P4, P2tog, P2, P2togtbl, P4, P2togtbl, P1 [16 sts].

Cast off using the three needle cast off technique (see page 13).

Next row: K8, ssK, K14, K2tog, K8 [32 sts].
 Purl 1 row.
 Next row: K7, ssK, K14, K2tog, K7 [30 sts].
 Purl 1 row.
 Next row: K7, ssK, K12, K2tog, K7 [28 sts].
 Purl 1 row.
 Next row: K6, ssK, K12, K2tog, K6 [26 sts].
 Purl 1 row.
 Next row: K6, ssK, K10, K2tog, K6 [24 sts].
 Purl 1 row.
 Next row: K5, ssK, K10, K2tog, K5 [22 sts].
 Purl 1 row.
 Next row: K5, ssK, K8, K2tog, K5 [20 sts].
 Purl 1 row.
 Next row: K4, ssK, K8, K2tog, K4 [18 sts].
 Purl 1 row.
 Next row: K4, ssK, K6, K2tog, K4 [16 sts].
 Purl 1 row.
 Next row: K3, ssK, K6, K2tog, K3 [14 sts].
 Purl 1 row.
 Cast off.

Tail

Using grey fluffy 10-ply (Aran) yarn and 5mm (UK 6, US 8) knitting needles, cast on 8 sts. Starting with a knit row, work 8 rows in SS.

Next row: K1, M1, (K2, M1) three times, K1 [12 sts].
 Purl 1 row.
 Next row: K1, K2tog, K1, (K2tog) twice, K1, K2tog, K1 [8 sts].
 Cast off.

Making up

With the WS facing outwards and starting at the cast-on end of the body (bottom), sew up the back seam. Stuff with toy filling as you sew. Sew the cast-on edge together to form the bottom seam, ensuring the back seam is in the centre of the back. Sew the cast-off edge together to form the top seam.

With the WS facing outwards, sew up the back seam of the head. This seam will be underneath the head. Stuff with toy filling and sew the top and bottom seams as for the body.

Using black 4-ply (fingering) yarn, sew the nose in place, **embroider the mouth**, and then sew on the black shanked buttons as eyes. Use the pictures for guidance on where to place them.

Attach grey fluffy 10-ply (Aran) yarn to the centre back of the head, then sew the head to the top edge of the body using the pictures for guidance.

With the WS facing outwards sew two ear pieces together. Repeat for the second ear. Sew the ears to the top of the head using the pictures for guidance and leaving approximately 1cm ($\frac{3}{8}$ in) in between the ears.

With WS facing outwards, sew up the side seam of the arm. Stuff with toy filling and sew up the top and bottom seams. The cast-off end forms the top of the arm. Repeat for the second arm.

With the seam facing towards the back of the pup, sew the cast-off edge of the arm to the side of the body just under the head, using the pictures for guidance. Repeat for the second arm.

Sew up the back seam of the leg, stuff it with toy filling, then sew the foot closed. Sew up the top seam of the leg horizontally, so that the back seam is in the centre. Repeat for the second leg and sew the legs to the bottom of the body, towards the front of the pup. Sew up the side and bottom seams of the tail, but do not stuff it. Sew the top of the tail (cast-on end) to the back of the body. See pictures for guidance.



Back leg (right)

Using grey 5-ply (sportweight) yarn and 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) knitting needles, cast on 10 sts.

Next row: K5, turn.

Next row: P3, turn.

Next row: K3, turn.

Next row: P3, turn.

Next row: K to end of row.

Next row: P5, P3B, P2.

Work 12 rows in SS.

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

Next row: Cast off 1 st, P to end of row [4 sts].

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

Next row: P1, M1, P to last st, M1, P1 [8 sts].

Rep last two rows once more [12 sts].

Work 6 rows in SS.

Next row: K1, ssK, K to last three sts, K2tog, K1 [10 sts].

Next row: P1, P2tog, P to last 3 sts, P2togtbl, P1 [8 sts].

Next row: K1, ssK, K to last three sts, K2tog, K1 [6 sts].

Cast off. *

Back leg (left)

Using grey 5-ply (sportweight) yarn and 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) knitting needles, cast on 10 sts.

Next row: K8, turn.

Next row: P3, turn.

Next row: K3, turn.

Next row: P3, turn.

Next row: K to end of row.

Next row: P2, P3B, P5.

Work 12 rows in SS.

Next row: Cast off 1 st, K to end of row [9 sts].

Next row: Cast off 5 sts, P to end of row [4 sts].

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

Head

Using grey 5-ply (sportweight) yarn and 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) knitting needles, cast on 10 sts.

Next row: K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1 [12 sts].

Next row: P1, M1, P to last st, M1, P1 [14 sts].

Rep last two rows once more [18 sts].

Next row: K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1 [20 sts].

Purl 1 row.



Rep last two rows once more [22 sts].

Next row: K10, M1, K2, M1, K10 [24 sts].

Next row: P11, M1, P2, M1, P11 [26 sts].

Next row: K12, M1, K2, M1, K12 [28 sts].

Next row: P13, M1, P2, M1, P13 [30 sts].

Next row: K14, M1, K2, M1, K14 [32 sts].

Next row: P15, M1, P2, M1, P15 [34 sts].

Work 6 rows in SS.

Next row: K1, ssK, K11, K2tog, K2, ssK, K11, K2tog, K1 [30 sts].

Purl 1 row.

Next row: K1, ssK, K9, K2tog, K2, ssK, K9, K2tog, K1 [26 sts].

Purl 1 row.

Next row: K1, ssK, K7, K2tog, K2, ssK, K7, K2tog, K1 [22 sts].

Next row: P1, P2tog, P5, P2togtbl, P2, P2tog, P5, P2togtbl, P1 [18 sts].

Cast off using the three needle cast off technique (see page 13).

Belly

Loopy stitch: Knit into the stitch and keep the stitch on the needle instead of **slipping it off**. Bring the working yarn towards you between the needles. Place your thumb on the yarn and wrap the yarn around your thumb to make a loop. Pass the yarn back between the two needles, making the loop at the front of the work. Keeping the yarn wrapped around your thumb, knit into the same stitch again. Let the stitch fall off your needle and take the loop off your thumb. You now have two stitches on your right-hand needle instead of one and a loop. **Slip these two sts to the left-hand needle and** knit them together to make one stitch and secure the loop.

The belly is worked in loopy stitch. All RS rows are worked in loopy stitch and WS rows are purled.

Using cream 5-ply (sportweight) yarn and 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) knitting needles, cast on 3 sts and, starting with a knit row, work 4 rows in SS.

Next row: K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1 [5 sts].

Work 3 rows.

Rep the last 4 rows once more [7 sts].

Work 12 rows.

Next row: K2tog, K3, K2tog [5 sts].

Work 3 rows.

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

Work 10 rows. Cast off.

Head

The head is worked from the 'chin' of the dog. A right and left section are worked and then joined together to knit the rest of the head.

Right side

Using cream 5-ply (sportweight) yarn and 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) knitting needles, cast on 5 sts and knit 1 row.

From now on work all sts marked in **bold** using brown 5-ply (sportweight) yarn and all other sts in cream.

Cast on 4 sts at beginning of next row in brown, **P5**, P3, M1, P1 [10 sts].

Next row: K1, M1, K3, **K4, M1, K2** [12 sts].

Next row: **P8**, P3, M1, P1 [13 sts].

Cut yarn and place sts on a spare needle/stitch holder.

Left side

Using cream yarn and 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) knitting needles cast on 5 sts and P 1 row.

Next row: **Cast on 4 sts, K5**, K3, M1, K1 [10 sts].

Next row: P1, M1, P3, **P5, M1, P1** [12 sts].

Next row: **K8**, K3, M1, K1 [13 sts].

Cut the yarn and from now on work only in brown 5-ply (sportweight) yarn.

With RS facing and the cream sts in the middle, place the two sections on to one needle. With RS facing and using brown 5-ply (sportweight) yarn, and starting with a knit row, work 2 rows in SS [26 sts].

Next row: K10, ssK, K2, K2tog, K10 [24 sts].

Next row: P9, P2tog, P2, P2togtbl, P9 [22 sts].

Next row: K8, ssK, K2, K2tog, K8 [20 sts].

Next row: P7, P2tog, P2, P2togtbl, P7 [18 sts].

Work 2 rows in SS.

Next row: K1, ssK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 [16 sts].

Next row: P1, P2tog, P to last 3 sts, P2togtbl, P1 [14 sts].

Cast off 4 sts at the beginning of the next two rows [6 sts].

Work 8 rows in SS.

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

Work 3 rows in SS.

Next row: ssK, K2tog.

Next row: P2tog.

Fasten off remaining st.

Back leg (left)

Using cream 5-ply (sportweight) yarn and 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) knitting needles, cast on 10 sts and knit 1 row.

Next row: P5, turn.

Next row: K3, turn.

Next row: P3, turn.

Next row: K3, turn.

P8 (to end of row).

Next row: K5, K3B, K2.

Purl 1 row.

Next row: K6, join in brown 5-ply (sportweight) yarn and K4 in brown.

Next row: P6 in brown, P4 in cream.

Next row: K3 in cream, K7 in brown.

From now on use only brown 5-ply (sportweight) yarn and purl 1 row.

Next row: K4, w&t.

Next row: P3, w&t.

Next row: K3, w&t.

Next row: P4 (to end of row).

Next row: (K1, M1), twice, K3, M1, K1, M1, K4 [14 sts].

Purl 1 row.

Next row: K2, M1, K1, M1, K5, M1, K1, M1, K5 [18 sts].

Purl 1 row.

Making up

Sew the side seams of the back gusset of the head and then sew the chin and bottom of the head together. The chin is the cream part of the head. Lightly stuff with toy filling to shape the head. Take the cream front face section, which is roughly a 'T' shape. Fold approximately three rows of the cast-on edge under and sew in place. Pin the face section in place so that the cast-on edge is overlapping the cream nose and the narrower part is on the top of the head. Sew in place. The picture on page 103 shows this well.

Run a length of yarn around the nose, gather and then sew to the front edge of the face section where it joins the main part of the head. Using black sewing cotton, sew the black beads in place as eyes, as shown in the photographs. Pull a thread from each eye to the base of the head and tighten, pulling the eyes in. This gives the head a realistic shape.

Sew the cast-on edge of one eyebrow to the cast-off edge. Repeat for the second eyebrow, then sew both in place above each eye. Sew the side and top seams of the ears and sew to the top of the head, either side of the cream section.

Starting with one of the front legs, thread a length of yarn through the bottom edge of the foot and gather to form the bottom of the foot. Sew the side seam and stuff 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, sewing the seams of the belly in place. Sew the cast-off edge of the top of each front leg to the belly.

Sew the foot and leg seams of the back legs as described for the front legs and sew them to the body. Place a length of chenille stick inside each leg, stuff gently and sew the top of the leg to the body, using the pictures as guidance, and sliding the chenille stick into the body to avoid sharp ends protruding.

Sew the ends of yarn in on the tail, slide a length of chenille stick inside and sew it to the back of the body as shown. Sew the cast-on and cast-off edges of the collar together around the dog's neck. Sew the dog tag to the front of the collar.

