BEAR

YOU WILL NEED

4-ply (fingering) cotton yarn in brown (Drops Safran – shade 68 Coffee), light brown (Y&C – shade 105 Oak), white (Y&C – shade 001 White) and black (Y&C – shade 100 Black), 4-ply (fingering) shiny yarn (Lammy Lurex – shade 04 Light Blue), toy stuffing, sewing needle, 2.5mm (UK 12/13, US 1/2) crochet hook.

INSTRUCTIONS

HEAD AND BODY

Make a head/body in brown yarn following the basic pattern on page 10.

EYE (MAKE 2)

Make eyes in the desired colours, following the basic pattern on page 11. Sew on the eyes over rounds 12–19 with 6 sts in between.

MUZZLE

The increases should be at the same point in every increase round.

Round 1: using light brown yarn, work 6 dc in an adjustable ring (6 sts).

Round 2: *3 dc in next st, 1 dc* three times (12 sts).

Round 3: 2 dc, *3 dc in next st, 3 dc* twice, 3 dc in next st, 1 dc (18 sts).

Rounds 4 and 5: 1 dc in each st (2 rounds).

Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing up.

The muzzle is triangular. One corner should point upwards. Stuff the muzzle before sewing on. Sew it on between the eyes over rounds 17–22.

Embroider a nose over the middle of the muzzle with black yarn. Embroider a line running down from the centre of the nose to below the adjustable ring for the mouth.

EAR (MAKE 2)

Round 1: using brown yarn, work 6 dc in an adjustable ring (6 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in each st (12 sts).

Round 3: *2 dc in next st, 1 dc* six times (18 sts).

Rounds 4-6: 1 dc in each st (18 sts) (3 rounds).

Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing up.

Do not stuff the ears. Press the ears flat. Sew them on either side of the head over rounds 4–10, sewing them on in a curve so they stick out.

LEG (MAKE 4)

Round 1: using brown yarn, work 6 dc in an adjustable ring (6 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in each st (12 sts).

Rounds 3-5: 1 dc in each st (3 rounds).

Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing up.

Stuff the legs. Sew two legs over rounds 27–30 and two legs over rounds 33–36.

TUMMY

Round 1: using light brown yarn, work 6 dc in an adjustable ring (6 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in each st (12 sts).

Round 3: *2 dc in next st. 1 dc* six times (18 sts).

Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing up.

Sew the tummy to the front of the bear's body over rounds 29–34.

TAII

Round 1: using brown yarn, work 5 dc in an adjustable ring (5 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in each st (10 sts).

Rounds 3 and 4: 1 dc in each st (2 rounds).

Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing up.

Stuff the tail. Sew the tail to the bottom of the bear's back over rounds 31–33