

6 Cute Knitted Toys



by Amanda Berry

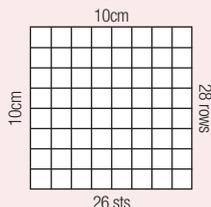
Tavistock tortoise

Yarn used

25g of DK wool yarn
in dark green (A), brown (B)
& light green (C)

Tension

Measured over St st



Needles used

3mm straight needles

Other supplies

toy filling
tapestry needle
2 black beads for eyes

Sizing

7x14 cm

Shell

Cast on 8 sts in colour A.

Row 1 and all foll odd-numbered rows (WS): Purl.

Row 2: [Kfb] 8 times. 16 sts

Row 4: [Kfb, k1] 8 times. 24 sts

Row 6: In colour B, k. 24 sts

Row 8: [Kfb, k2] 8 times. 32 sts

Row 10: In colour A, k.

Row 12: [Kfb, k3] 8 times. 40 sts

Row 14: In colour B, k.

Row 16: [Kfb, k4] 8 times. 48 sts

Row 18: In colour A, k.

Row 20: [Kfb, k5] 8 times. 56 sts

Row 22: Purl.

Row 24: [K2tog, k5] 8 times. 48 sts

Row 26: [K2tog, k4] 8 times. 40 sts

Row 28: [K2tog, k3] 8 times. 32 sts

Row 30: [K2tog, k2] 8 times. 24 sts

Row 32: [K2tog, k1] 8 times. 16 sts

Row 34: [K2tog] 8 times. 8 sts

Make yourself a handy little friend. I use mine as a pincushion!

Pull through to cast off. Gather the cast-on stitches at the top of the shell. Secure the thread. Sew the seam of the shell from the top to the fold at the base (Row 22). Stuff the shell through the gap in the seam. Sew the seam closed and secure the thread.

Tail

Cast on 13 sts in colour C.

Rows 1-5: Starting and ending on a p row, work in St st. 13 sts

Row 6 (RS): [K2tog] 6 times, k1. 7 sts

Pull through to cast off. Starting at the tip of the tail, sew the seam from the cast-off edge at the tip of the tail to the cast-on edge. Stuff the tail through the opening at the cast-on edge. Over-sew the cast-on edge closed. Sew the tail to the back of the shell.

Head

Cast on 13 sts in colour C.

Rows 1-5: Starting and ending on a p row, work in St st. 13 sts

Row 6 (RS): [K2, kfb] twice, k1, [kfb, k2] twice. 17 sts

Row 7: Purl.

Row 8: K2, [kfb, k3] three times, kfb, k2. 21 sts

Row 9: Purl.

Row 10: [K3, kfb] twice, k5, [kfb, k3] twice. 25 sts

Rows 11-15: Starting and ending on a p row, work in St st.

Row 16: [K3, k2tog] twice, k5, [k2tog, k3] twice. 21 sts

Row 17: Purl.

Row 18: K2, [k2tog, k3] three times, k2tog, k2. 17 sts

Row 19: Purl.

Row 20: [K2tog] 8 times, k1. 9 sts

Pull through to cast off. Sew the head seam from the nose (cast-off stitches) towards the neck, stuffing as you sew. Stop at the cast-on edge, which is left open. Ensure the neck is stuffed firmly to prevent it from flopping about. Sew the head to the shell, catching the cast-on stitches on the neck to the stitches on the shell. Sew black beads on either side of the head for the eyes.

Legs (make 4)

Cast on 8 sts in colour C.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2: [Kfb] 8 times. 16 sts

Rows 3-4: Purl.

Rows 5-7: Starting and ending on a p row, work in St st.

Cast off all stitches. Gather the cast-on stitches, pull to close and secure the thread. Sew the seam, stopping at the cast-on edge. Stuff the feet, ensuring that all four are stuffed evenly. Sew the feet to the underside of the tortoise shell.



Tabby cat

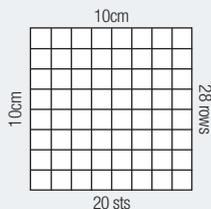
Yarn used

40g of aran weight wool yarn in light brown (A), orange (B) & white (C) for the tabby cat

50g of DK weight wool yarn in green (D) for the cardigan

Tension

measured over St st



Needles used

4mm straight needles

Other supplies

tapestry needle

100g toy stuffing

2 black beads for eyes, 5mm sewing needle & thread

3 small buttons for the cardigan
stitch holder

Sizing

27cm tall

Legs and body

Knit the legs and body in one piece. Start by knitting the right leg.

Right leg

With C, cast on 12 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2: [Kfb] 12 times. 24 sts

Row 3: Purl.

Row 4: [Kfb, k1] 12 times. 36 sts

Rows 5-10: Starting with a p row, work in St st. 36 sts

Row 11: With B, purl.

Row 12: K4, [k2tog] 11 times, k10. 25 sts

Row 13: Purl.

Row 14: K4, [k2tog] 7 times, k7. 18 sts

Row 15: With A, purl.

Row 16: K7, k2tog, k9. 17 sts

Row 17: Purl.

Row 18: Knit.

Row 19: With B, purl.

Rows 20-22: Starting and ending with a k row, work in St st.

Row 23: With A, purl.

Row 24: Kfb, k15, kfb. 19 sts

Row 25: Purl.

Row 26: Kfb, k17, kfb. 21 sts

Row 27: With B, purl. Mark the ends of this row (the top of the leg), cut the yarn and place these 21 sts on a stitch holder or a waste length of yarn to work later.

Left leg

With C, cast on 12 sts.

Rows 1-11: Follow right leg pattern rows 1 to 11. 36 sts

Row 12: K10, [k2tog] 11 times, k4. 25 sts

Row 13: Purl.

Row 14: K7, [k2tog] 7 times, k4. 18 sts

Row 15: With A, purl.

Row 16: K9, k2tog, k7. 17 sts

Rows 17-26: Follow right leg pattern rows 17 to 26. 21 sts

Row 27: With B, purl. Mark the ends of this row (the top of the leg).

Row 28: Knit.

Place the 21 sts from the right leg onto your empty needle with the right side facing you. Knit across these 21 sts so that the two leg

pieces are side by side on your needle (a total of 42 sts).

Body

Row 29: Purl. 42 sts

Row 30: K3, [kfb, k6] 5 times, kfb, k3. 48 sts

Rows 31-32: Starting with a p row, work in St st. 48 sts

Row 33: With A, purl. 48 sts

Rows 34-36: Starting and ending with a k row, work in St st.

Row 37: With B, purl.

Rows 38-40: Starting and ending with a k row, work in St st.

Row 41: With A, purl.

Row 42: K3, [k2tog, k6] 5 times, k2tog, k3. 42 sts

Rows 43-44: Starting with a p row, work in St st.

Row 45: With B, purl.

Rows 46-47: Starting with a k row, work in St st.

Row 48: K3, [k2tog, k5] 5 times, k2tog, k2. 36 sts

Row 49: With A, purl.

Rows 50-52: Starting and ending with a k row, work in St st.

Row 53: With B, purl.

Row 54: K2, [k2tog, k4] 5 times, k2tog, k2. 30 sts

Rows 55-56: Starting with a p row, work in St st.

Row 57: With A, purl.

Row 58: K2, [k2tog, k3] 5 times, k2tog, k1. 24 sts

Row 59: Purl.

Row 60: [K2tog] 12 times. 12 sts

Row 61: Purl.

Row 62: [K2tog] 6 times. 6 sts



Pull through to cast off. Sew the seams, starting at the soles of the feet, and sew each leg seam from the foot up to the stitch markers at Row 27. Sew the back seam towards the neck, adding stuffing as you sew, ending at the neck. Finish the feet by gathering the cast-on stitches at the soles of the feet and pulling together to close the gap. Secure the thread firmly.

Head

With A, cast on 10 sts.

Rows 1-3: Starting and ending with a p row, work in St st.

Row 4 (RS): K1, [kfb] 9 times. 19 sts

Row 5: With B, purl.

Row 6: K1, [kfb, k1] 9 times. 28 sts

Row 7: Purl.

Row 8: K1, [kfb, k2] 9 times. 37 sts

Row 9: With A, purl.

Rows 10-11: Starting with a k row, work in St st.

Row 12: K1, [kfb, k5] 6 times. 43 sts

Row 13: With B, purl.

Rows 14-16: Starting and ending with a k row, work in St st.

Row 17: With A, purl.

Rows 18-20: Starting and ending with a k row, work in St st.

Row 21: With A, purl.

Rows 22-24: Starting and ending with a k row, work in St st.

Row 25: With C, purl.

Row 26: K1, [k2tog, k5] 6 times. 37 sts

Row 27: Purl.

Row 28: K10, [ssk] 4 times, k1, [k2tog] 4 times, k10. 29 sts

Rows 29-35: Starting and ending with a p row, work in St st.

Row 36: K3, [ssk, k1] 4 times, [k2tog, k1] 4 times, k2. 21 sts

Row 37: Purl.

Row 38: [K2tog] 10 times, k1. 11 sts

Pull through to cast off. Sew the head seam from the nose to the back of the head, stuffing as you sew. Finish by gathering the cast-on stitches together at the back of the head. Sew on two small black beads for eyes. Sew through the head as you attach the beads and pull the sides of the head together slightly to make indents for the eyes. Alternatively, use black wool to embroider the eyes. Embroider the nose using dark grey wool. Sew the head in place on top of the body.

Ears (make 2)

With B, cast on 18 sts.

Row 1 and all foll odd-numbered rows: Purl.

Row 2: K4, ssk, k6, k2tog, k4. 16 sts

Row 4: K3, ssk, k6, k2tog, k3. 14 sts

Row 6: K3, ssk, k4, k2tog, k3. 12 sts

Row 8: [K2tog] 6 times. 6 sts

Pull through to cast off. The ear seam runs down the underside of the ear. Sew the seam from the top to the bottom. Sew the ears to the top of the head. Note that the cast-on edge of the ear is sewn to the head.

Arms (make 2)

With C, cast on 7 sts.

Row 1: Purl.

Row 2: [Kfb] 7 times. 14 sts

Row 3: Purl.

Row 4: [Kfb, k1] 7 times. 21 sts

Row 5: Purl.

Row 6: K8, kfb, k3, kfb, k8. 23 sts

Rows 7-8: Starting with a p row, work in St st.

Row 9: With B, purl.

Row 10: K6, [k2tog] 6 times, k5. 17 sts

Row 11: Purl. 17 sts

Row 12: K5, [k2tog] 4 times, k4. 13 sts

Row 13: With A, purl.

Rows 14-16: Starting and ending on a k row, work in St st.

Row 17: With B, purl.

Rows 18-20: Starting and ending on a k row, work in St st.

Row 21: With A, purl.

Rows 22-24: Starting and ending on a k row, work in St st.

Row 25: With B, purl.

Rows 26-28: Starting and ending on a k row, work in St st.

Row 29: With A, purl.

Rows 30-32: Starting and ending on a k row, work in St st.

Row 33: With B, purl.

Row 34: K1, k2tog, k7, ssk, k1. 11 sts

Row 35: Purl.

Row 36: K1, k2tog, k5, ssk, k1. 9 sts

Row 37: Purl.

Pull through to cast off. Using the cast-off tail, sew the arm seam down to the paw, stuffing as you sew. Finish by gathering the cast-on stitches together at the paw. Sew the arms to the top of the body.

Tail

With A, cast on 14 sts.

Rows 1-4: Starting with a p row, work in St st.

Row 5: With B, purl.

Rows 6-8: Starting and ending on a k row, work in St st.

Row 9: With A, purl.

Rows 10-12: Starting and ending on a k row, work in St st.

Row 13: With B, purl.

Rows 14-16: Starting and ending on a k row, work in St st.

Row 17: With C, purl.

Rows 18-21: Starting on a k row, work in St st.

Row 22: [K2tog] 7 times. 7 sts

Row 23: [P2tog] 3 times, p1. *4 sts*
Pull through to cast off. Sew the tail seam from the cast-off edge to the cast-on edge, leaving the cast-on edge open. Add some stuffing to the tail. Sew the tail onto the back of the cat's body.

Cardigan

Back

With D, cast on 31 sts.

Rows 1-15: Starting and ending on a p row, work in St st. Mark the sts at the ends of row 15.

Row 16 (RS): K1, ssk, k to last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1. *29 sts*

Row 17: Purl.

Rows 18-21: Rep rows 16 and 17. *25 sts*

Rows 22-24: Starting and ending on a k row, work in St st.

Row 25: P7, k11, p7. *25 sts*

Row 26: K5, k2tog, k2, cast off the next 7 sts (you should have 8 sts remaining on your right needle), k1, ssk, k5. *16 sts*

After working Row 26, you should have 16 sts on the needle, in two groups of 8 sts, for the cardigan shoulders.

Row 27: P6, k2. *8 sts*

These 8 sts will be worked for the left-front side of the cardigan. Place the other 8 sts on a stitch holder or a waste length of yarn to work later for the right-front side.

Left-front side

(continues from cardigan back)

Row 28: K2, ssk, k4. *7 sts*

Row 29: P5, k2.

Row 30: Knit.

Row 31: Rep Row 29.

Row 32: K2, m1, k rem sts. *8 sts*

Row 33: P to last 2 sts, k2.

Rows 34-39: Rep rows 32 and 33. *11 sts*



Row 40: K2, m1, k to last st, m1, k1. *13 sts*

Row 41: Rep Row 33.

Rows 42-43: Rep rows 40 and 41. *15 sts*

Row 44: Rep Row 40. *17 sts*

Row 45: P15, k2. Mark the sts at the ends of the row.

Row 46: K2, yo, k2tog, k rem stitches.

Row 47: Rep Row 33.

Row 48: Knit.

Row 49: Rep Row 33.

Row 50: Rep Row 46.

Rows 51-52: Rep rows 47 and 48.

Row 53: Rep Row 33.

Row 54: Rep Row 46.

Rows 55-56: Rep rows 47 and 48.

Row 57: Rep Row 33.

Row 58: Purl

Row 59: Knit.

Cast off all stitches

Right-front side

Place the 8 sts on the stitch holder from the back piece of the cardigan onto your needle with the wrong side facing you, ready to work.

Row 1: K2, p rem sts. *8 sts*

Row 2: K4, k2tog, k2. *7 sts*

Row 3: Rep Row 1.

Row 4: Knit.

Row 5: Rep Row 1.

Row 6: K to last 2 sts, m1, k2. *8 sts*

Rows 7-12: Rep rows 5 and 6. *11 sts*

Row 13: Rep Row 1. *11 sts*

Row 14: K1, m1, k to last 2 sts, m1, k2. *13 sts*

Row 15: Rep Row 1. *13 sts*

Rows 16-19: Rep rows 14 and 15. *17 sts*

Mark the sts at the ends of Row 19.

Row 20: Knit.

Row 21: K2, p rem sts.

Rows 22-31: Rep rows 20 and 21.

Row 32: Purl.

Row 33: Knit.

Cast off all sts.

Sleeves (make 2)

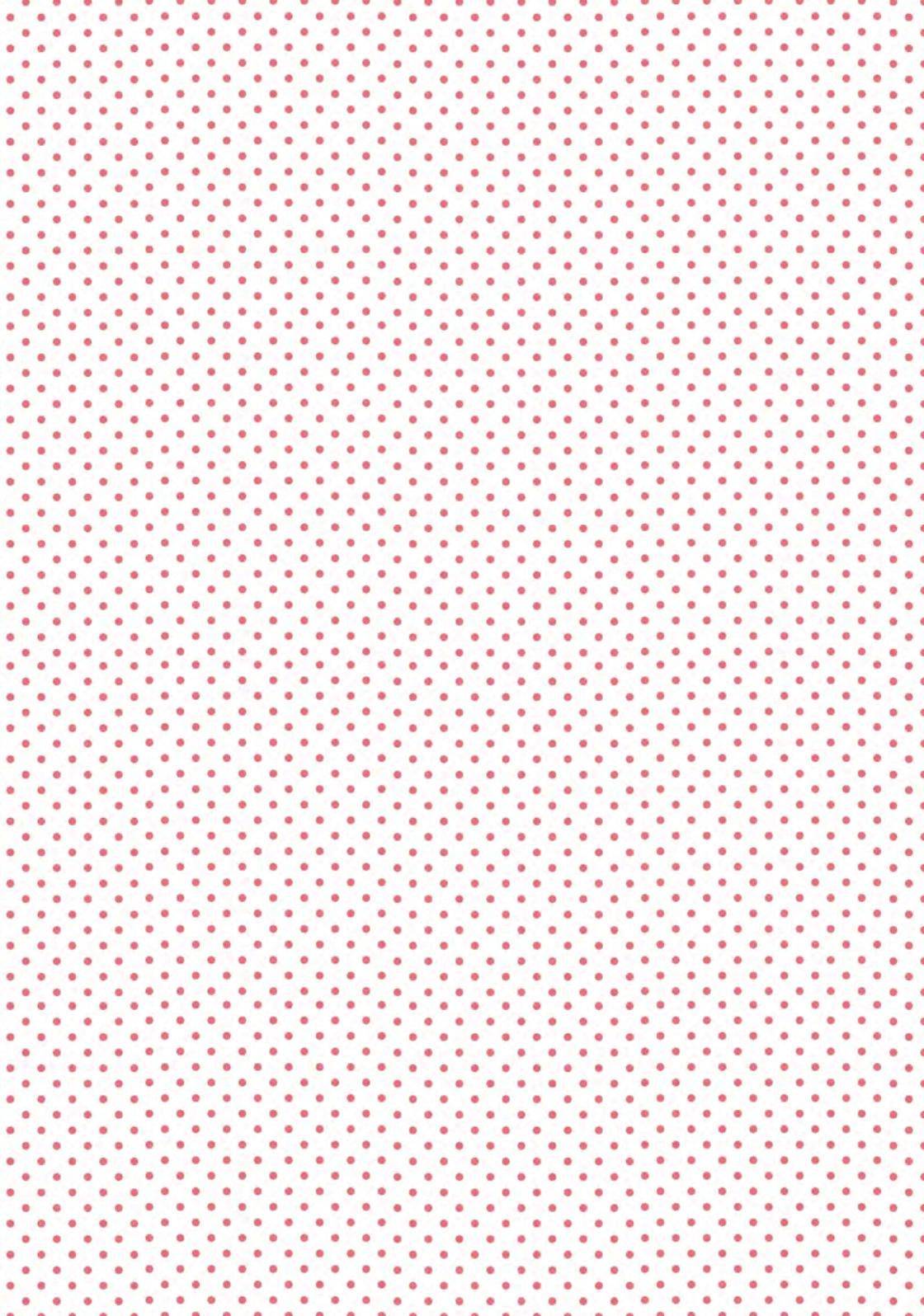
Using D, and with the RS of the work facing you, pick up 28 sts between the stitch markers at the side of the jacket.

Rows 1-13: Starting and ending on a p row, work in St st.

Row 14: Purl.

Row 15: Knit.

Cast off all stitches. Sew the side seams of the sleeves and the side seams of the cardigan. Sew three small buttons onto the front of the cardigan, underneath the buttonholes.



Knitting patterns by Amanda Berry



Bertie



Brompton



Tooley



Monkey



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Welcome

My name is Amanda Berry and I live in Berkshire. My mum taught me how to knit when I was young but, like most kids, I had a short attention span so I didn't really start knitting until later in life when my passion for crafting was ignited. I still have a short attention span, so if I had to make a sweater I would give up after a few weeks! I started knitting toys because they are quicker to complete than a garment, more fun to make than a scarf and you don't have to worry about whether they will fit you! In 2010 I opened my Etsy store to sell my knitting patterns and since then I have been lucky enough to have some of my designs featured in several magazines. I was thrilled to be invited to offer some of my favourite designs to *Knit Now*.

These are a selection of my favourite toys. The little tortoise makes a handy pincushion that would be a super gift for a crafter. Harry and Hatty the hares are little toys made for little hands. When I was a girl, my favourite toys were those small enough to smuggle into school in my pencil case. If you want a bigger project, Tabby cat is a super-cuddly striped kitty. Moss the sheep makes a lovely toy, or you can place him on your bookshelf or mantelpiece for a woolly, homely touch.

All of these patterns are worked flat (back and forth) on straight needles to appeal to knitters of all abilities. When sewing the seams together, use mattress stitch. Hide any knots or yarn tails inside the finished toy. If you are making these toys to give to a child, please ensure that you have no loose parts, such as threads or beads, which could be potential choking hazards. Also, please consider your choice of toy eyes carefully.

I do hope you enjoy knitting these fluffy, fuzzy cuties!

Amanda



Patterns



4. Harry and Hatty hare

7. Moss the sheep



10. Tavistock the tortoise



12. Tabby cat



Harry and Hatty hare

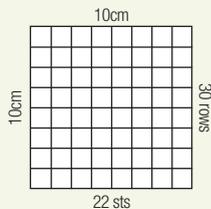
Yarn used

30g of DK wool yarn in grey for Harry or cream for Hatty (A)

20g of DK wool yarn in white (B) & blue (C) for jacket, or pink (D) for dress

Tension

Measured over St st



Needles used

3.75mm straight

Other supplies

75g of toy filling per toy
2 6mm-diameter black buttons per toy for the eyes
2 small circles of white felt per toy to back the eyes
small amount of dark grey yarn for the nose
small white ready-made pompom for each toy, or white 2-ply or double-knit yarn to make a small pompom tail for each toy

Sizing

17cm tall (including ears)

This cute couple are one happy hare family

The head, body and legs are all knitted in one piece. Start by working the left leg.

Left leg

Cast on 10 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2: K1, [kfb] 3 times, k2, [kfb] 3 times, k1. *16 sts*

Rows 3-7: Starting and ending with a p row, work in St st.

Row 8: K6, [k2tog] 4 times, k2. *12 sts*

Row 9: Purl.

Row 10: K6, [k2tog] twice, k2. *10 sts*

Rows 11-14: Starting with a p row, work in St st.

Break the yarn and slide the 10 sts to the wrong end of the needle to hold them to work later.

Note: You may find it handy to mark the stitches at the end of Row 14. These stitches are at the crotch and will mark the bottom of the back seam and the top of the inside leg seam when you sew the hare together.

Now work the right leg. Cast on the right leg sts onto the same knitting needle that is holding the left leg sts.

Right leg

With A, cast on 10 sts

Rows 1-7: Follow the left leg pattern rows 1 to 7. *16 sts*

Row 8: K2, [k2tog] 4 times, k6. *12 sts*

Row 9: Purl.

Row 10: K2, [k2tog] twice, k6. *10 sts*

Rows 11-14: Follow the left leg pattern rows 11 to 14 but don't break the yarn. *10 sts*

For Row 15, the right leg and left leg pieces should be on the same knitting needle, with the WS facing you and the right leg nearest the needle tip. For example, for Row 15, you will p10 sts from the right leg then p10 sts for the left leg. This joins the body at the crotch for a total of 20 sts.

Row 15: Purl. *20 st*

Body and head

Row 16: K1, kfb, k6, kfb, k2, kfb, k6, kfb, k1. *24 sts*

Row 17: Purl.

Row 18: K1, kfb, k8, kfb, k2, kfb, k8, kfb, k1. *28 sts*

Rows 19-23: Starting and ending with a p row, work in St st. *28 sts*

Row 24: K1, ssk, k10, k2tog, k13. *26 sts*

Row 25: Purl.

Row 26: K11, k2tog, k10, k2tog, k1. *24 sts*

Row 27: Purl.



Row 28: K1, ssk, k8, k2tog, k11. 22 sts

Row 29: Purl.

Row 30: K9, k2tog, k8, k2tog, k1. 20 sts

Row 31: [P2tog] 10 times. 10 sts

Row 32: [Kfb] 10 times. 20 sts

Row 33: Purl.

Row 34: [Kfb, k1] 10 times. 30 sts

Row 35: Purl.

Row 36: [Kfb, k4] 6 times. 36 sts

Row 37: Purl.

Row 38: K17, kfb, k18. 37 sts

Rows 39-41: Starting and ending with a p row, work in St st.

Row 42: K16, ssk, k1, k2tog, k16. 35 sts

Row 43 and all foll odd-numbered rows: Purl.

Row 44: K15, ssk, k1, k2tog, k15. 33 sts

Row 46: K14, ssk, k1, k2tog, k14. 31 sts

Row 48: K13, ssk, k1, k2tog, k13. 29 sts

Row 50: K1, k2tog, k9, ssk, k1, k2tog, k9, ssk, k1. 25 sts

Row 52: [K1, k2tog] twice, [k1, ssk] twice, [k1, k2tog] twice, [k1, ssk] twice, k1. 17 sts

Row 54: K1, [k2tog] 8 times. 9 sts

Pull through to cast off. Sew the back seam from the top of the head down to the crotch, adding stuffing to the head and body as you sew. Then sew the inside leg seams and stuff the legs and feet. Finish by gathering the cast-on stitches on the sole of the foot. The eyes are made from two 6mm black buttons

sewn onto small circles of white felt. Alternatively, you could use toy safety eyes or even embroider the eyes using wool. As you sew on the button eyes, take the needle through the head from one side to the other to pull the buttons together slightly. The felt circles behind the buttons act as a backing to prevent the buttons from pulling through your knitting. If you use toy safety eyes, insert these before you sew up and stuff the head. Embroider the nose in dark grey wool in a 'Y' shape. After stuffing the head and body, give definition to the neckline by sewing a running stitch from the back and around the neckline using the main toy colour, and pull the yarn to gather together. Knot and secure the yarn, burying the ends inside the body.

Arms (make 2)

With A, cast on 10 sts

Rows 1-13: Starting and ending with a p row, work in St st.

Row 14 (RS): [k2tog] 5 times. 5 st
Pull through to cast off. Sew the side edges together, adding stuffing as you sew. Pad the hands quite firmly but add only a small amount of filling to the tops of the arms. Finish by gathering the cast on sts together at the top of the arm. Sew each arm to the top of the body.

Ears (make 2)

With A, cast on 10 sts

Rows 1-10: Knit.

Row 11-18: K to last 2 sts, k2tog, 2 st

Row 19: K2tog. 1 st

Cast off. Fold the ear in half and join the cast-on edges together. Sew this edge to the top of the hare's head.

Tail (make 1)

Using white yarn, make a small pompom measuring approximately 2cm in diameter. Sew the pompom to the back of the hare's body.

Harry's jacket

Jacket

Knit all the jacket pieces in white (B) and blue (C), working from the top down.

Cast on 26 sts in white

Rows 1-2: With B, knit. 26 sts

Row 3: With C, purl.

Row 4: K5, [m1, k1] 3 times, m1, k10, [m1, k1] 3 times, m1, k5.

34 sts

Row 5: With B, purl. 34 sts

Row 6: K6, [m1, k1] twice, k2, [m1, k1] twice, k11, [m1, k1] twice, k2, [m1, k1] twice, k5. 42 sts

Row 7: With C, purl.

Row 8: K7, [m1, k1] twice, k4, [m1, k1] twice, k13, [m1, k1] twice, k4, [m1, k1] twice, k6. 50 sts

Work Row 9 and all rem rows in B.

Row 9: Purl.

Row 10: k8, [m1, k1] twice, k6, [m1, k1] twice, k15, [m1, k1] twice, k6, [m1, k1] twice, k7. 58 sts

Row 11: k3, p5, cast off the next 13 sts purlwise, purl to the last 21 sts, cast off the next 13 sts p-wise, p5, k3. 8 sts plus 16 sts plus 8 sts, for a total of 32 sts. The cast-off stitches on Row 11 are the hem of the sleeves. Slide all the stitches together on the needle to work Row 12.

Rows 12-16: Starting and ending on a k row, work in St st.

Row 17: Knit.

Cast off all sts.

Front placket

Using B, and with the RS of the jacket facing you, on the front side edge, pu 12 sts between the

bottom hem (the cast-off edge) and the top of the first blue stripe.

Row 1: Knit.

Cast off the 12 sts. Repeat with the other side edge of the jacket. Weave in yarn tails to finish.

Hatty's dress

Dress

Knit all the dress pieces in pink (D) and work from the hem up.

With D, cast on 51 sts.

Rows 1-2: Knit.

Rows 3-8: Starting with a p row, work in St st.

Hint: If you want to make a longer dress, add rows here to your required length, ending on a k row.

Row 9: Purl.

Row 10: K1, [k2tog] 25 times. 26 sts

Row 11: Knit.

Row 12: Cast off the first 8 sts, k to the last 8 sts, and cast off the last 8 sts. 10 sts

Now reattach the yarn and work on the central 10 sts for the bib, with the WS facing you.

Row 13: k2, p to the last 2 sts, k2. 10 sts

Row 14: Knit.

Row 15: Rep Row 13.

Row 16: k1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. 8 sts

Row 17: Knit.

Cast off all sts. Join the top and bottom of each side edge at the back, leaving a hole in the middle of the seam for the tail to poke through.

Straps (make 2)

With D, cast on 14 sts then cast off all sts. Sew the short ends to the top of the bib and back of the dress. Finish the dress by sewing two 5mm pearl beads on the tops of the straps at the front.

Moss the sheep



Yarn used

1 ball Patons Wool Blend Aran in Natural Flame (A)

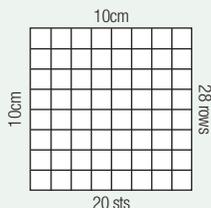
1 ball Rowan Felted Tweed Aran in Cork (B)

About the yarn

Patons Wool Blend: Aran; 185m per 100g ball; 63% wool, 37% acrylic
Rowan Felted Tweed: Aran; 87m per 50g ball; 50% Merino wool, 25% rayon, 25% alpaca

Tension

measured over St st



Needles used

4mm straight needles

Other supplies

2 black beads for the big sheep's eyes, 5mm
2 black beads for the little sheep's eyes, 4mm
150g toy filling
sewing needle & thread
tapestry needle

Sizing

Big sheep: 12cm tall x 13cm long

Little sheep: 5cm tall

Special abbreviations

inc2: Knit into the front, then back, then front again of the same stitch

This wonderful wool maker gets his name from his moss-stitch body

Big sheep

Body

With A, cast on 8 sts.

Row 1 (WS): [K1, p1] 4 times.

Row 2 (RS): [P1, inc2] 4 times.
16 sts

Row 3: [K1, p1] 8 times.

Row 4: [P1, inc2, p1, k1] 4 times.
24 sts

Row 5: [K1, p1] 12 times.

Row 6: [P1, inc2, [p1, k1] twice] 4 times.
32 sts

Row 7: [K1, p1] 16 times.

Row 8: [P1, inc2, [p1, k1] 3 times] 4 times.
40 sts

Row 9: [K1, p1] 20 times.

Row 10: [P1, inc2, [p1, k1] 4 times] 4 times.
48 sts

Row 11: [K1, p1] 24 times.

Row 12: [P1, inc2, [p1, k1] 5 times] 4 times.
56 sts

Row 13: [K1, p1] 28 times.

Row 14: [P1, k1] 28 times.

Rows 15-30: Rep rows 13 and 14.

Row 31: Rep Row 13.

Row 32: [P1, k3tog, [p1, k1] 5 times] 4 times.
48 sts

Row 33: [K1, p1] 24 times.
48 sts

Row 34: [P1, k3tog, [p1, k1] 4 times] 4 times.
40 sts

Row 35: [K1, p1] 20 times.
40 sts

Row 36: [P1, k3tog, [p1, k1] 3 times] 4 times.
32 sts

Row 37: [K1, p1] 16 times.

Row 38: [P1, k3tog, [p1, k1] twice] 4 times.
24 sts

Row 39: [K1, p1] 12 times.

Row 40: [P1, k3tog, p1, k1] 4 times.
16 sts

Row 41: [K1, p1] 8 times.

Row 42: [P1, k3tog] 4 times.
8 sts

Pull through to cast off. Sew the side edges together, stuffing the body as you sew to make a ball shape. Finish by gathering the

cast-on stitches together. The head will cover these stitches at the front.

Head

With A, cast on 20 sts.

Row 1 (WS): [K1, p1] 10 times.

Row 2 (RS): [P1, k1] 2 times, p1, inc2, [p1, k1] 3 times, p1, inc2, [p1, k1] 3 times.
24 sts

Row 3: [K1, p1] 12 times.

Row 4: [P1, k1] 12 times.

Rows 5 and 6: Rep rows 3 and 4.

Row 7: P5, p2tog, p10, p2tog, p5.
22 sts

Row 8: Change to B at the start of the row, knit.

Rows 9-21: Starting and ending on a p row, work in St st.

Row 22: K1, [k2tog, k1] 7 times.
15 sts

Row 23: P2tog 7 times, p1.
8 sts

Pull through to cast off. Sew the side edges together, ending at the cast-on edge. Note that this seam runs up the centre of the back of the head. Stuff the head through the top. Finish by sewing the cast-on edges together (the top).

Sew on two 5mm black beads for the eyes and then sew the head onto the body.

Ears (make 2)

With B, cast on 5 sts.

Rows 1-3: Starting and ending on a p row, work in St st.

Row 4: [K2tog] twice, k1.
3 sts

Pull through to cast off. Sew the cast-on edge of each ear to the side of the head.

Feet (make 4)

With B, cast on 12 sts.

Rows 1-5: Starting and ending on a p row, work in St st.



Row 6: [K2tog] 6 times.
Pull through to cast off. Sew the side edges together, ending at the cast-on edge. Stuff each leg through the top. Finish by sewing the cast-on edge to the bottom of the sheep's body.

Tail

With A, cast on 8 sts.

Row 1 (WS): [K1, p1] 4 times.

Row 2 (RS): [P1, k1] 4 times.

Rows 3-6: Rep rows 1 and 2.

Row 7: Rep Row 1.

Row 8: [K2tog] 4 times. 4 sts

Pull through to cast off. Sew the side edges together, ending at the cast-on edge. Note that this seam runs up the centre back of the tail. Sew the cast-on edge to the back of the sheep's body.

Little sheep

Body

With A, cast on 8 sts.

Row 1 (WS): [K1, p1] 4 times.

Row 2 (RS): [P1, inc2] 4 times.
16 sts

Row 3: [K1, p1] 8 times.

Row 4: [P1, inc2, p1, k1] 4 times.
24 sts

Row 5: [K1, p1] 12 times.

Row 6: [P1, k1] 12 times.

Rows 7-10: Rep rows 5 and 6

Row 11: [K1, p1] 12 times.

Row 12: [P1, k3tog, p1, k1] 4 times.
16 sts

Row 13: [K1, p1] 8 times. 16 sts

Row 14: [P1, k3tog] 4 times. 8 sts

Pull through to cast off. Sew the side edges together and stuff the body as you sew to make a ball shape. Finish by gathering the cast-on stitches together (the head will cover these stitches at the front).

Head

Cast on 5 sts in brown. Start by making the ears.

Step 1: Cast off 2 sts. 3 sts

Step 2: Slip the 1 stitch on the right needle onto the left needle.

Step 3: Cast on 6 sts. 9 sts

Step 4: Cast off 2 sts. 7 sts

Step 5: Slip the 1 stitch on the right needle onto the left needle.
7 sts

Step 6: Cast on 2 sts. 9 sts

Now make the head on these sts.

Rows 1-6: Starting with a k row, work in St st.

Row 7: [K2tog] 4 times, k1. 5 sts

Pull through to cast off. Sew the side edges together, ending at the cast-on edge. Note that this seam runs up the centre of the back of the head. Add a small amount of stuffing and sew the top edge closed. Sew on two 4mm black beads for eyes and sew the head onto the body.

Feet (make 4)

With B, cast on 2 sts.

Row 1 (RS): Inc 2, turn leaving 1 st unworked. 4 sts

Row 2 (WS): P3. 4 sts

Row 3: K3, turn leaving 1 st unworked. 4 sts

Row 4: P3. 4 sts

Row 5: [K2tog] twice. 2 sts

Pull through to cast off. With the RS facing outwards, sew each bobble foot onto the underside of the sheep's body.