FINISHED SIZE Approx. 10cm/ 4in tall

YARN

FROG

A Small amount 4-ply/ fingering weight *I used* Drops Alpaca shade 7238 Green Grass

B Small amount 4-ply/ fingering weight *I used* Drops Alpaca shade 0100 Off-White

TOAD

A Small amount 4-ply/ fingering weight *I used* Drops Alpaca shade 9029 Wheatfield

B Small amount 4-ply/ fingering weight *I used* Drops Alpaca shade 0100 Off-White

KNITTING NEEDLES Pair of 2mm/ US size 0 straight, single-point knitting needles *OR* two double pointed knitting needles, especially for the i-cord limbs (*see Pattern Notes, page 2*)

(*NOTE: If you find 2mm a little too tight try knitting with 2.5mm needles instead*)

TENSION 15 rows and 11 stitches over 2.5cm with 2mm needles and yarn A

EXTRAS 9mm toy safety eyes with washer backs; toy filling (*although I use cut lengths of yarn A wound into small balls as my stuffing*); lockable-style stitch markers in various colours (*see Page 3*); yarn sewing needle; pack fine Armature Wire in 28 or 30 Gauge - *you'll need 2 x 30cm/ lengths*

SUPPLIERS

Drops Yarn I buy from here - KnittedHome

Toy Safety Eyes I buy from here - CelloExpress at Etsy

Armature Wire I buy from here - HeidiFeathers Etsy Shop

Frog & Toad!

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

W+Tk bring working yarn to the front of the work, slip next stitch purl-wise onto the RH needle, take working yarn to the back, slip the slipped stitch back onto the LH needle, turn the knitting = W+Tk (wrap and turn knit)

W+Tp take working yarn to the back of the work, slip next stitch knit-wise onto the RH needle, bring working yarn to the front, slip the slipped stitch back onto the LH needle, turn the knitting = W+Tp (wrap and turn purl)

GENERAL ABBREVIATIONS:

K = knit

P = purl

inc = increase

dec = decrease

K2tog/ K3tog = knit two together/ knit three together

P2tog/ P3tog = purl two together/ purl three together

RH/LH = right hand/ left hand   **RS/WS** = right side/ wrong side

st/ sts =stitch/ stitches

Skpo = slip one stitch, knit next stitch, pass slipped stitch over knit stitch to decrease by one stitch

Kfb = knit into front then into back of stitch to increase by one stitch

Pfb = Purl into front then knit into back of stitch to increase by one stitch

Yo = Yarn over, to work this simple increase wind the yarn once over the needle from the back then over, from right to left, the right-hand needle, knit the next stitch.

COLOURED MARKER GUIDE:

This guide is here to pull out and use together with the pattern should you to wish to use similar coloured guides to mine for ease of following, especially at the making-up stage:

BABY PINK BACK

PINK BELLY

PATTERN NOTES & TIPS:

. I generally cast on with Cable Cast On unless it's casting on in the middle of a row then I use Backward Loop Cast-On method

. The **LEGS AND ARMS** are knitted as i-cord - this method is worked much easier on double-pointed knitting needles (dpns), I have written the pattern as if you are working with single pointed needles but if you'd rather use dpns please do and simply slide the stitches across from needle one point to another rather than slipping stitches across

. **WIRE:** I found the best wires to create an armature with are paper-wrapped (easier to handle) ones - the best gauge for this project being 28 or 30 which is very fine and really malleable so easy to bend and which I used for the legs and body

BACK & BELLY - **Beginning at Back Rear End**

With yarn **A** cast on 3 sts

Row 1 RS) (inc) Kfb, k1, kfb - 5sts

Row 2. Purl

Row 3 (inc) [Kfb, k1] twice, kfb - 8sts

Row 4. Purl

Row 5 (inc) Kfb, k1, kfb, k2, kfb, k1, kfb - 12sts

Row 6. Purl

Row 7. (inc) Kfb, k1, kfb, k6, kfb, k1, kfb - 16sts

Row 8. Purl

Work short rows to create the Back Ridge - Side 1

Short row 1. K5, W+Tk (*Wrap and Turn knit - see Page 2*)

Short row 2. P3, W+Tp (*Wrap and Turn purl - see Page 2*)

Short row 3. K2, W+Tk

Short row 4. P1, W+Tp

Short row 5. K13 to end of row

Work short rows to create the Back Ridge - Side 2

Short row 1. P5, W+Tp

Short row 2. K3, W+Tk

Short row 3. P2, W+Tp

Short row 4. K1, W+Tk

Short row 5. P13 to end of row

Row 9. Kfb, k3, skpo, k4, k2tog, k3, kfb

Row 10. Purl

Row 11. (inc) K3, kfb, k8, kfb, k3 - 18sts

Row 12. Purl, **PM** (*Place Marker*) on first and last stitch of last row for Left and Right **Back Markers**

Row 13. (dec) K3, skpo, k8, k2tog, k3 - 16sts

Row 14. Purl

Row 15. (dec) K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog - 14sts

Row 16. Purl

Row 17. (dec) K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog - 12sts

Row 18. Purl

Row 19. (inc) K1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 - 14sts

Row 20. Purl

Row 21. (inc) K2, kfb, k1, kfb, k4, kfb, k1, kfb, k2 - 18sts

Work short rows for Left Eye

Short row 1. P8, W+Tp

Short row 2. K6, W+Tk

Short row 3. P5, W+Tp

Short row 4. K4 W+Tk

Short row 5. P3 W+Tp

Short row 6. K2 W+Tk

Short row 7. P14 to end

Work short rows for Right Eye

Short row 1. K8, W+Tk

Short row 2. P6, W+Tp

Short row 3. K5 W+Tk

Short row 4. P4 W+Tp

Short row 5. K3 W+Tk

Short row 6. P2 W+Tp

Short row 7. dec) K4, k2tog, k8 to end of row - 17sts

Row 22. (dec) P2tog, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog - 15sts

Row 23. (dec) K3, skpo, k5, k2tog, k3 to end of row - 13sts

Row 24 Purl

Row 25. (dec) K3, skpo, k3, k2tog, k3 to end of row - 11sts

Row 26. (dec) P2tog, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog - 9sts

Row 27. (dec) K2, skpo, k1, k2tog, k2 to end of row - 7sts

Row 28. (dec) P1, p2tog, p1, p2tog, p1 - 5sts

Work short rows to create the Nose Front

Short row 1 K4, W+Tk

Short row 2 P3, W+Tp

Short row 3 dec) K3tog, k1 to end of row - 3sts

Cut yarn A, join yarn **B** and continue to work the **Throat** as follows:

Row 29. Purl

Row 30. inc) Kfb, k1, kfb - 5sts

Row 31. Purl

Row 32. (inc) Kfb, k3, kfb - 7sts

Row 33. Purl

Row 34. (inc) Kfb, k5, kfb - 9sts

Row 35. (dec) P2, p2tog, p1, p2tog, p2 - 7sts

Row 36. Knit

Row 37. (inc) Pfb, purl to last st, pfb - 9sts

Row 38. (inc) K3, kfb, k1, kfb, k3 - 11sts

Row 39. Purl

Row 40. (inc) K3, kfb, k1, kfb, k1, kfb, k3 - 14sts

Row 41. Purl

Work short rows to create the Belly

Short row 1. K13, W+Tk

Short row 2. P12, W+Tp

Short row 3. K11, W+Tk

Short row 4. P10, W+Tp

Short row 5 K9, W+Tk

Short row 6 P8, W+Tp

Short row 7 K11 to end of the row

Row 42. Purl, **PM** on first and last stitch of last row for Left and Right **Belly Markers**

Row 43. (dec) K3, skpo, k4, k2tog, k3 - 12sts

Rows 44-46. Beginning with a purl row work three rows stocking stitch

Row 47. (dec) K2, skpo, k4, k2tog, k2 - 10sts

Row 48. (dec) P2tog, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog - 8sts

Row 49. (dec) Skpo, k4, k2tog - 6sts

Row 50. (dec) P2tog, p2, p2tog - 4sts

Row 51. (dec) K1, k2tog, k1 - 3sts

Cast off all 3 Belly Rear End sts purl-wise.

Add Eyes

Find the Eye Bumps - pushing your little finger/ pinky, into the bumps from WS to push out the bumps.

Wiggle the toy eyes into the side of the bumps making sure both eyes are symmetrical before securing with the toy eye backing. - *See Fig. 1*

FIG. 1

JOIN BODY SEAMS

Belly to Back Seam

WS together, fold the Nose over at the colour change: nose front/ chin.

Working on one side at a time, match the Belly Marker to Back Marker and work a stitch to hold in place.

Pin together the Rear End Cast-On Edge to Belly Rear End Cast-Off Edge.

Ease together and work mattress stitch to join lower belly to back row ends from the rear end seam to belly/ back markers. - *See Fig. 2, for the Left Belly to Back Seam, join dotted lines A to B*

Mattress stitch together the Rear End Cast-On Edge to Belly Rear End Cast-Off Edge.

Remove Belly and Back Markers

FIG. 2

Throat and Upper Belly to Head and Back Seam

To complete the body and head seams, ease together and work mattress stitch to join upper belly and throat row ends to back and head, at the same time stuff the frog/ toad. - *See Fig. 3, for the Left Upper Belly/ Throat to Back/ Head Seam - already sewn*
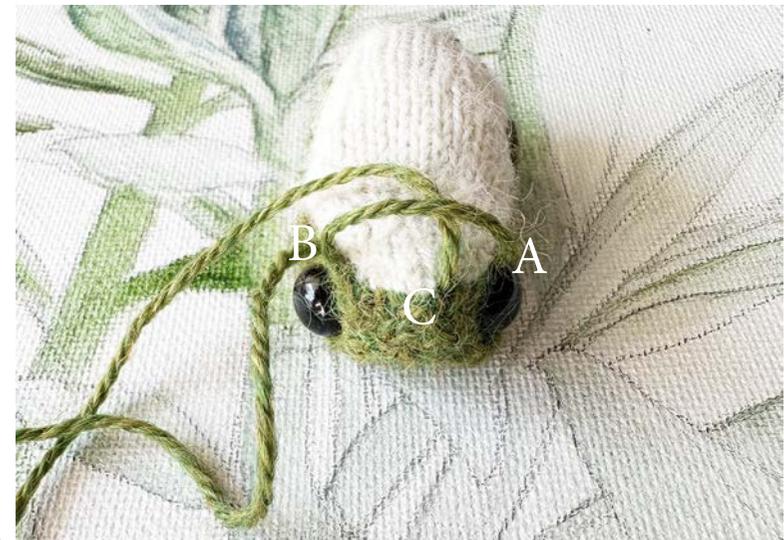

FIG. 3

FIG. 4

MOUTH

With threaded-up yarn **A**, secure the needle and thread near the one of the eyes at the belly to back seam on one side of the head (See 'A' *Fig. 4)* and work a single straight stitch from one side of the head to the other (See 'B'. *Fig. 4)*- making sure where your needle goes in and where it emerges is symmetrical.

Then insert the threaded needle into the head to emerge at the centre of where the mouth is to be (See 'C'. *Fig. 4)* and work a tiny stitch over the straight stitch to keep the straight stitch in place. Now, work over the entire straight stitch, either side of the centre stitch at 'C' with diagonal couching stitch - in other words stitch tiny stitches over the straight stitch at a diagonal angle at the same time picking up knitted stitches to hold the straight stitch mouth in place. - *See Figs. 5, 6 & 7*
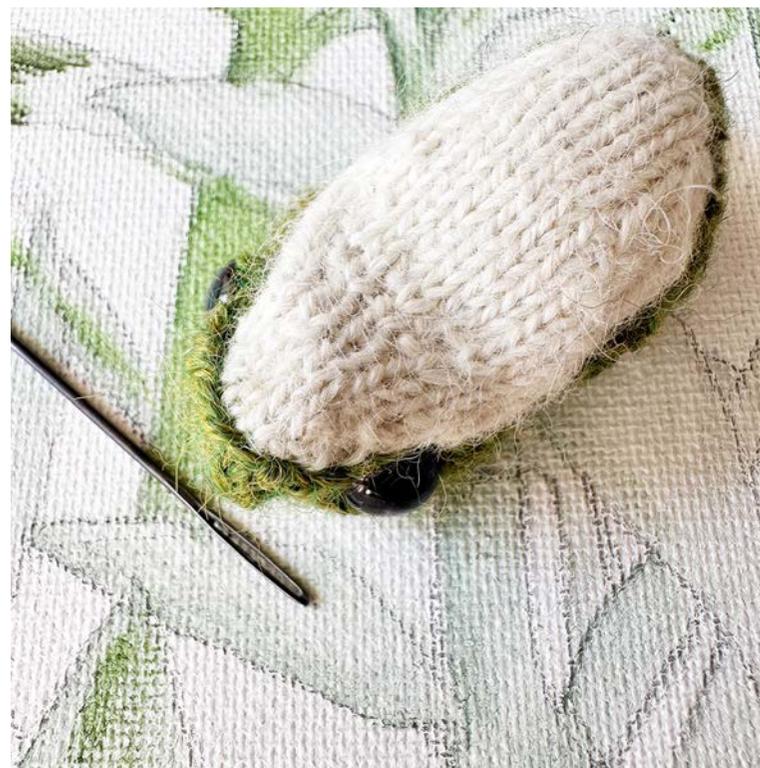

FIG. 5

FIG. 6

FIG. 7

FORELEGS

The Forelegs are knitted independently then sewn onto the body as follows:

Make 2 alike

With yarn **A** cast on 6 sts for the Top of the Foreleg, leave a long tail end for joining the top of the leg to the body later

Row 1. Knit

Do not Turn the work

NOTE: From now on have RS/ knit-side facing at all time

Continue to work i-cord as follows:

If you are using dpns (double-pointed needles) then simply work each i-cord row by RS facing at all times, slide the sts to the other end of the needle pull the working yarn behind the back of the work ready to knit and knit all sts.

However, if you want to work i-cord on two single-pointed needles, this is how:

NOTE: Have RS/ knit-side facing at all time whilst you work on the i-cord as follows:

i-cord row 1. *RS facing, slide the 6 sts off the right-hand needle onto the point of the left hand needle pull the working yarn behind the back of the work ready to knit and knit all 6 sts**

i-cord rows 2-6. Repeat as i-cord Row 1 from * to ** for five rows

i-cord row 7. (dec) Slip the 6 sts off the right hand needle onto the left hand needle, k2, k2tog, k2 - 5sts

i-cord row 8. *Slip the 5 sts off the right hand needle onto the left hand needle, knit the 5 sts**

i-cord rows 9-13. Repeat as i-cord Row 8 from * to ** five rows

i-cord row 14. (inc) Slip the 5 sts off the right hand needle onto the left hand needle, k2, kfb, k2 - 6sts

i-cord row 15. Slip the 6 sts off the right hand needle onto the left hand needle, knit the 6 sts

Create the Toes

First Toe, Row 1. RS facing, slide the 6 sts off the right-hand needle onto the point of the left-hand needle pull the working yarn behind the back of the work ready to knit and knit just the first 2 sts.

Now Turn the work so that purl side faces

Continue working on just the first 2 sts for the **First Toe** as follows:

First Toe, Row 2. Purl 2 Toe sts, Turn work so knit-side faces

First Toe, Row 3. Knit 2 Toe sts, Turn work so purl-side faces

First Toe, Row 4. Purl 2 Toe sts, Turn work so knit-side faces

Cast off the two First Toe sts.

Middle Toe -

Middle Toe, Row 1. RS facing rejoin yarn **A** to the 4 sts on the knitting needle and knit just the first 2 sts.

Now Turn the work so that purl side faces

Continue working on just the first 2 sts for the **Middle Toe** as follows:

Middle Toe, Row 2. Purl 2 Toe sts, Turn work so knit-side faces

Middle Toe, Row 3. Knit 2 Toe sts, Turn work so purl-side faces

Middle Toe, Row 4. Purl 2 Toe sts, Turn work so knit-side faces

Cast off the two Middle Toe sts.

RS facing, rejoin yarn **A** to the remaining 2 sts on knitting needle, continue with **Third Toe** as follows:

Third Toe i-cord rows 1-4. Work i-cord for four rows on the Third Toe sts

Cast off the two Third Toe sts.

Join the First and Third Toe Seams

Use the Tail Ends of the First Toe to join the little seam along the row ends then weave the tail end back into the i-cord leg. Weave the tail ends through the Third Toe i-cord and through the i-cord leg.

Leave the Middle Toe tail end for now as it's this toe that holds the end of the wire and you'll need the tail ends to sew around the wire later.

HIND LEGS

The Hind Legs are knitted independently then sewn onto the body as follows:

Make 2 alike

With yarn **A** cast on 7 sts for the Top of the Hind Leg, leave a long tail end for joining the top of the hind leg to the body later

Row 1. Knit

Do not Turn the work

NOTE: From now on have RS/ knit-side facing at all time

Continue to work i-cord as follows:

If you are using dpns (double-pointed needles) then simply work each i-cord row by RS facing at all times, slide the sts to the other end of the needle pull the working yarn behind the back of the work ready to knit and knit all sts.

However, if you want to work i-cord on two single-pointed needles, this is how:

NOTE: Have RS/ knit-side facing at all time whilst you work on the i-cord as follows:

i-cord row 1. *RS facing, slide the 7 sts off the right-hand needle onto the point of the left hand needle pull the working yarn behind the back of the work ready to knit and knit all 7 sts**

i-cord rows 2-13. Repeat as i-cord Row 1 from * to ** for 12 rows

i-cord row 14. (dec) Slip the 7 sts off the right hand needle onto the left hand needle, k2tog, k3, k2tog - 5sts

i-cord row 15. Slip the 5 sts off the right hand needle onto the left hand needle, knit the 5 sts

i-cord row 16. (inc) Slip the 5 sts off the right hand needle onto the left hand needle, k2, kfb, k2 - 6sts

i-cord row 17. *Slip the 6 sts off the right hand needle onto the left hand needle, knit the 6 sts**

i-cord rows 18-24. Repeat as i-cord Row 17 from * to ** for seven rows

i-cord row 25. (dec) Slip the 6 sts off the right hand needle onto the left hand needle, k2, k2tog, k2 - 5sts

i-cord row 26. (inc) Slip the 5 sts off the right hand needle onto the left hand needle, k2, kfb, k2 - 6sts

Create the Toes

First Toe, Row 1. RS facing, slide the 6 sts off the right-hand needle onto the point of the left-hand needle pull the working yarn behind the back of the work ready to knit and knit just the first 2 sts.

Now Turn the work so that purl side faces

Continue working on just the first 2 sts for the **First Toe** as follows:

First Toe, Row 2. Purl 2 Toe sts, Turn work so knit-side faces

First Toe, Row 3. Knit 2 Toe sts, Turn work so purl-side faces

First Toe, Row 4. Purl 2 Toe sts, Turn work so knit-side faces

Cast off the two First Toe sts.

Middle Toe, Row 1. RS facing rejoin yarn **A** to the 4 sts on the knitting needle and knit just the first 2 sts.

Now Turn the work so that purl side faces

Continue working on just the first 2 sts for the **Middle Toe** as follows:

Middle Toe, Row 2. Purl 2 Toe sts, Turn work so knit-side faces

Middle Toe, Row 3. Knit 2 Toe sts, Turn work so purl-side faces

Middle Toe, Row 4. Purl 2 Toe sts, Turn work so knit-side faces

Cast off the two Middle Toe sts.

RS facing, rejoin yarn **A** to the remaining 2 sts on knitting needle, continue with **Third Toe** as follows:

Third Toe i-cord rows 1-4. Work i-cord for four rows on the Third Toe sts

Cast off the two Third Toe sts.

Join the First and Third Toe Seams

Complete the joining of the first and third hind leg toes as you did for the foreleg toes, leaving the Middle Toe tail end for now as it's this toe that holds the end of the wire and you'll need the tail ends to sew around the wire as follows:

WIRE ARMATURE

NOTE: There's a really good video on how to add wires @stephs_woolly_life on Instagram

There is no stuffing in the legs apart from a few yarn ends in the but you can add wire if you want your frog/ toad to be pose-able as follows:

Measuring

The wires I use are 30cm in length and for the hind legs I use one length for both legs; for the forelegs I trim off about 10cm. - *See Figs. 9 & 10*

To get an accurate size measure the length of the knitted limbs (I'm showing you ready knitted frogs here for illustrative purposes) x 2 (*the wire is doubled per limb*) plus the width of the body - so two hind legs plus one body making sure the ends end up somewhere in the middle. so, begin by folding both ends of one length of wire so that the cut ends meet somewhere in the middle and twist together as tightly as you can - it's this twisted middle that will sit inside of the frog's/ toad's belly, the looped ends are sewn to the middle toes. - *See Fig 8, below*

FIG. 9

For the forelegs you need to trim the wire, mine was trimmed from 30cm to 20cm

FIG. 8

FIG. 10

Fitting

When you have bent/ adjusted the wires for the limbs you can start fitting them.

Begin by passing one of the bent lengths through the body from one side to the other one of the knitted limb i-cords (*making sure you have the correct wire for the correct limb: hind leg/ foreleg*). - ***See Fig. 11***

Sometimes it helps to pass a knitting needle through the body first to open it up.

FIG. 11

Then slip one of the i-cords over one of the wire limbs - (*as before, making sure you have the correct i-cord limb to match the wire, hind leg/ foreleg*). - ***See Fig. 12***

And also similarly, sometimes it helps to pass a knitting needle through the i-cord first to open it up.

FIG. 12

Thread up a yarn sewing needle with the tail end from the middle toe and use it to work small, neat stitches in, out and over the loop of wire that's emerged from the limb to completely conceal it. - ***See Fig. 13***
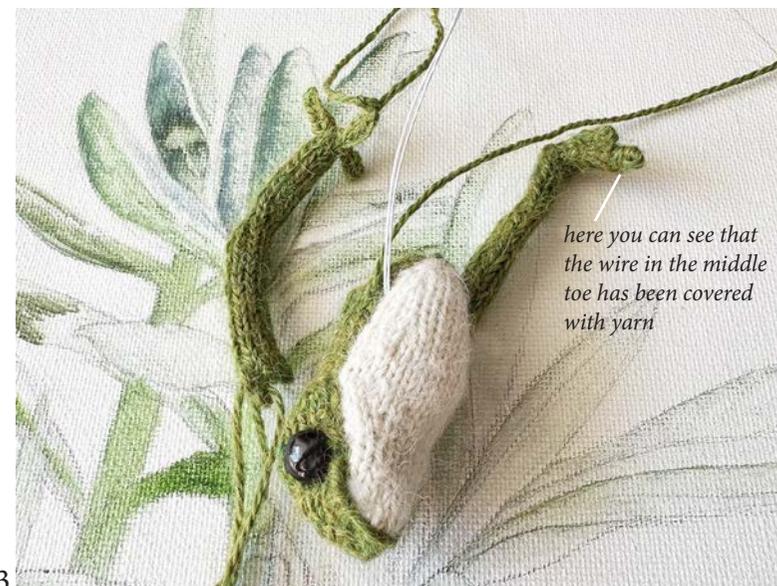

here you can see that the wire in the middle toe has been covered with yarn

FIG. 13

Join the leg to the body

With the wire from one limb secured at the middle toe you now need to join the leg to the body by over-sewing small, neat stitches all around the top of the leg i-cord to the body. - **See Fig. 14**, *join the top of the hind leg to the body as the dotted lines show*

Then, making sure you have the correct knitted limb, slip the other i-cord over the other wire limb, thread up a yarn sewing needle with the tail end from the middle toe and use it cover the wire at the middle toe as before.

FIG. 14

Figs. 15, 16 & 17, show the process when applied to the forelegs

FIG. 15

FIG. 16

FIG. 17

toadstool Outfit
– sweater

YARN

Yarn **A** about 10 metres red 4-ply/ fingering weight *I used Cardiff Cashmere Classic from my stash*

You'll also need a length (*about 50 cm*) off-white yarn 4-ply for the dots *I used Cardiff Cashmere Classic from my stash*

KNITTING NEEDLES Pair size 2.25mm straight knitting needles

TENSION 13 rows and 9 stitches over 2.5cm/ 1in with 2.25mm knitting needles and yarn A

Beginning at the Neck

With yarn **A** cast on 26 sts for Neck Edge

Row 1. Knit

Row 2. Purl

Row 3. (inc) K3, [kfb, k4] four times, kfb, k2 - 31sts

Row 4. Purl

Sleeves set-up

Row 5. (inc) K7 (*Right Back*), yo, k1, kfb, k2 (*Right Sleeve*), kfb, k1, yo, k5 (*Front*), yo, k1, kfb, k2 (*Left Sleeve*), kfb, k1, yo, k7 (*Left Back*) - 39sts

Row 6, 8, 10. Purl

Row 7. (inc) K8 (*Right Back*), yo, k1, kfb, k4 (*Right Sleeve*), kfb, k1, yo, k7 (*Front*), yo, k1, kfb, k4 (*Left Sleeve*), kfb, k1, yo, k8 (*Left Back*) - 47sts

Row 9. (inc) K9 (*Right Back*), yo, k1, kfb, k6 (*Right Sleeve*), kfb, k1, yo, k9 (*Front*), yo, k1, kfb, k6 (*Left Sleeve*), kfb, k1, yo, k9 (*Left Back*) - 55sts

Row 11. (inc) K10 (*Right Back*), yo, k1, kfb, k8 (*Right Sleeve*), kfb, k1, yo, k11 (*Front*), kfb, k1, kfb, k8 (*Left Sleeve*), kfb, k1, yo, k10 (*Left Back*) - 63sts

Row 12. Purl

Divide Sleeves

Row 13. K11 (*Right Back*), k14 (*Right Sleeve*), Turn (*flip work over so purl-side faces*)

Continue to work on 14 **Right Sleeve** sts as follows:

Row 14. P14 sts, Turn (*flip work over so knit-side faces*)

Row 15. K14 sts, Turn (*flip work over so purl-side faces*)

Row 16. P14 sts, Turn (*flip work over so knit-side faces*)

Row 17. K14 sts, Turn (*flip work over so purl-side faces*)

Row 18. dec) P2tog, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog - 12sts

Cast off all 12 Right Sleeve Cuff sts.

RS facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 49 stitches, continue as follows:

Row 13. (inc) Kfb, k11, kfb (*Front*), k14 (*Left Sleeve*), Turn (*flip work over so knit-side faces*)

Continue to work on 14 **Left Sleeve** sts as follows:

Row 14. P14 sts, Turn (*flip work over so knit-side faces*)

Row 15. K14 sts, Turn (*flip work over so purl-side faces*)

Row 16. P14 sts, Turn (*flip work over so knit-side faces*)

Row 17. K14 sts, Turn (*flip work over so purl-side faces*)

Row 18. dec) P2tog, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog - 12sts

Cast off all 12 Right Sleeve Cuff sts.

RS facing, rejoin yarn **B** to 11 Left Back sts, continue as follows:

Row 13. K11 (*Left Back*)

You'll now work to join Left Back; Front; Right Back as follows:

Row 14. P11 (*Left Back*); p16 (*Front*); p11 (*Right Back*) - 38sts

Rows 15-16. Beginning with a knit row work four rows stocking stitch

Row 17. [K1, p1] across to end of row

Row 18. Repeat last row once

Cast off in k1, p1 rib all 38 Waistband sts.

Join Sleeves and Back Seam

Weave in all the loose ends.

WS together, match the row ends that run from the Neck Cast-on edge to the Waist cast-off edge and mattress stitch the seam from neck edge to waist edge.

Working on one sleeve at a time match the row ends that run from the Sleeve Cuff to where you divide for the sleeve the underarm split and mattress stitch the seam from cuff edge to underarm split.

Complete the sweater by adding random French Knot dots, in varying sizes (*some double, some single knots*), over the knitted stitches.

toadstool Outfit
- dungarees (or trousers)

FINISHED SIZE To fit Frog & Toad so please use a similar weight yarn to the yarn you've used for the frog's body and work to a similar gauge

YARN

Dungarees - Yarn **A** about 10 metres off-white or cream 4-ply/ fingering weight *I used Drops Alpaca from my stash*

Yarn **B** about 5 metres beige 4-ply/ fingering weight *I used Drops Alpaca from my stash*

Trousers - Yarn **C** about 10 metres light grey 4-ply *I used Cardiff Cashmere Classic from my stash*

KNITTING NEEDLES Pair size 2.25mm & pair 2mm straight knitting needles

TENSION 14 rows and 10 stitches over 2.5cm with 2.25mm needles and yarn A

DUNGAREES

With yarn **A** and larger 2.25mm cast on 30 sts for Waist Edge

Row 1. Knit

Row 2. Purl

Row 3. (inc) K8, kfb, k1, kfb, k8, kfb, k1, kfb, k8 to end of row - 34sts

Rows 4-11. Beginning with a purl row work eight rows stocking stitch

Divide for Trouser Legs

You will now work on one leg at a time to **Separate the Legs** as follows:

Left Leg

Row 18. P17, Turn (*flip work over so knit-side faces*)

Row 19. K17

Row 20. P17, Turn (flip work over so knit-side faces)

Rows 21-30. Beginning with a knit row ten rows stocking stitch on just 17 Left Leg sts

Row 31. (dec) [K2, k2tog] four times, k1 - 13sts

Cast of all 13 Left Leg sts purl-wise leaving a long tail end for sewing up the inside leg seam.

Right Leg

Return to the 17 Right Leg sts on your knitting needle
WS facing, rejoin yarn **C** and continue as follows:

Rows 18-30. Beginning with a purl row work 13 rows stocking stitch to match Left Leg

Row 31. (dec)[K2, k2tog] four times, k1 - 13sts

Cast of all 13 Right Leg sts purl-wise leaving a long tail end for sewing up the inside leg seam.

Join Inside Legs Seam

Working on one leg at a time, with WS together fold the cast-off edge in half and matching the row ends join the Inside Leg Seam from the cast-off edge to the top of the inside leg with mattress stitch. - ***See Fig. 1, join seams as dotted lines A to B; C to D***

Waistband

Return to the Waist Cast-On Edge.

With RS facing, with yarn **B** and smaller 2mm needles, starting from the corner of the cast-on edge on *your* right, pick up and knit 30 sts all across the cast-on edge to the corner of the cast-on edge on your left. - ***See Fig. 2, pick up and knit from A to B***

Row 1. [P1, k1] 15 times

Row 2. [K1, p1] 15 times

Rows 3-4. Repeat last 2 rib rows once

Row 5. Cast off 11 sts in P1, K1 Rib for Right Back Edge, [p1, k1] three times, p1, cast off last 11 sts in K1, P1 Rib for Left Back Edge

Divide for Bib

Rejoin yarn **B** to the 8 sts on the knitting needle for the **Bib**, and with smaller 2mm needles, continue as follows:

Row 6. [K1, p1] four times

Rows 7-11. Repeat last rib row five times

Row 12. Cast off 6 sts in K1, P1 Rib, p1 - 2sts

Strap

The Strap is worked to a length to fit over the frog's/ toad's right shoulder, down to the centre-back of the waistband, then up and over the left shoulder to fit at the other corner of the bib as follows:

Row 13. Cast off 6 sts in K1, P1 Rib, p1 - 2sts

Rows 14+. Repeat last rib row until the strap measure 7cm/ 1 3/4 inches.
Cast off both sts.

Finishing

Using your yarn and a sewing needle sew up the hole in the crotch area where the two legs meet. Then weave in all the ends. Join the centre of the strap to the centre back. - ***See Fig. 3***, join A to B

TROUSERS

With yarn **C** and larger 2.25mm needles, cast on 30 sts for Waist Edge

Row 1. Knit

Row 2. Purl

Row 3. (inc) K8, kfb, k1, kfb, k8, kfb, k1, kfb, k8 to end of row - 34sts

Rows 4-11. Beginning with a purl row work eight rows stocking stitch

Divide for Trouser Legs

You will now work on one leg at a time to **Separate the Legs** as follows:

Left Leg

Row 18. P17, Turn (*flip work over so knit-side faces*)

Row 19. K17

Row 20. P17, Turn (flip work over so knit-side faces)

Rows 21-34. Beginning with a knit row 14 rows stocking stitch on just 17 Left Leg sts

Cast of all 13 Left Leg sts leaving a long tail end for sewing up the inside leg seam.

Right Leg

Return to the 17 Right Leg sts on your knitting needle

WS facing, rejoin yarn **C** and continue as follows:

Rows 18-30. Beginning with a purl row work 17 rows stocking stitch to match Left Leg

Cast of all 13 Right Leg sts leaving a long tail end for sewing up the inside leg seam.

Join Inside Legs Seam

Working on one leg at a time, with WS together fold the cast-off edge in half and matching the row ends join the Inside Leg Seam from the cast-off edge to the top of the inside leg with mattress stitch. - *See Fig. 1, join seams as dotted lines A to B; C to D*

Waistband

Return to the Waist Cast-On Edge.

With RS facing, with yarn **C** and smaller 2mm needles, starting from the corner of the cast-on edge on *your* right, pick up and knit 30 sts all across the cast-on edge to the corner of the cast-on edge on your left. - *See Fig. 2, pick up and knit from A to B*

Row 1. [P1, k1] 15 times

Row 2. [K1, p1] 15 times

Rows 3-4. Repeat last 2 rib rows once

Row 5. Cast off all 30 Waistband Edge sts in P1, K1.

FIG. 1

FIG. 2

FIG. 3

toadstool Outfit
- mushroom hat

YARN

Mushroom 'Stalk' Collar & Cap/ Mushroom Top - Yarn **A** about 10 metres mid-brown 4-ply/ fingering weight *I used Drops Alpaca from my stash*

Mushroom Cap - Yarn **B** about 10 metres beige or off-white 4-ply/ fingering weight *I used Drops Alpaca from my stash*

KNITTING NEEDLES Pair size 2.00mm straight knitting needles

GAUGE 16 rows and 11 stitches over 2.5cm with 2mm needles and yarn A

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

W+Tk bring working yarn to the front of the work, slip next stitch purl-wise onto the RH needle, take working yarn to the back, slip the slipped stitch back onto the LH needle, turn the knitting = W+Tk (wrap and turn knit)

W+Tp take working yarn to the back of the work, slip next stitch knit-wise onto the RH needle, bring working yarn to the front, slip the slipped stitch back onto the LH needle, turn the knitting = W+Tp (wrap and turn purl)

MUSHROOM HAT

Beginning with the lower edge of the **'Stalk' Collar**, with yarn **A** cast on 36 sts

Row 1. [K1, p1] 18 times

Row 2. (dec) *K1, [p1, k1] three times, k2tog, p1, [k1, p1] three times, p2 tog**, repeat from * to ** once - 32sts

Row 3. *K1 [k1, p1] four times, p1, [k1, p1] three times** repeat from * to ** once

Row 4. (dec) *[K1, p1] three times, k2tog, [p1, k1] three times, p2tog**, repeat from * to ** once - 28sts

Row 5. [K1, p1] 14 times

Rows 6-9. Repeat last row four times

Cast off in K1, P1, Rib all 28 Collar Upper Edge sts.

Join Row ends together with mattress stitch leaving the cast-on and cast-off edges open for slipping over the head.

Beginning with the inside of the **Mushroom Cap,** with yarn **A** cast on 12 sts
***Row 1.** K3, W+Tk

Row 2. Purl

Row 3. K6, W+Tk

Row 4. Purl

Row 5. K9, W+Tk

Row 6. Purl

Rows 7-8. Beginning with a knit row work two rows stocking stitch**

Rows 9-88. Repeat last 8 rows from * to ** ten times

Cast off all 12 sts

Join the cast-on and the cast-off edges together with mattress stitch.
Using the tail end work a running stitch around the tops of the stitches at the short edge and pull up to gather and close the centre of the cap - make the gathered edge the wrong side.

Beginning with the lower edge of the **Underside Rim**, with yarn **B** cast on 36 sts

Row 1. [K1, p1] 18 times

Row 2. (dec) *K1, [p1, k1] three times, k2tog, p1, [k1, p1] three times, p2 tog**, repeat from * to ** once - 32sts

Row 3. *K1 [k1, p1] four times, p1, [k1, p1] three times** repeat from * to ** once

Row 4. (dec) *[K1, p1] three times, k2tog, [p1, k1] three times, p2tog**, repeat from * to ** once - 28sts

Row 5. [K1, p1] 14 times

Row 6. (dec) *K1, [p1, k1] twice, k2tog, p1, [k1, p1] twice, p2tog**, repeat from * to ** once - 24sts

Row 7. *K1 [k1, p1] three times, p1, [k1, p1] twice** repeat from * to ** once

Row 8. (dec) *[K1, p1] twice, k2tog, [p1, k1] twice, p2tog**, repeat from * to ** once - 20sts

Row 9. [K1, p1] ten times

Row 10. (dec) *K1, p1, k1, k2tog, p1, k1, p1, p2tog**, repeat from * to ** once - 16sts

Row 11. *K1 [k1, p1] twice, p1, k1, p1** repeat from * to ** once

Row 12. (dec) *K1, p1, k2tog, p1, k1, p2tog**, repeat from * to ** once - 12sts

Cast off all 12 sts

Join the Cap to the Underside

Flatten out the Underside then place the wrong side/ purl-side of the Cap on top of it matching the seam from the cap to the seam from the underside, (*you'll notice the cap is larger than the flattened-out underside so you'll need to carefully ease it to fit, pins are very useful here!*).

Mattress stitch the Underside to just-inside the cap so creating a small lip all around the outer edge of the cap - the mushroom isn't stuffed.

Join the back of the mushroom, near the seam, to the back of the 'stalk' collar, near the seam.

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