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Puppy

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I hope you have fun knitting this adorable puppy, which has been designed to have many uses. It could be made into a soft and cuddly toy, a finger puppet or a catnip toy for the family pet. It could be filled with chocolates, sweets or a small treat and given as a gift or party favour. It is also ideal for charity fundraising.

Happy knitting!

Sarah

Materials

Double knitting wool in beige and dark brown
Knitting needles size 3¼mm (UK size 10)
Sewing needle
Good quality washable toy stuffing

Abbreviations

K	Knit
P	Purl
st(s)	Stitch(es)
beg	Beginning
tog	Together
m1	Make one stitch by picking up the horizontal loop before next stitch and knitting into the back of it
inc1	Increase one by knitting into the front and back of the stitch
dec	Decrease by knitting two stitches together
K2tog	Knit two stitches together
P2tog	Purl two stitches together
sl	Slip 1 stitch (stitch is passed from the left needle to the right needle without being knitted, slip purl-wise)
psso	Pass slip stitch over (pass the slipped stitch over the knit stitch and off the needle)
st-st	Stocking stitch (1 row knit, 1 row purl)
B & T	Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through remaining stitches on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

What will yours be?

To make a *cuddly toy*, work a gathering thread through the cast on stitches, stuff body, draw up tightly and fasten off. To make a *finger puppet* simply leave the cast on edge open. Alternatively you can thread some thin elastic through the cast on stitches to enable your toy to be easily opened and closed when containing a *treat!*

Embroidered stitches

Thread sewing needle with yarn and knot end of yarn. Take needle through the stuffed toy and bring it out at the position required. Pull yarn to draw the knotted end right inside the stuffing. Now work the embroidered stitches. Insert the needle back into the toy at the same place and bring the needle point back up at the opposite end of the stitch. Loop the yarn around the needle and pull the needle through. Repeat the procedure to make a row of chain stitches.

Twisted cords

To make a twisted cord, cut a strand of yarn four times as long as the measurement required. Knot one end round a door knob, chair leg or hook and knot a loop in the other end to fit around the index finger of your right hand. Now keeping the yarn taught, twist your finger round and round in a clockwise direction. Keep twisting until when relaxed, the strand of yarn begins to curl back on itself. Fold cord at centre, bringing ends together. Allow yarn to twist tightly and knot ends.

Rows worked in double yarn

There are occasions where one or more rows are worked using double yarn, changing back to a single strand of yarn for subsequent rows. When changing from double to single yarn, treat the two loops on each stitch on the previous row as one stitch when working the next row.

Working in stripes

When knitting different coloured stripes, carry yarns up side of work.

Toy safety

These characters have been designed for young children, so please ensure that attached pieces are sewn on very securely and seams are tightly finished off. If a twisted cord is tied in a bow, sew through bow so that it can not be undone if pulled. Use only new, hygienic, washable stuffing that conforms to current safety standards.

Size

Finished height:
Approximately 12cm

Raising funds for
Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales
and Marie Curie Cancer Care

Puppy

Body and head

With beige cast on 22 sts

Row 1 K4, (inc1, K3) 4 times, K2 (26 sts)

Row 2 Purl

Row 3 K4, (m1, K6) 3 times, m1, K4 (30 sts)

Rows 4 - 18 Beg with a P row, st-st 15 rows

Row 19 K6, K2tog, K14, K2tog, K6 (28 sts)

Row 20 Purl

Row 21 K6, K2tog, K12, K2tog, K6 (26 sts)

Rows 22 - 24 Beg with a P row, st-st 3 rows

Row 25 *Shape head row*

K4, (m1, K6) 3 times, m1, K4 (30 sts)

Rows 26 - 34 Beg with a P row, st-st 9 rows

Row 35 K6, K2tog, K14, K2tog, K6 (28 sts)

Row 36 Purl

Row 37 K5, sl1, K1, psso, K2tog, K10, sl1, K1, psso, K2tog, K5 (24 sts)

Row 38 Purl

Row 39 K4, sl1, K1, psso, K2tog, K8, sl1, K1, psso, K2tog, K4 (20 sts)

Row 40 Purl

Row 41 K3, sl1, K1, psso, K2tog, K6, sl1, K1, psso, K2tog, K3 (16 sts)

Row 42 Purl

Row 43 K2tog to end (8 sts) B & T

Snout

With beige cast on 6 sts

Row 1 Inc1, K3, Inc1, K1 (8 sts)

Rows 2 - 8 Beg with a P row, st-st 7 rows

Row 9 K1, K2tog, K2, K2tog, K1 (6 sts)   B&T

Ears (make two)

With beige cast on 3 sts *(top of ear)*
Row 1 Knit
Row 2 Purl
Row 3 Inc1, K2 (4 sts)
Row 4 Purl
Row 5 K2, inc1, K1 (5 sts)
Row 6 Purl
Row 7 Inc1, K4 (6 sts)
Row 8 Purl
Row 9 K4, inc1, K1 (7 sts)
Rows 10 - 14 Beg with a P row, st-st 5 rows
Row 15 K1, K2tog, K1, K2tog, K1 (5 sts)
Rows 16 - 18 Beg with a P row, st-st 3 rows
Row 19 K1, inc1, K1, inc1, K1 (7 sts)
Rows 20 - 24 Beg with a P row, st-st 5 rows
Row 25 K2tog, K5 (6 sts)
Row 26 Purl
Row 27 K4, K2tog (5 sts)
Row 28 Purl
Row 29 K2tog, K3 (4 sts) B&T

With right side of st-st outside, fold ear in half at row 17 and oversew the side edges together. One side of the ear is slightly longer than the other, to allow the ear to be neatly sewn onto the puppy's head.

Fore Legs (make two)

With beige cast on 8 sts
Row 1 (Inc1, K1) 4 times (12 sts)
Rows 2 - 4 Beg with a P row, st-st 3 rows
Row 5 K1, (K2tog) 2 times, K2, (K2tog) 2 times, K1 (8 sts)
Rows 6 - 8 Beg with a P row, st-st 3 rows
Row 9 K3, K2tog, K3 (7 sts)
Rows 10 - 14 Beg with a P row, st-st 5 rows
Row 15 K2tog, K3, sl1, K1, psso (5 sts)
Row 16 Purl B&T

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the side edges and the cast on stitches together. Stuff lightly.

Hind Legs (make two)

With beige cast on 6 sts
Row 1 (Inc1) 5 times, K1 (11 sts)
Row 2 Purl
Row 3 K5, inc1, K5 (12 sts)
Rows 4 - 6 Beg with a P row, st-st 3 rows
Row 7 K4, (K2tog) 2 times, K4 (10 sts)
Rows 8 - 13 Beg with a P row, st-st 6 rows
B&T
Work a gathering thread through the cast on stitches and draw up. Join the side edges together and turn right side out. Stuff lightly. Using dark brown embroider paw pads, as illustrated.

Tail

With beige cast on 6 sts
Rows 1 - 2 Beg with a K row, st-st 2 rows
Row 3 K2tog, K4 (5 sts)
Row 4 Purl
Row 5 K3, K2tog (4 sts)
Row 6 Purl
Row 7 K2tog, K2 (3 sts)
Row 8 Purl
Row 9 K1, K2tog (2 sts) B&T
With right side of st-st outside, oversew the side edges.

To Make Up

Sew seams and join pieces using mattress stitch. Join the side edges of the puppy, working down from gathered top of head. Leave cast on edge open and turn right side out. To make the head, work a gathering thread through every stitch on *shape head row*, draw up and stuff head. See instructions for 'What will yours be?'

Position and sew on the ears and snout. With dark brown yarn embroider eyes, a nose and mouth. Pin the hind legs in position and adjust to make sure the puppy sits properly, then sew in place with a few stitches near the gathered top edge. Position and sew on the fore legs and tail.