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I hope you have fun knitting this adorable sheep, 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 black, cream and light brown
'Fluffy' yarn e.g. Sirdar Snuggly Snowflake Double Knitting yarn in white
Knitting needles size 3¼mm (UK size 10)
Sewing needle Good quality washable toy stuffing

Abbreviations

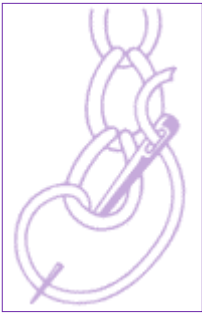
- K** Knit
P Purl
st(s) Stitch(es)
beg Beginning
tog Together
m1 Make one stitch by picking up the horizontal loop before next stitch and knitting into the back of it
inc1 Increase one by knitting into the front and back of the stitch
dec Decrease by knitting two stitches together
K2tog Knit two stitches 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)
pssso 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

Sheep

Body and Head

With 'fluffy' white yarn (e.g. Sirdar Snuggly Snowflake double knitting yarn) 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)

Row 22 Purl

Row 23 Knit

Row 24 Purl

Row 25 *Shape head row*

K6, inc1, K5, inc1, K5, inc1, K7 (29 sts)

Row 26 P11, in cream P7, in fluffy white P11

Row 27 K11, in cream K1, (inc1) 2 times, K1, inc1, K2, in fluffy white K11 (32 sts)

Row 28 P11, in cream P1, sl1, P6, yb (*yarn back - take yarn to the back before working the next stitch*), sl1, yf (*yarn forward - bring yarn to the front before working the next stitch*), turn (*turn the work around before the end of the row*)

Row 29 sl1, K6, yf, sl1, yb, turn

Row 30 sl1, P5, yb, sl1, yf, turn

Row 31 sl1, K4, yf, sl1, yb, turn

Row 32 sl1, P4, yb, sl1, yf, turn

Row 33 sl1, K5, yf, sl1, yb, turn

Row 34 sl1, P6, yb, sl1, yf, turn

Row 35 sl1, K6, yf, sl1, yb, turn

Row 36 P9, in fluffy white P11

Row 37 K11, in cream K1, sl1, K1, pssso, K1, K2tog, K1, K2tog, K1, in fluffy white K11 (29 sts)

Row 38 P11, in cream P7, in fluffy white P11

Row 39 K11, in cream K7, in fluffy white K11

Row 40 P12, in cream P5, in fluffy white P12



Row 41 Knit
Row 42 Purl
Row 43 K6, sl1, K1, pssso, K13, K2tog, K6
 (27 sts)
Row 44 Purl
Row 45 K5, sl1, K1, pssso, K2tog, K9, sl1, K1,
 pssso, K2tog, K5 (23 sts)
Row 46 Purl
Row 47 K4, sl1, K1, pssso, K2tog, K7, sl1, K1,
 pssso, K2tog, K4 (19 sts)
Row 48 Purl
Row 49 K3, sl1, K1, pssso, K2tog, K5, sl1, K1,
 pssso, K2tog, K3 (15 sts)
Row 50 Purl
Row 51 (K2tog) 7 times, K1 (8 sts)
 B&T



Ears (make two)

With fluffy white cast on 2 sts

Row 1 Inc1, K1 (3 sts)
Row 2 Purl
Row 3 (Inc1) 2 times, K1 (5 sts)
Rows 4 - 6 Beg with a P row, st-st 3 rows
Row 7 K2 tog, K1, K2tog (3 sts)
Row 8 Purl
Row 9 K1, K2tog (2 sts)
Row 10 - 12 Beg with a P row, st-st 3 rows
Row 13 Inc1, K1 (3 sts)
Row 14 Purl
Row 15 (Inc1) 2 times, K1 (5 sts)
Rows 16 - 18 Beg with a P row, st-st 3 rows
Row 19 K2 tog, K1, K2tog (3 sts)
Row 20 Purl
Row 21 K1, K2tog (2 sts)

B & T

With right side of st-st outside, fold ears in half and oversew the side edges together.

Legs (make four)

With light brown cast on 5 sts

Row 1 (Inc1) 4 times, K1 (9 sts)

Row 2 Knit

Row 3 K4, P1, K4

Row 4 P4, K1, P4

Row 5 K4, P1, K4

Row 6 In fluffy white Purl

Rows 7 - 14 Beg with a K row, st-st 8 rows

Row 15 K1, sl1, K1, pss0, K3, K2tog, K1
(7 sts)

Row 16 Purl

B & T

Work a gathering thread through the cast on stitches and draw up. Join the side edges and stuff lightly.

Tail

With fluffy white cast on 4 sts

Rows 1 - 5 Beg with a K row, st-st 5 rows

B & T

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the side edges of the tail.

To Make Up

Using fluffy white yarn join the side edges of the sheep's body, working down from gathered top of head. Leave cast on edge open and turn right side out. Lightly stuff the nose of the sheep. 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. With black yarn embroider eyes and with light brown yarn embroider a nose. Pin the legs in position and adjust to make sure the sheep sits properly, then sew in place. Position and sew on the tail.

