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HEIGHT

Approximately 15cm

MATERIALS

Patons Diploma 4 ply – One 50g ball in each of Natural and Denim
Pair 2¾mm knitting needles
2 x 4mm black beads or loop-back eyes
Washable polyester toy stuffing
Black or brown embroidery thread
2 small buttons and optional press fasteners
Call 01325 394237 for yarn stockists

ABBREVIATIONS

alt alternate beg beginning cm centimetres cont continue dec decrease foll following g-st garter stitch inc increase K knit P purl rem remaining rep repeat RS right side rev st-st reverse stocking stitch st(s) stitch(es) st-st stocking stitch WS wrong side

NOTE

The bear is worked in reverse stocking stitch throughout – P all RS rows and K all WS rows, except ears which are worked in garter st – K every row.

TO MAKE BEAR

HEAD SIDE A

(Make 1) Cast on 10 sts. **1st row** (WS) K and inc 1 st at each end of row. **2nd row** P. Inc 1 st at beg of 3rd, 5th, 7th and 9th rows. 16 sts. **10th row** P. **11th row** Cast off 6 sts, k to end. Place marker at last cast off st. 10 sts. **12th row** P. **13th row** K. Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows. Cast off rem 6 sts, working p2tog at each end of cast off row.

HEAD SIDE B

(Make 1) Cast on 10 sts. **1st row** (RS) P and inc 1 st at each end of row. **2nd row** K. Inc 1 st at beg of 3rd, 5th, 7th and 9th rows. 16 sts. **10th row** K. **11th row** Cast off 6 sts, p to end. Place marker at last cast off st. 10 sts. **12th row** K. **13th row** P. Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows. Cast off rem 6 sts, working k2tog at each end of cast off row.

HEAD GUSSE

Beg at back of neck, cast on 3 sts. **1st row** P. Inc 1 st at each end of 2nd, 6th and 10th rows. 9 sts. Beg with a p row, work 13 rows in rev st-st, so ending with a p row. **Shape nose** Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows. 5 sts. Place marker at each end of last row. Work 5 rows rev st-st. Cast off working p2tog at each end of cast off row.

FΔRS

(Make 2) Cast on 7 sts, work 4 rows in g-st.

Next row K2tog at each end of row. Cast off working k2tog at each end of cast off row.

BODY FRONT

(Make 1) Cast on 4 sts. **1st row** (WS) K and inc in every st. 8 sts. P 1 row. **3rd row** K and inc in every st. 16 sts. P 1 row. **5th row** K7, inc in next 2 sts, k7. 18 sts. ** P 1 row. **7th row** K8, inc in next 2 sts, k8. 20 sts. P 1 row. **9th row** K9, inc in next 2 sts, k9. 22 sts. P 1 row. **11th row** K10, inc in next 2 sts, k10. 24 sts. Work 13 rows in rev st-st so ending with a p row. **Shape chest 25th row** K2tog, k8, [k2tog] twice, k8, k2tog. 20 sts. P 1 row. **27th row** K8, [k2tog] twice, k8. P 1 row. **29th row** K2tog, k5, [k2tog] twice, k5, k2tog. 14 sts. P 1 row. **31st row** K2tog, k3, [k2tog] twice, k3, k2tog. 10 sts. Cast off purlwise.

BODY BACK

Work as Body Front to **. Work 9 rows in rev st-st. **Shape lower back 15th row** K7, [k2tog] twice, k7. 16 sts. Work 3 rows rev st-st. **19th row** K7, inc in next 2 sts, k7. 18 sts. Work 7 rows in rev st-st. **27th row** K2tog, k5, [k2tog] twice, k5, k2tog. 14 sts. P 1 row. **29th row** K5, [k2tog] twice, k5. 12 sts. P 1 row. **31st row** K2tog, k2, [k2tog] twice, k2, k2tog. 8 sts. Cast off purlwise.

ARMS

(Make 2) Cast on 3 sts. **Shape paws 1st row** K and inc in every st. 6 sts. P 1 row. **3rd row** Inc in 1st st, k1, inc in next 2 sts, k1, inc in last st. 10 sts. P 1 row. **5th row** K and inc 1 st at each end of row. 12 sts. P 1 row. **7th row** Inc in 1st st, k3, [k2tog] twice, k3, inc in last st. P 1 row. Rep the last 2 rows once more. Work 4 rows rev st-st. **15th row** K and inc 1 st at each end of row. 14 sts. Work 7 rows rev st-st. **23rd row** K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog. P 1 row. **25th row** K2tog, k2, [k2tog] twice, k2, k2tog. Cast off purlwise, slipping the first st.

LEGS

(Make 2) Cast on 22 sts. Beg with a K row, work 2 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows. 18 sts. **5th row** K2tog, k6, k2tog, k6, k2tog. 15 sts. **6th row** P2tog, p11, p2tog. 13 sts. 7th row Inc in 1st st, k5, inc in next st, k5, inc in last st. 16 sts. Work 9 rows in rev st-st. **17th row** K2tog, k4, [k2tog] twice, k4, k2tog. 12 sts. P 1 row. Cast off working k2tog at each end of cast off row.

SOLES

(Make 2) Cast on 3 sts. **1st row** K and inc 1 st at each end of row. 5 sts. Work 9 rows in rev st-st. **11th row** K2tog, k1, k2tog. Cast off purlwise, slipping first st.

TO MAKE UP

Make sure purl side is the right side. Press all pieces. With purl sides together, and using a tiny backstitch, join front and back body pieces together all around from back neck to front neck. Turn through and stuff through neck opening, do not close seam. Join head side pieces from tip of nose to chin. Insert head gusset, matching markers (these are approximate eye positions), stuff head, moulding as you go, stuffing nose firmly first. Leave neck edge open. Join head to body around neck edge, adding more stuffing as you work. Tie a length of yarn around neck, pull up but not too tightly, fasten off. Sew up legs and arms and stuff, then pinning in place to body, sew on limbs. passing thread through body several times so arms and legs appear to be jointed. Sew the ears to the head, curving slightly. Sew the bead eyes to the head, sinking them in to the face by pulling the threads towards the back of the head and securing. Embroider a small nose, mouth and claws.

JACKET

(Worked in g-st throughout)

RIGHT FRONT

Cast on 10 sts. **1st row** K and inc 1 st in first st. K 7 rows, ending at front edge. **Shape underarm 9th row** K and inc in last st. **10th row** K and inc in first st. **11th row** As 9th row. 14 sts. K 5 rows, ending at front edge. **Shape front 17th row** K1, k2tog, k to end. K 3 rows. Rep the last 4 rows twice more. Cast off rem 11 sts.

LEFT FRONT

Cast on 10 sts. **1st row** K and inc 1 st in last st. K 7 rows, ending at side edge. **Shape underarm 9th row** K and inc in first st. **10th row** K and inc in last st. **11th row** As 9th row. 14 sts. K 5 rows, ending at side edge. **Shape front 17th row** K to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. K 3 rows. Rep the last 4 rows twice more. Cast off rem 11 sts.

BACK

Cast on 20 sts. K 8 rows. Shape underarm 9th, 10th and 11th rows K and inc 1 st at each end of row. 26 sts. K 14 rows. Shape back neck 26th row K11, cast off 4 sts, k to end. Shape right shoulder Next row K to last 2 sts, k2tog. K 1 row. Cast off. Shape left shoulder Next row Rejoin yarn to neck edge and dec 1 st at beg of row. K 1 row. Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Do not press. Join shoulder and underarm seams. Dress the bear, overlap the jacket fronts slightly and sew buttons through both layers. If you want to undo the jacket, sew buttons to one front and press fasteners to correspond with buttons.