

# Little Miss Mouse

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## YARN

**Debbie Bliss Donegal Luxury Tweed Aran** 50g ball  
<http://www.deramores.com/debbie-bliss-donegal-luxury-tweed-aran>  
**MC** - Pebble (042) one ball

**Debbie Bliss Rialto DK** 50g ball  
<http://www.deramores.com/debbie-bliss-rialto-dk>  
**A** - Teal (020) one ball  
**C** - Deep Rose (050) one ball  
**D** - Gold (045) one ball

**Debbie Bliss Blue Faced Leicester Aran** 50g ball  
<http://www.deramores.com/debbie-bliss-blue-faced-leicester-aran>  
**B** - Ecru (001) one ball

**Small amounts from Debbie Bliss Rialto DK**  
<http://www.deramores.com/debbie-bliss-rialto-dk>

**E** - Teal (020)  
Coral (055)  
Gold (045)  
Duck Egg (019)  
Basil (053)  
Black (003)  
Pink (042)

## YOU WILL ALSO NEED

- A pair of 3.75mm (UK9 / US5) knitting needles
- A pair of 3.25mm (UK10 / US3) knitting needles
- A tapestry needle
- 3 small buttons
- Toy stuffing

## TENSION

25sts and 27 rows to 10cm / 4in square, in stocking stitch using 3.25mm needles, or the size required to give the correct tension.

**Note:** Take time to check your tension to ensure the correct fit.

## NOTES

Chart is read right to left on odd-numbered (RS) rows and left to right on even-numbered (WS) rows.

Strand colours not in use loosely on WS of work.



## Body

Starting at neck edge, using MC and 3.25mm needles, cast on 16 sts.  
Starting with a k row, work two rows st st.

**Next row:** Inc in every 4th st. (20 sts)  
Work 3 rows st st.

**Next row:** Inc into first st, \*K2, inc 1 in next st; rep from \* to last st, k1. (27 sts)  
Work 3 rows straight st st.

**Next row:** Inc into each st. (54 sts)  
Work 2 rows st st.

With WS facing, k 1 row for waistline.  
Work straight from waistline for 3.5cm / 1 3/8in.

Foll Chart 1 rep for skirt border, ending RS rows and beg WS rows at st 2.  
Work 2 more rows st st.

With WS facing, k 1 row for edge of base (this creates a seam line).

## Base shaping:

**Row 1:** \*K4, k2tog; rep from \* to end. (45 sts)

**Row 2 and each foll even row:** P to end.

**Row 3:** \*K3, k2tog; rep from \* to end. (36 sts)

**Row 5:** \*K2, k2tog; rep from \* to end. (27 sts)

**Row 7:** \*K1, k2tog; rep from \* to end. (18 sts)

**Row 9:** K2tog to end. (9 sts)

Leaving long end for sewing up Body, break off yarn and thread through rem 9 sts on needle.

## Head

Starting at back of Head, using B and 3.25mm needles, cast on 12 sts.  
Beg with a p row, work 3 rows st st.

**Next row:** Inc in every st. (24 sts)  
Work 3 rows straight in st st.

**Next row:** Inc in every st. (48 sts)  
Work 7 rows straight in st st.

**Next row:** \*K1, k2tog, k1; rep from \* to end. (36 sts)

Work 3 rows straight in st st.

**Next row:** \*K2, k2tog; rep from \* to end (27 sts)

Work 3 rows straight in st st.

**Next row:** \*K2, k2tog; rep from \* to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. (20 sts)

Work 2 rows straight in st st.

**Next row:** P2tog to end. (10 sts)  
Leave a long end for sewing up head, thread through rem sts and draw up for snout.

### Feet

(make 2 the same)  
Using B and 3.25mm needles, cast on 4 sts.  
K 1 row.  
Work in st st, inc 1 st at each end of foll 2 rows. (8 sts)  
Work 10 rows straight in st st.  
Dec 1 st at each end of foll 2 rows. (4 sts)  
Work one row.  
Break yarn and thread through rem 4 sts.

### Cardigan

Using E and 3.75mm needles, cast on 55 sts.  
**Next row:** K (this forms garter st hem of cardigan so it won't curl).  
**Next 15 rows:** Beg with a k row, foll rows of Chart 2, ending RS rows and beg WS rows at st 7.  
Work 3 rows st st using E and starting with a p row.  
**Next row:** K1, k2tog, \*k3, k2tog; rep from \* until 2 sts rem, k2. (44 sts)  
Work 3 rows straight in st st.  
**Next row:** K2tog to end. (22 sts)  
**Next row:** P.  
**Next row:** Bind (cast) off 5 sts, \*k2tog. (2 sts on needle)  
Lift back st over front st, as you do when binding (casting) off. You should have one "live" st left on the needle; rep from \* to last 5 sts (including "live" st").  
Bind (cast) off rem 5 sts.

### Arms

(make 2)  
Using E and 3.75mm needles, cast on 3 sts.  
Work 2 rows st st.  
Inc 1 st at each end of the next 6 rows. (15 sts)  
Work 8 rows straight in st st.  
**Next row:** \*K1, k2tog; rep from \* to end. (10 sts).  
**Next row (WS facing):** K rem 10 sts to make garter st sleeve edge.  
Break off E, join B.  
Work 6 rows st st.  
Break off yarn, thread through rem stitches and pull up tightly.

### Ears

(Make 2)  
Using B and 3.75mm needles, cast on 14 sts.  
Work 2 rows st st.  
**Dec row:** K1, [sl, k2tog, pss0] 4 times,

k1. (6 sts)  
Bind (cast) off.

### Scarf

Using C and 3.75mm needles, cast on 50 sts.  
K1 row.  
Bind (cast) off.

### Handbag

(make 2)  
Using D and 3.75mm needles, cast on 10 sts.  
Work in seed (moss) st as foll:  
**Row 1:** [K1, p1] to end.  
**Row 2:** [P1, k1] to end.  
Rep these two rows 5 times more.  
Bind (cast) off.

### Handle

(make 1)  
Using D and 3.75mm needles, cast on 25 sts.  
Bind (cast) off.

### Bonnet

Using D and 3.75mm needles, cast on 40 sts for edge of brim and work in garter st (k all rows) as foll:  
K4 rows.  
Cont in st st beg with a k row.  
**Next row:** [K2tog] three times, [k1, k2tog] 10 times, k2tog twice. (25 sts)  
Work until st st section measures 1 in. (2.5 cm) (approx. 10 rows), ending with RS (k) row

### Back of bonnet:

**Next row:** \*K3, k2tog; rep from \* to end. (20 sts)  
Cont working in reverse st st as foll:  
**Next row:** P.  
**Next row:** K.  
**Next row:** P.  
**Next row:** \*K3, k2tog; rep from \* to end. (16 sts)  
Work 3 rows reverse st st as before.  
**Next row:** K2, [k1, k2tog] 4 times, k2. (12 sts)  
Break off yarn, thread through rem stitches and draw up tightly.



### Tail

Take a 60cm / 24in. length of B and fold in half.  
With a pencil or similar in the loop and holding the other ends tightly, twist the threads until doubled back on themselves to make a twisted cord; knot this end.

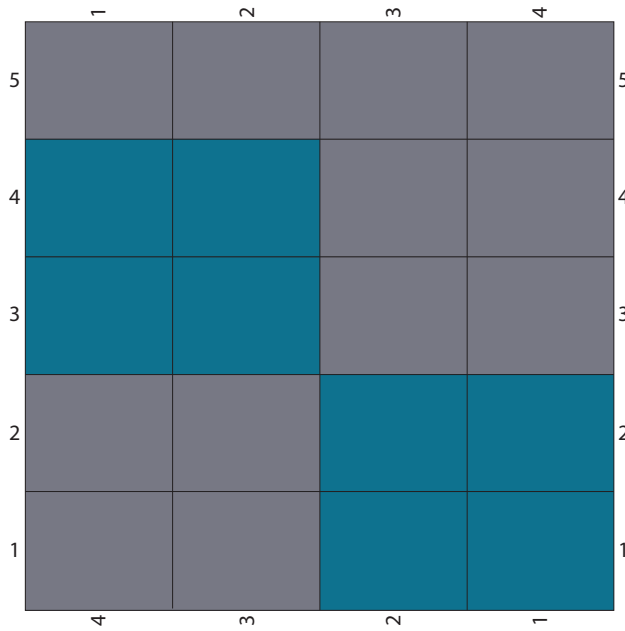
### Finishing

Use a tapestry needle and mattress stitch for sewing the body, head, arms, cardigan seams.  
To make up the Body, with RS tog pull up sts at center of base tightly and, matching patterns and garter stitch rows, sew together.  
Approx. 4cm / 1½in. above skirt border patt, insert tail with knot on WS and incorporate when joining.  
Cont to join until neck opening.  
With WS of Feet together, fold each foot piece in half.  
With curved edges together, sew around the edge with small neat stitches.  
Attach folded edge to base of mouse body either side of back seam line, with curved edges facing forward.  
Sew hat crown leaving brim edges open.  
Sew Head from snout to back of Head using mattress st and leave opening for stuffing (when stuffing use tweezers to reach tip of snout).  
Fit hat onto head.  
Gathered bound (cast) off edge of ears and with RS facing forward, attach ears to head by sewing them through hat onto head.  
Using black yarn, make eyes using small stitches and carrying thread through head to give suggestion of eye sockets.  
With pink yarn, embroider tip of snout and mouth.  
Attach Head to Body.  
Stuff Arms and with RS together and attach using mattress st.  
Sew Cardigan front from neck to dec.  
Fit onto Body and attach arms (pin them in place first to find best position), by sewing through Body.  
Where arms attach you can introduce some shaping to torso.  
Sew on buttons.  
Attach Arms to Body at wrists using small stitches to keep Arms flat against Body.  
Fold Handbag in half and sew edges neatly as for Feet.  
Attach handle and attach under Hand.  
Attach Scarf at neck as in photo.

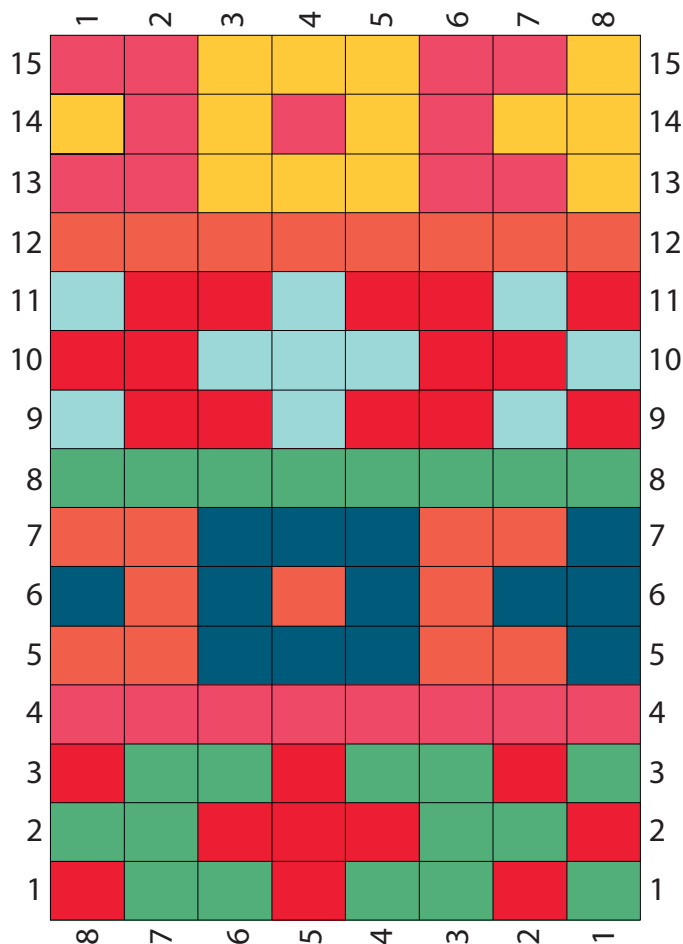
## Key to Colours

	Pebble
	Teal
	Deep Rose
	Gold
	Coral
	Duck Egg
	Basil

### Chart One



### Chart Two



## ABBREVIATIONS

<b>fol</b>	following
<b>pss</b>	pass slipped stitch over
<b>tog</b>	together
<b>cm</b>	centimetres
<b>beg</b>	beginning
<b>inc</b>	increase(ing)
<b>rem</b>	remain(ing)
<b>in</b>	inch(es)
<b>K</b>	Knit
<b>rep</b>	repeat
<b>st(s)</b>	stitch(es)
<b>WS</b>	wrong side
<b>RS</b>	right side
<b>mm</b>	millimetres
<b>dec</b>	decrease(ing)
<b>P</b>	Purl
<b>sl</b>	slip

## SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

### St St Stocking Stitch

1st Row: Knit.

2nd Row: Purl.

Rep 1st and 2nd rows.

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