

RAT TOY

Height approx 56 cm (22 in).

MATERIALS

Wool o' the West Pageant DK

2 x 100g balls of Mid Brown.

1 x 100g ball each of Khaki, Parchment, Gold and Mink.

Wool o' the West English Maid DK

2 x 150g balls of Mid Brown.

1 x 150g ball each of Khaki, Parchment, Gold and Mink.

Both yarns - Small amounts of Olive, Dark Grey, Cream, Black, Violet, Tan and Dark Brown.

Pair 3 mm (UK 11 - USA 3) needles.

Good quality washable stuffing.

2 plastic drinking straws, 5 mm in diameter.

For tensions, notes, abbreviations and notes on motif knitting and swiss embroidery, see first page of text.

RIGHT FOOT AND CALF

With Olive, cast on 36 sts.

Next Row - (RS), K inc in each st to end (72 sts). Starting with a P row, work 9 rows in st st.

Next Row - K40, turn.

Next Row - sL1P, P7, turn.

Next Row - sL1P, K13, turn.

Next Row - sL1P, P19, turn.

Next Row - sL1P, K to end.

Next Row - P across all sts. Work 2 rows.

1st Dec Row - K12, (K2tog) 24 times, K12 (48 sts). Work 1 row.

2nd Dec Row - K4, (K2tog) 20 times, K4 (28 sts). Work 1 row.

Break Olive, join in Parchment and work 2 rows in g st. Starting with a K row, cont in st st for 6 rows. Inc 1 st at each end of next and foll 6th row (32 sts). Work 8 rows.

Next Row - K. Cast off firmly.

RIGHT LEG

With RS facing and Khaki, **knit up** 32 sts across cast-off edge of Right Foot and Calf.

Next Row - P.

1st Inc Row - K1, *M1 - see abbreviations, K2; rep from * to last st, M1, K1 (48 sts).

Starting with a P row, work 7 rows in st st.

2nd Inc Row - K6, (M1, K12) 3 times, M1, K6 (52 sts). Work 7 rows.

3rd Inc Row - K7, (M1, K13) 3 times, M1, K6 (56 sts). Work 7 rows.

4th Inc Row - K8, (M1, K14) 3 times, M1, K6 (60 sts). Work 7 rows.

Shape Front Gusset Edge and Back

Next Row - Cast off 15 sts, place marker in st on right-hand needle, K23, M1, K15, M1, K6.

Next Row - Cast on 15 sts, P across these sts, P to end (62 sts).

Dec 1 st at beg of next row and at this same edge on foll 5 rows (56 sts).

Next Row - K2tog, K17, M1, K16, M1, K21 (57 sts). Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at beg of next and foll 2 alt rows. Work 1 row.

Next Row - K16, (M1, K17) twice, M1, K4 (57 sts).

Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at beg of next and foll 4th row. Work 1 row.

Next Row - K15, (M1, K18) twice, M1, K4 (58 sts). Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at beg of next row (57 sts). Work 9 rows, thus ending with a P row.

Break yarn and leave sts on a spare needle.

LEFT FOOT AND CALF

Work as for Right Foot and Calf.

LEFT LEG

With RS facing and Khaki, **knit up** 32 sts across cast-off edge of Left Foot and Calf.

Next Row - P.

1st Inc Row - K1, *M1, K2; rep from * to last st, M1, K1 (48 sts).

Starting with a P row, work 7 rows in st st.

2nd Inc Row - K6, (M1, K12) 3 times, M1, K6 (52 sts). Work 7 rows.

3rd Inc Row - K6, (M1, K13) 3 times, M1, K7 (56 sts). Work 7 rows.

4th Inc Row - K6, (M1, K14) 3 times, M1, K8 (60 sts). Work 7 rows.

Shape Front Gusset Edge and Back

Next Row - Cast on 15 sts, K across these sts, K6, M1, K15, M1, K39.

Next Row - Cast off 15 sts, place marker in st on right-hand needle, P to end (62 sts).

Dec 1 st at end of next row and at this same edge on foll 5 rows (56 sts).

Next Row - K21, M1, K16, M1, K17, K2tog (57 sts). Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at end of next and foll 2 alt rows. Work 1 row.

Next Row - K4, (M1, K17) twice, M1, K16 (57 sts). Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at end of next and foll 4th row. Work 1 row.

Next Row - K4, (M1, K18) twice, M1, K15 (58 sts). Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at end of next row (57 sts). Work 9 rows, thus ending with a P row.

Break yarn and leave sts on a spare needle.

FRONT GUSSET

With Khaki, cast on 2 sts and starting with a K row, work in st st, shaping sides by inc 1 st at each end of 2nd and every row until there are 18 sts, then on every alt row until there are 26 sts, then on every foll 4th row until there are 32 sts. Work 7 rows, thus ending with a P row.

Break yarn and leave sts on a spare needle.

UPPER BODY

With RS facing and Parchment, K2tog, K55 across 57 sts of Left Leg, K across 32 sts of Front Gusset, then K55, K2tog across 57 sts of Right Leg (144 sts).

Cont in st st and work 1 row.

1st Dec Row - K16, K2tog, K26, (sL1K, K1, psso, K16) twice, K2tog, K16, K2tog, K26, sL1K, K1, psso, K16 (138 sts). Work 5 rows.

2nd Dec Row - K15, K2tog, K26, sL1K, K1, psso, K15, sL1K, K1, psso, K14, K2tog, K15, K2tog, K26, sL1K, K1, psso, K15 (132 sts). Work 5 rows.

3rd Dec Row - K14, K2tog, K26, sL1K, K1, psso, K14, sL1K, K1, psso, K12, K2tog, K14, K2tog, K26, sL1K, K1, psso, K14 (126 sts). Work 5 rows.

4th Dec Row - K13, K2tog, K26, sL1K, K1, psso, K13, sL1K, K1, psso, K10, K2tog, K13, K2tog, K26, sL1K, K1, psso, K13 (120 sts). Work 5 rows.

5th Dec Row - K12, K2tog, K26, sL1K, K1, psso, K12, sL1K, K1, psso, K8, K2tog, K12, K2tog, K26, sL1K, K1, psso, K12 (114 sts). Work 5 rows.

6th Dec Row - K11, K2tog, K26, sL1K, K1, psso, K11, sL1K, K1, psso, K6, K2tog, K11, K2tog, K26, sL1K, K1, psso, K11 (108 sts). Work 3 rows.

7th Dec Row - K10, K2tog, K26, sL1K, K1, psso, K10, sL1K, K1, psso, K4, K2tog, K10, K2tog, K26, sL1K, K1, psso, K10 (102 sts).

Work 3 rows.

8th Dec Row - K9, K2tog, K9, (sL1K, K1, pssso) 3 times, (K2tog) 3 times, K5, sL1K, K1, pssso, K9, sL1K, K1, pssso, K2, K2tog, K9, K2tog, K5, (sL1K, K1, pssso) 3 times, (K2tog) 3 times, K9, sL1K, K1, pssso, K9 (84 sts).

Work 1 row.

9th Dec Row - (K3, K2tog) 3 times, K1, (sL1K, K1, pssso) 3 times, (K2tog) 3 times, K2, (sL1K, K1, pssso, K3) twice, sL1K, K1, pssso, K2tog, (K3, K2tog) twice, K2, (sL1K, K1, pssso) 3 times, (K2tog) 3 times, K1, (sL1K, K1, pssso, K3) 3 times (60 sts).

Work 1 row.

10th Dec Row - (K2, K2tog) twice, K6, sL1K, K1, pssso, K2tog, K3, sL1K, K1, pssso, K2, sL1K, K1, pssso, K6, K2tog, K2, K2tog, K3, sL1K, K1, pssso, K2tog, K6, (sL1K, K1, pssso, K2) twice (48 sts).
Work 1 row.

Shape Neck

Next Row - K18, place marker in last st worked, turn and work this side first.

Cast off 6 sts at beg of next and foll alt row. Work 1 row. Cast off rem 6 sts.

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to rem sts, cast off centre 12 sts, place marker in st on right-hand needle, K to end. Work 1 row.

Cast off 6 sts at beg of next and foll alt row. Work 1 row. Cast off rem 6 sts.

Join back seam for 3 cm from top of neck shaping.

HEAD

With RS facing and Mink, starting at marker on right side of neck shaping, **knit up** 36 sts around neck shaping between markers.

Next Row - P.

Next Row - Inc in first st, K2, (M1, K1) 8 times, K15, (M1, K1) 8 times, K1, inc in last st (54 sts).

Next Row - P.

Next Row - Inc in first st, (K3, M1) 6 times, K16, (M1, K3) 6 times, inc in last st (68 sts).

Next Row - P.

Cont in st st and **shape back of head** as follows:

Next Row - K38, turn.

Next Row - sL1P, P7, turn.

Next Row - sL1P, K11, turn.

Next Row - sL1P, P15, turn.

Cont thus, working 4 sts more before turning on every row until the row "sL1P, P63, turn" has been worked.

Next Row - sL1P, K61, turn.

Next Row - sL1P, P59, turn.

Cont thus, working 2 sts less before turning on every row until the row "sL1P, P3" has been worked.

Next Row - sL1P, K to end.

Next Row - P across all sts.

Place marker at each end of last row.

Shape Forehead and Muzzle Opening

Next Row - K2tog, K26, sL1K, K1, pssso, K8, K2tog, K26, K2tog.

Next Row - P24, place marker in last st worked for placement of left eye chart, P17, place marker in last st worked for placement of right eye chart, P23.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row. Work 1 row.

Next Row - K2tog, K24, sL1K, K1, pssso, K6, K2tog, K24, K2tog. Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row. Work 1 row.

Next Row - K2tog, K22, sL1K, K1, pssso, K4, K2tog, K22, K2tog. Work 1 row.

Next Row - K2tog, K21, sL1K, K1, pssso, K2, K2tog, K21, K2tog (48 sts). Work 1 row.

Shape Snout

Next Row - K2tog, K21, M1, K2, M1, K21, K2tog. Work 1 row.

Next Row - K2tog, K18, K2tog, K4, sL1K, K1, pssso, K18, K2tog.

Next Row - P2tog, P to last 2 sts, P2tog.

Next Row - K2tog, K17, M1, K4, M1, K17, K2tog.

Next Row - P2tog, P to last 2 sts, P2tog.

Next Row - K2tog, K13, K2tog, K6, sL1K, K1, pssso, K13, K2tog.

Next Row - P2tog, P to last 2 sts, P2tog.

Next Row - K2tog, K12, M1, K6, M1, K12, K2tog.

Next Row - P2tog, P to last 2 sts, P2tog.

Next Row - K2tog, K8, K2tog, K8, sL1K, K1, pssso, K8, K2tog.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows (22 sts).

Next Row - K2tog, K2, K3tog, K8, sL1K, K2tog, pssso, K2, K2tog.

Next Row - (P2tog) 8 times (8 sts).

Place marker at each end of last row.

Next Row - K.

Next Row - P6, turn.

Next Row - sL1P, K3, turn.

Next Row - sL1P, P5.

Work 2 rows across all sts. Break Mink.

Work Muzzle

Join in Dark Grey and inc 1 st at each end of next 5 rows (18 sts). Work 1 row.

Joining in and breaking off colours as required, **work in motif knitting** thus:

Next Row - In Dark Grey inc in first st, K7, in Cream K2, in Dark Grey K7, inc in last st (20 sts).

Next Row - In Dark Grey P8, in Cream P4, in Dark Grey P8.

Next Row - In Dark Grey K7, in Mink K1, in Cream K4, in Mink K1, in Dark Grey K7.

Next Row - In Dark Grey P5, in Mink P3, in Cream P4, in Mink P3, in Dark Grey P5.

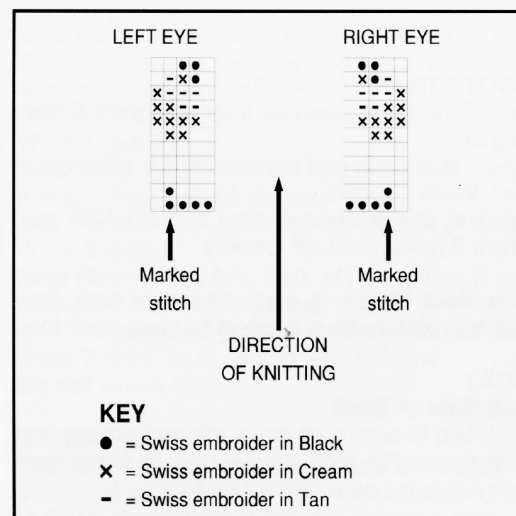
Next Row - In Dark Grey K2tog, K1, in Mink K5, in Cream K4, in Mink K5, in Dark Grey K1, K2tog (18 sts).

Cont in Mink only and work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next and foll 3 alt rows, then on every foll 4th row twice (6 sts).

Work 3 rows. Cast off rem sts.

Using markers as a guide, swiss embroider eyes and eyebrows from charts.



Sew sides of muzzle to muzzle opening from markers on snout to lower edge. Join shaped sides at lower edge of head and cast-off edge of muzzle to sts cast off at centre front of body.

Join sides of Front Gusset to front gusset shaping on legs, placing cast-on edge of Front Gusset to markers on legs. Join back leg seams. Join cast-off sts at back of legs to cast-on sts at back.

Oversew cast-on sts of each foot together. Join remainder of back seam, leaving a gap for stuffing. Stuff feet, calves and legs firmly, then stuff head and body firmly (body should measure 66 cm at widest point). Close gap in back seam.

EARS (make 2)

With Mink, cast on 8 sts and P 1 row.

Next Row - (RS), inc knitways in each st to end (16 sts).

Next Row - P.

Next Row - K1, (M1, K2) 7 times, M1, K1 (24 sts).

Next Row - P.

Next Row - K1, M1, K10, M1, K2, M1, K10, M1, K1 (28 sts). Cont in st st and work 9 rows, thus ending with a P row. Cast off.

Fold each ear in half and join side seam, then join cast-on edge together. Sew cast-off edges together. With side seam facing away from centre of head, sew ears to sides of head, leaving 16 sts at centre of head between ears. Using Black, work 2 straight sts on each side of muzzle for whiskers as in photograph.

HANDS (make 2)

With Mink, cast on 24 sts and starting with a K row, work in st st for 4 rows.

Next Row - K11, M1, K2, M1, K11. Work 1 row.

Next Row - K11, M1, K4, M1, K11. Work 1 row.

Next Row - K11, M1, K6, M1, K11. Work 1 row.

Next Row - K11, M1, K8, M1, K11 (32 sts). Work 1 row.

Shape Thumb and Fingers

Next Row - K20, turn.

Next Row - Cast on 1 st, P8, turn (9 sts).

Next Row - Cast on 1 st, K9 (10 sts).

Work 5 rows on these 10 sts.

Next Row - K3, (K2tog) twice, K3 (8 sts). Work 1 row.

Next Row - (K2tog) 4 times. Break yarn, thread through rem 4 sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. With RS facing, rejoin yarn to sts on left-hand needle, K12.

Next Row - P24. Work 2 rows.

Next Row - K16, turn.

**** Next Row** - Cast on 1 st, P8, turn (9 sts).

Next Row - Cast on 1 st, K9 (10 sts).

Work 9 rows on these 10 sts.

Next Row - K3, (K2tog) twice, K3 (8 sts). Work 1 row.

Next Row - (K2tog) 4 times. Break yarn, thread through rem 4 sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. ****** With RS facing, rejoin yarn to sts on left-hand needle, K4, turn.

Rep from ****** to ****** once more.

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to sts on left-hand needle, K4.

Next Row - P8. Work 8 rows.

Next Row - (K2tog) 4 times. Break yarn, thread through rem 4 sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

RIGHT ARM

With RS facing and Parchment, **knit up** 24 sts across cast-on edge of first Hand.

Work 7 rows in g st, then starting with a K row, work 2 rows in st st.

Next Row - K5, M1, K2, M1, K17. Work 5 rows.

Next Row - K6, M1, K2, M1, K18. Work 5 rows.

Next Row - K7, M1, K2, M1, K19. Work 7 rows.

Next Row - K8, M1, K2, M1, K20 (32 sts).

Work 7 rows.

Next Row - K8, turn and work this side first. Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at end of next and foll 4 alt rows, then 1 st at beg of next row. Cast off rem 2 sts.

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to rem sts, cast off next 4 sts, K to end (20 sts). Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at beg of next and foll 2 alt rows, then 1 st at this same edge on foll 5 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows. Cast off rem 8 sts.

LEFT ARM

With RS facing and Parchment, **knit up** 24 sts across cast-on edge of second Hand.

Work 7 rows in g st, then starting with a K row, work 2 rows in st st.

Next Row - K17, M1, K2, M1, K5. Work 5 rows.

Next Row - K18, M1, K2, M1, K6. Work 5 rows.

Next Row - K19, M1, K2, M1, K7. Work 7 rows.

Next Row - K20, M1, K2, M1, K8 (32 sts).

Work 7 rows.

Next Row - K20, turn and work this side first. Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at end of next and foll 2 alt rows, then 1 st at this same edge on foll 5 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows. Cast off rem 8 sts.

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to rem sts, cast off next 4 sts, K to end (8 sts). Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at beg of next and foll 4 alt rows, then 1 st at end of next row. Cast off rem 2 sts.

Join thumb and first 2 finger seams, then join last finger and side seam of hands. Stuff thumbs, fingers and hands lightly. Join side arm seams.

Stuff arms firmly. Sew arms to sides of body, placing cast-off sts at top of arms 5 cm below neck.

TAIL

With Mink, cast on 14 sts and starting with a K row, work 22 rows in st st.

Dec 1 st at each end of next and every foll 22nd row until 6 sts rem. Work 19 rows.

Next Row - (K2tog) 3 times. Break yarn, thread through rem 3 sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Join tail seam. With seam at centre, oversew cast-on edge together. Sew tail to back of body, 14 rows below top of trousers.

COLLAR

With Parchment, cast on 62 sts and work 2 rows in g st.

Next Row - (RS), K7, (M1, K16) 3 times, M1, K7. Work 3 rows.

Next Row - K7, M1, K17, M1, K18, M1, K17, M1, K7 (70 sts). Work 4 rows.

Cast off **loosely**.

Sew cast-on edge of collar in place around neck, leaving 2 sts free at centre front of body.

CRAVAT

Front Piece

With Violet, cast on 2 sts.

Next Row - (RS), inc knitways in each st.

Next Row - K4.

Next Row - K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1.

Work 1 row.

Rep last 2 rows twice more (10 sts). Work 2 rows.

Next Row - K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1.

Work 3 rows.

Rep last 4 rows 6 times more (24 sts).

Work 2 rows.

Next Row - (K2tog) 12 times. Work 1 row.

Next Row - (K2tog) 6 times (6 sts). Work 1 row.

Cast off rem sts.

Neck Piece

With Violet, cast on 64 sts and K 1 row. Cast off **loosely** knitways.

Place Neck Piece around neck at base of collar and join at centre front. Sew Front Piece to Neck Piece at centre front.

WAISTCOAT

Back

With Gold, cast on 82 sts and work 2 rows in g st, then starting with a K row, work 22 rows in st st.

Shape armholes by casting off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next 9 rows, then on foll 3 alt rows (52 sts). Work 13 rows, thus ending with a P row.

Shape shoulders by casting off 5 sts at beg of next 2 rows, then 6 sts at beg of foll 2 rows. Leave rem 30 sts on a spare needle.

Left Front

With Gold, cast on 2 sts and K 1 row.

Next Row - Inc in first st, P1.

Cont in st st, **shaping front** by casting on 4 sts at beg of next and foll 4 alt rows, then 3 sts at beg of foll 2 alt rows, **at the same time** inc 1 st at end of next row and at this same edge on foll 12 rows (42 sts). Place marker at beg of last row.

Work 21 rows, thus ending with a P row.

Shape armhole by casting off 3 sts at beg of next row. Work 1 row. Dec 1 st at armhole edge on next 9 rows (30 sts). Work 1 row. Place marker at beg of last row.

Shape front slope as follows:

Next Row - K2tog, K to last 2 sts, K2tog.

Next Row - P2tog, P to end.

Rep last 2 rows twice more (21 sts).

Dec 1 st at front slope edge **only** on next 7 rows, then on foll 2 alt rows (12 sts).

Next Row - Cast off 5 sts, K to last 2 sts, K2tog. Work 1 row. Cast off rem 6 sts.

Right Front

Work as for Left Front, reversing all shapings.

Left Front Lower Border

With RS facing and Gold, **knit up** 27 sts down long shaped edge of Left Front, 1 st at centre of cast-on sts, then 15 sts up short shaped edge to first marker (43 sts). Work 2 rows in g st. Cast off.

Right Front Lower Border

With RS facing and Gold, **knit up** 15 sts down short shaped edge of Right Front from first marker, 1 st at centre of cast-on sts, then 27 sts up long shaped edge (43 sts). Work 2 rows in g st. Cast off.

Neck Border

Join shoulder seams.

With RS facing and Gold, starting at second marker on Right Front, **knit up** 22 sts up right front slope to shoulder seam, K30 sts from back, then **knit up** 22 sts down left front slope to second marker on Left Front (74 sts). Work 2 rows in g st. Cast off.

Armhole Borders

With RS facing and Gold, **knit up** 58 sts evenly all round armhole. Work 2 rows in g st. Cast off.

Join front and side seams. Slip Waistcoat onto Toy and sew lower edge in place to hold down.

BUTTONS (make 7)

With Tan, cast on 18 sts. Break yarn, thread through sts, pull up tightly and with same end of yarn, stitch ends together to form a circle.

Sew 3 buttons to centre front seam of Waistcoat, then sew 2 buttons to inside of each calf as in photograph.

FOOT STRAPS (make 2)

With Parchment, cast on 8 sts and work 8 rows in g st.

Dec 1 st at each end of next and foll 12th row (4 sts). Work 13 rows.

Inc 1 st at each end of next and foll 12th row. Work 8 rows. Cast off **loosely**.

Sew Foot Straps in place to top of feet, then catch in place with a stitch at base of each foot.

COAT

Left Side of Back

With Mid Brown, cast on 41 sts and **noting that first row is RS**, work 28 rows in g st. Break yarn and leave sts on a spare needle.

Right Side of Back

With Mid Brown, cast on 41 sts and **noting that first row is RS**, work 28 rows in g st. **Do not break yarn**.

Main Piece of Back

With RS facing and Mid Brown, K across 41 sts of Right Side of Back, then 41 sts of Left Side of Back (82 sts). Work 51 rows in g st.

Shape armholes by casting off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows, then on foll 8 alt rows (54 sts). Work 15 rows.

Shape shoulders by casting off 3 sts at beg of next 6 rows. Cast off rem 36 sts.

Left Front

With Mid Brown, cast on 38 sts and **noting that first row is RS**, work 80 rows in g st.

Shape armhole by casting off 3 sts at beg of next row. Work 1 row. Dec 1 st at armhole edge on next 3 rows, then on foll 4 alt rows (28 sts). Work 1 row.

Shape lapel and neck as follows:

Next Row - K2tog, K to last 9 sts, place marker in last st worked, cast off rem 9 sts. Break yarn. With **WS** facing, rejoin yarn to rem 18 sts and work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row. Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at beg of next row. Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row (13 sts). Work 3 rows.

Dec 1 st at neck edge **only** on next and every foll 4th row twice (10 sts). Work 3 rows.

Shape shoulder as follows:

Next Row - Cast off 3 sts, K to last 2 sts, K2tog. Work 1 row.

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next row. Work 1 row. Cast off rem 3 sts.

Right Front

Work as for Left Front, reversing all shapings.

Sleeves

With Mid Brown, cast on 36 sts and **noting that first row is RS**, work in g st, shaping sides by inc 1 st at each end of 7th and every foll 6th row until there are 46 sts. Work 5 rows.

Shape top by casting off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next and every alt row until 14 sts rem, then on next 3 rows. Cast off rem 8 sts.

Join shoulder seams. Sew sleeve tops in place to armhole shapings, then join side and sleeve seams.

Collar

With **WS** facing and Mid Brown, start at marker on left front lapel and **knit up** 16 sts up left side of neck, 36 sts across back, then 16 sts down right side of neck to marker on right front lapel (68 sts).

Next Row - K.

Next Row - Inc in first st, K37, turn.

Next Row - sL1P, K7, turn.

Next Row - sL1P, K11, turn.

Cont thus, working 4 sts more before turning on every row until the row "sL1P, K31, turn" has been worked.

Next Row - sL1P, K to last st, inc in last st (70 sts).

Next Row - K across all sts.

Inc 1 st at each end of next and foll alt row (74 sts). Work 1 row. Place marker at each end of last row. Work 7 rows. Cast off **loosely**.

Sew shaped side edges of collar up to markers halfway across cast-off sts of lapels.

Fold lapels and collar to RS and slip stitch loosely in place.

Pocket Flaps (make 2)

With Mid Brown, cast on 10 sts and **noting that first row is RS**, work 9 rows in g st. Cast off.

Sew cast-off edge of Pocket Flaps to centre of fronts, 10 cm up from lower edge. Slip stitch cast-on edge of Pocket Flaps in place.

CANE

Cut a small slit at top of one straw, then push end of the other straw into first straw for 2 cm. Secure join with sticky tape. Trim to a length of 29 cm.

With Dark Brown, cast on 76 sts and starting with a K row, work 6 rows in st st for Main Piece. Cast off. Fold Main Piece around straw length and oversew cast-on and cast-off edges together. Join ends.

With Gold, cast on 16 sts and starting with a K row, work 10 rows in st st for Cane Top. Fold Cane Top around top of one end of Main Piece and join cast-on and cast-off edges together, making sure that seam is level with seam on Main Piece. Join end.

Sew top of cane securely to palm of left hand. Sew end of thumb to top of cane. Join remaining 3 fingers together at fingertips, then sew to top of cane.

