

Witch and Cat



MEASUREMENTS

Witch: 25cm/10in tall, when sitting; Cat: 15cm/6in tall.

MATERIALS

Of Sirdar Bonus D.K. 100g balls: 75g in Black 965, 20g in White 961, 15g each in Flesh Tone 963 and Violet 985, 10g in Apple 980.

Of Sirdar Silky Look D.K. 50g balls: 5g in Lilac 914.

Small amount of dusky pink tapestry yarn.
Pair of 3mm (no.11) knitting needles; 50g of washable toy stuffing; 70g of PVC beanbag granules; 20cm diameter circle of white muslin; white sewing thread; 4cm diameter circle of stiff card; black plastic drinking straw; long tweezers; clear adhesive; hair spray.

TENSION

26 sts and 36 rows to 10cm, measured over stocking stitch worked with D.K. on 3mm needles.

ABBREVIATIONS

beg = beginning; cont = continue; dec = decrease (by working 2 stitches together); gs = garter stitch; inc = increase (by working into front and back of stitch); K = knit; P = purl; sl = slip; ss = stocking stitch; st(s) = stitch(es); SKPO = slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over; tog = together; YB = yarn back; YF = yarn forward.

NOTE

Use 3mm needles throughout, cast on by using the cable (two needle) method, and

begin all pieces with a K row.

WITCH

BODY AND HEAD make 1 piece

With White cast on 14 sts for base edge of bloomers and ss 2 rows.

1st inc row: Inc into every st to end [28 sts].

P 1 row.

2nd inc row: (Inc 1, K1) to end [42 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

3rd inc row: (K1, inc 1, K1) to end [56 sts].

Ss 19 rows.

1st dec row: (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [42 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: (K1, K 2 tog) to end [28 sts].

P 1 row.

Change to Violet for bodice and ss 4 rows.

Shape bust, inc row: K8, (inc 1, K1) six times, K8 [34 sts].

Ss 7 rows.

1st dec row: K7, (K 2 tog, K1) seven times, K6 [28 sts].

P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K7, (K 2 tog) seven times, K6 [20 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Change to Flesh Tone for head and ss 4

rows.

Shape head, 1st inc row: K1, (inc 1) eighteen times, K1 [38 sts].

P 1 row.

Shape chin, 2nd inc row: K13, (inc 1, K1) six times, K13 [44 sts].

Ss 13 rows.

1st dec row: (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [33 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: (K1, K 2 tog) to end [22 sts].

P 1 row.

3rd dec row: (K 2 tog) to end [11 sts].

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

LEGS make 2 pieces

With White cast on 30 sts for top edge of bloomer leg and ss 14 rows.

1st dec row: (K2, K 2 tog, K1) to end [24 sts].

P 1 row.

2nd dec row: (K1, K 3 tog) to end [12 sts].

P 1 row.

Change to Violet for stocking and cont in alternate 2 row stripe pattern of Violet and Apple.

Pattern 26 rows.

Change to Black for shoe and ss 2 rows.

1st inc row: (Inc 1) twice, K2, inc 1, K1,

inc 1, K2, (inc 1) twice, K1 [18 sts].

P 1 row.

2nd inc row: K7, inc 1, K1, inc 1, K8 [20 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

1st dec & inc row: K1, K 2 tog, SKPO, K3, inc 1, K1, inc 1, K4, K 2 tog, SKPO, K1 [18 sts].

P 1 row.

2nd dec & inc row: K2, SKPO, K3, inc 1, K1, inc 1, K4, K 2 tog, K2 [18 sts].

P 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows once more.

Inc row: K7, inc 1, K1, inc 1, K8 [20 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Dec row: SKPO, K 2 tog, K2, (SKPO, K 2 tog) twice, K2, SKPO, K 2 tog [12 sts].

P 1 row.

Cast off for base edge of shoe sole.



BLOOMER LEG FRILLS make 2 pieces

With White cast on 12 sts for top edge

and cont in ss.

1st inc row: Inc into every st to end [24 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

2nd inc row: Inc in to every st to end [48 sts].

Cast off K wise.

SHOE CUFFS make 2 pieces



With Black cast on 18 sts for top edge and ss 2 rows.

1st dec row: (K2, K 2 tog, K2) to end [15 sts].

P 1 row.

2nd dec row: (K2, K 2 tog, K1) to end [12 sts].

P 1 row.

Cast off for base edge.

ARMS make 2 pieces

With Violet cast on 4 sts for top edge of sleeve and ss 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at beg and end of next 2 rows [8 sts].

Cast on 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows for underarm [12 sts].

Ss 28 rows.

Change to Black for mitten and K 3 rows.

P 1 row.

Inc row: (Inc 1, K3, inc 1, K1) twice [16 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Cast off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows for base of thumb [12 sts].

Ss 4 rows.

Cast off for front edge of mitten.

INDEX AND RING FINGERS make 4 pieces

With Flesh Tone cast on 5 sts and ss 6 rows.

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

MIDDLE FINGERS make 2 pieces

With Flesh Tone cast on 5 sts and ss 7 rows.

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and

fasten off.

LITTLE FINGERS make 2 pieces

With Flesh Tone cast on 5 sts and ss 4 rows.

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.



THUMBS make 2 pieces

With Flesh Tone cast on 6 sts and ss 5 rows.

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

SKIRT make 1 piece

With Black cast on 84 sts for base edge a K 3 rows.

Ss 25 rows, beg with a P row.

Shape bottom, 1st row: *K26, YF, sl I, YB, turn.

2nd and all even numbered rows up to and including 16th row: Sl I, P to end.

3rd row: K24, YF, sl I, YB, turn.

5th row: K22, YF, sl I, YB, turn.

Cont in this manner until following row has been worked:

15th row: K12, YF, sl I, YB, turn.

17th row: K across all 84 sts.

18th row: P26, YB, sl I, YF

19th and all odd numbered row up to and including 33rd row: Sl I, K to end.

20th row: P24, YB, sl I, YF, turn.

22nd row: P22, YB, sl I, YF, turn.

Cont in this manner until following row has been worked:

32nd row: P12, YB, sl I, YF, turn

34th row: P across all 84 sts.**

Work from * to ** once more.

Ss 6 rows.

Gather waist, dec row: (K 3 tog) to end [28 sts].

P 1 row.

Cast off for waist edge.

HAT make 1 piece

With Black cast on 90 sts for outside edge of brim and gs 2 rows.

1st dec row: (K4, K 2 tog, K3) to end [80 sts].

Gs 2 rows.

2nd dec row: (K6, K 2 tog) to end [70 sts].

Gs 2 rows.

3rd dec row: (K3, K 2 tog, K2) to end [60 sts].

Gs 2 rows.

4th dec row: (K4, K 2 tog) to end [50 sts].

Work hat band, 1st pattern row:

Using a ball of yarn for each shade and stranding shade not in use loosely across P side of work, K2 Violet, (2 Apple, 2 Violet) to end.

2nd pattern row: P2 Violet, (2 Apple, 2 Violet) to end.

3rd pattern row: K2 Apple, (2 Violet, 2 Apple) to end.

4th pattern row: P2 Apple, (2 Violet, 2 Apple) to end.

Change to Black and ss 2 rows, beg with a K row.

5th dec row: (K2, K 2 tog, K1) to end [40 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

6th dec row: (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [30 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

7th dec row: (K1, K 2 tog) to end [20 sts].

Ss 7 rows.

8th dec row: (K 2 tog) to end [10 sts].

Ss 7 rows.

9th dec row: K1, (K 2 tog) four times, K1 [6 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.



NOSE make 1 piece

With Flesh Tone cast on 14 sts for face edge and ss 4 rows.

1st dec row: K5, K 2 tog, SKPO, K5 [12 sts].

P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K4, K 2 tog, SKPO, K4 [10 sts].

P 1 row.

3rd dec row: K3, K 2 tog, SKPO, K3 [8 sts].

P 1 row.

4th dec row: K2, K 2 tog, SKPO, K2 [6 sts].

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

CAT

BODY make 1 piece

With Black cast on 12 sts for neck edge and ss 6 rows.

1st inc row: (Inc 1, K1) to end [18 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

2nd inc row: K4, (inc 1, K1) five times, K4 [23 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

3rd inc row: K5, (inc 1, K2) five times, K3 [28 sts].

Ss 11 rows.

1st dec row: K1, (K 2 tog, K1) to end [19 sts].

P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K1, (K 2 tog) to end [10 sts].

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.



HEAD make 1 piece

With Black cast on 12 sts for base edge and ss 2 rows.

Inc row: Inc into every st to end [24 sts].

Ss 13 rows.

Dec row: (K 2 tog) to end [12 sts].

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

BACK LEGS make 2 pieces

With Black cast on 10 sts for front edge and ss 4 rows.

Dec row: K3, K 2 tog, SKPO, K3 [8 sts].

Ss 8 rows.

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

FRONT LEGS make 2 pieces

With Black cast on 12 sts for base edge and ss 4 rows.

Dec row: K2, (SKPO, K 2 tog) twice, K2 [8 sts].

Ss 9 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row for base of top opening [6 sts].

Ss 2 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row [4 sts].

Cast off for top edge.

TAIL make 1 piece

With Black cast on 6 sts for base edge and ss 29 rows.

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

HAT make 1 piece

With Violet cast on 48 sts for edge of brim and gs 2 rows.



1st dec row: (K2, K 2 tog, K2) to end [40 sts].

K 1 row.

2nd dec row: (K3, K 2 tog) to end [32 sts].

K 1 row.

3rd dec row: (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [24 sts].

Work crown: Ss 4 rows, beg with a K row.

4th dec row: (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [18 sts].

P 1 row.

5th dec row: (K1, K 2 tog) to end [12 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

6th dec row: (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [9 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

7th dec row: (K1, K 2 tog) to end [6 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

EARS make 2 pieces

With Black cast on 5 sts for base edge and ss 3 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row [3 sts].

Next row: Sl 1, K 2 tog, PSSO, break yarn and draw through st.

CAULDRON

BOWL make 1 piece

With Black cast on 11 sts for base edge and ss 2 rows.

1st inc row: Inc into every st to end [22 sts].

P 1 row.

2nd inc row: (Inc 1, K1) to end [33 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

3rd inc row: (K1, inc 1, K1) to end [44 sts].

Ss 11 rows.

1st dec row: (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [33 sts].

P 2 rows.

Change to Apple for witch's brew and ss 2 rows, beg with a P row.

2nd dec row: (P 2 tog, P1) to end [22

sts].

Ss 2 rows.

3rd dec row: (K 2 tog) to end [11 sts].

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

RIM make 1 piece

With Black cast on 36 sts for top edge and K 1 row.

Dec row: (P3, P 2 tog, P4) to end [32 sts].
Cast off for base edge.

HANDLE make 1 piece

With Black cast on 32 sts.
Cast off.

LEGS make 3 pieces

With Black cast on 3 sts for top edge and ss 2 rows.
Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

For best results, sew seams and join pieces using mattress stitch, working with right side of knitting uppermost. A one stitch knitted seam turning has been allowed on all pieces to accommodate this method.

WITCH

First make beanbag by sewing a line of large running stitches round edge of muslin

circle. Draw up slightly and fill with granules, then gather tightly and fasten off securely. Should you prefer to omit the beanbag, simply fill entire body with toy stuffing.

Work a gathering thread through every stitch along base edge of body, draw up tightly and fasten off, then join body seam up to top of bloomers. Now join head seam, working from gathered top edge and stopping at neck edge. Fit beanbag into base of body, then stuff head, bodice and remainder of bloomers and join bodice seam. This body seam will run down centre back.

With each leg piece, fold base edge of shoe in half and join, then join shoe, stocking, and bloomer seam, leaving top edge of bloomer leg open. Use tweezers to stuff shoes firmly, then stockings and bloomer legs lightly, leaving a space unstuffed in centre to allow knee to bend. With leg seam running down centre back, position and sew top edges of bloomer legs to body, placing directly above last increase row at base of body and spacing 2 knitted stitches apart.

Cut two 4.5cm lengths of straw for shoe heels. Starting at one end, spread glue over the first 2.5cm of straw then, leaving a 1cm tail of yarn at this end, wind glued section closely with Black yarn. Trim yarn close to top of bound section, then squeeze a spot

of glue into end of straw and use tweezers to insert yarn tail into this end. Push a large knitting needle into shoe at heel position, twisting to make a hole through knitting and stuffing, then remove needle, spread uncovered portion of straw with glue and push into hole.

Wrap a cuff piece round top of each shoe, meeting ends at centre front, then sew in place by working backstitch over base edge. Wrap a bloomer frill round each leg and join side edges. Matching this seam to leg seam, sew frill in place by working backstitch over top edge.

Following instructions on ball band, press skirt piece lightly on wrong side, then join side edges, stopping 5cm down from waist edge. Fit skirt on body, then join remainder of seam. Matching skirt and body seams, sew skirt in place at base of bodice by working backstitch over waist edge. Join each sleeve seam, starting at underarm and working down side of mitten, then fold front edge of mitten in half and join. Use tweezers to stuff mittens firmly and sleeves lightly, then position and sew sleeve heads to body sides. Join seam on each finger and thumb piece then, leaving unstuffed, pin these in position on mittens and sew securely in place.

Mark centre front of head with a line of white sewing thread. Join side edges of nose piece and use tweezers to stuff firmly.

With seam running along underside, position and sew nose centrally to face, placing 5 knitted rows above second increase row at base of head. Now mark eye positions with pins, placing 4 knitted rows down from first decrease row at top of head and spacing 6 knitted stitches apart. Take a length of Black yarn, draw out a single strand, and use the remaining 2 strands to embroider a single, tiny, horizontal chain stitch for each eye, then work a small straight stitch in the centre of each chain to form a circular dot.

Separate 2 strands from a length of pink yarn and use these to first embroider a V shape in chain stitch for lips, then to work a curved line of chain stitches, crossing the lips, for mouth. Use pencil to blush cheeks lightly, working in a circular motion to gradually build up colour.

Cut approximately sixty 20cm lengths of Silky Look for hair. Use pins to mark 12 knitted stitches at front of head and above eyes, 6 stitches each side of tacked line. Keeping this space free and working directly below the first decrease row at top of head, thread a needle with two strands of yarn and sew through the first knitted stitch. Remove needle and adjust strands to make cut ends level, then continue work round back of head in this manner with remaining strands. Remove tacking thread and pins, then straighten any

kinks in the yarn by holding over a steaming kettle and leave to dry.



Join crown and brim seam on hat, then coat brim heavily with hair spray, pat surface to push lacquer into yarn, then arrange on a flat surface and leave to dry hard. With seam at centre back, fit hat on head, placing so that eyes are just visible, then sew in place by working backstitch over last knitted row of brim. Trim ends of hair yarn to shape.

CAT

Join body seam from gathered base up to neck edge, then stuff firmly. Join head seam from gathered top edge, stopping 1cm away from base edge. Stuff firmly and join

remainder of seam, then work a gathering thread through every stitch along base edge, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Position and sew head to neck edge of body.

Join seam on each back leg, from gathered back up to front edge, use tweezers to stuff firmly, then work a gathering thread through every stitch along front edge, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Work a gathering thread through every stitch along base edge of each front leg, then join seam up to base of top opening. Use tweezers to stuff firmly, then pin front and back legs in position, as shown on photograph, having seam on each back leg running along underside, and sew in place. Join tail seam, drawing up sewing yarn slightly to curve, then position and sew base edge to body.

Join hat seam, then stiffen with hair spray as given for witch. Pin hat on head and sew in place by working backstitch over every knitted stitch on last row of garter stitch brim. Position and sew ears to sides of hat. Mark eye position with pins, placing 3 knitted rows below hat brim and spacing 3 knitted stitches apart. Draw out a single strand from a length of Apple yarn and use the remaining 2 strands to embroider a circle of 6 tiny chain stitches for each eye, then embroider a tiny stitch of Black in the centre of each. Separate 2 strands from a

length of pink yarn and use these to first embroider 3 straight stitches for mouth, forming an inverted T shape, then a triangle of 3 straight stitches on top of this for nose, filling in nose with horizontal satin stitches.

CAULDRON

Starting at gathered top edge, join side edges of bowl, stopping 3cm away from base edge. Now glue card circle to wrong side of Apple top section, then stuff bowl firmly and join remainder of seam. Work a gathering thread through every stitch along base edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Oversew side edges of rim piece together, then fit rim round top of bowl and sew in place, working backstitch over base edge. Oversew side edges of each leg together, then use pins to mark three points on base, evenly spaced along 2nd increase row, and sew a leg at each of these points. Sew ends of handle to sides of bowl, then coat with hair spray, shape handle and leave to set hard.



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