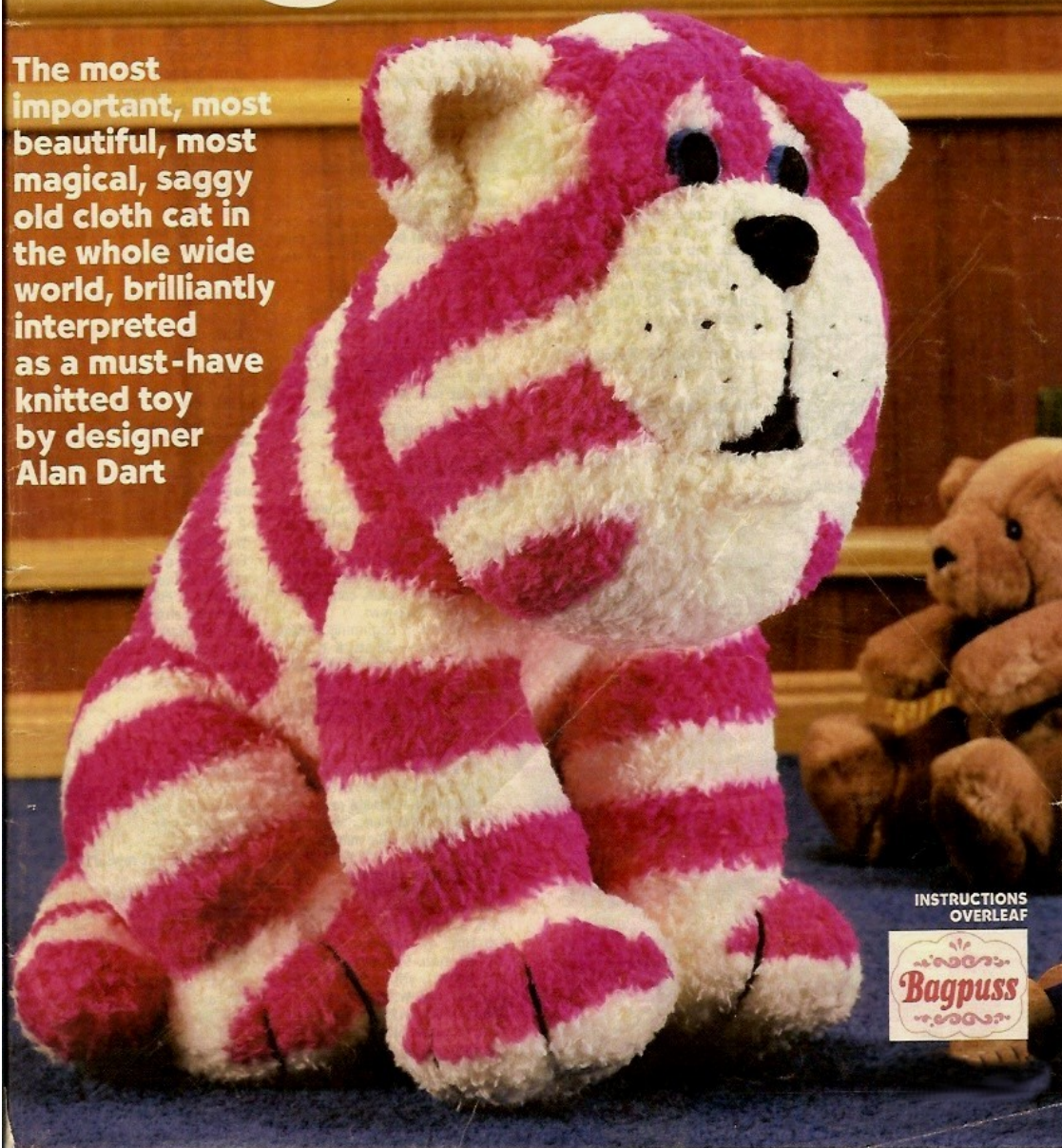




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# Bagpuss!

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# BAGPUSS

## MATERIALS

Of TDB Textured DK in 50 g balls: 2 balls in Cream and 1 ball in Fuchsia. Of TDB DK in 25 g balls: 1 ball in each of Turquoise and Black. No. 11 (3 mm) knitting needles; 275 g of washable toy stuffing; wire teasel brush (optional). For details of the kit, see page 52.

## TENSION AND MEASUREMENTS

26 stitches and 36 rows to 10 x 10 cm over stocking stitch, using No. 11 (3 mm) needles and Textured DK yarn. The toy will measure 33 cm/13 in tall, when sitting.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**K**, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **sl**, slip; **tog**, together; **inc**, increase (by working twice in same st); **dec**, decrease (by taking 2 sts tog); **ss**, stocking stitch (k 1 row and p 1 row alternately); **yfb**, yarn to back; **ytf**, yarn to front.

## NOTE

Begin all pieces worked in stocking stitch with a k row, but treat purl side of all pieces knitted in Textured DK yarn as right side, when sewing up.

## BODY BACK

(make 1 piece)

With No. 11 (3 mm) needles and Cream, cast on 8 sts for base edge. Working stripe pattern of 8 rows Cream and 8 rows Fuchsia throughout, continue thus: Ss 2 rows.

**1st inc row:** Inc in every st to end — 16 sts. P 1 row.

**2nd inc row:** Inc in every st to end — 32 sts. P 1 row.

**3rd inc row:** [Inc, k1] to end — 48 sts. Ss 3 rows.

**4th inc row:** K1, [inc, k2] to last 2 sts, inc, k1 — 64 sts. Ss 19 rows.

**Shape top of body: 1st dec row:** K7, [k2tog, k14] 3 times, k2tog, k7 — 60 sts. Ss 9 rows.

**2nd dec row:** K7, [k2tog, k13] 3 times, k2tog, k6 — 56 sts. Ss 9 rows.

**3rd dec row:** K6, [k2tog, k12] 3 times, k2tog, k6 — 52 sts. Ss 9 rows.

**4th dec row:** K6, [k2tog, k11] 3 times, k2tog, k5 — 48 sts. Ss 9 rows.

**5th dec row:** K5, [k2tog, k10]

3 times, k2tog, k5 — 44 sts.

Ss 9 rows.

Cast off for neck edge.

## BODY FRONT

(make 1 piece)

With No. 11 (3 mm) needles and Cream, cast on 8 sts for base edge.

Ss 2 rows.

**1st inc row:** Inc in every st to end — 16 sts. P 1 row.

**2nd inc row:** [Inc, k1] to end — 24 sts. Ss 3 rows.

**3rd inc row:** K1, [inc, k2] to last 2 sts, inc, k1 — 32 sts. Ss 21 rows.

**Shape top of body: 1st dec row:** [K10, k2tog] twice, k8 — 30 sts. Ss 9 rows.

**2nd dec row:** [K9, k2tog] twice, k8 — 28 sts. Ss 9 rows.

**3rd dec row:** [K8, k2tog] twice, k8 — 26 sts. Ss 9 rows.

**4th dec row:** K8, [k2tog, k7] twice — 24 sts. Ss 9 rows.

**5th dec row:** K7, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k7 — 22 sts. Ss 9 rows.

Cast off for neck edge.

## HEAD

(make 1 piece)

With No. 11 (3 mm) needles and Fuchsia, cast on 18 sts for left chin edge.

Working stripe pattern of 6 rows Fuchsia and 6 rows Cream, continue thus: Ss 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at beginning of next 10 rows — 28 sts. K 1 row.

Mark each end of last row with red marker. P 1 row.

Dec 1 st at end of next row and 2 following alternate rows — 25 sts. Ss 5 rows.

Change to Fuchsia, ss 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at end of next row and 2 following alternate rows — 28 sts. P 1 row. Mark beginning of last row with blue marker.

Change to Cream, ss 2 rows.

**Left ear dart: 1st row:**

K26, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

**2nd row:** Sl1, p24, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

**3rd row:** Sl1, k23, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

**4th row:** Sl1, p22, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

**5th row:** Sl1, k21, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

**6th row:** Sl1, p20, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

**7th row:** Sl1, k19, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

**8th row:** Sl1, p18, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

**9th row:** Sl1, k17, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

**10th row:** Sl1, p16, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

**11th row:** Sl1, k15, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

**12th row:** Sl1, p14, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

**13th row:** Sl1, k13, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

**14th row:** Sl1, p12, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

**15th row:** Sl1, k to end.

P 1 row across all sts — 28 sts.

Change to Fuchsia, ss 6 rows.

Ss 8 rows Cream, 8 rows Fuchsia, 8 rows Cream and 6 row Fuchsia.

Change to Cream, ss 2 rows.

**Right ear dart: 1st row:**

K20, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

**2nd row:** Sl1, p12, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

**3rd row:** Sl1, k13, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

**4th row:** Sl1, p14, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

**5th row:** Sl1, k15, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

**6th row:** Sl1, p16, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

**7th row:** Sl1, k17, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

**8th row:** Sl1, p18, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

**9th row:** Sl1, k19, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

**10th row:** Sl1, p20, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

**11th row:** Sl1, k21, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

**12th row:** Sl1, p22, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

**13th row:** Sl1, k23, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

**14th row:** Sl1, p24, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

**15th row:** Sl1, k to end.

P 1 row across all sts — 28 sts.

Change to Fuchsia, k 1 row. Mark end of last row with blue marker.

P 1 row. Dec 1 st at end of next row and 2 following alternate rows — 25 sts.

P 1 row.

Working stripe pattern of 6 rows Cream and 6 rows Fuchsia, continue thus: Ss 6 rows.

Inc 1 st at end of next row and 2 following alternate rows — 28 sts.

P 1 row. Mark each end of last row with yellow markers.

Dec 1 st at beginning of next 12 rows — 16 sts. Cast off for right chin edge.

## CHIN

(make 1 piece)

With No. 11 (3 mm) needles and Cream, cast on 14 sts for neck edge.

Ss 36 rows.

**Bottom lip: 1st row:** K12, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

**2nd row:** Sl1, p10, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

**3rd row:** Sl1, k9, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

**4th row:** Sl1, p8, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

**5th row:** Sl1, k7, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

**6th row:** Sl1, p6, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

**7th row:** Sl1, k5, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

**8th row:** Sl1, p4, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

**9th row:** Sl1, k4, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

**10th row:** Sl1, p5, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

**11th row:** Sl1, k6, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.



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12th row: Sl1, p7, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.  
13th row: Sl1, k8, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.  
14th row: Sl1, p9, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. 15th row: Sl1, k10, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.  
16th row: Sl1, p11, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

17th row: Sl1, k to end.  
P 1 row across all sts — 14 sts.  
Cast off for mouth edge.

## FACE

(make 1 piece)

With No. 11 (3 mm) needles and Fuchsia, cast on 7 sts for left side edge. Ss 2 rows. Inc 1 st at beginning of next row — 8 sts. P 1 row.  
Change to Cream. Inc 1 st at beginning of next row and 2 following alternate rows — 11 sts. P 1 row.

Change to Fuchsia, ss 6 rows.  
Dec 1 st at beginning of next row and following alternate row — 9 sts. P 1 row.  
Change to Fuchsia. Dec 1 st at beginning of next row and following alternate row — 7 sts. P 1 row.  
Cast off for right side edge.

## MUZZLE

(make 1 piece)

With No. 11 (3 mm) needles and Cream, cast on 62 sts for face edge. K 1 row. Place blue markers 21 sts in from each end. P 1 row.  
Right side: Next row: K21, turn and work on these sts only.

P 1 row. Dec 1 st at beginning of next row and at same edge on following 13 rows — 7 sts. Cast off for centre front.

Nose gusset: Next row: Rejoin yarn at inside edge to remaining 41 sts, k20, turn and work on these sts only.

P 1 row.

1st row: Cast off 2, k to last 2 sts, dec. 2nd row: Cast off 2, p to last 2 sts, dec. Repeat last 2 rows, twice more — 2 sts. Cast off.

Left side: Next row: Rejoin yarn at inside edge to remaining 21 sts and k to end. P 1 row. Dec 1 st at end of next row and at same edge on following 13 rows — 7 sts. Cast off for centre edge.

## EARS

(make 2 pieces)

With No. 11 (3 mm) needles and Cream, cast on 22 sts for base edge. Ss 4 rows. Dec 1 st at beginning of next 4 rows — 18 sts. Change to Fuchsia. Dec 1 st at beginning of next 4 rows — 14 sts. Dec 1 st at each end of next 6 rows — 2 sts. Cast off.

## EAR LININGS

(make 2 pieces)

With Cream, work as given for ears.

## MOUTH

(make 1 piece)

With No. 11 (3 mm) needles and Black, cast on 8 sts. Ss 2 rows. Dec 1 st at beginning of next 6 rows — 2 sts. Cast off.

## NOSE

(make 1 piece)

Work as given for mouth.

## EYES

(make 2 pieces)

With No. 11 (3 mm) needles and Turquoise, cast on 12 sts. Ss 5 rows. Break off yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

## EYEBROWS

(make 2 pieces)

With No. 11 (3 mm) needles and Fuchsia, cast on 14 sts and k 1 row.

2nd row: P12, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

3rd row: Sl1, k10, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

4th row: Sl1, p9, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

5th row: Sl1, k8, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

6th row: Sl1, p7, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

7th row: Sl1, k6, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

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8th row: Sl1, p6, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.  
9th row: Sl1, k7, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.  
10th row: Sl1, p8, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.  
11th row: Sl1, k9, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.  
12th row: Sl1, p10, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.  
13th row: Sl1, k to end.  
14th row: P across all sts — 14 sts.  
Cast off.



## FRONT LEGS

(make 2 pieces)

With No. 11 (3 mm) needles and Cream, cast on 32 sts for paw edge and ss 2 rows. Change to Fuchsia and working in stripes of 8 rows Fuchsia and 8 rows Cream, ss 22 rows.

Shape top of leg: Cast off 4 sts at beginning of next 2 rows for base edge of top opening — 24 sts.  
Dec 1 st at beginning only of next 16 rows — 8 sts.  
Cast off for top edge.

## FRONT PAW TOPS

(make 2 pieces)

With No. 11 (3 mm) needles and Cream, cast on 12 sts for back edge and ss 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at beginning only of next 10 rows — 22 sts. \* Ss 8 rows.

\*\* Change to Fuchsia and dec 1 st at beginning only of next 8 rows — 14 sts.

Cast off for front edge.

## FRONT PAW SOLES

(make 2 pieces)

Work as given for front paw tops, but using Cream throughout.

## BACK LEGS

(make 2 pieces)

With No. 11 (3 mm) needles and Cream, cast on 32 sts for paw edge and ss 2 rows. Change to Fuchsia and working in stripes of 8 rows Fuchsia and 8 rows Cream, ss 10 rows.

1st inc row: K2, [inc, k4] to end — 38 sts. Ss 9 rows.

2nd inc row: K3, inc, [k5, inc] to last 4 sts, k4 — 44 sts. Ss 7 rows.

Shape top of leg: Cast off 5 sts at beginning of next 2 rows for base edge of top opening — 34 sts.

Dec 1 st beginning only of next 12 rows, then dec 1 st each end of the following 6 rows — 10 sts. Cast off for top edge.

## BACK PAW TOPS

(make 2 pieces)

Work as given for front paw tops to \*.

Ss 14 rows.

Work as given for front paw tops from \*\* to end.

## BACK PAW SOLES

(make 2 pieces)

Work as given for back paw tops but using Cream throughout.

## TAIL

(make 1 piece)

With No. 11 (3 mm) needles and Fuchsia cast on 12 sts for top edge of back opening and working in stripes of 8 rows Fuchsia and 8 rows Cream, ss 2 rows. Inc 1 st at beginning only on next 16 rows — 28 sts.

Cast on 6 sts at beginning of next 2 rows for base edge of back opening — 40 sts. Ss 18 rows.

1st dec row: K3, k2tog, [k6, k2tog] to last 3 sts, k3 — 35 sts. Ss 9 rows.

2nd dec row: K3, k2tog, [k5, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 — 30 sts. Ss 9 rows.

3rd dec row: K2, k2tog, [k4, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 — 25 sts.



Ss 9 rows.

**4th dec row:** K2, k2tog, [k3, k2tog] to last st, k1 — 20 sts.  
P 1 row.

**5th dec row:** [K2tog] to end — 10 sts. Break yarn leaving an end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

## TO MAKE UP

If desired, first brush all pieces knitted in Textured DK on K side with teasing brush to bring up the fur pile (See note).

- Join back and front body pieces along side edges, then work a gathering thread through cast-on edge of both pieces, draw up tightly and fasten off. Stuff body firmly through open neck edge and put to one side. Take chin piece and sew left-hand side edge to head piece, matching red marker threads to mouth edge and neck edge on chin piece. Sew opposite end of head piece to right-hand side edge of chin piece, matching yellow marker threads as before. Sew straight base edge of face piece to cast-on edge of muzzle, matching ends to blue marker threads. Fold muzzle in half and join side edges across cast-off centre front edges, then sew nose gusset in place. Insert and sew this joined muzzle and face piece into opening at front of head, matching blue marker threads and placing end of muzzle seam in centre of chin mouth edge. Remove marker threads.

- Stuff head firmly through back neck opening, leaving bottom lip unstuffed, then position and sew this back edge to neck edge of body, sewing neck edge of chin centrally to neck edge of body front and adding more stuffing if necessary. Join front and back paw top and sole pieces together,

leaving back edges of each open. Stuff each paw firmly, then join across opening. With a length of Black DK, embroider three straight stitches round the front of each paw to form claws, drawing up each stitch slightly to shape and fastening off with a tiny backstitch before working next stitch.

- Join side edges of each leg from paw edge up to base of top opening. Stuff front legs firmly, and back legs lightly so they will bend in the centre. Placing leg seam at centre back, sew paw edge of each front leg to a stuffed paw. Sew the paw edge of each back leg to a stuffed paw, this time positioning seam at the side of the paw so it becomes an inside leg seam. Position and sew open tops of front legs to body, matching cast-off top edge of each leg to body neck seam and placing legs so that inside edges of paws touch, adding more stuffing to top of legs if necessary. Catch front paws together with a few stitches. Position and sew open tops of back legs to body, placing inside leg seams next to body, then bend each leg in the centre to form a sitting position and catch these folds in place with a few stitches.

- Join tail seam from gathered end up to base of opening. Stuff lightly, then position and sew to back of body. Curl tail round right side of body and catch to right back leg with a few stitches.

- Join ear and ear lining pieces together along side edges, then oversew base edges together. Fold each ear vertically to form a right angle and sew to side of head within Cream ear dart section.

- Join side edges of each eye piece, then work a gathering thread through every stitch on cast-on edge and draw up tightly, stuffing eye lightly to form a small ball, then fasten off securely. Position and sew to base of face section, placing within Cream stripes. With a length of Black DK, embroider an oval shape of 12 chain stitches on each eye, then fill in centre of each oval with another line of chain stitch. Oversew cast-on and cast-off edges of each eyebrow pieces together, then position and sew eyebrows to top of face section, in line with curved seam.

- Sew mouth piece at base of muzzle, then catch bottom lip to mouth with a few stitches. Position and sew nose in place, stuffing lightly with a few scraps of matching yarn. Using a length of Black DK, embroider a single straight stitch between top of mouth and base of nose, then embroider seven tiny stitches on each side of muzzle for whisker dots.