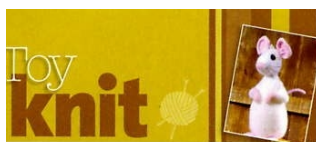


Toy
knit





Pattern info

You will need...

To make both mice:

Hayfield, Bonus DK

Walnut (927), 1 x 100g/280m ball

Hayfield, Bonus Toytime DK

White (961) 1 x 25g/70m ball

Iced Pink (958) 1 x 25g/70m ball

Small bits of Black (965) and Mink (946)

A pair of 3mm needles

Stuffing

Long tweezers

Black buttonhole thread

Soft white pencil

Clear adhesive

Fray Check fabric sealant (available from haberdashery shops)

Hair spray (optional)

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Tension

Yarn used knits as DK to this tension:
26 sts and 36 rows to measure 4x4in
(10x10cm) in st st using 3mm needles.

Height

Chalk: 8in (20cm) Cheese: 6in (15cm)

Abbreviations

beg beginning;	P purl
cont continue;	sl 1 slip 1 stitch
dec decrease (by working 2 stitches together)	st st stocking stitch
inc increase (by working into front and back of stitch)	st(s) stitch(es)
K knit	tog together
	yb yarn back
	yf yarn forward.

Chalk

✧ Start knitting here...

NOTE: Begin all pieces with a K row, and use 3mm needles throughout.

BODY (MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 9 sts in white for base edge.

St st 2 rows.

Next row Inc into every st to end. [18 sts]

Purl row.

Next row (Inc 1, K1) to end. [27 sts]

Purl row.

Next row (K1, inc 1, K1) to end. [36 sts]

St st 3 rows.

Next row (K1, inc 1, K2) to end. [45 sts]

St st 3 rows.

Next row (K2, inc 1, K2) to end. [54 sts]

St st 15 rows.

SHAPE WAIST

Next row (K1, k2tog) 6 times, K18, (k2tog, K1)

6 times. [42 sts]

St st 3 rows.

Next row K2, (K1, k2tog, K2) to end. [34 sts]

St st 9 rows.

SHAPE NECK

Next row K3, (k2tog, K1) 10 times, K1. [24 sts]

St st 3 rows.

Next row (K1, k2tog) to end. [16 sts]

Next row Purl.

Cast off for neck edge.

HEAD

(MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 9 sts in white for back edge.

St st 2 rows.

Next row Inc into every st to end. [18 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (Inc 1, K1) to end. [27 sts]

St st 3 rows.

Next row (K1, inc 1, K1) to end. [36 sts]

St st 5 rows.

SHAPE FRONT OF HEAD

Next row (K1, k2tog, K1) to end. [27 sts]

St st 5 rows.

Next row (K1, k2tog) to end. [18 sts]

St st 3 rows.

Next row (K2 tog) to end. [9 sts]

Next row Purl.

Change to Iced Pink for nose.

St st 3 rows.

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



FEET (MAKE 2 PIECES)

Cast on 6 sts for back edge in Iced pink.

St st 8 rows.

Next row (K1, inc 1) twice, K2. [8 sts]

St st 3 rows.

Next row K2, inc 1, K1, inc 1, K3. [10 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K3, inc 1, K1, inc 1, K4. [12 sts]

St st 5 rows.

SHAPE FRONT OF FOOT

Next row K2, (k2tog) four times, K2. [8 sts]

Next row Purl.

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

RIGHT ARM (MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 6 sts for top edge in white.

St st 2 rows.

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

St st 3 rows.

Cast on 8 sts at beg of next row. [16 sts]

Next row Purl.

SHAPE ELBOW

****Row 1** K13, yf, sl 1, yb, turn.

Row 2 Sl 1, P10, yb, sl 1, yf, turn.

Row 3 Sl 1, K8, yf, sl 1, yb, turn.



Row 4 Sl 1, P6, yb, sl 1, yf, turn.
 Row 5 Sl 1, K4, yf, sl 1, yb, turn.
 Row 6 Sl 1, P2, yb, sl 1, yf, turn.
 Row 7 Sl 1, K3, yf, sl 1, yb, turn.
 Row 8 Sl 1, P4, yb, sl 1, yf, turn.
 Row 9 Sl 1, (K1, k2tog) twice, yf, sl 1, yb, turn.
 Row 10 Sl 1, P6, yb, sl 1, yf, turn.
 Row 11 Sl 1, K8, yf, sl 1, yb, turn.
 Row 12 Sl 1, P10, yb, sl 1, yf, turn.
 Row 13 Sl 1, (K2, k2tog) twice, K4.
 Row 14 P across all sts. [12 sts].
 St st 2 rows.
 Next row (K3, k2tog) twice, K2. [10 sts]
 Next row Purl.
 Change to Iced Pink for paw.
 St st 9 rows.
 Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.**

LEFT ARM (MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 6 sts for top edge in white.
 St st 2 rows.
 Next row Inc 1 st at beg and end of row. [8 sts]
 St st 4 rows.
 Cast on 8 sts at beg of next row. [16 sts]
 Work as given for right arm from ** to **.

EARS (MAKE 2 PIECES)

Cast on 24 sts for outside edge in Iced pink and cont in st st.
 Inc row (K5, inc 1, K2, inc 1) twice, K6. [28 sts]
 Next row Purl.
 Next row (K1, k2tog, K1) to end. [21 sts]
 Next row Purl.
 Next row (K1, k2tog) to end. [14 sts]
 Next row Purl.
 Next row (K2tog) to end. [7 sts]
 Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

TAIL (MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 5 sts for base edge in Iced pink.
 St st 12 rows.
 Next row K2, k2tog, K1. [4 sts]
 St st 11 rows.
 Next row K1, k2tog, K1. [3 sts]
 St st 11 rows.
 Next row K1, k2tog. [2 sts]
 St st 11 rows.
 Next row K2tog, break yarn, leaving a long end, thread through st on needle and draw up.

Cheese

Start knitting here...

BODY (MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 8 sts for base edge in Walnut.
 St st 2 rows.
 Next row Inc into every st to end. [16 sts]
 Next row Purl.
 Next row Inc into every st to end. [32 sts]
 St st 3 rows.
 Next row (Inc 1, K1) to end. [48 sts]
 St st 3 rows.
 Next row (K1, inc 1, K1) to end. [64 sts]
 St st 9 rows.

SHAPE TOP OF BODY.

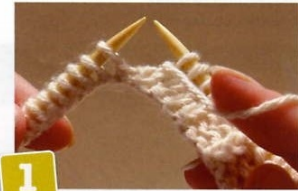
Next row: (K3, k2tog, K3) to end. [56 sts]
 St st 5 rows.
 Next row (K3, k2tog, K2) to end. [48 sts]
 St st 3 rows.
 Next row (K2, k2tog, K2) to end. [40 sts]
 St st 3 rows.
 Next row (K2, k2tog, K1) to end. [32 sts]
 Next row Purl.
 Next row (K3, k2tog, K3) to end. [28 sts]
 Next row Purl.
 Cast off for neck edge.

HEAD (MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 8 sts for back edge in Walnut.
 St st 2 rows.

How to... Yf & yb

Create shaping and detail with this simple method.



1

When the pattern says to 'yf' bring the yarn to the front of your knitting.



2

This is how to slip the next stitch purlwise onto your right-hand needle.



3

When the pattern says 'yb' take the yarn through the needles to the back.

KNIT TIP

Before embroidering the eyes, use pins to gauge their correct position.

Take your time positioning the features to create friendly-looking mice!



Next row Inc into every st to end. [16 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (Inc 1, K1) to end. [24 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (K1, inc 1, K1) to end. [32 sts]

St st 3 rows.

Next row (K1, inc 1, K2) to end. [40 sts]

St st 5 rows.

SHAPE FRONT OF HEAD

Next row (K2, k2tog, K1) to end. [32 sts]

St st 3 rows.

Next row (K1, k2tog, K1) to end. [24 sts]

St st 3 rows.

Next row (K1, k2tog) to end. [16 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (K2tog) to end. [8 sts]

Change to Mink for nose and st st 3 rows.

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

FEET (MAKE 2 PIECES)

Work as given for Chalk.

RIGHT ARM (MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 8 sts for top edge in Walnut.

St st 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at beg and end of next row. [10 sts]

Next row Purl.

Cast on 10 sts at beg of next row. [20 sts]

Next row Purl.

SHAPE ELBOW

****Row 1** K17, yf, sl 1, yb, turn.

Row 2 Sl 1, P14, YB, sl 1, yf, turn.

Row 3 Sl 1, K12, yf, sl 1, yb, turn.

Row 4 Sl 1, P10, yb, sl 1, yf, turn.

Row 5 Sl 1, K8, yf, sl 1, yb, turn.

Row 6 Sl 1, P6, yb, sl 1, yf, turn.

Row 7 Sl 1, K7, yf, sl 1, yb, turn.

Row 8 Sl 1, P8, yb, sl 1, yf, turn.

Row 9 Sl 1, K10, yf, sl 1, yb, turn.

Row 10 Sl 1, P12, yb, sl 1, yf, turn.

Row 11 Sl 1, K14, yf, sl 1, yb, turn.

Row 12 Sl 1, P16, yb, sl 1, yf, turn.

Row 13 Sl 1, (K2, k2tog,) 3 times, K2, yf, sl 1, yb, turn.

Row 14 Sl 1, P9, yb, sl 1, yf, turn.

Row 15 Sl 1, K10, yf, sl 1, yb, turn.

Row 16 Sl 1, P11, YB, sl 1, yf, turn.

Row 17 Sl 1, (k2tog, K2) three times, K2.

Row 18 P across all sts. [14 sts]

St st 2 rows.

Dec row K2, (k2tog, K1) four times. [10 sts]

Next row Purl.

Change to Iced Pink for paw and st st 7 rows.

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

LEFT ARM (MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 8 sts for top edge in Walnut.

St st 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at beg and end of next row. [10 sts]

St st 2 rows.

Cast on 10 sts at beg of next row. [20 sts]

Work as given for right arm from ** to **.

EARS (MAKE 2 PIECES)

Cast on 20 sts for outside edge in Iced pink and cont in st st.

Inc row K4, (inc 1, K1, inc 1, K5) twice. [24 sts]

Purl row.

Next row (K1, k2tog) to end. [16 sts]

Purl row.

Next row (k2tog) to end. [8 sts]

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

TAIL (MAKE 1 PIECE)

With Iced Pink cast on 5 sts for base edge and st st 10 rows.

Next row K2, k2tog, K1. [4 sts]

St st 9 rows.

Next row: K1, k2tog, K1. [3 sts]

St st 9 rows.

Next row: K1, k2tog. [2 sts]

St st 7 rows.

Next row K2tog, break yarn, leaving a long end, thread through st on needle and draw up.

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.

CHALK

Work a gathering thread through every stitch on base edge of body and draw up tightly, then join side edges of body, stopping $\frac{3}{4}$ in (2cm) down from neck edge (this seam will run down centre back). Stuff body firmly, then join remainder of seam, leaving neck edge open.

Join head seam, starting at gathered nose tip and stopping $\frac{3}{4}$ in (2cm) in from back edge. Stuff head firmly, then join remainder of seam. Work a gathering thread through every stitch on back edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. With seam running along underside, pin head in position at top of body, then sew neck edge to head and remove pins.

Join side edges of each foot piece, starting at gathered front edge and stopping $\frac{3}{4}$ in (2cm) in from back edge. Use tweezers to stuff firmly, then join remainder of seam. Work a gathering thread through every stitch on back edge, draw

up tightly and fasten off. With seam running along underside of each foot, pin feet into position at base of body and sew in place, then remove pins.

Join seam on each arm, starting at gathered paw tip and ending at first elbow shaping row. Leaving paws unstuffed, stuff elbows lightly, then pin arms in position on body sides and sew open top edges in place. Remove pins, then bend each paw at wrist and catch arms and paws to body in begging position, using a few stitches. Oversew side edges of tail piece together, leaving base edge open. Use tweezers to stuff first 1¼ (3cm) firmly, then position and sew base of tail in place on body.

Oversew side edges of each ear piece together to form a circle then, following instructions on ball band, press ears lightly so that cast on edge folds in by ¼in (5mm) all round. Position and sew ears to the top of head, placing on last increase row at the back of head and spacing 1¼in (3cm) apart.

Follow photograph to mark eye positions with pins, spacing them 5 knitted stitches apart. Take a length of Black yarn and carefully draw out a single strand, then use the remaining 2 strands to embroider a circle of 12 chain stitches for each eye. Now fill in centre of each circle with satin stitch. Drawing out a strand from a length of White yarn, use the remaining 2 strands to embroider a tiny stitch in the top corner of each eye for gloss, then work over each stitch once more.

To make each of the six hair tufts, take a 10in (25cm) length of White yarn and fold in half. Holding cut ends together between thumb and index finger of one hand, insert index finger of other hand into folded end and rotate until yarn is twisted very tightly. Bring ends of yarn together and allow cord to form. Seal with a spot of glue ¾in (2cm) down from neat end of cord to prevent unravelling. Leave to set hard then trim at this point. Using a large knitting needle, make a hole through knitting and stuffing at base of each ear, squeeze a spot of glue into hole, then use tweezers to insert two tufts in place, arrange and leave to set. Fix the remaining two tufts at top of head, placing between ears, in same manner. Cut three 6in

(15cm) lengths of buttonhole thread for whiskers and lay these out straight on a plastic bag, then coat each whisker with Fray Check and leave to set hard. Peel off whiskers and, using a needle, thread each right through snout to form three whiskers at each side. Adjust so that lengths are equal on both sides, then use a cocktail stick to dab a spot of glue at base of each whisker to secure in place. Once glue has set, trim both middle whiskers to 1¼in (3cm), and remaining ones to 1in (2.5cm).

Saturate tail with Fray Check or hairspray, curve tip into shape then hold in place, close to body back, with a pin until set hard. Coat ears, whiskers and hair tufts with hair spray, arrange and leave to set.

CHEESE

Make up as given for Chalk, using Walnut yarn for hair tufts and working a gathering thread round base of nose, drawing up tightly and fastening off. Use white pencil to lighten tummy, building up colour gradually by working in a circular motion. Once desired shade has been reached, trim off any surface fluff and fix with hair spray.

How to... Create shape

Use hairspray to hold your knitting in position.



Once you've sewn the tail into position, bend it to create the curves you need and hold in place. You may find pinning it in position on an old towel is a little easier.



Now spray the tail, holding it in place until the hairspray has dried. The natural wool fibres in the yarn mean that the tail will keep its shape for a long time.