

GNASHER

(leaning on bone)

Materials Required :

D.K. yarn: 1 x 50g ball in Black and Flesh; 10g in Cream; small amount in White; Chunky yarn: 1 x 50g ball in Black; 60g washable toy stuffing; white sewing thread; pair of 3mm/No.11 knitting needles; 2.5mm crochet hook or latched rug hook.

Measurements

33cm/13in tall.

Body

Make 1 piece

With black cast on 20 sts for neck edge and ss 2 rows.

Next row: K4, (inc 1) twice, K8, (inc 1) twice, K4 [24 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next row: K5, (inc 1) twice, K10, (inc 1) twice, K5 [28 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next row: K6, (inc 1) twice, K12, (inc 1) twice, K6 [32 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next row: K7, (inc 1) twice, K14, (inc 1) twice, K7 [36 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Shape chest, next row: K10, (inc 1, K1) eight times, K10 [44 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: K11, (inc 1, K2) eight times, K9 [52 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: K12, (inc 1, K3) eight times, K8 [60 sts].

Ss 31 rows.

Shape tail end, next row: (K2, K 2 tog) to end [45 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

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

Ss 3 rows.

Next row: (K 2 tog) to end [15 sts].

P 1 row.

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



Head

Make 2 pieces
With black cast on 14 sts for base edge and ss 2 rows.
Shape base of head: Inc 1 st at beg and end of next 6 rows [26 sts].
Ss 22 rows.
Shape top of head: Dec 1 st at beg of next 6 rows [20 sts].
Dec 1 st at beg and end of next 4 rows [12 sts].
Cast off.

Face

Make 1 piece
With flesh cast on 10 sts for base edge and ss 2 rows.
Shape chin, next row: Inc 1, (K2, inc 1) to end [14 sts].
P 1 row.
Next row: Inc 1, (K3, inc 1) three times, K1 [18 sts].
P 1 row.
Next row: K1, inc 1, (K4, inc 1) three times, K1 [22 sts].
P 1 row.
Next row: K1, inc 1, (K5, inc 1) three times, K2 [26 sts].
P 1 row.
Shape cheeks, next row: (Inc 1) four times, K18, (inc 1) four times [34 sts].
Ss 3 rows.
Shape muzzle, next row: K15, inc 1, K1, inc 1, K16 [36 sts].
P 1 row.
Next row: K16, inc 1, K1, inc 1, K17 [38 sts].
P 1 row.
Next row: K17, inc 1, K1, inc 1, K18 [40 sts].
P 1 row.
Next row: K18, inc 1, K1, inc 1, K19 [42 sts].
Shape cheeks, next row: (P 2 tog) four times, P26, (P 2 tog) four times [34 sts].
Cast off for top of muzzle, next row: K9, cast off next 16 sts, K to end [18 sts].
Ss 7 rows.
Shape top of face: Dec 1 st at beg of next 4 rows [14 sts].
Dec 1 st at beg and end of next 2 rows [10 sts].
Cast off.

Nose

Make 1 piece
With black cast on 6 sts and ss 6 rows.
Cast off.

Teeth

Make 1 piece
With white cast on 18 sts and ss 4 rows.
Change to flesh for bottom lip and ss 4 rows.
Cast off.

Eyes

Make 2 pieces
With white cast on 12 sts.
Next row: (K 2 tog, K2, SKPO) twice [8 sts].
Cast off.

Eyelids

Make 2 pieces
With flesh cast on 5 sts and ss 1 row.
Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row [3 sts].
Cast off

Ears

Make 4 pieces
With flesh cast on 9 sts for base edge and ss 8 rows.
Dec 1 st at beg and end of next 2 rows [5 sts].
Cast off.

Left Back Leg and Right Front Leg

Make 2 pieces
With flesh cast on 20 sts and gs 2 rows.
Shape knee, next row: K9, (inc 1) twice, K9 [22 sts].
K 1 row.
Next row: K10, (inc 1) twice, K10 [24 sts].
K 1 row.
Next row: K11, (inc 1) twice, K11 [26 sts].
Gs 5 rows.
Next row: K11, (K 2 tog) twice, K11 [24 sts].
K 1 row.
Next row: K10, (K 2 tog) twice, K10 [22 sts].
K 1 row.
Next row: K9, (K 2 tog) twice, K9 [20 sts].
K 1 row.
Cast off.

Left Front Leg and Right Back Leg

Make 2 pieces
With flesh cast on 20 sts and gs 18 rows.
Cast off.

Feet

Make 4 pieces
With flesh cast on 22 sts for front edge and ss 14 rows.
Next row: (SKPO, K7, K 2 tog) twice [18 sts].
P 1 row.
Next row: (SKPO, K5, K 2 tog) twice [14 sts].
P 1 row.
Next row: (SKPO, K3, K 2 tog) twice [10 sts].
P 1 row.
Cast off.

Tail

Make 1 piece
With black cast on 10 sts and ss 4 rows.
Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row.
Ss 5 rows.
Repeat the last 6 rows two more times [4 sts].
Cast off.

Bone

Make 1 piece

With cream cast on 16 sts and ss 2 rows.

*Next row: K2, (inc 1) four times, K4, (inc 1) four times, K2 [24 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: K4, (inc 1) four times, K8, (inc 1) four times, K4 [32 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

Next row: K4, (K 2 tog) four times, K8, (K 2 tog) four times, K4 [24 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: K2, (K 2 tog) four times, K4, (K 2 tog) four times, K2 [16 sts].*

Ss 25 rows.

Work from * to * once more [16 sts].

P 1 row.

Cast off.

To Make Up

Join head pieces, leaving a 5cm space open. Stuff firmly, then join opening. Take face piece, fold cast off edge at top of muzzle in half and join. Pin face in position on front of head, stuffing cheeks, muzzle and chin firmly, then sew in place. Gather round nose piece and draw up tightly, stuffing lightly, then position and sew to tip of muzzle. Fold back lip section of teeth piece and sew cast off edge to first row of flesh yarn to form a tiny hem. Pin teeth and lip piece in position and oversew in place with sewing thread. Fold each eye piece in half and join side edges and across cast off edge to make an oval shape. Oversew in place with sewing thread, overlapping left eye over right. Oversew eyelids to eyes in same manner. Using black yarn, and working in splitstitch, outline eyes, eyelids, and teeth, then separate

teeth with three vertical lines and work a horizontal line along centre to separate upper and lower teeth. Also work eyebrows in split stitch. Work three chain stitches in a circle on each eye for pupil. Embroider three tiny straight stitches at each side of nose for whiskers, and work a curved line at both top corners of mouth for smile lines. Using white yarn, Swiss darn a 2 stitch wide, 2 row deep, 'gloss' mark on nose. Join ear pieces together in pairs, then sew to top of head, placing 8 knit stitches apart. Join body seam, leaving 5cm at neck end open, and stuff firmly. Join remainder of seam then, having seam running down back of body, fold neck edge flat and join. Position and sew head to neck section of body, placing base of head in line with first chest shaping row. Join cast on and cast off edges of each leg piece and stuff firmly. Join side edges of each foot piece, leaving cast on edge open. Stuff firmly and join opening. Using flesh yarn, define toes by working single stitches of flesh yarn round end of foot, drawing up each stitch to indent, then sew feet and legs together. Sew top of right front leg to body side, in line with base of head, then sew foot to hip. Fold top edge of left front leg flat and join, then sew to body side in line with base of head. Sew left and right back legs to base of body, then cross left leg over right and catch legs and feet together with a few stitches where they touch. Join side edges of tail, then sew cast on edge to body. Cut several 7cm lengths of chunky yarn. Using crochet or rug hook and one length of yarn for each tassel, work fringing over body and head, working tassels 2 knit stitches and 3 knit rows apart. When fringing head, outline face section first with a line of tassels, then fill in remainder. Trim ends of yarn to neaten. Join bone seam, leaving cast on and cast off edges open. Stuff firmly then, with seam running down centre, fold each end flat and join. Work a stitch of cream yarn round each end and draw up to indent as for feet. Sew end of bone to left front foot.