

Leprechaun



MEASUREMENTS

33cm/13in tall.

MATERIALS

Of Patons Diploma Gold D.K. 50g balls: 25g each in Thyme 06213, and Dark Green 06246, 10g each in White 06187, Black 06183, and Apple Green 06125, and a 2m/2yd length of Honey 06228.

Of Patons Fab! D.K. 25g balls: 10g in Skin 02328.

Of Patons Whisper 50g balls: 5g in Cranberry 00010.

30cm/12in length of deep pink tapestry yarn.

Pair of 3mm (no.11) knitting needles; stitch holder; 50g of washable toy stuffing; 75g of PVC beanbag granules; 20cm diameter circle of white muslin; white sewing thread; 6cm diameter circle of stiff card; red pencil; 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

alt = alternate; beg = beginning; cont = continue; dec = decrease (by working 2 stitches together); inc = increase (by working into front and back of stitch); K = knit; P = purl; patt = pattern; PSSO = pass slipped stitch over; sl = slip; ss = stocking stitch; st(s) = stitch(es); SKPO = slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over; tog = together.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Use 3mm needles throughout, cast on by using the cable (two needle) method, and begin all pieces with a K row, unless otherwise stated.

Please also take time to make sure that you are familiar with the correct method of increasing before commencing, otherwise you will find that the number of stitches on your needle will not match those stated in the pattern. 'Inc 1' means to increase by working into the front and back of the next stitch, thus making two stitches from one without leaving a hole in the knitting. This technique is sometimes referred to as KFB and is the only form of increasing that I use, so once you have mastered this you will be able to knit any of my patterns with compete confidence.

BODY make 1 piece

With Dark Green cast on 10 sts for base edge and ss 2 rows.

1st inc row: Inc into every st to end [20 sts].

P 1 row.

2nd inc row: (Inc 1, K1) to end [30 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

3rd inc row: (K1, inc 1, K1) to end [40 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

4th inc row: (K1, inc 1, K2) to end [50 sts].

Ss 11 rows.

Shape waist, 1st dec row: (K2, K 2 tog, K1) to end [40 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

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

P 1 row.

Change to White for shirt and ss 14 rows.

Shape sides, 1st dec row: (K5, SKPO, K2, K 2 tog, K3) twice, K2 [26 sts].

P 1 row.

2nd dec row: (K5, SKPO, K 2 tog, K3) twice, K2 [22 sts].

P 1 row.

Cast off for shoulder edge.

HEAD make 1 piece

With Skin cast on 12 sts for base edge of neck and ss 4 rows.

Shape base of head, 1st inc row:

Inc into every st to end [24 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

2nd inc row: (Inc 1, K1) to end [36 sts].

Ss 9 rows.

Shape cheeks, dec row: K8, (SKPO, K 2 tog) twice, K4, (SKPO, K 2 tog) twice, K8 [28 sts].

Ss 9 rows.

Shape top of head, 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.

NOSE make 1 piece

With Skin cast on 10 sts for base edge and ss 6 rows.

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

EARS make 2 pieces

With Skin cast on 8 sts for outside edge and K 1 row.

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

BEARD make 1 piece

With Whisper cast on 30 sts for base edge and K 1 row.

Cast off.

HAIR make 1 piece

With Whisper cast on 22 sts for base edge and ss 3 rows.

Cast off.

LEGS make 2 pieces

With Apple Green cast on 16 sts for ankle edge of socks and cont in ss, working alt 2 row stripe pattern of Apple Green and White.

Patt 8 rows.

Inc 1 st at beg and end of next row [18 sts]

Patt 9 rows.

Change to Dark Green for breeches and K 5 rows for cuff.

Ss 15 rows, beg with a P row.

Cast off for top edge.



SHOES make 2 pieces

With Black cast on 20 sts for centre edge of sole and cont in ss.

1st inc row: (Inc 1) twice, K6, (inc 1) four times, K6, (inc 1) twice [28 sts].

P 1 row.

2nd inc row: (Inc 1, K1) twice, K6, (inc 1, K1) four times, K6, (inc 1, K1) twice [36 sts].

P 3 rows for edge of sole.

Ss 2 rows, beg with a K row.

Shape front of foot, 1st dec row:

K1, SKPO, K2, K 2 tog, K22, SKPO, K2, K 2 tog, K1 [32 sts].

P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K1, (SKPO, K 2 tog, K9)

twice, SKPO, K 2 tog, K1 [26 sts].

P 1 row.

Cast off 5 sts at beg of next 2 rows [16 sts].

P 1 row.

Cast off for ankle edge.

SHOE TONGUES make 2 pieces

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

Cast off for top edge.

CRAVAT make 1 piece

With White cast on 44 sts and ss 3 rows.

Cast off K wise.

WAISTCOAT make 1 piece

Left side: With Apple Green cast on 4 sts for shoulder edge and ss 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at beg of next row.

P 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows three more times [8 sts].

Break yarn and slip sts on to a stitch holder.

Right side: With Apple Green cast on 4 sts for shoulder edge and ss 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at end of next row.

P 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows three more times [8 sts].

Join sides, next row: K6, SKPO from right side sts, then K 2 tog, K6 from held left side sts [14 sts].

P 1 row.

Inc 1 st at beg and end of next row.

Ss 4 rows.

Repeat the last 5 rows once more [18 sts].

Work right base point, next row:

K9, turn and work on these sts only.

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

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

Work left base point, next row:

Rejoin yarn to remaining 9 sts and K to end.

Work as given for right base point from * to **.

TAILCOAT make 1 piece

Left tail: With Thyme cast on 10 sts for base edge and ss 4 rows.

Inc 1 st at end of next row.

Ss 3 rows.

Repeat the last 4 rows four more times [15 sts].

Break yarn and slip sts on to a stitch holder.

Right tail: With Thyme cast on 10 sts

for base edge and ss 4 rows.

Inc 1 st at beg of next row.

Ss 3 rows.

Repeat the last 4 rows four more times [15 sts].

Join tails, next row: Inc 1, K12, SKPO from right tail sts, then K 2 tog, K12, inc 1 from held left tail sts [30 sts].

P 1 row.

Cast on 12 sts at beg of next 2 rows [54 sts].

Ss 4 rows.

Shape body, 1st dec row: (K2, K 2 tog, K2) to end [45 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

2nd dec row: (K2, K 2 tog, K1) to end [36 sts].

Ss 11 rows, inserting marker threads at beg and end of 6th row for lapels.

Shape sides, 1st dec row: K3, SKPO, K4, K 2 tog, K14, SKPO, K4, K 2 tog, K3 [32 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: K3, SKPO, K2, K 2 tog, K14, SKPO, K2, K 2 tog, K3 [28 sts].

P 1 row.

3rd dec row: K3, SKPO, K 2 tog, K14, SKPO, K 2 tog, K3 [24 sts].

P 1 row.

Cast off 8 sts at beg of next 2 rows for shoulders [8 sts].

Cast off for back neck.



TAILCOAT LAPELS AND COLLAR make 1 piece

Left lapel: With Thyme cast on 2 sts for base edge and ss 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at beg of next row.

P 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows two more times [5 sts].

Next row: Cast off 3 sts, cast on 3 sts, K to end [5 sts].

Work collar: Ss 19 rows.

Next row: Cast off 3 sts, cast on 3 sts, K to end [5 sts].

Work right lapel: P 1 row.

Dec 1 st at beg of next row.

P 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows two more times [2

sts].

Cast off for base edge.

SLEEVES AND HANDS make 2 pieces

With Thyme cast on 6 sts for top edge and ss 1 row.

Inc 1 st at beg and end of next 3 rows [12 sts].

Cast on 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows for underarm [16 sts].

Ss 22 rows.

K 2 rows for sleeve cuff.

Change to White and K 2 rows for shirt cuff.

Change to Skin for hand and K1, (K 2 tog, K3, SKPO) twice, K1 [12 sts].

Ss 11 rows.

Dec row: K1, (K 2 tog, K1, SKPO) twice, K1 [8 sts].

P 1 row.

Cast off.

THUMBS make 2 pieces

With Skin cast on 3 sts.

Cast off.

TOP HAT make 1 piece

With Dark Green cast on 82 sts for brim edge.

1st dec row: K2, (K3, K 2 tog, K3) to end [72 sts].

P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K2, (K 2 tog, K5) to end [62 sts].

P 1 row.

3rd dec row: K2, (K2, K 2 tog, K2) to end [52 sts].

P 1 row.

4th dec row: K2, (K 2 tog, K3) to end [42 sts].

P 1 row.

5th dec row: K2, (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [32 sts].

Change to Black for hat band and ss 5 rows, beg with a P row.

Change to Dark Green and ss 4 rows.

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

Ss 3 rows.

2nd inc row: (K2, inc 1, K2) to end [48 sts].

Ss 3 rows.



Shape crown: P 2 rows for fold.

1st dec row: (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [36 sts].

Ss 2 rows.

2nd dec row: (P 2 tog, P1) to end [24 sts].

Ss 2 rows.

3rd 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.

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. 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 first waist decrease row. Fit beanbag into base of body and join remainder of seam. Stuff body firmly then, with body seam running down centre back, fold shoulder edge flat and sew across.

Join head seam, working from gathered top point and stopping in line with second increase row at base of head. Stuff firmly, then join remainder of head and neck seam.

Use tweezers to stuff neck very firmly then, with seam running down centre back, position and sew head to top of body.

Work a gathering thread through every stitch on first increase row at base of head and draw up to shape top of neck, then fasten off and darn ends back into head.

Join seam on each leg, leaving ankle and top edges open. Fold cast on centre edge of each shoe sole in half and join, then join sole and front seam, leaving ankle edge open. Stuff shoes firmly, then sew ankle edges of legs and shoes together, matching leg seam to centre back of shoe. Use tweezers to stuff legs lightly, leaving a space in centre of each unstuffed to allow knee to bend. Position and sew top edges of legs to body, placing directly above last increase row at base of body and spacing 4 knitted stitches apart.

Following instructions on ball band, press shoe tongues, cravat, waistcoat, topcoat, lapels and collar, and hat brim on wrong side. Sew a tongue to front of each shoe, working backstitch over every stitch along base edge, then use Honey yarn to embroider a rectangle of chain stitches across front of each shoe for buckle.

Wrap cravat round neck and tie once, then place ends on top of each other and sew to shirt with a few stitches. Pin waistcoat in place across front of body, then oversew in place across shoulders and down sides,

holding each base point in place with a stitch. Remove pins and use Honey yarn to embroider five French knot buttons down centre front of waistcoat.

Fold each shoulder edge of tailcoat in half and join, then pin lapels and collar in position, matching ends of lapels to marker threads, and sew in place by oversewing edges together. Remove pins and markers, then wrap tailcoat round body and hold in place down front edges with pins.

Fold end of each hand in half and join, then join hand and sleeve seam, stopping at underarm. Leaving tip of hand unstuffed, use tweezers to stuff hand and sleeve lightly, leaving a space in centre of each sleeve unstuffed to allow elbow to bend. Position and sew sleeve heads to body sides, making sure to sew through coat and body layers of knitting, thus holding coat in place.

Fold down tip of each hand and catch in place with a few stitches, then bend arm at elbow and catch hand in place directly below lapel, sewing through coat and body layers of knitting. Use ends of yarn remaining to sew a thumb on to each hand, fixing in place with a spot of glue before drawing up yarn completely, then trim away excess yarn. Remove pins from coat.

Join hat seam, starting at gathered top point and stopping just after knitted fold row on crown. Glue card circle to wrong

side of crown, then join remainder of hat and brim seam. Coat brim liberally 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 and sew in place by working backstitch over every stitch along last knitted row of brim. Use Honey yarn to embroider a rectangle of chain stitches over hat band for buckle, then carefully draw out 2 strands from a length of Apple Green yarn and use these to embroider shamrock with 3 straight stitches, topping each stitch with 3 chain stitch leaves.



Mark centre front of head with a line of sewing thread. Position and sew ears to

sides of head, placing top edge in line with cheek shaping and spacing 8 knitted stitches each side of centre front. 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 top in line with cheek shaping.

Remove sewing thread.

Fastening off ends at back of head, separate 2 strands from a length of Black yarn and use these to embroider a circle of 4 tiny chain stitches for right eye and a diagonal straight stitch for winking left eye. Draw 2 strands from the pink tapestry yarn and use these to embroider a lopsided smiling mouth in chain stitch. Blush cheeks with red pencil, working in a circular motion to gradually build up colour.

Wrap beard piece round front of head and sew in place, trimming away any stray hairs that point upwards with a pair of sharp scissors, then wrap hair piece across back of head and sew in place.

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