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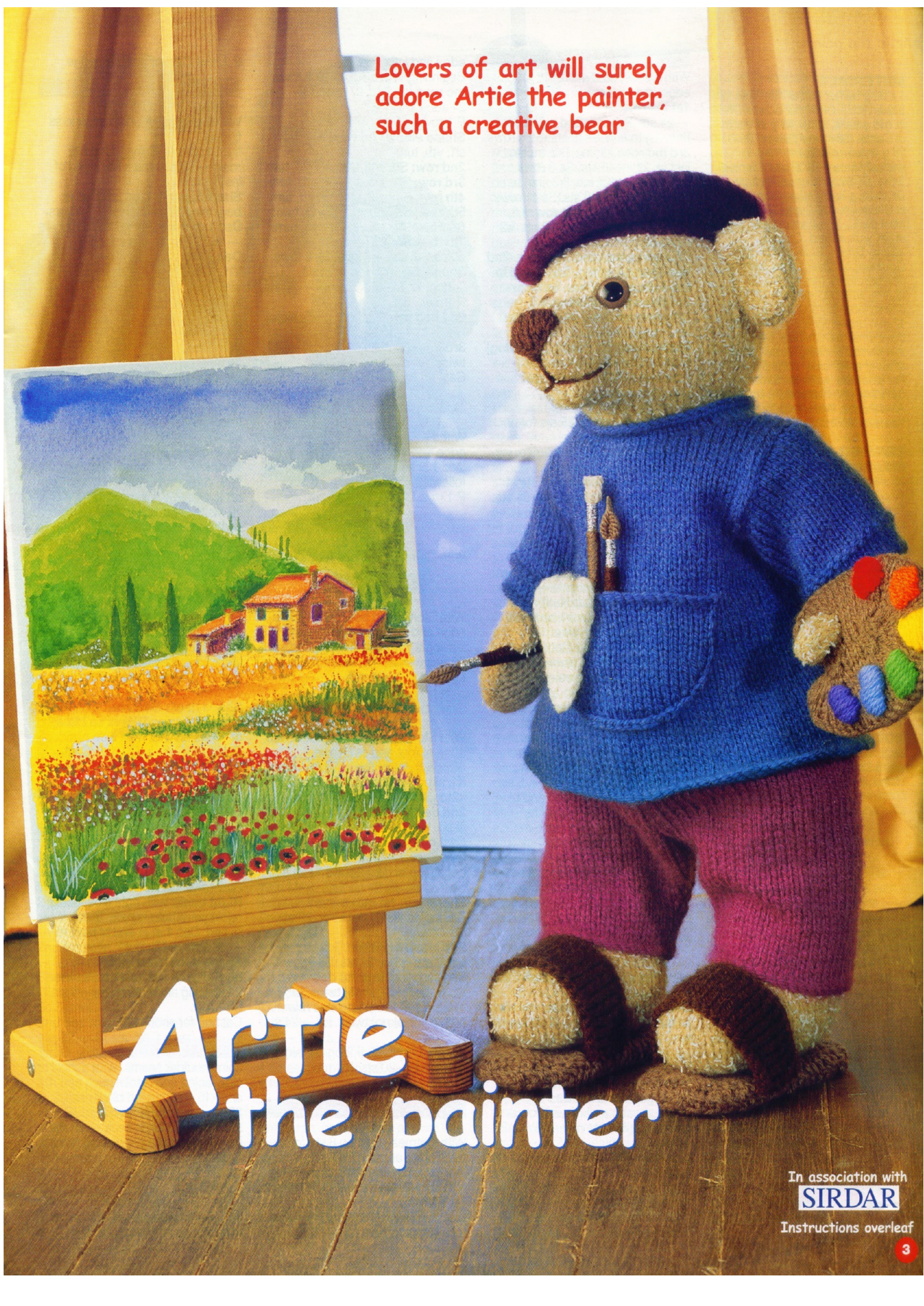
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MATERIALS

1 x 50 g ball of Sirdar Tiny Tots in Stone (957). Of Sirdar Bonus DK in 100 g balls, allow 40 g in each of Cerise (984) and Denim (994), 20 g in Aran (993) and 10 g in each of Maroon (972) and Oatmeal (964). Of Sirdar Bonus Toytime DK in 25 g balls, allow 20 g in Chocolate (947) and 10 g in Mink (946). Small amounts of DK yarn in Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue and Purple. Oddment of Silver Lurex knitting or embroidery thread. No. 11 (3 mm) knitting needles; 125 g of washable toy stuffing; a pair of 12 mm brown safety teddy eyes; three small denim-blue buttons; thin plastic drinking-straw; scrap of stout card; clear adhesive. For stockists, write to: Sirdar Spinning Ltd, Flanshaw Lane, Alverthorpe, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF2 9ND (01924 371501).

TENSION AND MEASUREMENTS

26 stitches and 36 rows, to 10 x 10 cm, over stocking stitch, using Tiny Tots or Bonus DK and No. 11 (3 mm) needles. The toy will measure 34 cm/13½ in tall.

ABBREVIATIONS

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **sl**, slip; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **psso**, pass sl st over; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **skpo**, (sl1, k1, psso); **yt**, yarn to front; **y**, yarn to back; **gst**, garter st (every row k).

NOTE

Begin all pieces worked in ss with a k row, unless otherwise stated. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

BODY

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

1st inc row: Inc in each st to end — 24 sts. P 1 row. **2nd inc row:** [Inc, k1] to end — 36 sts. Ss 3 rows. **3rd inc row:** K1, inc, [k2, inc] to last st, k1 — 48 sts. Ss 3 rows. **4th inc row:** K1, inc, [k3, inc] to last 2 sts, k2 — 60 sts. Ss 11 rows. **Shape waist: 1st dec row:** K2, k2tog, [k4, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 — 50 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Change to Aran and ss 6 rows. **2nd dec row:** K4, k2tog, [k8, k2tog] to last 4 sts, k4 — 45 sts. Ss 7 rows. **3rd dec row:** K4, k2tog, [k7, k2tog] to last 3 sts, k3 — 40 sts. Ss 7 rows. **4th dec row:** K3, k2tog, [k6, k2tog] to last 3 sts, k3 — 35 sts. Ss 3 rows. Cast off for neck edge.

HEAD

With Stone, cast on 35 sts for neck edge and ss 4 rows.

Inc row: K5, [inc, k1] 11 times, inc, k7 — 47 sts. P 1 row. **Shape muzzle:** Cast on 7 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 61 sts. Inc 1 st each end of next 4 rows — 69 sts.

Ss 6 rows. Mark each end of last row. Cast off 11 sts at beginning of next 2 rows for top of muzzle — 47 sts.

Shape top of head: Next row: K16, inc, turn and work on these 18 sts only for right side.

Right side: P 1 row. Dec 1 st at beginning of next 4 rows, then each end of following 2 rows — 10 sts. Cast off for top edge.

Gusset: With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 30 sts, inc, k11, inc, turn and work on these 15 sts only. Ss 19 rows. Dec 1 st each end of next row and 4 following alternate rows — 5 sts. Ss 9 rows. Dec 1 st each end of next row — 3 sts. Cast off for nose edge.

Left side: With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 17 sts, inc, k to end — 18 sts. P 1 row. Dec 1 st at end of next 4 rows, then each end of following 2 rows — 10 sts. Cast off for top edge.

EARS

(make 4)

With Stone, cast on 12 sts and ss 6 rows. Dec 1 st each end of next row and following alternate row, then each end of next row — 6 sts. Cast off.

NOSE

With Chocolate, cast on 7 sts for top edge and ss 2 rows. Dec 1 st each end of next row and following alternate row — 3 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: Sl1, k2tog, psso and fasten off.

ARMS

(make 2)

With Aran, cast on 22 sts for wrist

edge and k 3 rows.

Beginning with a p row, ss 9 rows.

Inc row: K6, [inc, k7] twice — 24 sts.

P 1 row.

Shape elbow: 1st row: K21, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

2nd row: Sl1, p18, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

3rd row: Sl1, k15, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

4th row: Sl1, p12, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

5th row: Sl1, k9, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

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

7th row: Sl1, k to end. P 1 row across all sts — 24 sts. Ss 8 rows.

Shape top: 1st dec row: K1, [k2tog, k7, skpo] twice, k1 — 20 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K1, [k2tog, k5, skpo] twice, k1 — 16 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: K1, [k2tog, k3, skpo] twice, k1 — 12 sts. P 1 row. Cast off for top edge.

PAWS

(make 2)

With Stone, cast on 12 sts for wrist edge and ss 10 rows.

Dec 1 st each end of next row and following alternate row — 8 sts. P 1 row. Cast off.

PAW PADS

(make 2)

With Oatmeal, work as for paws.

THUMBS

(make 2)

With Stone, cast on 8 sts for base edge and ss 6 rows. Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread end through remaining sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

LEGS

(make 2)

With Stone, cast on 48 sts for base edge of foot and ss 6 rows.

Shape front of foot: 1st dec row: K1, skpo, k2, k2tog, k34, skpo, k2, k2tog, k1 — 44 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K1, skpo, k2tog, k34, skpo, k2tog, k1 — 40 sts. P 1 row. Cast off 7 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 26 sts. Dec 1 st at beginning of next 2 rows — 24 sts. Ss 8 rows.

Shape leg: 1st inc row: K2, inc, [k5, inc] to last 3 sts, k3 — 28 sts. Ss 7 rows.

2nd inc row: K3, inc, [k6, inc] to last 3 sts, k3 — 32 sts. Ss 9 rows.

Shape top of leg: 1st dec row: K1, [k2tog, k11, skpo] twice, k1 — 28 sts. P 1 row. **2nd dec row:** K1, [k2tog, k9, skpo] twice, k1 — 24 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: K1, [k2tog, k7, skpo] twice, k1 — 20 sts. P 1 row. Cast off for top edge.

FOOT SOLES

(make 2)

With Oatmeal, cast on 6 sts for back edge and ss 2 rows.

Inc 1 st each end of next row and following alternate row — 10 sts. Ss 17 rows.

Dec 1 st each end of next row and following alternate row — 6 sts.

P 1 row. Cast off for front edge.

TROUSER LEGS

(make 2)

With Cerise, cast on 44 sts and ss 6 rows.

Inc 1 st at beginning of next 12 rows — 56 sts. Mark each end of last row.

Shape crotch: Cast off 2 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 52 sts. Dec 1 st at beginning of next 6 rows — 46 sts. Ss 24 rows.

Dec row: K11, [k2tog] 12 times, k11 — 34 sts. P 3 rows for base of waistband. K 1 row. Cast off kwise for top edge of waistband.

SMOCK

With Denim, cast on 105 sts and ss 14 rows.

1st dec row: K3, k2tog, [k5, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 — 90 sts. Ss 9 rows.

2nd dec row: K2, k2tog, [k4, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 — 75 sts. Ss 8 rows.

Divide for armholes: Next row: P19, cast off 2, p to last 21 sts, cast off 2, p to end. Work on last set of 19 sts only for left back.

Left back: K 1 row. Dec 1 st at beginning of next row — 18 sts. Ss 14 rows.

Shape neck: Cast off 6 sts at beginning of next row and 3 sts on 2 following alternate rows — 6 sts. Ss 1 row. Cast off for shoulder.

Front: With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining sts, k33, turn and work on these sts only. Dec 1 st at each end of next row — 31 sts. Ss 12 rows.

Shape neck: Next row: K12, cast off 7 sts, k to end. Work on last set of 12 sts only for right side neck.

Right side neck: P 1 row. Cast off 3 sts at beginning of next row and following alternate row — 6 sts. Ss 3 rows. Cast off for shoulder.

Left side neck: With wrong side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 12 sts and p to end. K 1 row. Cast off 3 sts at beginning of next row and following alternate row — 6 sts. Ss 2 rows. Cast off for shoulder.

Right back: With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 19 sts, k to end. Dec 1 st at end of next row — 18 sts. Ss 13 rows.

Shape neck: Cast off 6 sts at beginning of next row and 3 sts on 2 following alternate rows — 6 sts. Ss 1 row. Cast off for shoulder.

SMOCK COLLAR

Join shoulder seams. With right side facing and Denim, pick up and k15 sts from left back neck, 25 sts across front neck and 15 sts from right back neck — 55 sts. Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows. Cast off kwise.

SMOCK SLEEVES

(make 2)

With Denim, cast on 34 sts and ss 4 rows. P2 rows for top of cuff.

Trace off same-size for artist's palette



Beginning with a k row, continue in ss and inc 1 st each end of next row and following 6th row — 38 sts. Ss 5 rows.

Shape top: Cast off 5 sts at beginning of next 6 rows — 8 sts. Cast off.

SMOCK POCKET

With Denim, cast on 22 sts for top edge and ss 10 rows. Dec 1 st each end of next row and 2 following alternate rows, then each end of next 3 rows — 10 sts. Cast off.

BERET

With Maroon, cast on 58 sts and ss 2 rows.

1st inc row: K3, [inc, k4] to end — 69 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: K3, [inc, k5] to end — 80 sts. Ss 5 rows.

Shape crown: 1st dec row: [K4, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 — 67 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: [K3, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 — 54 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd dec row: K3, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] to last st, k1 — 41 sts. Ss 3 rows.

4th dec row: K2, [k2tog, k1] to end — 28 sts. Ss 3 rows.

5th dec row: [K2tog] to end — 14 sts.

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

SANDAL SOLES

(make 4)

With Mink, cast on 6 sts for back

edge and gst 2 rows.

Inc 1 st each end of next row and 2 following alternate rows — 12 sts.

Gst 31 rows. Dec 1 st each end of next row and 2 following alternate rows — 6 sts. K 1 row.

Cast off for front edge.

SANDAL UPPERS

(make 2)

With Chocolate, cast on 26 sts for back edge and ss 9 rows.

Cast off twice for front edge.

PALETTE

(make 2)

With Mink, cast on 48 sts for outer edge and ss 1 row.

Shape centre: Inc 1 st each end of next 2 rows — 52 sts.

1st dec row: [P1, p2tog] 3 times, p6, [p2tog, p1] 6 times, p2tog, p8, [p2tog, p1] 3 times — 39 sts. K 1 row.

2nd dec row: [P2tog] 3 times, p6, [p2tog] 7 times, p7, [p2tog] 3 times — 26 sts. Inc 1 st each end of next row — 28 sts.

3rd dec row: P2, p3tog, p3, [p3tog] 4 times, p3, p3tog, p2 — 16 sts. K 1 row. Cast off for centre edge.

PAINT RAG

With Aran, cast on 8 sts and ss 10 rows.

Inc row: [Inc] 7 times, k1 — 15 sts. Ss 7 rows. Dec 1 st each end of next row and 5 following alternate rows — 3 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: Sl1, k2tog, pssso and fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

● Mark centre on neck edges of body and head pieces. Join body seam, leaving neck and base edges open. Work a gathering thread through every stitch on base edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Stuff body firmly. Join muzzle seam on head piece from neck edge up to markers. Sew gusset in place, matching centre of nose edge to markers. Mark eye positions on head sides 3.5 cm up from nose edge and 4 cm apart. Push eye shank through fabric at markers to wrong side and fix with locking washer, pushing it down shank as far as it will go. Stuff head firmly. Matching muzzle seam to body marker and back body seam to head marker, sew head to body.

● Join ear pieces together in pairs, leaving cast-on edges open. Position and sew vertically to sides of head, placing 21 stitches in from muzzle seam, and 4 rows down from gusset seam. Fastening off ends of yarn at top of head, with Chocolate, embroider three straight stitches to form an inverted "Y" shape for mouth at end of muzzle. Sew nose piece in place, stuffing lightly with a matching yarn.

● Fold each arm and leg in half and join front seam up from cast-on edge, leaving a 5 cm space open at top. Join paw and paw-pad pieces together, leaving wrist edges open. Sew wrist edges of arms and paws together. Sew foot sole to base of foot, matching leg seam to centre point of sole front edge. Stuff legs, paws and arms firmly and join remainder of seam, including top edge.

Mark arm positions on body sides 2.5 cm down from neck seam and leg positions in line with 4th increase row. Using a long needle and a length of matching yarn, fasten off 2 cm down from top edge on inside of right arm. Insert needle at marker on right side of body, draw out at marker on left side and take a small stitch in same position on inside of left arm. Return needle through body to right side and take a small stitch in same place on right arm. Repeat once more, then pull up yarn tightly to draw arms into sockets and fasten off securely. Attach legs to body in same manner, sewing 3 cm down from top edge on inside of each leg.

● Join trouser leg pieces together from markers to top edge of waistband, then inside leg seams. Fit trousers on bear. With base edge of waistband in line with last Cerise row on body, sew trousers in place, working back stitch over every stitch on base row.

● Join smock sleeve seams and sew in sleeves. Place pocket at centre front of smock 2.5 cm up from cast-on edge and sew in place. Fit smock on bear and overlap back edges by 2 cm, holding in place with pins. Starting at collar, place three buttons along overlapped edge 4 cm apart and sew through both layers of fabric. Remove pins.

● Join beret seam and press flat as given on ball band. Fold 20 cm length of Maroon in half and twist tightly, then bring ends together to form a cord. Thread cord through centre of beret, leaving 1 cm showing on right side and hold in place with a few stitches on the inside. Pin beret on head and sew in place by working back stitch over cast-on edge. Remove pins.

● Cut out two 9.5 cm x 4.5 cm rectangles out of card and curve off each corner. Sandwich card piece between two sole pieces and oversew edges of knitting together. Attach sandal soles to foot soles with a few stitches worked along centre. Wrap sandal uppers over feet and sew side edges to sandal soles.

● Trace off palette pattern (below, left) and cut from folded paper, placing broken line on fold. Open out and transfer to card, then cut out. Fold each palette piece in half and join cast-off edge together. Sandwich card piece between palette pieces and oversew edges of knitting together.

● Embroider patches of paint on palette with satin stitch using Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue and Purple yarns. Sew palette to left paw. Join row ends on each thumb piece and stuff. Sew one thumb to top of palette, so that it appears to be emerging from a thumb hole, and the other one to the right paw.

Cut three 5 cm lengths of straw for paintbrushes. Cut Mink or Oatmeal into 5 cm lengths. Tie 5 lengths together at centre with a length of matching yarn for bristle. Spread a little glue over one end of bristle and either twist together for pointed tip or pinch together for chisel tip. Leave to harden and trim ends on chisel tip to neaten. Cut tying yarn ends to 1 cm, spread with a little glue and push into end of straw. Using glue to hold in place, closely wind Lurex thread round top 1 cm section of straw, then use either Chocolate or Mink to bind remainder of straw.

Fit paint rag into smock pocket, folding pointed end over top edge to right side and holding in place with a few stitches. Glue 2 paintbrushes to wrong side of pocket. Finally, glue remaining paintbrush in position between right paw and thumb.

MATERIALS

1 x 50 g ball of Sirdar Denim Tweed DK in Beige (509); 2 x 25 g balls of Sirdar Bonus Toytime DK in Chocolate (947), 1 ball each in Mink (946), Silver Cloud (968), Bottle (973) and Orange (981) and a small amount in Apple (980); 1 x 100 g ball of Sirdar Bonus DK each in Denim (994) and Powder Blue (960), a small amount in Maroon (972). No. 11 (3 mm) knitting needles; 150 g washable toy stuffing; a pair of 10.5 mm brown safety teddy eyes; 3 small buttons; 7 cm length of plastic drinking straw; 5 cm diameter toilet-tissue card tube; clear adhesive; long tweezers. For stockists, write to: Sirdar Spinning Ltd, Flanshaw Lane, Alverthorpe, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF2 9ND (01924 371501).

TENSION AND MEASUREMENTS

26 stitches and 36 rows, to 10 x 10 cm, over stocking stitch, using No. 11 (3 mm)

BODY

With Powder Blue, cast on 32 sts for neck edge. Ss 8 rows.

1st inc row: K1, inc, [k3, inc] 7 times, k2 — 40 sts. Ss 7 rows.

2nd inc row: K2, inc, [k4, inc] 7 times, k2 — 48 sts. Ss 7 rows.

3rd inc row: K2, inc, [k5, inc] 7 times, k3 — 56 sts. Ss 7 rows.

4th inc row: K3, inc, [k6, inc] 7 times, k3 — 64 sts. P 1 row.

Change to Beige and ss 10 rows.

Shape base: 1st dec row: K3, k2tog, [k6, k2tog] 7 times, k3 — 56 sts. Ss 5 rows.

2nd dec row: K3, k2tog, [k5, k2tog] 7 times, k2 — 48 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd dec row: K2, k2tog, [k4, k2tog] 7 times, k2 — 40 sts. Ss 3 rows.

4th dec row: K2, k2tog, [k3, k2tog] 7 times, k1 — 32 sts. P 1 row.

5th dec row: K1, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] 7 times, k1 — 24 sts. P 1 row.

6th dec row: [K1, k2tog] 8 times — 16 sts.

Break yarn, leaving a long end.

Thread end through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

HEAD

With Beige, cast on 32 sts for neck edge. Ss 2 rows.

Inc row: [Inc, k1] to end — 48 sts.

Shape muzzle: Inc 1 st at each end of next row — 50 sts.

Cast on 8 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 66 sts.

Inc 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 70 sts. Ss 8 rows. Mark each end of last row.

Cast off 11 sts at beginning of next 2 rows for top of muzzle — 48 sts.

Next row: K15, inc, turn and work on these 17 sts only for right side head.

Right side head: * P 1 row. Dec 1 st at each end of next row and following alternate row — 13 sts. P 1 row. Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 9 sts. Cast off for top edge. **

With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 32 sts, inc, k14, inc, turn and work on these 18 sts only for front gusset.

Front gusset: Ss 17 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 4 following alternate rows — 8 sts. P 1 row. Ss 11 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row — 6 sts.

Cast off for nose edge.

Left side head: With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 16

sts, inc, k15 — 17 sts. Work as given for right side head from * to **.

EARS

(make 4)

With Beige, cast on 14 sts for base edge. Ss 8 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 2 following alternate rows — 8 sts. Cast off for top edge.

BOOTS AND LEGS

(make 2)

With Mink, cast on 50 sts for base edge of boot. K 2 rows.

Change to Bottle. Beginning with a k row, ss 6 rows.

Shape front: 1st dec row: K1, skpo, k2, k2tog, skpo, k32, k2tog, skpo, k2, k2tog, k1 — 44 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K1, skpo, k2tog, skpo, k30, k2tog, skpo, k2tog, k1 — 38 sts. P 1 row. Cast off 4 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 30 sts. Dec 1 st at beginning of next 2 rows — 28 sts. Ss 4 rows.

Inc row: K3, inc, [k6, inc] 3 times, k3 — 32 sts. Ss 4 rows. K 4 rows for top of boot.

Change to Beige. Beginning with a p row, ss 21 rows.

Shape top of leg: 1st dec row: K1, [skpo, k2, k2tog, k3, skpo, k2, k2tog] twice, k1 — 24 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K1, [skpo, k2tog, k3, skpo, k2tog] twice, k1 — 16 sts. P 1 row. Cast off for top edge.

BOOT SOLES

(make 2)

With Mink, cast on 6 sts for back edge. Continue in gst, work 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at each end of next row and following alternate row — 10 sts.

Gst 24 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row and following alternate row — 6 sts. K 1 row. Cast off for front edge.

RIGHT SHIRT SLEEVE AND ARM

* With Powder Blue, cast on 18 sts for top edge. Ss 2 rows.

1st inc row: [Inc, k6, inc, k1] twice — 22 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: [Inc, k8, inc, k1]

needles. The bear will measure approximately 36 cm/14 in tall and 26 cm/10 in when seated.

ABBREVIATIONS

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NOTE

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twice — 26 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: Inc, k9, k2tog, k2, skpo, k8, inc, k1. P 1 row. Repeat last 2 rows, 5 times more — 26 sts. Ss 4 rows.

Change to Beige. Ss 8 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row and following 4th row — 22 sts.

Ss 3 rows. **

Shape paw: Next row: K10, inc, turn and work on these 12 sts only.

*** Ss 11 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row — 10 sts. P 1 row. Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 6 sts. Cast off. ****

Paw pad: With right side facing join Mink to remaining 11 sts, inc, k10 — 12 sts. Work from *** to ****.

LEFT SHIRT SLEEVE AND ARM

Work as given for right shirt sleeve and arm from * to **.

Change to Mink.

Shape paw: Next row: K10, inc, turn and work on these 12 sts only for paw pad. Work as given for right shirt sleeve and arm from *** to ****.

With right side facing rejoin Beige to remaining 11 sts, inc, k10 — 12 sts. Work as given for right shirt sleeve and arm from *** to ****.

ROLLED SHIRT SLEEVES

(make 2)

With Powder Blue, cast on 32 sts. Ss 14 rows. Cast off.

TROUSERS

(make 2)

With Chocolate, cast on 32 sts for knee edge.

Inc row: [Inc, k1] to end — 48 sts. Ss 3 rows. Cast on 3 sts at beginning of next 4 rows — 60 sts.

K 1 row. Mark each end of last row. P 1 row. Dec 1 st at each end of next 6 rows — 48 sts. Ss 32 rows.

Shape waist: Dec row: K5, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] 9 times, k5 — 38 sts. K 1 row for base of waistband. Beginning with a k row, ss 5 rows. Cast off kwise for top of waistband.

WAISTCOAT

With Denim, cast on 84 sts.

Continue in gst, work 8 rows.

1st dec row: K5, k2tog, [k6, k2tog] 9 times, k5 — 74 sts. Gst 7 rows.

2nd dec row: K5, k2tog, [k5, k2tog] 9 times, k4 — 64 sts. Gst 5 rows.

Shape fronts: Dec 1 st at each end of next row — 62 sts.

Divide for armholes: Next row: K14, cast off next 4 sts, k to last 18 sts, cast off 4, k to end.

Right front: Next row: K14, turn and work on these sts for right front.

Dec 1 st at beginning of next 3 rows. Gst 2 rows. Dec 1 st at beginning of next row and 5 following 4th rows — 5 sts. Gst 3 rows. Cast off for shoulder.

Back: Rejoin yarn at inside edge to centre 26 sts and k to end. Dec 1 st at beginning of next 4 rows — 22 sts.

Gst 25 rows. Cast off for shoulders and back neck.

Left front: Rejoin yarn at inside edge to remaining 14 sts and k to end.

Dec 1 st at end of next 3 rows. Gst 2 rows. Dec 1 st at end of next row and 5 following 4th rows — 5 sts. Gst 3 rows. Cast off for shoulder.

CAP

With Mink, cast on 56 sts for base edge. Ss 2 rows.

Inc row: K15, inc, [k4, inc] 5 times, k15 — 62 sts. P 1 row.

Shape front: 1st row: K21, [inc, k5] 4 times, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

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

3rd row: Sl1, k16, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

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

5th row: Sl1, k12, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

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

7th row: Sl1, k24, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

8th row: Sl1, p32, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

9th row: Sl1, k1, [k2tog, k5] 4 times, k to end. Ss 3 rows across all 62 sts.

Shape crown: 1st dec row: K15, [k2tog, k4] 6 times, k11 — 56 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K2tog, [k3, k2tog] 10 times, k4 — 45 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: K3, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] 10 times — 34 sts. P 1 row.

4th dec row: K2tog, [k1, k2tog] 10 times, k2 — 23 sts. P 1 row.

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Herbert our gardener

Meet Herbert
our gardener, who
loves to watch
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5th dec row: K1, [k2tog] 11 times — 12 sts.

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

CAP PEAK

With Mink, cast on 30 sts for front edge. Ss 2 rows.

* **1st dec row:** K2, k2tog, [k3, k2tog] 5 times, k1 — 24 sts.

TO MAKE UP

- Mark centre on neck edge of body and head. Join body seam, leaving neck edge open and stuff firmly.

Join muzzle seam on head from neck edge to markers. Sew head gusset in place, matching centre of nose edge to markers.

● Mark eye positions on head gusset 16 rows up from nose edge and 6 stitches apart. At each point push eye shank through fabric to wrong side, then fix with locking washers, pushing it down shank as far as it will go. Stuff head firmly, then sew neck edges of head and body together, matching muzzle seam to body marker and body back seam to head marker. Join ear pieces together in pairs, leaving cast on edges open. Position and sew ears vertically to sides of head 21 stitches away from muzzle seam and 4 rows down from gusset seam. Fastening off ends of yarn at top of head, use Chocolate to embroider a triangle of three stitches on muzzle for nose. Fill in triangle with horizontal satin stitches, then embroider three straight stitches to form inverted "Y" shape directly below nose to form mouth.

● On each arm, sew paw pad to paw, then join arm seam, leaving a 4 cm space open at top edge. Stuff firmly, then fold top edge in

P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K1, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] 5 times, k1 — 18 sts.

P 1 row.

3rd dec row: [K1, k2tog] 6 times — 12 sts. P 1 row.

4th dec row: [K2tog] 6 times — 6 sts. Cast off. **

With right side facing and Mink, pick up and k30 sts from front edge of peak. P 1 row. Work from * to **.

NECKERCHIEF

With Maroon, cast on 40 sts. K 1 row. Cast off kwise.

NECKERCHIEF ENDS

With Maroon, cast on 5 sts.

Ss 16 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row — 3 sts. P 1 row.

Dec row: Sl1, k2tog, pssso. Fasten off.

With right side facing, rejoin yarn to cast on edge and pick up and k 5 sts along cast on edge. Beginning with a p row, ss 15 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row — 3 sts. P 1 row.

Dec row: Sl1, k2tog, pssso. Fasten off.

WATERING-CAN

With Silver Cloud, cast on 40 sts

for top edge.

Ss 7 rows. K 5 rows for ridges. Beginning with a k row, ss 9 rows.

P 3 rows for base edge. K 1 row.

Shape base: 1st dec row: P1, p2tog, [p2, p2tog] 9 times, p1 — 30 sts. K 1 row.

2nd dec row: [P2tog, p1] 10 times — 20 sts. K 1 row.

3rd dec row: [P2tog] 10 times — 10 sts.

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

CAN SPOUT

With Silver Cloud, cast on 2 sts for base edge. Ss 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 6 sts. Ss 18 rows.

Shape rose: 1st inc row: [Inc] 5 times, k1 — 11 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: K1, [inc, k1] 5 times — 16 sts. P 3 rows.

Dec row: [K2tog] 8 times — 8 sts. Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread end through remaining sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

CAN TOP

With Silver Cloud, cast on 15 sts for back edge. Ss 6 rows.

1st dec row: K2, k2tog, [k3, k2tog]

twice, k1 — 12 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: K1, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] twice, k1 — 9 sts. Dec 1 st at each end of next row — 7 sts.

Cast off for front edge.

CAN TOP HANDLE

With Silver Cloud, cast on 36 sts. Cast off.

CAN BACK HANDLE

With Silver Cloud, cast on 26 sts. Cast off.

CAN SPOUT SUPPORT

With Silver Cloud, cast on 7 sts. Cast off.

CARROTS (make 3)

With Orange, cast on 10 sts for top edge. Ss 6 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 2 following 4th rows — 4 sts. Ss 3 rows.

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

half and join remainder of seam. Fold each leg in half and join front seam, starting at base edge and leaving a 5 cm space open at top edge. Sew sole to base of boot, matching front seam to centre of sole front edge. Stuff legs firmly, then fold top edge in half and join remainder of seam. Mark arm positions on body sides on first increase row and leg positions on second decrease row. Using a long needle and a length of Powder Blue, fasten off 2 cm down from top edge on inside of right arm. Insert needle into marked point on right side of body, draw out at point on left side and take a small stitch in same position on inside of left arm. Return needle through body to right side and take a small stitch in same position on right arm. Repeat once more, then pull up tightly to draw arms into sockets and fasten off securely. Attach legs to body in same manner but attaching yarn 2.5 cm down from top edge on inside of each leg.

Join row-ends of each rolled shirt sleeve, then join cast-on and cast-off edges together. Slide up arm and sew in place along last row of shirt sleeve. ● Join back and front seam of trousers from marker to top edge of waistband, then join leg seams from knee edge to markers. Fit trousers on bear, then sew knee

edge on each leg to top edge of boot, placing inside leg seam 7 stitches away from front seam. With top edge of waistband in line with third increase row on body, pin in position and sew in place by working back stitch on base row of waistband. Remove pins.

● Join shoulder seams of waistcoat, then fit on bear. Overlap front edges by 2 cm and hold in place with pins. Draw out a single strand from length of Denim and use this to sew the three buttons in place, sewing through both layers of knitting. Remove pins.

Wrap neckerchief round neck and join at centre front. Tie knot in centre of neckerchief ends piece and sew this in place.

● Fold cap peak piece flat and oversew open edges together, then placing centrally, oversew this edge together with base edge of cap. Join cap seam. Pin hat in position on head, stuffing back section lightly and sew in place. Catch front edge of cap to top of peak with a few stitches.

● Cut 6 cm length of card tube, then cut out a hole 1.5 cm up from base, making it large enough for straw to fit easily. Join side edges of can piece and slip over card tube, then hold in place by gluing top edge of knitting round top of tube. Join rose section of spout and stuff firmly, then wrap spout round straw and join side

edges, leaving excess straw protruding from end. Locate hole in card tube and use larger knitting needle to open knitting at this point. Spread glue over end of straw and push into hole so that spout points diagonally, then sew base edge of spout to can. Sew can top piece to top edge of can, positioning so that front edge is directly above spout, then sew spout support in place, along with top and back handles. To stiffen can top, both handles and spout support, spread glue generously over wrong side of knitting. When glue is touch dry, shape pieces and leave overnight to set hard. Fit right paw through top handle and oversew securely in place with single strand of Silver Cloud.

● Fold each carrot in half and oversew side edges together. Use tweezers to stuff firmly, then work a gathering thread through every stitch on top edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Using a 10 cm length of Apple, take a small stitch at top of carrot, remove needle and adjust to make yarn ends even. Repeat once more, sewing at right angles to previous stitch. Take all three carrots and tightly tie stems together with a length of Bottle, making double knot and trimming yarn ends close to knot. Sew tying yarn securely to left paw with a few stitches of Mink.



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Bunty the baker

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Instructions overleaf

MATERIALS

Of Sirdar Snuggly DK in 50 g balls: allow one ball in Honey (358). Of Sirdar Bonus DK in 100 g balls: allow 40 g in Powder Blue (960), 25 g in White (961), 20 g in Mint (956), 15 g in Iced Pink (958), 10 g in Oatmeal (964), 5 g in each of Lilac (959) and Aran (993), small amounts of Cupid (944), Walnut (927) and Silver Grey (968). No. 11 (3 mm) knitting needles; 100 g washable toy stuffing; 4 x 30 cm strips of washable wadding; a pair of 9 mm brown safety teddy eyes; deep pink sewing thread; 5 cm length of thin plastic drinking straw; scrap of stout card; clear adhesive. For stockists, write to: Sirdar Spinning Ltd, Flanshaw Lane, Alverthorpe, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF2 9ND (01924 371501).

TENSION AND MEASUREMENTS

Worked at a tension of 26 stitches and 36 rows, to 10 x 10 cm, over stocking stitch, using No. 11 (3 mm) needles. The toy will measure 35.5 cm/14 in tall.

ABBREVIATIONS

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **sl**, slip; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **tog**, together; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **skpo**, (sl1, k1, pass sl st over); **gst**, garter st (every row k); **yf**, yarn forward to make a st; **yfb**, yarn to back; **ytf**, yarn to front.

NOTE

All ss pieces begin with a k row, unless otherwise stated. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.



Photos: Peter Tilley

BODY

With White, cast on 12 sts for base edge. Ss 2 rows.

1st inc row: [Inc] to end — 24 sts. P 1 row. **2nd inc row:** K1, inc, [k2, inc] to last st, k1 — 32 sts. P 1 row.

3rd inc row: K1, inc, [k3, inc] to last 2 sts, k2 — 40 sts. Ss 3 rows.

4th inc row: K2, inc, [k4, inc] to last 2 sts, k2 — 48 sts. Ss 3 rows.

5th inc row: K2, inc, [k5, inc] to last 3 sts, k3 — 56 sts. Ss 3 rows.

6th inc row: K3, inc, [k6, inc] to last 3 sts, k3 — 64 sts. Ss 11 rows. Change to Powder Blue. Ss 2 rows.

Shape top: 1st dec row: K3, k2tog, [k6, k2tog] to last 3 sts, k3 — 56 sts. Ss 5 rows.

2nd dec row: K3, k2tog, [k5, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 — 48 sts. Ss 5 rows.

3rd dec row: K2, k2tog, [k4, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 — 40 sts. Ss 3 rows.

4th dec row: K8, k2tog, skpo, k16, k2tog, skpo, k8 — 36 sts. P 1 row.

5th dec row: K7, k2tog, skpo, k14, k2tog, skpo, k7 — 32 sts. P 1 row. Cast off for neck edge.

HEAD

With Honey, cast on 32 sts for neck edge. Ss 2 rows.

Shape base: Inc row: K2, inc, [k1, inc] 5 times, k5, [inc, k1] 5 times, inc, k3 — 44 sts. P 1 row.

Shape muzzle: Inc 1 st at each end of next 2 rows. Cast on 5 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 58 sts.

Inc 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 62 sts. Ss 8 rows. Mark each end of last row. Cast off 8 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 46 sts.

Right side: Next row: K16, inc, turn and work on these 18 sts.

* P 1 row. Dec 1 st at each end of next row — 16 sts. P 1 row. Dec 1 st at each end of next 4 rows — 8 sts. Cast off for top edge.

Gusset: With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining sts, inc, k10, inc, turn and work on these 14 sts.

Ss 17 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 3 following alternate rows, then on following 8th row — 4 sts. Ss 7 rows. Cast off for nose edge.

Left side: With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining sts, inc, k to end — 18 sts. Work as on right side from * to *.

EARS

(make 4)

With Honey, cast on 10 sts for base edge. Ss 8 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 6 sts. Cast off for top edge.

NOSE

With Walnut, cast on 7 sts. Ss 4 rows. Cast off.

SHOES AND LEGS

(make 2)

With Oatmeal, cast on 44 sts for base edge of shoe. K 1 row. Change to Iced Pink.

Shape front: 1st row: K36, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn. **2nd row:** Sl1, p28, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn. **3rd row:** Sl1, k25, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn. **4th row:** Sl1, p22, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn. **5th row:** Sl1, k19, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn. **6th row:** Sl1, p16, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn. **7th row:** Sl1, k13, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn. **8th row:** Sl1, p10, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn. **9th row:** Sl1, k to end. **10th row:** P to end.

1st dec row: K8, skpo, k4, k2tog, [k2, skpo, k4, k2tog] twice, k8 — 38 sts. P 1 row. **2nd dec row:** K8, skpo, k2, k2tog, [k2, skpo, k2, k2tog] twice, k8 — 32 sts. K 1 row for top edge of shoe. Change to Honey for leg.

3rd dec row: K10, [k2tog, k2, skpo] twice, k10 — 28 sts. P 1 row. **4th dec row:** K10, [k2tog, skpo] twice, k10 — 24 sts. Ss 9 rows.

Shape leg: 1st inc row: K2, inc, [k5, inc] to last 3 sts, k3 — 28 sts. Ss 7 rows. **2nd inc row:** K3, inc, [k6, inc] to last 3 sts, k3 — 32 sts. Ss 13 rows.

Shape top: 1st dec row: K1, [skpo, k2, k2tog, k3, skpo, k2, k2tog] twice, k1 — 24 sts. P 1 row. **2nd dec row:** K1, [skpo, k2tog, k3, skpo, k2tog] twice, k1 — 16 sts. P 1 row. Cast off for top edge.

SHOE SOLES

(make 2)

With Oatmeal, cast on 8 sts for back edge. Ss 2 rows. Inc 1 st at each end of next row and following alternate row — 12 sts. Ss 17 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row and following alternate row — 8 sts. P 1 row. Cast off for front edge.

SHOE BOWS

(make 2)

With Powder Blue, cast on 14 sts. Cast off.

LEFT ARM

** With Powder Blue, cast on 16 sts for top edge of sleeve. Ss 2 rows.

1st inc row: [K1, inc, k4, inc] twice, k2 — 20 sts. P 1 row. **2nd inc row:** [K1, inc, k6, inc] twice, k2 — 24 sts. Ss 9 rows. Change to Honey for arm.

Ss 4 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row — 22 sts. Ss 3 rows. **Shape elbow: 1st row:** K17, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn. **2nd row:** Sl1, p12, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn. **3rd row:** Sl1, k8, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn. **4th row:** Sl1, p4, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn. **5th row:** Sl1, k6, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn. **6th row:** Sl1, p8, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn. **7th row:** Sl1, k12, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn. **8th row:** Sl1, p16, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn. **9th row:** Sl1, k to end. **10th row:** P to end. Ss 6 rows. **

Shape paw: Next row: K10, inc,

turn and work on these 12 sts only for paw top.

Paw top: *** Ss 7 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row — 10 sts. Ss 3 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 6 sts. Cast off. ***

Paw pad: With right side facing, rejoin Oatmeal to remaining 11 sts, inc, k to end — 12 sts. Work from *** to ***.

RIGHT ARM

Work as left arm from ** to **.

Shape paw: Change to Oatmeal. **Next row:** K10, inc, turn and work on these 12 sts only for paw pad.

Paw pad: Work as left arm from *** to ***.

Paw top: With right side facing, join Honey to remaining 11 sts, inc, k to end — 12 sts. Work as left arm from *** to ***.

SLEEVE CUFFS

(make 2)

With Powder Blue, cast on 24 sts. Ss 9 rows. Cast off twice.

SKIRT

With White, cast on 112 sts. P 1 row. **Eyelet row:** K1, [yf, k2tog] to last st, k1. P 1 row. Change to Powder Blue. K 3 rows. Beginning with a p row, ss 7 rows.

1st dec row: K6, k2tog, [k12, k2tog] to last 6 sts, k6 — 104 sts. Ss 7 rows. **2nd dec row:** K6, k2tog, [k11, k2tog] to last 5 sts, k5 — 96 sts. Ss 5 rows. **3rd dec row:** K5, k2tog, [k10, k2tog] to last 5 sts, k5 — 88 sts. Ss 3 rows. **4th dec row:** K5, k2tog, [k9, k2tog] to last 4 sts, k4 — 80 sts. Ss 3 rows. **5th dec row:** K4, k3tog, [k7, k3tog] to last 3 sts, k3 — 64 sts. Cast off for waist edge.

APRON

With Mint, cast on 16 sts for skirt. Ss 2 rows. Cast on 3 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 22 sts. Inc 1 st at each end of next 5 rows — 32 sts. P 1 row. Inc 1 st at each end of next row — 34 sts. Ss 15 rows.

Gather waist: Dec row: K3, k3tog, [k2, k3tog] 5 times, k3 — 22 sts. P 1 row. Cast off.

With Mint, cast on 12 sts for bib. Ss 15 rows. Cast off twice.

With Mint, cast on 64 sts for base edge of waistband. Ss 5 rows. Cast off twice for top edge.

With Iced Pink, cast on 156 sts for skirt frill. Ss 2 rows. **1st dec row:** K1, k2tog, * [k2, k2tog] 7 times, [k1, k2tog] 12 times, repeat from * once, [k2, k2tog] 6 times, k1 — 111 sts. **2nd dec row:** * [K1, k2tog] 6 times, k1, [k2tog] 13 times, repeat from * once, [k1, k2tog] 7 times — 66 sts. P 1 row. Cast off.

With Iced Pink, cast on 60 sts for shoulder frill. Ss 2 rows. **1st dec row:** K1, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] to last st, k1 — 45 sts. P 1 row. **2nd dec row:** [K1, k2tog] to end — 30 sts.



Cast off.

With right side facing and using Mint, pick up and k30 sts along cast-off edge of shoulder frill for strap. Beginning with a p row, ss 2 rows. Cast off kwise. Make one more shoulder frill and strap.

With Mint, cast on 9 sts for pocket. Ss 11 rows. Cast off kwise for top edge.

With Mint, cast on 4 sts for bow loop. Ss 2 rows. **Inc row:** [Inc] to end — 8 sts. Ss 27 rows. **Dec row:** K1, [k3tog] twice, k1 — 4 sts. P 1 row. Cast off. Make one more bow loop.

With Mint, cast on 8 sts for base edge of bow tail. Ss 24 rows. **Dec row:** K1, [k3tog] twice, k1 — 4 sts. P 1 row. Cast off. Make one more bow tail.

With Mint, cast on 4 sts for bow knot. Ss 8 rows. Cast off.

HAT

With White, cast on 88 sts for crown. Ss 4 rows. **1st dec row:** K3, k2tog, [k6, k2tog] to last 3 sts, k3 — 77 sts. P 1 row. **2nd dec row:** K3, k2tog, [k5, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 — 66 sts. P 1 row. **3rd dec row:** K2, k2tog, [k4, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 — 55 sts. P 1 row. **4th dec row:** K2, k2tog, [k3, k2tog] to last st, k1

side seams of cuffs. With wrong side out and cast-on edge uppermost, slide cuffs up arms and sew in place to last row in Powder Blue. Turn up cuffs.

● Fold each shoe and leg piece in half and starting at base edge, join 4 cm of back seam. Sew shoe soles to base of shoes, matching back seam to centre point of back edge of sole. To stiffen soles, draw two 7 cm x 3.5 cm rectangles on to card and curve off each corner. Cut out and glue to wrong side of each sole. Join remainder of leg seam, leaving an opening. Stuff shoes and legs firmly, then join opening. Fold top edge in half and sew across.

● Mark arm positions on body sides with pins, placing 6 rows down from neck seam. Mark leg positions on sides of body, placing in line with 5th increase row. Using a long sewing needle and matching yarn, fasten off 2 cm down from top edge on inside of right arm. Insert needle into marked point on right side of body, draw out at point on left side and take a small stitch in same position on inside of left arm. Return needle through body to right side and take a small stitch in same position on right arm. Remove pins and repeat once more. Pull up yarn tightly to draw arms into sockets and fasten off securely. Attach legs to body in same manner, this time, sewing 3 cm from top edge on inside of each leg.

— 44 sts.

P 1 row. **5th dec row:** K1, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] to last st, k1 — 33 sts. P 1 row. **6th dec row:** [K1, k2tog] to end — 22 sts. P 1 row. **7th dec row:** [K2tog] to end — 11 sts.

Break yarn leaving a long end. Thread end through remaining sts, draw up tightly and fasten off. Press crown as on ball band. With right side facing and using White, pick up and k44 sts evenly along cast on edge of crown for side. K 2 rows. Beginning with a p row, ss 14 rows. Cast off kwise.

CUP-CAKE CASING

With Aran, cast on 9 sts for side. Gst 56 rows. Cast off.

With Aran, pick up and k28 sts along row-ends of one edge of cup side for base. P 1 row. **1st dec row:** K1, [k2tog, k1] to end — 19 sts. P 1 row. **2nd dec row:** K1, [k2tog] to end — 10 sts. Break yarn leaving a long end. Thread end through remaining sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

CUP CAKE

With Lilac, cast on 12 sts. Ss 2

rows. **1st inc row:** [Inc] to end — 24 sts. P 3 rows for fold. **2nd inc row:** K1, inc, [k3, inc] to last 2 sts, k2 — 30 sts. Ss 3 rows. **3rd inc row:** K2, inc, [k4, inc] to last 2 sts, k2 — 36 sts. Ss 5 rows.

Shape top: 1st dec row: [K1, k2tog] to end — 24 sts. Ss 3 rows. **2nd dec row:** [K2tog] to end — 12 sts. Break yarn leaving a long end. Thread end through remaining sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

PIPING BAG

With White, cast on 25 sts for top edge. Ss 8 rows. **1st dec row:** K2, k2tog, [k3, k2tog] to last st, k1 — 20 sts. Ss 5 rows. **2nd dec row:** K1, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] to last st, k1 — 15 sts. Ss 5 rows. **3rd dec row:** [K1, k2tog] to end — 10 sts. Ss 4 rows. K1 row. Change to Silver Grey for nozzle. K 1 row. **4th dec row:** [P2tog] to end — 5 sts. Ss 2 rows. Cast off for base edge.

WOODEN SPOON

With Oatmeal, cast on 17 sts for outside edge. K 1 row. Break yarn leaving a long end. Thread end through remaining sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

- Mark centre points on neck edges of body and head pieces. Join body seam, leaving neck and base edges open. Work a gathering thread through every stitch on base edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Stuff body firmly.
- Join muzzle seam on head from neck edge to markers. Sew gusset in place, matching centre point of nose edge to markers. Remove markers. Mark eye positions on head sides with pins, spacing 3.5 cm apart and 2 cm up from nose edge. At each point, push eye shank through knitting to wrong side, then fix with locking washer, pushing it down shank as far as it will go.
- Stuff head firmly. Sew neck edges of head and body together, matching muzzle seam to body marker and back seam of body to head marker. Remove markers. Join ear pieces together in pairs, leaving cast-on edges open. Position ears and sew vertically to sides of head, placing 18 stitches in from muzzle seam, with topmost corner of each touching gusset seam, fastening off ends of yarn at top of head. Use Walnut to embroider three straight stitches to form an inverted 'Y' shape for mouth at end of muzzle. Sew nose in place, stuffing lightly.
- On each arm, join top paw and paw pad together, then join arm seam, leaving an opening. Stuff firmly, then join opening. Fold top edge in half and sew across. Join

- Press skirt as on ball band. Join seam. Fold hem at eyelet row and catch down on the inside at first Powder Blue row. Press hem lightly. With back seam of skirt to back seam of body, sew cast-off edge of skirt to first row of Powder Blue on body.
- Press apron pieces lightly, as on ball band. Sew apron skirt frill in place round edge of apron skirt. Pin apron straps on top of side edges of bib, overlapping slightly and matching one end of each strap to cast on edge of bib. Sew in place by working backstitch over cast-off edges of straps. Remove pins. Mark centre point of apron skirt, waistband and bib pieces, then matching these points, pin top edge of waistband to base of bib and ends of straps, overlapping and sewing in place with back stitch as before. Sew base edge of waistband to top of skirt in same manner, then remove pins and markers. Sew pocket in place with back stitch. Wrap apron waistband round waist and join ends together at back. Take straps over shoulder to back and sew end of each strap to top of waistband as before.
- Fold each bow loop in half and join cast-on and cast-off edges, then arrange these pieces together with bow tails, to form a bow and join. Wrap knot piece round centre and join ends together at back, then position and sew bow to waistband at back.
- Join hat seam. Roll up strip of wadding and fit inside base,

- leaving crown unstuffed. Sew hat in position on head by working backstitch over cast off edge.
- Join cup cake casing base and side seam. Cut a 3 cm-diameter circle of card and glue to wrong side of base. Join cup cake piece, leaving cast on edge open. Stuff firmly. Work a gathering thread through every stitch on cast on row, draw up tightly and fasten off. Glue cup cake inside case.
- To make icing, take a 150 cm length of Cupid and fold in half. Keeping yarn taut, twist tightly and bring ends together to form a cord. Knot open end to prevent unravelling. With folded end of cord at base point, form icing into a heart shape on top of cup cake and sew in place with deep pink sewing thread. Join piping bag seam, then thread knotted end of cord through open end of nozzle and pull up until there is a 7.5 cm length of cord between nozzle and cake. Use a little glue to hold cord inside nozzle, when set, trim away excess cord. Stuff bag lightly, then work a gathering thread through first decrease row, draw up tightly and fasten off.
- Sew piping bag and cup cake to paws. Join side edges of spoon. Thread ends of yarn through straw, draw up and fix spoon to straw with glue. Holding in place with glue, cover straw binding closely with Oatmeal, then glue ends of spoon handle into apron pocket. Tie a knot in centre of each shoe bow piece and sew to front of shoes.

MATERIALS

Of Sirdar Snuggly Snowflake DK in 50 g balls: allow 20 g in White (300). Of Sirdar Bonus DK in 100 g balls: allow 35 g in Blueberry (952), 25 g in Pink (922), 15 g in Cupid (944) and 10 g in Oatmeal (964). Of Sirdar Bonus Toytime DK in 25 g balls: allow 2 balls in Lilac (959), 1 ball in Shiraz (945), 15 g in Iced Pink (958) and 10 g in each of Primrose (957) and Mink (946). No. 11 (3 mm) knitting needles; a 2.50 crochet hook; a pair of 10.5 mm black safety teddy eyes; 2 bamboo skewers; 2 green wooden beads to fit skewers; clear adhesive. For stockists, write to: Sirdar Spinning Ltd, Flanshaw Lane, Alverthorpe, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF2 9ND (01924 371501).

TENSION AND MEASUREMENTS

26 stitches and 36 rows, to 10 x 10 cm, over stocking stitch, using No. 11 (3 mm) needles. The toy will measure, from sole to top of hat bobble, 41cm/16 in tall standing and 30.5 cm/12 in when seated.

ABBREVIATIONS

K, knit; p, purl; st, stitch; tog, together; sl, slip; inc, increase (by working twice into same st); dec, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); pssso, pass sl st over; ss, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); skpo, (sl1, k1, pssso); gst, garter st; ytb, yarn to back; ytf, yarn to front.

NOTE

Begin all pieces worked in ss with a k row, unless otherwise stated, and treat purl side of all pieces worked in Snowflake as right side. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

BODY

With Lilac, cast on 10 sts for base edge and ss 2 rows.

1st inc row: Inc in each st to end — 20 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: [Inc, k1] to end — 30 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd inc row: K1, [inc, k2] to last 2 sts, inc, k1 — 40 sts. Ss 3 rows.

4th inc row: K1, [inc, k3] to last 3 sts, inc, k2 — 50 sts. Ss 3 rows.

5th inc row: K2, [inc, k4] to last 3 sts, inc, k2 — 60 sts. Ss 5 rows.

6th inc row: K2, [inc, k5] to last 4 sts, inc, k3 — 70 sts. Ss 7 rows.

Shape waist: 1st dec row: K7, [k2tog, k9] to last 8 sts, k2tog, k6 — 64 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Change to Blueberry and ss 4 rows.

Shape top: 2nd dec row: K3, [k2tog, k6] to last 5 sts, k2tog, k3 — 56 sts. Ss 5 rows.

3rd dec row: K3, [k2tog, k5] to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 — 48 sts. Ss 5 rows.

4th dec row: K2, [k2tog, k4] to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 — 40 sts. Ss 5 rows.

5th dec row: K2, [k2tog, k3] to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 — 32 sts.

Ss 3 rows.

Cast off for neck edge.

HEAD

With White Snowflake, cast on 32 sts for neck edge and ss 4 rows.

Inc row: [Inc, k1] to end — 48 sts.

Shape muzzle: Inc 1 st each end of next row — 50 sts.

Cast on 7 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 64 sts. Inc 1 st each end of next 2 rows — 68 sts. Ss 10 rows.

Mark each end of last row. Cast off 7 sts at beginning of next 2 rows for top of muzzle — 54 sts.

Shape left side: Next row: Skpo, k18, inc, turn and work on these 21 sts only.

Next row: P to last 2 sts, p2tog — 20 sts.

* Dec 1 st each end of next row and 2 following alternate rows, then following row — 12 sts. Cast off for top edge. **

Shape gusset: Next row: Rejoin White Snowflake at inner edge of remaining 33 sts, inc, k10, inc, turn and work on these 14 sts only.

Ss 21 rows. Dec 1 st each end of next row and 3 following alternate rows — 6 sts. Ss 7 rows.

Dec 1 st each end of next row — 4 sts. Cast off for nose edge.

Shape right side: Next row: Rejoin White Snowflake at inner edge of remaining 21 sts, inc, k18, k2tog — 21 sts.

Next row: P2tog, p to end — 20 sts.

Work as given for left side from * to **.

EARS

(make 4)

With White Snowflake, cast on 14 sts for base edge and ss 10 rows.

Dec 1 st each end of next row and following alternate row, then on following row — 8 sts.

Cast off for top edge.

NOSE

With Oatmeal, cast on 7 sts for top edge and ss 2 rows.

Dec 1 st each end of next row and following alternate row — 3 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: Sl1, k2tog, pssso and fasten off, leaving a long end.

SLIPPERS AND LEGS

(make 2)

With Mink, cast on 48 sts for base edge of slipper and k 2 rows.

Change to Cupid and beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows.

Shape front: 1st row: K37, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

2nd row: Sl1, p26, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

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

4th row: Sl1, p20, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

5th row: Sl1, k17, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

6th row: Sl1, p14, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

7th row: Sl1, k to end.

8th row: P across all sts — 48 sts.

1st dec row: K12, [skpo, k4, k2tog] 3 times, k12 — 42 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K12, [skpo, k2, k2tog] 3 times, k12 — 36 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: K3, k2tog, k7, [skpo,

k2tog] 3 times, k7, skpo, k3 — 28 sts.

P 1 row.

Change to Lilac for tights and ss 10 rows.

Shape leg: 1st inc row: K3, [inc, k6] to last 4 sts, inc, k3 — 32 sts.

Ss 9 rows. **2nd inc row:** K3, [inc, k7] to last 5 sts, inc, k4 — 36 sts.

Ss 11 rows.

Shape top: 1st dec row: K1, [skpo, k2, k2tog, k5, skpo, k2, k2tog] twice, k1 — 28 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K1, [skpo, k2tog, k5, skpo, k2tog] twice, k1 — 20 sts.

P 1 row.

3rd dec row: K1, [skpo, k5, k2tog] twice, k1 — 16 sts. P 1 row.

Cast off for top edge.

SLIPPER SOLES

(make 2)

With Mink, cast on 8 sts for back edge and ss 2 rows.

Inc 1 st each end of next row and 2 following alternate rows — 14 sts.

Ss 11 rows.

Dec 1 st each end of next row and 2 following alternate rows — 8 sts.

P 1 row. Cast off for front edge.

SLIPPER CUFFS

(make 2)

With Pink, cast on 26 sts for ankle edge and gst 2 rows.

Inc row: [Inc, k1] to end — 39 sts.

K 1 row. Dec 1 st each end of next row — 37 sts. K 1 row.

Dec 1 st each end of next 3 rows — 31 sts. Cast off.

ARMS

(make 2)

With Blueberry, cast on 26 sts for wrist edge and k 2 rows.

Beginning with a k row, ss 8 rows.

Shape elbow: 1st row: K21, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

2nd row: Sl1, p16, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

3rd row: Sl1, k14, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

4th row: Sl1, p12, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

5th row: Sl1, k10, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

6th row: Sl1, p8, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

7th row: Sl1, k9, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

8th row: Sl1, p10, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

9th row: Sl1, k12, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

10th row: Sl1, p14, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

11th row: Sl1, k16, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

12th row: Sl1, p18, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

13th row: Sl1, k to end.

14th row: P across all sts — 26 sts. Ss 10 rows.

Shape top: 1st dec row: K1, [skpo, k8, k2tog] twice, k1 — 22 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K1, [skpo, k6, k2tog] twice, k1 — 18 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: K1, [skpo, k4, k2tog] twice, k1 — 14 sts. P 1 row. Cast off for top edge.

PAWS

(make 2)

With White Snowflake, cast on 14 sts for wrist edge and ss 12 rows.

Dec 1 st each end of next row — 12 sts. P 1 row. Dec 1 st each end of next 2 rows — 8 sts. Cast off for paw end.

PAW PADS

(make 2)

With Oatmeal, work as given for paws.

SKIRT

With Shiraz, cast on 112 sts for base edge and gst 6 rows.

Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows. Change to Iced Pink and ss 2 rows.

Change to Blueberry and ss 6 rows. Change back to Iced Pink and ss 2 rows.

Continue in Shiraz only, ss 8 rows.

1st dec row: K6, [k2tog, k12] to last 8 sts, k2tog, k6 — 104 sts.

Ss 5 rows. **2nd dec row:** K6, [k2tog, k11] to last 7 sts, k2tog, k5 — 96 sts. Ss 11 rows.

Shape waist: 3rd dec row: K2, [k3tog, k3] to last 4 sts, k3tog, k1 — 64 sts.

Work waistband: K 2 rows. P 1 row. Cast off pwise for top edge.

HAT

With Shiraz, cast on 78 sts for brim edge.

1st rib row: K2, [p2, k2] to end.

2nd rib row: P2, [k2, p2] to end. Repeat these 2 rows, once more.

Inc row: K18, inc, k39, inc, k19 — 80 sts.

Crown: Change to Blueberry and beginning with a p row, ss 9 rows.

Stranding yarn not in use loosely across wrong side, work zigzag pattern.

1st row: K1 Lilac, [5 Blueberry, 1 Lilac] to last st, 1 Blueberry.

2nd row: [P3 Lilac, 3 Blueberry] to last 2 sts, 2 Lilac.

3rd row: K2 Lilac, [3 Blueberry, 3 Lilac] to end.

4th row: P4 Lilac, [1 Blueberry, 5 Lilac] to last 4 sts, 1 Blueberry, 3 Lilac. Continue with Lilac only and ss 2 rows.

Shape top: 1st dec row: K2, [k2tog, k3] to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 — 64 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: K1, [k2tog, k2] to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 — 48 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd dec row: [K1, k2tog] to end — 32 sts. P 1 row.

4th dec row: [K2tog] to end — 16 sts.

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

SCARF

With Pink, cast on 12 sts.

Work in gst and stripe pattern thus: 4 rows Pink, 2 rows Cupid, 2 rows Lilac, 2 rows Cupid, 4 rows Pink and 6 rows Iced Pink.

These 20 rows form the stripe pattern. Pattern another 218 rows.

Next row: With Iced Pink, k6, then break yarn leaving a 35 cm length and slip all 12 sts on to a stitch-holder.

KNITTING BAG

With Primrose, cast on 20 sts and gst 72 rows. Cast off.

BAG HANDLE

With Primrose, cast on 44 sts and k 1 row. Cast off kwise.

TO MAKE UP

Remember to treat purl side of all pieces worked in Snowflake as right side.

- Mark centre points on neck edge of body and head piece. Join body seam, leaving neck edge open, then run a gathering thread through every stitch on base edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Stuff body firmly.
- Take head piece and join muzzle seam from neck edge up to markers. Sew gusset in place, matching centre point of nose edge to markers and remove markers. Mark eye positions on head with pins, placing marker each side of gusset on seam line, 2.5 cm away from nose edge. At each point push eye shank through knitting to wrong side, then fix with locking washer, pushing it down shank as far as it will go. Stuff head firmly, then sew neck edges of head and body together, matching muzzle seam to body marker, and back seam of body to head marker. Remove markers.
- Pin nose piece in position and sew in place, stuffing lightly. Using length of yarn at base of nose, embroider mouth with three straight stitches to form an inverted "Y" shape directly below nose. Fasten off end of yarn at top of head.
- Sew paws and paw pads together, leaving wrist edges open. Starting at wrist edge and leaving a 4 cm space open at top edge, join seam on each arm. Now sew paws and pads to arms along wrist edges, matching uppermost part of paw seam to arm seam. Stuff firmly, then fold top edge of each arm in half and join remainder of seam.
- Starting at base edge and leaving a 5 cm space open at top edge, fold each leg in half and join back seam. Sew slipper sole to base of leg, matching leg seam to centre point of sole back edge, then stuff slipper and leg firmly. Fold top edge in half, and join remainder of seam. With ends meeting at centre front, wrap a slipper cuff round top of each slipper and sew ankle edge in place.
- Mark arm positions on body sides with pins, placing pins 8 rows down from neck edge. Mark leg positions on body sides, placing marker on fifth increase row. Using a long needle and a length of matching yarn, attach yarn 8 rows down from top edge on inside of right arm. Insert needle into marked point on right side of body, draw out at point on left side and take a small stitch in same position on inside of left arm. Return needle through body to right side and take a small stitch in same position on right arm. Remove pins and repeat once more, then pull up yarn tightly to draw arms into sockets and fasten off securely.
- Attach legs to body in same manner, this time attaching yarn 10 rows down from top edge on inside of each leg.
- Join skirt seam, then fit skirt on body with seam at centre back. Matching gathering row to last row of Lilac on body, pin skirt in position, then sew in place by working backstitch over every stitch on base row of waistband. Remove pins.
- Join hat seam, then fit on head with seam at centre back and base edge of

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brim just covering eyes. Sew in place by working backstitch over increase row at top of rib, then roll back brim. Join ear pieces together in pairs, leaving cast-on edges open. Position and sew vertically to sides of hat, placing just above top of brim with base points of ears 30 stitches apart at back of hat.

● Fold knitting bag in half, bringing cast-on and cast-off edges together, then join side seams. Sew bag handle in position, placing each end centrally, 8 rows down from top edge.

● Wind six small balls in each of Pink, Cupid, Lilac, Ice Pink, Shiraz and Blueberry yarn and secure the end of each ball with a little glue to prevent unravelling. Keeping Iced Pink ball on one side, fit remaining five balls in knitting bag, using spots of glue to secure in place. Slip bag handle over left arm.

● Darn in ends of yarn neatly down scarf side and trim away excess. Cut Ice Pink yarn into eleven 3 cm long lengths and using a single strand for each tassel and crochet hook, work a line of fringe along cast-on edge. Trim fringe to 2 cm. Tie scarf round neck, having end with held stitches uppermost, then catch in place at neck with a few stitches.

● To make knitting needles: If the toy is intended for a child, omit making knitting needles, instead cast off all the stitches on scarf. Cut each skewer to 10 cm long from pointed end, then glue cut end into bead to form knitting needles.

Transfer first 6 held scarf stitches to one of these needles, and remaining 6 stitches to the other. Insert right-hand needle into next stitch as if going to knit, then dab a spot of glue at this point and wrap yarn round needle. Leave glue to set.

● Position knitting needles in paws and hold in place by sewing end stitches of scarf to paws with matching yarn. Take yarn over top of right paw and hold in place with a thin trail of glue.

● Glue remaining Iced Pink ball of yarn to side of right slipper so that ball touches ground whether Pearl is sitting or standing. Hold ball in place with a rubber band until glue sets. Remove rubber band, then make a hole in side of ball with a knitting needle and glue end of scarf yarn into this hole.

● Finally, make two 3 cm diameter Pink pompons and sew to front of slippers, then make a 5-cm diameter Lilac pompon and sew to top of hat.

Robin the twitcher (cover bear)

MATERIALS

Of Sirdar Funky Fur in 50 g balls: allow one ball in Walnut (549). Of Sirdar Bonus DK in 100 g balls: allow 35 g in Navy (971), 25 g Denim (994), 10 g in each of Oatmeal (964) and Walnut (927), 5 g in each of Maroon (972) and Dark Chocolate (917). Of Sirdar Bonus Toytime DK in 25 g balls: allow 20 g Bottle (973), 10 g Chocolate (947), 5 g Black (965) and small amounts of Signal Red (977), White (961), Silver Cloud (968), Sunflower (978) and Royal (979). Odment of DK yarn in Moss Green. No. 11 (3 mm) knitting needles; 125 g washable toy stuffing; a pair of 9 mm black safety teddy eyes; 8 Dark Green buttons; plastic drinking straw; scrap of stout card; clear adhesive; long tweezers. For stockists, write to: Sirdar Spinning Ltd, Flanshaw Lane, Alverthorpe, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF2 9ND (01924 371501).

TENSION AND MEASUREMENTS

26 stitches and 36 rows, to 10 x 10 cm, over stocking stitch, using No. 11 (3 mm) needles. The toy will measure 34 cm/13½ in tall.

ABBREVIATIONS

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **sl**, slip; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **tog**, together; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **pssso**, pass sl st over; **skpo**, (sl1, k1, pssso); **gst**, garter st (every row k); **ytf**, yarn to front; **ytb**, yarn to back.

NOTE

All ss pieces begin with a k row, unless otherwise stated. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

BODY

With Denim, cast on 28 sts for neck edge. Ss 6 rows.

1st inc row: K1, inc, [k3, inc] to last 2 sts, k2 — 35 sts. Ss 5 rows.

2nd inc row: K2, inc, [k4, inc] to last 2 sts, k2 — 42 sts. Ss 5 rows.

3rd inc row: K2, inc, [k5, inc] to last 3 sts, k3 — 49 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Change to Navy. Ss 2 rows.

4th inc row: K3, inc, [k6, inc] to last 3 sts, k3 — 56 sts. Ss 9 rows.

Shape base: 1st dec row: K3, k2tog, [k5, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 — 48 sts. Ss 3 rows. **2nd dec row:** K2, k2tog, [k4, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 — 40 sts. Ss 3 rows. **3rd dec row:** K2, k2tog, [k3, k2tog] to last st, k1 — 32 sts. Ss 3 rows. **4th dec row:** K1, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] to last st, k1 — 24 sts. P 1 row. **5th dec row:** [K1, k2tog] to end — 16 sts. P 1 row. **6th dec row:** [K2tog] to end — 8 sts.

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

HEAD

With Funky Fur, cast on 28 sts for neck edge. Ss 4 rows.

Shape base: Inc row: Inc, [k2, inc] to end — 38 sts. Mark each end of last row with red marker. Inc 1 st each end of next row — 40 sts. Ss 14 rows. Mark each end of last row with blue marker.

Right side: Next row: K14, inc, turn and work on these 16 sts only.

* P 1 row. Dec 1 st at each end of next row and following alternate row, then at each end of next row — 10 sts. Cast off for top edge. *

Gusset: Next row: Rejoin yarn to remaining 25 sts, inc, k8, inc, turn and work on these 12 sts only. Ss 19 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 2 following alternate rows — 6 sts. P 1 row. Cast off for front edge.

Left side: Next row: Rejoin yarn to remaining 15 sts, inc, k to end — 16 sts. Work as right side from * to *.

MUZZLE

Join head gusset seams, matching front edge of gusset to blue markers.

With right side facing, Oatmeal and working between red markers, pick up and k11 sts from right side, 6 sts from end of gusset and 11 sts from left side — 28 sts. Ss 9 rows.

Shape front: Dec 1 st at each end of next row. P 1 row. **1st dec row:** Skpo, k8, skpo, k2, k2tog, k8, k2tog — 22 sts. P 1 row. **2nd dec row:** Skpo, k7, skpo, k2tog, k7, k2tog — 18 sts. P 1 row. Dec 1 st at each end of next row — 16 sts. Cast off for front edge.

EARS

(make 4)

With Funky Fur, cast on 7 sts for base edge. Ss 2 rows. Inc 1 st each end of next row — 9 sts. Ss 5 rows. Dec 1 st each end of next 2 rows — 5 sts. Cast off for top edge.

NOSE

With Chocolate, cast on 7 sts for top edge. **Next 2 rows:** K5, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn, sl1, p3, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **Next row:** Sl1, k to end. P 1 row across all sts. Dec 1 st each end of next row and following alternate row — 3 sts. P 1 row. **Next row:** Sl1, k2tog, pssso and fasten off.

ARMS

(make 2)

With Denim, cast on 22 sts for wrist edge. Ss 6 rows. Inc 1 st each end of next row — 24 sts. P 1 row.

Shape elbow: 1st row: K15, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **2nd row:** Sl1, p6, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **3rd row:** Sl1, k8, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **4th row:** Sl1, p10, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **5th row:** Sl1, k12, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **6th row:** Sl1, p14, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **7th row:** Sl1, k16, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **8th row:** Sl1, p18, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **9th row:** Sl1, k to end. P 1 row across all sts. Ss 16 rows.

Shape top: 1st dec row: K1, [skpo, k7, k2tog] twice, k1 — 20 sts. P 1 row. **2nd dec row:** K1, [skpo, k5, k2tog] twice, k1 — 16 sts. P 1 row. Cast off for top edge.

PAWS

(make 2)

With Funky Fur, cast on 12 sts for wrist edge. Ss 12 rows. Dec 1 st each end of next row and following alternate row and at each end of next row — 6 sts. Cast off for front edge.

PAW PADS

(make 2)

With Oatmeal, work as given for paws.

SLEEVE CUFFS

(make 2)

With Denim, cast on 29 sts.

1st rib row: K1, [p1, k1] to end. **2nd rib row:** P1, [k1, p1] to end. Repeat last 2 rows, twice more. Cast off.

BOOTS AND LEGS

(make 2)

With Walnut Bonus, cast on 50 sts for base edge of boot. K 2 rows. Change to Chocolate. Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.

Shape front of boot: 1st dec row: K1, skpo, k2, k2tog, k36, skpo, k2, k2tog, k1 — 46 sts. P 1 row. **2nd dec row:** K1, skpo, k2tog, k36, skpo, k2tog, k1 — 42 sts. P 1 row. Cast off 7 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 28 sts. Dec 1 st each end of next 2 rows — 24 sts. K 2 rows for top edge of boot.

Change to Maroon for sock.

Beginning with a k row, ss 10 rows. Change to Navy for leg. Ss 24 rows. **Shape top: 1st dec row:** K1, [skpo, k7, k2tog] twice, k1 — 20 sts. P 1 row. **2nd dec row:** K1, [skpo, k5, k2tog] twice, k1 — 16 sts. P 1 row. Cast off for top edge.

BOOT SOLES

(make 2)

With Walnut Bonus, cast on 6 sts for back edge. Gst 2 rows. Inc 1 st each end of next row and following alternate row — 10 sts. Gst 27 rows. Dec 1 st each end of next row and following alternate row — 6 sts. K 1 row. Cast off for front edge.

POLO COLLAR

With Denim, cast on 39 sts. Work 10 rows in rib as sleeve cuffs. Cast off.

TROUSERS

(make 2)

With Navy, cast on 24 sts. Continue in ss. **Inc row:** [Inc, k1] to end — 36 sts. P 1 row. Inc 1 st each end of next 6 rows — 48 sts. Ss 2 rows. Mark each end of last row. **Shape crotch:** Cast off 2 sts at beginning of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st each end of next row and 2 following alternate rows — 38 sts. Ss 21 rows.

Shape waist: Dec row: K9, [k2tog] 10 times, k9 — 28 sts. Ss 2 rows. Cast off kwise.



GILET

With Bottle, cast on 80 sts. Ss 6 rows. **1st dec row:** K5, k2tog, [k5, k2tog] to last 3 sts, k3 — 69 sts. Ss 7 rows. **2nd dec row:** K4, k2tog, [k4, k2tog] to last 3 sts, k3 — 58 sts. Ss 3 rows. **Dividing row:** K13, cast off 4, k to last 17 sts,

cast off 4, k to end. Work on last set of 13 sts only for left front.

Left front: Next row: Dec 1 st at end of next row — 12 sts.

Shape neck: Dec row: K to last 2 sts, k2tog. P 1 row. Repeat the last 2 rows, 5 times more, then dec row again — 5 sts. Ss 3 rows. Cast off.

Back: With wrong side facing, rejoin yarn to centre 24 sts. Dec 1 st at each end of next row — 22 sts. Ss 16 rows. Cast off.

Right front: With wrong side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 13 sts. Dec 1 st at beginning of next row — 12 sts.

Shape neck: Dec row: Skpo, k

to end. P 1 row. Repeat last 2 rows, 5 times more, then dec row again — 5 sts. Ss 3 rows. Cast off.

LARGE GILET POCKETS

(make 2)

With Bottle, cast on 8 sts for top edge. Ss 8 rows for front. P 1 row for base foldline. Beginning with a p row, ss 9 rows for back. P 1 row for top foldline. Beginning with a p row, ss 9 rows for flap. Cast off kwise.

SMALL GILET POCKETS

(make 2)

With Bottle, cast on 5 sts for top edge. Complete as large gilet pockets.

BINOCULARS

(make 2)

With Silver Cloud, cast on 9 sts for base edge. **Inc row:** [Inc kwise] to end — 18 sts. P 1 row.

Change to Black. K 2 rows for base foldline. Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows. **1st dec row:** K2, k2tog, [k4, k2tog] twice, k2 — 15 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K2, k2tog, [k3, k2tog] twice, k1 — 12 sts. P 1 row. **3rd dec row:** K1, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] twice, k1

— 9 sts. Ss 7 rows. P 1 row for top foldline. Change to Silver Cloud. P 1 row. Break yarn leaving a long end. Thread end through remaining sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

ROBIN

Body: With Dark Chocolate, cast on 10 sts. Ss 2 rows. **Inc row:** [Inc] to end — 20 sts. Ss 4 rows.

Change to Signal Red. Ss 4 rows.

Dec row: [P2tog] to end — 10 sts.

Break yarn leaving a long end.

Thread end through remaining sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Head: With Dark Chocolate, cast on 10 sts. Ss 3 rows. Break yarn leaving a long end. Thread end through remaining sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Tail: With Dark Chocolate, cast on 6 sts. Cast off.

Wings (make 2): With Dark Chocolate, cast on 3 sts for base edge. Ss 4 rows. **Next row:** Sl1, k2tog, pssso and fasten off.

BLUE TIT

Body: Work as body of robin, using Moss Green in place of Dark Chocolate and Sunflower in place of Signal Red.

Head: With White, cast on 10 sts. Ss 2 rows. Change to Royal. K 1 row.

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

Tail and wings: Using Royal instead of Dark Chocolate, work as tail and wings of robin.

COCONUT

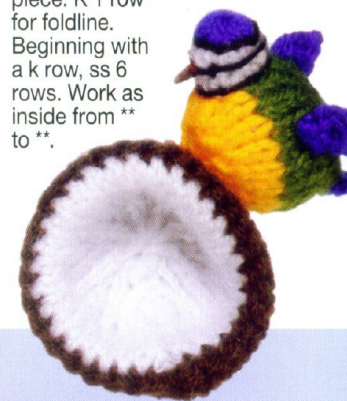
Inside: With White, cast on 32 sts. Ss 4 rows.

1st dec row: K1, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] to last st, k1 — 24 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: [K1, k2tog] to end — 16 sts. P 1 row. **3rd dec row:** [K2tog] to end — 8 sts. Break yarn leaving a long end. Thread end through remaining sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Shell: With right side facing and using Dark Chocolate, pick up and k32 sts along cast on edge of inside piece. K 1 row for foldline.

Beginning with a k row, ss 6 rows. Work as inside from ** to **.



TO MAKE UP

- Mark centre points on neck edges of body and head. Join body seam, leaving neck edge open. Stuff firmly.

Fold front cast-off edge of muzzle on head in half and join, then join remainder of front seam down to neck edge. Mark eye positions on head sides, placing directly above first muzzle row, spacing eyes 4 cm apart. At each point, push eye shank through knitting to wrong side. Fix with locking washer, pushing it down shank as far as it will go. Stuff head firmly. Sew neck edges of head and body together, matching front head seam to body marker, and body back seam to head marker.

● Join ear pieces together in pairs, leaving cast-on edges open, then position and sew these edges vertically to sides of head, starting in line with head gusset seam.

Fastening off ends of yarn at nose point, use Chocolate to embroider three straight stitches to form an inverted "Y" shape for mouth. Sew nose piece in place, stuffing tip with a scrap of matching yarn.

● Fold each arm in half and join front seam up from wrist edge, leaving a 3 cm space open at top. Join paw and paw pad pieces together, leaving wrist edges open. Sew wrist edges of arms and paw pieces together. Stuff paws and arms firmly and join remainder of seam. Fold top edge in half and sew across. Join side edges on each sleeve cuff piece and slip over paw. Sew cast-off edge of cuff to first row of arm and turn up cuff.

- Fold each leg in half and join first 4 cm of boot front seam, starting at base edge. Sew boot soles to base of boots, matching boot seam to centre point of sole front edge. To stiffen soles, draw two 7 x 3.5 cm rectangles on to card and curve off each corner, then cut out and glue to wrong side of each sole. Join remainder of boot, sock and leg seam, leaving a 3 cm space at top. Stuff boots and legs firmly and join remainder of seam. Fold top edge in half and sew across.

● Mark arm positions on body sides, placing 8 rows down from neck edge. Mark leg positions on body sides, placing markers on first decrease row. Using a long needle and matching yarn, fasten off 6 rows down from top edge on inside of right arm. Insert needle into marked point on right side of body, draw out at point on left side and take a small stitch in same position on inside of left arm. Return needle through body to right side and take a small stitch in same position on right arm. Repeat once more, then pull up yarn tightly to draw arms into sockets and fasten off.

Attach legs to body in same way, this time sewing 8 rows down from top edge on inside of each leg.

● Wrap polo collar around neck and join side edges. With this seam at centre back, sew cast-off edge in place on top of neck seam and fold down collar.

● Join trouser pieces together from cast-off edge to markers for front and back seam, then join inside leg seams from markers to cast-on

edge. Fit trousers on bear, then sew cast-on edge of each leg to last Maroon row at top of sock. Position cast-off edge of trousers to cover first Navy row on body and sew in place with back stitch worked over every stitch along edge.

● Using a length of Walnut Bonus yarn, embroider five horizontal straight stitches across front seam of each boot for laces, then tie ends of yarn into a bow at top edge of boot and trim excess. Hold bow knot in place with glue, then spread a little glue over cut-end of each lace, roll between fingers and leave to harden.

● Press gilet as on ball band. Join shoulder seams. Fold each pocket along base foldline, then oversew side edges of front and back sections together. Fold down pocket flap along top foldline and hold in place by sewing on a button centrally, using a single strand drawn from a length of Bottle yarn. Arrange pockets in position on gilet and sew in place by working back stitches along top foldline of each pocket. Fit gilet on bear. Overlap front edges by 2 cm and hold in position with pins. Sew remaining four buttons in place down front, spacing evenly. Remove pins.

● Join side edges of each binocular piece, starting at gathered top edge and leaving a 1 cm space opening at base. Use tweezers to stuff firmly, then join remainder of seam. Work a gathering thread through every stitch on base edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Cut two 1.5 cm lengths of drinking straw, glue over straws and bind closely with Black yarn. Glue

binocular pieces to straw ends and leave to set. Secure a length of Black yarn to right-hand side of binoculars with a few stitches. With binoculars at front of bear, wrap yarn around back of neck. Secure remaining end to left-hand side of binoculars as before.

● To make robin, join side edges of body, leaving cast-on edge open. Use tweezers to stuff firmly. Work a gathering thread through every stitch on cast-on edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Join side edges of head, stuff firmly, then position and sew cast-on edge to body. Position and sew tail and wings in place, overlapping wing tips and catching together with a few stitches.

Embroider eyes with tiny stitches of black yarn. Work a small stitch for beak, spread with a little glue, pinch into V-shape between fingers and leave to set. Position and sew robin to top of head.

● Make blue tit in same manner as robin, leaving wing tips free. Before working eyes and beak, draw out a single strand from a length of Black yarn and use this to embroider three horizontal lines of split stitches on head above, below and in centre of White section.

● Join side edges of coconut, then fit inside section into shell. Using a length of Walnut Bonus yarn, take a stitch close to edge of coconut for hanging loop, then sew ends to right paw, knot and trim excess. Position and sew blue tit to coconut shell.