

# *Alice in Wonderland*



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## MATERIALS:

**TDB D.K.** yarn in 25g balls: 2 in Mid Blue, and 1 each in Pinky Beige, Coral, Dark Brown, White, Oatmeal and Palest Brown; 125g of washable toy stuffing; a pair of 3mm (no.11) knitting needles; two 8cm diameter circles of thick card; fabric adhesive, Newey Fray Check; Brown pencil.

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## TENSION:

26 sts and 36 rows to 10cm, worked over stocking stitch with double knitting on 3mm needles.

## ABBREVIATIONS:

beg = beginning; dec = decrease by working two stitches together; inc = increase by working into front and back of stitch; K = knit; P = purl; SKPO = slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over; st(s) = stitch(es); ss = stocking stitch; tog = together.

## MEASUREMENTS:

20cm/8in tall.

## NOTE:

Work all pieces in stocking stitch on 3mm needles, beginning with a K row, unless otherwise stated.

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## Teapot (make 1 piece)

With Mid Blue cast on 11 sts for top edge and ss 2 rows.

**Shape top, next row:** Inc into every st to end [22 sts].

P 1 row.

**Next row:** (Inc 1, K1) to end [33 sts].

P 1 row.

**Next row:** (K1, inc 1, K1) to end [44 sts].

P 1 row.

**Next row:** (K1, inc 1, K2) to end [55 sts].

P 1 row.

**Next row:** (K2, inc 1, K2) to end [66 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

P 2 rows.

**Shape side, next row:** K2, (K2, inc 1, K5) to end [74 sts].

P 1 row.

**Next row:** K2, (K3, inc 1, K5) to end [82 sts].

P 1 row.

**Next row:** K2, (K3, inc 1, K6) to end [90 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

**Next row:** K2, (K4, inc 1, K6) to end [98 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

**Next row:** K2, (K4, inc 1, K7) to end [106 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

**Next row:** K2, (K5, inc 1, K7) to end [114 sts].

Ss 9 rows.

**Next row:** K2, (K5, K 2 tog, K7) to end [106 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

**Next row:** K2, (K5, K 2 tog, K6) to end [98 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

**Next row:** K2, (K4, K 2 tog, K6) to end [90 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

**Next row:** K2, (K4, K 2 tog, K5) to end [82 sts].

P 1 row.

**Next row:** K2, (K3, K 2 tog, K5) to end [74 sts].

P 1 row.

**Next row:** K2, (K3, K 2 tog, K4) to end [66 sts].

P 3 rows.

Ss 2 rows.

**Shape base, next row:** (K2, K 2 tog, K2) to end [55 sts].

P 1 row.

**Next row:** (K2, K 2 tog, K1) to end [44 sts].

P 1 row.

**Next row:** (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [33 sts].

P 1 row.

**Next row:** (K1, K 2 tog) to end [22 sts].

P 1 row.

**Next row:** (K 2 tog) to end [11 sts].

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

## Teapot Spout (make 1 piece)

With Mid Blue cast on 8 sts for base edge and ss 2 rows.

**Shape base opening:** Inc 1 st at beg and end of next 2 rows [12 sts].

Inc 1 st at beg of next 6 rows [18 sts].

Inc 1 st at beg and end of next 2 rows [22 sts].

Cast on 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows for top of base opening [30 sts].

Ss 4 rows.

**Next row:** (K2, K 2 tog, K1) to end [24 sts].

P 1 row.

**Next row:** K10, K 2 tog, SKPO, K10 [22 sts].

P 1 row.

**Next row:** K9, K 2 tog, SKPO, K9 [20 sts].

P 1 row.

**Next row:** K8, K 2 tog, SKPO, K8 [18 sts].

Ss 7 rows.

P 2 rows for end fold.

**Work spout end lining, next row:** K6, (K 2 tog, K4) twice [16 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

**Next row:** (K 2 tog) to end [8 sts].

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

## Teapot Handle (make 1 piece)

With Mid Blue cast on 6 sts for base edge and ss 2 rows.

**Shape base opening:** Inc 1 st at beg and end of next 4 rows [14 sts].

Ss 36 rows.

**Shape top, next row:** (K 2 tog) to end [7 sts].

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

## ***Dormouse Body Back (make 1 piece)***

With Palest Brown cast on 46 sts for base edge and ss 6 rows.

**Next row:** K2, (K 2 tog, K2) to end [35 sts].

P 1 row.

**Next row:** K2, (K 2 tog, K1) to end [24 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

**Shape back neck, next row:** Cast off 6 sts at beg of next 2 rows [12 sts].

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows [6 sts].

Cast off.

## ***Dormouse Body Front (make 1 piece)***

With Oatmeal cast on 22 sts for base edge and ss 6 rows.

**Next row:** K2, (K 2 tog, K2) to end [17 sts].

P 1 row.

**Next row:** K2, (K 2 tog, K1) to end [12 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Cast off for neck edge.

## ***Dormouse Head (make 1 piece)***

With Palest Brown cast on 10 sts for back edge and ss 2 rows.

**Next row:** Inc into every st to end [20 sts].

P 1 row.

**Next row:** (Inc 1, K1) to end [30 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

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

Ss 3 rows.

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

Ss 7 rows.

**Shape front, next row:** (K2, K 2 tog, K1) to end [40 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

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

P 1 row.

Change to Oatmeal for snout and ss 2 rows.

**Next row:** (K1, K 2 tog) to end [20 sts].

P 1 row.

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

P 1 row.

**Next row:** (K1, K 2 tog, K3, SKPO, K1) twice [14 sts].

P 1 row.

**Next row:** (K 2 tog, K3, SKPO) twice [10 sts].

P 1 row.

Cast off for snout end.

## ***Dormouse Ears (make 2 pieces)***

With Pinky Beige cast on 20 sts for outer edge and ss 2 rows.

**Next row:** K6, (SKPO, K 2 tog) twice, K6 [16 sts].

**Next row:** P6, (P 2 tog) twice, P6 [14 sts].

Cast off.

## ***Dormouse Paws (make 1 piece)***

With Pinky Beige cast on 7 sts.

**Next row:** (Wrong side) K3, P4.

K 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows two more times.

Cast off K wise.

## To Make Up

Work a gathering thread through every stitch on top edge of teapot, draw up tightly and fasten off, then join seam for 8cm from this point. Also join seam for 8cm from gathered base edge. Glue card circles inside top and base of teapot, matching circle edge with garter stitch row, and leave to set. Stuff teapot firmly, then join remainder of seam. Join spout seam from gathered end to top of base opening. Turn spout to wrong side and spread a little glue each side of garter stitch fold line. Turn to right side, pushing lining section inside spout end, and leave to set. Stuff spout firmly, then position and sew base opening to teapot, having teapot seam running down centre of opening. Join teapot handle seam, leaving shaped base open, and draw up sewing yarn slightly to curve handle. Stuff firmly, then position and sew base opening and top edge to teapot side. Using Coral yarn, embroider daisies at random over teapot, using detached chain stitches and varying the number of petals on each daisy. With White yarn, embroider 2 small satin stitches in the centre of each daisy for stamens. Join dormouse body front and back pieces together along side seams, then sew base edges to top of teapot, just inside garter stitch row, placing body front centrally. Take head piece and fold snout end in half and join, then join head seam, leaving a 3cm space open at back. Stuff head firmly and join remainder of seam. Stuff body firmly, then position and sew head to body neck edge. Sew paws to base of body front. Mark eye positions with pins, 5 knit stitches apart and 2 knit rows away from Oatmeal snout section. With a length of Palest Brown yarn and a long needle, insert at left eye and draw out at right eye, then take a tiny stitch and return to left eye. Repeat once more and draw up yarn to indent eye sockets. Tie off yarn and darn ends into head. With a length of Dark Brown

yarn, embroider each eye by working a circle of 6 chain stitches, then embroider mouth on snout end with straight stitches. Work a tiny stitch of White yarn on each eye for 'gloss'. With 'Pinky Beige' yarn, embroider nose by working a triangle of satin stitches. Colour top of snout with Dark Brown pencil to blend in with Palest Brown section. Fold cast off edge of each ear piece in half and join, then shade knit side of each ear with Dark Brown pencil. Fold ears in half, then position and sew to sides of head, having front edges in line with last increase row at back of head. Cut eight 15cm lengths of Dark Brown yarn for whiskers and carefully draw out a single strand from each piece. Using the 2 remaining strands of each piece, hold yarn taut and twist ends tightly. Bring ends together and allow yarn to twist into a cord, then knot open ends to prevent unravelling. Cover a piece of corrugated cardboard with a plastic bag, and tape in place. Pull each whisker taut and hold in a straight line by pushing a pin through each end and into card. Spread with Fray Check and leave to set, then remove from card and trim away knotted end so that each whisker measures 4cm. Mark whisker positions on snout with pins. Make a hole through stuffing with knitting needle at one position, spread a little glue over cut end of whisker and insert into hole. Repeat with remaining whiskers, arrange in position and leave to set. You may also stiffen cast on edges of ears with Fray Check to keep in position if desired.