



Woman's Weekly Knitting

The White Rabbit

Beautifully interpreted as a knitted toy by Alan Dart, one of *Alice in Wonderland's* best-loved characters is all set to proclaim the case for the Queen of Hearts' tarts

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MATERIALS

Of D.K. yarn in 25 g balls, allow: 3 White and 1 each in Bright Yellow, Flesh, Blue, Red and Black. (Available as a kit, see coupon overleaf.) No 11 (3 mm) knitting needles; a size 2.50 crochet hook; 125 g washable toy stuffing; White sewing thread; a yellow drinking straw.

TENSION AND SIZE

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 rabbit will measure 35 cm/14 in tall.

ABBREVIATIONS

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

NOTE

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

BODY

(make 1 piece)

● With White, cast on 13 sts for base edge and ss 2 rows.

1st inc row: Inc in each st to end — 26 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: [Inc, k1] to end — 39 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd inc row: K1, [inc, k2] to last 2 sts, inc, k1 — 52 sts. Ss 3 rows.

4th inc row: K1, [inc, k3] to last 3 sts, inc, k2 — 65 sts. Ss 5 rows.

5th inc row: K2, [inc, k4] to last 3 sts, inc, k2 — 78 sts. Ss 15 rows.

Shape top of body:

1st dec row: K2, [k2tog, k4] to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 — 65 sts. Ss 7 rows.

2nd dec row: K2, [k2tog, k3] to last 3 sts,

k2tog, k1 — 52 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Shape sides: 1st dec row: K11, skpo, k2tog, k22, skpo, k2tog, k11 — 48 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: K10, skpo, k2tog, k20, skpo, k2tog, k10 — 44 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd dec row: K9, skpo, k2tog, k18, skpo, k2tog, k9 — 40 sts. P 1 row.

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

5th dec row: K7, skpo, k2tog, k14, skpo, k2tog, k7 — 32 sts. P 1 row.

6th dec row: K6, skpo, k2tog, k12, skpo, k2tog, k6 — 28 sts. P 1 row.

Cast off for shoulder edge.

HEAD

(make 1 piece)

● With White, cast on 12 sts for back 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. P 1 row.

3rd inc row: K1, [inc, k2] to last 2 sts, inc, k1 — 48 sts. Ss 3 rows.

4th inc row: K1, [inc, k3] to last 3 sts, inc, k2 — 60 sts. Ss 9 rows.

Shape front: 1st dec row: K2, [k2tog, k4] to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 — 50 sts. Ss 5 rows.

2nd dec row: K2, [k2tog, k3] to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 — 40 sts. P 1 row.

Shape mouth: Next row: K1, skpo, k2tog, k30, skpo, k2tog,

k1 — 36 sts. P 1 row.

Cast off 3 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 30 sts.

Next dec row: K2, [k2tog, k3] to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 — 24 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Next dec row: K1, [k2tog, k2] to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 — 18 sts. P 1 row.

Next dec row: [K1, k2tog] to end — 12 sts. Ss 2 rows.

Cast off for front edge.

LEGS

(make 2 pieces)

● With White, cast on 12 sts for base edge.

Inc row: [Inc] twice, k2, [inc] 4 times, k2, [inc] twice — 20 sts. P 1 row.

Inc row: [Inc] 4 times, k4, [inc] 4 times — 32 sts. P 1 row.

Shape heel: 1st inc row: K14, inc, k1, inc, k15 — 34 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: K15, inc, k1, inc, k16 — 36 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Shape toe: 1st dec row: K1, [skpo, k2tog] twice, k18, [skpo, k2tog] twice, k1 — 28 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K1, skpo, k2tog, k18, skpo, k2tog, k1 — 24 sts. P 1 row.

Cast off 3 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 18 sts.

Dec 1 st at beginning of next 2 rows — 16 sts. Ss 6 rows.

Next inc row: K1, [inc, k3] to last 3 sts, inc, k2 — 20 sts. P 1 row.

Cast off for top edge.

LEFT ARM
(make 1 piece)

● With White, cast on 6 sts for top edge and ss 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at beginning of next 8 rows — 14 sts.

For underarm: Cast on 4 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 22 sts. Ss 8 rows.

*** Shape wrist: Next dec row:** K3, [k2tog, k3] to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 — 18 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Shape thumb: Next row: K9, turn and cast on 6 sts, turn and k to end — 24 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Next row: K9, cast off next 6 sts, k to end — 18 sts. P 1 row.

Next dec row: K1, [k2tog, k4, skpo] twice, k1 — 14 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Next dec row: K1, [k2tog, k2, skpo] twice, k1 — 10 sts. P 1 row.

Cast off for end of hand. *

RIGHT ARM

(make 1 piece)

● With White, cast on 6 sts for top edge and ss 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at each end of next 4 rows — 14 sts.

For underarm: Cast on 4 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 22 sts. Ss 4 rows.

Shape elbow: 1st row: K7, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn.

2nd row: Sl1, p to end.

3rd row: K6, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn.

4th row: Sl1, p to end.

5th row: K5, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn.

6th row: Sl1, p to end.

7th row: K6, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn.

8th row: Sl1, p to end.

9th row: K7, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn.

10th row: Sl1, p to end.

11th row: K8, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn.

12th row: Sl1, p to end.

13th row: K across all sts — 22 sts.

14th row: P7, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn.

15th row: Sl1, k to end.

16th row: P6, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn.

17th row: Sl1, k to end.

18th row: P5, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn.

19th row: Sl1, k to end.

20th row: P6, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn.

21st row: Sl1, k to end.

22nd row: P7, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn.

23rd row: Sl1, k to end.

24th row: P8, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn.

25th row: Sl1, k to end.

26th row: P across all sts — 22 sts. Ss 8 rows.

Work as given for left arm from * to *.

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TABARD

(make 2 pieces)

With Blue, cast on 40 sts for base edge. Change to Yellow and ss 6 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row.

Ss 3 rows.

Repeat the last 4 rows twice more — 34 sts.

Change to Blue, then dec 1 st at each end of next row — 32 sts.

P 1 row. Change to Yellow and ss 2 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row. Ss 3 rows.

Repeat the last 4 rows, 3 times more — 24 sts.

Change to Blue and ss 2 rows.

Cast off for shoulder edge.

EAR LININGS

(make 2 pieces)

With Flesh, work as given for ears.

EYES

(make 2 pieces)

With Flesh, cast on 10 sts and ss 2 rows. Break yarn, leaving an end, thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

TRUMPET

(make 1 piece)

With Yellow, cast on 18 sts for end and ss 2 rows.

Next dec row: [K1, k2tog] to end — 12 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Next dec row: [K2tog] to end — 6 sts. Ss 33 rows. Cast off.

TRUMPET BANNER

(make 1 piece)

With Blue, cast on 13 sts for top edge and ss 18 rows for back. P 2 rows for base foldline.

HEART MOTIF

(below)

Using a separate ball of yarn for each colour change, twisting yarns when changing colours, to avoid leaving a gap.

1st row: K6 Blue, 1 Red, 6 Blue.

This row places position of motif.

Work remaining 13 rows of heart motif shown at top left-hand corner of chart.

With Blue, ss 2 rows.

Cast off for top edge.

TO MAKE UP

Join body seam, then work a gathering thread through every st on cast-on edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Stuff body firmly, then with seam running down centre back, fold shoulder edge flat and join. Fold each leg in half and join front and base seam, leaving top edge open. Stuff firmly, then position and sew to

base of body. Catch top of legs together with a few sts. Fold each arm in half and



RUFF

(make 1 piece)

With White, cast on 7 sts and gst 142 rows for side piece. Cast off. With right side of work facing and with White, pick up and k 71 sts evenly spaced along one long edge of ruff side piece.

** 1st row: P2, [k1, p2] to end.

2nd row: K2, [p1, k2] to end.

3rd row: P2, [k1, p2] to end.

4th (dec) row: K2, [p1, k2tog] to end — 48 sts.

5th row: [P1, k1] to end.

Repeat the 5th row, twice more.

Next dec row: [K2, k2tog] to end — 36 sts. Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows.

Next dec row: [K1, k2tog] to end — 24 sts. P 1 row.

Next dec row: [K2tog] to end — 12 sts.

Break yarn, leaving an end, thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off. **

With right side of work facing and with White, pick up and k 71 sts evenly spaced along remaining long edge of ruff side piece and work from ** to **.

TABARD BOWS

(make 2 pieces)

With Blue, cast on 50 sts and k 1 row. Cast off kwise.

TAIL

(make 1 piece)

With White, cast on 4 sts for base edge and ss 2 rows.

Inc row: Inc in each st to end — 8 sts. P 1 row. Inc 1 st at beginning of next 6 rows — 14 sts.

Cast on 3 sts at beginning of next 2 rows for top of base opening — 20 sts. Ss 6 rows.

Next dec row: [K2tog] to end — 10 sts.

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

EARS

(make 2 pieces)

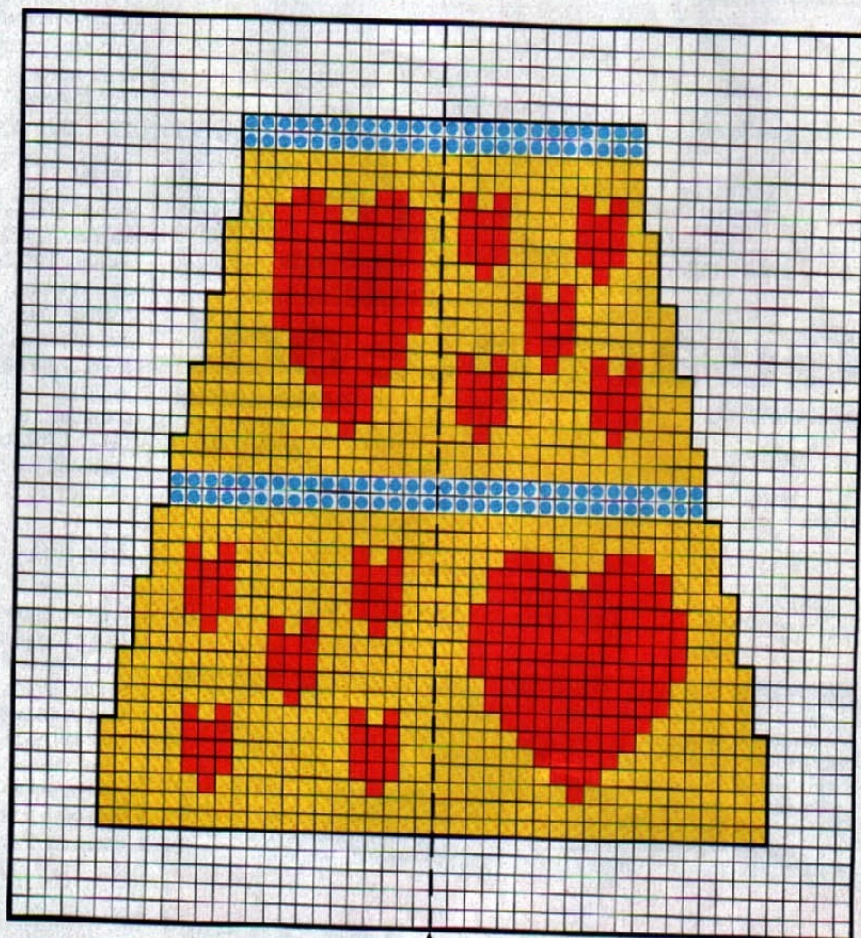
With White, cast on 10 sts for base edge and ss 8 rows.

Inc 1 st at each end of next row — 12 sts. Ss 9 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row. Ss 3 rows.

Repeat the last 4 rows, 3 times more — 4 sts.

Cast off.



CHAIN STITCH

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join seam from underarm down and across end of hand, then join thumb seams. Stuff firmly, using tweezers to push stuffing into thumbs, then position and sew to body sides.

- Join tail seam, leaving base opening free. Stuff firmly, then position and sew to body back, placing cast-on edge in line with fourth increase row at base of body.

- Following instructions on ball band, press tabard pieces lightly on wrong side. With Blue, embroider a vertical line of chain st down centre of each piece, and also down each side edge.

- Following chart on page 57, Swiss darn heart motifs with Red yarn. Press again, then join shoulder edges, position on body and sew in place with a few sts at neck point. Join ruff seam, leaving a 3 cm space open. Stuff lightly, then join remainder of seam and sew edge of central stocking st section on underside of ruff to top of body, sewing through both tabard and body layers of knitting.

- Fold head piece in half and join from front, leaving a 3 cm space open at back, stuff firmly. Join remainder of seam, then work a gathering thread through every st on cast-on edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Sew head to

edge of stocking st section on top of ruff, positioning head so it faces to the right. Join ear and ear lining pieces, then fold base edge in half and oversew. Position and sew to back of head in line with third increase row.

Mark eye positions with pins. Using a long needle and length of White yarn, work several sts through head between these points, drawing up to indent eye sockets. Fasten off. Join

seam on each eye, stuff firmly, then work a gathering thread through every st on cast-on edge. Draw up tightly and fasten off.

Position eyes in sockets and sew in place with sewing thread. Embroider

a circle of 7 chain sts in Black on each eye for pupils. Using a length of White yarn, work a single st on each pupil for "gloss". With a length of Flesh yarn, embroider a triangle of three straight sts for nose and fill in with horizontal satin sts, then embroider a single vertical st directly below nose.

- Cut a 9 cm length of yellow drinking straw and wrap with trumpet piece, placing end of straw in line with cast-off edge. Oversew side edges of trumpet together, then sew cast-off edge to mouth. Wrap right hand around trumpet and sew in place with sewing thread, sewing through straw to secure. Darn in ends on trumpet banner and press lightly, then fold in half and oversew round side and top edges. Cut several 8 cm lengths of Yellow yarn. Using crochet hook and one strand of yarn for each tassel, work fringing round side and base edges. Trim ends to 1 cm. Sew each end of top edge loosely to trumpet with Yellow yarn. Press bow pieces, then tie each into a bow and sew to ends of tabard shoulder seam.