



Knitted toy

Bagpuss

Dear Bagpuss, old furry cat-puss!
The most important, the most beautiful,
the most magical saggy old cloth cat
in the whole wide world brilliantly
interpreted by designer Alan Dart

INSTRUCTIONS
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MATERIALS

2 x 100 g balls of Sirdar Supersoft Toddler Aran in Cream (831) and 1 ball in Disco Pink (865); 1 x 25 g ball of Sirdar Bonus Toytime DK in each of Royal (979) and Black (965) and small amount in White (961). 325 g washable toy stuffing and a wire tease brush. No. 8 (4 mm) and No. 11 (3 mm) knitting needles. Yarn costs about £2.40 per 100 g ball of Sirdar Supersoft Toddler Aran and 70 p per 25 g ball of Sirdar Bonus Toytime DK. For stockists, write to: Sirdar Spinning Ltd, Flanshaw Lane, Alverthorpe, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF2 9ND (01924 371501).

TENSION

21 stitches and 28 rows, to 10 x 10 cm, over stocking stitch, using No. 8 (4 mm) needles and Aran yarn.
26 stitches and 36 rows, to 10 x 10 cm, over stocking stitch, using No. 11 (3 mm) needles and DK yarn. The toy will measure 20 cm/8 in tall and 46 cm/18 in long.

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); **psso**, pass sl st over; **skpo**, (sl1, k1, psso); **ytf**, yarn to front; **ytb**, yarn to back.

NOTE

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

BODY BACK

With No. 8 (4 mm) needles and Disco Pink, cast on 56 sts for neck edge.

Working in stripes of 8 rows Disco Pink and 8 rows Cream throughout, ss 10 rows.

1st inc row: K6, inc, [k13, inc] 3 times, k7 — 60 sts. Ss 11 rows.

2nd inc row: K7, inc, [k14, inc] 3 times, k7 — 64 sts. Ss 11 rows. **3rd inc row:** K7, inc, [k15, inc] 3 times, k8 — 68 sts. Ss 11 rows. **4th inc row:** K8, inc, [k16, inc] 3 times, k8 — 72 sts. Ss 21 rows.

1st dec row: K2, k2tog, [k4, k2tog] 11 times, k2 — 60 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: K2, k2tog, [k3, k2tog] 11 times, k1 — 48 sts. Ss 3 rows. **3rd dec row:** K1, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] 11 times, k1 — 36 sts. P 1 row. **4th dec row:** [K1, k2tog] to end — 24 sts. P 1 row. **5th dec row:** With Cream, [k2tog] 12 times — 12 sts.

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

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BODY FRONT

With No. 8 (4 mm) needles and Cream, cast on 18 sts for neck edge.

Ss 16 rows.

1st inc row: K4, inc, k8, inc, k4 — 20 sts. Ss 15 rows. **2nd inc row:** K4, inc, k9, inc, k5 — 22 sts. Ss 15 rows. **3rd inc row:** K5, inc, k10, inc, k5 — 24 sts. Ss 21 rows.

1st dec row: K2, k2tog, [k4, k2tog] 3 times, k2 — 20 sts. Ss 3 rows. **2nd dec row:** K2, k2tog, [k3, k2tog] 3 times, k1 — 16 sts. Ss 3 rows. **3rd dec row:** K1, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] 3 times, k1 — 12 sts. P 1 row.

4th dec row: [K1, k2tog] 4 times — 8 sts. Break yarn leaving a long end. Thread end through remaining sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

HEAD

With No. 8 (4 mm) needles and Disco Pink, cast on 18 sts for left chin edge. Working in stripes of 6 rows Disco Pink and 6 rows Cream, continue

thus: Ss 2 rows. Inc 1 st at beginning of next 10 rows — 28 sts.

K 1 row, placing yellow marker at beginning and red marker at end of row.

P 1 row. Dec 1 st each end of next row and 2 following alternate rows — 25 sts.

Ss 5 rows.

Change to Disco Pink and ss 2 rows. Inc 1 st at end of next row and 2 following alternate rows — 28 sts. P 1 row, placing blue marker at beginning of row. Continue in Cream, ss 2 rows.

Shape left ear dart: **1st row:** K26, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **2nd row:** Sl1, p24, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **3rd row:** Sl1, k23, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

4th row: Sl1, p22, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **5th row:** Sl1, k21, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **6th row:** Sl1, p20, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **7th row:** Sl1, k19, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **8th row:** Sl1, p18, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **9th row:** Sl1, k17, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **10th row:** Sl1, p16, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **11th row:** Sl1, k15, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **12th row:** Sl1, p14, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **13th row:** Sl1, k13, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **14th row:** Sl1, p12, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **15th row:** Sl1, k20. P 1 row across all sts.

Shape back of head: Working in stripes of 6 rows Disco Pink, 8 rows Cream, 8 rows Disco Pink, 8 rows Cream and 6 rows Disco Pink, continue thus: dec 1 st at beginning of next row and 5 following alternate rows — 22 sts. Ss 13 rows. Inc 1 st at beginning of next row and 5 following alternate rows — 28 sts. P 1 row.

Continue in Cream, ss 2 rows. **Shape right ear dart:** **1st row:** K20, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **2nd row:** Sl1, p12, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **3rd row:** Sl1, k13, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **4th row:** Sl1, p14, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **5th row:** Sl1, k15, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **6th row:** Sl1, p16, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **7th row:** Sl1, k17, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **8th row:** Sl1, p18, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **9th row:** Sl1, k19, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **10th row:** Sl1, p20, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **11th row:** Sl1, k21, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **12th row:** Sl1, p22, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **13th row:** Sl1, k23, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **14th row:** Sl1, p24, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **15th row:** Sl1, k26. P 1 row across all sts.

Change to Disco Pink. K 1 row, placing a blue marker at end of row. P 1 row. Dec 1 st at end of next row and 2 following alternate rows — 25 sts.

P 1 row. Working in stripes of 6 rows Cream and 6 rows Disco Pink, continue thus: Ss 6 rows. Inc 1 st at end of next row and 2 following alternate rows — 25 sts. P 1 row, placing red marker at beginning and yellow marker at end of row — 28 sts. Dec 1 st at beginning of next

12 rows — 16 sts. Cast off for right chin edge.

CHIN

With No. 8 (4 mm) needles and Cream, cast on 14 sts for neck edge. Ss 36 rows.

Shape bottom lip: **1st row:** K12, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **2nd row:** Sl1, p10, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **3rd row:** Sl1, k9, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **4th row:** Sl1, p8, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **5th row:** Sl1, k7, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **6th row:** Sl1, p6, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **7th row:** Sl1, k6, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **8th row:** Sl1, p7, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **9th row:** Sl1, k8, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **10th row:** Sl1, p9, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **11th row:** Sl1, k10, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **12th row:** Sl1, p11, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **13th row:** Sl1, k13. P 1 row across all sts.

Cast off for mouth edge.

FACE

With No. 8 (4 mm) needles and Disco Pink, cast on 7 sts for left side edge. Ss 2 rows. Inc 1 st at beginning of next row — 8 sts. P 1 row.

Join in Cream and inc 1 st at beginning of next row and 2 following alternate rows — 11 sts. P 1 row. With Disco Pink, ss 6 rows. With Cream, ss 2 rows, then dec 1 st at beginning of next row and following alternate row — 9 sts. P 1 row.

With Disco Pink, dec 1 st at beginning of next row and following alternate row — 7 sts. P 1 row.

Cast off for right side edge.

MUZZLE

With No. 8 (4 mm) needles and Cream, cast on 60 sts for face edge. Place a blue marker between the 20th and 21st sts and the 40th and 41st sts on cast on edge. Ss 2 rows.

Right side: **Next row:** K20, turn and working on these sts only, ss 3 rows. Dec 1 st at beginning of next row and at same edge on following 11 rows — 8 sts. Cast off for centre front edge.

Nose gusset: **Next row:** With right side facing, rejoin Cream to remaining 40 sts, k20, turn and working on these sts only, p 1 row. **1st dec row:** Cast off 2 sts, k to last 2 sts, k2tog. **2nd dec row:** Cast off 2 sts, p to last 2 sts, p2tog. Repeat the last 2 rows, twice more — 2 sts. Cast off.

Left side: **Next row:** With right side facing, rejoin Cream to remaining 20 sts. Ss 4 rows. Dec 1 st at end of next row and at same edge on following 11 rows — 8 sts. Cast off for centre front edge.

RIGHT FRONT LEG

With No. 8 (4 mm) needles and Disco Pink, cast on 10 sts for top edge. Working in stripes of 8 rows Disco Pink and 8 rows Cream, ss 2 rows. Inc 1 st at beginning of next 14 rows — 24 sts.

Shape base of top opening: Cast on 4 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 32 sts. Ss 30 rows. **

Paw sole: With Cream, k11, inc, turn and work on these 13 sts only. Ss 5 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 9 sts. Cast off for front edge.

Paw top: With right side facing, rejoin Disco Pink to remaining 20 sts, inc, k to end — 21 sts. Ss 4 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 17 sts. **Next row:** [P2tog] 4 times, p1, [p2tog] 4 times — 9 sts. Cast off for front edge.

LEFT FRONT LEG

Work as right front leg to **.

Paw top: With Disco Pink, k19, inc, turn and work on these 21 sts only. Ss 4 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 17 sts. **Next row:** [P2tog] 4 times, p1, [p2tog] 4 times — 9 sts. Cast off for front edge.

Paw sole: With right side facing, rejoin Cream to remaining 12 sts, inc, k to end — 13 sts. Ss 5 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 9 sts. Cast off for front edge.

RIGHT BACK LEG

With No. 8 (4 mm) needles and Disco Pink, cast on 10 sts for top edge. Working in stripes of 8 rows Disco Pink and 8 rows Cream, ss 2 rows. Inc 1 st at beginning of next 22 rows — 32 sts.

Shape base of top opening: Cast on 4 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 40 sts. Ss 4 rows.

1st dec row: K4, k2tog, [k8, k2tog] 3 times, k4 — 36 sts. Ss 5 rows. **2nd dec row:** K4, k2tog, [k7, k2tog] 3 times, k3 — 32 sts. Ss 11 rows. ***

Paw sole: With Cream, k11, inc, turn and work on these 13 sts only. Ss 13 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 9 sts. Cast off for front edge.

Paw top: With right side facing, rejoin Disco Pink to remaining 20 sts, inc, k to end — 21 sts. Ss 7 rows. Join in Cream and ss 5 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 17 sts. **Next row:** [P2tog] 4 times, p1, [p2tog] 4 times — 9 sts. Cast off for front edge.

LEFT BACK LEG

Work as right back leg to ***.

Paw top: With Disco Pink, k19, inc, turn and work on these 21 sts only. Ss 7 rows. Join in Cream and ss 5 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 17 sts. **Next row:** [P2tog] 4 times, p1, [p2tog] 4 times — 9 sts. Cast off for front edge.

Paw sole: With right side facing, rejoin Cream to remaining 12 sts, inc, k to end — 13 sts. Ss 13 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 9 sts. Cast off for front edge.

TAIL

With No. 8 (4 mm) needles and Disco Pink, cast on 12 sts for top edge. Working in stripes of 8 rows Disco Pink and 8 rows Cream throughout, ss 2 rows. Inc 1 st at beginning of next 16 rows — 28 sts.

Shape base of back opening: Cast on 6 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 40 sts. Ss 18 rows.

1st dec row: K3, k2tog, [k6, k2tog] 4 times, k3 — 35 sts. Ss 9 rows. **2nd dec row:** K3, k2tog, [k5, k2tog] 4 times, k2 — 30 sts. Ss 9 rows.

3rd dec row: K2, k2tog, [k4, k2tog] 4 times, k2 — 25 sts. Ss 9 rows. **4th dec row:** K2, k2tog, [k3, k2tog] 4 times, k1 — 20 sts. P 1 row. **5th dec row:** [K2tog] to end — 10 sts.

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

EARS (make 2)

With No. 8 (4 mm) needles and Cream, cast on 22 sts for base edge. Ss 4 rows. Dec 1 st at beginning of next 4 rows — 18 sts.

Join in Disco Pink. Dec 1 st at beginning of next 4 rows — 14 sts. Dec 1 st at each end of next 6 rows — 2 sts. K2tog and fasten off.

EAR LININGS (make 2)

Using Cream throughout, work as given for ears.

EYEBROWS (make 2)

With No. 8 (4 mm) needles and Disco Pink, cast on 14 sts.

1st row: K. **2nd row:** P12, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **3rd row:** Sl1, k10, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **4th row:** Sl1, p9, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **5th row:** Sl1, k8, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

6th row: Sl1, p7, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **7th row:** Sl1, k6, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **8th row:** Sl1, p6, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

9th row: Sl1, k7, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **10th row:** Sl1, p8, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

11th row: Sl1, k9, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **12th row:** Sl1, p10, ytb,

sl1, ytf, turn. **13th row:** Sl1, k12. P 1 row across all sts. Cast off.

EYES (make 2)

With No. 11 (3 mm) needles and Royal, cast on 14 sts.

Ss 6 rows. Break yarn leaving a long end. Thread end through remaining sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

MOUTH PIECE

With No. 11 (3 mm) needles and Black, cast on 13 sts for base edge. Working in ss, k1 row. Dec 1 st at each end of next 5 rows — 3 sts.

Next row: Sl1, k2tog, psso and fasten off leaving a 50-cm long end.

NOSE

With No. 11 (3 mm) needles and Black, cast on 8 sts for top edge.

Ss 5 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows — 2 sts. K2tog and fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Join back and front of body piece, leaving neck edge open, then stuff body firmly. Sew side edges of chin piece to head piece, placing cast-on edge of chin piece in line with yellow markers on head and cast off edge of chin piece in line with red markers on head.

Sew straight edge of face piece to cast-on edge of muzzle between blue markers (face stripes will run vertically up from muzzle). Fold muzzle piece in half and, starting at cast-on edge, join side edges, then join cast-off edges for centre front. Sew in nose gusset. Insert assembled muzzle and face piece into opening at front of head, matching blue markers, and positioning end of muzzle front seam in centre of cast-off edge of chin piece and sew in place.

Stuff head firmly, then position and join back edge to neck edge of body, sewing neck edge of chin piece centrally to neck edge of body front. Join paw sole and paw top sections on each leg. Join remainder of leg seam, stopping at base edge of top opening. Stuff legs firmly, then pin leg tops in position on body as in photo and sew in place. Bend back legs as in photo and catch to body with a few stitches to retain shape.

Join tail seam from gathered

end up to base of opening, drawing up yarn slightly to make tail curve. Stuff lightly, then position and sew opening edge to back of body.

Join side edges of ear and ear lining pieces together, then oversew base edges together. Fold ears vertically to form a right angle and sew one to each side of head, placing ear within Cream ear dart section. Fold each eyebrow in half and oversew cast-on and cast-off edges together. Position and sew eyebrows to top of face section, following line of curved seam.

Raise fur pile on knitting, by brushing gently with teasing brush until a light furry effect is achieved. This must be done before you continue with the following instructions.

Using a length of Black, embroider three straight stitches round front of each paw to form claws, fastening off at beginning and end with a tiny back stitch to secure.

Join side edges of each eye piece. Work a gathering thread through every stitch on cast-on edge, draw up tightly and fasten off securely. Position and sew eyes to base of face section, placing eyes within Cream stripes. With a length of Black, embroider a vertical oval shape of 12 chain stitches on each eye, then fill in the centre of each oval with a horizontal satin stitch. Use a length of White to embroider two tiny vertical satin stitches at top of each oval for gloss marks.

Pin mouth piece in position at base of muzzle and sew side edges in place, then sew cast-on edge to seam at top of chin piece. Use length of Black yarn remaining at top of mouth piece to embroider a single, vertical, straight stitch on top of centre muzzle seam, fastening off at nose point. Position and sew nose in place on nose gusset, stuffing lightly with a few scraps of matching yarn.

Draw out a single strand from a length of Black yarn and using 2 remaining strands, embroider 12 French knots across muzzle as in photo on page 57.

