

BEATRIX POTTER'S Cousin Ribby

From *Samuel Whiskers*,
a favourite story by
Beatrix Potter, we're
delighted to
present Cousin
Ribby, a forthright
feline cleverly
portrayed as
a knitted toy



Cousin Ribby
comes to the
rescue of
her worried
neighbour,
Mrs Tabitha
Twitchit, and
helps her find
her lost kittens

YOU WILL NEED

Materials

TDB D.K. in 25 g balls: 3 in Rose, 2 in Light Brown, 1 each in Airforce Blue, Oatmeal and Dark Beige, and small amounts in Dark Brown, Black, White and Pale Green; 200 g washable toy stuffing; a pair of No. 11 (3 mm) knitting needles and a No. 11 (3 mm) circular needle (80 cm length); an 11 cm diameter of 5 mm thick washing-up sponge and two circles 5 cm in diameter; PVA glue; Rose Pink powder blusher. The TDB Special Yarn Only Pack includes yarns as listed above. The TDB kit includes yarn and pattern. See coupon on page 49 for details.

Tension

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 33 cm/13 in tall.

Abbreviations

k, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **sl**, slip; **tog**, together; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease (by taking 2 sts tog); **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and k or p into back of it; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **skpo**, (sl1, k1, pass sl st over); **yf**, yarn forward to make a st; **yrn**, yarn round needle to make a st.

Note

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

HEAD

With Light Brown, cast on 15 sts for back of head. Ss 2 rows.

Next row: Inc into every st — 30 sts.

Ss 3 rows. **Next row:** K1, [up1, k2] to last st, up1, k1 — 45 sts.

Ss 3 rows. **Next row:** K2, [up1, k3] to last st, up1, k1 — 60 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Next row: K3, [up1, k4] to last st, up1, k1 — 75 sts. Ss 17 rows.

Shape front of head:

Next row: [K3, k2tog] to end — 60 sts. P 1 row.

Divide for right side: **Next row:** K24, turn and work on these sts only.

Next row: P2tog, p to end. **Next row:** K to last 2 sts, k2tog.

Repeat last 2 rows once more — 20 sts.

Next row: [P2, p2tog] to end — 15 sts.

Change to Oatmeal for muzzle.

Ss 2 rows.

Dec 1 st at beginning of next row, then at each end of following row. Repeat the last 2 rows twice more — 6 sts. Cast off.

NOSE

GUSSET

Next row: Rejoin Light Brown to remaining sts, k12, turn and work on these sts only. P 1 row.

Dec 1 st at each end of the next 3 rows — 6 sts. Ss 7 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of the next row — 4 sts. P 1 row. Cast off.

Work left side: **Next row:** Rejoin Light Brown to remaining 24 sts, k to end.

Next row: P to last 2 sts, p2tog. **Next row:** K2tog, k to end.

Repeat last 2 rows once more — 20 sts.

Next row: [P2tog, p2] to end — 15 sts.

Change to Oatmeal for muzzle.

Ss 2 rows.

Dec 1 st at end of next row and then at each end of following row. Repeat last 2 rows twice more — 6 sts. Cast off.

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LEFT EAR

With Light Brown, cast on 3 sts. Ss 2 rows.

Next row: Cast on 2 sts, k to end. P 1 row. Repeat last 2 rows 3 times more — 11 sts.

Next row: Cast on 7 sts, k to end — 18 sts. P 1 row.

** Dec 1 st at beginning of next 10 rows —

8 sts. Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 4 sts. Cast off. **

RIGHT EAR

LINING

With Oatmeal, work as left ear.

RIGHT EAR

With Light Brown, cast on 3 sts.

K 1 row.

Next row: Cast on 2 sts, p to end.

K 1 row. Repeat last 2 rows, 3 times more —

11 sts. **Next row:** Cast on 7 sts, p to end — 18 sts. Ss 2 rows.

Work as left ear from ** to **.

LEFT EAR

LINING

With Oatmeal, work as right ear.

EYES

(make 2)

With Pale Green, cast on 7 sts.

Ss 2 rows. **Next row:** Inc in every st — 14 sts.

Ss 2 rows. Break yarn leaving a long end, thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

TAIL

With Light Brown, cast on 16 sts.

Ss 6 rows Light Brown and 4 rows Dark Brown. Repeat last 10 rows twice more.

Continue in stripe pattern and shape end thus: **Next row:**

K2, [k2tog, k3] twice, k2tog, k2 — 13 sts.

Pattern 9 rows.

Next row: K1, [k2tog, k2] 3 times — 10 sts.

Pattern 9 rows.

Continue in Dark Brown only.

Next row: K1, [k2tog, k1] 3 times — 7 sts.

P 1 row. Break yarn leaving a long end, thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

DRESS

With Rose, cast on 96 sts for skirt hem.

K 2 rows.

Beginning with a k row, ss 10 rows.

Next row: K3, [up1, k6] to last 3 sts, up1, k3 — 112 sts. Ss 49 rows.

Shape waist: **Next row:** [K1, k3tog] to end — 56 sts.

Ss 5 rows.

Next row: K4, [up1, k7] to last 3 sts, up1, k3 — 64 sts. Ss 7 rows.

Next row: K18, [k2tog, k2] 8 times, k14 — 56 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K17, [k2tog, k1] 8 times, k15 — 48 sts. P 1 row.

Shape shoulders:

Next row: K10, k2tog, skpo, k20, k2tog, skpo, k10 — 44 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K9, k2tog, skpo, k18, k2tog, skpo, k9 — 40 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K8, k2tog, skpo, k16, k2tog, skpo, k8 — 36 sts. P 1 row.

Cast off for neck edge.

SKIRT BASE

With Light Brown, cast on 96 sts.

Ss 4 rows.

Next row: K3, [k2tog, k6] to last 5 sts, k2tog, k3 — 84 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K3, [k2tog, k5] to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 — 72 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K2, [k2tog, k4] to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 — 60 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K2, [k2tog, k3] to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 — 48 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, [k2tog, k2] to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 — 36 sts.

P 1 row. **Next row:** [K2tog, k1] to end — 24 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: [K2tog] to end — 12 sts. Break yarn leaving a long end, thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

SLEEVES

(make 2)

With Rose, cast on 16 sts for cuff.

K 2 rows. Starting with a k row, work 2 rows ss.

Next row: Inc in first st, k1, [up1, k2] to end — 24 sts.

Ss 3 rows. **Next row:** K1, [up1, k3] to last 2 sts, up1, k2 — 32 sts. Ss 9 rows.

Shape sleeve head: Cast off 4 sts at beginning of next 2 rows for underarm — 24 sts. Dec 1 st at beginning of next 12 rows — 12 sts.

Next row: [K2tog] to end — 6 sts. P 1 row. Cast off.

PAWS

(make 2)

With Oatmeal, cast on 8 sts.

Starting with a p row, ss 3 rows.

Next row: K1, up1, k to last st, up1, k1. P 1 row. Repeat the last 2 rows once more then first row again — 14 sts.

Ss 5 rows. **Next row:** K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. P 1 row. Repeat last 2 rows once more — 10 sts.

Next row (right side): P to end. **Next row:** P to end.

Next row: K1, up1, k to last st, up1, k1. Repeat last 2 rows, once more. Ss 5 rows.

Next row: K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. P 1 row. Repeat last 2 rows, twice more. Ss 2 rows. Cast off.

APRON

With Airforce Blue, cast on 14 sts.

Working in ss, inc 1 st at each end of the first and 6 following alternate rows — 28 sts.

Ss 21 rows. Leave sts.

TIES

Using a spare needle and Airforce Blue, cast on 15 sts, break off yarn, then cast on another 15 sts, k these 15 sts, k across sts of apron, then k second set of 15 sts — 58 sts. K 1 row. Cast off.

FRILL

With right side facing, circular needle and Airforce Blue, pick up and k 79 sts round outside edge of apron.

P 1 row. **Next row:** K1, [yf, k1] to end. P 1 row. K 1 row. Cast off kwise.

SHAWL

With Airforce Blue, cast on 3 sts.

Ss 2 rows. **Next row:** K1, up1, k to last st, up1, k1. P 1 row. Repeat last 2 rows 13 times more — 31 sts. **Next row:** K11, cast off 9 sts, k to end and work on these 11 sts for first side of shawl front. Ss 11 rows.

Next row: K to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. Ss 3 rows.

Repeat last 4 rows until 2 sts remain. P 1 row. Work 2tog and fasten off.

With wrong side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining sts, p to end. Ss 10 rows. **Next row:** K1, skpo, k to end. Ss 3 rows.

Complete as first side.

FRILL

With White and right side facing, pick up and k 78 sts along one side of shawl.

P 1 row. **Next row:** K1, up1, k2, [yf, k3] to last 3 sts, k2, up1, k1. Cast off kwise.

Work other side to match.

INSIDE EDGING

With White and right side facing, pick up and k 92 sts along inside edge of shawl, including frill. Cast off kwise.

BONNET

With Rose, cast on 8 sts.

Ss 2 rows.

Next row: K1, [up1, k1] to end — 15 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Next row: Inc in first st, [up1, k1] to end — 30 sts.

Ss 3 rows. **Next row:** K1, [up1, k2] to last st, up1, k1 — 45 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Next row: K2, [up1, k3] to last st, up1, k1 — 60 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Next row: K3, [up1, k4] to last st, up1, k1 — 75 sts.

Ss 7 rows. **Next row:** K10, cast off 55 sts, k to end.

Leave sts on a spare needle.

BRIM

With Rose, cast on 12 sts.

K 3 rows.

Next 2 rows: K4, turn, k to end. * K 6 rows. **Next 2 rows:** K8, turn, k to end. K 6 rows.

Next 2 rows: K4, turn, k to end. * Repeat from * to * 3 times more. K 6 rows. **Next 2 rows:** K6, turn, k to end.

** K 4 rows. **Next 2 rows:** K6, turn, k to end. ** Repeat from ** to ** twice more.

K 6 rows. **Next 2 rows:** K4, turn, k to end. Repeat from * to * 4 times more. K 2 rows.

Cast off.

RIBBON

Using a spare needle and Rose, cast on 50 sts, break off yarn, then cast on another 50 sts, k these 50 sts, k across 20 sts at back of bonnet, then k second set of 50 sts — 120 sts.

K 1 row. Cast off kwise.

FRILL

With White, cast on 14 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, [yf, k1] to end. **Next row:** P3, [lyrn, p2] to end — 39 sts. Cast off.

BASKET

(make 2 pieces)

With Dark Beige, cast on 7 sts. Ss 2 rows. **Next row:** K2, [up1, k1] to end — 12 sts.

P 1 row. **Next row:** [K2tog] twice, [yf, k1] 4 times, yf, [skpo] twice — 13 sts. P 1 row. K 2 rows.

Next row: [K2tog] twice, [yf, k1] 5 times, yf, [skpo] twice — 15 sts. P 1 row. K 2 rows.

Next row: [K2tog] twice, [yf, k1] 7 times, yf, [skpo] twice — 19 sts. P 1 row. K 2 rows.

Next row: [K2tog] twice, [yf, k1] 11 times, yf, [skpo] twice — 27 sts. P 1 row. K 2 rows.

Next row: [K2tog] twice, [yf, k1] 19 times, yf, [skpo] twice — 43 sts. P 1 row.

K 1 row. Cast off kwise.

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STRAPS

(make 2)

With Dark Beige, cast on 21 sts. Cast off.

COVER

With White, cast on 16 sts. Ss 20 rows. Cast off.

EDGING

(4 sides alike)

With Airforce Blue, pick up and k 16 sts along edge.

Next row: P2, [lyrn, p2] to end. Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

● Press any pieces requiring it, following ball band instructions.

● Join back dress seam, leaving a 12 cm space open at neck edge, then join skirt base seam. Join cast-on edges of skirt base and dress, then glue sponge circle to inside of base, taking care that glue doesn't seep through to right side of knitting. Join remainder of seam and stuff dress firmly, then with seam at centre back, fold neck edge flat and join for shoulders. With a doubled length of Rose, work a gathering thread through every stitch on waist shaping row, draw up so that waist measures 24 cm, then fasten off securely and darn ends into dress.

● Fold paw in half and join side edges and with a length of Oatmeal, separate pads by back stitching through both layers of knitting. Lightly stuff remainder of paw. Join each sleeve seam, then sew paws to sleeves. Stuff sleeves firmly, then position and sew to dress sides.

● Sew row-ends of apron frill to apron ties. Wrap apron round waist and join tie ends at centre back. Join tail seam



and stuff. Attach open end to dress base at centre back.

● Join head seam from tip of muzzle towards cast-on edge at back of head, leaving a 5 cm space open at back of head. Sew nose gusset into opening at front of head, matching tip of gusset with muzzle seam. Stuff head firmly through back opening, join remainder of seam, then work a gathering thread round cast-on edge, draw up tightly; fasten off. With a length of Oatmeal, work a gathering thread through every stitch on first line of muzzle section, draw up slightly to shape muzzle; fasten off. Mark eye positions with pins, then taking a long needle and a length of Light Brown, insert needle at base of head, draw out at one eye position, take a small stitch and return needle to base of head. Draw up yarn slightly to indent eye socket, fasten off, then repeat for other eye. Join side seam on each eye, then gather

round cast-on edge, draw up tightly into an oval shape and fasten off.

● Position and sew neck edge of body to base of head. Join ear and matching lining pieces together on all three sides. Placing 14 sts apart sew ears to head, curling upper corner of each ear round to front. Sew eyes into eye sockets, slightly slanting them. Work 3 chain stitches with Black in a central line in each eye for pupils. With White, work a single elongated chain stitch to one side of each pupil, for "gloss". With Oatmeal and starting at top corner of muzzle, outline the side of the nose and each eye in chain stitch. In Dark Brown, embroider a triangle for nose and an inverted Y shape for mouth, using straight stitches. Using Dark Brown/Oatmeal, embroider markings with a long running stitch, staggering stitches on each successive row of embroidery and tapering ends to a point, using photo (far left) as a guide.

● Place shawl over shoulders and catch front and back points with a stitch worked through to skirt.

● Join bonnet crown seam and attach shorter row-end edge of bonnet brim to cast-off edge of bonnet crown. Glue the two smaller circles of sponge together, then glue into centre of crown.

Sew bonnet frill to head between ears. Place bonnet on head and with brim seam close to back of ears sew to head through brim seam. Stuff back of bonnet lightly and sew lower edge in place. Tie ribbons under chin.

● Sew basket pieces together, sew on handles, stuff, then place cover diagonally over basket with corners through handles and sew "pick up" row of cover to top edge of basket. Place basket on arm and stitch paw down to top of cover piece. Using Rose Pink powder blusher, shade nose and inner ears.

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