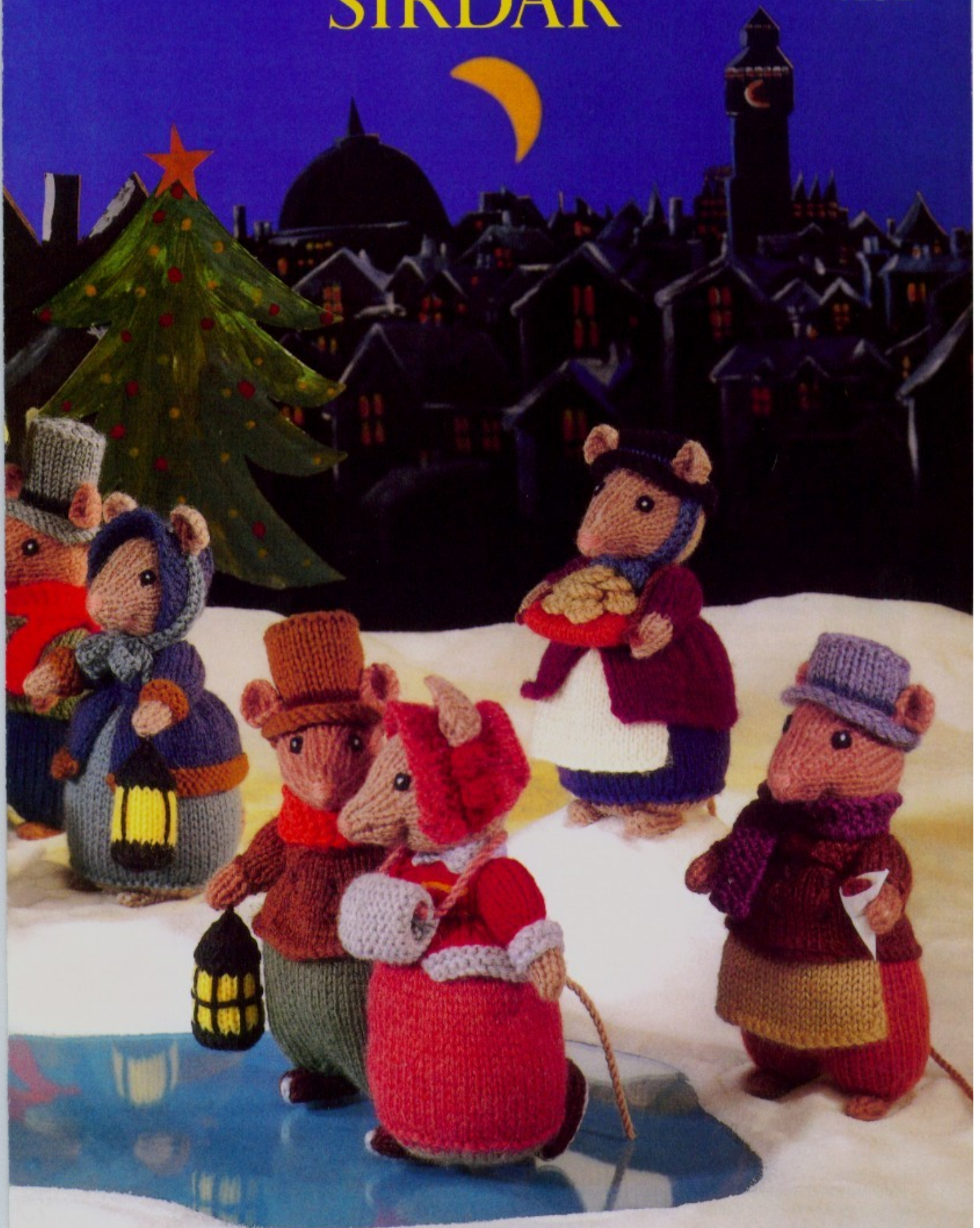


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DICKENSIAN MICE

Exclusively designed by Alan Dart

Height	15 6	cm in
Quality		
Oddments of Country Style DK in Parchment shade 404, Blue Heather shade 559, Sandalwood shade 435, Cherry shade 402, Black shade 417, White shade 412, Highland Blue shade 571, Banana shade 427, Sage Green shade 428, Mango shade 583, Dusky Pink shade 423, Naturelle shade 409, Honeydew shade 484, Tartan Green shade 419, Redwood shade 581, Majestic Mink shade 482, Greystone shade 408, Hazelnut shade 583, Cream shade 411, Buddleia shade 445, Sienna shade 481, Dark Chocolate shade 439, Silver Cloud shade 434, Sugar Plum shade 438 and Gunstone shade 464.		

The quantities of yarn are based upon average requirements and are therefore approximate.

1 Pair of 3mm (UK11 - USA0) Knitting Needles.
20 gms of washable toy stuffing for each mouse.
5mm thick washing up sponge cloth.
Plastic drinking straws.
Scrap of white sew on vilene.
2cm ready made white pompoms (optional).
Clear adhesive.

TENSION

26 sts and 36 rows to 10cm, (4in) over stocking stitch worked with Country Style DK on 3mm needles or the size required to give correct tension.

VERY IMPORTANT
IT IS ESSENTIAL TO WORK TO THE STATED TENSION TO ENSURE SUCCESS.

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ABBREVIATIONS

k knit
p purl
st(s) stitch(es)
beg beginning
tog together
inc increase (by working into front and back of st)
dec decrease
ss stocking stitch (1 row knit, 1 row purl)
gs garter stitch (every row knit)
RS right side
SKPO slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over.

NOTE

The cable (two needle) method of casting on is recommended, especially when knitting the small trimmings.

THE BASIC MICE LADY MOUSE BODY

(Make 1 piece)

With skirt shade cast on 52 sts and gs 2 rows.
Ss 18 rows (working 1 or 2 row stripes in contrast shade at skirt hem if desired).

Shape waist

Next row. (K2, k2tog) to end. [39 sts].
P 1 row.
Next row. (K1, k2tog) to end. [26 sts].
P 1 row.
Change to jacket shade and * ss 8 rows.

Shape shoulders

Next row. K3, (k2tog) four times, k4, (k2tog) four times, k3. [18 sts].
P 1 row.
Cast off for top of body. *

Skirt base

With RS of work facing and beige, k up 39 sts evenly spaced from cast on edge of skirt.
Ss 3 rows.
Next row. (K1, k2tog) to end. [26 sts].
Ss 3 rows.
Next row. (K2tog) to end. [13 sts].
Break yarn. Leaving a long end.
Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

GENTLEMAN MOUSE BODY

(Make 1 piece)

Right leg.

** With breeches shade cast on 12 sts and ss 2 rows.
Next row. (K1, inc 1) to end. [18 sts].
P 1 row.
Next row. (k2, inc 1) to end.

[24 sts].

P 1 row. **

Break yarn and slip sts on to a stitch holder.

Left leg.

As right leg from ** to **.

Join legs for body

Next row. Inserting coloured marker threads at beg and end of row, k22, SKPO from left leg sts, k2tog, k22 from held right leg sts. [46 sts].
Ss 17 rows.

Shape waist

Next row. (K2, k2tog) five times, k6, (k2tog, k2) five times. [36 sts].
P 1 row.
Next row. (K1, k2tog) five times, k6, (k2tog, k1) five times. [26 sts].
P 1 row.
Change to shirt shade and work as lady mouse body from * to *.

SLEEVES AND HANDS (make 2 pieces)

With jacket or coat shade cast on 6 sts for sleeve head and ss 2 rows.
Inc 1 st at beg of next 4 rows. [10 sts].
Cast on 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows for underarm. [16 sts].
Ss 2 rows.
Next row. (K2, k2tog) to end. [12 sts].
P 1 row.
Next row. (K1, k2tog) to end. [8 sts].
K 1 row for cuff.
Change to beige and ss 6 rows for hand.
Break yarn, leaving a long end.
Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

FEET

(Make 2 pieces)

With beige cast on 8 sts and ss 14 rows.
Break yarn, leaving a long end.
Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

HEAD

(Make 1 piece)

With beige cast on 8 sts for back of

head and ss 2 rows.

Next row. Inc into every st to end.

[16 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row. (K1, inc 1) to end.

[24 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row. (K2, inc 1) to end.

[32 sts].

Ss 7 rows.

Shape snout

Next row. (K2, k2tog) to end.

[24 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next row. (K1, k2tog) to end.

[16 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next row. (K2tog) to end. [8 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Break yarn, leaving a long end.

Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

EARS

(Make 2 pieces)

with beige cast on 14 sts and ss 2 rows.

Next row. K1, (k3tog) four times, k1. [6 sts].

Cast off.

LADY'S SHORT JACKET PEPLUM

(Make 1 piece)

With bodice shade cast on 48 sts and ss 4 rows or cast on 48 sts in contrast shade, gs 3 rows, change to bodice shade and ss 2 rows.

Next row. (K2, k2tog) to end. [36 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row. (K1, k2tog) to end. [24 sts].

P 1 row.

Break yarn, leaving a long end.

Thread through sts on needle but do not draw up.

LADY'S LONG JACKET PEPLUM

(Make 1 piece)

With bodice shade cast on 56 sts and ss 12 rows or cast on 56 sts in contrast shade, gs 3 rows, change to bodice shade and ss 10 rows.

Next row. (K2, k2tog) to end. [42 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row. (K1, k2tog) to end.

[28 sts].

P 1 row.

Break yarn, leaving a long end.

Thread through sts on needle but do not draw up.

GENTLEMAN'S JACKET OR COAT

(Make 1 piece)

Cast on 55 sts and ss 6 rows for jacket or 16 rows for coat.

Alternatively, cast on 55 sts in contrast shade, gs 3 rows, change to coat shade and ss 12 rows.

Next row. (K2, k2tog, k1) to end. [44 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next row. (K1, k2tog, k1) to end. [33 sts].

Ss 6 rows.

Next row. P5, (p2tog) eleven times, p6. [22 sts].

Cast off.

FUR CUFFS

(Make 2 pieces)

AND FUR COLLAR

(Make 1 piece)

With contrast shade cast on 12 sts for cuffs or 16 sts for collar and gs 2 rows.

cast off k wise.

BONNET

(Make 1 piece)

BRIM

Cast on 5 sts and gs 48 rows.

Cast off.

Crown

With RS of work facing, k up 24 sts evenly spaced along one side edge of brim piece.

Ss 7 rows.

Gs 3 rows.

Next row. (P2, p2tog) to end. [18 sts].

K 1 row.

Next row. (P1, p2tog) to end. [12 sts].

Break yarn, leaving a long end.

Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Hatband or bow.

With contrast yarn cast on 36 sts and k 1 row.

Cast off k wise.

TOP HATS AND STRAW HAT

(Make 1 piece)

With hat shade cast on 36 sts and gs 2 rows.

Next row. (K1, k2tog) to end. [24 sts].

Change to hatband shade and ss 3 rows.

Change to hat shade and ss 9 rows for tall top hat, 5 rows for short top hat, or 1 row for straw hat.

Gs 3 rows.

Shape crown

Next row. (P2, p2tog) to end. [18 sts].

K 1 row.

Next row. (P1, p2tog) to end. [12 sts].

Break yarn, leaving a long end.

Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

SCARF

(Make 1 piece)

Cast on 4 sts and gs 100 rows.

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Join base, skirt, and jacket seam on lady mouse, leaving top of body open. Take a 50cm length of beige yarn and fold in half. Holding cut ends in left hand, insert right index finger into folded end and twist yarn tightly, keeping taut. Bring ends together and allow yarn to twist into a cord, then tie a knot 10cm in from folded end to prevent unravelling. Using a large needle, thread cord tail through seam, from wrong side to right, 3cm down from waist edge. Stuff skirt and bodice firmly then, with seam running down centre back, sew across top edge of body. Work a gathering thread through every stitch on last skirt row, draw up to shape waist, then tie ends securely and darn into body. On gentleman mouse, join inside leg seams of breeches from cast on edge to marker thread, then join trouser and shirt seam, leaving top of body open, and remove markers. Gather round base of each leg, draw up tightly and fasten off. Make and insert tail, stuff, join top edge, and shape waist as for lady mouse. Join head seam from tip of snout, leaving a 3cm space open at back of head.

Stuff firmly and join remainder of seam, then gather round cast on edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Position and sew to body. Fastening off ends of yarn at top of head, work three pink satin stitches for nose, then a single pink stitch for mouth, drawing up slightly to indent. Mark eye positions with pins and embroider each eye by working a circle of four black chain stitches, then add a single small white 'gloss' stitch in centre. Wrap peplum round lady's waist, with opening at centre front, draw up gathering thread to fit, join and fasten off. Wrap jacket or coat round gentleman, overlapping front edges by 2cm, fold back lapels, and hold in position with a few stitches. Join sleeve and hand seam, leaving top of sleeve open. Stuff lightly, then position and sew to body. Join foot seam, leaving unstuffed, then gather round cast on edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Position and sew to base of skirt or breeches. Join bonnet seam from gathered point to gs row, then position and sew to head along base of brim. Either sew hatband to base of brim, forming 2 loops from excess and sewing down at one side to make a bow, or wrap hatband round bonnet, joining ends at centre front neck, then form a bow from another hatband by making 2 loops and 2 tails, and sew to cover join. Join top hat or straw hat seam, then cut a 3cm diameter circle of sponge and glue to wrong side of crown. Stuff remainder of hat firmly, then position and sew to head round base of hatband. Fold cast off edge of each ear in half and join, then oversew row ends together to form base edge. Sew ears in place on bonnet or hat brim. Embroider buttons with french knots, or frogging with straight and chain stitches. Wrap fur cuffs round sleeves and join, and sew fur collar round neck. Wrap scarf round neck and hold in place with a few stitches.

CAROL SINGERS

Make 3 lady and 2 gentleman mice, varying clothing.

CAROL BOOK

With red cast on 8 sts and ss

8 rows.

Gs 2 rows for spine.

Ss 8 rows.

Cast off.

LANTERN

With black cast on 18 sts.

Change to pale yellow and ss 8 rows.

Change to black and gs 3 rows.

Next row. (P1, p2tog) to end. [12 sts].

K 1 row.

Next row. (P2tog) to end. [6 sts].

Break yarn, leaving a long end.

Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Lantern base

With black cast on 18 sts and k1 row.

Next row. (P2tog) to end. [9 sts].

Break yarn, leaving a long end.

Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Sew cast on and cast off edges of book to hands. Cut three 5cm x 2.5cm rectangles of vilene for book pages, fold each in half and press. Open out and glue pages together along folds, then glue to book spine. Join seams on lantern and base. Stuff lantern firmly, then oversew cast on edges of base and lantern together with sewing thread. Embroider divisions on lantern with straight stitches in black yarn. Cut 20cm length of drinking straw, spread a little glue over one end and wind tightly with brown yarn to cover. Continue in this manner until whole length is covered, then push and glue ends into ends of straw. Sew lantern to end of pole, then sew pole to hand and side of body with a few stitches. Alternatively, omit pole and sew lantern to hand.

SNOWMOUSE

Make head, sleeves and hands, and lady mouse body in white, working gs rows at base of skirt and sleeve cuffs in ss. Make 'rope' tail from cream yarn. also make tall top hat and scarf. Embroider nose and eyes in black, omitting white 'gloss' stitches.

BROOM

With brown cast on 14 sts and gs 20 rows.

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Join cast on and cast off edges of broom to make tube, then gather round one end, draw up tightly and fasten off. Cut a 9cm length of drinking straw and cover with beige yarn as for lantern pole. Stuff broom lightly, insert handle, then bind top of broom tightly with beige yarn to hold handle in place. Position and sew to hand and body with a few stitches.

SNOWBALLERS

Make one lady and one gentleman mouse, sewing right arm to body to point upwards. Sew a ready made pompom, or small bobble made from white yarn, to right hand, and sew a group of three to gentleman's curved left arm.

SKATERS

Make one lady and one gentleman mouse. Make dark brown feet and stuff lightly before gathering open end. Sew right foot to base of body as before, and sew left foot vertically at back of skirt or left leg of breeches. Embroider a line of silver grey chain stitches along base, and up front, of each foot for skate blade. Link arms and sew together, then catch side of skirt and breeches together with a few stitches. Make lantern as for carol singers and sew to gentleman's right hand.

MUFF

Cast on 16 sts and gs 18 rows. Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Join cast on and cast off edges. Make a 15cm twisted cord as for tail and tie a knot in each end. Wrap cord round neck and sew knots inside ends of muff.

MINCE PIE SELLER

Make a lady mouse with a long peplum and straw hat.

APRON

Cast on 20 sts and ss 18 rows. **Next row.** (K2tog) to end. [10 sts].

P 1 row.
Cast off for waist edge.

TRAY

Cast on 12 sts and ss 24 rows.
Cast off.

MINCE PIES

(Make 9 pieces)
With beige cast on 10 sts.
Break yarn, leaving a long end.
Thread through sts on needle, draw up and fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Sew waist edge of apron to front waist of skirt. 4cm x 3cm rectangle of sponge for tray. Wrap knitted tray piece round sponge and join on all three sides to cover. Join side edges of each pie, then arrange and sew in place on tray. Make a 16cm twisted cord as for tail and tie a knot in each end. Wrap cord round neck and sew knots to front side edges of tray,

then catch back of tray to waist, and hands to tray sides with a few stitches.

CHESTNUT SELLER

Make a gentleman mouse with jacket and short top hat. Make apron as for mince pie seller and sew to waist. Form a 3cm square of vilene into a cone, hold with a little glue, and stuff base lightly. Make one mince pie in brown, then cover with brown french knots and glue into top of cone. Sew cone to left hand with sewing thread.

BRAZIER

With charcoal grey cast on 16 sts and p 1 row.
Next row. (K1, inc 1) to end. [24 sts].
P 1 row.
Next row. (K2, inc 1) to end. [32 sts].
P 1 row.
Gs 2 rows.

Ss 22 rows.

Gs 2 rows.

Change to orange and ss 2 rows.

Next row. (K2, k2tog) to end. [24 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row. (K1, k2tog) to end. [16 sts].

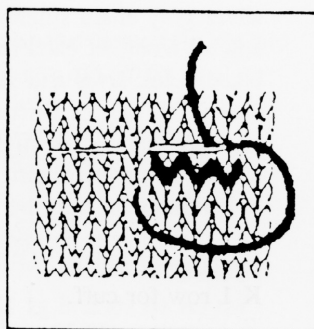
K 1 row.

Break yarn, leaving a long end.

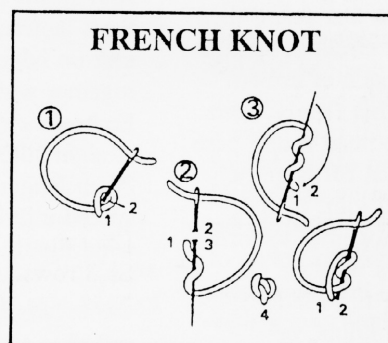
Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Gather round cast on edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Join seam from top and bottom, leaving a 4cm space open in side. Cut two 4cm diameter circles of sponge and glue to wrong side of top and bottom. Stuff firmly, then join remainder of seam. Swiss darn single orange and gold stitches at random over side, and embroider brown french knot 'chestnuts' over orange top.



Swiss Darning Horizontal



FRENCH KNOT

