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MEASUREMENTS: 19cm/7.5in tall.

MATERIALS:

Of Patons Knit'n'Save D.K. 25g balls: 1 each in Cornflower (shade no.7822), Taupe (shade no.7808), Oatmeal (shade no.7840), Skin (shade no.7789), Sunshine (shade no.7799), Black (shade no.7814) and White (shade no.7813); 30g of washable toy stuffing; a pair of 3mm (no.11) knitting needles; plastic drinking straw; clear adhesive; soft brown pencil.

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TENSION: 26 sts and 36 rows to 10cm, worked over stocking stitch with Knit'n'Save D.K. on 3mm needles.

ABBREVIATIONS: beg = beginning; inc = increase by working into front and back of stitch; K = knit; gs = garter stitch; P = purl; SKPO = slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over; sl = slip; st(s) = stitch(es); ss = stocking stitch; tog = together; YB = yarn back; YF = yarn forward.

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

WARNING

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BODY BACK (MAKE 1 PIECE)

With Taupe cast on 9 sts for base edge and ss 2 rows.

Next row: Inc into each st to end [18 sts].
P 1 row.

Next row: (Inc 1, K1) to end [27 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next row: (K1, inc 1, K1) to end [36 sts].

Ss 17 rows.

Shape waist, next row: K1, (K2, K 2 tog,

K1) to end [29 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

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

Ss 13 rows.

Shape top, next row: K1, (K1, K 2 tog) to end [15 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, (K 2 tog) to end [8 sts].

P 1 row

Cast off for top edge.

BODY FRONT (MAKE 1 PIECE)

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

Next row: Inc into every st to end [12 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: (Inc 1, K1) to end [18 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next row: (K1, inc 1, K1) to end [24 sts].

Ss 17 rows.

Shape waist, next row: K4, (K 2 tog, K2) to end [19 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Next row: K4, (K 2 tog, K1) to end [14 sts].

Ss 13 rows.

Shape top, next row: K2, (K 2 tog, K2) to end [11 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: K2, (K 2 tog, K1) to end [8 sts].

P 1 row.

Cast off for top edge.

HEAD (MAKE 1 PIECE)

With Taupe 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 11 rows.

Shape front, next row: (K2, K 2 tog, K1) to end [32 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

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

Ss 5 rows.

Next row: (K1, K 2 tog) to end [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.

JACKET (MAKE 1 PIECE)

Left tail: *With Cornflower cast on 28 sts and ss 8 rows.

Next row: (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [21 sts].

Ss 5 rows.*

Break yarn and slip sts on to a stitch holder.

Right tail: Work as given for left tail from * to *.

Join tails, next row: K19, SKPO from right tail sts, then K 2 tog, K19 from held left tail sts [40 sts].

Ss 7 rows.

Next row: (K4, K 2 tog, K4) to end [36 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

Next row: (K2, K 2 tog, K2) to end [30 sts].

P 1 row.

Shape neck: Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 6 rows [12 sts].

Cast off for back neck.

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JACKET SLEEVES (MAKE 2 PIECES)

With Cornflower cast on 6 sts for top of sleeve head and ss 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at beg of next 4 rows [10 sts].

Cast on 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows for underarm [14 sts].

Ss 2 rows.

Shape elbow, next row: K11, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, P8, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, K7, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, P6, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, K5, YF, sl 1, YB, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, P4, YB, sl 1, YF, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, K to end.

Next row: P across all sts [14 sts].

Ss 4 rows.

P 2 rows for cuff.

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

JACKET COLLAR (MAKE 1 PIECE)

With Cornflower cast on 24 sts and ss 5 rows.

Cast off.

JACKET CUFFS (MAKE 2 PIECES)

With Cornflower cast on 18 sts and ss 4 rows,

Cast off K wise with Sunshine, leaving a length of yarn at beg and end.

LACE CUFFS (MAKE 2 PIECES)

With White cast on 3 sts and gs 24 rows.
Cast off.

JABOT BOTTOM FRILL (MAKE 1 PIECE)

With White cast on 5 sts and gs 18 rows.
Cast off.

JABOT TOP FRILL (MAKE 1 PIECE)

With White cast on 4 sts and gs 12 rows.
Cast off.

JACKET POCKET FLAP (MAKE 1 PIECE)

With Cornflower cast on 7 sts and ss 3 rows.

Cast off P wise with Sunshine, leaving a length of yarn at beg and end.

COLLAR BOW (MAKE 1 PIECE)

With Cornflower cast on 26 sts and K 1 row.
Cast off K wise.

RIGHT HAND AND RIGHT FOOT (MAKE 2 PIECES)

With Skin cast on 6 sts.

Next row: (Wrong side) Cast off 3 sts, cast on 4 sts [7 sts].

Next row: K3, P4.

K 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows two more times.

Cast off K wise.

LEFT HAND AND LEFT FOOT (MAKE 2 PIECES)

With Skin cast on 6 sts.

Next row: (Right side) Cast off 3 sts, cast on 4 sts [7 sts].

Next row: P3, K4.

P 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows two more times.

Cast off P wise.

HAT BRIM (MAKE 1 PIECE)

With Cornflower cast on 10 sts and ss 2 rows.

Next row: Inc into every st to end [20 sts].
K 1 row for crown placement line.

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

P 1 row.

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

Next row: K1, (K6, P1, K6) to end.

Next row: (P6, K1, P6) three times, P1.

Cast off K wise with Sunshine.

HAT CROWN (MAKE 1 PIECE)

With Cornflower cast on 20 sts for base edge and ss 4 rows.

Next row: (K 2 tog) to end [10 sts].

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

EARS (MAKE 2 PIECES)

With Skin cast on 28 sts and ss 2 rows.

Next row: (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [21 sts].

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, K 2 tog) to end [14 sts].

P 1 row.

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.

LEGS (MAKE 2 PIECES)

With Oatmeal cast on 7 sts for top edge and ss 2 rows.

Change to Skin and ss 3 rows.

Cast off for base edge.

TAIL (MAKE 1 PIECE)

With Skin cast on 6 sts and ss 18 rows.

Next row: K3, K 2 tog, K1 [5 sts].

Ss 17 rows.

Next row: K2, K 2 tog, K1 [4 sts].

Ss 17 rows.

Next row: K1, K 2 tog, K1 [3 sts].

Ss 17 rows.

Next row: K1, K 2 tog [2 sts].

Ss 7 rows.

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Join body front and back pieces together along side edges, leaving a 3cm space open at top of one side seam. Work a gathering thread through every stitch at base edge of body, draw up tightly and fasten off. Stuff body firmly, then join remainder of side seam and across front and back top edges. Join head seam, leaving a 3cm space open at back edge. Stuff firmly and join remainder of seam, then work a gathering thread through every stitch at back edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Position and sew head to top of body. Following instructions on ball band, press jacket piece lightly on wrong side, then wrap round body so that front edges of neck meet, and pin in place. Catch front neck ends together with a few stitches. Join each sleeve seam, leaving sleeve head open. Stuff firmly, then position and sew to jacket sides, stitching through both

jacket and body layers of knitting. Press jacket collar lightly, then sew cast off edge to jacket neck, placing collar ends 4 knit stitches in from neck ends. Join short ends of each lace cuff, then sew cuff to garter stitch row at end of sleeve. Using ends of cast off yarn, embroider a line of chain stitch in Sunshine down both side edges of each jacket cuff. Slightly overlapping lace cuffs, wrap cuffs round sleeves and hold in place with a little glue, then catch bottom corners together with a few stitches. Now sew stocking stitch edge of each hand to end of sleeve, inside lace cuff. Gather along one side edge of each jabot piece, draw up tightly and fasten off, then position and sew pieces to neck, arranging as in photograph and catching ends to jacket with a few stitches. Join hat brim seam, then dab a spot of glue on the three knit stitches in the purl section at outside edge and pinch work together at these points to form tricorn shape, holding in place until set. Join seam on hat crown and sew to brim, stuffing lightly and sewing base edge to garter stitch placement line. With White,

embroider a half rosette on side of hat brim in detached chain stitches. Fit hat under left arm and sew underside of brim in place, stitching through both jacket and body layers of knitting. Wrap left hand over edge of hat brim and hold in place with a dab of glue, then bend right arm so that right hand touches point of hat brim and hold hand in place with a little glue. Remove pins from jacket. Embroider down sides of pocket flap as for jacket cuffs, then position and sew cast on edge to right hand side of jacket. With Sunshine, embroider two buttons at centre back of jacket, just above top of tails, working a circle of four chain stitches for each button. Using brown pencil, colour knit side of each ear, then oversew side edges together. Position and sew these oversewn seams to head, then oversew cast on edge together for 1cm up from base of each ear. Mark eye positions with pins then, using a length of Taupe yarn, work a stitch through head from one eye position to the other, draw up to indent eye sockets and fasten off. With Black, embroider a circle of four chain

stitches for each eye, then carefully draw out a single strand from a length of White yarn and use to embroider a tiny stitch in the centre of each eye for 'gloss'. Embroider nose with Skin, working four horizontal satin stitches. Cut two 6cm lengths from drinking straw. At each leg position, push a large knitting needle through knitting and stuffing, then remove and insert a straw, leaving 2cm outside body. Wrap a leg piece round each straw and join side edges, then sew top edge of each leg to body. Now sew feet securely to base of legs. Oversew side edges of tail together, leaving cast on edge open, then stuff open end firmly for 3cm, using tweezers to push stuffing in place. Position and sew tail to back of body so that stuffed section acts as a third 'leg' to keep mouse standing. Blend top of tail to body by colouring with brown pencil. Fold ends of bow piece to meet in centre, forming two loops. Sew in place, then bind centre of bow tightly with a length of Cornflower to form 'knot' and sew to back of collar.

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