

ers

Mr Clever

Materials

1 x 50 g ball of D.K. yarn in Orange, 20 g in Green, 10 g in White and Red, and a small ball in Black. No. 11 (3 mm) knitting needles; 70 g washable toy stuffing; black and white sewing thread; 6 cm diameter circle of 5 mm thick washing-up sponge; 4.5 x 6.5 cm rectangle of heavyweight Vilene interfacing; Newey Fray Check to stiffen spectacles; clear adhesive.

Tension and size

Worked at a tension of 26 stitches and 36 rows, to 10 x 10 cm, over stocking stitch, the toy will measure 23 cm/9 in tall when completed.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease (by taking 2 sts tog); **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **gst**, garter st (every row k).

Note

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

Body

(make 1 piece)

★ With Orange, cast on 20 sts for base edge and ss 2 rows.

1st inc row: [Inc, k1] to end — 30 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: [Inc, k1] to end — 45 sts. P 1 row.

3rd inc row: K1, [inc, k2] to last 2 sts, inc, k1 — 60 sts. Ss 3 rows.

4th inc row: K7, [inc, k2] 6 times, k12, [inc, k2] 6 times, k5 — 72 sts. Ss 5 rows. **5th inc row:** K7, [inc, k3] 6 times, k12, [inc, k3] 6 times, k5 — 84 sts. Ss 7 rows.

6th inc row: K7, [inc, k4] 6 times, k12, [inc, k4] 6 times, k5 — 96 sts. Ss 15 rows.

1st dec row: K7, [k2tog, k4] 6 times, k12, [k2tog, k4] 6 times, k5 — 84 sts. Ss 7 rows. **2nd dec row:** K7, [k2tog, k3] 6 times, k12, [k2tog, k3] 6 times, k5 — 72 sts. Ss 5 rows.

3rd dec row: K7, [k2tog, k2] 6 times, k12, [k2tog, k2] 6 times, k5 — 60 sts. Ss 3 rows. **4th dec row:** K1, [k2tog, k2] to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 — 45 sts. P 1 row. **5th dec row:** [K2tog, k1] to end — 30 sts. P 1 row. **6th dec row:** [K2tog, k1] to end — 20 sts. P 1 row. Cast off.

Legs

(make 2 pieces)

★ With Orange, cast on 14 sts for sole edge and ss 2 rows.

1st inc row: [Inc] twice, k3, [inc] 4 times, k3, [inc] twice — 22 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: [Inc] 4 times, k3, [inc] 8 times, k3, [inc] 4 times — 38 sts. Ss 7 rows.

Dec row: K1, [k2tog] 3 times, k24, [k2tog] 3 times, k1 — 32 sts. P 1 row.

Cast off 8 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 16 sts. Ss 4 rows. Cast off for top of leg.

Right arm

(make 2 pieces)

★ With Orange, cast on 8 sts and ss 4 rows.

* **Shape fingers:** Cast on 4 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 16 sts. Ss 2 rows. Cast off 4 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 8 sts.

Next row: K3, inc, turn and work on these 5 sts only and ss 4 rows. Cast off. Rejoin yarn to remaining 4 sts, inc, k3 — 5 sts.

Ss 4 rows on these 5 sts. Cast off. *

Left arm

(make 2 pieces)

★ With Orange, cast on 8 sts. Ss 8 rows. Work as for right arm from * to *.

Ears

(make 4 pieces)

★ With Orange, cast on 7 sts for base edge. Ss 4 rows. Dec 1 st each end of next row — 5 sts. P 1 row. Cast off.

Nose

(make 1 piece)

★ With Orange, cast on 6 sts for top edge. Ss 2 rows. Inc 1 st at beginning of next 4 rows — 10 sts. Cast on 3 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 16 sts. Ss 8 rows. **Dec row:** [K2tog] to end — 8 sts. Break yarn, leaving an end, thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Spectacles

(make 4 pieces)

★ With White, cast on 21 sts. K 1 row.

1st dec row: [P2tog, p1] to end — 14 sts. K 1 row.

2nd dec row: [P2tog] to end — 7 sts. Break yarn, leaving an end, thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

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Toy designs: Alan Dart. Sweater designs: Gary Kennedy



4th (dec) row: With r, p1, p2tog, p1, [with w, p2tog, p1, with r, p2tog, p1] 4 times, with w, p2tog, p2 — 22 sts. **5th row:** 3w, [2r, 2w] 4 times, 3r. **6th (dec) row:** With r, p1, p2tog, [with w, p2tog, with r, p2tog] 4 times, with w, p2tog, p1 — 12 sts. **7th row:** 2w, [1r, 1w] 4 times, 2r. Break yarn, leaving an end, thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

To make up

★ Make up body, arms and legs as given for Mr Clever and sew in place.
★ Join cast-on and cast-off edges of each hair piece, then gather round one open end, draw up tightly and fasten off. Stuff lightly, then gather remaining end in same way. Position and sew to head. Join side edges of each plait piece, leaving cast-on edge open. Stuff lightly, then run a gathering thread round cast-on edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Run a gathering thread through every st on first row of red knot section, draw up tightly and fasten off. Gather dec row on yellow section in the same way. Fold each bow loop piece in half and join side edges, leaving cast-on and cast-off edges open. Stuff lightly and sew one to each side of knot section, then sew plait ends in place. Position and sew plaits to sides of hair and head.
★ Join nose seam, stuff lightly, then gather round cast-on edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Position and sew to face.
★ With Black yarn, embroider each eye by working 8 chain sts in an oval shape. Using Black yarn, work lines at sides of eyes, mouth and smile lines with split st and freckles with tiny straight sts. Cut 5 cm length from cotton-wool bud stem, spread one end with glue and wind with Sand yarn. Continue gluing and winding with yarn until completely covered, pushing yarn ends inside bud stem. Join lollipop pieces, leaving a tiny space open. Spread glue over end of stick and insert into opening. Glue lollipop stick to right hand, between thumb and first finger, then sew in place with yellow sewing thread.

Knitting Editor Marion Smith says: "The tunic-style sweater has dropped shoulders and a round neck. It's knitted in stocking stitch with the front motif knitted in; it has double-ribbed borders, and the neck and hem are finished with a stocking-stitch roll. The jacket has dropped shoulders and buttons to a shawl collar. It's knitted in stocking stitch with back motif knitted in, and borders and collar are double rib. The yarn is a combination of acrylic, nylon and wool."



BASEBALL jacket



Measurements

To fit sizes 56 (61) (66) (71) cm/22 (24) (26) (28) in.
Actual measurements 64.5 (71.5) (78) (84.5) cm/25½ (28¼) (30¼) (33¼) in.
Side seam 26 (27.5) (28.5) (30) cm/10¼ (10¼) (11¼) (11¼) in.
Length 40.5 (43.5) (46) (48.5) cm/15½ (17) (18) (19) in.
Sleeve seam 22.5 (24.5) (26.5) (28.5) cm/8¾ (9¼) (10½) (11¼) in.

Materials

3 (4) (4) (5) 50 g balls of Sirdar Snuggly D.K. in main (Buttercup 323) and 1 ball each in Black (312), Orange (337) and White (251); 1 x 10 metre skein of Coats Anchor Tapisserie Wool in Green (Apple Green 9102). No. 9 (3¼ mm) and No. 10 (3¼ mm) knitting needles; No. 10 (3¼ mm) circular needle; 7 buttons. (Note: If Tapisserie Wool is used, the garment should be gently hand-washed only.)
Yarn costs about £1.78 per 50 g ball of Snuggly D.K., and 53p per 10 metre skein of Tapisserie Wool. For stockists of D.K. yarn, write to Sirdar Plc, Flanshaw Lane, Alverthorpe, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF2 9ND (01924 371501), and for Tapisserie Wool, write to Coats Crafts UK, Customer Services, PO Box 22, The Lingfield Estate, McMullen Road, Darlington, Co Durham DL1 1YQ (01325 365457).

Tension

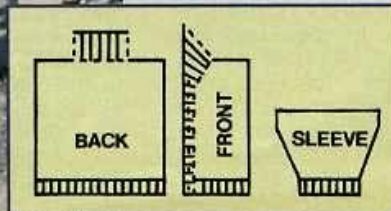
24 stitches and 30 rows, to 10 x 10 cm, over stocking stitch, using No. 9 (3¼ mm) needles.

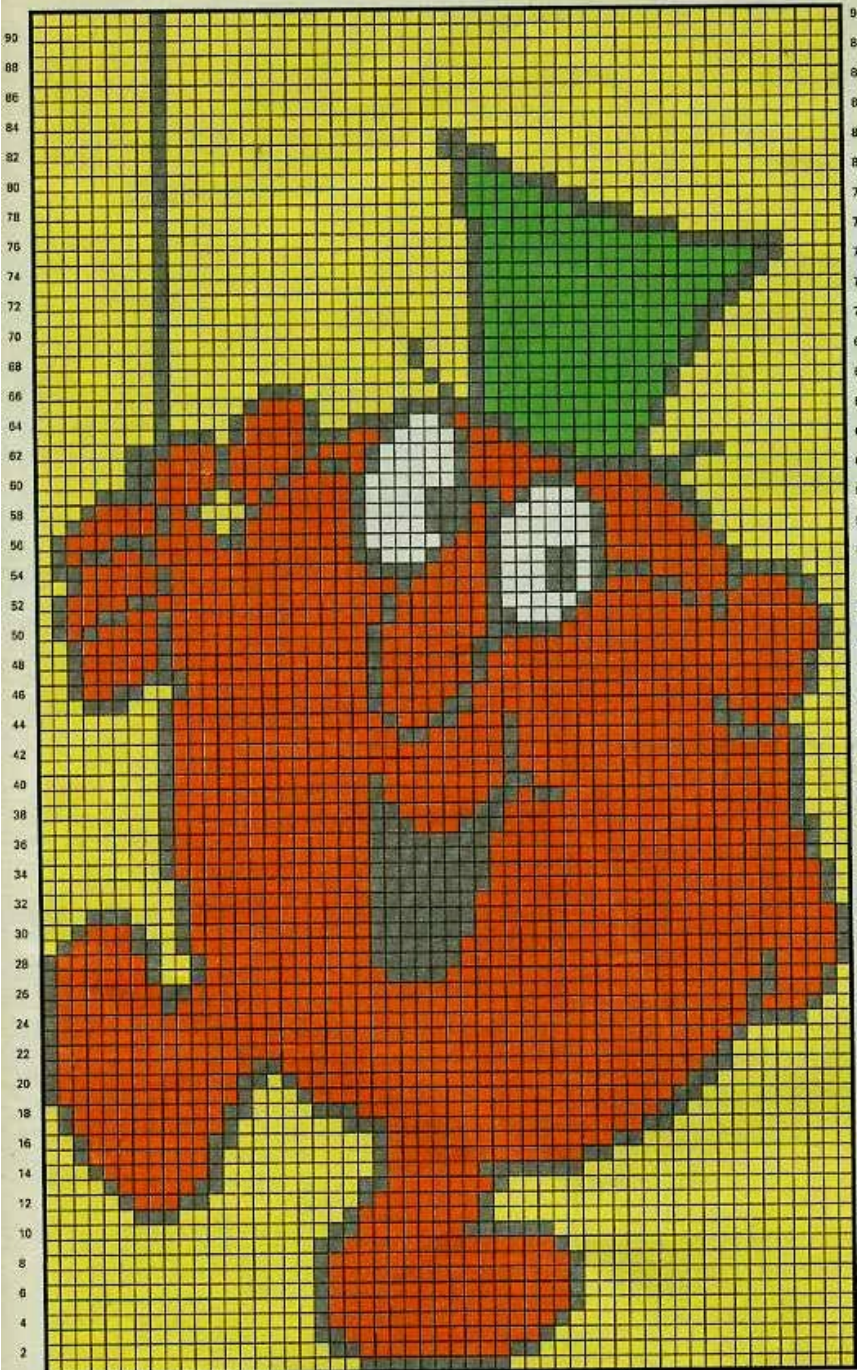
Abbreviations

K, knit; p, purl; st, stitch; tog, together; skpo, (slip 1, k1, pass slipped st over); 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); m, Main; bl, Black; or, Orange.

Note

Instructions are given for smaller size. Where they vary, work figures in round brackets for larger sizes. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.





BASEBALL jacket

continued

Back

★ With No. 10 (3¼ mm) needles and m, cast on 70 (78) (86) (94) sts and work in double rib thus:
1st rib row: K2, [p2, k2] to end.
2nd rib row: P2, [k2, p2] to end. Repeat last 2 rows, 6 times more, then the 1st row again.
Increase row: Rib 4 (4) (5) (5), up1, [rib 9 (10) (11) (12), up1] to last 3 (4) (4) (5) sts, rib to end — 78 (86) (94) (102) sts.

Change to No. 9 (3¼ mm) needles. Beginning with a k row, ss 10 (10) (14) (18) rows. Using a small separate ball of yarn for each colour, place chart (above) which is in ss, beginning with a k row, so only colour details are given. Avoid drawing yarn too tightly across back, and when changing colours, wind yarn round one just used, to avoid leaving a gap.
1st row: 32 (36) (40) (44) m, 10bl, 36 (40) (44) (48) m. **2nd row:** 34 (38) (42) (46) m, 2bl, 10or, 2bl, 30 (34) (38) (42) m. These 2 rows place chart. Reading odd-numbered

rows from right to left and even-numbered rows from left to right, ss another 54 (58) (58) (58) rows following chart. Mark ends of last row, for side seams. Ss another 35 (31) (31) (31) rows completing chart. With m only, ss 7 (15) (19) (23) rows.
For shoulders: Cast off 26 (28) (30) (32) sts at beginning of next 2 rows. Leave remaining 26 (30) (34) (38) sts on a spare needle.

Left front

★ With No. 10 (3¼ mm) needles and m, cast on 31 (35) (39) (43) sts and work in double rib thus:
1st rib row: [K2, p2] to last 3 sts, k3. **2nd rib row:** P3, [k2, p2] to end.
 ** Repeat last 2 rows, 6 times more, then 1st row again.
Increase row: Rib 2 (3) (3) (3), up1, [rib 9 (10) (11) (12), up1] to last 2 (2) (3) (4) sts, rib to end — 35 (39) (43) (47) sts.
 Change to No. 9 (3¼ mm) needles and ss 66 (70) (74) (78) rows. Mark end — read *beginning* here when working right front — of last row, for side seam. Beginning with a k row, ss 18 rows. **
To shape front edge: **1st row:** K to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2. **2nd row:** P to end.
 *** Continue decreasing in this way at front edge on next row and 7 (9) (11) (13) following alternate rows — 26 (28) (30) (32) sts. Ss 7 rows — ss 8 rows here when working right front. Cast off straight across for shoulder.

Right front

★ With No. 10 (3¼ mm) needles and m, cast on 31 (35) (39) (43) sts and work in double rib thus:
1st rib row: K3, [p2, k2] to end. **2nd rib row:** [P2, k2] to last 3 sts, p3.
 Work as given for left front from ** to **, noting variation.
To shape front edge: **1st row:** K2, skpo, k to end. **2nd row:** P to end.
 Work as given for left front from *** to end, noting variation.

Sleeves

(both alike)
 ★ With No. 10 (3¼ mm) needles and m, cast on 38

(42) (42) (46) sts and work 15 rows in double rib as given for back.
Increase row: Rib 1 (3) (3) (5), up1, [rib 4, up1] to last 1 (3) (3) (5) st(s), rib 1 (3) (3) (5) — 48 (52) (52) (56) sts. Change to No. 9 (3¼ mm) needles and, beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows. Inc 1 st each end of next row and 9 (9) (12) (13) following 4th rows — 68 (72) (78) (84) sts. Ss 17 (23) (17) (19) rows. Cast off.

Front border and collar

★ Join shoulder seams. With right side facing and using No. 10 (3¼ mm) circular needle and m, pick up and k84 (87) (90) (93) sts up right front to 1st front dec, 23 (26) (29) (32) sts to shoulder, work across back neck sts thus: K4 (2) (4) (6), up1, [k2 (3) (3) (3), up1] to last 4 (1) (3) (5) st(s), k4 (1) (3) (5), pick up and k23 (26) (29) (32) sts down left front to 1st front dec, then 84 (87) (90) (93) sts to lower edge — 250 (266) (282) (298) sts. Working backwards and forwards in rows, beginning with the 2nd row, work 1 row in rib as given for back.
To shape collar: **1st and 2nd turning rows:** Rib to last 107 (113) (119) (125) sts, turn. **3rd and 4th turning rows:** Rib to last 104 (110) (116) (122) sts, turn. **5th and 6th turning rows:** Rib to last 101 (107) (113) (119) sts, turn. Continue in this way for a further 8 (10) (12) (14) rows, working across 3 sts more on each successive repeat.
Next row: Rib to end. Rib 2 rows for boy, or 3 rows for girl.
1st buttonhole row: Rib 3 (4) (3) (4), [cast off 2, rib a further 10 (10) (11) (11) sts] 6 times, cast off 2, rib to end. **2nd buttonhole row:** Rib to end, casting on 2 sts over those cast off. Rib 3 rows for boy, or 2 rows for girl. Cast off in rib.

To make up

Press as given on ball band. Sew cast-off edge of sleeves to row-ends above markers on back and fronts. Join sleeve and side seams. Add buttons.

