

MY WEEKLY
KNITTING

Roll Out The Rugrats!

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that's why we know they'll adore our
Chuckie toy and Reptar sweater!



Reptar Sweater

Materials Required – Of TDK DK, 3 (3, 4, 4) x 100 g balls in main colour (navy), 1 x 25 g ball in each of bright green, orange, pale blue, white and purple; 2 skeins of embroidery cotton in black; one pair each of 3.25 mm and 3.75 mm knitting needles.
Measurements – To fit 3-4 (5-6, 7-8, 9-10) years; actual measurement: 74 (79, 84, 89) centimetres, 29 (31, 33, 35) inches; length: 47 (45, 48, 51) centimetres, 18 1/4 (17 1/2, 19, 20) inches; sleeve seam, 30 (33, 36, 39) centimetres, 11 3/4 (13, 14 1/2, 15 1/2) inches.

Tension – 23 stitches and 32 rows to 10 centimetres measured over stocking-stitch using 3.75 mm needles.

Abbreviations – K – knit; P – purl; st(s) – stitch(es); st-st – stocking-stitch; tog – together; tbt – through back of loop; M – m1; cm – centimetres.

NB Figures in brackets [] refer to the larger sizes; where only one figure is given, this refers to all sizes. Figures in square brackets [] refer to all sizes and are worked the number of times stated.

When working from chart, read odd-numbered rows (K) from right to left and even-numbered rows (P) from left to right. Use small balls of yarn for each colour area worked, twisting yarns together at back of work to avoid making a hole.



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FRONT

With 3.25 mm needles and M, cast on 92 (100, 104, 112) sts.

1st row (wrong side) – *P2, K2; repeat from * to end.

Repeat this row until rib measures 3 cm, ending with a wrong-side row and decreasing 6 (8, 6, 8) sts evenly across last row – 86 (92, 98, 104) sts.

Change to 3.75 mm needles and, beginning with a knit row, work 4 (6, 10, 16) rows in st-st.

1st row – K13 (16, 19, 22)M, work 1st row of chart, K17 (20, 23, 26)M.

Continue from chart as set until work measures 26.5 (28, 29.5, 31) cm, ending with a wrong-side row. Break off contrasts and continue in M only.

Shape Armholes

Decrease 1 st at each end of next row, then on every following alternate row until 78 (82, 86, 90) sts remain.

Continue straight until work measures 36 (39, 41, 44) cm.

Shape Neck

Next row – K31 (33, 35, 37), turn and leave remaining 47 (49, 51, 53) sts on a spare needle.

Decrease 1 st at neck edge on every row until 20 (21, 22, 23) sts remain.

Work straight until work measures 42 (45, 48, 51) cm. Leave these sts on a stitch holder. Slip centre 16 sts onto a stitch holder, rejoin yarn to remaining 31 (33, 35, 37) sts and complete to match 1st side.

BACK

Work as for front but omitting chart and neck shaping.

Leave these sts on a spare needle.

SLEEVES (Both Alike)

With 3.25 mm needles and M, cast on 36 (40, 44, 48) sts and work 6 cm in rib as for back.

Change to 3.75 mm needles and, beginning with a knit row, continue in st-st, increasing 4 (4, 6, 6) sts evenly across 1st row, then increasing 1 st at each end of every following 4th (4th, 4th, 5th) row until there are 72 (78, 86, 94) sts.

Continue straight until sleeve measures 30 (33, 36, 39) cm.

Shape Top

Decrease 1 st at each end of next and every following alternate row until 64 (68, 74, 80) sts remain.

Cast off loosely.

NECKBAND

Knit right shoulder edges together on inside of work.

With 3.75 mm needles, M and right side facing, pick up and K20 (20, 22, 22) sts down left front,

K16 front neck sts, pick up and K20 (20, 22, 22) sts up

right front, then K38 (40, 42, 44) back neck sts

increasing 2 (0, 2, 0) sts evenly – 96 (96, 104, 104) sts.

Work 2 cm in rib as for back.

Change to 3.25 mm needles and work until band is 3 cm deep for crew-neck version or 7 cm deep for turtle-neck version.

Cast off in rib, using a larger needle.

TO MAKE UP

With white, work each tooth in satin stitch, shaping to a point.

With orange, work a row of chain stitch round the outside edge of the eye to neaten.

With purple, work single chain stitch for talons.

Using 2 strands of black embroidery cotton, work outlines as shown using split stitch (back stitch which splits previously worked stitch). Work eye pupil and nostril in chain stitch.

Knit left shoulder edges together and join neckband edges with a flat seam.

Sew in sleeves.

Join side and sleeve seams.

Do not press. ■

Rugrats

Chuckie Toy

Materials Required – Of TDB DK, 2 x 25 g balls in each of beige and orange, 1 x 25 g ball in each of blue, mid green, pale green, red, purple, yellow, white and black; one pair of 3.00 mm knitting needles; one 2.50 mm crochet hook; 150 g of washable toy stuffing; 4 plastic drinking straws; clear adhesive; stout white card.

Measurement – Approximately 33 centimetres, 13 inches, high to base of hair strands.

Tension – 26 stitches and 36 rows to 10 centimetres measured over stocking-stitch using 3.00 mm needles.

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NB Figures in square brackets [] are worked the number of times stated. Work all pieces in stocking-stitch unless otherwise stated. Increase by working into front and back of next stitch.

BODY (Make 1)

With beige, cast on 20 sts for shoulder edge and work 2 rows.

Next row – [Increase, K1] to end – 30 sts.

Work 3 rows.

Next row – [K1, increase, K1] to end – 40 sts.

Work 3 rows.

Next row – [K1, increase, K2] to end – 50 sts.

Work 3 rows.

Next row – [K2, increase, K2] to end – 60 sts.

Change to white and work 11 rows.

Shape Base

Next row – [K2, K2tog, K2] to end – 50 sts.

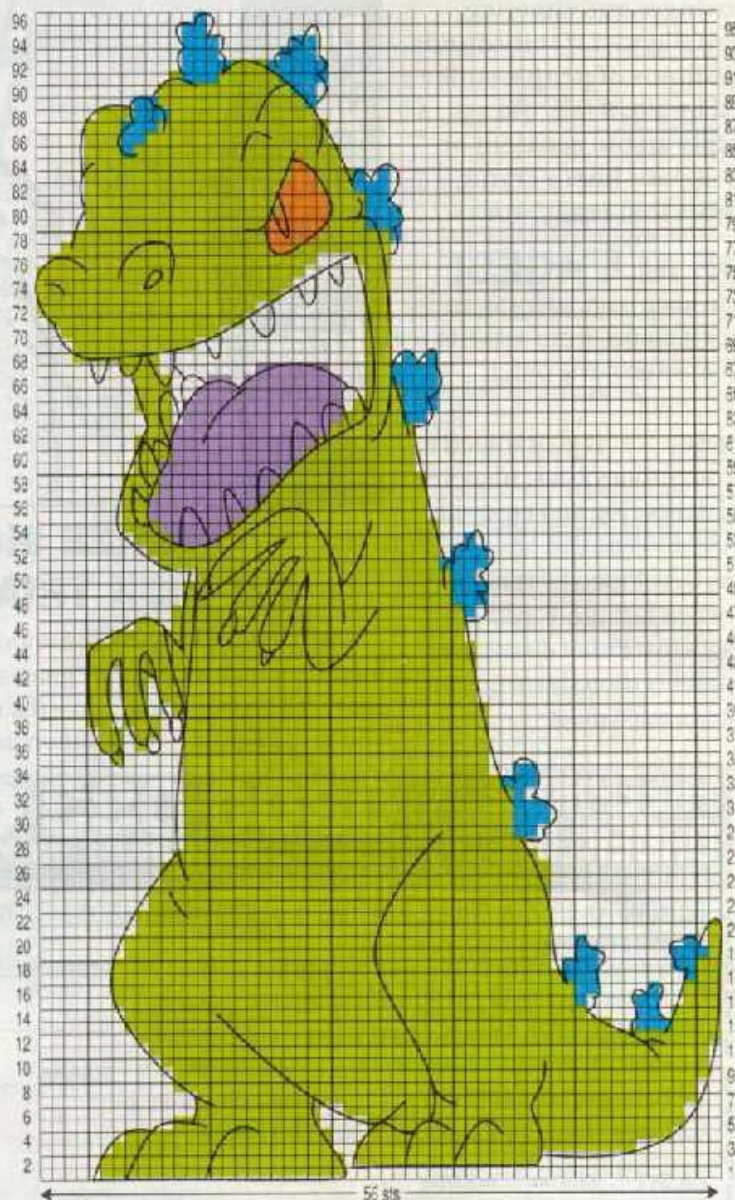
Work 3 rows.

Next row – [K2, K2tog, K1] to end – 40 sts.

Work 1 row.

Next row – [K1, K2tog, K1] to end – 30 sts.

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Work 1 row.

Next row - [K1, K2tog] to end - 20 sts.

Work 1 row.

Next row - [K2tog] to end - 10 sts.

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

NECK AND HEAD (Make 1)

With beige, cast on 13 sts for base edge and work 12 rows for neck.

Shape Base

Next row - Increase in every st to end - 26 sts.

Work 1 row.

Next row - [Increase, K1] to end - 39 sts.

Work 3 rows.

Next row - [K1, increase, K1] to end - 52 sts.

Work 3 rows.

Next row - [K1, increase, K2] to end - 65 sts.

Work 3 rows.

Next row - [K2, increase, K2] to end - 78 sts.

Work 3 rows.

Next row - [K2, increase, K3] to end - 91 sts.

Work 1 row.

Next row - [K3, increase, K3] to end - 104 sts.

Work 1 row.

Shape Bottom Lip

Next row - K39, [increase, K3] 7 times, K37 - 111 sts.

Work 1 row.

Next row - K40, [increase K4] 7 times, K36 - 118 sts.

Work 1 row.

Mouth Darts

Next row - K74, yf, sl 1, yb, turn.

Next row - Sl 1, P30, yb, sl 1, yf, turn.

Next row - Sl 1, K18, yf, sl 1, yb, turn.

Next row - Sl 1, P6, yb, sl 1, yf, turn.

Next row - Sl 1, K12, yf, sl 1, yb, turn.

Next row - Sl 1, P18, yb, sl 1, yf, turn.

Next row - Sl 1, K30, yf, sl 1, yb, turn.

Next row - Sl 1, P42, yb, sl 1, yf, turn.

Next row - Sl 1, knit to end.

Next row - Purl across all sts - 118 sts.

Shape Top Lip

Next row - K40, [K2tog, K4] 7 times, K36 - 111 sts.

Work 3 rows.

Next row - K40, [K2tog, K3] 7 times, K36 - 104 sts.

Work 1 row.

Next row - K39, [K2tog, K2] 7 times, K37 - 97 sts.

Work 1 row.

Next row - K39, [K2tog, K1] 7 times, K37 - 90 sts.

Work 7 rows.

Shape Top

Next row - [K2, K2tog, K2] to end - 75 sts.

Work 5 rows.

Next row - [K2, K2tog, K1] to end - 60 sts.

Work 3 rows.

Next row - [K1, K2tog, K1] to end - 45 sts.

Work 1 row.

Next row - [K1, K2tog] to end - 30 sts.

Work 1 row.

Next row - [K2tog] to end - 15 sts.

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

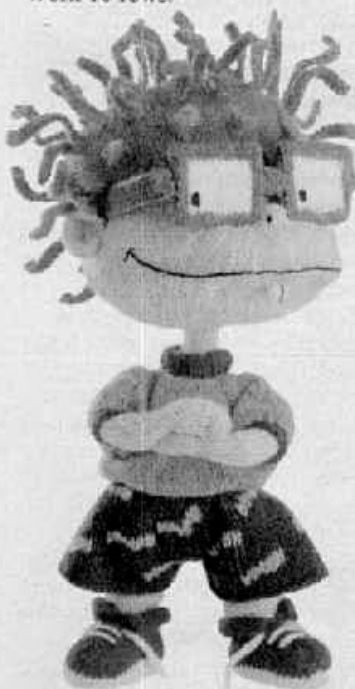
ARMS (Make 2)

With beige, cast on 6 sts for top edge and work 2 rows.

Increase at beginning of next 6 rows - 12 sts.

Cast on 2 sts at beginning of next 2 rows for underarm - 16 sts.

Work 10 rows.



Next row - K1, [K2, K2tog, K1] to end - 13 sts.

Work 7 rows.

Next row - K1, [K1, K2 tog, K1] to end - 10 sts.

Work 7 rows.

Shape Hand

Next row - [Increase, K2, increase] twice, K2 - 14 sts.

Cast on 6 sts at beginning of next 2 rows for thumb - 26 sts.

Work 2 rows.

Cast off 4 sts at beginning of next 2 rows - 18 sts.

Work 1 row.

Divide For Fingers

Next row - K2, increase, [K1, increase] twice, K3, increase, turn

and work on these 15 sts only.

***Next row** - P6, turn and work on these 6 sts only.

Work 4 rows.

Break off yarn leaving a long end, thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off. Join finger seam.*

Ring Finger

Next row - With 9 sts on right-hand needle, rejoin yarn to work and K1, increase from sts on left-hand needle, turn and work on these 12 sts only.

Work from * to *.

Middle Finger

Next row - With 6 sts on right-hand needle, rejoin yarn to work and K1, increase from sts on left-hand needle, turn and work on these 9 sts only.

Work from * to *.

Index Finger

Next row - With 3 sts on right-hand needle, rejoin yarn to work and knit remaining 3 sts from left-hand needle - 6 sts.

Work 5 rows.

Break off yarn leaving a long end, thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off. Join index finger seam, round thumb and up arm, stopping at underarm.

LEGS (Make 2)

With beige, cast on 20 sts for ankle edge and work 14 rows.

Shape Top

Cast off 3 sts at beginning of next 2 rows for top of inside leg - 14 sts.

Decrease 1 st at each end of next 4 rows - 6 sts.

Cast off for top edge.

BOOT UPPERS (Make 2)

With white, cast on 44 sts for base edge and knit 1 row.

Change to red and, beginning with a purl row, work 5 rows.

Shape Toe

Next row - K1, [K3tog] twice, K2tog, K26, K2tog, [K3tog] twice, K1 - 34 sts.

Next row - P15, [P2tog] twice, P15 - 32 sts.

Cast off 6 sts at beginning of next 2 rows - 20 sts.

Cast off for ankle edge.

BOOT SOLES (Make 2)

With white, cast on 8 sts for back edge and work 2 rows.

Increase at each end of next row.

Work 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows once more - 12 sts.

Work 10 rows.

Decrease 1 st at each end of next row.

Work 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows once more -

8 sts.

Cast off for front edge.

SOCKS (Make 2)

With yellow, cast on 22 sts for ankle edge and work 6 rows.

Cast off for top edge.

BOOT COLLARS (Make 2)

With red, cast on 24 sts for ankle edge and work 6 rows.

Cast off for top edge.

SWEATSHIRT FRONT AND BACK (Both Alike)

With blue, cast on 28 sts for base edge and work 2 rows.

Next row - [K3, increase, K3] to end - 32 sts.

Work 13 rows.

Next row - K2, [K1, K2tog, K2] to end - 26 sts.

Work 1 row.

Cast off 2 sts at beginning of next 2 rows for underarms - 22 sts.

Decrease 1 st at beginning of next 4 rows - 18 sts.

Work 2 rows.

Divide For Neck

Next row - K6, turn and work on these sts only.

Next row - P2tog, purl to end - 5 sts.

Work 2 rows.

Cast off for shoulder edge.

Rejoin yarn to remaining 12 sts, cast off first 6 sts, knit to end - 6 sts.

Next row - P4, P2tog - 5 sts.

Work 2 rows.

Cast off for shoulder edge.

SWEATSHIRT SLEEVES (Both Alike)

With blue, cast on 8 sts for top edge and work 2 rows.

Increase at each end of next 6 rows for sleeve top - 20 sts.

Cast on 2 sts at beginning of next 2 rows for underarm - 24 sts.

Work 4 rows.

Next row - [K1, increase, K1] to end - 32 sts.

Work 7 rows.

Change to red for cuff.

Next row - [K2tog] to end - 16 sts.

Work 1 row.

Cast off purlwise for cuff edge.

SWEATSHIRT NECKBAND

With red, cast on 26 sts.

Next row - K2, [P1, K2] to end.

Next row - P2, [K1, P2] to end.

Repeat last 2 rows 3 times more.

Cast off.

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SHORTS**Right Leg**

With mid green, cast on 50 sts for base edge and work 4 rows.

Cast on 2 sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 54 sts.*

Break off yarn and leave these sts on a spare needle.

Left Leg

Work as for right leg to *.

Next row – K52, skpo, then K2tog, K52 from right leg sts – 106 sts.

Work 1 row.

Shape Crotch

Next row – K1, [K2tog, K48, skpo] twice, K1 – 102 sts.

Work 1 row.

Next row – K1, [K2tog, K46, skpo] twice, K1 – 98 sts.

Work 1 row.

Next row – K1, [K2tog, K44, skpo] twice, K1 – 94 sts.

Work 1 row.

Next row – K4, [K2, K2tog, K6] to end – 85 sts.

Work 1 row.

Next row – K4, [K2, K2tog, K5] to end – 76 sts.

Work 3 rows.

Shape Waist

Next row – [K1, K2tog, K1] to end – 57 sts.

Work 1 row.

Cast off for waist edge.

HAIR PIECE (Make 1)

With orange, cast on 104 sts for base edge and work 8 rows.

Next row – [K3, K2tog, K3] to end – 91 sts.

Work 5 rows.

Next row – [K3, K2tog, K2] to end – 78 sts.

Work 5 rows.

Next row – [K2, K2tog, K2] to

end – 65 sts.

Work 3 rows.

Next row – [K2, K2tog, K1] to end – 52 sts.

Work 3 rows.

Next row – [K1, K2tog, K1] to end – 39 sts.

Work 3 rows.

Next row – [K1, K2tog] to end – 26 sts.

Work 1 row.

Next row – [K2tog] to end – 13 sts.

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

LONG HAIR STRANDS (Make 9)

With orange, cast on 20 sts. Cast off.

MEDIUM HAIR STRANDS (Make 40)

With orange, cast on 14 sts. Cast off.

SHORT HAIR STRANDS (Make 24)

With orange, cast on 6 sts. Cast off.

EARS (Make 2)

With beige, cast on 16 sts for outside edge and work 4 rows.

Make Hem

Next row – Fold work up, [insert needle into first st, then through first st on cast-on edge and knit both sts together] to end.

Next row – P12, yb, sl 1, yf, turn.

Next row – Sl 1, K8, yf, sl 1, yb, turn.

Next row – Sl 1, purl to end.

Next row – [K2tog] to end – 8 sts.

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

NOSE (Make 1)

With beige, cast on 13 sts for base edge and work 3 rows.

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

FRONT TEETH (Make 1)

With white, cast on 4 sts and work 5 rows. Cast off.

SPECTACLES FRAMES (Make 2)

With purple, cast on 13 sts for front base edge and work 3 rows.

Lenses

Next row – *Using a separate

ball of yarn for each colour change and twisting yarns where colours meet to avoid making a hole, P2 purple, 9 white, 2 purple. **Next row** – K2 purple, 9 white, 2 purple.

Repeat last 2 rows 4 times more.*

Continue in purple only and work 6 rows for top of frame.

Work 2nd lens from * to *.

Continue in purple only and work 3 rows.

Cast off for back base edge.

SPECTACLES NOSE BRIDGE (Make 1)

With purple, cast on 3 sts and work 6 rows.

Cast off.

SPECTACLES LEGS (Make 2)

With purple, cast on 15 sts and work 6 rows.

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Join body seam, leaving shoulder edge open.

Take all four straws together and, starting and ending at least 1 cm from end, bind a 10 cm length with beige yarn, winding evenly to cover straws completely and sealing ends of yarn with a little glue. Trim straws 1 cm away from each end of bound section to make a 12 cm long neck support.

Stuff body firmly, then make a space in centre with index finger and insert neck support so that 7 cm extends above shoulder edge. With body seam running down centre back, fold shoulder edge flat and join at each side of support to make right and left shoulders.

Following pressing instructions on ball band, press shorts piece lightly on wrong side. Using pale green, swiss darn wavy line motif over shorts as illustrated, placing to avoid having to work over decreased knit stitches.

Join both inside leg seams, then join back seam from top of legs to waist. Fit on body and sew in place by working back stitch over shorts waist edge.

Join each leg seam, starting at ankle edge and ending at top of inside leg.

Join front seam on each boot leaving base and ankle edges open, then sew base edge to a sole piece, matching boot front seam to centre of sole front edge.

Cut two 3.5 x 6 cm rectangles of card and curve off each corner by drawing round a cotton reel, then fit one inside each boot, inserting

through open ankle edge, and stuff boot firmly. Sew boot and leg ankle edge together, placing leg seam 6 knit stitches away from boot front seam, then stuff legs firmly.

Join side edges of each sock piece, fit over leg with seam at centre back, then sew ankle and top edges of sock to leg.

Wrap boot collar round top of boot with side edges meeting at centre front, then sew ankle edge in place and allow top edge to roll over. Fit leg tops into shorts leg openings and sew securely to body.

With white, crochet four lengths of 12 chains each for boot lace ends and sew two to each boot, then with white, embroider two lines of 5 chain stitches across the front of each boot.

Leaving fingers and thumb unstuffed, stuff each hand and arm lightly, then position and sew to body sides, placing top edge of arm in line with body shoulder seam.

Press all sweatshirt pieces, except neckband, lightly on wrong side, then join shoulder seams and insert sleeve heads into armholes. Join side and sleeve seams, then fit on body. Sew base edge in place to cover shorts waist and sew sleeve cuffs to arms, working back stitch over first row of each cuff. Keep neckband piece until head has been joined to body.

Join head seam, starting at gathered top edge and stopping 3 cm above top of neck section. Stuff firmly, then make a space in centre with index finger and insert neck support projecting from top of body. Join remainder of head seam, then wrap neck section round support and join.

Matching neck and body seams, sew base edge of neck to top edge of body, then work a gathering thread through every stitch on last row of neck, draw up to fit round support and fasten off.

Fold sweatshirt neckband piece in half and oversew cast-on and cast-off edges together, wrap round neck and join side edges at centre back, then sew in place round sweatshirt neck. Fold arms and catch in position to sweatshirt front with a few stitches.

Pinch darted mouth section on head to form a tuck and retain by working a line of tacking through bottom lip and top lip shaping rows. Holding iron above work, lightly spray mouth section with steam and pinch folded edge between thumb and forefinger to

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retain crease.

Join nose seam leaving base edge open, stuff firmly, then position and sew centrally to face, placing lower edge in line with third top lip shaping row.

With a length of beige yarn, work several vertical stitches between fourth top lip shaping row (which should be in line with bridge of nose) and bottom lip shaping row taking stitches through head without drawing up any further and working along a line that extends 2 cm to each side of nose. These stitches will retain mouth shape once tacking is removed.

Join seam on hair piece, then fit on head and pin in position with seam running down centre back and sew in place, stuffing lightly and drawing up sewing yarn slightly to shape.

Sew ears to sides of head, placing top edge of each 5 mm down from base edge of hair piece.

Spacing evenly, sew long and medium hair strands over hair piece, then sew short hair strands round base of hair piece, pointing downwards.

Cut spectacles formers from card, cutting two 4 x 5 cm rectangles for frames, two 1 x 5.5 cm strips for legs, and a 1 x 1.5 cm strip for nose bridge.

Wrap frame pieces round formers and oversew base edges together and down both sides. Wrap nose bridge piece round former and oversew cast-on and cast-off edges together, then position and sew bridge between frames, placing centrally.

With a length of black yarn, embroider an oval of 6 chain stitches in the bottom right hand corner of each lens for eyes.

Cover leg formers in same manner as for nose bridge, this time also sewing down side edges, then sew at right angles to frame sides, again placing centrally.

Position spectacles on head and sew leg end in place in front of ear tops and catch down base of frame 2 cm to each side of nose.

Carefully draw out a single strand from a length of black and use this to embroider mouth with split stitch, then embroider two detached chain stitches on nose for nostrils.

Fold teeth piece in half and oversew cast-on and cast-off edges together, then oversew down both sides. Using a single strand drawn from a length of black, work a single stitch round centre of piece to divide teeth and fasten off at back, then position and sew centrally to underside of mouth. Finally, remove mouth tacking thread. ■

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