

Knit a Rugrat!

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If you have little ones in your family, then you're bound to have at least one fan of the Rugrats, one of the cheekiest cartoon families around. Toy designer Alan Dart has brought the baby, Tommy, to life and we've a colourful sweater with Angelica on it, too.



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Tommy



Knitting collection



The toy is knitted all in stocking stitch in D.K. yarn and is available in kit form (see page 59)

MATERIALS

Of TDB D.K. in 25 g balls: 3 Light Beige, 2 White, and 1 each in Mid Blue, Mid Yellow and Black. 125 g washable toy stuffing; a pair of No. 11 (3 mm) knitting needles; four plastic drinking straws; white and beige sewing thread; clear adhesive; tweezers. For details of TDB kit (yarn and pattern), see coupon on page 59.

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); **p2togb**, p2tog through back of sts; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **psso**, pass sl st over; **yfb**, yarn to back; **ytf**, yarn to front.

NOTE

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

BODY

(make 1 piece)

With Light Beige, cast on 22 sts for shoulder edge and ss 6 rows. **1st inc row:** [Inc, k1] to end — 33 sts. Ss 5 rows.

2nd inc row: K1, inc, [k2, inc] to last st, k1 — 44 sts. Ss 5 rows. **3rd inc row:** K1, inc, [k3, inc] to last 2 sts, k2 — 55 sts. Ss 5 rows. **4th inc row:** K2, inc, [k4, inc] to last 2 sts, k2 — 66 sts. Ss 13 rows.

Shape base: **1st dec row:** K2, k2tog, [k4, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 — 55 sts. Ss 5 rows.

2nd dec row: K2, k2tog, [k3, k2tog] to last st, k1 — 44 sts. Ss 3 rows. **3rd dec row:** K1, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] to last st, k1 — 33 sts. P 1 row. **4th dec row:** [K1, k2tog] to end — 22 sts. P 1 row. **5th dec row:** [K2tog] to end — 11 sts. Break yarn leaving an end. Thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

NECK AND HEAD

(make 1 piece)

With Light Beige, cast on 13 sts for base edge and ss 8 rows for neck.

Shape base of head: **1st inc row:** Inc in each st to end — 26 sts. P 1 row. **2nd inc row:** [Inc, k1] to end — 39 sts. Ss 3 rows. **3rd inc row:** K1, inc, [k2, inc] to last st, k1 — 52 sts. Ss 3 rows. **4th inc row:** K1, inc, [k3, inc] to last 2 sts, k2 — 65 sts. Ss 3 rows. **5th inc row:** K2, inc, [k4, inc] to last 2 sts, k2 — 78 sts. Ss 3 rows. **6th inc row:** K2, inc, [k5, inc] to last 3 sts, k3 — 91 sts. Ss 3 rows. **7th inc row:** K3, inc, [k6, inc] to last 3 sts, k3 — 104 sts. Ss 3 rows. **Shape bottom lip:** **8th inc row:** K39, [inc, k3] 7 times, k37 — 111 sts. P 1 row.

9th inc row: K40, [inc, k4] 7 times, k36 — 118 sts. P 1 row.

Work mouth darts: **1st row:** K74, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn. **2nd row:** Sl1, p30, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn. **3rd row:** Sl1, k18, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn.

4th row: Sl1, p6, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn. **5th row:** Sl1, k12, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn. **6th row:** Sl1, p18, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn. **7th row:** Sl1, k30, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn. **8th row:** Sl1, p42, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn. **9th row:** Sl1, k to end. **10th row:** P across all sts — 118 sts.

Shape top lip: **1st dec row:** K40, [k2tog, k4] 7 times, k36 — 111 sts. Ss 3 rows. **2nd dec row:** K39, [k2tog, k3] 7 times, k37 — 104 sts. Ss 7 rows.

Shape top of head: **3rd dec row:** K3, k2tog, [k6, k2tog] to last 3 sts, k3 — 91 sts. Ss 5 rows.

4th dec row: K3, k2tog, [k5, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 — 78 sts. Ss 5 rows. **5th dec row:** K2, k2tog, [k4, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 — 65 sts. Ss 3 rows. **6th dec row:** K14, [k2tog, k1] 13 times, k12 — 52 sts. Ss 3 rows. **7th row:** K14, [k2tog] 13 times, k12 — 39 sts. P 1 row. **8th dec row:** [K1, k2tog] to end — 26 sts. P 1 row.

9th dec row: [K2tog] to end — 13 sts. Break yarn leaving an end. Thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

ARMS

(make 2 pieces)

With Light Beige, cast on 6 sts for top edge and ss 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at beginning of next 6 rows — 12 sts. Cast on 2 sts at beginning of next 2 rows for underarm — 16 sts. Ss 4 rows. **1st dec row:** [K3, k2tog] to last st, k1 — 13 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: [K2, k2tog] to last st, k1 — 10 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Shape hand: **Next row:** [Inc, k2, inc] twice, k2 — 14 sts. Cast on 6 sts at beginning of next 2 rows for thumb — 26 sts. Ss 2 rows.

Cast off 4 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 18 sts. P 1 row.

Divide for fingers: **Next row:** K2, inc, [k1, inc] twice, k3, inc, turn. **1st finger * Next row:** P6, turn and work on these sts only. Ss 4 rows. Break yarn leaving an end. Thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off, then join finger seam. **

Work ring finger: **Next row:** With held 9 sts on right-hand needle, rejoin yarn to sts on left-hand needle and k1, inc, turn. Work as 1st finger from * to **.

Work middle finger: **Next row:** With held 6 sts on right-hand needle, rejoin yarn to sts on left-hand needle and k1, inc, turn. Work as 1st finger from * to **.

Work index finger: **Next row:** With held 3 sts on right-hand needle, rejoin yarn to sts on left-hand needle and k remaining 3 sts from left-hand needle — 6 sts. Ss 5 rows. Break yarn leaving an end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off, then join index finger seam, round thumb and up arm, stopping at underarm.

Work thumb: **Next row:** With held 3 sts on right-hand needle, rejoin yarn to sts on left-hand needle and k remaining 3 sts from left-hand needle — 6 sts. Ss 5 rows. Break yarn leaving an end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off, then join thumb seam, round thumb and up arm, stopping at underarm.

LEGS

(make 2 pieces)

Work sole: With Light Beige, cast on 6 sts for heel edge and ss 2 rows.

Inc 1 st each end of next row and following alternate row — 10 sts. Ss 11 rows. (last row is toe edge).

Work foot:

Cast on 13 sts at beginning of next 2 rows for base edge of foot — 36 sts.

Shape top of foot:

1st dec row: K12, sl1, k2tog, psso, k6, sl1, k2tog, psso, k12 — 32 sts. P 1 row. **2nd dec row:** K11, sl1, k2tog, psso, k4, sl1, k2tog, psso, k11 — 28 sts. P 1 row. **3rd dec row:** K10, sl1, k2tog, psso, k2, sl1, k2tog, psso, k10 — 24 sts. P 1 row.

4th dec row: K9, [sl1, k2tog, psso] twice, k9 — 20 sts. **Shape ankle:** **5th dec row:** [P2tog] 3 times, p8, [p2tog] 3 times — 14 sts. Ss 2 rows. Inc 1 st each end of next row and 2 following alternate rows — 20 sts. P 1 row.

Shape knee: **1st row:** K16, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn. **2nd row:** Sl1, p12, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn. **3rd row:** Sl1, k8, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn. **4th row:** Sl1, p4, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn.

5th row: Sl1, k6, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn. **6th row:** Sl1, p8, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn. **7th row:** Sl1, k12, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn. **8th row:** Sl1, p16, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn.

9th row: Sl1, k to end. **10th row:** P across all sts — 20 sts. Ss 6 rows. **Shape top:** **1st dec row:** [K2, k2tog] to end — 15 sts. P 1 row. **2nd dec row:** [K1, k2tog] to end — 10 sts. P 1 row. Cast off for top edge.





NAPPY

(make 1 piece)

With White, cast on 22 sts for inside crotch edge and ss 8 rows.

*** Inc 1 st each end of next row and 2 following alternate rows — 28 sts. P 1 row. Inc 1 st each end of next 4 rows — 36 sts.

Cast on 2 sts at beginning of next 2 rows for top of leg openings — 40 sts.

Ss 32 rows, then cast off 2 sts at beginning of next 2 rows for top of leg openings — 36 sts.

Dec 1 st each end of next 4 rows — 28 sts. K 1 row. Dec 1 st each end of next row and 2 following alternate rows — 22 sts. ****

Ss 16 rows.

Work from *** to **** once more. Ss 8 rows. Cast off for inside crotch edge.

Nappy tabs (make 2 pieces)

With Mid Yellow, cast on 5 sts and ss 11 rows. Cast off kwise.

T-SHIRT FRONT AND BACK

(make 2 pieces)

With Mid Blue, cast on 40 sts for base edge and ss 7 rows.

Next row: P1, p2tog, [p2, p2tog] to last st, p1 — 30 sts.

Shape armholes: Cast off 4 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 22 sts. Dec 1 st each end of next 3 rows — 16 sts. Ss 5 rows.

Divide for neck: **Next row:** K6, turn and work on these sts only.

Next row: P2tog, p to end — 5 sts.

Ss 2 rows. Cast off for shoulder edge. Rejoin yarn to remaining 10 sts, cast off first 4 sts, k to end — 6 sts. **Next row:** P to last 2 sts, p2togb — 5 sts. Ss 2 rows. Cast off for shoulder edge.

T-SHIRT SLEEVES

(make 2 pieces)

With Mid Blue, cast on 28 sts for base edge and ss 2 rows.

Shape sleeve head: Cast off 4 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 20 sts.

Dec 1 st each end of next 2 rows — 16 sts. Dec 1 st at beginning of next 4 rows — 12 sts. Dec 1 st each end of next 2 rows — 8 sts. Cast off.

NOSE

(make 1 piece)

With Light Beige, cast on 13 sts for base edge and ss 5 rows. Break yarn leaving an end. Thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

EYES

(make 2 pieces)

With White, cast on 28 sts for outside edge and k 1 row.

Next row: [P1, p2tog] twice, p3, [p2tog, p1] 3 times, p2tog, p3, p2tog, p1, p2tog — 20 sts.

Next row: [K2tog] twice, k2, [k2tog] 4 times, k2, [k2tog] twice — 12 sts.

Cast off pwise.

EARS

(make 2 pieces)

With Light Beige, cast on 16 sts for outside edge and ss 4 rows.

Make hem: **Next row:** Fold work up, p sides tog to form hem. Insert needle into first st on needle, then through first st of cast-on edge, and k both sts tog, continue in this manner to end of row — 16 sts.

1st row: P12, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

2nd row: Sl1, k8, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn.

3rd row: Sl1, p to end.

Next row: [K2tog] to end — 8 sts. Break yarn leaving an end. Thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Join body seam, leaving shoulder edge open. Take all four straws together and bind a 10 cm length with Light 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.

To shape navel, locate centre front, then count 4 knit rows after last increase row at top of body and mark with a pin. Thread a long needle with a length of Light Beige yarn and insert in back body seam in line with first decrease row at base, then draw out at marked point on front. Remove pin, take a tiny stitch and return needle to back. Draw

up yarn slightly to indent navel, then tie off ends securely.

Join cast-on and cast-off inside crotch edges of nappy, then fold work flat to create a double thickness with this seam running across centre. Join round leg openings on both sides, then stuff nappy lightly through open side edges. Join front and back side edges, then with crotch seam on inside of nappy, fit on body and catch in place with a few stitches round leg openings and at both side points on waist. Sew nappy tabs over side seams. Join each leg seam, starting at foot base edge and stopping 3 cm below top edge, then sew sole in place, matching leg seam to centre of cast-on heel edge. Stuff firmly, then join remainder of seam, fold top edge flat and join. To mark toes, take a needle threaded with a doubled length of Light Beige yarn and work four stitches round front edge of foot, drawing up each stitch tightly to indent and fastening off before working next stitch. Fit leg tops into nappy leg openings and sew securely to body. Leaving fingers and thumb unstuffed, stuff each hand and arm firmly, then position and sew to body sides, placing top edge of arm in line with body shoulder seam and underarm in line with third body increase row. Press all T-shirt pieces lightly on wrong side, then join shoulder seams and insert sleeve heads into armholes. Join side and sleeve seams, then fit on 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.

Pinch darted mouth section 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 retain crease. Join nose seam, leaving base edge



open, stuff firmly, then position and sew centrally to face, placing lower edge 2 knit rows above top lip shaping row. With a length of Light Beige yarn, work several vertical stitches between bridge of nose and bottom lip shaping row, taking stitches through head. These stitches will retain mouth shape once tacking is removed. Join seam on each eye to form ovals, position 1.5 cm apart on head, and oversew in place with white thread. Work 3 tight chain stitches at top right-hand side of each eye for pupils. Taking care when drawing yarn through work as the fibres separate easily, embroider eyebrows and mouth in split stitch with a single strand of Black yarn. Sew ears to sides of head, placing top edge of each in line with first decrease row at top of head.

Cut nine 15 cm lengths of Black yarn for hair. Take one piece, hold taut and twist very tightly. Bring ends together, allowing yarn to form a twisted cord, then knot 3 cm from folded end to prevent unravelling and trim away excess. Repeat with other eight pieces then, using tweezers, carefully push knotted end of each cord through knitting at top of head. With beige thread, secure each hair in place with a few stitches. Finally, remove mouth tacking thread.

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