

sleepy ted

Val Pierce's Shirley bear loves to settle down in Snuggly, this delightful little bed, or be carried around in a pretty pink tote

Adorable and ingenious, this tote-ally cool transformer will delight for years to come. Sure to become a firm favourite, our Shirley bear is easy to knit and comes with a pretty pink and white outfit. When she's sleepy simply tuck her into this charming patchwork bed which can be folded up to produce a handy bag. The decorative daisy pattern on the bed cover is added afterwards. This project does have small parts which could be a safety hazard for young children, so check out the Knit Wise panel for alternative suggestions.

knit knowledge

Measurements and sizes

Bear: approx 25cm tall

Knit kit

Yarn: Patons Diploma Gold DK, (A) shade 06187 White, (B) shade 06158 Hollyhock, (C) shade 06239 New Berry, (D) shade 06123 Cyclamen, (E) shade 06143 Natural, one 50g ball of each; oddments of green and yellow for embroidery

Needles: 3.75mm, 4mm

Toy stuffing

Ribbon: narrow velvet, one metre

Beads: black, two

Large plastic poppers, two

Small button

About the yarn

Patons Diploma Gold DK is made from 55% wool, 25% acrylic and ten percent nylon. It's soft and durable so works well for children's items. If you don't like the pink colour scheme for this project then why not experiment with other shades?

Need an alternative?

Patons FaB DK is an acrylic yarn that comes in so many shades that it's perfect for toy knitting. It's hardwearing and machine washable making it practical too. It also comes in 25g balls for smaller elements and projects.

For abbreviations see page 78



SNUGGLY PATTERN Patchwork back

Using 4mm needles and yarn C, cast on 45 sts

☐ (K1, p1) rep to last st, k1
This row sets moss st pattern

☐ Work six more rows in moss st

☐ Next row: work in moss st for six sts, slip these six sts onto a holder for the border, work in moss st to end, slip last six sts onto holder for the border

Work on rem 33 sts for the centre. Work patchwork design as follows:

☐ Row 1: k15 in yarn B, k18 in yarn A

☐ Row 2: p18 in A, p15 in yarn B

☐ Rep the last two rows six more times (14 rows in all)

☐ Next row: k11 in yarn A, k11 in yarn C, k11 in yarn B

☐ Next row: p11 in yarn B,

p11 in yarn C, p11 in yarn A

☐ Rep the last two rows seven times more (16 rows in all)

☐ Next row: k18 in yarn C, k15 in yarn A

☐ Next row: p15 in yarn A, p18 in yarn C

☐ Rep the last two rows five times more (12 rows in all)

☐ Next row: k11 in yarn A, k22 in yarn B

☐ Next row: p22 in yarn B, p11 in yarn A

☐ Rep the last two rows six times more (14 rows in all)

☐ Next row: k11 in yarn B, k11 in yarn A, k11 in yarn C

☐ Next row: p11 in yarn C, p11 in yarn A, p11 in yarn B

☐ Rep the last two rows five times more (12 rows in all)

☐ Next row: k16 in yarn C, k17 in yarn B

☐ Next row: p17 in yarn B, p16 in yarn C

☐ Rep the last two rows four

times more (ten rows in all)

☐ Leave sts on needle and return to the border sts, sl first six border sts onto 4mm needles, using yarn C work in moss st until the border fits up the side of the patchwork when slightly stretched.

Do NOT cast off, leave sts on holder

☐ Work other border sts in the same way

☐ Using yarn C, work in moss st across first six border sts, moss st across the 33 sts of the patchwork centre, then work in moss st across the other the set of border sts. 45 sts.

☐ Cont in moss st for a further seven rows

☐ Cast off in pattern

Pillow

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on 45 sts

- ☐ Work eight rows in moss st
- ☐ Next row: moss six, k33, moss six
- ☐ Next row: moss six, p33, moss six
- ☐ Rep last two rows until 26 rows have been worked above the moss st border
- ☐ Work eight rows in moss st across all sts
- ☐ Cast off

Cover

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 45 sts and work eight rows in moss st

- ☐ Next row: ** moss six, k33, moss six
- ☐ Next row: moss six, p33, moss six **
- ☐ Rep the last two rows once more

Keeping six border sts in moss st at either end and using yarn B, begin pattern on centre 33 sts, joining in and breaking off yarn A as required:

- ☐ Row 1: using yarn B, moss six, join in yarn A, k2, sl 1, (k3, sl 1) rep to last eight sts, k2.

Using yarn B, moss six

- ☐ Row 2: using yarn B, moss six. Using yarn A, k2, (yfw, sl 1, yb, k3) rep to last eight sts, k2. Using yarn B, moss six.

Break yarn A

- ☐ Row 3: moss six, k4, (sl 1, k3) rep to last ten sts, k4, moss six

- ☐ Row 4: moss six, p to last six sts, moss six

- ☐ Rows 5-10: rep from ** to ** three times

NOTE: Rows 1-10 form the cover pattern

- ☐ Work cover pattern for a further four reps

- ☐ Using yarn B, work eight rows in moss st

- ☐ Cast off

Bag handles (make two)

Using 4mm needles and yarn C, cast on 65 sts

- ☐ Work 12 rows in moss st
- ☐ Cast off

To make up bed

Weave in all ends. Using yarn D, embroider flowers in lazy daisy stitch (see p54) on the white parts of the patchwork back. Take bag handles and

stitch in place on either end of the bag, using photo as a guide to positioning. Fold the centre parts of each handle together and catch in place. Embroider a couple of flowers and leaves on one corner of the pillow then stitch in place all around the edges, stuffing slightly to give a pleasing shape. Take the cover and pin in place around three sides, leave top edge open for bed. Stitch neatly in place, overlapping the pillow slightly. Stitch the large poppers to each top corner of the pillow and the reciprocal half to the bottom corner of the cover. Fold Bag in half and pop closed with the fasteners

SHIRLEY PATTERN Head

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn E, cast on 34 sts, placing

markers on sts seven and 28

- ☐ K four rows in garter st
- ☐ Next row: * k2, sl1, k1, pssso, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1
- ☐ K two rows in garter st *
- ☐ Rep from * to * until eight sts rem
- ☐ Next row: k2, sl1, k1, pssso, k2tog, k2
- ☐ Next row: k2, sl1, k1, pssso, k2
- ☐ Next row: k1, sl1, k2tog, pssso, k1
- ☐ Next row: k3tog
- ☐ Cast off

Body and legs (make two)

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn E, cast on 14 sts

- ☐ Work two rows in garter st
- ☐ Inc one st at each end of next and foll alt rows until there are 20 sts
- ☐ Work in garter st for a

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Safety warning

This pattern has small parts as it features poppers and also beads for the eyes. If intended for a child under three years, you should embroider the eyes using black yarn and fasten the bag with sew-on velcro.

further 30 rows

- ☐ Next row (divide for legs): k9, cast off two sts, k to end

Cont on this set of nine sts for first leg

- ☐ Work 20 rows in garter st
- ☐ Next row: k2tog at each end of next row

- ☐ Next row: k

- ☐ Cast off

- ☐ Return to sts left on needle, rejoin yarn and complete to match first leg

Arms (make two)

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn E, cast on eight sts

- ☐ K one row

- ☐ Next row: kfb to end. 16 sts

- ☐ K four rows

- ☐ Next row: inc one st at each end of next row. 18 sts

- ☐ Work 22 rows in garter st

- ☐ Dec one st at each end of next and foll alt rows until 12 sts rem

- ☐ Next row: (k1, k2tog) four times. Eight sts

- ☐ K one row

- ☐ Cast off (this is the top of the arm)

- ☐ Make a second arm to match



"Little girls just love to carry their toys around with them, and although making the bag may seem rather time consuming I'm sure it will become a real favourite"

LK DESIGNER VAL PIERCE



Dress

BODICE FRONT

NOTE: the bodice is worked entirely in moss st
Using 3.75mm needles and yarn D, cast on 25 sts
☐ Work six rows in moss st
☐ Cast off two sts at beg of next two rows
☐ Work two rows without shaping
☐ Dec one st at each end of next row. 19 sts
☐ Next row: work in pattern to end ***
☐ Work four more rows moss st
☐ Next row (divide for neck): work seven sts, sl next five sts onto a holder, work seven sts
 Cont on first seven sts for side of neck

- ☐ Dec one st at neck edge on next and alt rows until four sts rem
- ☐ Cast off
- ☐ Work other side to match
- ☐ With RS facing, using 3.75mm needles and yarn A, pick up and k 25 sts along cast on edge for skirt
- NOTE:** this part is worked in st st
- ☐ P one row
- ☐ Next row: kfb to end. 50 sts
- ☐ Cont in st st until skirt meas seven cm
- ☐ Change to yarn D and work three rows in moss st
- ☐ Cast off

BODICE BACK

NOTE: bodice is worked entirely in moss st

- ☐ Work as Bodice front to ***
- Divide for back opening as folls:
- ☐ Next row: moss nine, cast off one st, moss to end
- ☐ Next row: cont on first set of nine sts, working a further nine rows in moss st
- ☐ Cast off
- ☐ Return to rem set of nine sts and work nine rows in moss st
- ☐ Cast off
- ☐ Work skirt as on Bodice front

Sleeves (make two)

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn D, cast on 23 sts
☐ Work three rows in moss st
☐ Change to yarn A and work eight rows in st st
☐ Cast off

Knickers

NOTE: the Knickers are worked entirely in moss st
Using 3.75mm needles and yarn D, cast on 25 sts
☐ Work ten rows in moss st
 Keeping moss st correct, begin to shape legs as folls:
☐ Cast off four sts at the beg of the next two rows
☐ Cast off three sts at the beg of the next two rows
☐ Next row: work in moss st
☐ Next row: dec one st at each end of row. Nine sts
☐ Rep last two rows. Seven sts
☐ Cont in moss st without shaping for a further ten rows
☐ Inc one st at each end of next and foll alt rows. 11 sts
☐ Work one row
☐ Cast on three sts at beg of next two rows

- ☐ Cast on four sts at beg of next two rows. 25 sts
- ☐ Work ten rows in moss st
- ☐ Cast off

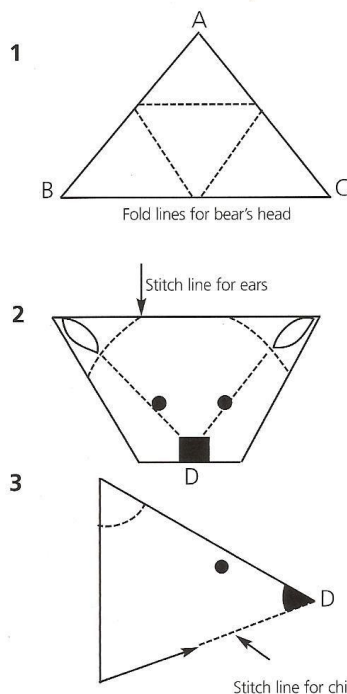
To make up bear

Make up head as shown in diagrams. Fold edge AB in half. Sew, leaving a small opening at fold for ear. Rep with edge AC (where ABC meet is point D on Diagram 2). Sew from D to the worked sts to form the chin. Sew across corner lines to form ears, stuff firmly to give a nice shape. Sew nose with black thread, stitch on eyes. Stitch back and front body together using a flat seam on the right side of the work. Leave neck

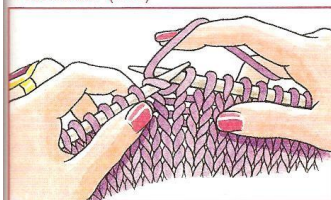
edge open for stuffing. Stuff firmly and then close neck opening. Attach head to body firmly. Sew arm seams, stuff quite firmly, then stitch to body.

To make up dress and knickers

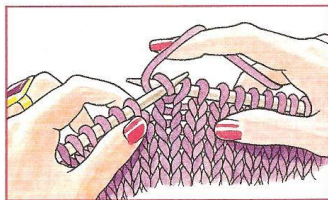
Work in all ends on pieces. With rights sides facing, sew shoulder and side seams of dress. Turn RS out. Sew sleeve seams, stitch sleeves into dress. Sew button to top of back bodice, make a loop to fasten on the opposite side. Put dress onto bear, tie velvet ribbon around waist and finish with a nice bow. Sew sides seams of knickers and slip onto bear.



Increase (inc)



1 Insert the right needle into the next stitch and knit, leaving the original stitch on the left needle.



2 Insert the right needle into the back of the original stitch on the left needle and knit as normal. Slide the knitted stitch off the left needle and you will now have an extra stitch on the right needle.

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Patons Diploma Gold DK
costs £2.40 per 50g (120m)
from Kangaroo:
01273 400030 or
www.kangaroo.uk.com

Patons FaB DK costs £1.19 per 100g
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www.purplelinda.crafts.co.uk



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