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4 PLY, INCA AND
MIRAGE 4 PLY



DAFFODIL FAIRY
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NEEDLE SIZES																
Metric	10	9	8	7½	7	6½	6	5½	5	4½	4	3½	3¼	3	2¾	mm
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American	15	13	11	-	-	10½	10	9	8	7	6	5	3	3	2	

IMPORTANT NOTE: Unless yarn specified is used, SAPROTEX cannot accept responsibility for the finished work.

Owing to printing restrictions the colour reproduction is matched as closely to the yarn as possible.

Pattern and design by Marlene Lang.

MATERIALS: ELLE AND MIRAGE 4 PLY QUALITIES AND ELLE INCA.

1 ball each bright yellow, light peach and rust; oddments of bright green (4 ply) and gold (Inca).

Polyester stuffing.

One pair 8mm moveable eyes.

One pet's fine wire grooming brush for brushing fairy's hair to increase volume.

One cotton bud.

Cardboard.

All purpose glue.

One yellow coloured pipe cleaner (obtainable at craft and some yarns shops).

A set of glue glitter in different colours for decoration.

Sequins, beads or anything sparkling to give fairy that magical effect.

One pair 2,75mm ELLE knitting needles.

MEASUREMENTS: ±19cm [7½in].

THE INSTRUCTIONS ARE GIVEN FOR ONE SIZE ONLY.

TENSION: SAVE TIME, TAKE TIME, CHECK TENSION.

28sts = 10cm [4in] over stocking stitch using 2,75mm needles.

FOR BEST RESULTS IT IS ESSENTIAL TO OBTAIN THE CORRECT TENSION. IF THERE ARE TOO FEW STS ON TEST SWATCH, USE THINNER NEEDLES; IF THERE ARE TOO MANY STS, USE THICKER NEEDLES.

ABBREVIATIONS:

alt = alternate; **beg** = begin(ning); **cont** = continue; **dec** = decrease; **g st** = garter stitch; **inc(s)** = increase(s); **k** = knit; **m1** = make one stitch, pick up loop between last and next stitch and work into the back of this loop; **p** = purl; **rem** = remain(ing); **st(s)** = stitch(es); **st st** = stocking stitch; **tog** = together; **yfd** = yarn forward.

STITCHES USED:

K1, P1, RIB.

GARTER STITCH: K every row.

STOCKING STITCH: RSF, one row K. WSF, one row P.

LEGS, BODY AND HEAD:

RIGHT LEG (beg at bottom): Using 2,75mm needles and light peach, cast on 6sts. **1st row:** *P. **2nd row:** K, inc into every st = 12sts. **3rd row:** K (slippers will be sewn onto this row). **4th to 11th row:** Work in st st (beg with a k row). **12th row:** K1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1 = 14sts. **13th to 17th row:** Work in st st (beg with a p row)**. Break off yarn and leave sts for right leg at end of needle. **LEFT LEG (beg at bottom):** Using 2,75mm needles and light peach, cast on 6sts on needle without sts and work as for right leg from * to **. **LOWER BODY: 18th row:** Change to bright yellow and p across 14sts of left leg and then across 14sts of right leg (to mark edge of panty) = 28sts. **19th to 25th row:** Work in st st (beg with a p row). **26th row:** P (to mark panty waist edge where skirt will be sewn on). **27th row:** P. **SHAPE SIDES FOR UPPER BODY: 28th row:** K6, k2tog, k12, k2tog, k6 = 26sts. **29th to 33rd row:** Work in st st (beg with a p row). **34th to 37th row:** Change to light peach and work in st st. **DECREASE FOR NECK: 38th row:** K3, (k2tog) 10 times, k3 = 16sts. **39th row:** P. **INCREASE FOR HEAD: 40th row:** K, inc into every st to end = 32sts. **41st to 55th row:** Work in st st (beg with a p row). **SHAPE TOP OF HEAD: 56th row:** (K2, k2tog) to end = 24sts. **57th row:** P. **58th row:** (K1, k2tog) to end = 16sts. **59th row:** P. **60th row:** (K2tog) to end = 8sts. Break off yarn, thread through rem sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

FAIRY SLIPPERS (Make 2):

Beg at bottom edge: Using 2,75mm needles and bright yellow, cast on 20sts. **1st row:** K2tog, k to last 2sts, k2tog = 18sts. **2nd and every foll alt row:** P. **3rd row:** K2tog, k to last 2sts, k2tog = 16sts. **5th row:** K2tog, k to last 2sts, k2tog = 14sts. **6th row:** P. **7th row:** K. Cast off all sts.

TOP PIECE OF FAIRY SLIPPERS (Make 2):

Using 2,75mm needles and bright green, cast on 16sts. Cast off, noting that P side of cast off is right side.

ARMS (Make 2):

Beg at bottom of hand: Using 2,75mm needles and light peach, cast on 5sts. **1st row:** K, inc into every st = 10sts. **2nd to 17th row:** Work in st st (beg with a p row). Cast off all sts loosely.

WINGS (Both Alike):

Beg at base of wing: Using 2,75mm needles and bright yellow, cast on 40sts. **1st and 2nd row:** Work in st st. **3rd row, picot edge:** K1, *(yfd, k2tog), rep from * to last st, k1. **4th row:** P. **5th and 6th row:** Change to gold and work in st st. **7th and 8th row:** Change to bright green and work in st st. **9th to 12th row:** Change to bright yellow and work in rib pattern. **13th and 14th row:** Change to gold and work in st st. **SHAPE WINGS: 15th row:** Change to bright yellow, (k3, k2tog) to end = 32sts. **16th row:** P. **17th row:** (K2, k2tog) to end = 24sts. **18th row:** P. **19th row:** (K1, k2tog) to end = 16sts. **20th row:** P. **21st row:** (K2tog) to end = 8sts. Break off yarn, thread through rem sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

SKIRT:

*Using 2,75mm needles and bright yellow, cast on 120sts. **1st row:** K. **2nd row:** (P2tog) to end = 60sts. **3rd to 14th row:** Work in st st**. **15th row:** (K2tog) to end = 30sts. **16th and 17th row:** Change to bright green and p 2 rows. Cast off all sts.

NECKBAND FRILL FOR DRESS:

Using 2,75mm needles and bright green, cast on 44sts. **1st row:** K, noting that this row is right side. Cast off all sts.

HAT:

Work as for skirt from * to **. **SHAPE TOP: 15th row:** (K3, k2tog) to end = 48sts. **16th row:** P. **17th row:** (K2, k2tog) to end = 36sts. **18th row:** P. **19th row:** (K1, k2tog) to end = 24sts. **20th row:** P. **21st row:** (K2tog) to end = 12sts. **22nd to 24th row:** Work in st st. Break off yarn, thread through rem sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

STALK FOR HAT:

Using 2,75mm needles and bright green, cast on 14sts. **1st and 2nd row:** Work in st st. **3rd row, picot edge:** K1, *(yfd, k2tog), rep from * to last st, k1. **4th to 6th row:** Work in st st. **SHAPE STALK: 7th row:** K2tog, k to last 2sts, k2tog = 12sts. **8th row:** P. **9th to 16th row:** Repeat last 2 rows 4 times more = 4sts. **17th to 19th row:** Work in st st. Break off yarn, thread through rem sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

DAFFODIL OUTER PETALS:

Using 2,75mm needles and bright yellow, cast on 14sts. **1st and 2nd row:** Work in st st. **3rd row, picot edge:** K1, *(yfd, k2tog), rep from * to last st, k1. **4th to 6th row:** Work in st st (beg with a p row). Cast off all sts purlwise.

DAFFODIL INNER PETALS:

Using 2,75mm needles and bright yellow, cast on 8sts. **1st and 2nd row:** Work in st st. **3rd row, picot edge:** K1, *(yfd, k2tog), rep from * to last st, k1. **4th to 8th row:** Work in st st. **9th row:** (K2tog) to end = 4sts. Break off yarn, thread through rem sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

LEAVES (Make 2):

Using 2,75mm needles and bright green, cast on 6sts. **1st row:** K. Cast off all sts.

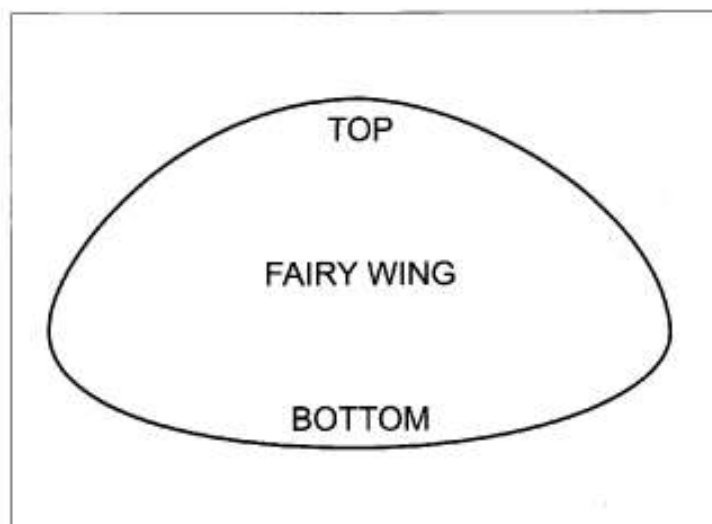
TO MAKE UP:

LEGS, BODY AND HEAD: Sew back seam to top of legs, leaving an opening just below neck for stuffing. Gather around cast on sts of legs, draw up tightly and fasten off. Sew leg seams. Turn right side out. Stuff each leg firmly. Stuff body, neck and head firmly. Close opening. **NECK SHAPING:** Using a long double strand of light peach, gather around neck at row of increase sts and pull up tightly, leaving a long strand at one end. Pass this long strand around neck once, draw up tightly and knot at back of neck. Sew ends into neck. **NOSE:** Mark centre of face 6 rows up from neck and work a few horizontal sts for nose using light peach. Using a cotton bud, rub a little blusher onto the nose to give it definition. **MOUTH:** Using red sewing thread and starting 4 knitted rows down from nose, work a small v-shape for mouth, with 2 small sts on either side (see picture). **EYES:** Mark positions of eyes 2 rows up from nose. Glue or sew an 8mm eye at each marked position. Using black or brown sewing thread, work 3 small sts on either side of eyes for eyelashes. **CHEEKS:** Using a cotton bud, rub blusher lightly onto cheeks for a healthy complexion. **SLIPPERS:** Noting that seam will run up front of slipper, fold knitted piece in half with pointed ends matching. Sew row ends tog, then sew across cast on sts. Turn right side out and push toe of slipper out gently. Stuff toe, then stuff the rest of the slipper, leaving a small space for where the leg will fit into the slipper. Sew slippers to legs at the knitted marker row. **TOP OF SLIPPERS:** Fit top piece around each leg ensuring that the knitted piece hides the sts where the slipper is joined to leg. Sew the top pieces at back of leg, then sew the top portion of each piece to leg. **ARMS:** Gather around cast on sts, draw up tightly and fasten off. Sew row ends tog and turn right side out. Stuff arms and position them two knitted rows below neck. Sew in place, noting that seam will run underneath the arms. **WINGS (Both Alike):** Fold picot edge to WS and slip st loosely into place (to allow for stretch) on each wing. Fold

knitted piece in half and sew row ends tog (= seam where wings will join). Trace shape of wing from diagram onto cardboard and cut out shape of wing. Slide the cardboard inside the knitted piece. Now oversew picot edges tog enclosing cardboard piece as you go and ensuring that you stitch between the downward V shape of the picot edge. Sew wings tog at base for $\pm 1\text{cm}$ [$\frac{1}{2}\text{in}$]. Hold wings at centre back of fairy, taking note of where the wings will be exposed above the arms and shoulders at front. Decorate this section with sequins, glue glitter or anything sparkling. Allow to dry. Sew wings to centre back of fairy. When fairy is complete, catch wings to hands to hold wings in position. **SKIRT:** Sew row ends tog and turn right side out. Slide skirt onto fairy and then sew waistband onto body at knitted waist marker row. **NECKBAND FRILL:** Sew row ends tog, noting that cast off edge will be at bottom. Sew level with top of bright yellow section of bodice starting at centre back. Sew bottom and top edge into place in a square shape bringing frill over left shoulder, across front, over right shoulder and ending at centre back. **HAIR:** Using rust and using a 20cm [8in] diameter side plate, wind yarn around middle of plate 70 times. Tie double piece of yarn tightly at centre front of plate so that it holds the strands tightly. Do this a couple of times. Turn the plate over and cut through the strands of yarn at centre back of plate. You will now have two long sections of yarn on either side of knot. Lie the piece flat and holding the yarn firmly on one side of knot, brush gently with the pets fine wire grooming brush to increase volume of the hair. Now turn over and brush the other side until required thickness is reached. Now repeat this process on the other side of the knot. Pin hair to top of head, positioning it a little to the front. Sew in place at centre knot. Style as desired or bring hair down and round to right shoulder behind arm. Twist the hair and secure with a half length of yellow pipe cleaner at shoulder level and then with a half length of yellow pipe cleaner near bottom of twist (see picture). Sew hair to head last of all as it tends to get in the way when sewing wings in position. Last of all, spread glue stick over tuft of hair below pipe cleaner and twirl between fingers into a point. This will stop the tuft from fanning out. **HAT:** Sew row ends tog, turn right side out and lay aside for now. **STALK:** Fold picot edge to wrong side and slip st into place. Sew row ends tog. Turn right side out, pushing out point of stalk gently. Place a little stuffing at base of stalk before sewing to hat. **HAT AND STALK:** Sew stalk to hat at centre top with seam at centre back. Allow the stalk to curl over slightly to the front. Once hair is in place, sew hat to head just below centre green stalk. **DAFFODIL OUTER PETALS:** Fold piece in half and sew cast

on edge and cast off edge tog. Sew row ends tog. Gather around sewn edge, pull up tightly and fasten off. Sew row ends to form a circle. Lay aside until inner petals are complete. **INNER PETALS:** Fold picot edge to wrong side and slip st into place. Sew row ends tog noting that P side faces to inside of flower. Sew inner petals to centre of outer petals. **STALK:** Secure bright green yarn to one end of a cotton bud. Now wind the yarn firmly around cotton bud from one end to the other. Secure at other end and sew ends into stalk on either side. Lay aside until leaves are complete. **FLOWER:** Sew stalk to flower at centre back. Sew leaves to stalk just below flower on either side. Sew stalk to hand. **COMPLETING THE FAIRY:** Using sequins, beads, glue glitter and anything shiny of your choice that will make your fairy sparkle, decorate in whatever way you feel will look most attractive - e.g. add droplets of gold glue glitter to hair, droplets of green glue glitter to frill of hat, to each slipper in the shape of a leaf, and to front of bodice, droplets of gold glue glitter to neckband, waistband and around neck. Gold and green glue glitter to daffodil, leaves and stalk. Lastly place your fairy near a light where it can sparkle magically and bring joy and good fortune to all the family.

DIAGRAM



Degree of Difficulty

- Basic
- Easier than you think
- Advanced
- A challenge

