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4 PLY, INCA AND
MIRAGE 4 PLY



PETUNIA 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 lavender, light peach and lemon; oddments of bright green, white (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 decorative pipe cleaner in gold tinsel (obtainable at craft and some yarn 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 lavender 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

lavender, 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 white, 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 white, 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 lavender and work in st st. **9th to 12th row:** Change to bright green and work in rib pattern. **13th and 14th row:** Change to lavender and work in st st. **SHAPE WINGS:** **15th row:** Change to white, (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:

Beg at bottom edge: *Using 2,75mm needles and white, cast on 120sts. **1st row:** Change to lavender and k one row. **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 white, 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. **25th row:** K2tog, k to last 2sts, k2tog = 10sts. **26th row:** P. **27th to 30th row:** Rep last 2 rows twice more = 6sts. **31st row:** Change to bright green and k one row. **32nd row:** P2tog, p to last 2sts, p2tog = 4sts. **33rd row:** K. Break off yarn, thread through rem sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

PETUNIA:

Beg at top end: Using 2,75mm needles and

white, cast on 28sts. **1st row:** Change to lavender, (k2tog) to end = 14sts. **2nd to 4th row:** Work in st st (beg with a p row). **5th row:** (K2tog) to end = 7sts. 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.

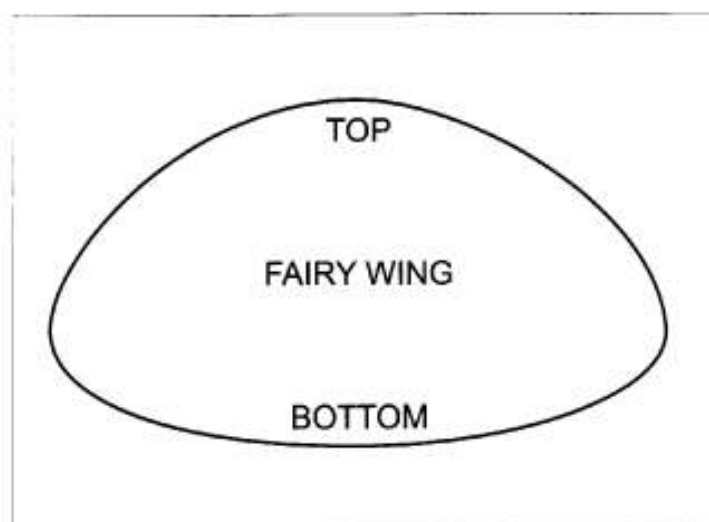
NECK SHAPING: Using a long double strand of light peach, gather around neck at row of increase sts and pull up tightly, leaving a long strand at one end. Pass this long strand around neck once, draw up tightly and knot at back of neck. Sew ends into neck. **NOSE:** Mark centre of face 6 rows up from 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 lavender 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 lemon 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 pet's 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 dividing hair into 3 sections, allow back section to hang straight down back. Twist the two front sections slightly, allowing hair to fall behind arms, but in front of wings. Bring the two front section ends to the back loosely and secure all 3 sections together by means of a half length of gold tinsel pipe cleaner. 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 and turn right side out. Add a little stuffing to point of hat before sewing it into place. Sew hat into place on head, stitching just above the frilly turn up brim. **PETUNIA:** Sew row ends tog noting that P side faces to inside of flower. Glue a silver sequin to centre inside of flower. **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, mauve glue glitter to each slipper in the shape of a leaf, different coloured sequins and droplets of green glue glitter to front of bodice, neckband, around neck and to point of hat, and a green sequin on top of point of 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

