

TWELVE PAGE SERIES

Jean Greenhow's Topsy-Turnabout Doll

Four Fairy Tale Characters in One!



DOUBLE KNITTING YARN

Notes

Here is a wonderful TOPSY-TURNABOUT DOLL which can be transformed 'like magic' into four different Fairy Tale characters!

By reversing the doll from back-to-front and turning upside-down, she can be changed from LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD to LITTLE MISS MUFFET, then from RED RIDING HOOD'S GRANDMA to OLD MOTHER HUBBARD.

The doll's four faces have different expressions and each has a cap or bonnet which hides the reversed face.

There are numerous charming accessories and items of removable clothing appropriate to each character. Also included are lovable little pets — GRANDMA'S WHITE KITTEN, OLD MOTHER HUBBARD'S DOG and LITTLE MISS MUFFET'S enormous SPIDER.

The doll measures 28cm [11in] from the hem of the 'under' skirt to the top of the head which is on view.

I know you will have fun with this extra-special design.

Happy knitting!

Jean

Materials required

Yarn: Double knitting yarn [USA, knitting worsted weight: Australia, 8 ply].

The amounts of yarn required have been rounded up to the nearest 10g or ½oz.

You will need: 60g [2oz] of gold; 50g [1½oz] of blue; 50g [1½oz] of light blue; 40g [1½oz] of light green; 40g [1½oz] of light yellow; 30g [1oz] of light pink; 30g [1oz] of green; 30g [1oz] of bright pink; 20g [¾oz] of light grey; 20g [¾oz] of red; 20g [¾oz] of white; 20g [¾oz] of fawn; oddments of black, light brown, tan, orange and coral pink.

Stuffing: 140g [5oz] of good quality washable stuffing.

Elastic: Short lengths of shirring elastic [USA, elastic thread].

Knitting needles: A pair of 3mm [No 11, USA 2].

Red colouring pencil: for shading cheeks.

Snap fasteners: [USA, snaps]: five small ones are required.

Abbreviations

cm = centimetre[s]; dec = decrease [by working 2 sts tog]; g-st = garter stitch [every row K]; g = gram[s]; inc = increase [by working twice into same st]; in = inch[es]; K = knit; mm = millimetre[s]; oz = ounce[s]; P = purl; st[s] = stitch[es]; st-st = stocking stitch [K on the right side and P on the wrong side]; tog = together.

Special abbreviations

B & T tightly — means break off yarn leaving a long end, thread it through sts left on knitting needle, pull to gather tightly, then fasten off.

B & T loosely — means same as above, but thread yarn through sts loosely and leave until later on.

ym = yarn round needle as follows. Take strand of yarn under and over tip of right hand needle, then continue as given in instructions.

psso = pass slipped st over.

m1 = make 1 stitch. This method of increasing is worked in the horizontal strand of yarn which lies between the stitch you have just knitted [on right hand needle] and the next st on left hand needle. First pick up the horizontal strand with point of left hand needle K wise, that is from front of work to back of work. Next, knit into the back of it, thus forming a new stitch.

USA glossary

Cast off — bind off

Tension — gauge

Instructions in round brackets

These are to be repeated the number of times stated after the closing bracket.

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Stars are used to mark a place in the instructions which will be referred to later on. Meanwhile, follow the instructions in the usual way.

Tension

Using 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles and a single strand of double knitting yarn: 26 sts = 10cm [4in] in width over st-st, before stuffing.

Casting on

The thumb method is recommended.

Casting off

Always cast off K wise unless otherwise stated.

Working in st-st

Always begin with a K row unless otherwise stated.

Working in stripes

When knitting different coloured stripes, carry yarns loosely up side of work.

Making up

Join all seams with right sides of work together and back-stitch one knitted stitch within the edges, unless oversewing is stipulated. When attaching very small pieces you can use ordinary matching sewing threads for a neat finish.

Colouring cheeks

Use the side of the red pencil lead and rub it against the knitted sts with a circular motion.

Working embroidered stitches

When working embroidered stitches on a stuffed item, it is sometimes necessary to start and fasten off the yarn ends invisibly. If this is required, proceed as follows.

Thread a blunt-ended needle with yarn required and knot end of yarn. Take needle through the stuffed item, passing it *between* the knitted sts and bring it out at the position required. Pull the yarn to draw the knotted end right inside the stuffing. Tug the yarn to make sure the knot is caught in the stuffing.

Now work the required embroidered stitches. Pass the needle back through the stuffed item to come out at a position *between* the knitted sts. Pass needle back through the stuffed item again, between the same knitted sts to come out at a different position. Repeat until yarn is securely fastened off, then pull end of yarn and snip off close to the knitted sts.

Twisted cords

To make a cord from a single length of yarn [single twisted cord], cut a strand of yarn four times as long as the measurement required.

Knot one end round a door knob or hook and knot a loop in the other end to fit round the index finger of your right hand. Now keeping the yarn taut, twist your finger round and round in a clockwise direction, steadying the yarn by holding your left hand cupped around it close to your right hand. Keep twisting until when relaxed, the strand of yarn begins to curl tightly back on itself. Fold cord at centre, bringing ends together. Allow yarn to twist tightly, knot ends to the required length, then trim off ends close to the knot.

Toy safety

A certain amount of common sense should always be used regarding the safety factor in children's toys.

The doll in this booklet has many small pieces which are detachable and it is therefore unsuitable for babies and very young children.

Always use new hygienic washable stuffing which conforms to current safety standards — your craft materials supplier will advise.

When making up the pieces, always use large glass-headed or plastic-headed pins. Ordinary pins should not be used as they may pass into the stuffed pieces between the knitted sts.

The Doll

Bodice and head

Note: Four pieces are required. Make two using light green for the bodice and two using light blue for the bodice.

Begin at waist edge and using light green or light blue for the bodice, cast on 21 sts loosely. St-st 12 rows. Continue in st-st throughout.

Shape shoulders

Next row: (K2tog) 3 times, K9, (K2tog) 3 times — 15 sts.

St-st 5 rows.

Break off yarn and join on light pink for head.

St-st 2 rows.

Inc for head

Note: For the 'm1' instruction, refer to 'Special abbreviations' on page 2.

Next row: K3, (m1, K1) to last 2 sts, K2 — 25 sts.

St-st 25 rows and mark centre st on one of these rows with a coloured thread, as a guide to positioning the eyes.

Shape top of head

Next row: K1, (K2tog, K1) to end — 17 sts.
P 1 row.

Next row: K1, (K2tog) to end — 9 sts.
B & T tightly.

To make up

Join each pair of pieces around the edges, leaving the cast on waist edges open. Turn right side out and stuff.

Each head should measure 24cm [9½in] around.

Place the open cast on edges of the bodices together, matching the side seams on both bodices. Oversee the cast on edges together, but leave a small gap in seam. Now continue stuffing through the gap in seam to fill out the bodices.

The doll should now measure 20cm [8in] around at the waist, where the pieces are joined. Oversee gap in seam.

To shape the necks

Use matching yarn to gather round the first knitted row of light pink on each head. Pull up the gathers tightly and knot ends of yarn. Pass one end of yarn around the neck and knot again. Sew yarn ends into neck.

First face

This is worked on one of the faces which has a light blue bodice, for Red Riding Hood's Grandma.

Eyes

The st marked with a coloured thread is at the centre of the face.

Mark the eye positions with pins, 12 knitted rows above the head inc row, leaving 1 clear knitted st to the right and left of the centre st [3 clear knitted sts between the pins].

The eyes are worked in back-stitch as described below.

Use a length of black yarn to work the back-stitches, starting and fastening off yarn ends invisibly as described on page 2 'Working embroidered stitches'.

Bring needle and yarn out at one marked eye position, pass needle through face 2 knitted rows directly above first position. Bring it out at first position and pull yarn through. This completes one back-stitch. Repeat twice more. Pass needle through top of eye and fasten off yarn. Work other eye in same way.

Mouth

Mark centre of mouth with a pin, in centre st, 5 knitted rows above the head inc row. Use coral pink yarn to work a small V-shape with centre of the V at marked position. Colour cheeks with red pencil. Colour a small dot with red pencil for nose, between and just below the eyes.

Second face

This is worked on the other face which has a light blue bodice, for Old Mother Hubbard.

Eyes

Work as given for the First face.

Mouth

Mark centre of mouth with a pin, in centre st, 6 knitted rows above the head inc row. Use coral pink yarn to work a small inverted V-shape with centre of the inverted V at the marked position. Colour cheeks and nose with red pencil as for First face.

Third face

This is worked on one of the faces which has a light green bodice, for Little Red Riding Hood.

Eyes

The st marked with a coloured thread is at the centre of the face.

Mark the eye positions with pins, 11 knitted rows above the head inc row, placing one pin in

centre of the second st to the right of the centre st and the same to left of the centre st.

Now work the eyes in back-stitches as given for the First face.

Mouth

Work as given for the First face.

Colour cheeks and nose with red pencil as for the First face.

Fourth face

This is worked on the other face which has a light green bodice, for Little Miss Muffet.

Eyes

Work as given for the Third face.

Mouth

Use coral pink yarn to work a small horizontal stitch centrally on the face in the fifth knitted row above the head inc row.

Colour cheeks and nose with red pencil as for the First face.

Green striped skirt

Make two pieces alike.

Special note

There is one picot hem on the green striped skirt and one on the blue skirt. Both these hems are visible in the photographs because the hem of the 'hidden' skirt hangs down below the skirt which is on view.

Begin at lower edge and using light yellow cast on 64 sts.

St-st 7 rows.

Work picot hem edge

Next row: K1, (ym, K2tog) to last st, K1.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 4 rows ★.

Break off light yellow, join on gold and g-st 6 rows. Break off gold and join on green and light green.

Beginning with a K row st-st 44 rows, working in two-row stripes of green and light green alternately.



Red Riding Hood's Grandma
Little Miss Muffet



Old Mother Hubbard
Little Red Riding Hood

Shape waist

Keeping stripes correct, continue as follows.

Next row: K1, (K2tog, K1) to end — 43 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, (K2tog) to end — 22 sts.

Cast off.

To make up

Join the pieces at each set of row ends. With wrong side of skirt outside, fold up hem at the picot edge. Catch cast on edge to wrong side of the g-st. Turn skirt right side out.

To sew skirt in place

Push head and light blue bodice inside the skirt, through the waist edge. Pin waist edge of skirt to doll just above cast on edge of the light green bodice, matching the skirt seams to side seams on the bodice. Sew waist edge of skirt to bodice.

Blue skirt

Make two pieces alike.

Make as given for green striped skirt as far as ★.

Break off light yellow, join on blue and g-st 6 rows.

Join on light blue.

Beginning with a K row, continue in st-st and work 2 rows light blue then 2 rows blue.

Break off blue and continue in light blue. St-st 40 rows.

Shape waist

Next row: K1, (K2tog, K1) to end — 43 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, (K2tog) to end — 22 sts.

Cast off.

To make up

Make up as given for green striped skirt.

To sew skirt in place

Turn the green striped skirt inside out to reveal the light blue bodice and head. Place blue skirt

on the doll and pin cast off edge of skirt to doll, just above cast on edge of the light blue bodice. Make sure the skirt seams match the side seams on the bodice. Sew waist edge of skirt to the bodice.

Hair

Note: Make two pieces using gold and two pieces using light grey.

Begin at centre parting and using gold or light grey cast on 12 sts loosely. Mark centre of cast on edge with a coloured thread.

Noting that first row is right side, K 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 24 sts.

G-st 18 rows.

Begin shaping

Next row: K10, (K2tog) twice, K10 — 22 sts.

G-st 3 rows.

Continue shaping

1st row: K9, (K2tog) twice, K9 — 20 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: K.

3rd row: K8, (K2tog) twice, K8 — 18 sts.

5th row: K7, (K2tog) twice, K7 — 16 sts.

7th row: K6, (K2tog) twice, K6 — 14 sts.

9th row: K5, (K2tog) twice, K5 — 12 sts.

K 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 6 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up

Oversew cast on edges of the gold pieces together.

With right side outside, pin the coloured threads to centre top of the head which has the light green bodice. Pull down each set of B & T sts at each side of the head and pin to the head seam level with the mouth. Sew hair to head all round the edges. On the forehead, work three gold chain stitches, fanning out from the centre parting, for a fringe.

Make up the light grey pieces and sew to other head in same way, but omit the chain stitches.

Hair, buns

These are required on the light grey hair only. Make two pieces alike and note that P side of st-st is right side.

Using light grey cast on 10 sts.

1st row: Inc K wise into every st — 20 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 6 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 10 sts.

B & T loosely.

Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Oversew row ends together, then turn right side out.

Stuff lightly, pull up the B & T length of yarn tightly and fasten off, but do not break yarn. Pass needle and yarn through the B & T sts to gathered cast on sts, then back again. Pull tightly to flatten the bun, then fasten off. Sew the gathered cast on sts at centre of each bun to the B & T sts of light grey hair pieces, at each side of head. Catch buns to hair, then head, just above and below the B & T sts.

Arms

Note: Make two pieces using light green for the sleeves and two pieces using light blue for the sleeves.

Begin at top edge of sleeve and using light green or light blue cast on 11 sts loosely.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 22 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 20 rows.

Next row: P1, (P2tog, P1) to end — 15 sts.

Break off light green or light blue and join on green or blue.

G-st 2 rows.

Break off yarn and join on light pink for hand. Beginning with a K row, st-st 9 rows.

Next row: P1, (P2tog) to end — 8 sts.

B & T tightly.

To make up

Join the row ends of each arm for underarm seam. Turn right side out. Stuff hand then stuff sleeve lightly. The sleeve should measure 9cm [3½in] around at centre of the length. Bring underarm seam to centre of cast on edge, then oversew across cast on sts.

To sew arms to doll

Sew top edges of the light blue sleeves to sides of the light blue bodice, just above the shoulder shaping.

Repeat with the light green sleeves on the light green bodice.

Note: When changing the doll from one character to another, remove all the items of clothing and accessories so that the next character's items can be added.

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD'S GRANDMA — ACCESSORIES

Although a bit under the weather, Grandma is much more cheerful since the postman brought a lovely get well card from Little Red Riding Hood. Grandma's little white kitten keeps her company and that bottle of tonic will soon have her on the mend!

Eyeglasses

These are embroidered using two strands of black sewing thread. First work two short

stitches to form an inverted V-shape above the 'nose' for the bridge piece of the glasses.

Directly under each eye, work a 1cm [½in] long horizontal stitch, starting at the ends of the bridge piece.

Below each of these long stitches, work three small stitches to form a U-shape for each lens.

Now use two strands of black sewing thread to oversew two or three times around each stitch, continuing all round the glasses.

Shawl

Begin at lower edge and using blue cast on 54 sts.

G-st 6 rows and inc 1 st at beginning of each row — 60 sts.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 12 rows, but K the first 4 sts and last 4 sts on every P row.

Shape neck

Next row: K4, (K2tog) to last 4 sts, K4 — 34 sts.

Cast off.

Make two 8cm [3in] single twisted blue cords. Sew folded end of each cord to each end of cast off edge of the shawl.



Mob-cap

The cap

Begin at outer edge of the frill and using gold cast on 132 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 66 sts.

P 1 row loosely.

Note that this P row is the position for threading through the elastic later on.

Inc for main part of cap

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 99 sts.
Beginning with a P row, st-st 7 rows.

Shape top

1st row: (K9, K2tog) to end — 90 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

★ **3rd row:** (K8, K2tog) to end — 81 sts.

5th row: (K7, K2tog) to end — 72 sts.

7th row: (K6, K2tog) to end — 63 sts.

9th row: (K5, K2tog) to end — 54 sts.

11th row: (K4, K2tog) to end — 45 sts.

13th row: (K3, K2tog) to end — 36 sts.

15th row: (K2tog) to end — 18 sts.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 9 sts.

B & T tightly ★★.

To make up

Oversew row ends together. On wrong side of the cap, thread elastic through the sts of the loosely-knitted P row.

Pull ends of elastic tightly, then try cap on Grandma's head to check that elastic is at correct tension. Knot elastic securely and trim ends.

The bow

Using light yellow cast on 20 sts and st-st 3 rows.

Cast off.

Oversew row ends together, then turn right side out.

With seam at centre of the bow, wind light yellow yarn tightly around the centre and fasten off. Sew bow to centre front of mob-cap.

Bottle of tonic

Begin at lower edge and using bright pink cast on 14 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 2 rows.

Next row: K2, inc in next 2 sts, K5, inc in next 2 sts, K3 — 18 sts.

K 1 row.

Break off bright pink and join on light yellow for the label.

Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 7 rows.

Break off light yellow then join on bright pink and st-st 6 rows.

Shape neck of bottle

Next row: K3, (K2tog) twice, K4, (slip 1, K1, pss) twice, K3 — 14 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K2, (K2tog) twice, K2, (slip 1, K1, pss) twice, K2 — 10 sts.

Break off bright pink and join on white. St-st 3 rows.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 2 rows.

Break off white and join on light brown for the cork.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 3 rows. K 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 5 sts. B & T tightly.

To make up

Oversew row ends together, then turn right side out. This seam will be at centre back of the bottle. Stuff firmly, but keep bottle slightly flat in shape. Bring seam to centre of cast on edge, then oversew across cast on sts.

Use blue yarn to work back-stitches around upper and lower edges of the label. Split a length of blue yarn to get a finer strand, then embroider TONIC on the label. Sew one half of a snap fastener to back of bottle at neck section.

Sew the other half to Grandma's right hand.

Kitten

Body

Begin at neck edge and using white cast on 12 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 24 sts ★.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 13 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 12 sts.

B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together. This seam will be at centre back of the body. Turn right side out and stuff firmly. Leave neck edge open, then lay body aside until later on.

Head

Work as given for body as far as ★.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 12 rows.

Cast off.

Oversew row ends together. This seam will be at centre back of the head. Turn right side out.

Bring seam to centre of cast off edge, then oversew across cast off sts. Stuff firmly, then leave neck edge open.

To shape the ears

Thread a length of white yarn into a darning needle and knot the end. Pass needle and yarn through stuffing at neck edge to centre of cast off sts at top of head. Pull yarn tightly to make sure knot is caught in the stuffing. Pass needle and yarn back through head and pull tightly, to depress centre top of head. Fasten off in the stuffing. Pinch one ear to squeeze out the stuffing. Now use white yarn to take a small stitch through base of the ear. Pull tightly, then fasten off. Repeat with other ear.

To work the face

Note: Start and fasten off yarn ends in the stuffing at neck edge.

Mark positions of the eyes with pins, 7 knitted rows above the neck inc row, leaving 2 clear knitted sts between the pins. Work a small back-stitch in black for one eye, starting at the marked position and ending one knitted row above. Work another back-stitch in same way at same position. Repeat for the other eye.

Work two small horizontal stitches for the nose using coral pink, between and just below the eyes.

Use two strands of black sewing thread to work a small vertical stitch below nose for the mouth, with a small inverted V-shape at lower end. Work whiskers in black sewing thread as illustrated.

To assemble head and body

Add more stuffing at neck edges of head and body if necessary. Oversew the open neck edges together, matching centre back seams of head and body.

Make a 20cm [8in] single twisted bright pink cord and tie it around kitten's neck.

Secure a length of white yarn at B & T sts underneath body. Pass needle and yarn up through stuffing of body and head to come out at centre top of head. Pull yarn tightly to make a depression under the body, then fasten off. The kitten will now be free-standing.

Tail

Using white cast on 12 sts.

1st row: K10, turn.

2nd row: P to end.

3rd row: K to end.

Cast off.

With right side of st-st outside, oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Sew tail to centre back of kitten's body near to base.

Apron

Main piece

Begin at lower edge and using gold cast on 22 sts.

G-st 6 rows and inc 1 st at beginning of each row — 28 sts.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 24 rows, but K the first 4 sts and last 4 sts on every P row.

Shape waist

Next row: K4, (K2tog) to last 4 sts, K4 — 18 sts.

Cast off.

To block the piece

Wet the apron, then squeeze out excess water. Lay it flat to dry, stretching the side g-st borders slightly.

Pocket

Begin at lower edge and using gold cast on 14 sts.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 9 rows.

G-st 2 rows, then cast off.

Sew the pocket centrally on the apron.

Apron ties

Make two 22cm [8½in] single twisted gold cords. Sew folded end of each cord to each end of cast off edge of the apron.

Get well card

Begin at lower edge and using white cast on 14 sts.

St-st 11 rows, but K the first and last st on every P row.

Cast off.

Block the piece as given for apron, but pin out the corners.

Split lengths of yarn to get finer strands when working the embroidered decoration. Work a few red chain stitches for flowers on right side of st-st, on front half of the card. Work straight green stitches for the flower stems and small green stitches for the leaves. Work gold chain stitches for the bow around the flower stems.

Now cut a rectangle of stiff white paper, a little smaller all round than the knitted card. Round off the sharp corners.

Print on the message:



To Grandma

Get well soon,

love from

Red Riding Hood

xx

P.S. I will bring

some treats

on Wednesday

Glue the paper piece to P side of the knitted piece. Fold in half to crease paper down centre of the card. Place card in apron pocket.



OLD MOTHER HUBBARD — ACCESSORIES

*Old Mother Hubbard
Went to the cupboard,
To fetch her poor dog a bone;
But when she came there
The cupboard was bare
And so the poor dog had none.*

But just look at the shopping list in Old Mother Hubbard's apron pocket. Now she will remember to buy the groceries, not to mention bones for the dog!

Lace collar

Begin at lower edge and using light yellow cast on 57 sts.
G-st 2 rows.

Next row: K3, (yrn, K2tog) to last 2 sts, K2.
Repeat this row twice more.

G-st 2 rows.

Next row: K3, P to last 3 sts, K3.

Next row: K1, (K2tog) to end — 29 sts.
Cast off.

Make two 8cm [3in] single twisted blue cords.
Sew folded end of each cord to each end of cast off edge of the collar.

Mob-cap

Make as given for Red Riding Hood's Grandma on page 5, using bright pink for the cap and light blue for the bow.

Dog's bowl

Base piece

Begin at lower edge and using gold cast on 7 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 14 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 28 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 7 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 14 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 7 sts.

B & T tightly.

Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. With right side of st-st outside, oversew row ends together, stuffing the piece lightly before completing oversewing.



Flatten the piece with the B & T sts at centre. Sew through the piece at centre, then back again, pull tightly to flatten, then fasten off.

Side piece

Using gold cast on 32 sts.

Work 7 rows in K1, P1 rib.

Next row: K into back of every st, to mark the fold line at top edge.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 7 rows. Cast off.

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the cast on and cast off edges together. Oversew the row ends together.

To assemble the pieces

Note that st-st on the side piece is the outside of the piece. Push the base piece inside the side piece. Sew cast on/cast off edge of the side piece to base all round. Catch the base piece to side piece on inside of the bowl where they touch. Using blue, work DOG on the outside of the bowl.

Sew one half of a snap fastener to outside of the bowl and other half to Mother Hubbard's right hand.

Dog

To make one front leg

Using fawn cast on 6 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 12 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 7 rows.

Break off yarn and leave sts on a spare double-pointed needle.

Make another leg in same way, but do not break yarn.

To join legs for body

Mark each end of next row with a coloured thread.

With right side of st-st facing, K across the 12 sts on the knitting needle, then across the 12 sts on spare needle — 24 sts.

Next row: P8, (P2tog) 4 times, P8 — 20 sts.

Beginning with a K row, continue in st-st and work 6 rows. Place a length of fawn yarn at

centre of the last row, on right side of st-st, to mark position for attaching the head.

St-st 2 rows.

Shape body

Note: For the 'm1' instruction, refer to 'Special abbreviations' on page 2.

Next row: K3, (m1, K1) 4 times, K6, (K1, m1) 4 times, K3 — 28 sts.

St-st 15 rows.

Shape back of body

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 14 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 7 sts. B & T tightly.

Gather each set of cast on leg sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Oversew row ends of body together, starting at the coloured threads and leaving a gap in seam for turning and stuffing.

This seam will run underneath the body.

Oversew row ends of each leg together. Turn the piece right side out. Stuff legs, then body. Oversew gap in seam.

Head

Begin at top of head and using fawn cast on 11 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 22 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 12 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 11 sts. B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together. This seam will be at centre back of head. Turn right side out and stuff. With seam at centre of cast on edge, oversew across cast on sts.

To work the face

Mark positions of the eyes with pins, 7 knitted rows below the inc row at top of head, leaving 2 clear knitted sts between the pins. Now work the back-stitches for the eyes as given for the Kitten on page 6.

Work two short horizontal black stitches for nose at lower end of face.

Ears

Make two alike.

Using fawn cast on 12 sts tightly.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 6 sts.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 3 sts.

B & T tightly.

With right side of st-st outside, oversew row ends of each ear together. Oversew across cast on sts. Pin cast on edges of ears to ends of the seam at top of head, with cast on edges at right angles to the seam. Sew in place. Fold down the ears and catch to head where they touch.

Collar

Using light blue cast on 10 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 20 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

Next row: P.

Next row: K.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 3 rows.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 10 sts.

K 1 row, then B & T tightly.

With right side of st-st outside, oversew row ends together. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off but do not break yarn. Now sew through centre of the B & T sts and back to gathered cast on sts. Pull tightly to flatten the collar, then fasten off.

To attach head to body

Using a length of fawn yarn and a darning needle, take a stitch across 2 sts at centre of the seam at back of head. Leaving one long tail end of yarn, pass the other end through centre of the collar, then pass it through the body at position of the length of fawn yarn. Pull needle and yarn through to underbody seam. Repeat with the other tail-end of yarn. Knot the ends of yarn very tightly at the underbody seam. Sew yarn ends into body.

Tail

Using fawn cast on 8 sts.

St-st 6 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 4 sts.

B & T tightly.

With right side of st-st outside, oversew the row ends together. Push a little stuffing in the tail, then sew open cast on edge to back of dog just below the B & T sts, with tail seam facing downwards.

Apron

Using bright pink, make as given for Grandma's apron on page 6.

Shopping list

Using white cast on 8 sts.

St-st 13 rows, but K the first and last st on every P row.

Cast off.

Block the piece and cut a piece of paper etc as given for Grandma's Get well card on page 6. Before gluing the paper to the knitted piece, print on the shopping list and include 'Bones for dog' in the list.

Glue the paper piece to P side of the knitted piece.

Place list in apron pocket.

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD — ACCESSORIES

Little Red Riding Hood is on her way to Grandma's cottage with a basket of treats and a lovely posy of flowers picked in the woods. Grandma is certain to be delighted with those delicious apples and oranges and that home-baked cake will be perfect for afternoon tea!

Hood

Main piece

Begin at face edge and using red cast on 52 sts.

G-st 6 rows, slipping the first st K wise on every row.

Begin stocking stitch

1st row: Slip first st K wise, K to end.

2nd row: Slip first st K wise, K2, P to last 3 sts, K3.

Repeat these two rows 9 more times.

Shape back

Next row: Slip first st K wise, K15, (K2tog) 10 times, K16 — 42 sts.

G-st 5 rows, slipping first st K wise on every row.

Next row: Slip first st K wise, K10, (K2tog) 10 times, K11 — 32 sts.

G-st 3 rows, slipping first st K wise on every row.

Next row: Slip first st K wise, K5, (K2tog) 10 times, K6 — 22 sts.

Cast off.

Fold the cast off edge in half, then oversew across cast off sts.

Cape piece

Begin at lower edge and using red cast on 60 sts.

G-st 6 rows.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 10 rows, but K the first 4 sts and last 4 sts on every P row.

Shape neck edge

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 40 sts.

Cast off.

Oversew cast off edge of the cape piece to the row ends of the main piece. Make two 14cm [5½in] single twisted red cords. Sew folded end of each one to the hood at the neck seam.

Apron

Using light yellow, make as given for Grandma's apron on page 6, but omit the pocket.

Using gold yarn, work a cross-stitch at lower edge of st-st at centre of apron, 2 knitted sts wide and 3 knitted rows deep. Leaving one clear knitted st between each one, work three more cross-stitches to left and right of the first one. Work a small green stitch across centre of each cross-stitch.

Basket and contents

Note: For the basket and handle, use two strands of yarn together, one light yellow and one fawn.

Basket

Begin at top edge and cast on 36 sts.

G-st 10 rows.

Shape base

1st row: (K2; slip 1, K1, pss) to end — 27 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: (K1; slip 1, K1, pss) to end — 18 sts.

5th row: (Slip 1, K1, pss) to end — 9 sts.

B & T tightly, using one strand of yarn.

Oversew row ends together.

Handle

Cast on 18 sts and st-st 4 rows.

Cast off P wise.

With P side of st-st outside, oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Oversew row ends of handle to top edge of basket.

Sew one half of a snap fastener to the handle and other half to Red Riding Hood's right hand.

Cake

Begin at top and using tan cast on 8 sts, P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 16 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 2 rows.

K 1 row.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 3 rows.

K 1 row.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 8 sts. B & T tightly.

With right side of st-st outside, oversew row ends together. Stuff, then gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off but do not break yarn. Pass needle and yarn through centre to B & T sts, then back again. Pull tightly to flatten, then fasten off. Using red, work a few small stitches for cherry at centre top of cake. Place cake in the basket.

Oranges and apples

Make two of each.

Using orange or light green, begin at lower edge and cast on 8 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows.

B & T tightly.

With right side of st-st outside, oversew row ends together. Stuff, then gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off, but do not break yarn.

Pass needle and yarn through centre to B & T sts, then back again. Pull tightly to depress top then fasten off. Using light green sewing thread for orange, dark green for apple, work a small dot at centre top of the fruit.

Cloth cover

Using white cast on 12 sts.

St-st 15 rows, but K the first and last st on every P row.

Cast off.

Place cover over or under the contents of the basket as desired.



Bunch of flowers

The stem piece

Using green cast on 12 sts.

★ 1st row: K4, turn.

2nd row: Slip first st, K to end.

3rd and 4th rows: K ★★.

Repeat from ★ to ★★ 3 more times.

K 1 row, then cast off.

Oversew cast on and cast off edges together. Gather round shortest set of row ends, pull up

tightly and fasten off. Stuff the narrow portion lightly then the wide portion more firmly. Gather round remaining set of row ends, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Flowers

Make twenty-four.

Using white cast on 6 sts, then B & T tightly.

Catch the cast on row ends together. Using one tail-end of yarn, sew flower to centre top of the fattest portion of the stem piece. Sew other tail-end of yarn into stem piece. Continue

sewing on flowers in this way to cover the fattest portion of the stem piece.

For flower centres use a length of gold yarn and a darning needle. Pass needle and yarn through stem piece to come out at one flower centre. Taking a small stitch, pass needle and yarn through flower centre and stem piece to come out at another flower centre. Repeat until all the flower centres have been worked, then fasten off yarn.

Sew one half of a snap fastener to the stem piece and other half to Red Riding Hood's left hand.

LITTLE MISS MUFFET — ACCESSORIES

Little Miss Muffet

Sat on a tuffet,

Eating her curds and whey;

There came a big spider,

Who sat down beside her

And frightened Miss Muffet away.

But to Miss Muffet's surprise, the spider tipped his top hat and said "Good Morning" so politely that they soon became the best of friends!

Bonnet

Using blue, make the Main piece only, as given for Little Red Riding Hood's Hood on page 9. Make two 14cm [5½in] single twisted blue cords.

Sew folded end of each one to each end of the cast on edge.

Ringlets

Make twelve.

These are sewn to the row ends at the lower edge of the bonnet.

Note that first row is right side.

Using gold, cast on 10 sts and g-st 7 rows.

Cast off.

With right side outside, oversew cast on and cast off edges of each ringlet together. With this seam at centre back of ringlet, oversew across one set of row ends. Sew this end just inside lower edge of bonnet, just within the 6 g-st rows at face edge. Repeat at other side of bonnet. Now sew remaining ringlets to lower edge of bonnet side-by-side.

Flowers

Make three.

Using coral pink cast on 14 sts.

K 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 7 sts.

B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends of each flower together. Using light yellow, work a few small stitches at centre of each flower.

Sew flowers to bonnet as illustrated.

Apron

Using blue, make as given for Grandma's apron on page 6, but omit the pocket.

Work the cross-stitch decoration as given for Little Red Riding Hood's apron on page 9, using coral pink for the cross-stitches and light yellow for the centre stitches.

Curds and whey

The bowl

Using coral pink, make as given for the Dog's bowl, [Base and Side pieces] on page 7.

The spoon handle

Using light grey begin at top end of handle and cast on 5 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

Next row: K2tog, K1, K2tog — 3 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows.

B & T tightly.

With right side of st-st outside, oversew row ends together.

With this seam at centre back of the handle, oversew across cast on sts.

Now secure a length of light grey yarn at the dec row.

Wind the yarn tightly round and round the handle, working toward the B & T sts. Fasten off. Lay the handle aside for now.

The curds and whey

Using white cast on 4 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 6 rows and inc 1 st K wise at beginning of every row — 10 sts.

St-st 6 rows.

Now st-st 6 rows and dec 1 st at beginning of each row — 4 sts.

B & T tightly. This end is the overspill end.

To assemble the pieces

Pin the curds and whey inside the bowl, with the overspill end hanging over the side piece of the bowl. At one side of the curds and whey on the inside of the bowl make an opening in the knitted sts by inserting a knitting needle. Remove the curds and whey and widen the opening enough to insert the B & T end of the spoon. Sew this end of spoon to curds and whey where it passes through.

Now sew the curds and whey to the bowl as previously pinned.

Sew one half of a snap fastener to the outside of the bowl and the other half to Miss Muffet's right hand.

Spider

Main piece

Using light brown cast on 9 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Inc K wise into every st — 18 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end — 27 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 7 rows.

Shape top of head

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 18 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K2tog) to end — 9 sts.

B & T loosely.

With right side of st-st outside, oversew row ends together for centre back seam. Gather round cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Stuff firmly, then pull up the B & T length of yarn tightly and fasten off.

To work the face

At front of spider, mark eye positions with pins. 3 knitted rows below the first dec row at top of head, leaving 2 clear knitted sts between the pins.

Now work the back-stitches for the eyes as given for the Kitten on page 6.

For the mouth, use black yarn to work a small V-shape, below the eyes.

Legs

Make eight.

Using light brown cast on 12 sts.

1st row: Slip first st P wise, P to end.

2nd row: Slip first st K wise, K to end.

Cast off K wise, slipping the first st.

With K side of st-st outside, oversew the cast on and cast off edges of each leg together, but do not break yarn. Now pass needle and yarn down centre of the leg to come out at the other end. Repeat this once more, to strengthen the leg, then fasten off.

Fold leg in half and sew through both halves at the fold to make the 'knee'. Pull yarn tightly, then fasten off. Sew four legs to each side of spider side-by-side and level with mouth.

Hat

For the hat brim use two strands of blue yarn and cast on 21 sts.

Break off one strand and continue with the remaining strand of yarn.



When working the next row, treat the two loops of each cast on st as *one st*.

Beginning with a K row, st-st 2 rows.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end — 14 sts.

Next row: (P2tog) to end — 7 sts.

B & T tightly.

Oversew row ends together.

For the hat top piece use blue and cast on 20 sts.

St-st 3 rows, then cast off.

Roll up the strip tightly from one set of row ends to the other. Sew row ends in place. Sew through the rolled-up piece at cast on and cast off ends to secure.

Sew the cast on end centrally on right side of the brim piece.

Sew hat brim to top of spider's head, around outer edge of the rolled-up top piece.

Display cushion

This is an optional extra, but it is very useful for displaying the doll in an upright position, so that each character appears to be free-standing. The cushion is circular and the 'concealed' doll's head rests in a depression at the centre. Make two pieces alike and note that P side of st-st is *right side*.

Using any colour of yarn, cast on 90 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows.

Now shape the piece as given for the Mob-cap

on page 5, from ★ to ★★, noting that every alternate row will be a P row.

To make up

Oversew the row ends of each piece together.

Oversew the two pieces together round the cast on edges, leaving a gap in seam for turning and stuffing. Turn right side out.

Stuff cushion very lightly and evenly.

Pin the pieces together at centre of cushion. Place concealed doll's head on the cushion to check that stuffing is sufficient to hold doll upright, with the 'under' skirt hem just touching the ground. Remove or add more stuffing if necessary, then oversew gap in seam. Sew through centre of the cushion as previously pinned, to depress the centre slightly.

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