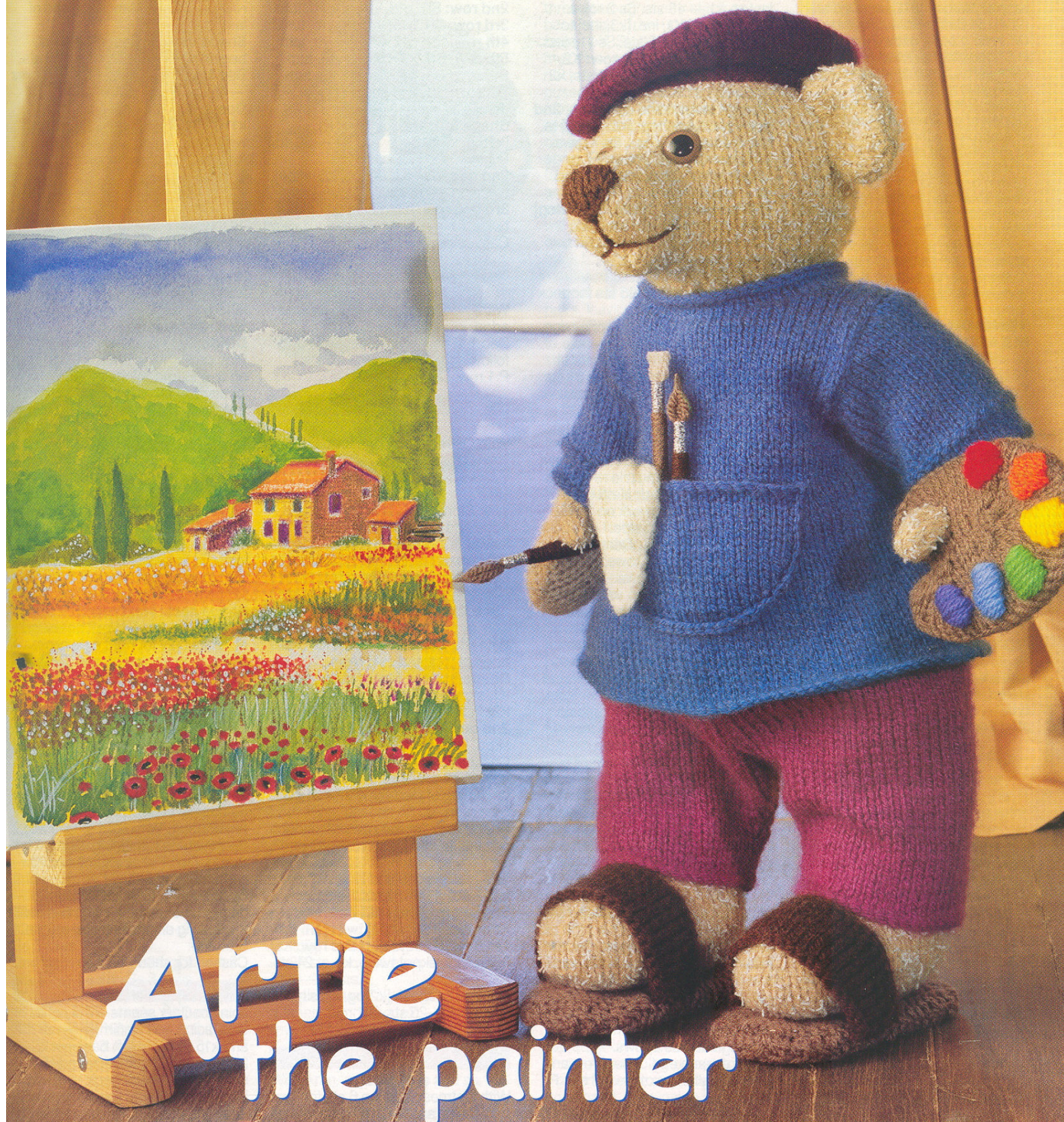


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Instructions overleaf

MATERIALS

1 x 50 g ball of Sirdar Tiny Tots in Stone (957). Of Sirdar Bonus DK in 100 g balls, allow 40 g in each of Cerise (984) and Denim (994), 20 g in Aran (993) and 10 g in each of Maroon (972) and Oatmeal (964). Of Sirdar Bonus Toytime DK in 25 g balls, allow 20 g in Chocolate (947) and 10 g in Mink (946). Small amounts of DK yarn in Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue and Purple. Oddment of Silver Lurex knitting or embroidery thread. No. 11 (3 mm) knitting needles; 125 g of washable toy stuffing; a pair of 12 mm brown safety teddy eyes; three small denim-blue buttons; thin plastic drinking-straw; scrap of stout card; clear adhesive. For stockists, write to: Sirdar Spinning Ltd, Flanshaw Lane, Alverthorpe, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF2 9ND (01924 371501).

TENSION AND MEASUREMENTS

26 stitches and 36 rows, to 10 x 10 cm, over stocking stitch, using Tiny Tots or Bonus DK and No. 11 (3 mm) needles. The toy will measure 34 cm/13½ in tall.

ABBREVIATIONS

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **sl**, slip; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **pssso**, pass sl st over; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **skpo**, (sl1, k1, pssso); **ytf**, yarn to front; **yfb**, yarn to back; **gst**, garter st (every row k).

NOTE

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

Trace off same-size for artist's palette

BODY

With Cerise, cast on 12 sts for base edge and ss 2 rows.

1st inc row: Inc in each st to end — 24 sts. P 1 row. **2nd inc row:** [Inc, k1] to end — 36 sts. Ss 3 rows. **3rd inc row:** K1, inc, [k2, inc] to last st, k1 — 48 sts. Ss 3 rows. **4th inc row:** K1, inc, [k3, inc] to last 2 sts, k2 — 60 sts. Ss 11 rows. **Shape waist: 1st dec row:** K2, k2tog, [k4, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 — 50 sts. Ss 3 rows. Change to Aran and ss 6 rows. **2nd dec row:** K4, k2tog, [k8, k2tog] to last 4 sts, k4 — 45 sts. Ss 7 rows. **3rd dec row:** K4, k2tog, [k7, k2tog] to last 3 sts, k3 — 40 sts. Ss 7 rows. **4th dec row:** K3, k2tog, [k6, k2tog] to last 3 sts, k3 — 35 sts. Ss 3 rows. Cast off for neck edge.

HEAD

With Stone, cast on 35 sts for neck edge and ss 4 rows.

Inc row: K5, [inc, k1] 11 times, inc, k7 — 47 sts. P 1 row. **Shape muzzle:** Cast on 7 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 61 sts. Inc 1 st each end of next 4 rows — 69 sts.

Ss 6 rows. Mark each end of last row. Cast off 11 sts at beginning of next 2 rows for top of muzzle — 47 sts. **Shape top of head: Next row:** K16, inc, turn and work on these 18 sts only for right side.

Right side: P 1 row. Dec 1 st at beginning of next 4 rows, then each end of following 2 rows — 10 sts. Cast off for top edge.

Gusset: With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 30 sts, inc, k11, inc, turn and work on these 15 sts only. Ss 19 rows. Dec 1 st each end of next row and 4 following alternate rows — 5 sts. Ss 9 rows. Dec 1 st each end of next row — 3 sts. Cast off for nose edge.

Left side: With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 17 sts, inc, k to end — 18 sts. P 1 row. Dec 1 st at end of next 4 rows, then each end of following 2 rows — 10 sts. Cast off for top edge.

EARS

(make 4)

With Stone, cast on 12 sts and ss 6 rows. Dec 1 st each end of next row and following alternate row, then each end of next row — 6 sts. Cast off.

NOSE

With Chocolate, cast on 7 sts for top edge and ss 2 rows. Dec 1 st each end of next row and following alternate row — 3 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: Sl1, k2tog, pssso and fasten off.

ARMS

(make 2)

With Aran, cast on 22 sts for wrist

edge and k 3 rows.

Beginning with a p row, ss 9 rows.

Inc row: K6, [inc, k7] twice — 24 sts.

P 1 row.

Shape elbow: 1st row: K21, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn.

2nd row: Sl1, p18, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn.

3rd row: Sl1, k15, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn.

4th row: Sl1, p12, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn.

5th row: Sl1, k9, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn.

6th row: Sl1, p6, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn.

7th row: Sl1, k to end. P 1 row across all sts — 24 sts. Ss 8 rows.

Shape top: 1st dec row: K1, [k2tog, k7, skpo] twice, k1 — 20 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K1, [k2tog, k5, skpo] twice, k1 — 16 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: K1, [k2tog, k3, skpo] twice, k1 — 12 sts. P 1 row.

Cast off for top edge.

PAWS

(make 2)

With Stone, cast on 12 sts for wrist edge and ss 10 rows.

Dec 1 st each end of next row and following alternate row — 8 sts. P 1 row. Cast off.

PAW PADS

(make 2)

With Oatmeal, work as for paws.

THUMBS

(make 2)

With Stone, cast on 8 sts for base edge and ss 6 rows. Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread end through remaining sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

LEGS

(make 2)

With Stone, cast on 48 sts for base edge of foot and ss 6 rows.

Shape front of foot: 1st dec row: K1, skpo, k2, k2tog, k34, skpo, k2, k2tog, k1 — 44 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K1, skpo, k2tog, k34, skpo, k2tog, k1 — 40 sts. P 1 row.

Cast off 7 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 26 sts. Dec 1 st at beginning of next 2 rows — 24 sts. Ss 8 rows.

Shape leg: 1st inc row: K2, inc, [k5, inc] to last 3 sts, k3 — 28 sts. Ss 7 rows.

2nd inc row: K3, inc, [k6, inc] to last 3 sts, k3 — 32 sts. Ss 9 rows.

Shape top of leg: 1st dec row: K1, [k2tog, k11, skpo] twice, k1 — 28 sts. P 1 row. **2nd dec row:** K1, [k2tog, k9, skpo] twice, k1 — 24 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: K1, [k2tog, k7, skpo] twice, k1 — 20 sts. P 1 row. Cast off for top edge.

FOOT SOLES

(make 2)

With Oatmeal, cast on 6 sts for back edge and ss 2 rows.

Inc 1 st each end of next row and following alternate row — 10 sts. Ss 17 rows.

Dec 1 st each end of next row and following alternate row — 6 sts.

P 1 row. Cast off for front edge.

TROUSER LEGS

(make 2)

With Cerise, cast on 44 sts and ss 6 rows.

Inc 1 st at beginning of next 12 rows — 56 sts. Mark each end of last row.

Shape crotch: Cast off 2 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 52 sts. Dec 1 st at beginning of next 6 rows — 46 sts. Ss 24 rows.

Dec row: K11, [k2tog] 12 times, k11 — 34 sts. P 3 rows for base of waistband. K 1 row. Cast off kwise for top edge of waistband.

SMOCK

With Denim, cast on 105 sts and ss 14 rows.

1st dec row: K3, k2tog, [k5, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 — 90 sts. Ss 9 rows.

2nd dec row: K2, k2tog, [k4, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 — 75 sts. Ss 8 rows.

Divide for armholes: Next row: P19, cast off 2, p to last 21 sts, cast off 2, p to end. Work on last set of 19 sts only for left back.

Left back: K 1 row. Dec 1 st at beginning of next row — 18 sts. Ss 14 rows.

Shape neck: Cast off 6 sts at beginning of next row and 3 sts on 2 following alternate rows — 6 sts. Ss 1 row. Cast off for shoulder.

Front: With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining sts, k33, turn and work on these sts only. Dec 1 st at each end of next row — 31 sts. Ss 12 rows.

Shape neck: Next row: K12, cast off 7 sts, k to end. Work on last set of 12 sts only for right side neck.

Right side neck: P 1 row. Cast off 3 sts at beginning of next row and following alternate row — 6 sts. Ss 3 rows. Cast off for shoulder.

Left side neck: With wrong side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 12 sts and p to end. K 1 row. Cast off 3 sts at beginning of next row and following alternate row — 6 sts. Ss 2 rows. Cast off for shoulder.

Right back: With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 19 sts, k to end. Dec 1 st at end of next row — 18 sts. Ss 13 rows.

Shape neck: Cast off 6 sts at beginning of next row and 3 sts on 2 following alternate rows — 6 sts. Ss 1 row.

Cast off for shoulder.

SMOCK COLLAR

Join shoulder seams. With right side facing and Denim, pick up and k15 sts from left back neck, 25 sts across front neck and 15 sts from right back neck — 55 sts. Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows. Cast off kwise.

SMOCK SLEEVES

(make 2)

With Denim, cast on 34 sts and ss 4 rows. P2 rows for top of cuff.



Beginning with a k row, continue in ss and inc 1 st each end of next row and following 6th row — 38 sts. Ss 5 rows.

Shape top: Cast off 5 sts at beginning of next 6 rows — 8 sts. Cast off.

SMOCK POCKET

With Denim, cast on 22 sts for top edge and ss 10 rows. Dec 1 st each end of next row and 2 following alternate rows, then each end of next 3 rows — 10 sts. Cast off.

BERET

With Maroon, cast on 58 sts and ss 2 rows.

1st inc row: K3, [inc, k4] to end — 69 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: K3, [inc, k5] to end — 80 sts. Ss 5 rows.

Shape crown: 1st dec row: [K4, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 — 67 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: [K3, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 — 54 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd dec row: K3, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] to last st, k1 — 41 sts. Ss 3 rows.

4th dec row: K2, [k2tog, k1] to end — 28 sts. Ss 3 rows.

5th dec row: [K2tog] to end — 14 sts.

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread end through remaining sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

SANDAL SOLES

(make 4)

With Mink, cast on 6 sts for back

edge and gst 2 rows.

Inc 1 st each end of next row and 2 following alternate rows — 12 sts.

Gst 31 rows. Dec 1 st each end of next row and 2 following alternate rows — 6 sts. K 1 row.

Cast off for front edge.

SANDAL UPPERS

(make 2)

With Chocolate, cast on 26 sts for back edge and ss 9 rows.

Cast off kwise for front edge.

PALETTE

(make 2)

With Mink, cast on 48 sts for outer edge and ss 1 row.

Shape centre: Inc 1 st each end of next 2 rows — 52 sts.

1st dec row: [P1, p2tog] 3 times, p6, [p2tog, p1] 6 times, p2tog, p8, [p2tog, p1] 3 times — 39 sts. K 1 row.

2nd dec row: [P2tog] 3 times, p6, [p2tog] 7 times, p7, [p2tog] 3 times — 26 sts. Inc 1 st each end of next row — 28 sts.

3rd dec row: P2, p3tog, p3, [p3tog] 4 times, p3, p3tog, p2 — 16 sts. K 1 row. Cast off for centre edge.

PAINT RAG

With Aran, cast on 8 sts and ss 10 rows.

Inc row: [Inc] 7 times, k1 — 15 sts. Ss 7 rows. Dec 1 st each end of next row and 5 following alternate rows — 3 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: Sl1, k2tog, pssso and fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

- Mark centre on neck edges of body and head pieces. Join body seam, leaving neck and base edges open. Work a gathering thread through every stitch on base edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Stuff body firmly. Join muzzle seam on head piece from neck edge up to markers. Sew gusset in place, matching centre of nose edge to markers. Mark eye positions on head sides 3.5 cm up from nose edge and 4 cm apart. Push eye shank through fabric at markers to wrong side and fix with locking washer, pushing it down shank as far as it will go. Stuff head firmly. Matching muzzle seam to body marker and back body seam to head marker, sew head to body.

- Join ear pieces together in pairs, leaving cast-on edges open. Position and sew vertically to sides of head, placing 21 stitches in from muzzle seam, and 4 rows down from gusset seam. Fastening off ends of yarn at top of head, with Chocolate, embroider three straight stitches to form an inverted "Y" shape for mouth at end of muzzle. Sew nose piece in place, stuffing lightly with a matching yarn.

- Fold each arm and leg in half and join front seam up from cast-on edge, leaving a 5 cm space open at top. Join paw and paw-pad pieces together, leaving wrist edges open. Sew wrist edges of arms and paws together. Sew foot sole to base of foot, matching leg seam to centre point of sole front edge. Stuff legs, paws and arms firmly and join remainder of seam, including top edge.

Mark arm positions on body sides 2.5 cm down from neck seam and leg positions in line with 4th increase row. Using a long needle and a length of matching yarn, fasten off 2 cm down from top edge on inside of right arm. Insert needle at marker on right side of body, draw out at marker on left side and take a small stitch in same position on inside of left arm. Return needle through body to right side and take a small stitch in same place on right arm. Repeat once more, then pull up yarn tightly to draw arms into sockets and fasten off securely. Attach legs to body in same manner, sewing 3 cm down from top edge on inside of each leg.

- Join trouser leg pieces together from markers to top edge of waistband, then inside leg seams. Fit trousers on bear. With base edge of waistband in line with last Cerise row on body, sew trousers in place, working back stitch over every stitch on base row.

- Join smock sleeve seams and sew in sleeves. Place pocket at centre front of smock 2.5 cm up from cast-on edge and sew in place. Fit smock on bear and overlap back edges by 2 cm, holding in place with pins. Starting at collar, place three buttons along overlapped edge 4 cm apart and sew through both layers of fabric. Remove pins.

- Join beret seam and press flat as given on ball band. Fold 20 cm length of Maroon in half and twist tightly, then bring ends together to form a cord. Thread cord through centre of beret, leaving 1 cm showing on right side and hold in place with a few stitches on the inside. Pin beret on head and sew in place by working back stitch over cast-on edge. Remove pins.

- Cut out two 9.5 cm x 4.5 cm rectangles out of card and curve off each corner. Sandwich card piece between two sole pieces and oversew edges of knitting together. Attach sandal soles to foot soles with a few stitches worked along centre. Wrap sandal uppers over feet and sew side edges to sandal soles.

- Trace off palette pattern (*below, left*) and cut from folded paper, placing broken line on fold. Open out and transfer to card, then cut out. Fold each palette piece in half and join cast-off edge together. Sandwich card piece between palette pieces and oversew edges of knitting together.

- Embroider patches of paint on palette with satin stitch using Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue and Purple yarns. Sew palette to left paw. Join row ends on each thumb piece and stuff. Sew one thumb to top of palette, so that it appears to be emerging from a thumb hole, and the other one to the right paw.

Cut three 5 cm lengths of straw for paintbrushes. Cut Mink or Oatmeal into 5 cm lengths. Tie 5 lengths together at centre with a length of matching yarn for bristle. Spread a little glue over one end of bristle and either twist together for pointed tip or pinch together for chisel tip. Leave to harden and trim ends on chisel tip to neaten. Cut tying yarn ends to 1 cm, spread with a little glue and push into end of straw. Using glue to hold in place, closely wind Lurex thread round top 1 cm section of straw, then use either Chocolate or Mink to bind remainder of straw.

Fit paint rag into smock pocket, folding pointed end over top edge to right side and holding in place with a few stitches. Glue 2 paintbrushes to wrong side of pocket. Finally, glue remaining paintbrush in position between right paw and thumb.