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MATERIALS

1 x 50 g ball of Sirdar Denim Tweed DK in Beige (509); 2 x 25 g balls of Sirdar Bonus Toytime DK in Chocolate (947), 1 ball each in Mink (946), Silver Cloud (968), Bottle (973) and Orange (981) and a small amount in Apple (980); 1 x 100 g ball of Sirdar Bonus DK each in Denim (994) and Powder Blue (960), a small amount in Maroon (972). No. 11 (3 mm) knitting needles; 150 g washable toy stuffing; a pair of 10.5 mm brown safety teddy eyes; 3 small buttons; 7 cm length of plastic drinking straw; 5 cm diameter toilet-tissue card tube; clear adhesive; long tweezers. 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 No. 11 (3 mm)

BODY

With Powder Blue, cast on 32 sts for neck edge. Ss 8 rows.

1st inc row: K1, inc, [k3, inc] 7 times, k2 — 40 sts. Ss 7 rows.

2nd inc row: K2, inc, [k4, inc] 7 times, k2 — 48 sts. Ss 7 rows.

3rd inc row: K2, inc, [k5, inc] 7 times, k3 — 56 sts. Ss 7 rows.

4th inc row: K3, inc, [k6, inc] 7 times, k3 — 64 sts. P 1 row.

Change to Beige and ss 10 rows.

Shape base: 1st dec row: K3, k2tog, [k6, k2tog] 7 times, k3 — 56 sts. Ss 5 rows.

2nd dec row: K3, k2tog, [k5, k2tog] 7 times, k2 — 48 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd dec row: K2, k2tog, [k4, k2tog] 7 times, k2 — 40 sts. Ss 3 rows.

4th dec row: K2, k2tog, [k3, k2tog] 7 times, k1 — 32 sts. P 1 row.

5th dec row: K1, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] 7 times, k1 — 24 sts. P 1 row.

6th dec row: [K1, k2tog] 8 times — 16 sts.

Break yarn, leaving a long end.

Thread end through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

HEAD

With Beige, cast on 32 sts for neck edge. Ss 2 rows.

Inc row: [Inc, k1] to end — 48 sts.

Shape muzzle: Inc 1 st at each end of next row — 50 sts.

Cast on 8 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 66 sts.

Inc 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 70 sts. Ss 8 rows. Mark each end of last row.

Cast off 11 sts at beginning of next 2 rows for top of muzzle — 48 sts.

Next row: K15, inc, turn and work on these 17 sts only for right side head.

Right side head: * P 1 row. Dec 1 st at each end of next row and following alternate row — 13 sts. P 1 row. Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 9 sts. Cast off for top edge. **

With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 32 sts, inc, k14, inc, turn and work on these 18 sts only for front gusset.

Front gusset: Ss 17 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 4 following alternate rows — 8 sts. P 1 row. Ss 11 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row — 6 sts. Cast off for nose edge.

Left side head: With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 16

sts, inc, k15 — 17 sts. Work as given for right side head from * to **.

EARS

(make 4)

With Beige, cast on 14 sts for base edge. Ss 8 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 2 following alternate rows — 8 sts. Cast off for top edge.

BOOTS AND LEGS

(make 2)

With Mink, cast on 50 sts for base edge of boot. K 2 rows.

Change to Bottle. Beginning with a k row, ss 6 rows.

Shape front: 1st dec row: K1, skpo, k2, k2tog, skpo, k32, k2tog, skpo, k2, k2tog, k1 — 44 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K1, skpo, k2tog, skpo, k30, k2tog, skpo, k2tog, k1 — 38 sts. P 1 row.

Cast off 4 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 30 sts. Dec 1 st at beginning of next 2 rows — 28 sts. Ss 4 rows.

Inc row: K3, inc, [k6, inc] 3 times, k3 — 32 sts. Ss 4 rows. K 4 rows for top of boot.

Change to Beige. Beginning with a p row, ss 21 rows.

Shape top of leg: 1st dec row: K1, [skpo, k2, k2tog, k3, skpo, k2, k2tog] twice, k1 — 24 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K1, [skpo, k2tog, k3, skpo, k2tog] twice, k1 — 16 sts. P 1 row.

Cast off for top edge.

BOOT SOLES

(make 2)

With Mink, cast on 6 sts for back edge. Continue in gst, work 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at each end of next row and following alternate row — 10 sts.

Gst 24 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row and following alternate row — 6 sts. K 1 row. Cast off for front edge.

RIGHT SHIRT SLEEVE AND ARM

* With Powder Blue, cast on 18 sts for top edge. Ss 2 rows.

1st inc row: [Inc, k6, inc, k1] twice — 22 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: [Inc, k8, inc, k1]

needles. The bear will measure approximately 36 cm/14 in tall and 26 cm/10 in when seated.

ABBREVIATIONS

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

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.

twice — 26 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: Inc, k9, k2tog, k2, skpo, k8, inc, k1. P 1 row. Repeat last 2 rows, 5 times more — 26 sts. Ss 4 rows.

Change to Beige. Ss 8 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row and following 4th row — 22 sts.

Ss 3 rows. **

Shape paw: Next row: K10, inc, turn and work on these 12 sts only.

*** Ss 11 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row — 10 sts. P 1 row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 6 sts. Cast off. ****

Paw pad: With right side facing join Mink to remaining 11 sts, inc, k10 — 12 sts. Work from *** to ****.

LEFT SHIRT SLEEVE AND ARM

Work as given for right shirt sleeve and arm from * to **.

Change to Mink.

Shape paw: Next row: K10, inc, turn and work on these 12 sts only for paw pad. Work as given for right shirt sleeve and arm from *** to ****.

With right side facing rejoin Beige to remaining 11 sts, inc, k10 — 12 sts. Work as given for right shirt sleeve and arm from *** to ****.

ROLLED SHIRT SLEEVES

(make 2)

With Powder Blue, cast on 32 sts. Ss 14 rows. Cast off.

TROUSERS

(make 2)

With Chocolate, cast on 32 sts for knee edge.

Inc row: [Inc, k1] to end — 48 sts. Ss 3 rows. Cast on 3 sts at beginning of next 4 rows — 60 sts.

K 1 row. Mark each end of last row. P 1 row. Dec 1 st at each end of next 6 rows — 48 sts. Ss 32 rows.

Shape waist: Dec row: K5, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] 9 times, k5 — 38 sts.

K 1 row for base of waistband. Beginning with a k row, ss 5 rows.

Cast off kwise for top of waistband.

WAISTCOAT

With Denim, cast on 84 sts.

Continue in gst, work 8 rows.

1st dec row: K5, k2tog, [k6, k2tog] 9 times, k5 — 74 sts. Gst 7 rows.

2nd dec row: K5, k2tog, [k5, k2tog] 9 times, k4 — 64 sts. Gst 5 rows.

Shape fronts: Dec 1 st at each end of next row — 62 sts.

Divide for armholes: Next row: K14, cast off next 4 sts, k to last 18 sts, cast off 4, k to end.

Right front: Next row: K14, turn and work on these sts for right front.

Dec 1 st at beginning of next 3 rows. Gst 2 rows. Dec 1 st at beginning of next row and 5 following 4th rows — 5 sts. Gst 3 rows. Cast off for shoulder.

Back: Rejoin yarn at inside edge to centre 26 sts and k to end. Dec 1 st at beginning of next 4 rows — 22 sts.

Gst 25 rows. Cast off for shoulders and back neck.

Left front: Rejoin yarn at inside edge to remaining 14 sts and k to end.

Dec 1 st at end of next 3 rows. Gst 2 rows. Dec 1 st at end of next row and 5 following 4th rows — 5 sts. Gst 3 rows. Cast off for shoulder.

CAP

With Mink, cast on 56 sts for base edge. Ss 2 rows.

Inc row: K15, inc, [k4, inc] 5 times, k15 — 62 sts. P 1 row.

Shape front: 1st row: K21, [inc, k5] 4 times, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn.

2nd row: Sl1, p24, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn.

3rd row: Sl1, k16, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn.

4th row: Sl1, p8, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn.

5th row: Sl1, k12, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn.

6th row: Sl1, p16, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn.

7th row: Sl1, k24, ytf, sl1, yfb, turn.

8th row: Sl1, p32, yfb, sl1, ytf, turn.

9th row: Sl1, k1, [k2tog, k5] 4 times, k to end. Ss 3 rows across all 62 sts.

Shape crown: 1st dec row: K15, [k2tog, k4] 6 times, k11 — 56 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K2tog, [k3, k2tog] 10 times, k4 — 45 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: K3, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] 10 times — 34 sts. P 1 row.

4th dec row: K2tog, [k1, k2tog] 10 times, k2 — 23 sts. P 1 row.

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5th dec row: K1, [k2tog] 11 times — 12 sts.

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

CAP PEAK

With Mink, cast on 30 sts for front edge. Ss 2 rows.

* **1st dec row:** K2, k2tog, [k3, k2tog] 5 times, k1 — 24 sts.

P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K1, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] 5 times, k1 — 18 sts.

P 1 row.

3rd dec row: [K1, k2tog] 6 times — 12 sts. P 1 row.

4th dec row: [K2tog] 6 times — 6 sts. Cast off. **

With right side facing and Mink, pick up and k30 sts from front edge of peak. P 1 row. Work from * to **.

NECKERCHIEF

With Maroon, cast on 40 sts.

K 1 row. Cast off kwise.

NECKERCHIEF ENDS

With Maroon, cast on 5 sts.

Ss 16 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row — 3 sts. P 1 row.

Dec row: Sl1, k2tog, pss0. Fasten off.

With right side facing, rejoin yarn to cast on edge and pick up and k 5 sts along cast on edge. Beginning with a p row, ss 15 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row — 3 sts. P 1 row.

Dec row: Sl1, k2tog, pss0. Fasten off.

WATERING-CAN

With Silver Cloud, cast on 40 sts

for top edge.

Ss 7 rows. K 5 rows for ridges.

Beginning with a k row, ss 9 rows.

P 3 rows for base edge. K 1 row.

Shape base: 1st dec row: P1, p2tog, [p2, p2tog] 9 times, p1 — 30 sts. K 1 row.

2nd dec row: [P2tog, p1] 10 times — 20 sts. K 1 row.

3rd dec row: [P2tog] 10 times — 10 sts.

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

CAN SPOUT

With Silver Cloud, cast on 2 sts for base edge. Ss 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at each end of next 2 rows — 6 sts. Ss 18 rows.

Shape rose: 1st inc row: [Inc] 5 times, k1 — 11 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: K1, [inc, k1] 5 times — 16 sts. P 3 rows.

Dec row: [K2tog] 8 times — 8 sts. Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread end through remaining sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

CAN TOP

With Silver Cloud, cast on 15 sts for back edge. Ss 6 rows.

1st dec row: K2, k2tog, [k3, k2tog]

twice, k1 — 12 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: K1, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] twice, k1 — 9 sts.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row — 7 sts.

Cast off for front edge.

CAN TOP HANDLE

With Silver Cloud, cast on 36 sts. Cast off.

CAN BACK HANDLE

With Silver Cloud, cast on 26 sts. Cast off.

CAN SPOUT SUPPORT

With Silver Cloud, cast on 7 sts. Cast off.

CARROTS

(make 3)

With Orange, cast on 10 sts for top edge. Ss 6 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 2 following 4th rows — 4 sts. Ss 3 rows.

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

TO MAKE UP

- Mark centre on neck edge of body and head. Join body seam, leaving neck edge open and stuff firmly.

Join muzzle seam on head from neck edge to markers. Sew head gusset in place, matching centre of nose edge to markers.

- Mark eye positions on head gusset 16 rows up from nose edge and 6 stitches apart. At each point push eye shank through fabric to wrong side, then fix with locking washers, pushing it down shank as far as it will go. Stuff head firmly, then sew neck edges of head and body together, matching muzzle seam to body marker and body back seam to head marker. Join ear pieces together in pairs, leaving cast on edges open. Position and sew ears vertically to sides of head 21 stitches away from muzzle seam and 4 rows down from gusset seam. Fastening off ends of yarn at top of head, use Chocolate to embroider a triangle of three stitches on muzzle for nose. Fill in triangle with horizontal satin stitches, then embroider three straight stitches to form inverted "Y" shape directly below nose to form mouth.

- On each arm, sew paw pad to paw, then join arm seam, leaving a 4 cm space open at top edge. Stuff firmly, then fold top edge in

half and join remainder of seam. Fold each leg in half and join front seam, starting at base edge and leaving a 5 cm space open at top edge. Sew sole to base of boot, matching front seam to centre of sole front edge. Stuff legs firmly, then fold top edge in half and join remainder of seam. Mark arm positions on body sides on first increase row and leg positions on second decrease row. Using a long needle and a length of Powder Blue, fasten off 2 cm down from top edge on inside of right arm. Insert needle into marked point on right side of body, draw out at point 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 position on right arm. Repeat once more, then pull up tightly to draw arms into sockets and fasten off securely. Attach legs to body in same manner but attaching yarn 2.5 cm down from top edge on inside of each leg.

Join row-ends of each rolled shirt sleeve, then join cast-on and cast-off edges together. Slide up arm and sew in place along last row of shirt sleeve.

- Join back and front seam of trousers from marker to top edge of waistband, then join leg seams from knee edge to markers. Fit trousers on bear, then sew knee

edge on each leg to top edge of boot, placing inside leg seam 7 stitches away from front seam. With top edge of waistband in line with third increase row on body, pin in position and sew in place by working back stitch on base row of waistband. Remove pins.

- Join shoulder seams of waistcoat, then fit on bear. Overlap front edges by 2 cm and hold in place with pins. Draw out a single strand from length of Denim and use this to sew the three buttons in place, sewing through both layers of knitting. Remove pins.

Wrap neckerchief round neck and join at centre front. Tie knot in centre of neckerchief ends piece and sew this in place.

- Fold cap peak piece flat and oversew open edges together, then placing centrally, oversew this edge together with base edge of cap. Join cap seam. Pin hat in position on head, stuffing back section lightly and sew in place. Catch front edge of cap to top of peak with a few stitches.

- Cut 6 cm length of card tube, then cut out a hole 1.5 cm up from base, making it large enough for straw to fit easily. Join side edges of can piece and slip over card tube, then hold in place by gluing top edge of knitting round top of tube. Join rose section of spout and stuff firmly, then wrap spout round straw and join side

edges, leaving excess straw protruding from end. Locate hole in card tube and use larger knitting needle to open knitting at this point. Spread glue over end of straw and push into hole so that spout points diagonally, then sew base edge of spout to can. Sew can top piece to top edge of can, positioning so that front edge is directly above spout, then sew spout support in place, along with top and back handles. To stiffen can top, both handles and spout support, spread glue generously over wrong side of knitting. When glue is touch dry, shape pieces and leave overnight to set hard. Fit right paw through top handle and oversew securely in place with single strand of Silver Cloud.

- Fold each carrot in half and oversew side edges together. Use tweezers to stuff firmly, then work a gathering thread through every stitch on top edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Using a 10 cm length of Apple, take a small stitch at top of carrot, remove needle and adjust to make yarn ends even. Repeat once more, sewing at right angles to previous stitch. Take all three carrots and tightly tie stems together with a length of Bottle, making double knot and trimming yarn ends close to knot. Sew tying yarn securely to left paw with a few stitches of Mink.