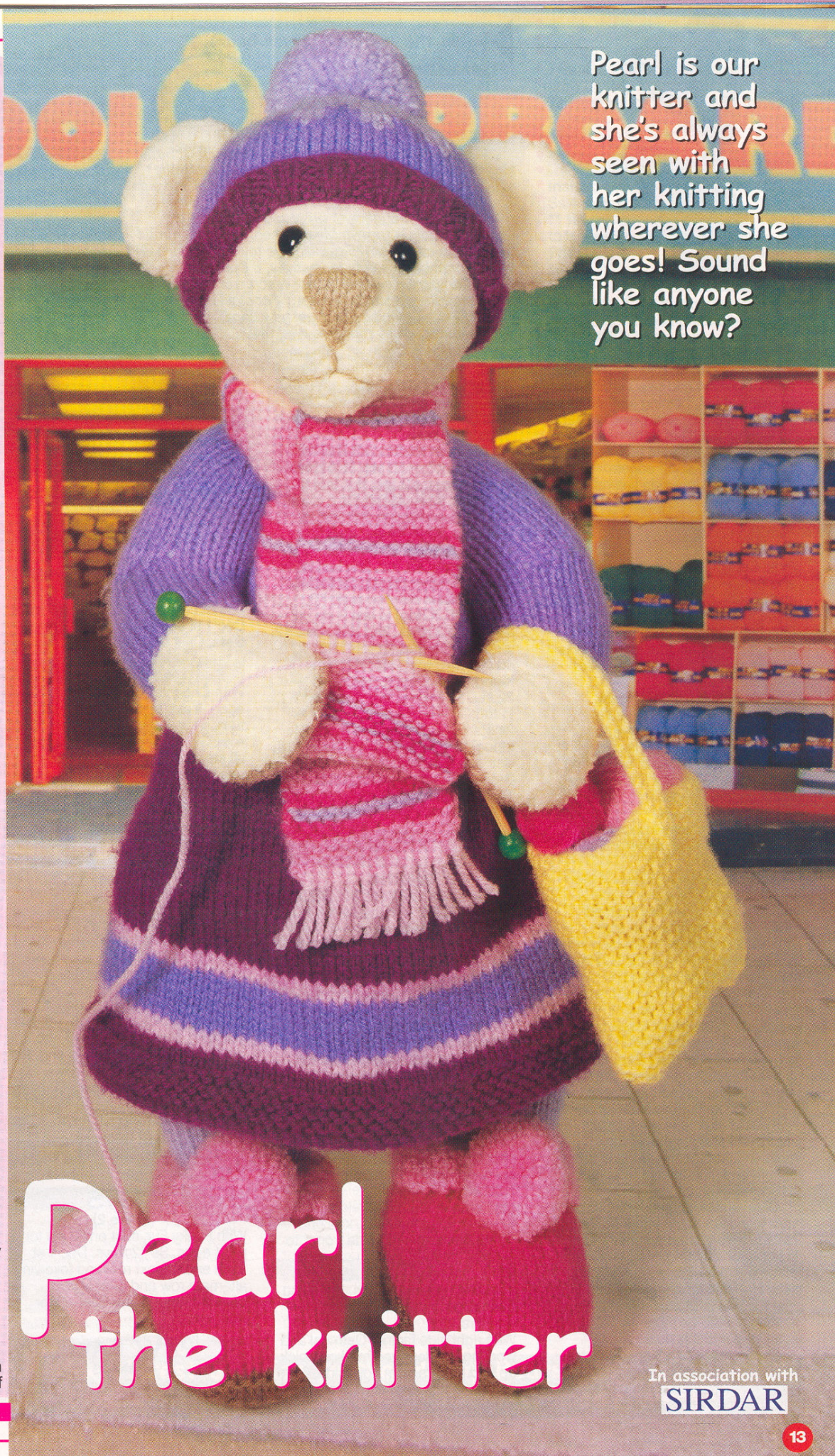


A knitted mouse character named Pearl is the central figure. She is wearing a purple and white striped beanie with a pom-pom, a pink and white striped scarf with a fringe, a purple long-sleeved sweater, and a purple and white striped skirt. She is holding two wooden knitting needles with green stoppers, and a yellow knitted bag is slung over her shoulder. She is standing in a yarn shop with shelves of colorful yarn in the background.

Pearl is our knitter and she's always seen with her knitting wherever she goes! Sound like anyone you know?

Pearl the knitter

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Of Sirdar Snuggly Snowflake DK in 50 g balls: allow 20 g in White (300). Of Sirdar Bonus DK in 100 g balls: allow 35 g in Blueberry (952), 25 g in Pink (922), 15 g in Cupid (944) and 10 g in Oatmeal (964). Of Sirdar Bonus Toytime DK in 25 g balls: allow 2 balls in Lilac (959), 1 ball in Shiraz (945), 15 g in Iced Pink (958) and 10 g in each of Primrose (957) and Mink (946). No. 11 (3 mm) knitting needles; a 2.50 crochet hook; a pair of 10.5 mm black safety teddy eyes; 2 bamboo skewers; 2 green wooden beads to fit skewers; clear adhesive. For stockists, write to: Sirdar Spinning Ltd, Flanshaw Lane, Alverthorpe, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF2 9ND (01924 371501).

26 stitches and 36 rows, to 10 x 10 cm, over stocking stitch, using No. 11 (3 mm) needles. The toy will measure, from sole to top of hat bobble, 41cm/16 in tall standing and 30.5 cm/12 in when seated.

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); **psso**, pass sl st over; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **skpo**, (sl1, k1, psso); **gst**, garter st; **yfb**, yarn to back; **ytf**, yarn to front.

Begin all pieces worked in ss with a k row, unless otherwise stated, and treat purl side of all pieces worked in Snowflake as right side. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

With Lilac, cast on 10 sts for base edge and ss 2 rows.

1st inc row: Inc in each st to end — 20 sts. P 1 row.
2nd inc row: [Inc, k1] to end — 30 sts. Ss 3 rows.
3rd inc row: K1, [inc, k2] to last 2 sts, inc, k1 — 40 sts. Ss 3 rows.
4th inc row: K1, [inc, k3] to last 3 sts, inc, k2 — 50 sts. Ss 3 rows.
5th inc row: K2, [inc, k4] to last 3 sts, inc, k2 — 60 sts. Ss 5 rows.
6th inc row: K2, [inc, k5] to last 4 sts, inc, k3 — 70 sts. Ss 7 rows.
Shape waist: 1st dec row: K7, [k2tog, k9] to last 8 sts, k2tog, k6 — 64 sts. Ss 3 rows.
 Change to Blueberry and ss 4 rows.
Shape top: 2nd dec row: K3, [k2tog, k6] to last 5 sts, k2tog, k3 — 56 sts. Ss 5 rows.
3rd dec row: K3, [k2tog, k5] to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 — 48 sts. Ss 5 rows.
4th dec row: K2, [k2tog, k4] to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 — 40 sts. Ss 5 rows.
5th dec row: K2, [k2tog, k3] to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 — 32 sts.

Ss 3 rows.
Cast off for neck edge.

With White Snowflake, cast on 32 sts for neck edge and ss 4 rows.
Inc row: [Inc, k1] to end — 48 sts.
Shape muzzle: Inc 1 st each end of next row — 50 sts.
 Cast on 7 sts at beginning of next 2 rows — 64 sts. Inc 1 st each end of next 2 rows — 68 sts. Ss 10 rows. Mark each end of last row.
 Cast off 7 sts at beginning of next 2 rows for top of muzzle — 54 sts.
Shape left side: **Next row:** Skpo, k18, inc, turn and work on these 21 sts only. **Next row:** P to last 2 sts, p2tog — 20 sts.

Dec 1 st each end of next row and 2 following alternate rows, then following row — 12 sts. Cast off for top edge. **

Shape gusset: Next row: Rejoin White Snowflake at inner edge of remaining 33 sts, inc, k10, inc, turn and work on these 14 sts only. Ss 21 rows. Dec 1 st each end of next row and 3 following alternate rows — 6 sts. Ss 7 rows. Dec 1 st each end of next row — 4 sts. Cast off for nose edge.

Shape right side: Next row: Rejoin White Snowflake at inner edge of remaining 21 sts, inc, k18, k2tog — 21 sts. **Next row:** P2tog, p to end — 20 sts.

Work as given for left side from * to **

With White Snowflake, cast on 14 sts for base edge and ss 10 rows. Dec 1 st each end of next row and following alternate row, then on following row — 8 sts. Cast off for top edge.

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, leaving a long end.

With Mink, cast on 48 sts for base edge of slipper and k 2 rows. Change to Cupid and beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows.

Shape front: 1st row: K37, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **2nd row:** Sl1, p26, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

3rd row: Sl1, k23, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **4th row:** Sl1, p20, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

5th row: Sl1, k17, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **6th row:** Sl1, p14, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn.

7th row: Sl1, k to end.

8th row: P across all sts — 48 sts.

1st dec row: K12, [skpo, k4, k2tog] 3 times, k12 — 42 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K12, [skpo, k2, k2tog] 3 times, k12 — 36 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: K3, k2tog, k7, [skpo,

k2tog] 3 times, k7, skpo, k3 —
28 sts.
P 1 row.
Change to Lilac for tights and ss
10 rows.

Shape leg: 1st inc row: K3, [inc, k6] to last 4 sts, inc, k3 — 32 sts. Ss 9 rows. **2nd inc row:** K3, [inc, k7] to last 5 sts, inc, k4 — 36 sts. Ss 11 rows.

Shape top: 1st dec row: K1, [skpo, k2, k2tog, k5, skpo, k2, k2tog] twice, k1 — 28 sts. P 1 row.
2nd dec row: K1, [skpo, k2tog, k5, skpo, k2tog] twice, k1 — 20 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: K1, [skpo, k5, k2tog] twice, k1 — 16 sts. P 1 row.
Cast off for top edge.

With Mink, cast on 8 sts for back edge and ss 2 rows.
Inc 1 st each end of next row and 2 following alternate rows — 14 sts.
Ss 11 rows.

Dec 1 st each end of next row and 2 following alternate rows — 8 sts.
P 1 row. Cast off for front edge.

With Pink, cast on 26 sts for ankle edge and gst 2 rows.
Inc row: [Inc, k1] to end — 39 sts.
 K 1 row. Dec 1 st each end of next row — 37 sts. K 1 row.
 Dec 1 st each end of next 3 rows — 31 sts. Cast off.

With Blueberry, cast on 26 sts for wrist edge and k 2 rows. Beginning with a k row, ss 8 rows. **Shape elbow: 1st row:** K21, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **2nd row:** Sl1, p16, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **3rd row:** Sl1, k14, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **4th row:** Sl1, p12, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **5th row:** Sl1, k10, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **6th row:** Sl1, p8, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **7th row:** Sl1, k9, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **8th row:** Sl1, p10, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **9th row:** Sl1, k12, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **10th row:** Sl1, p14, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **11th row:** Sl1, k16, ytf, sl1, ytb, turn. **12th row:** Sl1, p18, ytb, sl1, ytf, turn. **13th row:** Sl1, k to end. **14th row:** P across all sts — 26 sts. Ss 10 rows.

1st dec row: K1, [2tog] twice, k1 — 22
2nd dec row: K1, [2tog] twice, k1 — 18
3rd dec row: K1, [2tog] twice, k1 — 14
 Cast off for top edge.

With White Snowflake, cast on 14 sts for wrist edge and ss 12 rows.

Dec 1 st each end of next row — 12 sts. P 1 row. Dec 1 st each end of next 2 rows — 8 sts. Cast off for paw end.

With Oatmeal, work as given for paws.

With Shiraz, cast on 112 sts for base edge and gst 6 rows. Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows. Change to Iced Pink and ss 2 rows. Change to Blueberry and ss 6 rows. Change back to Iced Pink and ss 2 rows.

Continue in Shiraz only, ss 8 rows.
1st dec row: K6, [k2tog, k12] to last 8 sts, k2tog, k6 — 104 sts.
 Ss 5 rows. **2nd dec row:** K6, [k2tog, k11] to last 7 sts, k2tog, k5 — 96 sts. Ss 11 rows.

Shape waist: 3rd dec row: K2, [k3tog, k3] to last 4 sts, k3tog, k1 — 64 sts.

Work waistband: K 2 rows. P 1 row.
Cast off pwise for top edge.

With Shiraz, cast on 78 sts for brim edge.

1st rib row: K2, [p2, k2] to end.
2nd rib row: P2, [k2, p2] to end.
 Repeat these 2 rows, once more.
Inc row: K18, inc, k39, inc, k19 —
 80 sts.

Crown: Change to Blueberry and beginning with a p row, ss 9 rows. Stranding yarn not in use loosely across wrong side, work zigzag pattern. **1st row:** K1 Lilac, [5 Blueberry, 1 Lilac] to last st, 1 Blueberry. **2nd row:** [P3 Lilac, 3 Blueberry] to last 2 sts, 2 Lilac. **3rd row:** K2 Lilac, [3 Blueberry, 3 Lilac] to end. **4th row:** P4 Lilac, [1 Blueberry, 5 Lilac] to last 4 sts, 1 Blueberry, 3 Lilac. Continue with Lilac only and ss 2 rows.

Shape top: 1st dec row: K2, [k2tog, k3] to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 — 64 sts. Ss 3 rows. **2nd dec row:** K1, [k2tog, k2] to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 — 48 sts. Ss 3 rows. **3rd dec row:** [K1, k2tog] to end — 32 sts. P 1 row. **4th dec row:** [K2tog] to end — 16 sts. Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread end through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

With Pink, cast on 12 sts.
Work in gst and stripe pattern thus:
4 rows Pink, 2 rows Cupid, 2 rows
Lilac, 2 rows Cupid, 4 rows Pink
and 6 rows Iced Pink.
These 20 rows form the stripe
pattern. Pattern another 218 rows.
Next row: With Iced Pink, k6, then
break yarn leaving a 35 cm length
and slip all 12 sts on to a stitch-
holder.

With Primrose, cast on 20 sts and
qst 72 rows. Cast off.

With Primrose, cast on 44 sts and k 1 row. Cast off kwise.

Remember to treat purl side of all pieces worked in Snowflake as right side.

- Mark centre points on neck edge of body and head piece. Join body seam, leaving neck edge open, then run a gathering thread through every stitch on base edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Stuff body firmly.
- Take head piece and join muzzle seam from neck edge up to markers. Sew gusset in place, matching centre point of nose edge to markers and remove markers. Mark eye positions on head with pins, placing marker each side of gusset on seam line, 2.5 cm away from nose edge. At each point push eye shank through knitting to wrong side, then fix with locking washer, 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 back seam of body to head marker. Remove markers.
- Pin nose piece in position and sew in place, stuffing lightly. Using length of yarn at base of nose, embroider mouth with three straight stitches to form an inverted "Y" shape directly below nose. Fasten off end of yarn at top of head.
- Sew paws and paw pads together, leaving wrist edges open. Starting at wrist edge and leaving a 4 cm space open at top edge, join seam on each arm. Now sew paws and pads to arms along wrist edges, matching uppermost part of paw seam to arm seam. Stuff firmly, then fold top edge of each arm in half and join remainder of seam.
- Starting at base edge and leaving a 5 cm space open at top edge, fold each leg in half and join back seam. Sew slipper sole to base of leg, matching leg seam to centre point of sole back edge, then stuff slipper and leg firmly. Fold top edge in half, and join remainder of seam. With ends meeting at centre front, wrap a slipper cuff round top of each slipper and sew ankle edge in place.
- Mark arm positions on body sides with pins, placing pins 8 rows down from neck edge. Mark leg positions on body sides, placing marker on fifth increase row. Using a long needle and a length of matching yarn, attach yarn 8 rows 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. Remove pins and repeat once more, then pull up yarn tightly to draw arms into sockets and fasten off securely.
- Attach legs to body in same manner, this time attaching yarn 10 rows down from top edge on inside of each leg.
- Join skirt seam, then fit skirt on body with seam at centre back. Matching gathering row to last row of Lilac on body, pin skirt in position, then sew in place by working backstitch over every stitch on base row of waistband. Remove pins.
- Join hat seam, then fit on head with seam at centre back and base edge of