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Ready for Bed

GREAT FOR
Christmas
GIFTS!

With his hot water bottle and snazzy dressing gown, Hibernating Harry's all ready for winter!

With those long winter nights now well and truly here, no doubt you'll be wrapping up most evenings in your winter wardrobe favourites and getting back into those slippers. But have you ever spared a thought for those little creatures outside in the cold, who have to deal with the elements all year round?

To survive, they get themselves prepared for winter, usually by storing some extra food and finding a warm place to hibernate. But this bright

little chap's taken things one step further and has found himself a tiny hot water bottle, a pair of warming slippers and a snug dressing gown to ensure maximum comfort!

Hibernating Harry's certainly got the right idea, and is more than ready for the cold. His friendly face and furry spines mean he's anything but a prickly character and would certainly feel very at home among your other toys.

Yarn inspiration

Harry's designer Alan Dart reveals where he got the inspiration from: "I was thinking of how to use Foxy yarn for an autumnal toy, and that colourway suggested hedgehog prickles. I also liked the idea of hedgehogs getting all wrapped up, snug and cosy in preparation for their long winter hibernation. I just hope our one won't roll over in his sleep and puncture his hot water bottle, otherwise he could wake up in the spring with damp feet and a chill!"

Alan continues, "I wouldn't say he was exactly easy to make, but he's not too difficult, either. I'm not known for creating simple designs because I enjoy putting lots of shaping into my patterns. I'm sure he's within the skills of the majority of knitters, though."

With charming looks and wonderful accessories, you'll find him irresistible to make. He's sure to give you hours of knitting pleasure, followed by plenty of smiles when you've finished him.

Sirdar's Foxy yarn will give your hedgehog realistic prickles.







Pattern info

You will need...

Sirdar, Bonus DK (100g/280m)

Walnut (927), 1 ball
Plum (918), 1 ball
Cerise (984), 1 ball
Oatmeal (964), 1 ball
Denim (994), 1 ball
Navy (971), 1 ball
Dark chocolate (917), 1 ball

Sirdar, Bonus Toytime DK (25g/70m)

Bottle (973), 1 ball
Royal (979), 1 ball
Black (965), 1 ball

Sirdar, Foxy

Mink (433), 1 x 50g/100m ball

A pair of 6mm needles

A pair of 3mm needles

Washable toy stuffing

A pair of 9mm diameter black toy eyes

Scrap of walnut brown felt

4x4in (10x10cm) square of stout card

Brown and navy sewing threads

Clear adhesive

Fine comb

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** Start knitting here...*

NOTE: Begin all pieces with a K row. The cable cast-on method is recommended, particularly when knitting small pieces.

BODY (MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 34 sts using 3mm needles and Walnut for neck edge.

St st 10 rows.

1st inc row K2, (inc 1, K3) to end. [42 sts]

St st 7 rows.

2nd inc row K10, (inc 1, K2) eight times, K8. [50 sts]

St st 7 rows.

3rd inc row (K2, inc 1, K2) to end. [60 sts]

St st 15 rows.

1st dec row (K2, k2tog, K2) to end. [50 sts]

St st 5 rows.

2nd dec row (K2, k2tog, K1) to end. [40 sts]

St st 3 rows.

3rd dec row (K1, k2tog, K1) to end. [30 sts]

St st 3 rows.

4th dec row (K1, k2tog) to end. [20 sts]

Purl row.

5th dec row (K2tog) to end. [10 sts]

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

HEAD (MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 12 sts using 3mm needles and Walnut for back edge.

St st 2 rows.

1st inc row Inc into every st to end. [24 sts]

Purl row.

2nd inc row (Inc 1, K1) to end. [36 sts]

St st 3 rows.

3rd inc row (K1, inc 1, K1) to end. [48 sts]

St st 11 rows.

1st dec row (K2, k2tog, K2) to end. [40 sts]

St st 3 rows.

2nd dec row (K2, k2tog, K1) to end. [32 sts]

St st 3 rows.

3rd dec row (K1, k2tog, K1) to end. [24 sts]

St st 3 rows.

4th dec row (K1, k2tog) to end. [16 sts]

St st 3 rows.

What a contented smile!

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5th dec row (K2tog) to end. [8 sts]

Purl row.

Change to Black for nose and st st 3 rows.

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

EARS (MAKE 2 PIECES)

Cast on 9 sts using 3mm needles and Walnut.

Knit row.

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

ARMS (MAKE 2 PIECES)

Cast on 6 sts using 3mm needles and Walnut for top edge.

St st 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at beg of next 6 rows. [12 sts]

Cast on 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows for underarm. [16 sts]

St st 8 rows.

1st dec row (K3, k2tog, K3) twice. [14 sts]

St st 5 rows.

Cast on 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows for thumb. [20 sts]

Cast off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows. [12 sts]

St st 6 rows.

2nd dec row K1, (k2tog, K1, SKPO) twice, K1. [8 sts]

Purl row.

Cast off for front edge of paw.

LEGS (MAKE 2 PIECES)

Cast on 16 sts 3mm needles and Walnut for ankle edge.

St st 4 rows.

Inc row (K3, inc 1, K4) twice. [18 sts]

St st 3 rows.

Cast off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows for base edge of top opening. [14 sts]

Dec 1 st at beg of next 8 rows. [6 sts]

Cast off for top edge of opening.

SLIPPERS (MAKE 2 PIECES)

Cast on 16 sts using 3mm needles and Oatmeal for centre of sole and cont in st st.

1st inc row (Inc 1) twice, K4, (inc 1) four times, K4, (inc 1) twice. [24 sts]

Purl row.

2nd inc row (Inc 1, K1) twice, K4, (inc 1, K1) four times, K4, (inc 1, K1) twice. [32 sts]

Purl row.

3rd inc row (Inc 1, K2) twice, K4, (inc 1, K2) four times, K4, (inc 1, K2) twice. [40 sts]

K 1 row for fold.

Change to Royal st st 4 rows, beg with a K row.

SHAPE FRONT

1st dec row K1, SKPO, K2, k2tog, K26, SKPO, K2, k2tog, K1. [36 sts]



Purl row.

2nd dec row K1, SKPO, k2tog, K26, SKPO, k2tog, K1. [32 sts]

Purl row.

SHAPE HEEL

3rd dec row K14, SKPO, k2tog, K14. [30 sts]

Next row Cast off first 7 sts, K16, cast off rem 7 sts [16 sts].

Rejoin yarn to work and cast off all 16 sts for ankle edge.

SLIPPER CUFFS (MAKE 2 PIECES)

Cast on 20 sts using 3mm needles and Denim for ankle edge.

St st 4 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next 2 rows. [16 sts]

Cast off.

SPINES (MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 6 sts using 6mm needles and Foxy for base edge.

St st 2 rows.

1st inc row Inc into every st to end.

[12 sts]

Purl row.

2nd inc row (Inc 1, K1) to end.

[18 sts]

St st 9 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row.

St st 5 rows.

Repeat the last 6 rows two more times. [12 sts]

SHAPE HEAD

1st inc row (K2, inc 1, K3) twice. [14 sts]

St st 3 rows.

2nd inc row (K3, inc 1, K3) twice. [16 sts]

St st 5 rows.

1st dec row (K1, k2tog, K1) to end. [12 sts]

St st 3 rows.

2nd dec row (K1, k2tog) to end. [8 sts]

Purl row.

3rd dec row (K2tog) to end. [4 sts]

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

DRESSING GOWN (MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 98 sts using 3mm needles and Bottle for base edge.

St st 22 rows.

1st dec row K8, (k2tog, K8) to end. [89 sts]

St st 5 rows.

2nd dec row K8, (k2tog, K7) to end. [80 sts]

St st 5 rows, inserting marker threads at beg and end of last row.

SHAPE FRONT

Dec 1 st at beg of next 6 rows. [74 sts]

WORK RIGHT FRONT

Next row Dec 1, K13, turn and work on these 14 sts only.

Dec 1 st at beg of next 4 rows. [10 sts]

Purl row.

Dec 1 st at beg of next row.

Repeat the last 2 rows four more times. [5 sts]

Purl row.

Cast off for shoulder edge.

WORK BACK

Next row Rejoin yarn to rem 59 sts, cast off first 4 sts for underarm, K36, turn and work on these 36 sts only.

Dec 1 st at beg of next 4 rows. [32 sts]

St st 7 rows.

Cast off for back neck and shoulder edge.

WORK LEFT FRONT

Next row Rejoin yarn to rem 19 sts, cast off first 4 sts for underarm, K to end.

[15 sts]

Dec 1 st at beg of next 5 rows.

[10 sts]

K 1 row.

Dec 1 st at beg of next row.

Repeat the last 2 rows four more times. [5 sts]

Cast off for shoulder edge.

DRESSING GOWN SLEEVES

(MAKE 2 PIECES)

Cast on 24 sts using 3mm needles and Plum.

St st 4 rows for cuff.

Purl row for fold.

Change to Bottle and st st 10 rows, beg with a K row.

Cast off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows for underarm. [20 sts]

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next 6 rows. [8 sts]

Cast off for top edge.

DRESSING GOWN COLLAR (MAKE 1 PIECE)

Following instructions on ball band, press dressing gown lightly on wrong side, then join shoulder seams. With wrong side of work facing, using 3mm needles and Plum, pick up and knit 24 sts from left front edge, working between marker and shoulder seam, 22 sts from back neck, working between shoulder seams, and 24 sts from right front edge, working between shoulder seam and marker. [70 sts]

Purl row.

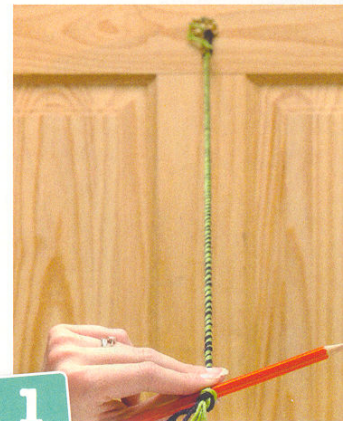
Next row Cast off 3 sts, K to last 2 sts, k2tog.

KNIT TIP

Use a pair of long tweezers to get the stuffing into the bottom of the hedgehog's body.

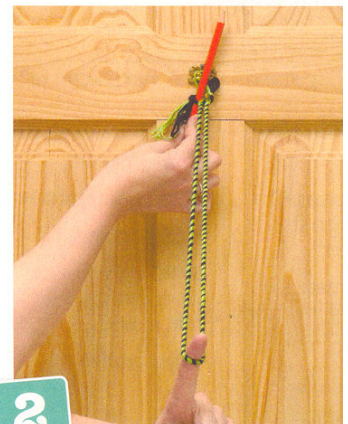
How to... Twist a cord

Make the dressing gown cord using this simple technique.



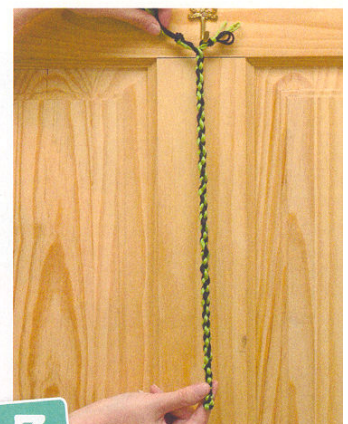
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Cut your yarn into lengths and together at one end, and put over a h knob. Tie the other ends and with a pencil between the thread, twist by turning the pencil, until the twists start to kink.



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When the twist is really tight, put your finger in the middle and bring the pencil up to meet the hook.

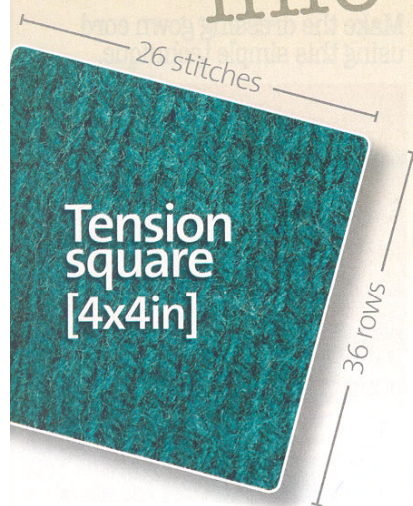


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Take your finger out and the yarn twist around itself to create a cord. Secure the end with a knot.



Pattern info



Tension

Sirdar Bonus and Toytime knit as DK to this tension: 26 sts x 36 rows to measure 4x4in (10x10cm) in st st using 3mm needles.

Measurements

Hedgehog stands approx 11in (28cm) tall

Abbreviations

beg beginning	rem remaining
dec decrease (by working 2 sts together)	st st stocking stitch
inc increase (by working into front and back of st)	st(s) stitch(es)
K knit	SKPO slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over
P purl	tog together

Next row Cast off 3 sts, P to last 2 sts, p2tog. Repeat the last 2 rows four more times. [30 sts]
Cast off and remove marker threads.

TASSEL KNOT COVERS

(MAKE 2 PIECES)

Cast on 8 sts using 3mm needles and Plum.
St st 3 rows.
Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle but do not draw up.

HOT WATER BOTTLE (MAKE 2 PIECES)

Cast on 12 sts using 3mm needles and Cerise for base edge.
St st 1 row.
Inc 1 st at beg and end of next row. [14 sts]
St st 16 rows.
Dec 1 st at beg and end of next 2 rows. [10 sts]
Cast off for top edge.

HOT WATER BOTTLE CUFF (MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 16 sts using 3mm needles and Cerise for top edge.
St st 2 rows.
Dec row (K2tog) to end. [8 sts]
St st 2 rows.
Cast off for base edge.

HOT WATER BOTTLE STOPPER (MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 4 sts using 3mm needles and Black.
Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

For best results, sew seams and join pieces using mattress stitch, working with right side of knitting uppermost. A one stitch knitted seam turning has been allowed on all pieces to accommodate this method.

Join body seam from gathered base edge up to neck edge, then stuff body firmly. Cut a $\frac{3}{4}$ in (2cm) diameter circle from felt then cut this piece in half to make 2 semicircular eyelids.

Spread adhesive thinly over back of one piece and glue straight edge across front of a toy eye so eyelid covers half of the eye. Fold overlapping felt to back of eye and glue down, pleating to fit and trimming away any excess felt if necessary. Repeat with remaining eye and eyelid.

Take head piece and mark centre with a line of tacking. Now mark eye positions with pins, placing these on second decrease row at front of head and spacing 3 knitted stitches to each side of tacked line. Push eye shank through knitting at one eye position, remove pin and arrange so eyelid is uppermost, then fix eye at back of work by pushing locking washer down shank as far as it will go. Repeat with other eye.

Join head seam, starting at gathered nose point and stopping $\frac{1}{4}$ in (3cm) away from back edge. Stuff head firmly, then join remainder of seam. Work a gathering thread through every stitch on back edge, draw up tightly and fasten off.

With body seam running down centre back and head seam running along underside, pin head to top of body, sew in place, and remove pins.

Fold cast on edge of each slipper piece in half and join, then join remainder of sole seam and first $\frac{3}{4}$ in (2cm) of front seam. To make sole formers, draw two $1\frac{1}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ in (3x6cm) rectangles on to card, then curve off each corner by drawing round a cotton reel. Cut out, then glue to wrong side of sole inside each slipper. Join remainder of front seam on each slipper then stuff.

Join seam on each leg piece from ankle edge up to base of top opening. This seam will run along the inside of leg. Placing leg seam 4 knitted stitches to the side of slipper front seam, sew ankle edges of slippers and legs together, then stuff legs firmly.

Pin legs in position at base of body, checking that hedgehog stands correctly, then sew in place and remove pins. Treating purl side as right side, wrap a cuff piece round each slipper and sew in place at ankle edge.

Fold each arm in half and sew across front edge of paw, then down side of paw, round thumb, and up arm seam, stopping at underarm. Stuff arms firmly, then pin in position on body, placing top edges 4 knitted rows down from neck edge, and spacing 10 knitted stitches apart at front of body. Sew in place and remove pins.

Pin spines piece to back of body and back of head, placing gathered top point on tacked centre front line of head, and sew in place using brown sewing thread. Remove pins and tacking, then use comb to release any fibres that have been caught in seam.

Sew ears in position, placing directly in front of spines and spacing 14 knitted stitches apart. Take a length of Dark Chocolate yarn and draw out a

The hot water bottle is really detailed, with a bottle cuff and a bottle stopper.



single strand. Use the remaining 2 strands to embroider a 1½in (4cm) long mouth in split stitch, working along 3rd decrease row at front of head.

Following instructions on ball band, press dressing gown sleeves lightly on wrong side, then join seam on each piece, reversing seam when sewing cuff section, and turn cuff up along fold line. Sew sleeve heads into armholes, matching sleeve seam to centre of cast off underarm stitches on armhole.

To make a twisted cord for each cuff edging, cut a 1m length of Navy yarn and fold it in half, then knot open ends together and secure this knot to a work surface with a drawing pin. Holding yarn taut with left hand, insert index finger of right hand into folded end and turn it round and round until yarn is very tightly twisted. Holding centre point of yarn, bring ends together, then release centre and allow twisted cord to form. Knot open ends together to prevent unravelling. Also make another cord for front and collar edging, this time using a 118in (3m) length of Navy yarn. Starting at neat, folded end of shorter cords, sew to cast on edge of each sleeve cuff with navy sewing thread. Overlap ends, then trim away excess cord from knotted end and oversew this cut end tightly to prevent unravelling. Sew longer cord up left front edge

of dressing gown, round collar, and down right front edge, trimming away excess and neatening knotted end as before.

Cut four 118in (3m) lengths of Navy yarn for belt cord. Holding together, fold in half, knot ends, and make cord as before. Tie two tight knots in cord, spacing 15¾in (40cm) apart, then trim cord 1in (2.5cm) away from each knot and unravel yarn to form tassels. Treating purl side of work as right side, wrap a tassel cover over each knot and draw up yarn to gather piece round top of knot. Join side edges of cover, then work a gathering thread through every stitch on cast on edge, draw up round base of knot and fasten off.

Fit dressing gown on hedgehog and overlap front edges, holding in place with a few stitches. Tie belt round waist in a double knot and secure this with a few stitches.

Join hot water bottle pieces together, leaving top edges open. Stuff lightly to make a flat pillow, then join top edges. Join side edges of cuff piece, then sew base edge to top of bottle. Sew stopper inside cuff. Position hot water bottle under left arm and catch in place to gown and left paw with a few stitches.

Don't miss our brilliant Christmas Nativity set in the next issue of *Simply Knitting*. It will be on sale from Thursday 9 November.



For a neat finish, sew and join the pieces using mattress stitch.

How to... Add the eyes

Use this method to give Harry some friendly eyes.



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With a small amount of glue on the back of the felt semicircle, attach to the top half of one of the eyes.



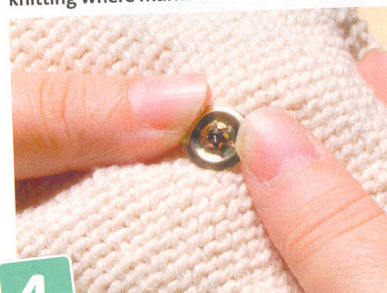
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Fold the overlapping felt to the back of the eye and stick down.



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When dry, push the eye through the knitting where marked.



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Finally, secure at the back using the metal disc.