

## MINIMUS PATTERN

Feel free to modify the pattern: if I made another one, I would put pipe cleaners into the fingers as well as the toes; and I would make the cream patch on his 'tummy' less symmetrical.

### Measurements

13" tall.

### Materials

3 x 50g balls Patons Super Chenille in dark brown (No. 2455)

1 x 50g ball Patons Super Chenille in cream (No. 2460)

1 x 25g ball Patons Knit n' Save DK in black (7814)

Small amount of white (7813)

Toy stuffing

Pair of 3mm (11) knitting needles

White and brown sewing threads

6 long plastic ties from price tags (for whiskers)

I got the wool from:

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### Tension

5 sts and 5 rows to 1" over Super Chenille

NB. Purl side of brown is right side; knit side of cream is right side.

### Body

With brown, cast on 74 for bottom edge.

Beginning with a K row, ss 6 rows. Mark the centre of the 1<sup>st</sup> row.

#### Shape body

K4 (K4, inc 1, K9) to end (79 sts)

Next row: P

K4 (K5, inc 1, K9) to end (84 sts)

Next row: P

K4 (K5, inc 1, K10) to end (89 sts)

Next row: P

K4 (K6, inc 1, K10) to end (94 sts)

Continue without shaping:

Next row: P 44 Brown, K5 Cream, P 45 Brown

Next row: K 44 Brown, P 7 Cream, K 43 Brown

**Continue in this way, working 2 extra cream sts in each row to shape the diamond pattern, until 19 rows of the brown and cream pattern have been worked.**

**20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> rows: repeat row 19.**

**25<sup>th</sup> row: Begin to shape the upper part of the diamond pattern by working 1 extra brown at either side of the cream sts.**

**Continue until 31 rows altogether of the brown and cream have been worked.**

**Continuing to reduce cream sts by 2 in each row until 5 remain, shape top:**

**Next row: P3 (P5, P2tog, P6) to end (87 sts)**

**SS 5 rows**

**Next row: P3 (P4, P2tog, P6) to end (80 sts)**

**SS 5 rows. The last of these will be totally brown.**

**Next row: P3, (P4, P2tog, P5) to end (73 sts)**

**SS 5 rows**

**Next row: P3 (P3, P2tog, P5) to end (66 sts)**

**SS 3 rows**

**Next row: P9 (S1, P1, pssso, P4, P2tog) twice, P16 (S1, P1, pssso, P4, P2tog) twice, P9 (58 sts)**

**SS 3 rows**

**Next row: P9 (S1, P1, pssso, P2, P2tog) twice, P16, (S1, P1, pssso, P2, P2tog) twice, P9 (50 sts)**

**Next row: K**

**Next row: P9, (S1, P1, pssso, P2tog) twice, P16, (S1, P1, pssso, P2tog) twice, P9 (42 sts)**

**Next row: K**

**Cast off for shoulder edge.**

### **Head**

**With brown, cast on 10 for back edge.**

**SS 2 rows**

**Next row: Increase into every st (20 sts)**

**SS 3 rows**

**Next row: (Inc 1, K1) to end (30 sts)**

**SS 3 rows**

**Next row: (K1, Inc 1, K1) to end (40 sts)**

**SS 5 rows**

**Next row: (K1, Inc 1, K2) to end (50 sts)**

**SS 11 rows**

**Next row: (K2, K2tog, K1) to end (40 sts)**

**SS 9 rows**

**Next row: (K1, K2tog, K1) to end (30 sts)**

**SS 9 rows**

**Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end (20 sts)**

**SS 7 rows**

Next row: K2 (K2tog, K1) to end (14 sts)

SS 3 rows

Next row: K1 (K2tog) 6 times, K1 (8 sts)

Next row: P

Change to black for nose:

Next row: P

Next row: Inc into alternate sts, Kwise to end (12 sts)

SS 5 rows, beginning with a P row.

Next row: K2tog to end (6 sts)

Break wool, leaving long end. Thread through sts on needle, pull up tightly and fasten off.

### Arms

With Brown, cast on 8 sts for top of arm.

SS 2 rows

Next row: Inc 1 st at beg and end (10 sts)

SS 3 rows

Repeat last 4 rows twice more (14 sts)

Cast on 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows for underarm (22 sts)

SS 6 rows

Dec. 1 st at beg of next 14 rows

SS 16 rows without shaping

Cast off.

### Hands

With brown, cast on 14 sts for wrist edge.

SS 2 rows

#### Shape thumb

Cast on 10 sts at beg of next row (24 sts)

Next row: P14, Inc 1, P3, Inc 1, P5 (26 sts)

SS 2 rows

Cast off 10 sts at beg of next row (16 sts)

SS 2 rows, decreasing 1 st at each end of each row (12 sts)

### Fingers

Next row: P4. Put remaining sts on a safety pin and work on these 4 sts only:

\*SS 20 rows

Next row: K2tog twice

Next row: P2tog and fasten off \*

Slip 4 sts from the safety pin onto the left hand needle and P.

Repeat from \* to \*

Do the same with the remaining 4 sts.

### Ears

With brown, cast on 3 sts. Working in ss:

1<sup>st</sup> row: Inc in each st (6 sts)

Next row: Inc in each st (12 sts)

Inc 1 at each end of next 4 rows (20 sts)

SS 12 rows

Dec 1 each end of next 8 rows (4 sts)

Cast off.

### Ear linings

With cream, cast on 3 sts. Working in ss:

1<sup>st</sup> row: Inc in each st (6 sts)

Next row: Inc in each st (12 sts)

Inc 1 at each end of next 3 rows (18 sts)

SS 10 rows

Dec 1 each end of next 7 rows (4 sts)

Cast off.

### Eyes

With white, cast on 16 sts

SS 5 rows.

Break wool, leaving long end. Thread through sts on needle, pull up tightly and fasten off.

### Tail

With brown, cast on 10 sts.

SS 6 rows

Next row: K4, K2tog, K4 (9 sts)

SS 5 rows

Next row: K3, K2tog, K4 (8 sts)

SS 5 rows

Next row: K3, K2tog, K3 (7 sts)

SS 5 rows

Next row: K3, K2tog, K2 (6 sts)

SS 5 rows

Next row: K2, K2tog, K2 (5 sts)

SS 10 rows

Next row: P2, P2tog, P1 (4 sts)

SS 20 rows

Next row: P1, P2tog, P1 (3 sts)

SS 72 rows (or until length required)

Next row: K2 tog, K1

Next row: P2tog. Fasten off.

## Feet

### Soles

With cream, cast on 5 sts

SS 2 rows

Next row: Inc at beg and end (7 sts)

Next row: P

Repeat last 2 rows twice (11 sts)

SS 30 rows

### Shape toes

Next row: K2, K2tog.

\*Put remaining sts on a safety pin and work on these 3 sts only:

SS 20 rows

Next row: K2tog, K1

Next row: P2tog.

Fasten off \*

Rejoin wool to remaining 7 sts.

Next row: K2, K2tog.

Repeat from \* to \*

Rejoin wool to remaining 3 sts and K them

Repeat from \* to \*

## Uppers

As soles, but use brown.

## To make up

### Body

Using brown wool, join back body seam and sew up neck edge.

Turn right side out and stuff firmly.

Join bottom seam, matching centre front with back seam.

### Arms and hands

Using brown wool, join each arm seam from wrist to underarm.

Fold palm over towards thumb and sew down with brown thread.

Bring row ends of thumb together and oversew. Repeat with fingers.

Sew up gaps between fingers and palm.

Stuff palm lightly.

Using brown wool, sew hands to arms, matching arm seam to centre of palm.

Stuff arms and sew top edges to shoulders, adding more stuffing if necessary.

## Head

With right side facing, join nose seam with black wool. If using plastic ties from price tags as whiskers, push 3 through each side of nose *before* joining the seam.

Stuff nose lightly. Work a gathering thread through first row of nose, then pull up thread and fasten off.

Join head seam from nose to back edge, leaving a 2" gap for stuffing. Stuff firmly, then close the gap.

### Ears

Place lining inside ear, matching cast on and cast off edges and leaving an even border of brown all the way round. Sew in place with brown thread.

Sew ears to head using brown wool.

### Eyes

Join the side seam and turn P side out. In black wool, work 1 chain stitch across the centre, then a small stitch in white wool towards the top of the black one. Stuff lightly and sew to head with white thread.

### Eyebrows

Work 1 long slanting stitch in black wool above each eye.

Sew head to top of body with brown wool. Head should tilt slightly forwards.

### Tail

Oversew tail seam.

Stuff the cast-on end of tail lightly, then sew to bottom of back seam.

### Feet

Place sole and upper together so P side of upper and K side of sole are visible. Oversew all the way round feet and toes, leaving a gap at the heel for stuffing. Before sewing up each toe, insert ½ a pipe cleaner. Stuff the foot (but not the toes) firmly, and close the gap.

Sew feet to base of body, turning them out slightly.

## **ADDENDUM**

Please note that the Mail Order company has changed its address and telephone number to:

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