

The hippie

by Fiona Goble



SIZE

To fit an innocent smoothie

YARN

Stylecraft Special DK

(100% Acrylic; 295m / 323yds per 100g ball)

A: Fiesta (1257)

B: Soft Peach (1240)

C: Sunshine (1114)

Scraps of contrast yarn for headband plus black and orange or red for features

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YOU WILL ALSO NEED

- A pair of 3.75mm (UK9 / US5) Pony knitting needles
- Yarn needle for finishing
- Scissors for finishing
- Red colouring pencil
- Button

TENSION

24 sts and 32 rows over 10cm / 4in in stocking stitch on 3.75mm needles

Note: Tension is not critical for this project.

ABBREVIATIONS

G-st Garter stitch: Knit on RS and WS

K K nit

kfb Knit into the front and back of 1 stitch

k2tog Knit 2 stitches together

P Purl

p2tog Purl 2 stitches together

RS Right side of work

ssk Slip 1 stitch, slip a second stitch, knit them together

through the back loop

st(s) Stitch(es)

St st Stocking stitch/Stockinette:

Knit on RS, purl on WS

WS Wrong side of work

PATTERN

Hat

Using A, cast on 28 sts.

K 3 rows.

P 1 row.

K 1 row.

Break A leaving a tail for weaving in.

Join B and starting with a RS knit row, work 6 rows in St st.

Next row (RS): K13, (kfb) twice, turn work and P4, turn work and K to end.

30 sts

Starting with a WS purl row, work 3 rows in St st.

Next row: K13, k2tog, ssk, K to end.

28 sts

Starting with a WS purl row, work 3 rows in St st.

Next row: (K2tog) to end. 14 sts

Next row: (P2tog) to end. 7 sts

MAKING UP

Break the yarn leaving a 25cm tail. Thread tail onto a yarn needle and gather up the 7 sts, pulling tightly to close then sew the back seam. Turn hat RS out so the seam is on the inside.

FINISHING

Hair

Using C, cut 18 lengths of 25cm (10in) long yarn. Join the centre of the lengths to the top of the head and again at each side. Trim the ends and separate a few of the yarn strands if you want a slightly messy look. Make a 25cm (10in) plait using three lengths of yarn that will contrast with the hair. Knot the plait at both ends and tie it round the head, securing with a stitch at the front and back. Using black, embroider 2 French knots for the eyes and embroider a couple of straight stitches in orange or red for the mouth. Lightly shade the cheeks with the pencil. Sew the button in place on the front of the jumper.

Head

Using C, cast on 4 sts and P one row.

Row 1 (RS): (Kfb) to end. 8 sts

Row 2 (WS): Purl.

Row 3: (Kfb) to end. 16 sts

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: (K2, kfb) to last st, K1. 21 sts

Row 6: Purl.

Break C, join in A and continue as follows:

Row 7: Knit.

Row 8: Purl.

Row 9: (K2, k2tog) to last st, K1. 16 sts

Row 10: Purl.

Row 11: (K2tog) to end. 8 sts

Row 12: Purl.

Row 13: (K2tog) to end. 4 sts

Break the yarn leaving a 20cm (8in) tail. Thread tail onto a yarn needle and gather up the 4 sts, pulling tightly to close. This is the top of the head. Sew the back seam, stuffing as you go to pad the head out.

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