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YARN

Rowan Baby Merino Silk DK

ESTHER

A Sunshine 688 1 x 50gms
B Zinc 681 1 x 50gms

ERNIE

A Teal 677 1 x 50gms
B Zinc 681 1 x 50gms

ENID

A Strawberry 687 1 x 50gms
B Zinc 681 1 x 50gms

(Small amounts of 3 other DK colours)

NEEDLES

1 pair 3¼mm (no 10) (US 3) needles
1 x 3.25mm (no 10) (USD3) crochet hook

EXTRAS – Washable toy stuffing, 2 black beads for eyes (J3001017), Popcorn kernels or plastic beans. 10cm florist wire.

TENSION

26 sts and 34 rows to 10cm measured over st st using 3.25mm (US 3) needles

BODY

Using 3¼mm (US 3) needles and yarn A, cast on 50 sts.

Beg with a K row, work 8 rows in st st.

Row 9: K4, (K2tog, K8) 4 times, K2tog, K4. 45 sts.

Beg with a P row, work 5 rows in st st.

Row 15: K4, (K2tog, K7) 4 times, K2tog, K3. 40 sts.

Beg with a P row, work 5 rows in st st.

Row 21: K3, (K2tog, K6) 4 times, K2tog, K3. 35 sts.

Beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st st.

Row 25: K3, (K2tog, K5) 4 times, K2tog, K2. 30 sts.

Beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st st.

Row 29: K2, (K2tog, K4) 4 times, K2tog, K2. 25 sts.

Row 30: Purl.

Row 31: K1, (K2tog, K3) 4 times, K2tog, K2. 20 sts.

Row 32: Purl.

Row 33: *K2tog, K2, rep from * to end. 15 sts.

Row 34: Purl.

Row 35: K2, K2tog, (K1, K2tog) 3 times, K2. 11 sts.

Row 36: Purl.

Row 37: K1, *K2tog, rep from * to end. 6 sts.

Cast off rem sts.

BASE

Using 3¼mm (US 3) needles and yarn A, cast on 16 sts.

Beg with a K row, work 4 rows in st st.

Row 5: K2, K2tog, K8, K2tog, K2. 14 sts.

Beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st st.

Row 9: K2, K2tog, K6, K2tog, K2. 12 sts.

Beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st st.

Row 13: K2, K2tog, K4, K2tog, K2. 10 sts.

Purl next and every foll alt row.

Row 15: K2, K2tog, K2, K2tog, K2. 8 sts.

Row 17: K2, K2tog, K2tog, K2. 6 sts.

Row 19: K2, K2tog, K2. 5 sts.

Row 21: K1, sl1, K2tog, pss0, K1.

Cast off **purlwise**.

BEAK

Using 3¼mm (US 3) needles and yarn B, cast on 6 sts.

Row 1: *K1, P1; rep from * to end.

Row 2: *P1, K1; rep from * to end

Row 3: Cast off 1 stitch, K1, P1 to end.

Row 4: Cast off 1 stitch, P1, K1 to end.

Row 5: Cast off 2 stitches, K1.

Cast off rem 2 sts.

LEGS (make 2)

Using 3.25mm (US D3) crochet hook and yarn B *Work 10ch, ss into 10th ch from hook. This makes first toe. Repeat from * two

more times to form three toes.

Work 25 more ch, finish off. Tie a knot halfway down leg to form knee. Use end of yarn to stitch toes together firmly at ankle. The other end of yarn will be used to sew leg to body.

MAKING UP

Sew the cast on edge of Base to the centre 16sts of body. Now sew left and right sides of base to left and right sides of body. Start at base and using mattress stitch, sew 3cm up back seam. Sew the legs in place at front two corners.

Fill the base of chicken with popcorn kernels, or plastic beans, 1-2cm deep. Now stuff the body with toy stuffing. Stitch the remainder of the seam. Sew the beak in place, and two black beads for eyes.

Using a simple running stitch and different coloured yarns sew three randomly placed circles over the body of the chicken.

'Ernies' glasses are made from florist wire, but any soft wire will do.

Take a piece of wire approx 10cm in length. Wrap wire around a pencil to form lenses, bend wire back to form spectacle legs. Trim and position by pushing wire into toy stuffing. Stitch in place if necessary.

COMB

Using a 3.25mm (US D3) crochet hook and a colour of your choosing, work 30 ch, use the yarn ends to sew in place. There are three loops one behind the other, in the comb, each loop is 10 ch.

You can also form a loop of 10ch under the beak. (Optional)

TAIL

Using a 3.25mm (US D3) crochet hook and as many colours as wished. Work a selection of chain lengths, from 15 to 30 sts long. Sew each length to the tail area of the chicken, each length forming a loop.