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## Cynthia's sheep



### Size

Sheep stands 16cm high.

### Materials

A pair of 3¼mm knitting needles.

Double knitting yarn: 50g beige, 25g cream, small amount of black for features.

Amounts are generous but approximate.

Acrylic toy stuffing.

Knitters marking pins for sewing up.

### Abbreviations

**alt** – alternate.

**beg** – beginning.

**cm** – centimetres.

**fol** – following.

**garter-st** – garter-stitch. Knit every row.

**inc** – increase. Knit into front then back of stitch.

**k** – knit.

**k2 or 3 tog** – knit 2 or 3 stitches together. If these stitches are the very last in the row then work together through back of loops.

**k-wise** – knit-ways.

**m1** – make 1 stitch. Pick up the horizontal loop between the needles and work into the back of it.

**mm** – millimetres.

**p** – purl.

**p2tog** – p 2 stitches together. If these are the very first in the row then work together through back of loops.

**sts** – stitches.

**stocking-st** – stocking-stitch. Knit on the right side, purl on the wrong side.

**tbl** – through back of loop.

**( )** – repeat instructions between brackets as many times as instructed.

## Sheep

### BODY

Begin at lower edge using the thumb method and beige, cast on 36 sts and work in garter-st.

Garter-st 2 rows.

**Inc row:** (k1, m1, k1, m1, k14, m1, k1, m1, k1) twice – 44 sts.

**Next and next 2 foll alt rows:** k.

**Inc row:** (k1, m1, k2, m1, k16, m1, k2, m1, k1) twice – 52 sts.

**Inc row:** (k1, m1, k3, m1, k18, m1, k3, m1, k1) twice – 60 sts.

**Inc row:** (k1, m1, k4, m1, k20, m1, k4, m1, k1) twice – 68 sts.

Garter-st 25 rows.

**Dec row:** k2tog, k30, (k2tog) twice, k30, k2tog – 64 sts.

Garter-st 3 rows.

**Dec row:** k2tog, k28, (k2tog) twice, k28, k2tog – 60 sts.

Garter-st 3 rows.

**Dec row:** (k2tog) twice, k22, (k2tog) 4 times, k22, (k2tog) twice – 52 sts.

Garter-st 3 rows.

**Dec row:** (k2tog) twice, k18, (k2tog) 4 times, k18, (k2tog) twice – 44 sts.

Cast off in garter-st.

### LEGS – make 4

Begin at lower edge using the thumb method and cream, cast on 16 sts.

P 1 row.

**Inc row:** k1, (m1, k2) to last st, m1, k1 – 24 sts.

Beg with a p row, stocking-st 13 rows.

Cast off 6 sts at beg of next 2 rows – 12 sts.

**Dec row:** k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog – 10 sts.

**Dec row:** p2tog, p to last 2 sts, p2tog – 8 sts.

Cast off.

### HEAD

Begin at top edge using the thumb method and beige, cast on 16 sts and work in garter-st.

**Inc row:** (inc k-wise) to end – 32 sts.

Garter-st 7 rows.

**Dec row:** k6, (k2tog) twice, k12, (k2tog) twice, k6 – 28 sts.

K 1 row.

Change to cream and continue in stocking-st.

**Next row:** (k1 tbl) to end.

**Next and next 2 foll alt rows:** p.

**Inc row:** k6, m1, k1, m1, k14, m1, k1, m1, k6 – 32 sts.

**Inc row:** k7, m1, k1, m1, k16, m1, k1, m1, k7 – 36 sts.

**Inc row:** k8, m1, k1, m1, k18, m1, k1, m1, k8 – 40 sts.

Beg with a p row, stocking-st 7 rows.

**Dec row:** (k3, k2tog) to end – 32 sts.

**Next and next 2 foll alt row:** p.

**Dec row:** (k2, k2tog) to end – 24 sts.

**Dec row:** (k1, k2tog) to end – 16 sts.

**Dec row:** (k2tog) to end – 8 sts.

Thread yarn through remaining sts, pull tight and secure.

## **EARS – make 2**

Using the thumb method and cream, cast on 18 sts.

K 1 row.

**Dec row:** k6, (k3tog) twice, k6 – 14 sts.

Cast off k-wise.

## **TAIL**

Using the thumb method and beige, cast on 8 sts and work in garter-st.

Garter-st 6 rows.

**Shape next row:** (k2tog) twice, k2, inc into last 2 sts.

Garter-st 5 rows.

**Shape next row:** inc into first 2 sts, k2, (k2tog) twice.

Garter-st 5 rows.

**Shape next row:** (k2tog) twice, k2, inc into last 2 sts.

Garter-st 5 rows.

**Dec row:** (k2tog) to end – 4 sts.

Thread yarn through remaining sts, pull tight and secure.

## **MAKE UP AND FEATURES**

**Body** Fold cast on stitches of body in half and over-sew, fold cast off stitches in half and over-sew. Join row ends leaving a gap, stuff body and close gap.

**Legs** Fold cast on stitches of legs in half and over-sew. Join straight row ends and stuff legs and sew to body.

**Head** Join row ends of head and stuff and with this seam at centre back, over-sew top edge. Pin and sew head to body.

**Ears** Fold cast off stitches of ears in half and over-sew. Fold row ends in half and catch in place. Sew ears to head at each side.

**Tail** Join row ends of tail and sew one end to body.

**Features** To make eyes, tie 2 knots in 2 lengths of black yarn, winding the yarn round 6 times to make the knots. Check that the knots are the same size. Tie eyes to head with 3 clear knitted stitches in between and run ends into head. Work nose and mouth in colour to match eyes, working a 'v' shape for nose and a long stitch from nose to centre of underneath for mouth. To begin and fasten off invisibly for the embroidery, tie a knot in the end of yarn and take a large stitch through work coming up to start the embroidery, allowing knot to disappear through knitting and be caught in the stuffing. To fasten off, take a few stitches back and forth through work inserting needle where yarn comes out.



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