Hedgehog

NEEDLES:

3.50mm straight knitting needles

OTHER TOOLS AND MATERIALS:

2 medium sized safety pins to use as stitch holders

Locking stitch markers and coloured threads for stitch markers – I usually recommend the locking stitch markers but because of the smallness of this project tied on thread markers would be easier around the face and nose

6mm black toy safety eyes
Toy filling or yarn/fabric scraps

Finished size: Approx. 9cm (3.5in) tall x 19cm (7.5in) long

YARN:

Unless otherwise stated, multiple strands of yarn are used together throughout this pattern. The exact combinations of yarn to be used are indicated by multiple letters

You will need no more than one ball of each in the colourway of your choice - **either** Colourway 1 **or** Colourway 2

Colourway 1
A: Drops Brushed Alpaca Silk shade 04 light beige
B: Drops Flora 02 white
C: Drops Brushed Alpaca Silk shade 01 off-white
D: Drops Kid Silk shade 01 off-white
E: James C Brett Faux Fur Chunky shade H6 burgundy/ white
F: Drops Kid Silk shade 02 black (you'll only need a length of this yarn for the nose)

Colourway 2

A: Drops Kid Silk shade 15 dark brown
B: Drops Alpaca shade 0618 light beige
C: Drops Brushed Alpaca Silk shade 04 light beige
D: Drops Kid Silk shade 29 vanilla
E: James C Brett Faux Fur Chunky shade H4 caramel/ white
F: Drops Kid Silk shade 02 black (you'll only need a length of this yarn for the nose)

TENSION: 17 rows and 11.5 stitches over 5cm (2in)

ABBREVIATIONS

K = knit

P = purl

inc = increase

dec = decrease

K2tog = knit two together   / **P2tog** = purl two together

Rep = repeat

RS/WS = right side/ wrong side

st/ sts =stitch/ stitches

Skpo = slip one stitch, knit next stitch , pass slipped stitch over knit stitch

Kfb = knit into front then into back of stitch to increase by one stitch

Pfb = purl into front then knit into back of stitch to increase by one stitch

St St = stocking/ stockinette stitch - knit all stitches on right side, purl all stitches on wrong side

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

W+T knit row: bring yarn to the front of the work, slip next st purlwise onto the RH needle, take working yarn to the back, slip the slipped stitch back onto the LH needle, turn the knitting

W+T purl row: take yarn to the back of the work, slip next st purlwise onto the RH needle, bring working yarn to the front, slip the slipped stitch back onto the LH needle, turn the knitting

HEAD

Beginning at the Nose

With yarn **AB**, cast on 4 sts

Rows 1-2 Work 2 rows stocking stitch

Row 3 inc) (RS) Kfb, k to last st, kfb – 6sts

Rows 4-6 Beginning with a purl row work 3 rows stocking stitch

Place Marker (**PM**) at each end last row for hedgehog's left and right **Nose Markers**

Cut yarn **A**, join yarn **C**, to work with yarn **BC** as follows:

Row 7 inc) Cast on 2sts, **PM** for hedgehog's left **Eye Edge Marker**, k to end – 8sts

Row 8 inc) Cast on 2sts, **PM** for hedgehog's right **Eye Edge Marker**, p to end – 10sts

Row 9 inc) Kfb, k to last st, kfb – 12sts

Cut yarn **C**, join yarn **D**, to work with yarn **BD** as follows:

Work short rows to create the Brow as follows:

Short row 1: P10, W+T

Short row 2: K8, W+T

Short row 3: Purl to end of row

Cut yarns and leave these 12 sts on a stitch holder.

Hedgehog's Left Cheek

With yarn **AB**, cast on 2 sts

Rows 1-2 Work 2 rows stocking stitch

Row 3 inc) (RS) Kfb, k to end – 3sts

Row 4 Purl

Rows 5-6 inc) Repeat last 2 rows once – 4sts.

PM at beginning of last row for hedgehog's left **Nose Marker**

Cut yarn **A**, join yarn **C**, to work with yarn **BC** as follows:

Work short rows to shape the left cheek as follows:

Short row 1: K3, W+T

Short row 2: P3

Short row 3: K2, W+T

Short row 4: P2

Short row 5: K1, W+T

Short row 6: P1

Row 7 Cast on 2sts, k4, **PM** for hedgehog's left **Eye Edge Marker**,
cast off last 2 sts – 4sts
PM at beginning of last row for hedgehog's left **Cheek Marker.**

WS facing rejoin yarn **AD** to 4 sts to complete left cheek as follows:

Row 8 Purl

Row 9 inc) Kfb, k to end – 5sts

Row 10 Purl

Rows 11-12 inc) Repeat last 2 rows once – 6sts

Cut yarns and leave these 6 sts on a stitch holder.

Hedgehog's Right Cheek

With yarn **AB**, cast on 2 sts

Rows 1-2 Work 2 rows stocking stitch

Row 3 inc) K to last st, kfb – 3sts

Row 4 Purl

Row 5 inc) K to last st, kfb – 4sts

PM at beginning of last row for hedgehog's right **Nose Marker**

Cut yarn **A**, join yarn **C**, to work with yarn **BC** as follows:

Work short rows to shape the right cheek as follows:

Short row 1: P3, W+T

Short row 2: K3

Short row 3: P2, W+T

Short row 4: K2

Short row 5: P1, W+T

Short row 6: K1

Row 6 inc) Cast on 2sts, P6 to end.

PM at beginning of last row for hedgehog's right **Cheek Marker.**

Row 7 dec) Cast off 2 sts, **PM** for hedgehog's right **Eye Edge Marker**, k to end – 4sts

Cut yarn **C**, join yarn **D**, to work with yarn **BD** as follows:

Row 8 Purl

Row 9 inc) K to last st, kfb – 5sts

Row 10 Purl

Rows 11-12 inc) Repeat last 2 rows once – 6sts

Cut yarns and leave these 6 sts on a stitch holder.

Top and Sides of Head

With yarn **AD**, continue with top and sides of head as follows:

Slip the 6 left cheek sts from the stitch holder onto LH needle with RS facing you, k6; slip 12 brow sts from the stitch holder onto LH needle with RS facing you, k12; slip the 6 right cheek sts from the stitch holder onto LH needle with RS facing you, k6 - 24sts

Row 1 dec) P5, p2tog, p10, p2tog, p5 sts to end – 22sts

Row 2 dec) K4, k2tog, k10, k2tog, k4 sts to end – 20sts

Divide for Ear Spaces

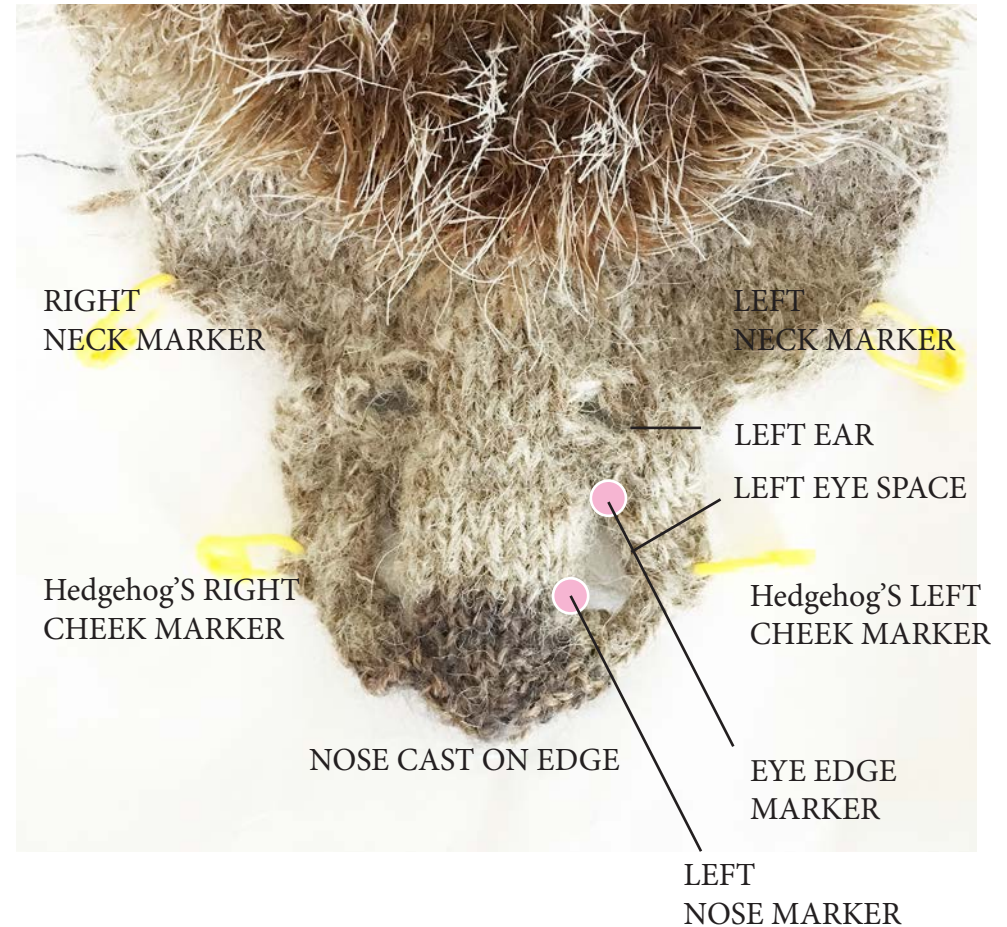**Row 3** dec) P3, cast off next 4 sts purlwise for hedgehog's right **Ear Space**, p5, cast off next 4 sts purlwise for hedgehog's left **Ear Space**, p2 - 12sts

Row 4 inc) K3, turn, cast on 3 sts, turn, k6, turn, cast on 3 sts, turn, k3 to end - 18sts

Row 5 Purl

FIG.1

RIGHT NECK MARKER

LEFT NECK MARKER

LEFT EAR

LEFT EYE SPACE

Hedgehog'S RIGHT CHEEK MARKER

Hedgehog'S LEFT CHEEK MARKER

NOSE CAST ON EDGE

EYE EDGE MARKER

LEFT NOSE MARKER

P.S - Don't be concerned about all the yarn endings – they make for perfect stuffing later!

NECK

Cast on 6 sts, **PM** at beginning of row for hedgehog's left **Neck Marker**

Work short rows to create the Left Side of the Neck as follows:

Short row 1: K10, W+T

Short row 2: P10

Short row 3: inc) Kfb, k8, W+T

Short row 4: P10

Short row 5: inc) Kfb, k6, W+T

Short row 6: P8

Short row 7: inc) Kfb, k4, W+T

Short row 8: P6

Short row 9: inc) Kfb, k2, W+T

Short row 10: P4

Row 6 Knit to end – 28sts

Cast on 6 sts, **PM** at beginning of row for hedgehog's
right **Neck Marker**

Work short rows to create the Right Side of the Neck as follows:

Short row 1: P10, W+T

Short row 2: K10

Short row 3: inc) Pfb, p8, W+T

Short row 4: K10

Short row 5: inc) Pfb, p6, W+T

Short row 6: K8

Short row 7: inc) Pfb, p4, W+T

Short row 8: K6

Short row 9: inc) Pfb, p2, W+T

Short row 10: K4

Cut yarn **B**, join yarn **E**, continue to work with yarn **DE** as follows:

Row 7 Purl to end – 38sts

Cut yarn **D**, continue to work with yarn **E** as follows:

PM at each end last row for **Front Markers**.

BACK

Row 8 Kfb, k12, k2tog, k8, k2tog, k to last st, kfb

Row 9 P1, pfb, p11, p2tog, p8, p2tog, p to last 2 sts, pfb, p1

Rows 10-11 Repeat last 2 rows once

Rows 12-21 Work 10 rows stocking stitch

Row 22 Kfb, k12, k2tog, k8, k2tog, k to last st, kfb

Row 23 inc) P1, pfb, p to last 2 sts, pfb, p1 – 40sts

Row 24 Kfb, k13, k2tog, k8, k2tog, k to last st, kfb

Row 25 inc) P1, pfb, p to last 2 sts, pfb, p1 – 42sts

Rows 26-35 Work 10 rows stocking stitch

Row 36 dec) K15, k2tog, k8, k2tog, k to end – 40sts

Row 37 Purl

Row 38 dec) K15, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k to end – 38sts

Row 39 Purl

Row 40 dec) K15, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k to end – 36sts

Row 41 Purl

Row 42 dec) K14, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k to end – 34sts

Rows 43-45 Beginning with a purl row work 3 rows stocking stitch

Row 46 dec) K13, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k to end – 32sts

Row 47 Purl

Row 48 dec) K2tog, k10, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog – 28sts

Row 49 Purl

PM at each end last row for **Rear Markers**.

Row 50 dec) K2tog, k8, k2tog, k2 **PM** just before next stitch for **Centre Back Marker**, K2, k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog – 24sts

Cast off all 24 Rear End sts. purlwise.

FIG.2

BODY SIDES

Left Side

RS facing toward you, beginning at the hedgehog's **Left Front Marker**, with yarn **BCD**, pick up and knit 16 sts evenly from left front marker along row ends to **Left Rear Marker**; pick up and knit 6 sts evenly along cast off edge from left rear marker to **Centre Back Marker** *(see fig. 2, A to B then B to C)* – 22sts

Row 1 Purl

Row 2 dec) K15, k2tog, k5 – 21sts

Row 3 Purl

Row 4 dec) K5, **PM** on last stitch for **Back Upper Foreleg Marker**, k7, **PM** on last stitch for **Front Upper Hind Leg Marker**, k5, **PM** on last stitch for **Back Upper Hind Leg Marker**, K4.

Cast off all 21 Left Side sts. purlwise.

PM at end last row for **Left Side to Front Marker**.

Right Side

RS facing toward you, beginning at the **Centre Back Marker,** with yarn **BCD**, pick up and knit 6 sts evenly from centre back marker along row ends to **Right Rear Marker**; pick up and knit 16 sts evenly from right rear marker to **Right Front Marker** *(see fig. 2, C to D then D to E)*– 22sts

Row 1 Purl

Row 2 dec) K5, k2tog, k15 – 21sts

Row 3 Purl

Row 4 dec) K5, **PM** on last stitch for **Back Upper Hind Leg Marker**, k5, **PM** on last stitch for **Front Upper Hind Leg Marker**, k7, **PM** on last stitch for **Back Upper Foreleg Marker**, K4.

Cast off all 21 Right Side sts. purlwise.

PM at beginning of last row for **Right Side to Front Marker**.

Remove centre back marker and rear markers.

Join the nose seams

Working on one side of the nose at a time, with RS together, match nose markers (so for left side, match left nose markers together) and back stitch to join along rows ends from nose marker to cast on edges.

Then, WS together, match the row ends from the nose together and mattress stitch to join from the cast on edge all along the darker part of the nose just before you started on the cheek short rows *(see fig. 3, A to B)*.

FIG.3

Join the cheek to neck seams

Working on one side of the head at a time, with RS together, match Cheek Marker with Neck Marker and back stitch to join seam from cheek marker/ neck marker along rows ends and cast on edge, up to where you casted for neck (*see fig. 4, A to B*).

Remove cheek markers.

FIG.4

Nose

With yarn **EE** work a 'T' shape nose at the tip of the nose:- two horizontal straight stitches; two vertical straight stitches.

EARS

Each ear is picked up and knitted inside the ear gaps.

FIG.5

Hedgehog's Left Ear Back

With RS facing you, with yarn **AC** pick up and knit 6 sts across the cast-on edge at the back of Hedgehog's left **Ear Space** (*see fig. 5, A to B*). The first and last of these 6 sts should be picked up in the ends of the cast-off edge at the front.

Rows 1-3 Beginning with a purl row work 3 rows stocking stitch

Row 4 dec) K2tog three times – 3sts

Row 5 dec) P3tog

Fasten off.

Hedgehog's Left Ear Inner

With RS facing you, with yarn **AB** pick up and knit 5 sts across the cast-off edge at the front of Hedgehog's left **Ear Space** (*see fig. 5, C to D*).

Row 1 Purl

Row 2 Knit

Row 3 dec) P2tog, p1, p2tog – 3sts

Row 4 K3tog

Fasten off.

Hedgehog's Right Ear Back

With RS facing you, with yarn **AC** pick up and knit 6 sts across the cast-on edge at the back of Hedgehog's right **Ear Space**. The first and last of these 6 sts should be picked up in the ends of the cast-off edge at the front.

Rows 1-3 Beginning with a purl row work 3 rows stocking stitch

Row 4 dec) K2tog three times – 3sts

Row 5 dec) P3tog

Fasten off.

Hedgehog's Right Ear inner

With RS facing you, with yarn **AB** pick up and knit 5 sts across the cast-off edge at the front of Hedgehog's right **Ear Space**.

Row 1 Purl

Row 2 Knit

Row 3 dec) P2tog, p1, p2tog – 3sts

Row 4 K3tog

Fasten off.

Sewing the Ears

Working on one ear at a time join the fastened off point of the ear inner to the fastened off point of the ear back, then neatly whip stitch along each side to join the ear inner to the inside of the ear back.

EYES

Make two alike.

With yarn **AB** cast on 2 sts.

Row 1 Kfb twice - 4sts

Row 2 Purl

Row 3 Kfb, k2, kfb- 6sts

Row 4 Purl

Row 5 K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog- 4sts

Row 6 Purl

Row 7 K2tog twice - 2sts

Row 8 P2tog

Fasten off.

Sewing the Eyes

Working on one eye at a time slip the knitted eye into the eye space *(see fig. 6)*, and neatly whip stitch around the edges to join. Insert the toy eye into the centre of each eye. Make sure you are happy with the placement before attaching the backing to secure the eyes.

FACE - to make the face squish up a little, bend a length of yarn in half and pass the cut ends through a yarn sewing needle.

Pass the threaded needle through one side of the head - just behind the eye - and out the other side of the head - just behind the eye, then back in to emerge back out where you started - pull up to squish the face and secure the thread.

BELLY

With RS facing you, with yarn **AC**, beginning at the hedgehog's **Right Front Marker** pick up and knit 5 sts evenly along row ends from right front marker to hedgehog's **Right Neck Marker** (at seam), turn, cast on 4 sts, turn, pick up and knit 5 sts from **Left Neck Marker** (at seam), along row ends to **Left Front Marker** – 14sts

Row 1 Purl

Row 2 dec) K3, skpo, k4, k2tog, k to end – 12sts

Row 3 Purl

Row 4 dec) K2, skpo, k4, k2tog, k to end – 10sts

Row 5 Purl

PM at each end last row for **Front Foreleg Markers**.

Rows 6-10 Work 5 rows stocking stitch

PM at each end last row for **Back Foreleg Markers**.

Rows 11-23 Beginning with a purl row work 13 rows stocking stitch

PM at each end last row for **Front Hing Leg Markers**.

Rows 24-28 Work 5 rows stocking stitch

PM at each end last row for **Back Hing Leg Markers**.

Row 29 Purl

Row 30 dec) [K2tog, k1] three times, k1 – 7sts

Cast off purlwise for rear end.

CHIN

With RS facing you, with yarn **BC** pick up and knit 6 sts either side and in the cast-on edge from the hedgehog's **Left Neck Marker** to the **Right Neck Marker** (*see fig. 6, A to B*).

Row 1 Purl

Row 2 dec) K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog - 4sts.

Row 3 Purl

Work short rows to shape the tiny chin:

Short row 1: K2, W+T

Short row 2: P1, W+T

Short row 3: Knit to the ned

Cut yarn and thread end through all 4 sts, pull up and secure the end.

FIG.6

Join chin to nose

Working on one side at a time, match the fastened-off tip of the chin to the nose seam, then match mattress stitch from the tip of the chin to the Neck Marker.

FORELEGS

Hedgehog's Left Foreleg

With RS facing you, with yarn **BC**, beginning at hedgehog's **Left Fore-leg Back Marker**, pick up and knit 4 sts across belly row ends from left foreleg back marker to **Left Foreleg Front Marker** (*see fig. 7*)

Row 1 inc) Cast on 4 sts, p8 – 8sts

Rows 2-5 Work 4 rows stocking stitch

Cut yarn **B**, join yarn **A**, to work with yarn **AC** as follows:

Work short rows to shape the foot:

Short row 1: K6, W+T

Short row 2: P4, W+T

Short row 3: K3, W+T

Short row 4: P2, W+T

Short row 5: Knit to end

HIND LEG BACK

HIND LEG FRONT

LEFT

FORELEG BACK

FORELEG FRONT

HEAD END

FIG.7

Cast off purlwise for Bottom of Left Foot

Hedgehog's Right Foreleg

With WS (purl-side) facing you, with yarn **BC**, beginning at hedgehog's right Foreleg Back Marker, pick up 4 sts purlwise across belly row ends from right foreleg back marker to right Foreleg Front Marker

Row 1 inc) Cast on 4 sts, k8 – 8sts

Rows 2-5 Beginning with a purl row work 4 rows stocking stitch

Cut yarn **B**, join yarn **A**, to work with yarn **AC** as follows:

Work short rows to shape the foot:

Short row 1: P6, W+T

Short row 2: K4, W+T

Short row 3: P3, W+T

Short row 4: K2, W+T

Short row 5: Purl to end

Cast off for Bottom of Right Foot.

Join Foreleg Seams

Working on one foreleg at a time, WS facing fold the cast-off edge at Foot in half, mattress stitch to join cast off edge for the bottom of the foot, then mattress stitch to join the row ends from base of foot up to Foreleg Back Marker for **Leg Back Seam**.

Join Top of Foreleg

Working on one foreleg at a time, match the **Leg Back Seam** with **Back Upper Foreleg Marker** and the **Foreleg Front Marker** with the **Side to Front Marker**, mattress stitch to join the top of the foreleg cast on edge to cast off edge from belly from back leg seam/ back upper foreleg marker to front marker/ side to front marker. Then mattress stitch the seam from the foreleg front marker up to **Front Marker** (*see fig. 8)*

Remove foreleg front markers, back upper foreleg markers, side to front markers and front markers.

Place a little spare yarn in the base of the foot and then flatten the base with your fingers to create a nice foot shape.

FIG.8

NECK

FORELEGS

HIND LEGS

HIND LEGS

Hedgehog's Left Hind Leg

With RS facing you, with yarn **BC**, beginning at hedgehog's **Left Hind Leg Back Marker,** pick up and knit 5 sts across belly row ends from left hind leg back marker to **Left Hind Leg Front Marker** (*see fig. 7)*

Row 1 inc) Cast on 5 sts, p10 – 10sts

Row 2 K2tog, k2, kfb twice, k2, k2tog

Row 3 Purl

Rows 4-5 Rep last 2 rows once

Cut yarn **B**, join yarn **A**, to work with yarn **AC** as follows:

Work short rows to shape the foot:

Short row 1: K7, W+T

Short row 2: P4, W+T

Short row 3: K3, W+T

Short row 4: P2, W+T

Short row 5: Knit to end

Cast off purlwise for Bottom of Left Foot

Hedgehog's Right Hind Leg

With WS (purl-side) facing you, with yarn **BC**, beginning at hedghog's **Right Hind Leg Back Marker**, pick up 5 sts purlwise across belly row ends from right hind leg back marker to **Right Hind Leg Front Marker**

Row 1 inc) Cast on 5 sts, k10 – 10sts

Row 2 P2tog, p2, pfb twice, p2, p2tog

Row 3 Knit

Rows 4-5 Rep last 2 rows once

Cut yarn **B**, join yarn **A**, to work with yarn **AC** as follows:

Work short rows to shape the foot:

Short row 1: P7, W+T

Short row 2: K4, W+T

Short row 3: P3, W+T

Short row 4: K2, W+T

Short row 5: Purl to end

Cast off for Bottom of Right Foot.

Join hind leg Seams

Working on one hind leg at a time, WS facing fold the cast-off edge at Foot in half, mattress stitch to join cast off edge for the bottom of the foot, then mattress stitch to join the row ends from base of foot up to hind leg Back Marker for leg back seam.

Join Top of Hind leg

Working on one hind leg at a time, match the **Hind Leg Front Marker** with the **Upper Hind Leg Front Marker** (from side) and Leg Back Seam with **Upper Hind Leg Back Marker** (from belly), mattress stitch from hind leg front Marker to upper hind leg back marker so joining the top of the hind leg cast-on edge to cast-off edge from side (*see fig. 8*)

Mattress stitch to join the seam that runs down the back side from the rear centre marker to the cast-off edges.

Stuff the hedgehog -well into the back, very, very lightly into the belly and face.

Ease then mattress stitch the cast-off edge from Belly Rear End to the few row ends either side of the back side.

Remove all remaining markers.

Place a little spare yarn in the base of the foot and then flatten the base with your fingers to create a nice foot shape.

For all four feet, with yarn **A** (yarn **F** for white hedgehog) sew four straight stitches over the foot for the claws.

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