

FINISHED SIZE 29cm long (back of head to tip of nose x 25cm widest YARN Super chunky/ bulky yarn in MC - burnt orange and C - Off-white - I used Wool Couture Cheeky Chunky 50g skein in each colour plus 50g ball Drops Eskimo in black for ears (actual amount 12 metres)

NEEDLES Pair 12mm knitting needles

TENSION 8 stitches, 12 rows of stocking stitch (st st) over 10cm EXTRAS Toy filling for stuffing, 1 Skein black 6 stranded embroidery silk, pair green, 16mm diameter toy eyes

Fox trophy pattern

In MC (burnt orange), beginning at the nose, cast on 11sts

Rows 1-6 St st 6 rows

Row 7 inc) K4, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end - 13sts

Row 8 P

Row 9 inc) K5, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end - 15sts

Row 10 P

Row 11 inc) K6, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end - 17sts

Row 12 P

Row 13 inc) K7, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end - 19sts

Row 14 P

Row 15 inc) K8, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end - 21sts

Row 16 P

Row 17 inc) K9, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end - 23sts

Rows 18-20 St st 3 rows

... on following row, place markers (PM) for ears as follows:

Row 21 inc) K4, PM, k4, PM (left ear), k7 across top of head, PM, k4, PM

(right ear), k to end

Row 22 P

Back of head

Row 23 dec) K8, skpo, k3, k2 tog, k to end - 21sts

Row 24 P

Row 25 dec) [K1, k2 tog] 7 times - 14sts

Row 26 P

Row 27 dec) K2 tog 7 times - 7sts

Row 28 P

Cut orange and join C (off-white) for Head back and chin

Row 29 inc) Kfb 7 times - 14sts

Row 30 P

Row 31 K1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 - 16sts

Rows 32-41 Rep last 2 rows five times - 26sts

Row 42 P

Row 43 dec) K2 tog, [k2, k2 tog] six times - 19sts

Row 44 P

Row 45 dec) [K2 tog, k2] twice, k3 tog, [k2, k2 tog] twice - 13sts

Row 46 P

Row 47 dec) K5, k3 tog, k to end - 11sts

Rows 48-50 St st 3 rows

Row 51 dec) K2 tog, k2, k3 tog, k2, k2 tog - 7sts

Row 52 dec) P2 tog, p3, p2 tog - 5sts

Row 53 dec) K1, k3 tog, k1 - 3sts

Row 54 dec) P3 tog - fasten off.

EARS make 4 alike - 2 in black yarn and two inner ears in cream

In black or cream cast on 11sts

Row 1 inc) K5, kfb (ear tip), k5 - 12sts

... short rows to create the curve of the ear

Short row 1 P10 take yarn backwards, slip next st purl-wise onto RH needle,

bring working yarn frontwards, slip slipped stitch back onto LH needle, turn

knitting = W+Tp (wrap and turn purl)

Short row 2 K8, bring yarn to front, slip next st purl-wise onto RH needle,

take working yarn to back, slip slipped stitch back onto LH needle, turn

knitting = W+Tk (wrap and turn knit)

Short row 3 P7, W+Tp

Short row 4 K6, W+Tk

Short row 5 P5, W+Tp

Short row 6 K4, W+Tk

Short row 7 P3, W+Tp

Short row 8 K2, W+Tk

Short row 9 P1, W+Tp

Short row 10 K6 to end of row

Cast off purl-wise leaving a long tail end.

TO MAKE UP

Head WS of knitting facing, ease row ends together and mattress sew top of head (orange) to chin (white) at same time stuffing and inserting the eyes (see image for placement) - note: the nose doesn't get stuffed. When you get to the tip of the nose fold the cast on edge in half and matress sew together.

Ears For both inner and outer ear thread the tail end into a yarn needle and weave running stitch in and out around the cast off edge - With the black outer ear sew along the cast off edge to join the ear to the head in between the markers - this will create a curve that forms the back of the ear. Fit the inner ear into the inside of the black ear - the purl side is the RS/ the side that's seen - and sew around the edges to join.

With a length of black yarn sew four horizontal satin stitches across the

nose tip then work two vertical stitches in the centre over the top two stitches then under the bottom two stitches, weave inside the nose to secure the end.

To make the eyes indent and the face squish up simply run a length of orange yarn from one side of the nose and just under the eye (A), emerging at the other side (B), work the yarn over a knitted stitch and then bring back though to where to you started at A then back out again at B. Pull the yarn. until you get the desired 'face squish' then weave in ends.

Sew a looped length of yarn at the back of the head for hanging





FINISHED SIZE 40cm long x 24cm widest

YARN Super chunky/ bulky yarn in MC -green and C - Off-white - I used Wool Couture Cheeky Chunky 100g skein in MC, an length in C for white flecks

NEEDLES Pair 12mm knitting needles

TENSION 8 stitches, 12 rows of stocking stitch (st st) over 10cm EXTRAS Toy filling for stuffing

Tree pattern

Beginning with the trunk cast on 16sts

Rows 1-6 St st 6 rows

... add lower branches

Row 7 inc) K4, turn, with purl-side facing cast on 12sts, turn, with knit-side facing k8, turn, with purl-side facing cast on 12sts, turn, with knit-side facing k4 to end of row - 40sts

Row 8 P

Row 9 dec) K7, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k14, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k7 to end of row - 36sts **Rows 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 and 20** P

Row 11 dec) K6, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k12, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k6 to end of row - 32sts

Row 13 dec) K5, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k10, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k5 to end of row - 28sts

Row 15 dec) K4, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k8, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k4 to end of row - 24sts **Row 17** dec) K3, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k6, skpo, k2 k2 tog, k3 to end of row - 20sts

Row 19 dec) K2, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k4, skpo, k2 k2 tog, k2 to end of row - 16sts ... add middle branches

Row 21 inc) K4, turn, with purl-side facing cast on 10sts, turn, with knit-side facing k8, turn, with purl-side facing cast on 10sts, turn, with knit-side facing k4 to end of row - 36sts

Row 22 P

Row 23 dec) K6, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k12, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k6 to end of row - 32sts

Rows 24, 26, 28 and 30 P

Row 25 dec) K5, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k10, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k5 to end of row - 28sts

Row 27 dec) K4, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k8, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k4 to end of row - 24sts

Row 29 dec) K3, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k6, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k3 to end of row - 20sts

... add tree top

Row 31 inc) K5, turn, with purl-side facing cast on 8sts, turn, with knit-side facing k10, turn, with purl-side facing cast on 8sts, turn, with knit-side facing k5 to end of row - 36sts

Row 32 P

Row 33 dec) K6, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k12, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k6 to end of row - 32sts

Rows 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, and 46 P

Row 35 dec) K5, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k10, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k5 to end of row - 28sts

Row 37 dec) K4, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k8, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k4 to end of row - 24sts

Row 39 dec) K3, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k6, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k3 to end of row - 20sts

Row 41 dec) K2, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k4, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k2 to end of row - 16sts

Row 43 dec) K1, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k2, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k1 to end of row - 12sts

Row 45 dec) [Skpo, k2, k2 tog] twice - 8sts

Row 47 dec) [Skpo, k2 tog] twice - 4sts

Row 48 dec) P2 tog twice 2sts

Row 49 dec) K2 tog, fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Turn out so that the purl-side is facing - this is the RS.

Mattress sew all along the back seam row ends from the top of the tree to the trunk.

Fold the cast on edge in half and mattress sew.

Stuff the tree through the openings at the branch cast-ons then close each seam with mattress stitch.

Embroider small stitches randomly over the tree as flecks of light.



FINISHED SIZE 26cm long x 21cm widest

YARN Super chunky/ bulky yarn in MC - mink and C - Off-white - I used Wool Couture Cheeky Chunky 50g skein in each colour

NEEDLES Pair 12mm knitting needles

Toadstool Pattern

Beginning with the outer edge of the underside in yarn MC - cast on 36sts

Row 1 *K1, p1, rep from * across

Row 2 dec) *K1, [p1, k1] 3 times, k2 tog, p1, [k1, p1] 3 times, p2 tog**, rep from * to ** once - 32sts

Row 3 *K1 [k1, p1] 4 times, p1, [k1, p1] 3 times** rep from * to ** once

Row 4 dec) *[K1, p1] 3 times, k2 tog, [p1, k1] 3 times, p2 tog**, rep from * to ** once - 28sts

Row 5 *K1, p1, rep from * across

Row 6 dec) *K1, [p1, k1] twice, k2 tog, p1, [k1, p1] twice, p2 tog**, rep from * to ** once - 24sts

Row 7 *K1 [k1, p1] 3 times, p1, [k1, p1] twice** rep from * to ** once **Row 8** dec) *[K1, p1] twice, k2 tog, [p1, k1] twice, p2 tog**, rep from * to ** once - 20sts

Row 9 *K1, p1, rep from * across

Row 10 dec) *K1, p1, k1, k2 tog, p1, k1, p1, p2 tog**, rep from * to ** once - 16sts

Row 11 *K1 [k1, p1] twice, p1, k1, p1** rep from * to ** once

Row 12 dec) *K1, p1, k2 tog, p1, k1, p2 tog**, rep from * to ** once - 12sts

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Stalk

Rows 13 - 22 St stitch 10 rows

Row 23 dec) K2 tog, rep from * all across - 6sts

Cut yarn, thread yarn through all 6 sts, pull up and secure the end.

Toadstool cap

Leave a longish tail end, cast on 12sts

***Row 1** RS) K3, turn

Row 2 WS) Slip 1 knit-wise, k2

Row 3 K9, turn

Row 4 Slip 1 knit-wise, k8

Row 5 K6, turn

Row 6 Slip 1 knit-wise, k5

Rows 7 -8 Garter stitch 2 rows**

Rep last 8 rows from * to ** 5 times

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Join the cast on/ cast off edge with mattress stitch.

Using the tail end work a running stitch around the tops of the stitches at the short edge and pull up to gather and close the centre of the cap - make the gathered edge the wrong side.

Stalk and inner edge - With knit side facing (purl side is RS) mattress the seam

from cast off edge up to cast on edge.

Ease the edge of the cap together with the cast on edge of underside and carefully and neatly join around at the same time stuffing the stalk and adding a little bit of stuffing in the top of the cap.

Push the inner inside and, if you like, sew a few stitches to keep it inside - although I found that I didn't need to do this!



Abbreviations

K = knit P = purl

inc = increase dec = decrease

K2 tog = knit 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

If there is any part of this pattern that you don't understand then please feel free to email me:

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