FINISHED SIZE hen's egg cup size

YARN cozy base: 50gm ball 4-ply (fingering) or sportweight yarn *actual meterage 64m/ 70yds*, chicken: 4-ply (fingering) yarn from your stash *actual meterage 12m/ 13yds*

NEEDLES Cozy; set size 3mm (US size 2) double pointed knitting needles, hens; set size 2mm (US size 0) double pointed knitting needles

NOTIONS scrap red felt, red sewing thread, black sewing thread, sewing needle, ting amount scrap yarn or toy filling

GAUGE 14 sts and 15 rows counted over 5cm/ 2in square working stocking stitch in main colour and using size 3mm (US size 2) double pointed needles

Cluck, cluck Easter egg cozy

Cozy base

Cast on 36 sts using MC and 3\(^1\)mm (US size 3) needles.

Slip 36sts p-wise and divide equally over 3 needles

With RS facing, keeping gauge fairly tight on first rnd, work in the rnd as follows:

1st rnd K36.

Rnd 2 [K2, cast on 3sts, bind off 3sts] 12 times.

Rnd 3 K36.

Rnd 4 [K1, cast on 3sts, bind off 3sts, k1] 12 times.

Rnd 5 K36.

Rnd 6 [Cast on 3sts, bind off 3sts, k2] 12 times.

Rnd 7 K36.

Rep rnds 2 - 7 twice more.

Rnd 20 (dec) [K2tog, cast on 3sts, bind off 3sts] 12 times. 24sts

Rnd 21 (dec) [K2tog] 12 times. 12sts

Rnd 22 (dec) [K2tog, cast on 3sts, bind off 3sts] 4 times. 8sts

Cut yarn, thread end through 8sts, pull up tight to close hole, secure yarn.

Weave in ends.



Chicken

Beg with the head, using any 4-ply (fingering) yarn and 2mm (US size 0) double pointed needles, cast on 6 sts. Slip 6sts p-wise and divide equally over 3 needles. With RS facing, keeping gauge fairly tight on first rnd, work in the rnd as follows:

1st rnd K6.

Rnd 2 (inc) [Kfb K1] 3 times 9sts

Rnd 3 K9.

Rnd 4 (inc) [Kfb, k2] 3 times. 12sts

Rnd 5 K12.

Rnd 6 (inc) [Kfb, k3] 3 times. 15sts

Rnd 7 K15.

Rep last rnd once more.

Rnd 9 (inc) [Kfb, k4] 3 times. 18sts

Rnd 10 K18.

Rep last rnd twice more.

Rnd 13 (inc) [Kfb, k5] 3 times. 21sts

Rnd 14 K21.

Rep last rnd twice more.

Rnd 17 (inc) [Kfb, k6] 3 times. 24sts

Rnd 18 K24.

Rep last rnd once more.

Rnd 20 (inc) [Kfb, k7] 3 times. 27sts

Rnd 21 K27.

Rnd 22 (inc) [Kfb, k8] 3 times. 30sts

Rnd 23 K30.

Rnd 24 (dec) [K1, k2tog] 10 times. 20sts

Stuff chicken with spare yarn or toy filling.

Rnd 25 (dec) [K2tog] 10 times. 10sts

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Rnd 26 (dec) [K2tog] 5 times. 5sts

Cut yarn, thread end through rem 5sts, pull up tight to close base.

To make up

Cut a tiny heart shape from red felt for the wattle, a triangle for the beak and wave shape for the comb. Sew in place, with red thread, referring to the photographs for positioning.

Sew two black thread knots either side of the beak for eyes.

I shaped the chicken by slightly arching its back and neck.

Sew the chicken onto the top of the tree.





FINISHED SIZE 17cm/7in long

YARN cozy base: 50gm ball 4-ply (fingering) or sportweight yarn *actual meterage 64m/70yds*, chicken: 4-ply (fingering) yarn from your stash *actual meterage 12m/13yds*

NEEDLES Cozy; set size 3mm (US size 2) double pointed knitting needles, hens; set size 2mm (US size 0) double pointed knitting needles NOTIONS scrap red felt, red sewing thread, black sewing thread, sewing needle

GAUGE 14 sts and 15 rows counted over 5cm/ 2in square working stocking stitch in main colour and using size 3mm (US size 2) double pointed needles

Cluck, cluck Easter egg cozy

Cozy base

Cast on 36 sts using MC and 31/4mm (US size 3) needles.

Slip 36sts p-wise and divide equally over 3 needles

With RS facing, keeping gauge fairly tight on first rnd, work in the rnd as follows:

1st rnd K36.

Rnd 2 [K2, cast on 3sts, bind off 3sts] 12 times.

Rnd 3 K36.

Rnd 4 [K1, cast on 3sts, bind off 3sts, k1] 12 times.

Rnd 5 K36.

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Rnd 7 K36.

Rep rnds 2 - 7 twice more.

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Rnd 22 (dec) [K2tog, cast on 3sts, bind off 3sts] 4 times. 8sts

Cut yarn, thread end through 8sts, pull up tight to close hole, secure yarn.

Weave in ends.

Chicken

Beg with the head, using any 4-ply (fingering) yarn and 2mm (US size 0) double pointed needles, cast on 6 sts. Slip 6sts p-wise and divide equally over 3 needles. With RS facing, keeping gauge fairly tight on first rnd, work in the rnd as follows:

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