



YARN 2 x 50g of any aran (worsted/ 10 ply) yarn with 100% wool content - this is important because anything other than 100% wool content simply won't felt (avoid Superwash yarns too!) - you will need about 115 metres/ 126 yards

SHOWN AS Garn Studio Drops Alaska shade 02 Off-White

NEEDLES set 5, 5mm (US 8) & 3.5mm (US 5) double pointed needles (dpns)

TENSION 9 stitches and 11 rows counted over a 5cm/ 2in square as stocking stitch and as main colour using size 5mm (US 8) needles

NOTIONS 2 x 18mm brown safety toy eyes, polyester stuffing or batting, stitch and row markers, tapestry needle and small 'd' ring or similar to hook it up, washing machine to lightly felt.

*Special instruction and abbreviations are found at the end of the pattern.*



Using 5mm (US 8) needles and yarn MC, cast on 14sts onto one needle then using simple sock toe cast on, cont as follows:

- \*1. Hold needle with cast on stitches in left hand.
2. Hold 2 empty dpns parallel in right hand.
3. Slip 1st cast on st p-wise onto the dpn closest to you and off the needle in the left hand, then slip the next cast on st onto the dpn farthest away and off the RH needle.\*\*

Repeat step 3 until all 14 stitches are divided onto the 2 parallel dpns, 7 sts on the front dpn and 7 sts on the back. Slide sts to the other ends of the dpns, working yarn at back.

RS facing, cont working in the rnd, beginning by knitting the sts on the back dpn - work sts over two dpns, using a 3rd to knit with:

**Rnd 1** K14. Place a row marker.

**Rnd 2** (inc) K7, k2, kfb 3 times, k2. 17sts

Cont by working over four needles using a fifth needle to knit with as follows:

**Rnd 3** K4 sts onto 1st dpn, k3 onto 2nd, k5 onto 3rd and k5 onto 4th.

**Rnd 4** K17.

Rep last rnd 3 times more.

... shape muzzle...

**Rnd 8** (inc) M1, k7, m1, k3, m1, k2, m1, k2, m1, k3. 22sts

**Rnd 9** K22.

Rep last rnd 5 times.

... shape side of head...

**Rnd 15** (inc) Kfb, [k3, kfb] twice, kfb, [k5, kfb] twice. 28sts

**Rnd 16** K28.

Rep last rnd twice.

**Rnd 19** (inc) K12, [kfb, k2] 5 times, kfb. 34sts

**Rnd 20** K34.

**Rnd 21** (inc) K12, [kfb, k2] 7 times, kfb. 42sts

**Rnd 22** K42.

**Neck**

**Rnd 23** (dec) [K1, skpo, k2 tog, k1,] twice, k2, kfb, [k4, kfb] 5 times, k2. 44sts

**Rnd 24** Knit very next 8 sts from under chin onto one needle; n2 - k18, n3 - k18.

Cont to work over 3 needles using a 4th to knit with as follows:

**Rnd 25** M1, k2, skpo, k2 tog, k2, m1, k36.

**Rnds 26, 28, 30 & 32** K.

... place stitch markers for eye positions...

**Rnd 27** K2, skpo, k2 tog, k14, place marker on last stitch, kfb, k10, kfb, k1, place marker on last stitch, k11.

**Rnd 29** (dec) K2, k2 tog, k40. 43sts

**Rnd 31** (dec) Skpo, k1, k2 tog, k38. 41sts. Remove row marker.

... re-arrange the stitches...

**Rnd 33** (dec) K1, skpo, slip that last st onto its own dpn and then onto that dpn knit the next 12 sts, onto n2 knit 14 sts, onto n3 knit 13 sts. 40sts. Place row marker.

... place stitch markers for ear positions...

**Rnd 34** K9, place marker on last stitch, k5, place marker on last stitch, k13, place marker on last stitch, k5, place marker on last stitch, k8.

**Rnd 35** (inc) Kfb 5 times, k12, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k12, kfb 5 times. 48sts

... work short rows for the very top of the head...

**Rnd 36** K28, w+t. (w+t - wrap and turn - see end of pattern)

**short row 1** P8, w+t

**short row 2** K7, w+t

**short row 3** P6, w+t

**short row 4** K5, w+t

**short row 5** P4, w+t

**short row 6** K26 to row marker. Join into rnd.

**Rnd 37** K48.

**Rnd 38** (inc) [K1, kfb] 4 times, k13, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k13, [kfb, k1] 4 times.

**Rnd 39** K54.

**Rnd 40** (inc) [K1, kfb] 3 times, k18, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k18, [kfb, k1] 3 times. 58sts

**Rnd 41** K58.

**Rnd 42** K1, kfb, k24, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k24, kfb, k1.

**Rnd 43** K.

Rep last 2 rnds 4 times more.

**Rnd 52** (dec) K4, k2 tog, [k6, k2 tog] 6 times, k4. 51sts

**Rnds 53, 55, 57 & 59** K. ...re- arrange stitches if needs be...

**Rnd 54** (dec) [K2 tog, k4] 4 times, k3 tog, [k4, k2 tog] 4 times. 41sts

**Rnd 56** (dec) K2 tog twice, k15, k3 tog, k15, k2 tog twice. 35sts

**Rnd 58** (dec) [K5, k2 tog] 5 times. 30sts

**Rnd 60** (dec) [K4, k2 tog] 5 times. 25sts

**Rnd 61** (dec) [K3, k2 tog] 5 times. 20sts

Stuff the head and neck firmly and really well into all the shapings.

Cut yarn, thread end through the 20sts and pull up tight to close the hole. Secure the end.

**Ears** *make 2 alike*

Leaving a long tail end, using 5mm (US 8) needles and yarn MC, cast on 10sts onto one needle then using simple sock toe cast on as

Head from \* to \*\*.

Repeat step 3 until all 10 stitches are divided onto the 2 parallel dpns, 5 sts on the front dpn and 5 sts on the back. Slide sts to the other ends of the dpns, working yarn at back.

RS facing, cont working in the rnd, beginning by knitting the sts on the back dpn - work sts over two dpns, using a 3rd to knit with:

**Rnd 1** K10. Place a row marker.

**Rnd 2** (inc) Kfb, k4, k4, kfb. 12sts

**Rnds 3, 5, 7, 9, & 11** K.

**Rnd 4** (inc) Kfb, k5, k5, kfb. 14sts

**Rnd 6** (inc) Kfb, k6, k6, kfb. 16sts

**Rnd 8** (inc) Kfb, k7, k7, kfb. 18sts

**Rnd 10** (inc) Kfb, k8, k8, kfb. 20sts

**Rnd 12** K1, skpo, k6, kfb, kfb, k6, k2 tog, k1.

**Rnd 13** K20.

Rep last 2 rnds once more.

**Rnd 16** (dec) K1, skpo, k4, k2 tog, k1, k1, skpo, k4, k2 tog, k1. 16sts

**Rnds 17, 19, 21, 23 & 25** K.

**Rnd 18** (dec) K1, skpo, k5, k5, k2 tog, k1. 14sts

**Rnd 20** (dec) K1, skpo, k4, k4, k2 tog, k1. 12sts

Stuff the ear lightly - just enough to pad it out a little.

**Rnd 22** (dec) K1, skpo, k3, k3, k2 tog, k1. 10sts

**Rnd 24** (dec) K1, skpo, k2, k2, k2 tog, k1. 8sts

Cut yarn, thread end through the 8sts and pull up tight to close the hole. Secure the end.

Whipstitch ears securely to the side of the head, in between the markers, using tail end from cast on.

### **Antlers** *make 2 alike*

Leaving a long tail end, using 3.5mm (US 5) needles and yarn MC, cast on 18sts.

Divide sts equally over three needles. Join in the round.

**Rnd 1** K18.

Rep last rnd 10 times.

**Rnd 12** (dec) [K2, k2 tog, k2] 3 times. 15sts

**Rnd 13** K15.

Rep last rnd 5 times.

... add 1st branch...

**Rnd 19** K4, slip next 7 sts onto a dpn to be worked on later, k next 4 onto a third dpn. Work on the 2 needles with 4sts on, using a 3rd needle to knit with, K8.

**Rnd 21** K8.

Rep last rnd 14 times.

**Rnd 36** [K1, k2 tog, k1] twice. 6sts

**Rnd 37** K6.

**Rnd 38** (dec) [K1, k2 tog] twice. 4sts

Cut yarn, draw end through rem 4sts and secure.

Divide remaining 7sts over two needles - 4sts on n1; 3sts on n2.

Rejoin yarn to space in between the sts and the first branch.

**Rnd 19** (inc) Pick up 1stitch, k4, kfb, k3, pick up 1 stitch. 10sts

**Rnd 20** K10.

Rep last rnd 16 times.

... add 2nd branch...

**Rnd 37** K2, slip next 6 sts onto a dpn to be worked on later, k next 2 onto a third dpn. Work on the 2 needles with 2sts each, using a 3rd needle to knit with cont as follows:

**Rnd 38** (inc) Kfb, k1, k1, kfb. 6sts

**Rnd 39** K6.

Rep last rnd 8 times.

**Rnd 48** (dec) [K1, k2 tog] twice. 4sts

Cut yarn, draw end through rem 4sts and secure.

Divide remaining 6sts equally over two needles.

Rejoin yarn to space in between the sts and the first branch.

**Rnd 19** (inc) Pick up 1 stitch, k3, k3, pick up 1 stitch. 8sts

**Rnd 20** K8.

Rep last rnd 19 times.

**Rnd 48** (dec) [K1, k2 tog, k1] twice. 6sts

Cut yarn, stuff them and draw end through rem 6sts and secure.

Place the head and the antlers into the washing machine and run through on a medium wash (40°) to felt them. When the cycle has finished re-shape the head and ears by squishing them, moulding

and pulling them to look like the photograph - do the same with the antlers. When you are happy with the final shaping place them on a radiator or a warm surface to dry out completely. Whipstitch the antlers onto the head, just behind the ears.

Sew the 'd' ring onto the middle of the back of the neck -about halfway down from top of head to pulled up end.



## abbreviations

**cm** centimetre/s

**CO** cast on

**cont** continue

**dec** decrease

**DK** double knit yarn weight

**ft** foot/ feet as in measurements

**gm** gram/ mes

**in** inch/es

**inc** increase

**k** knit/ knitting

**kfb** knit into front, then back

**LH/ RS** left hand/ left side

**m1** make a stitch

**mc** main colour

**mm** millimetre

**p** purl

**patt** pattern

**pfkb** purl into front, knit into back

**pup&k** pick up and knit

**rep** repeat

**rem** remaining

**RH/RS** right hand/ right side

**skpo** slip next stitch, knit the next stitch pass slipped stitch over the knitted stitch

**sl** slip

**st/sts** stitch/es

**WS** wrong side

**yf** bring yarn to front of work and over the needle from front to back to make a stitch

**yo** bring yarn over the needle from back to front to make a stitch

### *Special instruction*

**W+t** - wrap and turn Bring yarn to front of work between needles, slip next st to right-hand needle, bring yarn around this st to back of work, slip st back to left-hand needle, turn work to begin working back in the other direction.