



# DALA horse

a claire  
garland  
knitting  
pattern



FINISHED SIZE small toy, Christmas decoration size

YARN DK or Aran Cotton yarn, I used - for white horse small amount craft cotton and 4 ply cotton for the cross stitch for the red horse Paintbox Simply Aran with Rico Essential Crochet Cotton for the embroidery

NEEDLES 2 x 3.75mm/ size 5 needles,

EXTRAS yarn sewing needle, toy stuffing or scraps spare yarn

Beginning at the BACK LEGS

Cast on 35sts

**Row 1** inc) K16, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end - 37sts

**Row 2** K12, p13, K to end

**Row 3** inc) K17, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end - 39sts

**Row 4** K12, p15, K to end

**Row 5** inc) K18, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end - 41sts

**Row 6** K12, p17, K to end

**Row 7** K

**Rows 8 - 11** Rep last 2 rows twice

LEGS

**Row 12** dec) Cast off 7 sts, k4, p17, k5 to last 7 sts, cast off last 7 sts - 27sts

**Row 13 RS)** dec) Rejoin yarn, skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 25sts

**Row 14** dec) K1, skpo, k1, p17, k1, k2 tog, k1 - 23sts

**Row 15** inc) Kfb, k to last st, kfb - 25sts

**Row 16** K4, p17, k to end

**Row 17** inc) K12, kfb, k to end - 26sts

## NECK

**Row 18** K4, p9, turn to work back along these last 13 sts

## ... neck side A

**Row 19 RS)** inc) K1, kfb, k11 to end - 27sts (14sts for neck side A)

**Row 20** K4, p9, k1, turn

**Row 21** inc) K1, kfb, k to end - 15sts

**Row 22** dec) Skpo, k2, p9, k2, turn - 14sts

**Row 23** inc) K1, kfb, k to end - 15sts

## FRONT LEGS side A

**Row 24** inc) Cast on 7 sts, k10, p9, k3 - 22sts

**Row 25** inc) K1, kfb, k to end - 23sts

**Row 26** K10, p9, k4

**Row 27** inc) K1, kfb, k to end - 24sts

**Row 28** K10, p9, k5

**Row 29** inc) K1, kfb, k to end - 25sts

**Row 30** K10, p9, k6

**Row 31** inc) K1, kfb, k to end - 26sts

**Row 32** K10, p9, k7

**Row 33** inc) K1, kfb, k to end - 27sts

**Row 34** dec) Cast off 12 sts, p6, k8 - 15sts

**Row 35** K

**Row 36** dec) Skpo, p5, k8 - 14sts

**Row 37** K

**Row 38** P6, k8

**Row 39** dec) K to last 2 sts k2 tog - 13sts

**Row 40** P5, k8

## EAR

**Row 41** inc) Cast on 4 sts, k2 tog, k to end - 16sts

**Row 42** P5, k11

**Row 43** dec) Skpo, cast off 4 sts, k to end - 11sts

**Row 44** dec) P5, k4, k2 tog - 10sts

**Row 45** dec) Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 8sts

**Row 46** dec) P4, k2, k2 tog - 7sts

**Row 47** dec) K to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 6sts

**Row 48** dec) P3, k1, k2 tog - 5sts

Cast off.

## ...neck side B

WS facing rejoin yarn to remaining 13 sts

**Row 18** P9, k4

**Row 19** inc) K to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 - 14sts

**Row 20** K1, p9, k4

**Row 21** inc) K to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 - 15sts

**Row 22** dec) K2, p9, k1, k2 tog, k1 - 14sts

**Row 23** inc) K to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 - 15sts

**Row 24** K3, p9, k3

FRONT LEG side B

**Row 25** inc) Cast on 7 sts, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1- 23sts

**Row 26** K4, p9, k to end

**Row 27** inc) K to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 - 24sts

**Row 28** K5, p9, k to end

**Row 29** inc) K to last 2 sts, kfb, k1- 25sts

**Row 30** K6, p9, k to end

**Row 31** inc) K to last 2 sts, kfb, k1- 26sts

**Row 32** K7, p9, k to end

**Row 33** inc) K to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 - 27sts

**Row 34** dec) K8, p7, cast off last 12 sts - 15sts

**Row 35** Rejoin yarn to RS, k across to neck edge

**Row 36** dec) K8, p5, p2 tog - 14sts

**Row 37** K

**Row 38** K8, p6

**Row 39** dec) Skpo, k to end - 13sts

EAR

**Row 40** inc) Cast on 4 sts, k2 tog, k to last 4 sts, p4 - 16sts

**Row 41** K

**Row 42** dec) Skpo, cast off 4 sts, k5, p5 - 11sts

**Row 43** dec) K to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 10sts

**Row 44** dec) Skpo, k3, p5 - 9sts

**Row 45** dec) K to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 8sts

**Row 46** dec) K3, p3, p2 tog - 7sts

**Row 47** dec) K to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 6sts

**Row 46** dec) K2, p2, p2 tog - 5sts

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Spread the horse out flat, right way up, ready to embellish with either cross stitch or simple embroidery motifs.

Use the stocking stitch panel as your canvas and feel free to free-style embroider or use each knitted stitch to work duplicate stitch over any design that takes your fancy - try searching Nordic designs/ cross stitch in books or on Pinterest as inspiration!

When embellishments are complete fold the horse in half with WS facing across the back so that the row ends that become the horse's neck meet and match. It helps to pin to hold the sides together as you oversew along the neck then join in-between the ears - not around the ears, so that they are free of each other.

Oversew around the muzzle then along the neck under the muzzle to the front legs then around the front legs and along the belly to the back legs, oversew around the back legs. Stuff your horse before finishing your seaming along the back - NOTE the legs are together not separate, you can, if you wish, sew each leg individually by folding in half and joining row ends.

Embroider an eye either side of the head - pulling the thread taut-ish to create a slight indent in the head.