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Chick and Egg



MEASUREMENTS

Chick: 7.5cm/3in tall.

Egg: 12.5cm/5in tall, 7.5cm/3in wide.

MATERIALS

For each chick you will need:

Of Hayfield Bonus DK 100g balls: 5g in Primrose 957, and oddments in Bright Orange 981 and Black 965; 5g of washable toy stuffing.

For each egg you will need:

Of Hayfield Bonus DK 100g balls: 15g each in White 961 and Oatmeal 964.

You will also need:

Pair of 3mm (no.11) knitting needles; hair spray (optional.)

TENSION

26 sts and 36 rows to 10cm, measured over stocking stitch worked with DK on 3mm needles.



ABBREVIATIONS

beg = beginning; dec = decrease (by working 2 stitches together); inc = increase (by working into front and back of stitch); K = knit; M1 = make one stitch by passing the yarn over the needle; P = purl; ss = stocking stitch; st(s) = stitch(es); SKPO = slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over; tog = together.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Use 3mm needles throughout and cast on by using the cable (two needle) method, beginning all pieces with a K row. Please also take time to make sure that you are familiar with the correct method of increasing before commencing, otherwise you will find that the number of stitches on your needle will not match those stated in the pattern. 'Inc 1' means to increase by working into the front and back of the next stitch, thus making two stitches from one

without leaving a hole in the knitting. This technique is sometimes referred to as KFB and is the only form of increasing that I use, so once you have mastered this you will be able to knit any of my patterns with complete confidence.

CHICK

BODY make 1 piece

With Primrose cast on 8 sts for tail edge and ss 4 rows.

1st inc row: Inc into every st to end [16 sts].

P 1 row.

2nd inc row: (Inc 1, K1) to end [24 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

3rd inc row: (K1, inc 1, K1) to end [32 sts].

Ss 7 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row [30 sts].

P 1 row.

Shape front, 1st dec row: K 2 tog, K6, (K 2 tog, K2) four times, K4, K 2 tog [24 sts].

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row [22 sts].

2nd dec row: K 2 tog, K4, (K 2 tog, K1) four times, K2, K 2 tog [16 sts].

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row [14 sts].

3rd dec row: K 2 tog, K1, (K 2 tog) four times, K1, K 2 tog [8 sts].

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

HEAD make 1 piece

With Primrose cast on 18 sts for base edge and ss 2 rows.

1st inc row: (K1, inc 1, K1) to end [24 sts].

Ss 7 rows.

1st dec row: (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [18 sts].

P 1 row.

2nd dec row: (K1, K 2 tog) to end [12 sts].

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

WINGS make 2 pieces

With Primrose cast on 6 sts for tip edge and ss 2 rows.

1st inc row: (Inc 1, K1, inc 1) twice [10 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

Dec row: (SKPO, K1, K 2 tog) twice [6 sts].

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

BEAK make 1 piece

With Bright Orange cast on 2 sts.

Cast off.

FEET make 4 pieces

With Bright Orange cast on 6 sts.

Cast off.



EGG

SHELL make 2 pieces

With White cast on 12 sts for base edge of lining and ss 2 rows.

1st inc row: Inc into every st to end [24 sts].

P 1 row.

2nd inc row: (Inc 1, K1) to end [36 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

3rd inc row: (K1, inc 1, K1) to end [48 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

4th inc row: (K1, inc 1, K2) to end [60 sts].

Ss 9 rows.

Work eyelet fold line, next row:

Change to Oatmeal and (M1, K 2 tog) to end [60 sts].

Ss 13 rows.

1st dec row: (K2, K 2 tog, K1) to end [48 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

2nd dec row: (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [36 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

3rd dec row: (K1, K 2 tog) to end [24 sts].

P 1 row.

4th dec row: (K 2 tog) to end [12 sts].

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Unless otherwise specified, sew seams and join pieces using mattress stitch, working with right side of knitting uppermost. A one stitch knitted seam turning has been allowed on most pieces to accommodate this method.



To make chick, first work a gathering thread through every stitch along tail end of body, draw up tightly and fasten off, then join side edges, stopping 2.5cm/1in away from gathered front edge. Stuff body firmly, then join remainder of seam. This seam

will run along underside of body.

Starting at gathered top point, join side edges of head, leaving base edge open, stuff firmly, then position and sew base edge to body.

With knit side outermost, fold each wing in half and oversew open edges together, then position and sew wings to body sides.



For each foot, take two strips and hold together in a cross shape with a few stitches, then bend uppermost strip into a V shape to form three toes at front of foot and hold in position with a couple more stitches. Repeat with remaining foot strips, then pin feet in position at base of body, checking that chick stands correctly, sew in place and remove pins.

Mark eye positions on head with pins, placing 2 knitted stitches apart. Take a length of Black yarn and carefully draw out a single strand. Use the remaining 2 strands

to embroider each eye with a French knot, tying off ends at beak point and sewing these back into head. Now sew beak in place, covering tied-off ends of eye yarn.



To make egg, join seam on each shell piece,

sewing from gathered point down to base edge of lining, then work a gathering thread through every stitch along base edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Push lining inside shell, folding along eyelet line, then, if desired, coat with hair spray, mould into shape between fingers, and leave to set hard. Catch shell pieces together with a couple of stitches to form a hinge.

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