



Monkey by Amanda Berry

Difficulty: Expert

SIZE

To fit an innocent smoothie

YARN

Any DK weight yarn:

Brown, Beige, Yellow

I used Hayfield Bonus DK yarns.

YOU WILL ALSO NEED

A pair of 3.25mm (UK 10/US 3) straight knitting needles

A darning or tapestry needle to sew the knitted pieces together

Scissors for finishing

Black embroidery thread for the mouth, and a sewing needle.

Two 4mm black beads for the eyes, backed with small circles of white felt fabric

A small amount of toy filling (or cotton wool balls) to stuff the head

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project.

ABBREVIATIONS

DK Double knitting or light worsted weight yarn

k Knit

kfb Increase: knit into the front and back of the next stitch.

k2tog Decrease: Knit 2 stitches together

p Purl

rep Repeat

RS Right side of work

st(s) Stitch(es)

st.st. Stocking stitch/
stockinette: Knit on RS, purl on WS

WS Wrong side of work

[...] Repeat the sequence between the square brackets by the number indicated.

(.. sts) The number in round brackets at the end of the instruction indicates the number of stitches after working the row.

TECHNIQUES

Cast on: Use the knitted cast on for all pieces.

Seaming: Use mattress stitch.

Pull through to cast off: Cut the yarn leaving a 30cm tail. Thread the tail onto a darning needle and sew through the remaining sts on the knitting needle. Pull the sts off the knitting needle on to the yarn, gather together tightly and secure the yarn.

MONKEY PATTERN

Hat (body)

Make 1. Cast on 28 sts in brown on straight 3.25mm needles.

Rows 1 and 2: k

Rows 3 to 16: Starting with a RS knit row, work in st.st.

Row 17: k2tog fourteen times (14 sts)

Row 18: p

Row 19: k2tog seven times (7 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

Head

Make 1. Cast on 9 sts in brown on straight 3.25mm needles. Start at the back of the head. Work rows 1 to 8 in brown.

Row 1: p (WS)

Row 2: kfb nine times (18 sts, RS)

Row 3: p

Row 4: [kfb, k2] six times (24 sts)

Rows 5 to 8: Starting with a WS purl row, work in st.st.

Work rows 9 to 14 in beige.

Row 9: p

Row 10: k3, [k2tog, k1] six times, k3 (18 sts)

Rows 11 to 13: Starting with a WS purl row, work in st.st.

Row 14: k2tog nine times (9 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

Ears

Make 2. Cast on 8 sts in brown on straight 3.25mm needles.

Row 1: k

Row 2: k2tog four times (4 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

Arms

Make 2. Cast on 5 sts in brown on straight 3.25mm needles.

Rows 1 to 16: starting with a WS purl row, work in st.st.

Pull through to cast off.

Banana

Make 1. Cast on 3 sts in yellow on straight 3.25mm needles.

Row 1: p (WS)

Row 2: k1, kfb, k1 (4 sts, RS)

Row 3: p

Row 4: k1, kfb twice, k1 (6 sts)

Rows 5 to 7: Starting with a WS purl row, work in st.st.

Row 8: k1, k2tog twice, k1 (4 sts)

Row 9: p

Row 10: k1, k2tog, k1 (3 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

MAKING UP

Hat (body): Sew the side edges together (the back seam).

Head: Sew the side edges together adding a little stuffing as you sew (this seam runs down the underside of the head). Gather the cast on sts together. Use black embroidery thread to add the mouth. Sew on the beads backed with felt circles for eyes.

Ears: For each ear, sew the first and last cast on sts together to make a small circle, and sew onto the side of the head.

Attach the head: Sew the finished head onto the top of the hat.

Arms: Sew the side edges together, and sew the cast on edge onto the top of the hat.

Banana: Sew the side edges together adding a little stuffing as you sew. Gather the cast on sts together. Sew onto the monkey's hand.