Cheeky Monkey

Expert pattern

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You will need:

- a pair of 3.25mm (UK 10/US 3) straight knitting needles
- a darning or tapestry needle
- a sewing needle
- brown, beige, yellow and black DK yarn
- embroidery thread,
- 2 x 4mm black beads
- a piece of white felt
- some toy stuffing (cotton wool balls work just as well)

Techniques

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

For seaming: Use mattress stitch.

To cast off: Cut the yarn leaving a 30cm tail.

Thread the tail onto a darning needle and sew through the remaining stitches on the knitting needle. Pull the stitches off the knitting needle onto the yarn, gather tightly together and secure the yarn.

Pattern

For the body

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 (7sts)

Pull through to cast off

For the 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

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For the head

- 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
- the 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

For the banana

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

Here comes the sewing bit...

Sew the side edges together to make the back seam.

Make monkey's 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.

Make monkey's 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.

Now to put it all together

Sew the finished head onto the top of the hat. Now take the arms and sew the side edges of each arm together, and sew the cast on edge onto the top of the hat. Make the banana by sewing the side edges together and adding a little stuffing as you sew, then gather the cast on stitches together. Sew the banana onto monkey's hand to finish.Good job, you've created the cheekiest of cheeky monkeys.