The Cherries

by Val Pierce



Size

To fit an innocent smoothie

Yarn

Any DK weight yarn

A: Light Pink

B: Dark Red

C: Dark Green

Scraps of brown yarn

You will also need:

- A pair of 3.25mm (UK10/US3) Pony knitting needles
- Small amount of toy stuffing
- Yarn needle for finishing
- Scissors for finishing

Tension

Note: Tension is not critical for this project

Abbreviations

G-st	Garter stitch: Knit on RS and WS
K	Knit
Kfb	Knit into the front and back of 1 stitch
k2tog	Knit 2 stitches together
k3tog	Knit 3 stitches together
M1	Make 1 stitch by lifting strand between needles and knitting it through the back loop
P	Purl
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

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Pattern

Hat

- Using A, cast on 28 sts
- Work 2 rows in G-st
- Starting with a RS knit row, work 14 rows in St st

Shape top as follows:

- **Next row (RS):** (K2tog) to end. 14 sts
- **Next row (WS):** Purl
- **Next row:** (K2tog) to end. 7 sts
- **Next row:** Purl
- Break the yarn leaving a 25cm (10in) tail. Thread tail onto a yarn needle and gather up the 7 sts, pulling tightly to close, then sew the back seam

Cherries (make 2)

- Using B, cast on 4 sts and P one row
- **Next row (RS):** (Kfb) to end. 8 sts
- **Next row (WS):** Purl
- **Next row:** (Kfb) to end. 16 sts
- Starting with a WS purl row, work 3 rows in St st
- **Next row (RS):** (K2tog) to end. 8 sts
- **Next row:** Purl
- **Next row:** (K2tog) to end. 4 sts
- **Next row:** Purl
- Break the yarn leaving a 20cm (8in) tail
- Thread tail onto a yarn needle and gather up the 4 sts, pulling tightly to close
- Sew the back seam, stuffing as you go to pad the cherry out

Leaves (make 2)

- Using C, cast on 2 sts and K one row
- **Row 1 (RS):** Kfb, K1. 3 sts
- **Row 2 (WS):** K1, P1, K1
- **Row 3:** (K1, M1) twice, K1. 5 sts
- **Row 4:** K2, P1, K2
- **Row 5:** K2, M1, K1, M1, K2. 7 sts
- **Row 6:** K3, P1, K3
- **Row 7:** Knit
- **Row 8:** K3, P1, K3
- **Row 9:** (K1, k2tog) twice, K1. 5 sts
- **Row 10:** K2, P1, K2
- **Row 11:** K2tog, K1, k2tog. 3 sts
- **Row 12:** K1, P1, K1.Row 13: K3tog. 1st Break yarn and pull through last st

Making up

- Using a scrap of brown yarn, crochet or finger knit a short chain to make the cherry stalks
- Attach a cherry to each end of the stalk. Fold stalk in half and sew to top of main hat
- Sew the leaves together and stitch them over the cherry stalk

Finishing

Weave in all loose ends