

# 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

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| <b>G-st</b>  | Garter stitch: Knit on RS and WS  |
| <b>K</b>     | Knit  |
| <b>kfb</b>   | Knit into the front and back of 1 stitch  |
| <b>k2tog</b> | Knit 2 stitches together  |
| <b>k3tog</b> | Knit 3 stitches together  |
| <b>M1</b>    | Make 1 stitch by lifting strand between needles and knitting it through the back loop |
| <b>P</b>     | Purl  |
| <b>RS</b>    | Right side of work  |
| <b>st(s)</b> | Stitch(es)  |
| <b>St st</b> | Stocking stitch/Stockinette:<br>Knit on RS, purl on WS                                |
| <b>WS</b>    | Wrong side of work  |

## 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

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- **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

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