

The Fox

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SIZE

To fit an innocent smoothie

YARN

Any DK weight yarn

A: Orange

B: Cream

Scraps of black yarn for features

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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

Tension is not critical for this project.

ABBREVIATIONS

G-st	Garner stitch: Knit on RS and WS
inc	Increase(d)
K	Knit
kfb	Knit into the front and back of 1 stitch k 2tog Knit 2 stitches together
P	Purl
rep	Repeat
RS	Right side of workst(s) Stitch(es)
St st	Stocking stitch/Stockinette: Knit on RS, purl on WS
WS	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

Head

- Using A, cast on 4 sts and P one row
- **Row 1 (RS):** (Kfb) to end. 8 sts
- **Row 2 (WS):** Purl
- **Row 3:** (Kfb) to end. 16 sts
- **Row 4:** Purl
- **Row 5:** (K2, kfb) to last st, K1. 21 sts
- **Row 6-8:** Starting with a WS purl row, work 3 rows in St st
- **Row 9:** (K2, k2tog) to last st, K1. 16 sts
- **Row 10:** Purl

- **Row 11:** (K2, k2tog) to end. 12 sts
- **Row 12:** Purl
- Join in 2 lengths of yarn B, using the intarsia method work face as follows, remembering to twist yarns together at joins to avoid holes in work
- **Row 13:** K3B, K6A, K3B
- **Row 14:** P3B, P6A, P3B
- **Row 15:** K2togB, K1B, k2togA, K2A, k2togA, K1B, k2togB. 8 sts
- **Row 16:** P2B, P4A, P2B
- **Row 17:** K2togB, (k2togA) twice, k2togB. 4 sts
- **Row 18:** P1B, K2A, P1B. Break both yarns leaving 20cm (8in) tails. Thread yarn A onto a yarn needle and gather up the 4 sts, pulling tightly to close. Sew the seam, stuffing as you go to pad the head out

Ears (make 2)

- Using A, cast on 5 sts
- Work 4 rows in G-st
- **Next row (RS):** K2tog, K1, k2tog. 3 sts
- **Next row (WS):** Knit
- **Next row:** K1, k2tog. 2 sts
- **Next row:** K2tog. 1 st
- Break yarn and pull through last st

Arms (make 2)

- Using A, cast on 11 sts
- Starting with a RS knit row, work 12 rows in St st
- Cast off
- Roll the Legs lengthways into a neat tube and sew together

Tail

- Using B, cast on 2 sts and P one row
- **Row 1 (RS):** Kfb, K1. 3 sts
- **Row 2 (WS):** Purl
- **Row 3:** Kfb, K1, kfb. 2 sts inc
- **Row 4:** Purl
- Break yarn B leaving a tail for weaving in
- Join in A and rep rows 3 and 4 a further 4 times. 13 sts
- Starting with a RS knit row, work 4 rows in St st
- **Next row:** (K2tog) to last st, K1. 7 sts
- **Next row:** Purl
- **Next row:** (K2tog) to last st, K1. 4 sts
- **Next row:** Purl
- Cast off
- Fold in half lengthwise and sew the seam, stuffing as you go

MAKING UP

- Using black yarn, embroider eyes and nose.
- Fold the base of the ears into a tiny pleat and attach to head on either side. Attach tail to back of main hat at the base
- Roll the arms in a neat shape and sew to either side of the main hat at shoulder level

FINISHING

Weave in all ends

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