

Tiny Clanger

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SIZE

To fit an innocent smoothie (Approximately 7.5cm/3in)

YARN

- 80m (88yds) Pink 4-ply (fingering) yarn
- Small amount of yellow DK yarn (hair)
- Small amount of matching orange yarn or embroidery thread

For the tabard

- Fuschia Pink felt
- Gold metallic 4-ply embroidery thread
- Small amount of brown DK (8-ply) yarn

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YOU WILL ALSO NEED

- A pair of 2.75mm (UK12 / US2) double pointed knitting needles
- Pale pink felt (ear linings)
- Mid-pink felt (nose)
- Black felt (feet)
- Orange Felt (bow)
- Toy filling
- Two 6mm (1/4in) black safety eyes
- Heavyweight sew-in interfacing
- Sewing cotton to match the felt colours
- Darning needle
- Sharp large eyed

TENSION

8sts = 2.5cm (1in) measured over St st.

NOTE

The Clanger is knitted flat but the double pointed needles are used to make the outside edge of the ears using the i-cord technique.

ABBREVIATIONS

cm	centimetres
DK	Double Knit
in(s)	inch(es)
K	Knit
m	metres
M1	Make a backwards loop on your needle by twisting the yarn towards you and slipping the resulting loop onto the right hand needle. On the following row knit or purl through the back of the st. This produces a very neat result.
P	Purl
pssso	pass slipped stitch over
RS	Right side
sl	slip a stitch
ssK	slip the next two stitches, one at a time, onto the right hand needle and knit together through the back of the stitches.
St st	Stocking stitch (knit on right side rows, purl on wrong side rows)
st(s)	stitch(es)
tbl	through the back of the loop
tog	together
w&t	wrap and turn (see techniques)
WS	Wrong side
yd(s)	yard(s)

PATTERN

Techniques: I-cord

To make an i-cord, cast on your sts using double pointed needles, knit the sts and slide them to the other end of the same needle, pull the yarn tightly across the back of the sts and knit the sts again. Repeat these instructions until the i-cord is the required length. By pulling the yarn behind the sts on the needle, you close the 'gap' and give the appearance of French Knitting. Alternatively, you can work the sts in St st and sew up the seam.

Mattress stitch

This is a really neat way to join two pieces of stocking stitch together. The seam is practically invisible and not at all bulky. Begin by laying the work side by side with the right side facing you. Slip your needle through the horizontal bar between the first and second stitch of the first row on one piece and then repeat this process on the opposite piece. Work back and forth up this line of stitches for about an inch. Gently pull the yarn in the direction of the seam (upwards) and you will see the two sets of stitches join together. Repeat this process until you reach the top of the seam.

Wrap and turn

This technique ensures that you do not end up with a 'hole' in your knitting when working short row shaping and turning your work mid-row.

On a right side (knit) row:

Move the yarn from the back to the front of the work, between the needles. Slip the next stitch from the left hand needle to the right hand needle. Bring the yarn from the front to the back of the work, between the needles, then slip the wrapped stitch back to the left hand needle. Turn your work and work back. On the following row when you reach the wrapped stitch pick up the 'wrap' of yarn with the point of your left hand needle and work it with the stitch it is wrapped around.

On a wrong side (purl) row:

Move the yarn from the front to the back of the work, between the needles. Slip the next stitch from the left hand needle to the right hand needle. Bring the yarn

from the back to the front of the work, between the needles, then slip the wrapped stitch back to the left hand needle. Turn your work and work back. On the following row when you reach the wrapped stitch pick up the 'wrap' of yarn with the point of your left hand needle and work it with the stitch it is wrapped around.

Head and Body:

Starting at the nose.

Using pink yarn cast on 8 sts and starting with a knit row work 4 rows in St st.

Next row: K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1. (10 sts)
Purl 1 row.

Repeat last two rows four more times. (18 sts)

Next row: K1, M1, K12, w&t.

Next row: P9, w&t.

Next row: Knit to last st, M1, K1. (20 sts)
Purl 1 row.

Next row: K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1. (22 sts)

Next row: P1, M1, P to last st, M1, P1. (24 sts)

Next row: K1, M1, K16, w&t.

Next row: P11, w&t.

Next row: K13, w&t.

Next row: P16, w&t.

Next row: Knit to last st, M1, K1. (26 sts)
Purl 1 row.

Next row: K1, M1, K18, w&t.

Next row: P13, w&t.

Next row: K15, w&t.

Next row: P17, w&t.

Next row: Knit to last st, M1, K1. (28 sts)
Purl 1 row.

Next row: K1, ssK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1. (26 sts)

Next row: P1, P2tog, P to last 3 sts, P2togtbl, P1. (24 sts)

Continuing in St st, cast on 2 sts at the beginning of the next two rows. (20 sts)

Next row: (K1, M1) three times, K to last 3 sts, (M1, K1) three times. (26 sts)

Purl 1 row.

Next row: K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1. (28 sts)

Next row: P1, M1, P to last st, M1, P1. (30 sts)

Repeat the last 2 rows once more. (34 sts)

Next row: K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1. (36 sts)

Purl 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows five more times. (46 sts)

Starting with a knit row, work 10 rows in St st.

Cast off.

Legs: (make two)

Cast on 6 sts and purl 1 row.
Continuing in St st cast on 3 sts at the beginning of the next two rows. (12 sts)
Cast on 2 sts at the beginning of the next two rows. (16 sts)
Starting with a knit row, work 2 rows in St st.
Next row: K1, ssK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1. (14 sts)
Purl 1 row.
Repeat the last two rows once more. (12 sts)
Thread yarn through remaining sts and gather, leaving a length of yarn for sewing the leg together.
Repeat for the second leg.

Ears: (make two)

Using pink yarn cast on 5 sts and purl 1 row.
Next row: K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1. (7 sts)
Purl 1 row.
Repeat last two rows once more. (9 sts)
Starting with a knit row work 4 rows in St st.
Next row: ssK, K to last 2 sts, K2tog. (7 sts)
Next row: P2tog, P to last 2 sts, P2togtbl. (5 sts)
Next row: ssK, K1, K2tog. (3 sts)
Next row: Sl1, K2tog, pssso. (1 st)
Cast off.

Ear Edgings: (make two)

Using pink yarn cast on 3 sts and work using the i-cord technique until the piece, when slightly stretched, fits around the outside edge of the ear (approximately 7cm (2 3/4in)).
Tip: Do not cast off and leave a length of yarn in case you need to adjust the length once sewn around the edge of the ear.

Arms: (make two)

Using pink yarn cast on 10 sts and, starting with a knit row, work 6 rows in St st.
Next row: K3, w&t.
Next row: Purl to end of row.
Knit 1 row.
Next row: P3, w&t.
Next row: Knit to end of row.
Starting with a purl row work 5 rows in St st.
Cast off.

Fingers: (make two sets)

Using pink yarn cast on 5 sts.
Next row: Cast off 4 sts. (1 st)
Next row: Cast on 4 sts. (5 sts)
Next row: Cast off 4 sts. (1 st)
Repeat the last two rows once more to make a total of three fingers.
Fasten off the remaining stitch.

Base:

Using pink yarn cast on 5 sts and purl 1 row.
Next row: K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1. (7 sts)
Next row: P1, M1, P to last st, M1, P1. (9 sts)
Repeat last two rows twice more. (17 sts)
Starting with a knit row work 6 rows in St st.
Next row: ssK, K to last 2 sts, K2tog. (15 sts)
Next row: P2tog, P to last 2 sts, P2togtbl. (13 sts)
Repeat last two rows twice more. (5 sts)
Cast off.

Making up:

Before you start sewing your Clanger together cut all the felt pieces out as follows: Cut out the templates and pin carefully onto the appropriate coloured felt. Draw around each template and carefully cut out using sharp scissors. Cut two foot pieces in heavyweight sew-in interfacing. Trim the interfacing so that it is approximately 3mm (1/8in) smaller all the way around than the black felt.

Whilst assembling your Clanger you will need the nose piece, two ear lining pieces and six foot pieces (four in felt and two in heavyweight sew-in Interfacing). The tabard will be assembled after sewing your Clanger together.

Pin the head together and mark the position of the eyes 20 rows back from the cast-on edge and leaving 6 sts in between each eye. Push the black safety eyes through the knitting, checking they are correctly placed, and push the backs onto the eyes to secure.

Taking the head and body piece and starting at the nose, carefully sew the seam which will be underneath the nose using mattress stitch. Stuff the nose with toy filling and continue sewing this seam down the front of the body, stuffing with toy filling as you go. You will now need to sew a small horizontal seam along the base of the neck to give a good shape to the head. See the picture for guidance. You will need more toy filling in the head, nose and tummy than in the neck. Stuff the body making sure that the shape is correct.

Taking the nose piece in mid-pink felt, and using matching sewing cotton and a sewing needle, sew to the end of the nose making sure the cast-off edge is covered and there is enough toy filling in the nose.

Sew the side seam of one of the legs and place some toy filling inside. Pin the leg in place onto the body so that the cast on edge is on the outside, using the pictures for guidance. Sew the leg in place, adding more toy filling if needed. Repeat for the second leg.

Taking a sharp, large eyed needle and pink yarn thread through the cast-off sts of the bottom of the leg and gather. Sew through the top of one foot felt piece and one interfacing piece, leaving the bottom of the foot off. Use the pictures for guidance of where to place the foot.

Continue sewing the bottom of the leg to the top foot piece and interfacing until it is secure. Taking a second foot piece in black felt, place it over the interfacing to form the bottom of the foot. Using black sewing cotton and a sewing needle sew the two felt pieces together around the edge, encasing the interfacing. Repeat for the second foot.

Taking one ear and one i-cord ear edging, sew the ear edging in place using the picture as guidance and sewing to the stitches around the edge of the ear. The WS will form the inside of the ear. Adjust the length of the i-cord if necessary. Thread the yarn through the stitches, gather and fasten off. Using pale pink sewing cotton and a sewing needle sew the pale pink felt ear lining in place to the inside (WS) of the ear, just underneath the i-cord edging. Repeat for the second ear.

Pin the ears onto the head. Use the picture for guidance when placing the ears, remembering to leave enough space between them to sew the hair in place. When you are happy with the placement, sew in place using pink yarn. Using pale pink sewing cotton and a sewing needle, sew the front of each lining to the head to ensure the ears are stable.

Using yellow DK yarn embroider the hair in place using straight stitches and following the picture for guidance. Place the smaller bow piece on top of the larger and using matching yarn or embroidery thread sew the two together. Using the picture for guidance, sew in place on top of the hair.

Taking an arm and one set of fingers, sew the cast-on edge of the arm to the fingers, hiding the cast-on edge as shown in the pictures. You may find this easier to do with the arm inside out. Sew the side seam of the arm, which will be towards the back, stuffing with toy filling as you go. Repeat for the second arm and second set of fingers.

Pin each arm in place and sew the cast off edge firmly to the side of the Clanger using pink yarn.

Taking the base, place inside the clanger so that it is level with the top of the legs. Sew carefully in place. Any stitches that show on the front of the work should be hidden by the felt tabard once you have sewn it in place.

Now your Clanger is sewn together, take the felt pieces for the tabard and embroider a line of back stitch around the edge of each piece using three strands of gold metallic 4-ply embroidery thread and a sharp, large eyed needle. Using a pencil, lightly mark the position of the design on to the front felt piece. Using three strands of gold metallic embroidery thread and a sharp large eyed needle, embroider the notes using straight stitches.

Pin each piece in place onto the body and when you are happy with their placement, thread a sharp large eyed needle with brown DK (8-ply) yarn. Knot the yarn and join to the Clanger under one of the tabard pieces. Using the picture as guidance sew each tabard piece in place as shown in the picture, sewing through the Clanger, up through the edge of the felt piece and taking your needle back through the neighbouring felt piece and back into the Clanger. Continue until all the pieces are sewn in place. Secure the end of the yarn under one of the tabard pieces.

Template

