



Otso

WORKED FLAT



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SIZE

Finished height: 28cm / 11in tall from feet to head, not including ears

YARN

The Border Mill Alpaca Tweed (worsted weight; 100% British alpaca; 190m / 207yds per 100g skein)

Shade: Where Breezes Begin (natural version) x 1 skein or Captain Linneas Tripe (brown version) x 1 skein

NEEDLE & ACCESSORIES

4mm (UK 8/US 6) knitting needles

Stitch holders or smooth waste yarn

Toy stuffing

Toy eyes (optional and not recommended for very young babies or children)

Toy squeaker or bell (optional)

Pins

Darning needle

Darning thread for embroidering details

TENSION

22 sts and 28 rows to 10cm (4in) over stocking stitch on 4mm needles after blocking.

Take time to check your tension to ensure an accurate finish.

ABBREVIATIONS

k Knit

k2tog Knit 2 stitches together

kfb Knit into the front and then the back of 1 stitch

M1L Make 1 Left; pick up strand between the two needles from the front to back with the tip of left needle, knit into the back of this stitch

M1R Make 1 Right; pick up strand between the two needles from back to front with the tip of left needle, knit into the front of this stitch

p Purl

p2tog Purl 2 stitches together

p2tog tbl Purl 2 stitches together through the back loops

ptb Purl into the front and then the back of 1 stitch

rep Repeat

RS Right side of work

ssk Slip 2 stitches knitwise one at a time, knit together through the back loops

st(s) Stitch(es)

St st Stocking stitch/stockinette: Knit on RS rows, purl on WS rows

WS Wrong side of work

PATTERN BEGINS

ARMS (make 2 alike)

Leaving a generous tail for sewing up with later, using the cable cast on method, cast on 4 sts.

Row 1 (RS): [Kfb] to end. 8 sts

Row 2 (WS): Purl.

Row 3: [Kfb] to end. 16 sts

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: [K3, kfb] to end. 20 sts

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: Knit.

Row 8: Purl.

Row 9: [K3, k2tog] to end. 16 sts

Rows 10–20: Beginning with a WS purl row, work 11 rows in St st.

Row 21: [K6, k2tog] to end. 14 sts

Rows 22–24: Beginning with a WS purl row, work 3 rows in St st.

Row 25: K2tog, k10, ssk. 12 sts

Row 26: P4, p2tog, p2tog tbl, p4. 10 sts

Row 27: K2tog, k6, ssk. 8 sts

Row 28: P2, p2tog, p2tog tbl, p2. 6 sts

Row 29: K2tog, k2, ssk. 4 sts

Row 30: P2tog, p2tog tbl. 2 sts

Row 31: K2tog. Cut yarn leaving a 30cm (12in) tail for sewing up later and pull through remaining st.

Legs (make 2 alike)

Leaving a generous tail for sewing up with later, using the cable cast on method, cast on 4 sts.

Row 1 (RS): [Kfb] to end. 8 sts

Row 2 (WS): [Pfb] to end. 16 sts

Row 3: Knit.

Row 4: [P3, pfb] to end. 20 sts

Row 5: [K4, kfb] to end. 24 sts

Rows 6–10: Beginning with a WS purl row, work 5 rows in St st.

Row 11: [K4, k2tog] to end. 20 sts

Row 12: [P3, p2tog] to end. 16 sts

Row 13–16: Beginning with a RS knit row, work 4 rows in St st.

On completion of the first leg, cut yarn leaving a 20cm (8in) tail, place sts on holder and put aside for later.

Rep rows 1–16 for the second leg, but this time keep the sts on the needle.

Continue as follows for body and bottom Shaping:

Row 1 (RS): K16, then knit across held 16 sts of the first leg.

32 sts

Row 2 (WS): Purl.

Row 3: K1, M1L, K2, M1R, k2, M1L, k7, M1R, k8, M1L, k7, M1R, k2, M1L, k2, M1R, k1. 40 sts

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: K2, M1L, K2, M1R, k4, M1L, k7, M1R, k10, M1L, k7, M1R, k4, M1L, k2, M1R, k2. 48 sts

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: K3, M1L, k2, M1R, k6, M1L, k7, M1R, k12, M1L, k7, M1R, k6, M1L, k2, M1R, k3. 56 sts

Row 8: Purl.

Row 9: K4, M1L, k2, M1R, k8, M1L, k7, M1R, k14, M1L, k7, M1R, k8, M1L, k2, M1R, k4. 64 sts

Rows 10–25: Beginning with a WS purl row, work 16 rows in St st.

Row 26: P3, p2tog tbl, p2, p2tog, p6, p2tog tbl, p30, p2tog, p6, p2tog tbl, p2, p2tog, p3. 58 sts

Work chest and shoulder shaping as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit.

Row 2 (WS): Purl.

Row 3: K2, k2tog, k2, ssk, k4, k2tog, k30, ssk, k4, k2tog, k2, ssk, k2. 52 sts

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: Knit.

Row 6: P1, p2tog tbl, p2, p2tog, p2, p2tog tbl, p7, p2tog, p12, p2tog tbl, p7, p2tog, p2, p2tog tbl, p2, p2tog, p1. 44 sts

Row 7: Knit.

Row 8: Purl.

Row 9: K5, k2tog, k8, ssk, k10, k2tog, k8, ssk, k5. 40 sts

Row 10: Purl.

Row 11: K3, k2tog, k10, ssk, k6, k2tog, k10, ssk, k3. 36 sts

Row 12: Purl.

Row 13: K15, ssk, k2, k2tog, k15. 34 sts

Row 14: Purl.

Continue for the head:

Rows 1-19: Beginning with a RS knit row, work 19 rows in St st.

Row 20 (WS): P8, p2tog tbl, p14, p2tog, p8. 32 sts

Row 21 (RS): [K2tog] to end. 16 sts

Row 22: Purl.

Row 23: [K2tog] to end. 8 sts

Row 24: [P2tog] to end. 4 sts

Cut yarn leaving a 30cm (12in) tail and thread through 4 remaining sts to fasten off.

Ears (make 2 alike)

Leaving a generous tail for sewing up with later, using the cable cast on method, cast on 4 sts.

Row 1 (RS): (Kfb) to end. 8 sts

Row 2 (WS): (Pfb) to end. 16 sts

Rows 3-5: Knit.

Cast off knitwise.

FINISHING

Starting at the top of the head, stuffing as you go, and using mattress stitch sew the Body and Head section of the bear together. Repeat for both legs, starting from the bottom of the feet and then sewing together any holes where the body and legs meet.

If using toy eyes for the bear, add these after the head is sewn and stuffed and before the middle is sewn. Use the k2tog and ssk on the last decrease round as a guide to balance the placement of the eyes and insert 14 rows up from this row.

Fold arms in half with right sides together, then sew the seam from the paw upwards but do not cut yarn once seamed. Stuff the arm full, paying particular attention to the paw to get a nicely rounded shape, then pin the arm to side of the body so top of arm lines up with last decrease row of chest and sew in place.

Fold the ears so the cast-on edges are touching and sew together to make a semi-circle. Position and pin this semi-circle either side of the top of the head and sew into place.

Embroider the face with eyes (if not added earlier), nose and a mouth.





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