

Girl Tiger Cub

MATTI, THE CLEVER TIGER

MATERIALS

- [A] 10 Orange DK
- [B] 8g White DK
- [C] 5g Black DK
- [D] A small amount of pink 4-ply
- [E] A small amount of white 4-ply
- A pair of 5mm black beads
- Black cotton thread
- Toy stuffing

TOOLS

- A pair of 3.5mm knitting needles
- A pair of 3mm knitting needles (ribbon only)
- A chenille needle
- All-purpose sewing needle
- A stitch holder
- Scissors

TENSION

24 sts x 30 rows = 10 cm x 10cm (not essential)





FINISHED SIZE

16cm height

PRACTICAL TIPS

Leave a long end at the beginning and end of each piece for sewing.

Sew seams with RS facing, using mattress stitch.

Do not cut yarn A and B while working stripes. Loosely carry unused yarn up the side of the piece.

If you do not wish to use beads for safety reasons, make French knots with black yarn.

ABBREVIATIONS

Ch: chain (crochet)

Dc: double crochet (US: single crochet)

Dc2tog: double crochet (US: single crochet) two stitches together

Dec: decrease/s/d

Inc: increase/s/d

K: knit

Kfb: k one through the front then through the back (same stitch)

K2tog: knit two together

LH: left hand

P: purl

Pfb: p one through the front then through the back (same stitch)

P2tog: purl two together

Rep: repeat

RH: right hand

Rnd: round

RS: right side

Skpo: slip 1 stitch, k1, pass slipped stitch over

Sl: slip

Ss: slip stitch (crochet)

St st: stocking stitch

St(s): stitch(es)

Tbl: through back loop

WS: wrong side

Yf: bring yarn to front of work.

Yb: take yarn to back of work.

HOW TO MAKE MATTI

LEFT LEG

With yarn B, cast on 9 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2: [Kfb] 8 times. 18 sts

Rows 3-5: Starting with a p row, work 3 rows in St st.

Row 6: K7, [k2tog] 3 times, k5. 15 sts

Row 7: Purl.

Row 8: K6, [k2tog] twice, k5. 13 sts

Row 9: P5, p2tog, p6. 12 sts

Break yarn B. Change to yarn A.

Rows 10-11: With yarn A, starting with a k row, work 2 rows in St st.

Join yarn C, keep yarn A attached to work.

Rows 12-13: With yarn C, starting with a k row, work 2 rows in St st.

Change to yarn A.

Rows 14-17: Rep rows 10-13

Change to yarn A.

Row 18: Knit.

Break both yarns, keeping sts on a holder.

RIGHT LEG

Work as for Left leg to row 5. 18 sts

Row 6: K5, [k2tog] 3 times, k7. 15 sts

Row 7: Purl.

Row 8: K5, [k2tog] twice, k6. 13 sts

Row 9: P6, p2tog, p5. 12 sts

Work as for Left leg to row 18. Do not break yarns. Continue to Body.

BODY

Row 19 (WS): P12 sts of Right leg and from holder, p12 of Left leg, connecting both legs. 24 sts

Row 20: K10 in C, join yarn B and k4 in B, join another end of yarn C and k10 in C.

Row 21: PfbC, p9C, p1B [pfbB] twice, p1B, p9C, pfbC. 28 sts

Row 22: K10A, k8B, join another end of yarn A and k10A.

Row 23: P9A, p10B, p9A.

Row 24: K9C, k4B, [kfbB] twice, k4B, k9C. 30 sts

Row 25: Keeping colours correct, purl.

Row 26: K9A, k12B, k9A.

Row 27: Keeping colours correct, purl.

Row 28: K9C, k12B, k9C.

Row 29: Keeping colours correct, purl. Break yarn C.

Row 30: K9A, k4B, [k2togB] twice, k4B, k9A. 28 sts

Row 31: Keeping colours correct, p.

Row 32: K9A, k3B, [k2togB] twice, k3B,

k9A. 26 sts
 Row 33: Keeping colours correct, p.
 Row 34: K2togA, k7A, k8B, k7A, k2togA. 24 sts
 Break yarn B. Work with yarn A only.
 Row 35: Purl.
 Row 36: [K3, k2tog] 3 times, [k3tog, k2] 3 times. 18 sts
 Row 37: Purl.
 Row 38: K1, [k2tog] 8 times, k1. 10 sts
 Break yarn A. Change to yarn B.
 Row 39: Purl.
 Row 40: [Kfb] 10 times. 20 sts
 Row 41: Purl.
 Row 42: K2, [kfb] 16 times, k2. 36 sts
 Rows 43-48: Starting with a p row, work 6 rows in St st.
 Break yarn B. Change to yarn A.
 Row 49: Purl.
 Join yarn C.
 Row 50: K14 in C, k8 in A, join another end of yarn C and k14 C.
 Row 51: Keeping colours correct, purl.
 Rows 52-53: With yarn A and starting with a k row, work 2 rows in St st.
 Rows 54-55: Rep 50-51.
 Row 56: With yarn A, knit.
 Row 57: With yarn A, [p4, p2tog] 3 times, [p2tog, p4] 3 times. 30 sts
 Row 58: K12C, k6A, k12C.
 Row 59: Keeping colours correct, purl.
 Break yarn C. Work with yarn A only.
 Rows 60-62: Starting with a k row, work 3 rows in St st.
 Row 63: [P1, p2tog] 5 times, [p2tog, p1] 5 times. 20 sts
 Row 64: Knit.
 Row 65: [P2tog] 10 times. 10 sts
 Break yarn, thread through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

ARMS: MAKE TWO

With yarn A, cast on 12 sts.

Rows 1-2: Starting with a p (WS) row, work 2 rows in St st.
 Change to yarn C, keeping yarn A attached to work.
 Rows 3-4: With yarn C and starting with a p row, work 2 rows in St st.
 Change to yarn A.
 Rows 5-8: Rep rows 1-4.
 Rows 9-10: With yarn A and starting with a p row, work 2 rows in St st.
 Break yarn A and C. Change to yarn B.
 Row 11: Purl.
 Shape fingers
 Row 12: K3, turn. Work on this set of sts.
 Rows 13-16: Starting with a p row, work 4 rows in St st on these 3 sts. Keep these sts on RH needle and move on to next set of 3 sts.
 Rep rows 12-16 three more times to create 4 fingers in total.
 Next row: Cast off across the row to connect all fingers.

RIBBON

Main bow: make two
 With yarn D and using 3mm needles, cast on 7 sts.
 Row 1 (WS): Purl.
 Join yarn E.
 Row 2: K1D, k1E, k3D, k1E, k1D.
 Row 3: P3D, p1E, p3D.
 Rows 4-9: Rep rows 2-3 three times.
 Break yarn E. Work with yarn D only.
 Row 10: Knit.
 Cast off.

BOW TAIL: MAKE TWO

With yarn D and using 3mm needles, cast on 5 sts.
 Row 1 (WS): Purl.
 Join yarn E.
 Row 2: K1D, k1E, k3D.
 Row 3: P1D, p1E, p3D.

Row 4: K2D, k1E, k2D.
 Cast off with yarn D.

BOBBLE

With yarn D, cast on 5 sts
 Row 1 (WS): Purl.
 Join yarn E.
 Row 2: K2D, k1E, k2D.
 Break yarn E. Work with yarn D only.
 Row 3: Purl.
 Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

With fastened-off yarn end of body, sew head to neck. With cast-on yarn end, sew sole and foot seam. Sew each leg to crotch. Sew back seam, leaving an opening and stuff body. Close seam. Seam ears and attach them to head. Attach eyes. With yarn C, embroider nose, eyebrows, and mouth. With yarn B, make backstitches to cheek, leaving loops every other stitch. Cut loops and separate strands, and trim.

Fold fingers section in half lengthways and stitch together the edges of each finger. Sew arm seam to cast-on edge and stuff. Sew arm seam, stuff, and attach arms to body. Seam tail, stuff and attach it to body.

Fold each main bow lengthwise and use the fastened-off yarn end to work a gathering thread through the cast-on edge and cast-off edges, joining the two layers. Repeat for second main bow piece. Sew the two main bow pieces together at the centre, then sew bow tail pieces to the main bow. Seam and stuff bobble and attach bobble to the centre of the bow. Attach bow to the head.

