

Grown-up Tiger

TALA, THE MUMMY TIGER

MATERIALS

[A] 10g Orange DK
[B] 50g White DK
[C] 10g Black DK
A pair of 5mm black beads
Black cotton thread to sew beads
Toy stuffing

TOOLS

A pair of 3.5mm knitting needles
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

23cm 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.

Where possible, do not cut yarn A and C while working stripes; instead, loosely carry unused yarn up the side of the piece. However, note that you may occasionally still need to break and re-join yarn when working some stripe rows.

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 TALA

RIGHT LEG

With yarn B, cast on 10 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2: [Kfb] 10 times. 20 sts

Rows 3-9: Starting with a p row, work 7 rows in St st.

Row 10: K6, [k2tog] 3 times, k8. 17 sts

Row 11: Purl.

Row 12: K5, [k2tog] twice, k8. 15 sts

Row 13: Purl.

Break yarn B. Join yarn A.

Rows 14-15: Starting with a k row, work 2 rows in St st.

Join yarn C. Keep yarn A attached to work.

Rows 16-17: With yarn C and starting with a k row, work 2 rows in St st.

Change to yarn A.

Rows 18-19: Starting with a k row, work 2 rows in St st.

Row 20: [K4, kfb] 3 times. 18 sts

Row 21: Purl.

Change to yarn C.

Rows 22-23: Starting with a k row, work 2 rows in St st.

Change to yarn A.

Rows 24-25: Starting with a k row, work 2 rows in St st.

Break yarn, keep sts on a holder.

LEFT LEG

Work as for Right leg to row 9. 20 sts

Row 10: K8, [k2tog] 3 times, k6. 17 sts

Row 11: Purl.

Row 12: K8, [k2tog] twice, k5. 15 sts

Row 13: Purl.

Work as for Right leg to row 25. Break

yarn C but do not break yarn A.

Continue to body.

Body

Row 26: [K2, kfb] 6 times across Left leg sts and from holder work [kfb, k2] 6 times across Right leg sts, connecting both legs. 48 sts

Row 27: Purl.

Row 28: K22 in A, join yarn B and k4 in B, join another end of yarn A and k22 in A. Cross yarn at colour change to avoid any holes.

Join yarn C.

Row 29: P21 in C, p6 in B, join another end of yarn C and p21 in C.

Row 30: K20C, k8B, k20C.

Row 31: P19A, p10B, p19A.

Row 32: K18A, k12B, k18A.

Row 33: P17A, p14B, p17A.

Row 34: K16A, k16B, k16A.
 Row 35: P15C, p18B, p15C.
 Row 36: K15C, k8, [kfb] twice, k8B, k15C.
 50 sts
 Row 37: P15A, p20B, p15A.
 Rows 38-40: Keeping colours correct and starting with a k row, work 3 rows in St st.
 Row 41: P15C, p20B, p15C.
 Row 42: K15C, k20B, k15C.
 Rows 43-48: Rep rows 37-42.
 Row 49: P15A, p20B, p15A.
 Rows 50-51: Keeping colours correct and starting with a k row, work 2 rows in St st.
 Row 52: Keeping colours correct, [k3, k2tog] 5 times, [k2tog, k3] 5 times. 40 sts
 Row 53: P12C, p16B, p12C.
 Row 54: K12C, k16B, k12C.
 Row 55: P12A, p16B, p12A.
 Row 56: Keeping colours correct, [k2, k2tog] 5 times, [k2tog, k2] 5 times. 30 sts
 Row 57: Keeping colours correct, purl.
 Row 58: K9A, k4B, [k2togB] twice, k4B, k9A. 28 sts
 Row 59: P9C, p10B, p9C.
 Row 60: K9C, k10B, k9C.
 Row 61: P9A, p10B, p9A.
 Row 62: K9A, k3B, [k2togB] twice, k3B, k9A. 26 sts
 Rows 63-64: Keeping colours correct and starting with a p row, work 2 rows in St st.
 Row 65: P9C, p8B, p9C.
 Row 66: K9C, k8B, k9C.
 Row 67: P9A, p8B, p9C.
 Rows 68-69: Keeping colours correct and starting with a k row, work 2 rows in St st.
 Break yarn B and C. Work with yarn A only.
 Row 70: Knit.
 Row 71: [P5, pfb] twice, p2, [pfb, p5] twice. 30 sts
 Rows 72-73: Starting with a k row, work 2 rows in St st.
 Row 74: [K1, k2tog] 5 times, [k2tog, k1] 5 times. 20 sts
 Row 75: Purl.
 Row 76: [K2tog] 10 times. 10 sts
 Break yarn A. Join yarn B.
 Row 77: Purl.
 Row 78: [Kfb] 10 times. 20 sts
 Row 79: Purl.
 Row 80: [Kfb] 20 times. 40 sts
 Rows 81-86: Starting with a p row, work 6 rows in St st.
 Break yarn B. Join yarn A.
 Row 87: Purl.
 Row 88: Join yarn C and k15 in C, k10 in A, join another end of yarn C and k15 in C.

Row 89:
 Keeping the colours correct, purl.
 Break yarn C.
 Rows 90-92: With yarn A and starting with a k row, work 3 rows in St st.
 Row 93: Joining yarn C as necessary, P15C, p10A, p15C.
 Row 94: Keeping colours correct, knit.
 Break yarn C. Work with yarn A only.
 Row 95: Purl.
 Row 96: [K2, k2tog] 5 times, [k2tog, k2] 5 times. 30 sts
 Row 97: Purl.
 Row 99: [K1, k2tog] 5 times, [k2tog, k1] 5 times. 20 sts
 Row 100: Purl.
 Row 101: [K2tog] 10 times. 10 sts
 Break yarn, thread through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

EARS: MAKE TWO

With yarn A, cast on 14 sts.
 Row 1 (WS): P8 in A, join yarn B and p6 in B.
 Row 2: [K1B, k2togB] twice, k2togA, [k1A, k2togA] twice. 9 sts
 Row 3: Keeping colours correct, purl.
 Break yarn, thread through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

ARMS: MAKE TWO

Right arm

With yarn A, cast on 14 sts.
 Rows 1-4: Starting with a p (WS) row, work 4 rows in St st.
 Join yarn C. Keep yarn A attached to work.
 Rows 5-6: With yarn C and starting with a p row, work 2 rows in St st.
 Change to yarn A.
 Rows 7-18: Rep rows 1-6 twice.
 Rows 19-22: Rep rows 1-4.
 Break yarn A and C. Join yarn B.
 Row 23: P to last 2 sts, p2tog. 13 sts
 Rows 24-26: Starting with a k row, work 3 rows in St st.

Fingers

*P3, turn. Starting with a k row, work 8 rows in St st on these 3 sts. Keep these sts on RH needle and move on to the next 3 sts. Work on this set of sts Repeat from * twice more. Move on to the last 4 sts and p4. Starting with a k row, work 4 rows in St st on these 4 sts. Next row (RS): K across the row, connecting all fingers.
 Next row: Purl.
 Cast off.

Left arm

Work as for Right arm to row 26. 13 sts
Fingers
 P4, turn. Starting with a k row, work 4 rows in St st on these 4 sts.
 *Keep these sts on RH needle and move on to the next 3 sts. P3, turn. Starting with a k row, work 8 rows in St st on these 3 sts.
 Repeat from * twice more.
 Next row (RS): K across the row, connecting all fingers.
 Next row: Purl.
 Cast off.

TAIL

With yarn A, cast on 14 sts
 Rows 1-4: Starting with a p (WS) row, work 4 rows in St st.
 Join yarn C. Keep yarn A attached to work.
 Rows 5-6: With yarn C and starting with a p row, work 2 rows in St st.
 Change to yarn A.
 Rows 7-36: Rep rows 1-6 five more times.
 Break yarn A. Work with yarn C only.
 Rows 37-38: Starting with a p row, work 2 rows in St st.
 Row 39: [P2tog] 7 times. 7 sts
 Break yarn, thread through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

With fastened-off yarn end of body, sew head to neck. With cast-on yarn end, sew sole of foot and leg seam to crotch. Repeat for the other leg. Sew body seam halfway, stuff and close seam. Sew ears and attach them to head. Fold fingers in half lengthways and stitch together the edges of each finger. Sew arm seam to cast-on edge and stuff. Attach arms to body. Sew and attach tail.

With yarn C, embroider nose, mouth, and eyebrows. With yarn B, make backstitches to the cheeks, leaving loops every other stitch. Cut loops and separate strands. Trim.