

Grown-Up Tiger

UNCLE VJ, THE KAFTAN WEARING, SITAR PLAYING TIGER



MATERIALS

[A] 20g Orange DK
[B] 10g White DK
[C] 5g Black DK
[D] 5g Brown DK
[E] A small amount of soft yellow DK
[F] A small amount of pink DK
[G] A small amount of yellow DK
[H] A small amount of grey DK
[I] A small amount of fine dark brown or black yarn (2-3 ply)
Toy stuffing
Small amounts of yellow and white felt
Fabric glue

Sturdy card approx. 6 x 11cm
Cardboard piece approx. 6 x 18cm
White cotton thread

TOOLS

3.5mm knitting needles
2.75mm DPNs
A chenille needle
Scissors

TENSION

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



FINISHED SIZE

12cm sitting height

PRACTICAL TIPS

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

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.

Sew seam with RS facing, using mattress stitch.

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 UNCLE VJ

SPECIAL TECHNIQUE

i-cord: Cast on required number of sts on a DPN. Knit 1 row, do not turn. Slide sts back to other end of needle. Repeat from

BODY

With yarn A, cast on 12 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2: [Kfb] 12 times. 24 sts

Row 3: Purl.

Row 4: [K1, kfb] 12 times. 36 sts

Row 5: Purl.

Row 6: [K2, kfb] 12 times. 48 sts

Rows 7-27: Starting with a p row, work 21 rows in St st.

Row 28: [K6, k2tog] 6 times. 42 sts

Rows 29-31: Starting with a p row, work 3 rows, in St st.

Row 32: [K5, k2tog] 6 times. 36 sts

Rows 33-35: Starting with a p row, work 3 rows in St st.

Row 36: [K4, k2tog] 6 times. 30 sts

Rows 37-39: Starting with a p row, work 3 rows in St st.

Row 40: [K3, k2tog] 6 times. 24 sts

Row 41: Purl.

Row 42: [K2, k2tog] 6 times. 18 sts

Rows 43-44: Starting with a p row, work 2 rows in St st.

Row 45: [P1, p2tog] 6 times. 12 sts

Break yarn A. Join yarn B.

Rows 46-49: Starting with a k row, work 4 rows in St st.

Row 50: [Kfb] 12 times. 24 sts

Row 51: Purl.

Row 52: [K1, kfb] 12 times. 36 sts

Rows 53-57: Starting with a p row, work 5 rows in St st.

Row 58: [K1, k2tog] 12 times. 24 sts

Break yarn B. Join yarn A.

Row 59: Purl.

Row 60: Join yarn C and K9 in C, k6 in A, join another end of yarn C and k9 in C.

Cross yarn at the colour change to avoid any holes.

Row 61: P9C, p6A, p9C.

Rows 62-64: With yarn A and starting

with a k row, work 3 rows in St st.

Row 65: P9C, p6A, p9C.

Row 66: K9C, k6A, k9C.

Rows 67-69: With yarn A and starting with a p row, work 3 rows in St st.

Row 70: With yarn A, [k2, k2tog] 6 times. 18 sts

Break yarn A. Work with yarn C only.

Row 71: Purl.

Row 72: [K1, k2tog] 6 times. 12 sts

Row 73: Purl.

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.

NOSE

With yarn C, cast on 9 sts.

Rows 1-2: Starting with a p (WS) row, work 2 rows in St st.

Row 3: [P1, p2tog] 3 times. 6 sts

Row 4: [K2tog] 3 times. 3 sts

Break yarn, thread through sts, pull tightly and fasten 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.

LEGS: MAKE TWO

With yarn A, cast on 18 sts.

Rows 1-9: Starting with a p (WS) row, work 9 rows in St st.

Row 10: [K4, k2tog] 3 times. 15 sts

Rows 11-21: Starting with a p row, work 11 rows in St st.

Break yarn A. Join yarn B.

Rows 22-27: Starting with a k row, work 6 rows in St st.

Shape toes

Row 28: K5, turn. Work on this set of sts. 5 sts

Rows 29-38: Starting with a p row, work 10 rows in St st.

Keep these sts on RH needle and move on to next set of 5 sts. Repeat rows 28-38 twice more to create 3 toes in total.

Row 39 (WS): Purl across the row, connecting all toes.

Row 40: Knit.

Cast off.

FLOWERS: MAKE 10

With yarn F, cast on 10 sts, break yarn.

Thread through sts, pull tightly and fasten off. Stitch both ends together to form a circle.

DRESS

With yarn E, cast on 84 sts.

Rows 1-2: Knit.

Rows 3-18: Starting with a k (RS) row, work 16 rows in St st.

Row 19: [K12, k2tog] 3 times, [k2tog, k12] 3 times. 78 sts

Row 20 and all WS rows: Purl.

Row 21: [K11, k2tog] 3 times, [k2tog, k11] 3 times. 72 sts

Row 23: [K10, k2tog] 3 times, [k2tog, k10] 3 times. 66 sts

Row 25: [K9, k2tog] 3 times, [k2tog, k9] 3 times. 60 sts

Rows 26-30: Starting with a p row, work 5 rows in St st.

Row 31: [K8, k2tog] 3 times, [k2tog, k8] 3 times. 54 sts

Row 33: [K7, k2tog] 3 times, [k2tog, k7] 3 times. 48 sts

Row 35: [K6, k2tog] 3 times, [k2tog, k6] 3 times. 42 sts

Row 37: [K5, k2tog] 3 times, [k2tog, k5] 3 times. 36 sts

Row 39: [K4, k2tog] 3 times, [k2tog, k4] 3 times. 30 sts

Row 41: [K3, k2tog] 3 times, [k2tog, k3] 3 times. 24 sts

Row 42: Purl.

Cast off.

SLEEVES: MAKE TWO

With yarn E, cast on 24 sts

Rows 1-2: Knit.

Rows 3-8: Starting with a k (RS) row, work 6 rows in St st.

Row 9: K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog. 22 sts

Row 10: Purl.

Rows 11-12: Rep rows 9-10. 20 sts

Row 13: Rep row 9. 18 sts

Rows 14-21: Starting with a p row, work 8 rows in St st.

Cast off.

SITAR

With yarn D, cast on 6 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2: [Kfb] 6 times. 12 sts

Row 3 and all WS rows: Purl.

Row 4: [K1, kfb] 6 times. 18 sts

Row 6: [K2, kfb] 6 times. 24 sts

Row 8: [K3, kfb] 6 times. 30 sts

Row 10: [K4, kfb] 6 times. 36 sts

Rows 11-17: Starting with a p row, work 7 rows in St st.

Row 18: [K4, k2tog] 6 times. 30 sts

Row 20: [K1, k2tog] 10 times. 20 sts

Row 22: [K2, k2tog] 5 times. 15 sts

Rows 23-51: Starting with a p row, work 29 rows in St st.

Cast off.

TUNERS

Large: make three

With yarn H, cast on 2 sts on a DPN and work i-cord for 3 rows. After finishing the last row, cast on 4 sts. Break yarn, thread through sts, pull tightly and fasten off. Thread through sts once more to create a small bobble at one end.

Medium: make three

With yarn H, cast on 2 sts on a DPN and work i-cord for 2 rows. After finishing the last row, cast on 4 sts. Break yarn, thread through sts, pull tightly and fasten off. Thread through sts once more to create a small bobble at one end.

Small: make two

With yarn H, cast on 2 sts on a DPN and work i-cord for 1 row. After finishing the last row, cast on 3 sts. Break yarn, thread through sts, pull tightly and fasten off. Thread through sts once more to create a small bobble at one end.



TO MAKE UP

With fastened-off yarn end of body, sew head seam to neck. With cast-on yarn end of body, work a gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw tightly. Sew body seam halfway, stuff body and head and close seam. Seam ears and sew them to head. For beard, wind yarn B 40 times lengthways around a card (6x11cm piece of card) and tie centre firmly. With white cotton thread, pierce centre knot in and out a few times to prevent it from unravelling. Firmly sew beard to face at the centre. Cut loops of beard and trim. Seam nose and sew it in place over the beard. With yarn C, add French knots around the nose. Using same yarn, add two whiskers on each side of the nose. Add a couple of

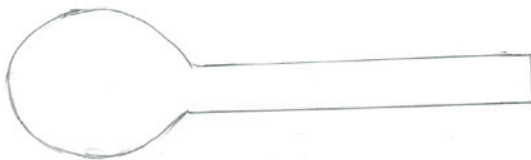
strands on top of head. Fold toes in half lengthways and sew together the edges of each toe. Sew leg seam to cast-on edge, stuff and attach legs to body, crossing one leg on top the other. Wrap body with dress piece and sew seam at the back. Fold fingers in half lengthways and sew together the edges of each finger. Sew arm seam to cast-on edge and stuff. Wrap arm with sleeve and sew sleeve seam. Secure sleeve to arm with a few stitches. Attach arms to body.

Thread needle with yarn G and pierce a flower from one edge, bringing needle out at the centre, and make a French knot in the centre of the flower. Pierce from centre to the other edge. Repeat to connect all flowers, leaving 5cm or so

at both ends free. When all the flowers are connected, attach the lei, sewing the ends to the back of neck.

Cut out cardboard to the Sitar template, encase the cardboard and sew sitar seam, starting at the sitar neck end. When you come to the body, add some toy stuffing between the cardboard and knitted piece to create volume. Close seam. Cut out felt to the templates and glue the pieces to body. Sew tuners to sitar neck. With yarn G, make two French knots to the neck. With yarn H, add French knots to the body of sitar. Attach yarn I for strings. Sew sitar neck to left hand and body to secure sitar in place.

Sitar
cardboard cut 1



Felt template

white felt

