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MATERIALS

Scheepjes Catona (100% Mercerised Cotton; 25g/62.5m)

Yarn A 503 Hazelnut x 1 ball

Yarn B 241 Parrot Green x 1 ball

Yarn C 105 Bridal White x 1 ball

Yarn D 115 Hot Red x 1 ball

Yarn E 507 Chocolate x 1 ball

2.5mm crochet hook

Polyester stuffing

Rattle or squeaker (optional)

Gauge/Tension

Tension is not critical for this project, but different measurements may result in different yarn amounts needed

Measurements

12 x 15cm

Abbreviations

[] number of stitches on a given row

ch(s) chain(s) or chain stitch(es)

dc2tog double crochet 2 together to dec by 1 st: (insert hook in next st, yoh, pull up lp) twice, yoh, draw through all lps

dc3tog double crochet 3 together to dec by 2 sts: (insert hook in next st, yoh, pull up lp) 3 times, yoh, draw through all lps

dc double crochet

dec decrease

lp(s) loop(s)

rep repeat

RS right side

small puff st small puff stitch: (yoh, insert hook in next st, yoh, pull up lp) twice, yoh, draw through all lps

ss slip stitch

st(s) stitch(es)

WS wrong side

yoh yarn over hook

(.....) **once/twice/3 times** work the instructions between brackets the total number of times stated

Pattern Notes

Gingerbread is worked in rows, turn after each row. Body is worked bottom up starting with Legs worked separately. Arms are worked onto Body. Change to Yarn D on last yoh of st before each small puff st, and back to Yarn A on last yoh of small puff st.

Instructions

FRONT

Leg

With Yarn A, ch3.

Row 1 (WS) Ch1, 3dc in next st, 1dc, turn. [5 dc]

Row 2 (RS) Ch1, 1dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, turn. [7 dc]

Row 3 Ch1, 1dc, 2dc in next st, 3dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc. [9 dc]

Rows 4-7 Ch1, 9dc.

Fasten off.

Change to Yarn B.

Row 8 Ch1, 1dc, (1dc in dc 2 rows below, 1dc, 1dc in dc 1 row below, 1dc) twice, fasten off. [9 dc]

Change to Yarn A.

Row 9 Ch1, 9dc, fasten off.

Change to Yarn C.

Row 10 Ch1, 9dc, fasten off.

Change to Yarn A.

Rows 11-13 Ch1, 9dc.

Fasten off first Leg.

Rep Rows 1-13 for second Leg, do not fasten off.

Body

Legs are joined by crocheting a continuous row across second Leg then first Leg.

Row 14 (RS) Ch1, 6dc, dc2tog, dc2tog in last st of second Leg and first st of first Leg, dc2tog, 6dc. [15 sts]

Row 15 Ch1, 15dc.

Change from Yarn A to Yarn D for each small puff st (see Pattern Notes).

Row 16 Ch1, 7dc, 1 small puff st, 7dc. [15 sts]

Row 17 Ch1, 15dc.

Row 18 Ch1, 3dc, dc2tog, 5dc, dc2tog, 3dc. [13 sts]

Row 19 Ch1, 13dc.

Row 20 Ch1, 6dc, 1 small puff st, 6dc. [13 sts]

Rows 21-23 Ch1, 13dc.

Row 24 Ch1, 6dc, 1 small puff st, 6dc. [13 sts]

Row 25 Ch1, 13dc.

Row 26 Ch1, 4dc, dc2tog, 1dc, dc2tog, 4dc. [11 sts]

Row 27 Ch1, 11dc.

Row 28 Ch1, 3dc, dc2tog, 1dc, dc2tog, 3dc. [9 sts]

Head

Row 29 Ch1, 1dc, 3dc in next st, 5dc, 3dc in next st, 1dc. [13 sts]

Row 30 Ch1, 1dc, 3dc in next st, 9dc, 3dc in next st, 1dc. [17 sts]

Rows 31-37 Ch1, 17dc.

Row 38 Ch1, 1dc, dc2tog, 11dc, dc2tog, 1dc. [15 sts]

Row 39 Ch1, 15dc.

Row 40 Ch1, 1dc, dc2tog, 9dc, dc2tog, 1dc. [13 sts]

Row 41 Ch1, 1dc, dc2tog, 7dc, dc2tog, 1dc. [11 sts]

Row 42 Ch1, 1dc, dc2tog, 5dc, dc2tog, 1dc. [9 sts]

Row 43 Ch1, 1dc, dc2tog, 3dc, dc2tog, 1dc. [7 sts]

Row 44 Ch1, 1dc, (dc3tog) twice, fasten off. [3 sts]

Left Arm

Turn Body to work in row ends at left side of Body.

With Front Body RS facing, join Yarn A at end of Row 18 on left side of Front Body with ss.

Row 1 (RS) Ch1, 8dc in row ends (*last st should fall at end of Row 25 of Front Body*), turn. [8 dc]

Rows 2-3 Ch1, 8dc.

Fasten off.

Change to Yarn C.

Row 4 Ch1, 8dc, fasten off.

Change to Yarn A.

Row 5 Ch1, 8dc, fasten off.

Change to Yarn B.

Row 6 Ch1, 8dc, fasten off.

Change to Yarn A.

Row 7 Ch1, 8dc.

Row 8 Ch1, 1dc, dc2tog, 2dc, dc2tog, 1dc. [6 sts]

Row 9 Ch1, 1dc, (dc2tog) twice, 1dc. [4 sts]

Row 10 Ch1, 1dc, dc2tog, 1dc, fasten off. [3 sts]

Right Arm

Turn Body to work in row ends at right side of Body.

Join Yarn A at end of Row 25 on right side of Front Body and rep Rows 1-10 of Left Arm (*last st of first row should fall at end of Row 18 of Front Body*), fasten off. [3 sts]

BACK

Leg

With Yarn A, ch3.

Rows 1-7 Rep Rows 1-7 of Front Leg, do not fasten off. [9 dc]

Rows 8-13 Ch1, 9dc.

Fasten off.

Rep Rows 1-13 for second Leg, do not fasten off.

Body

Legs are joined by crocheting a continuous row across second Leg then first Leg.

Rows 14-28 Rep Rows 14-28 of Front Body, replacing small puff st with 1dc in Yarn A. [9 sts]

Head

Rows 29-44 Rep Rows 29-44 of Front Head, fasten off. [3 sts]

Left Arm

Turn Body to work in row ends at left side of Body.

With Back Body RS facing, join Yarn A at end of Row 25 on left side of Back Body with ss.

Row 1 (RS) Ch1, 8dc (*last st should fall at end of Row 18 of Back Body*), turn. [8 dc]

Rows 2-7 Ch1, 8dc.

Rows 8-10 Rep Rows 8-10 of Front Left Arm. [3 sts]

Right Arm

Turn Body to work in row ends at right side of Body.

Join Yarn A at end of Row 18 on right side

of Back Body and rep Rows 1-10 of Left Arm (*last st of first row should fall at end of Row 25 of Back body*), fasten off. [3 sts]

Edging

Place Front and Back pieces together with RS facing outwards.

With Yarn E, dc around outside edge to join Front and Back together, stuffing as you go and inserting rattle or squeaker (optional).

Note: 1dc in each st when working along straight edges and inner curves, and 2 or 3dc in sts around outer curves.

To Finish

Using image as guide for placement, embroider eyes and mouth with Yarn E

and rosy cheeks with Yarn D. Using Yarn C backstitch embroider around Gingerbread through Front layer only with one st per two rows or 2 dc sts.

Weave in all ends.

