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GARDEN!

From flowers and blossoming trees to herbs and seasonal veggies, gardens provide us with so much cheer! And the great thing is you don't need a lot of space to have a garden of your own. Bring the outdoors indoors with a couple of pot plants and knit Nico the Gnome to keep his eye on them. Wobbly Beetrice may buzz inside to see what the fuss is about, but she doesn't sting. Find these two and more inside our third issue of Pretty Little Things!

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NICO THE GNOME
BY LOUISE CROWTHER

Gauge/Tension
30 sts and 40 rows to measure 10 x 10cm over st st using 2.75mm needles.
26 sts and 36 rows to measure 10 x 10cm over st st using 3.5mm needles.

Measurements
31cm (12.2in) high x 10cm (3.9in) wide

Pattern Notes
Cast on using long tail (double cast on) method.
Leave long tails when casting on or
off to use for sewing up.
Jacket is worked top down.

Abbreviations

[ ] number of sts on a given row/round
CDD central double decrease: slip 2 stitches together kwise, k1, pass the 2 slipped sts over
k knit
k2tog knit 2 sts together: insert needle kwise into first two sts and knit them together
kfb knit front and back to increase by 1 st: insert needle kwise into next st; knit as you normally would but don't slip st from needle, instead bring needle around to back and knit through back lp of same st
M stitch marker
M1 make 1: to increase by 1 st by picking up the horizontal bar between 2 stitches with left needle
M1L make 1 left (left leaning increase): with left needle, pick up bar between last st knit and the one about to be knit, bringing needle from front to back, then knit into back of this st
M1R make 1 right (right leaning increase): with left needle, pick up bar between last st knit and the one about to be knit, bringing needle from back to front, then knit into front of this st
p purl
p2tog purl 2 sts together: insert needle pwise into first 2 sts and purl them together (right leaning decrease)
PM place stitch marker
rep(s) repeat(s)
RS right side
SM slip stitch marker
ssk slip 1 st kwise, slip next st kwise, insert left needle into front of 2 slipped sts and knit them together
st(s) stitch(es)
st st stocking stitch: RS knit, WS purl
WS wrong side
yo yarn over

Repeat Formats

*.......; rep from * once more/twice more/3 more times/to end work the instructions after * and then repeat that section as specified.
(.......) once/twice/3 times work the instructions between brackets the total number of times stated.
Rep Row/Round 2 Repeat indicated rounds and rows.

HEAD

With Yarn A and 2.75mm needles, cast on 13 sts.
Row 1 (WS) and next WS row P to end.
Row 2 (RS) (K1, M1) 12 times, k1. [25 sts]
Row 4 K3, *(k1, M1) 7 times, k4; rep from * once more. [39 sts]
Work 3 rows in st st, beg with p row.
Row 8 K3, *(k3, M1) 4 times, k6; rep from * once more. [47 sts]
Work 5 rows in st st, beg with p row.
Row 14 K23, p1, k23.
Row 15 P to end.
Change to Yarn B.
Rows 16-19 K to end.
Work 5 rows in st st, beg with p row.
Row 25 P12, PM, p23, PM, p to end.
Row 26 (K to 3 sts before M, k2tog, k1, SM, k1, ssk) twice, k to end. [43 sts]
Work 3 rows in st st, beg with p row.
Rows 30-57 Rep Rows 26-29 7 more times. [15 sts]
Row 58 K2tog to last st, k1. [8 sts]
Row 59 P to end.
Cut yarn leaving long tail, thread tail through sts on needle and gather up leaving small opening.

NOSE

With Yarn A and 2.75mm needles, cast on 5 sts.
Work 6 rows in st st, beg with p row.
Without turning, slip all sts on right-hand needle one by one over first st, fasten off leaving long tail.

BODY

With Yarn C and 2.75mm needles, cast on 8 sts.
Row 1 (WS) P to end.
Row 2 (RS) (K1, M1) to last st, k1. [15 sts]
Row 3 and next 4 WS rows P to end.
Row 4 (K2, M1) to last st, k1. [22 sts]
Row 6 (K3, M1) to last st, k1. [29 sts]
Row 8 (K4, M1) to last st, k1. [36 sts]
Row 10 (K5, M1) to last st, k1. [43 sts]
Row 12 (K6, M1) to last st, k1. [50 sts]
Row 13 P15, k8, p3, k8, p to end.
Work 16 rows in st st, begin with p row.
Change to Yarn A, work 10 rows in st st, begin with p row.
Row 40 K6, (ssk, k2) 4 times, k9, (k2tog, k2) 4 times, k3. [42 sts]
Work 7 rows in st st, begin with p row.
Row 48 K5, (ssk) 6 times, k9, (k2tog) 6 times, k4. [30 sts]
Work 5 rows in st st, begin with p row.
Row 54 K4, (ssk) 4 times, k7, (k2tog) 4 times, k3. [22 sts]
Work 3 rows in st st, begin with p row.
Row 58 K3, (ssk) 3 times, k5, (k2tog) 3 times, k2. [16 sts]
Row 59 P to end.
Row 60 K2, (ssk) 3 times, k1, (k2tog) 3 times, k1. [10 sts]
Row 61 P to end.
Cut yarn leaving long tail, thread tail through sts on needle and gather up leaving small opening.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

With Yarn A and 2.75mm needles, cast on 9 sts.
Row 1 (WS) P to end.
Row 2 (RS) K1, (k1, M1) 6 times, k2. [15 sts]
Work 29 rows in st st, begin with p row.
Row 32 K7, M1R, k1, M1L, k7. [17 sts]
Row 33 P to end.
Row 34 K8, M1R, k1, M1L, k8. [19 sts]
Work 3 rows in st st, begin with p row.
Row 38 K4, (k2tog) twice, CDD, (ssk) twice, k4. [13 sts]
Work 3 rows in st st, begin with p row.
Row 42 K1, (k2tog) twice, CDD, (ssk) twice, k1. [7 sts]
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail through sts on needle and gather up leaving small opening.

BOOTS AND LEGS (MAKE 2)

With Yarn D and 2.75mm needles, cast on 12 sts.
Row 1 (WS) P to end.
Row 2 (RS) K1, M1, k3, (k1, M1) 3 times, k4, M1, k1. [17 sts]
Row 3 and next 2 WS rows P to end.
Row 4 ((K1, M1) twice, k3 (k1, M1) twice, k2) twice omitting last k1. [25 sts]
Row 6 ((K2, M1) twice, k2, (k2, M1) twice, k3) twice omitting last k1. [33 sts]
Row 8 ((K3, M1) twice, k1, (k3, M1) twice, k4) twice omitting last k1. [41 sts]
Work 2 rows in st st, begin with k row.
Work 3 rows in st st, begin with p row.
Row 14 K15, ssk, k7, k2tog, k15. [39 sts]
Row 15 and next 2 WS rows P to end.
Row 16 K15, ssk, k5, k2tog, k15. [37 sts]
Row 18 K15, ssk, k3, k2tog, k15. [35 sts]
Row 20 K9, (k6, ssk, k1, k2tog, k6) cast off these 17 sts as you work them, k to end. [18 sts]
Row 21 P8, p2tog, p8. [17 sts]

Work 10 rows in st st, begin with p row.
Change to Yarn C, work 2 rows in st st,
begin with p row.
Change to Yarn E, work 2 rows in st st,
begin with p row.
Work 14 rows in st st, begin with p row, continuing in
stripe pattern. Cast off.

JACKET
With Yarn F and 3.5mm needles, cast on 35 sts.
Row 1 (WS) K to end.
Row 2 (RS) (buttonhole row) K1, yo, k2tog, k to
end.
Row 3 K3, p5, PM, p4, PM, p12, PM, p4, PM, p4, k3.
Row 4 (K to M, M1R, SM, k1, M1L) 4 times, k to end.
[43 sts]
Row 5 K3, p to last 3 sts, k3.
Rows 6-7 Rep Rows 4-5. [51 sts]
Row 8 (buttonhole row) K1, yo, k2tog, (k to M,
M1R, SM, k1, M1L) 4 times, k to end. [59 sts]
Row 9 K3, p to last 3 sts, k3.
Rows 10-13 Rep Rows 4-5 twice. [75 sts]
Row 14 (buttonhole row) Rep Row 8. [83 sts]
Rows 15-17 Rep Rows 5-7. [91 sts]
Divide for front panels, back and sleeves.
Row 18 K14, remove M, k1, place next 17 sts onto
holder, SM, k26, remove M, k1, place next 17 sts onto
holder, SM, k to end. [57 sts]
Row 19 K3, p to last 3 sts, k3.
Row 20 (buttonhole row) K1, yo, k2tog, (k to 2 sts
before M, kfb, k1, SM, kfb) twice, k to end. [61 sts]
Row 21 K3, p to last 3 sts, k3.
Change to Yarn D and 2.75mm needles.
Rows 22-25 K to end.
Change to Yarn F and 3.5mm needles.
Row 26 (K to 2 sts before M, kfb, k1, SM, kfb) twice,
k to end. [65 sts]
Row 27 K3, p to last 3 sts, k3.

Row 28 (buttonhole row) K1, yo, k2tog, k to end.
Row 29 K3, p to last 3 sts, k3.
Rows 30-31 Rep Rows 26-27. [69 sts]
Row 32 K to end.
Row 33 K3, p to last 3 sts, k3.
Row 34 (buttonhole row) K1, yo, k2tog, (k to 2
sts before M, kfb, k1, SM, kfb) twice, k to end.
[73 sts]
Row 35 K3, p to last 3 sts, k3.
Rows 36-39 K to end.
Cast off.

SLEEVES (MAKE 2)
Starting at under arm, slip 17 sts held on first holder
evenly onto three 3.5mm double pointed needles
and re-join Yarn F. Using fourth double pointed
needle start knitting in the round.
Rounds 1-11 K to end.
Work 3 rows in st st, begin with p row. Cast off.

BEARD
With Yarn G and 9mm needles, cast on 6 sts.
Row 1 (WS) (Kfb) to end. [12 sts]
Rows 2 (RS)-4 K to end.
Row 5 K2tog, k8, k2tog. [10 sts]
Row 6 K to end.
Row 7 K2tog, k6, k2tog. [8 sts]
Row 8 K2tog, k4, k2tog. [6 sts]
Row 9 K2tog, k2, k2tog. [4 sts]
Cast off.

TO FINISH
Using long tails and whip stitch, sew Nico the
Gnome together using image as guide, stuffing as
you go. Embroider belt buckle onto Jacket front
using Yarn C and 4 long stitches. Sew buttons onto
Jacket in line with button holes. Sew jingle bell to
top of Hat using Yarn B. Weave in all ends.

BLOSSOM HANGER

BY SIMY'S STUDIO

Pattern Notes
When transferring design to fabric, always make sure design is centred and fabric grain is straight (not on the bias).

TRANSFERRING DESIGN
There are several ways to transfer design to fabric. Three options are described below. Choose one that best suits you:
1) Tape design to window or lightbox, position fabric on top and tape to window or lightbox. Trace design onto fabric using soluble marker.
2) Tape design to window or lightbox, position soluble stabiliser on top and tape to window or lightbox, trace pattern onto stabiliser. Pin stabiliser to fabric.
3) Tape fabric to desk, place carbon paper on top followed by design and tape both to desk. Trace design using pencil or pointed object such as skewer or knitting needle.

Clamp fabric into embroidery hoop with traced design facing up and screw tight to secure.

EMBROIDERY
Using 2 strands of embroidery thread, embroider over trace lines using split stitch (see page 11). Work leaves first followed by stems and text. Weave in ends through stitches on wrong side of design.
Embroider buds using 6 strands of yellow embroidery thread and French Knot technique (see page 11). Weave in ends through stitches on wrong side of design.

TO FINISH
If using option 1 or 2 for Transferring Design, remove fabric from hoop and soak in water to dissolve marker or stabiliser. Clamp fabric into hoop again and let dry. Use one of the following options to finish backside of work:
1) Cut fabric to make circle with approximately 25cm diameter. Take 2 strands of embroidery thread and sew around fabric using running stitch 1cm from edge. Make stitches approximately 1cm long. Pull tight and tie firmly. Weave in ends.
2) Trim fabric edge and glue to inside of embroidery hoop. Make sure you don't glue on the stretched fabric.

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WOBBLY BEETRICE

BY JOKE POSTMA

Gauge/Tension
22 sts and 28 rows to measure 10 x 10cm
over dc using a 2.5mm hook.

Measurements
19cm (7.5in) high x 11cm (4.3in) wide

Abbreviations
[ ] number of sts on a given round
ch(s) chain or chain stitches
dc double crochet
dc2tog double crochet 2 together to decrease by 1
st: (insert hook in next st/sp, yoh, pull up lp) twice,
yoh, draw through all lps
htr half treble crochet
lp(s) loop(s)
rep repeat(s)
RS right side
ss slip stitch(es)
st(s) stitch(es)
tr treble crochet
yoh yarn over hook

Repeat Formats
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more times/to end** work the instructions after *
and then repeat that section as specified.
(.......) once/twice/3 times work the instructions
between brackets the total number of times stated.

Pattern Notes

This pattern is worked using the amigurumi method. Work sts continuously in a spiral without closing each round with ss. Ch1 at beg of round does not count as stitch throughout. Mark first st of each round with a stitch marker, moving it up as you go. Colour changes take place on last st of round in previous colour; work last yoh of last dc in new colour and pull through.

TOP BODY

With Yarn A, make magic ring.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into ring. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 4 (1dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 dc]
Round 6 (2dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc) 6 times. [36 dc]
Round 7 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 dc]
Round 8 (3dc, 2dc in next st, 3dc) 6 times. [48 dc]
Round 9 (7dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [54 dc]
Round 10 1dc in each st around.
Round 11 (4dc, 2dc in next st, 4dc) 6 times. [60 dc]
Round 12 1dc in each st around.
Round 13 (9dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [66 dc]
Round 14 1dc in each st around.
Round 15 (5dc, 2dc in next st, 5dc) 6 times. [72 dc]
Round 16 1dc in each st around.
Round 17 (11dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [78 dc]
Change to Yarn B.
Rounds 18-21 1dc in each st around.
Change to Yarn A.
Rounds 22-25 1dc in each st around.
Change to Yarn B.
Rounds 26-29 1dc in each st around.
Fasten off and weave in ends

BASE BODY

With Yarn B, make magic ring.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into ring. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 4 (1dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 dc]
Round 6 (2dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc) 6 times. [36 dc]
Round 7 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 dc]
Change to Yarn A.
Round 8 (3dc, 2dc in next st, 3dc) 6 times. [48 dc]
Round 9 (7dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [54 dc]
Round 10 (4dc, 2dc in next st, 4dc) 6 times. [60 dc]
Round 11 (9dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [66 dc]
Change to Yarn B.
Round 12 (5dc, 2dc in next st, 5dc) 6 times. [72 dc]
Rounds 13-15 1dc in each st around.
Change to Yarn A.
Round 16 (11dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [78 dc]
Rounds 17-19 1dc in each st around.
Fasten off leaving a long tail. Place Top and Base parts onto Wobble Ball and sew them together; they may stretch a little.

COLLAR

With Yarn A, ch36, ss in first ch to make ring.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 1dc in same st as ss, 35dc, change to Yarn D and ss in first dc. [36 dc]
Round 2 Ch1, 1dc in same st as ss, *ch5, 1dc in second ch from hook, 3dc, ss in dc at base of 5-ch, 3dc along main Collar; rep from * 11 more times ending last rep with 2dc along main Collar, ss in first dc.
[12 stems of 4 dc]

SHOPPING LIST

WOBBLY BEETRICE

Scheepjes Catona
(100% Mercerised Cotton; 50g/125m)
Yarn A: 249 Saffron x 1 ball
Yarn B: 393 Charcoal x 1 ball

Scheepjes Catona
(100% Mercerised Cotton; 25g/62.5m)
Yarn C: 130 Old Lace x 1 ball
Yarn D: 106 Snow White x 1 ball

2.5mm crochet hook

Wobble ball 110 mm
(item no. 6556)

2 x 8mm safety eyes
(item no. 5633-08-000)

Stitch marker

Scrap black laceweight yarn
or sewing thread

Scrap pink cotton yarn

Polyester stuffing
(item no. 240130-10)

Round 3 Ch1, 1dc in same st as ss, *work along one side of stem from base to tip, 1dc, 1htr, 1tr, 4tr in next st, work along second side of stem from tip to base, 3tr in next st, 1tr, 1htr, 1dc, ch1, 3dc along main Collar, ch1; rep from * 11 more times, ending last rep with 2dc along main Collar. [12 stems and 36 dc along main collar]
Sew Collar onto top of Body between Rounds 6 and 7. Fasten off and weave in ends.

HEAD

With Yarn C, make magic ring.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 8dc into ring. [8 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [16 dc]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [24 dc]
Round 4 (1dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc) 8 times. [32 dc]
Round 5 1dc in each st around.
Round 6 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [40 dc]
Round 7 (2dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc) 8 times. [48 dc]
Round 8 1dc in each st around.
Round 9 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [56 dc]
Rounds 10-20 1dc in each st around.
Add safety eyes between Rounds 13 and 14 leaving 8dc between each eye.
Round 21 (5dc, dc2tog) 8 times. [48 dc]
Round 22 (2dc, dc2tog, 2dc) 8 times. [40 dc]
Round 23 (3dc, dc2tog) 8 times. [32 dc]
Round 24 (1dc, dc2tog, 1dc) 8 times. [24 dc]
Fasten off and stuff Head. Embroider cheeks using pink cotton yarn, between Rounds 15 and 16. Embroider mouth using black laceweight yarn at Round 16 and two eyebrows. Sew Head to Body.

CAP

With Yarn A, make magic ring.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 7dc into ring. [7 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [14 dc]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 7 times. [21 dc]
Round 4 (1dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc) 7 times. [28 dc]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 7 times. [35 dc]
Round 6 1dc in each st around.
Round 7 (2dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc) 7 times. [42 dc]
Round 8 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 7 times. [49 dc]
Round 9 (3dc, 2dc in next st, 3dc) 7 times. [56 dc]
Rounds 10-19 1dc in each st around.
Round 20 27dc, (1htr, 1tr) in next st, ch1, (1tr, 1htr) in next st, 27dc. [54 dc, 2 htr, 2 tr, 1 ch]
Fasten off leaving a long tail. Place cap on Head and sew together along edge.

ANTENNAS (MAKE 2)

With Yarn B, make magic ring.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into ring. [6 dc]
Rounds 2-7 1dc in each st around.
Fasten off leaving a long tail. Sew Antennas onto Cap between Rounds 13 and 14.

WINGS (MAKE 2)

With Yarn D, make magic ring.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into ring. [6 dc]
Round 2 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [9 dc]
Round 3 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [12 dc]
Round 4 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [15 dc]
Round 5 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [18 dc]
Round 6 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [21 dc]
Round 7 (6dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [24 dc]

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Round 8 (7dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [27 dc]
Round 9 (8dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [30 dc]
Round 10 1dc in each st around.
Round 11 (8dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [27 dc]
Round 12 1dc in each st around.
Round 13 (7dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [24 dc]
Round 14 1dc in each st around.
Round 15 (6dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [21 dc]
Rounds 16-18 1dc in each st around.
Bring seam edges together and close with dc through both layers.
Fasten off leaving a long tail. Sew wings onto back of Body between Rounds 13 and 14.

ARMS (MAKE 2)
With Yarn B, make magic ring.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into ring. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Rounds 3-6 1dc in each st around.
Round 7 (1dc, dc2tog) 4 times. [8 dc]
Round 8 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [12 dc]
Round 9 1dc in each st around.
Change to Yarn A.
Rounds 10-11 1dc in each st around.
Change to Yarn B.
Rounds 12-16 1dc in each st around.
Add stuffing, bring seam edges together and close with dc through both layers.
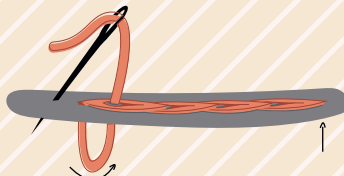Sew Arms to Body between Rounds 12 and 16.

TO FINISH
Weave in all ends.

How to: Split Stitch
This simple stitch is great for outlines, offering an easy alternative to Back Stitch!

Step 1 – Create your first stitch: Working from your starting point and along your trace line, insert your needle from the WS of your design, pull thread through leaving a tail, insert needle again further down

Step 2 – From the WS of your design, insert needle halfway along first stitch in-between the thread fibres; this creates the 'split' effect

Step 3 – Continue along trace line

How to: French Knot

Step 1 – Insert your needle from the WS of your design, pull thread through leaving a tail and wrap thread closest to fabric around needle three times

Step 2 – Insert your needle right beside your working thread (make a new hole) keeping tension on the thread

Step 3 – Pull needle and thread all the way through to make a French Knot

What's on at Simy's Studio: Biodegradable Plant Pot
Our Creative Director Simy has shared a lovely little DIY project that will help you grow seedlings for your veggie patch, and keep them happy when you re-house them. Follow the link to view the full blogpost: https://bit.ly/bioplantpot

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