

The Monster

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SIZE

To fit an innocent smoothie

YARN

A: Turquoise

B: White

Scraps of black yarn

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YOU WILL ALSO NEED

- A pair of 4mm (UK8 / US6) Pony knitting needles
- Small amount of toy stuffing
- Yarn needle for finishing
- Scissors for finishing

TENSION

22 sts and 30 rows over 10cm/4in in stocking stitch on 4mm needles

Note: Tension is not critical for this project

ABBREVIATIONS

K	Knit
kfb	Knit into the front and back of 1 stitch
k2tog	Knit 2 stitches together
P	Purl
RS	Right side of work
st(s)	Stitch(es)
St st	Stocking stitch/Stockinette: Knit on RS, purl on WS
WS	Wrong side of work

PATTERN

Hat

- Using A, cast on 28 sts
- Starting with a RS knit row, work 14 rows in St st
- **Row 15 (RS):** (K5, k2tog) to end. 24 sts
- **Row 16 (WS):** Purl
- **Row 17:** (K4, k2tog) to end. 20 sts
- **Row 18:** Purl
- **Row 19:** (K3, k2tog) to end. 16 sts
- **Row 20:** Purl
- **Row 21:** (K2, k2tog) to end. 12 sts
- **Row 22:** Purl
- **Row 23:** (K2tog) to end. 6 sts Break the yarn leaving a 25cm (10in) tail. Thread tail onto a yarn needle and gather up the 6 sts, pulling tightly to close, then sew the back seam using mattress stitch

Eye (make as many as you like)

- **Row 1 (RS):** Kfb into each st. 8 sts
- **Row 2 (WS):** Purl
- **Row 3:** Kfb into each st. 16 sts
- **Row 4-10:** Starting with a WS purl row, work 7 rows in St st
- **Row 11:** (K2tog) to end. 8 sts
- **Row 12:** Purl

- **Row 13:** (K2tog) to end. 4 sts
- **Row 14:** Purl
- Cast off and break yarn leaving a 20cm (8in) tail

MAKING UP

- Using the oddments of black yarn embroider a French knot in the centre of the finished white piece to form the pupil of the eye. If preferred you can use buttons or googly eyes
- Using the tail of white yarn, weave stitches around the edge of the finished piece, gather slightly and lightly stuff
- Once stuffed, pull the yarn to tightly gather and close the gap, secure. Weave in all loose ends. Sew the eye (or eyes) to the hat in any position
- Using a scrap of black yarn, embroider a small mouth

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