

FAT CAT

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Measuring approximately 30cm (12 inches) tall, this well loved Australian children's character will be loved by children and adults alike.

His striped legs, body and head are knitted in a single piece.

Accessories to be knitted include his shoes, shorts and hat.

Requirements

Double knitting yarn (8 ply) in the following colours : Orange, Red, White, Lemon Yellow, Green, Black, and Grey
pair 3mm (size 10) knitting needles
polyester fibre filling (approx. 180gms)

Fat Cat is knitted in one piece with a seam at the back. The arms, ears, shoes, face, hat, neck bow, braces and shorts are sewn on, after the main body has been sewn and filled.

Legs (*make two*)

*Using Red, cast on 22 sts.

1st row: Knit

2nd row: Purl.

Change colour to White

3rd row: Knit

4th row: Purl

Change colour to Red

Repeat rows 1-4 nine times.* giving a total of 22 rows.

Break off yarn, leaving sts on the left hand needle. Repeat from * to * for second leg, do not break off yarn.

Body, neck and head

Body

Next row: Knit across both legs, inc in 1st and last st of both legs (48 sts)
Keeping stripes correct, st st 9 rows.

Break off both red and white yarns and change to orange yarn.

St st 16 rows in orange.

Neck

Next row: K8, K2 tog, K4, K2 tog, K16, K2 tog, K4, K2 tog, K8. (44 sts)

St st 5 rows.

Head

Next row: K8, inc once in next st, K4, inc once in next st, K16, inc once in next st, K4, inc once in next st, K8. (48 sts)

St st 33 rows.

Next row: K2 tog to end (24 sts)

Break off yarn, leaving a long end then thread it through the remaining sts and leave.

Arms (*make two alike*)

Using orange yarn cast on 8 sts.

1st row: inc Knitwise in every stitch (16 sts)

Beginning with a P row, st st 20 rows.

22nd row: K2 tog, K to last 2 st, K 2 tog.

23rd row: P2 tog, P to last 2 st, P 2 tog.

Repeat row 22 & 23 twice more. (4 sts)

Cast off.

Shoes (*make two alike*)

Using Lemon Yellow yarn, cast on 6 sts.

1st row: inc Knitwise into the first st, K to last st, inc Knitwise in the last st.

2nd row: inc Purlwise into the first st, P to last st, inc Purlwise in the last st (10 sts).

St st 4 rows.

next row: inc Knitwise into the first st, K to last st, inc Knitwise in the last st. (12 sts)

St st 9 rows.

next row: K3, inc in next 6 sts, K3 (18 sts)

St st 7 rows.

Break off lemon yellow yarn and continue in red.

next row: K2 tog three times, K6, K2 tog three times (12 sts)

next row: P

next row: K2 tog, K to last two sts, K2 tog. (10 sts)

next row: P
Break off red and continue with lemon yellow for shoe sole.
St st 26 rows.
next row: K2 tog, K to last two sts, K2 tog.
next row: P2 tog, P to last two sts, P2 tog.
Cast off.

Face (*in Stocking st*)

Using grey yarn, cast on 6 sts
***1st row:* K
2nd row: P
3rd row: inc Knitwise into the first st, K to last st, inc Knitwise in the last st. (8 sts)**
repeat ** to ** (10 sts)
repeat rows 1 & 2.
next row: inc Knitwise in every st (20 sts)
inc in 1st and last st in every row until 26 sts.
St st 3 rows.
next row: K2 tog three times, K6, K2 tog, K6, K2 tog three times (19 sts)
next row: P
Cast off.

Hat (*in garter st*)

Hat Brim

Using green yarn cast on 22sts
1st row: K
next row: inc Knitwise into every st (44 sts)
K 2 rows
Cast off.

Hat Crown

Using green yarn cast on 30 sts
K 12 rows
Cast off.

Hat Band

Using red, cast on 24 sts.
K 2 rows.
Cast off.

Hat Top

Using green yarn, cast on 32 sts.
K 3 rows.
next row: K2 tog to end (16 sts)
next row: K2 tog to end (8 sts)
next row: K2 tog to end (4 sts)
Break off yarn, leaving a long end, then tread it through the remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Neck Bow (*in garter st*)

Using white yarn cast on 12 sts
K 8 rows
Cast off.

Ears (*Make 2 alike for each ear*)

Inside of ear to be made using lemon yellow.
Outside of ear to be made using orange.
Cast on 14 sts.
1st row: P.
2nd row: K1, inc Knitwise in next st, K10, inc Knitwise in next st, K1 (16 sts)
Repeat rows 1 & 2 twice (20 sts)
next row: P
next row: K1, K2 tog, K4, K2 tog three times, K4, K2 tog, K1 (15 sts)
Cast off.

Braces (*make two alike in garter st*)

Using red yarn, cast on 40 sts.
1st row: K
Change to green yarn.
2nd & 3rd row: K
Change to red yarn.
4th row: K
Cast off.

Buttons (*make two alike*)

Using green yarn, cast on 8 sts
Join in red and inc knitwise into every st (16 sts)
Cast off loosely (using larger size needles for an even edge)

Chest Brace (*in garter st*)

Using red yarn, cast on 10 sts.
K 4 rows.
Cast off.

Shorts

Using red yarn, cast on 50 sts.
K 3 rows.
St st 12 rows.
Rib 3 rows.
Cast off.

Pockets (*make 2 alike*)

Using white yarn, cast on 5 sts.
St st 4 rows.
Cast off.

Making up

Body

Join row ends of legs and row ends of body and head, turn right side out and stuff with polyester fibrefiller, through lower edges of legs and top of head. Pull up length of yarn at top of head tightly and fasten off.

Arms

Join ends of arms and round hands, leaving shaped top edge open.

Turn and stuff, then sew open top edge of arm to side of body 1cm down from neck.

Repeat for other arm.

Shoes

Bring cast on and cast off edges of each shoe together and join down sides. Turn shoe right side out and stuff, then ladder stitch the opening. Sew shoe underneath the open edge of the leg with the cast on and cast off edges of the shoe at the back of the leg.

Repeat for the other shoe.

Ears

Sew one lemon ear piece and one orange ear piece together, leaving cast off edges open. Turn right side out and push a little stuffing in each ear, spreading it out evenly. Oversew cast off edges together.

Pin the ear to the top of the head, bring to top edge forward to curve the ear.

Repeat for the second ear.

Face

Pin face in place and stuff the lower section and sew into position, shaping the lower section in a bubbled shape. Run a double yarn from centre bottom up 4cm. Pulling into shape. Place eyes 1cm apart on grey and stitch a triangular nose in black in the centre top of the shaping you made with the double yarn.

Shorts

Join side seams of shorts and stitch the cast on edge at centre forming the two leg holes. Sew pockets on the the shorts. One on each leg leaving the top edge open then work some red dots onto these. Pull up onto doll with seam at centre back.

Braces and Buttons

Place braces over shoulders crossing them over at back, then sew ends of braces to pants.

Join row ends of buttons to form a circle, then sew buttons onto ends of braces at the front of the shorts.

Neck bow

Tie a length of yarn around centre of neck bow to form a bow effect, sew some red dots on the bow tie. Sew under the chin.

Hat

Join row ends of hat brim, then sew the inner edge to the top of head, centred between the ears. Sew hat top to the crown then sew lower edge of crown to the hat brim on the head. Join row ends of hat band, then catch it to the hat all round the lower edge of the crown.

Congratulations! You have now completed Fat Cat, a much loved character in Australia.