

Hissy Fitz

Materials:

- Bulky yarn, colors of choice for body (we used Lion Brand Thick and Quick)
- Knitting needles, US 13
- Yarn needle
- Steam iron for blocking
- Polyester stuffing
- Buttons, scraps of woolen fabric or felt for eyes and mouth
- Embroidery floss or thread
- Gingham ribbon (or ribbon of your choice)



Gauge: Gauge is not critical for this project.

Patterns:

Seed Stitch

Row 1: K1, P1 across

Row 2: P1, K1 across

Repeat rows 1 and 2 for pattern.

Easy to remember tip: If the stitch on the previous row was knit, then purl that stitch on the next row. You will alternate bumps and flat stitches, above and below. Looking for the stitch texture will help you maintain the pattern when you decrease and increase: just look to see what stitch is below, and work the opposite stitch.

Stockinette Stitch

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Purl

Repeat rows 1 and 2 for pattern.

To increase (choose best method for your skills)

Method 1: Knit into a stitch, pull out the loop and slip the loop back onto the left needle: you will then knit two separate stitches instead of one.

Method 2: Knit one stitch; pick up the thread between the knitted stitch and the stitch on the left needle. Slip that “loop” onto the left needle, and knit it, keeping to the pattern. For the end of the row increase: knit until 1 stitch is left; pick up the thread, slip the loop onto the left needle, and knit. Knit the last stitch.

Instructions:

Back (working from the top down)

Cast on (CO) 6 sts.

Work two rows of seed stitch pattern.

Head

With the right side facing you:

Row 1: Keeping to Row 1 of seed stitch pattern, increase 1 st at beginning of row, work across and increase one stitch at end of row. (8 stitches)

Row 2: Keeping to Row 2 of seed stitch pattern, work across.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until you have 16 stitches.

Body

Work in seed stitch for 20 rows. End with right side facing.

Base

This is the stockinette stitch. It will create a flat base.

Row 1: Knit across.

Row 2: Purl across.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 three times (6 rows.)

Body

Work in seed stitch for 20 rows. End with right side facing.

Head

With the right side facing you:

Row 1: Keeping to Row 1 of seed stitch pattern, decrease 1 st at beginning of row, work across and decrease one stitch at end of row. (14 stitches)

Row 2: Keeping to Row 2 of seed stitch pattern, work across.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until you have 6 stitches left.

Bind off.

Ears (make 2)

CO 6 stitches.

Rows 1- 4: Knit

Row 5: Knit two stitches together (k2tog), knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.

Row: 6: Knit

Row 7: K2tog, k2tog

Row 8: Knit

Row 9: K2tog, bind off.

To assemble:

Note: You can bury thread ends inside the doll, and clip threads close to surface to hide them.

Block lightly using steam iron. Sew on eyes, mouth, feet, or other embellishments and details as you desire. With wrong sides together, and flat base at bottom, use yarn needle and yarn to do an overcast stitch from the top right to the beginning of the base. Open up the base, so it is flat (it will look like it is at right angles to the seam.) Stitch across the base (about 1" wide.) End thread. Repeat for left side. Stuff firmly, but not heavily. Sew top closed. Sew on ears, using photo as placement guide.