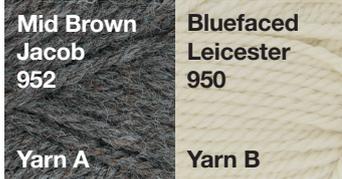




herdy knit-kit

instructions and illustrations on how to knit a herdy hot water bottle cover or a herdy soft toy



yarn

Rowan Purelife British Sheep Breeds Chunky

A Mid Brown Jacob 952 2 x 100gm

B Bluefaced Leicester 950 1 x 100gm

needles

1 pair 6mm (no 4) (US 10) needles

1 spare 6mm (no 4) (US 10) needle (Option 1 hot water bottle cover)

Cable needle (Option 2 herdy soft toy)

extras

Washable toy stuffing.

Sewing up needle.

tension

Option 1 (hot water bottle cover): 15 sts and 20 rows to 10cm measured over texture patt using 6mm (US 10) needles

Option 2 (herdy soft toy): 15 sts and 18 rows to 10cm measured over st st using 6mm (US 10) needles.

finished sizes

Completed hot water bottle cover measures 31cm (12in) (at widest point) and 52cm (20½in) (at longest point).

Completed toy measures approx 24cm (9½in) in height and 30cm (12in) in length.

abbreviations

st st = stocking stitch, one row knit, one row purl

sl 1 = slip 1 stitch

pssso = pass slipped stitch over

P2tog = purl 2 stitches together



P2tog tbl = purl 2 stitches together through back of loops

K2tog = knit 2 stitches together

M1 = on a knit or purl row make one stitch by picking up the horizontal strand of yarn lying between the stitch just worked and the next stitch and knit or purl into the back of it.

special abbreviations

C6F = slip next 3 sts onto cable needle and leave at front of work, K3, then K3 from cable needle;

C6B = slip next 3 sts onto cable needle and leave at back of work, K3, then K3 from cable needle;

C4B = slip next 2 sts onto cable needle and leave at back of work, K2, then K2 from cable needle;

P2tog then K tog same 2 sts = P2tog leaving sts on left hand needle, take yarn to back of work (between needle tips), then K together the same 2 stitches again.

Pattern note: When working from charts read right side rows from right to left and wrong side rows from left to right. Where the chart indicates an increase at the beginning of a row, K1 stitch then use the M1 method explained in the abbreviations section. If increasing at the end of a row, work to last stitch then use the M1 method explained as before. Where chart indicates a decrease use sl 1, K1, pssso at the beginning of a row and K2tog at the end of a row, unless otherwise instructed.

option 1 (hot water bottle cover)

stitch pattern

Row 1 (RS): *P2tog then K tog same 2sts (see special abbreviations), rep from * to last stitch, P1.

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: P1, *P2tog then K tog same 2 sts, rep from * to end.

Row 4: Knit.

These 4 rows form patt.

body front

Using 6mm (US 10) needles and yarn A, cast on 35sts.

Beg and ending rows as indicated, cont in patt from chart 1, and working the 4 row stitch pattern throughout, working all increases and decreases as shown, cont as folls:

Work until 62 rows of chart have been completed, ending with RS facing for next row.

Row 63 (RS): dec 1 st at beg of row, patt until there are 17 sts on right hand needle, turn, leaving rem sts on a holder.

Row 64: Knit.

Row 65: dec 1 st at beg of row, patt to end.

Cast off 4 sts at beg of next 3 rows. 4 sts.

Cast off rem 4 sts.

With RS facing rejoin yarn to rem sts, cast off centre 9 sts, patt to end.

Complete to match first side, reversing shapings.

body back (left side)

Using 6mm (US 10) needles and yarn A, cast on 20sts.

(Pattern note: as left side of body back begins with an even number of sts, the first row of stitch patt will end with P2tog then K tog same 2 sts).

Beg and ending rows as indicated, cont in patt from chart 1, and working the 4 row stitch pattern throughout, working all increases and decreases as shown, cont as folls:

Work until 37 rows of chart have been completed, ending with **WS** facing for next row.

Leave sts on spare needle.

body back (right side)

Using 6mm (US 10) needles and yarn A, cast on 20sts.

(Pattern note: as right side of body back begins with an even number of sts, the first row of stitch patt will end with P1).

Beg and ending rows as indicated, cont in patt from chart 1, and working the 4 row stitch pattern throughout starting with **row 3** of stitch patt, working all increases and decreases as shown, cont as folls:

Work until 37 rows of chart have been completed, ending with **WS** facing for next row.

Row 38 (WS): K1, M1, K14, pick up spare needle holding sts from left side back piece and position this needle behind and parallel to the rem 5 sts on left hand needle, holding both needles in left hand. With right hand needle K one st from front needle and one st from back needle **together** (5 times), K14, M1, K1. 37 sts.

Cont in patt from chart as for Body front.

neck cuff

Using 6mm (US 10) needles and yarn B, pick up and knit 12 sts across cast on edge of body back (left side) as shown on chart, 18 sts across front neck as shown on chart and 12 sts across cast on edge of body back (right side) as shown on chart. 42 sts.

Row 1 (WS): P2, *K2, P2, rep from * to end.

Row 2: K2, *P2, K2, rep from * to end.

These 2 rows form rib.

Cont in rib patt for a further 10 rows, ending with **WS** facing for next row.

Cast off in rib.

legs (make 4)

Using 6mm (US 10) needles and yarn B, cast on 28 sts.

Beg with a K row, work in st st as folls:

Work 6 rows.

Next row (RS): K5, K2tog, K1, sl 1, K1, pssso, K8, K2tog, K1, sl 1, K1, pssso, K5. 24 sts.

Beg with a P row, work 5 rows of st st.

Next row: K4, K2tog, K1, sl 1, K1, pssso, K6, K2tog, K1, sl 1, K1, pssso, K4. 20 sts.

Beg with a P row, work 3 rows of st st.

Next row: K3, K2tog, K1, sl 1, K1, pssso, K4, K2tog, K1, sl 1, K1, pssso, K3. 16 sts.

Cast off purlwise.

head (make 2)

Using 6mm (US 10) needles and yarn B, cast on 4 sts.

Beg and ending rows as indicated, cont in patt from chart 2, which is worked entirely in st st, working all increases and decreases as shown.

Cont until all rows of chart have been completed, ending with **WS** facing for next row.

Cast off.

ears (make 2)

Using 6mm (US 10) needles and yarn B, cast on 8 sts.

Beg with a **P** row, work in st st as folls:

Work 5 rows.

Row 6 (RS): K1, sl 1, K1, pssso, K2, K2tog, K1. 6 sts.

Row 7: Purl.

Row 8: Knit.

Row 9: P1, P2tog, P2tog tbl, P1. 4 sts.

Row 10: Knit.

Row 11: Purl.

Row 12: K1, M1, K2, M1, K1. 6 sts.

Row 13: Purl.

Row 14: Knit.

Row 15: P1, M1, P4, M1, P1. 8 sts.

Beg with a K row, work a further 4 rows in st st.

Cast off.

making up

Legs

Join side seam and bottom seam using back stitch or mattress stitch if preferred. Stuff lightly. (When attaching the legs fold the top seam in the opposite direction to the bottom seam to create the shape of a twisted hard candy).

Body

With WS facing pin the back and front pieces together positioning one leg at each corner (legs will be inside the cover, stitching will be worked through all 4 layers of fabric). Use back stitch to seam body, stitching legs in place as you work around the cover.

Head

Embroider Herdys features to one piece of the head using photograph as guide. Join seams of head using mattress stitch, leaving a small opening for stuffing. Stuff lightly then close gap.

Ears

Fold cast off edge to cast on edge and join seam using mattress stitch. Stitch in place on head piece using photograph and chart 2 as a guide.

Neck Cuff

Join neck cuff seam using mattress stitch. Attach head securely in position using running stitch, by passing the yarn first from the neck cuff into the head catching 1-2 of the horizontal bars that lie between the sts.

option 2 (herdy soft toy)

body

Using 6mm (US 10) needles and yarn A, cast on 38 sts.

Row 1 (RS): Knit.

Row 2 and every foll alt row: Purl.

Row 3: K1, *C6F, K6, rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 5: Knit.

Row 7: K1, *K6, C6B, rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 8: Purl.

These 8 rows form patt.

Rep these 8 rows until 92 rows have been worked in total.

Cast off.

(Note: cast on and cast off edges of this piece will join to form the seam of the underside of the toy).

neck

Using 6mm (US 10) needles and yarn A, pick up and K 66 sts evenly along one side edge of body.

****Row 1 (WS):** P2, *P2tog, P4, rep from * to last 4 sts, P2tog, P2. 55 sts.

Row 2: K1, C6F, K2tog, K5, C6F, (K2tog, K1) 3 times, C6F, K6, C6F, K5, K2tog, K1. 50 sts.

Row 3: Purl.

Row 4: K3, K2tog, K8, (K2tog, K1) 3 times, K6, (K2tog, K1) 3 times, K8, K2tog, K3. 42 sts.

Row 5: *P1, P2tog, rep from * to end. 28 sts.

Row 6: K3, (C6B) 4 times, K1.

Row 7: Purl.

Row 8: K2, K2tog, K6, (K2tog) 4 times, K6, K2tog, K2. 22 sts.

Cut yarn approx 20cm from needles, thread yarn through rem sts.**

bottom

Using 6mm (US 10) needles and yarn A, pick up and K 66 sts evenly along one side edge of body.

Work as given for neck from ** to **.

legs (make 4)

Using 6mm (US 10) needles and yarn B, cast on 12 sts.

Beg with a K row, work in st st as folls:

Work 16 rows.

Cast off.

head (make 2)

Using 6mm (US 10) needles and yarn B, cast on 4 sts.

Beg and ending rows as indicated, cont in patt from chart 3, which is worked entirely in st st, working all increases and decreases as shown.

Cont until all rows of chart have been completed, ending with RS facing for next row.

Cast off.

ears (make 2)

Using 6mm (US 10) needles and yarn B, cast on 7 sts.

Beg with a P row, work in st st as folls:

Work 3 rows.

Row 4 (RS): K1, sl 1, K1, pssso, K1, K2tog, K1. 5 sts

Row 5: Purl.

Row 6: Knit.

Row 7: P1, sl 1 purlwise, P2tog tbl, pssso, P1. 3 sts.

Row 8: Knit.

Row 9: Purl.

Row 10: K1, M1, K1, M1, K1. 5 sts.

Row 11: Purl.

Row 12: Knit.

Row 13: P1, M1, P3, M1, P1. 7 sts.

Beg with a K row, work a further 2 rows in st st.

Cast off.

tail

Using 6mm (US 10) needles and yarn A, cast on 10 sts.

Row 1 (RS): Knit.

Row 2: K1, P8, K1.

Row 3: K2, C6B, K2.

Row 4: As row 2.

Row 5: K1, sl 1, K1, pssso, K4, K2tog, K1. 8 sts.

Row 6: K1, P6, K1.

Row 7: K1, C6F, K1.

Row 8: As row 6.

Row 9: K1, sl 1, K1, pssso, K2, K2tog, K1. 6 sts.

Row 10: K1, P4, K1.

Row 11: K1, C4B, K1.

Row 12: K1, P4, K1.

Thread yarn through rem sts, pull up to gather and secure end.

making up

Body

Pull up sts from neck piece to close. Join neck and underside seam using mattress stitch. Stuff body firmly and then pull together the rem sts at the bottom and using yarn from gathered sts join small seam.

Head

Embroider Herdy's features to one piece of the head using photograph as guide. Join seams of head using mattress stitch, leaving a small opening for stuffing. Stuff lightly then close gap. Using safety pins, position head in place at the neck edge. Attach head securely in position using running stitch, by passing the yarn first from the neck into the head catching 1-2 of the horizontal bars that lie between the sts.

Ears

Fold cast off edge to cast on edge and join seam using mattress stitch. Stitch in place on head piece using photograph as a guide.

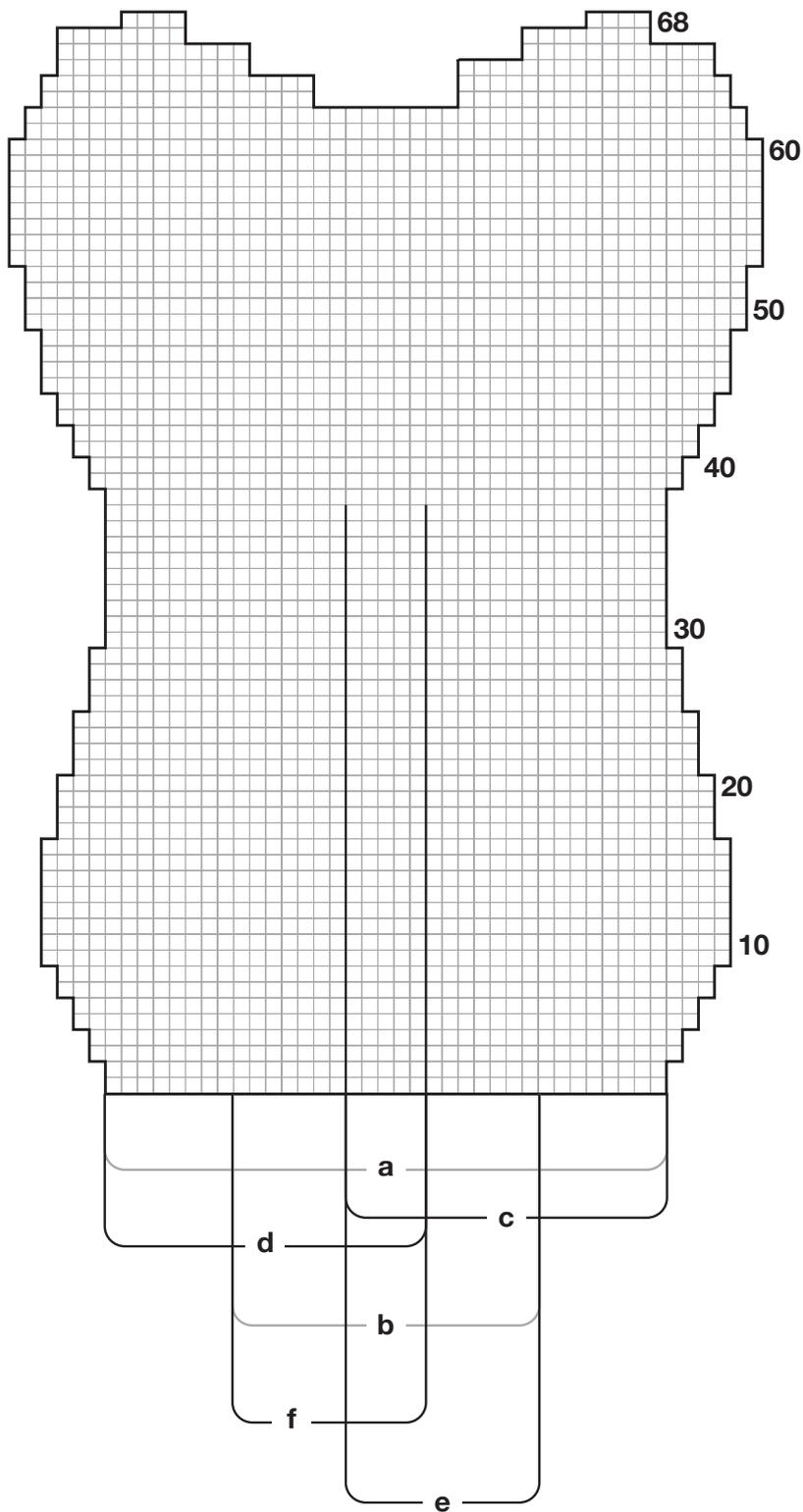
Tail

Position tail over gathered sts at bottom end and sew neatly in place.

Legs (4)

Join cast on and cast off edges then carefully close one end and stuff leg firmly. Position and pin in place each leg at either side of the underside seam. Sew in place.

chart 1



- a: front**
- b: front neck**
- c: body back left side**
- d: body back right side**
- e: body back left neck**
- f: body back right neck**

chart 2

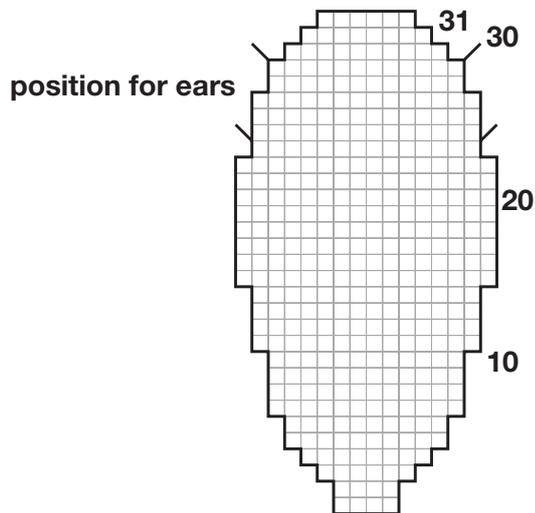


chart 3

