

# - Rainbow Caterpillar -

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## Yarn

- Deramores Studio Baby Soft DK
- 100% Acrylic, DK weight yarn (double knitting or light worsted weight)
- You only need a few grammes from a 100g (330m) skein in each colour:

- **WHITE** - Shade "Snow"
- **PINK** - Shade "Lollipop"
- **ORANGE** - Shade "Sunset"
- **YELLOW** - Shade "Sunshine"
- **GREEN** - Shade "Kiwi"
- **PALE BLUE** - Shade "Mint"
- **DARK BLUE** - Shade "Waves"

## Needles and Notions

- A pair of 3mm (US 2) straight knitting needles; minimum length 20cm
- A darning or tapestry needle
- A few handfuls of toy filling
- Two 5mm black beads for eyes
- Black embroidery floss/thread to sew on beads and embroider the mouth
- Small circles of pink and white felt fabric
- Glue or pink cotton thread to attach the cheeks

# Abbreviations, Techniques and Notes

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<b>K</b>	Knit
<b>k2tog</b>	Knit two stitches together (decrease)
<b>kfb</b>	Knit into the front and back of the stitch (increase)
<b>RS</b>	Right side
<b>st(s)</b>	Stitch(es)
<b>st st</b>	Stockinette stitch. Also known as stocking stitch; knit and purl alternate rows.
<b>WS</b>	Wrong side
<b>(.. sts)</b>	The number in round brackets at the end of the instruction indicates the number of stitches after working the row.
<b>[...]</b>	Repeat the sequence between the square brackets by the number indicated.

**PULL THROUGH TO CAST OFF:** Cut the yarn leaving at least a 30cm tail. Thread the tail onto a darning needle and sew through the remaining sts on the knitting needle. Pull the sts off the knitting needle on to the yarn, gather together tightly and secure the yarn.

**WORK FLAT:** All pieces are knitted flat (back and forth) on straight knitting needles.

**TENSION:** Yarn knits as DK to this tension: 24 sts x 30 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stockinette stitch using 3mm needles.

**FINISHED SIZE:** One size: 29cm long.

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# Knitting Pattern

## CATERPILLAR

Make 1.

Cast on 10 sts in Dark Blue yarn on 3mm straight needles using the long tail cast on.

**Row 1 (WS):** Purl.

**Row 2 (RS):** K1, [kfb] 8 times, k1. (18 sts)

**Rows 3 to 7:** Starting and ending on a WS purl row, work 5 rows in st st.

Break the Dark Blue working yarn.

Work rows 8 to 91 in stockinette, starting on a RS knit row and ending on a WS purl row, working 6 row stripes in each colour in the following order:

**Rows 8 to 13:** Pale Blue.

**Rows 14 to 19:** Green.

**Rows 20 to 25:** Yellow.

**Rows 26 to 31:** Orange.

**Rows 32 to 37:** Pink.

**Rows 38 to 43:** White.

**Rows 44 to 49:** Pale Blue.

**Rows 50 to 55:** Dark Blue.

**Rows 56 to 61:** Green.

**Rows 62 to 67:** Yellow.

**Rows 68 to 73:** Orange.

**Rows 74 to 79:** Pink.

**Rows 80 to 85:** White.

**Rows 86 to 91:** Pale Blue.

Break the Pale Blue Yarn and join Green yarn for the head.

**Row 92:** Knit.

**Row 93:** Purl.

**Row 94:** K1, [kfb, k1] 8 times, k1. (26 sts)

**Row 95:** Purl.

**Row 96:** K1, [kfb, k5] 4 times, k1. (30 sts)

**Rows 97 to 103:** Starting and ending on a WS purl row, work 7 rows in st st.

**Row 104:** K1, [k2tog, k2] 7 times, k1. (23 sts)

**Row 105:** Purl.

**Row 106:** K1, [k2tog, k1] 7 times, k1. (16 sts)

**Row 107:** Purl.

**Row 108:** K1, [k2tog] 7 times, k1. (9 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

## ANTENNAE

Make 2.

Cast on 4 sts in Green yarn on 3mm straight needles using the long tail cast on.

**Rows 1 to 5:** Starting and ending on a WS purl row, work 5 rows in st st.

**Row 6:** K1, kfb, kfb, k1. (6 sts)

**Row 7:** Purl.

Pull through to cast off.

## MAKING UP

Use mattress stitch to sew the seams.

For the caterpillar, starting at the cast off end at the front of the head, sew the side edges together adding stuffing as you sew. Note that the seam runs down the underside of the body. Roll the caterpillar like a rolling pin to make sure your stuffing is evenly spread throughout, then gather the cast on sts together at the bottom end.

At each body section, cut a 20cm length of yarn in the body section colour, thread onto a

darning needle and sew a long running stitch around the body over the colour change row. Pull the ends of the yarn firmly to gather in the knitting to make an indentation, knot to secure the yarn and bury the yarn tails inside the body.

For each antennae, using the cast off tail sew the side edges together, and sew the cast on end onto the top of the head.

Cut two white 11mm diameter circles in white felt fabric for the eyes. Using the black thread sew beads on top of these circles on the head in front of the antennae.

Use the black thread to embroider a smiley mouth on the front of the head.

Cut two 8mm diameter circles in pink felt fabric for the cheeks, and glue or sew these onto the sides of the head over the ends of the mouth.

