

ALEC the ALLIGATOR

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YARN

- Patons Baby Smiles Fairytale Fab 4 Ply
- 100% Acrylic, 4 ply yarn
- 1 x 50g/184m skein



GREEN: shade "Jade" (01070)

NEEDLES

- A pair of straight 3.25mm (US 3) knitting needles; minimum length 20cm

NOTIONS

- A pair of 6mm toy safety eyes
- Toy filling (less than 50g)
- A darning or tapestry needle to sew the knitted pieces together
- 1 metre of white 4 ply yarn to embroider the teeth

SIZE

- The finished alligator is 19cm long.

ABBREVIATIONS, TECHNIQUES AND NOTES

k	Knit
k2tog	Knit two stitches together (decrease)
kfb	Knit into the front and back of the next stitch (increase)
p	Purl
rem	Remaining
rep	Repeat
RS	Right side
ssk	Slip the next stitch on the left needle knit-wise, then slip the next stitch on the left needle purl-wise. Take the left needle and knit through the front of the two slipped stitches on the right needle to decrease by one stitch.
st(s)	Stitch(es)
WS	Wrong side
(.. sts)	The number in round brackets at the end of the instruction indicates the number of stitches after working the row.
[...]	Repeat the sequence between the square brackets by the number indicated.

CASTING ON: Unless otherwise specified, use the long tail cast on for all pieces.

CASTING OFF: Unless otherwise specified, use a regular knitted cast off for all pieces.

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.

SEWING SEAMS: Use mattress stitch to sew the seams unless otherwise specified.

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

TENSION: The tension is 28 sts x 36 rows for a 10cm x 10cm square in stockinette stitch on 3.25mm needles.

MARKING STITCHES: This will help you identify the neckline when sewing together. Use a piece of waste yarn in a contrasting colour to the knitting, thread it through the stitch to be marked and tie in a loose knot so it can be easily removed later.



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ALLIGATOR BODY

Make 1.

Start at the tip of the tail.

Cast on 5 sts in green on straight 3.25mm needles.

Row 1 (WS): Purl (5 sts)

Row 2 (RS): K1, [kfb, k1] x 2 (7 sts)

Row 3: P2, k3, p2 (7 sts)

Row 4: Knit (7 sts)

Row 5: P2, k3, p2 (7 sts)

Row 6: K1, [kfb] x 2, k1, [kfb] x 2, k1 (11 sts)

Row 7: P3, k5, p3 (11 sts)

Row 8: Knit (11 sts)

Rows 9 to 10: Rep rows 7 and 8 (11 sts)

Row 11: P3, k5, p3 (11 sts)

Row 12: K2, [kfb] x 2, k3, [kfb] x 2, k2 (15 sts)

Row 13: P4, k7, p4 (15 sts)

Row 14: Knit (15 sts)

Rows 15 to 16: Rep rows 13 and 14 (15 sts)

Row 17: P4, k7, p4 (15 sts)

Row 18: K3, [kfb] x 2, k5, [kfb] x 2, k3 (19 sts)

Row 19: P5, k9, p5 (19 sts)

Row 20: Knit (19 sts)

Rows 21 to 22: Rep rows 19 and 20 (19 sts)

Row 23: P5, k9, p5 (19 sts)

Row 24: K4, [kfb] x 2, k7, [kfb] x 2, k4 (23 sts)

Row 25: P6, k11, p6 (23 sts)

Row 26: Knit (23 sts)

Rows 27 to 28: Rep rows 25 and 26 (23 sts)

Row 29: P6, k11, p6 (23 sts)

Row 30: K4, kfb, k1, kfb, k9, kfb, k1, kfb, k4 (27 sts)

Row 31: P7, k13, p7 (27 sts)

Row 32: Knit (27 sts)

Rows 33 to 42: Rep rows 31 and 32 five more times (27 sts)

Row 43: P7, k13, p7 (27 sts)

Row 44: K2, [k2tog, k1] x 8, k1 (19 sts)

Row 45: P5, k9, p5 (19 sts)

Note that row 45 is the neckline. Mark the stitch at each end of the row to help you identify it when making up.

Row 46: K2, [kfb, k1] x 8, k1 (27 sts)

Row 47: P7, k13, p7 (27 sts)

Row 48: Knit (27 sts)

Rows 49 to 50: Rep rows 47 and 48 (27 sts)

Row 51: P7, k13, p7 (27 sts)

Row 52: K2, [k2tog, k1] x 3, k6, [k2tog, k1] x 3, k1 (21 sts)

Row 53: P5, k11, p5 (21 sts)

Row 54: Knit (21 sts)

Rows 55 to 56: Rep rows 53 and 54 (21 sts)

Row 57: P6, k9, p6 (21 sts)

Row 58: K4, ssk, k2tog, k5, ssk, k2tog, k4 (17 sts)

Row 59: P5, k7, p5 (17 sts)

Row 60: Knit (17 sts)

Row 61: P5, k7, p5 (17 sts)

Row 62: K3, ssk, k2tog, k3, ssk, k2tog, k3 (13 sts)

Row 63: P4, k5, p4 (13 sts)

Row 64: Knit (13 sts)

Row 65: P4, k5, p4 (13 sts)

Row 66: K2, ssk, k2tog, k1, ssk, k2tog, k2 (9 sts)

Row 67: P3, k3, p3 (9 sts)

Row 68: K1, [k2tog] x 4 (5 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

ALLIGATOR LEGS

Make 4.

Start at the top of the leg.

Cast on 6 sts in green on straight 3.25mm needles.

Row 1 (WS): Purl (6 sts)

Row 2 (RS): Knit (6 sts)

Row 3: Purl (6 sts)

Rows 4 to 7: Rep rows 2 and 3 twice more (6 sts)

Row 8: K1, kfb, k2, kfb, k1 (8 sts)

Row 9: Purl (8 sts)

Row 10: [K2, kfb] x 2, k2 (10 sts)

Row 11: Purl (10 sts)

Cast off all sts.

MAKING UP



BODY: Note that the cast off sts are the front of the snout. Insert the toy safety eyes, then sew the side edges of the body together, stuffing as you sew. Gather the cast on sts together at the tail. At the neckline

(row 45), tie a 30cm length of green yarn around the neck and pull tight, knot firmly, and hide the yarn tails inside the stuffing. Embroider a zigzag of teeth in white yarn around the front of the head.

LEGS: For each leg fold the cast off edge in half and oversew this edge closed at the bottom of the foot. Sew the side edges of the leg together and sew the cast on edge onto the side of the body.

