

ANDY THE LLAMA

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YARN

Sirdar, Hayfield Bonus DK, 100% Acrylic, DK weight yarn (double knitting or light worsted weight); less than 25g in each colour

 **Cream:** shade "Cream"

 **Brown:** shade "Oatmeal"

 **Blue:** shade "Denim"

 **Green:** shade "Grass"

Tension 6 sts x 8 rows per 2.5cm square

NEEDLES & NOTIONS

A pair of straight 3mm (US 2½) knitting needles; minimum length 20cm

A tapestry needle for seaming

A few handfuls of toy filling

Approx 30cm of black embroidery thread to add the features

SIZE

One size - the llama stands at about 14cm tall



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KEY

byf	Bring the yarn to the front
k	Knit
kfb	Knit into the front and back increase
k2tog	Knit two stitches together decrease
p	Purl
p2tog	Purl two stitches together decrease
RS	Right side
slip1	Slip the next stitch purl-wise
st(s)	Stitch(es)
tyb	Take the yarn to the back
WS	Wrong side

NOTES

CASTING ON

Use the long tail cast on unless otherwise specified and leave a 30cm yarn tail for seaming.

PULL THROUGH TO CAST OFF

Break the yarn leaving a 30cm tail, thread the tail onto a tapestry needle and thread through the stitches on the knitting needle, pulling them off the needle and onto the yarn, and pull tight to gather together.

SEAMING

Use your cast on/off tails for seaming in mattress stitch. A one stitch seam allowance has been included in the pattern.

STOCKINETTE

Also known as stocking stitch, knit RS rows and purl WS rows.

KNITTING PATTERN

BODY

Make 1.

Cast on 20 sts in cream yarn on straight 3mm needles.

Start at the bottom edge.

Row 1 (WS): Knit.

Row 2 (RS): [K1, kfb, k6, kfb, k1] 2 times. (24 sts)

Row 3: Knit.

Row 4: [K2, kfb, k6, kfb, k2] 2 times. (28 sts)

Row 5: Knit.

Row 6: [K3, kfb, k6, kfb, k3] 2 times. (32 sts)

Rows 7 to 15: Knit.

Row 16: K3, k2tog, k22, k2tog, k3. (30 sts)

Row 17: Knit.

Row 18: K2, k2tog, k22, k2tog, k2. (28 sts)

Row 19: Cast off the first 9 sts, knit to the last 9 sts, cast off the last 9 sts and break the working yarn. (10 sts)

You should have 10 sts in the middle of the knitted piece for the neck. Rejoin the cream yarn to work these 10 sts from row 20 below.

Rows 20 to 30: Knit.

Cast off all sts.

HEAD

Make 1.

Cast on 10 sts in cream yarn on straight 3mm needles.

Start at the back of the head.

Row 1 (WS): Knit.

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

Rows 3 to 10: Knit.

Row 11: K2, [k2tog] 7 times, k2. (11 sts)

Break the cream working yarn and join brown.

Rows 12 to 16: Starting on a RS knit row work 5 rows in stockinette.

Row 17: [P2tog] 5 times, p1. (6 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

LEGS

Make 4.

Cast on 8 sts in cream yarn on straight 3mm needles.

Start at the top of the leg.

Rows 1 to 4: Knit.

Break the cream working yarn and join brown.

Rows 5 to 16: Starting on a RS knit row work 12 rows in stockinette.

Rows 17 and 18: Knit.

Pull through to cast off.

EARS

Make 2.

Using the cable cast on method, cast on 4 sts in cream yarn on straight 3mm needles. Then cast off to make a small strip of knitting.

TAIL

Make 1.

Using the cable cast on method, cast on 7 sts in cream yarn on straight 3mm needles. Then cast off to make a small strip of knitting.

BLANKET

The blanket incorporates a slip stitch pattern: byf, slip1, tyb.

For "byf" bring the working yarn from the back of the work to the front of the work between the two needles. Then "slip1" by slipping the next stitch on the left-hand needle purl-wise onto the right-hand needle. Then "tyb" to take the yarn to the back of the work again between the two needles.

This creates a decorative horizontal bar on the front of the work.

At the colour-change rows you do not need to break the working yarn, simply carry the unused colour up the side of the work.

Make 1.

Cast on 9 sts in blue yarn on straight 3mm needles.

Row 1 (WS): In blue yarn purl.

Drop the blue yarn and join green.

Row 2 (RS): In green yarn [k1, byf, slip1, tyb] to the last stitch, k1.

Row 3: In green yarn purl.

Drop the green yarn and pick up blue.

Row 4: In blue yarn [k1, byf, slip1, tyb] to the last stitch, k1.

Row 5: In blue yarn purl.

Rows 6 to 25: Repeat rows 2 to 5 five more times.

Cast off all sts in the blue yarn and break both green and blue yarns.

MAKING UP

Body: Fold the piece in half and sew together the cast on edge along the bottom of the body, the side edges at the back of the body, and the cast off edges along the top of the body. Add stuffing, then sew the side edges of the neck together adding stuffing as you go, but leave the cast off edge opening at the top of neck open.

Head: Sew the side edges together, adding stuffing as you sew, and gather the cast on stitches together at the back of the head. The seam runs down the centre underside of the head. Embroider the eyes and nose in black embroidery thread over the brown part of the head. Sew the underside of the cream head onto the top of the neck.



Ears: Sew one end of each ear onto the top of the head.

Tail: Sew one end onto the top back corner of the body.

Legs: Sew the side edges together, adding stuffing as you go. Sew the cast on edge onto the underside of the body.

Blanket: Weave in yarn tails and place over the llama's back. You can sew it onto the llama if you prefer to keep it in position.

