

TOBY the TIGER

KNITTING PATTERNS BY AMANDA BERRY

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YARN + NOTIONS

Needles:

- A pair of 3.5mm straight knitting needles (US 4)

Notions:

- 2 x 6mm toy safety eyes
- Toy filling (less than 200g)
- A darning or tapestry needle to sew the knitted pieces together
- *Optional:* 2 x stitch markers

Yarn:

All DK weight yarns, and less than 50g in each colour:

-  **Orange:** For the tiger
"Bright Orange" 981
-  **Dark Grey:** For the tiger stripes
"Dark Grey Mix" 790
-  **Cream:** For the tiger's nose and paws
"Cream" 812
-  **Black:** To embroider the nose
"Black" 965

The yarn brand used was "Hayfield Bonus DK" and was sold in skeins weighing 100g; one skein in each colour will be more than sufficient to knit the tiger.



NOTES

Finished size: The tiger is approximately 24cm tall, when standing from toes to tips of ears.

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

Tension: The tension is approximately 6 sts x 8.5 rows per square inch in stockinette on straight 3.5mm needles. Don't worry too much about tension, as the knitted pieces will stretch a bit when the toy is stuffed.

Casting on: Unless otherwise specified, I prefer to use the long tail cast on for all pieces.

Sewing seams: Use mattress stitch to sew the seams.

ABBREVIATIONS

DK Double knitting or light worsted weight yarn

inc4 *Multiple increase:* Knit into the front, then the back, then the front again, then the back again, and then the front again of the next stitch to make 4 additional stitches.

k Knit

k2tog *Decrease:* knit two stitches together.

k3tog *Double decrease:* knit three stitches together as follows:

- put the tip of the right hand needle knit-wise into the 2nd and then the 1st sts on the left needle (as if you were going to knit 2 together).
- Slip the two sts onto the right hand needle.
- knit the next st on the left hand needle as normal.
- Lift the two slipped sts on the right hand needle over the knitted st on the right hand needle.

kfb *Increase:* knit into the front and back of the stitch

knitting stripes

When knitting stripes, carry the unused yarn up the side of the work as you knit with the other colour.

p Purl

p2tog *Decrease:* purl two stitches together

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.

rep Repeat

RH Right-hand

RS Right side

slip Slip the next stitch on the left needle onto the right needle purl-wise (unless otherwise specified) without knitting or purling the stitch.

ssk *Decrease:* 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

st(s) Stitch(es)

turn Turn the work (as you would at the end of the row), but leave some stitches unworked at the end of the row. In this pattern, you do not need to wrap the next stitch at the point of the turn (so no need to wrap and turn), simply turn the work and then work the next row.

WS Wrong side

[...] Repeat the sequence between the square brackets by the number indicated.

(.. sts) The number in round brackets at the end of the instruction indicates the number of stitches after working the row.

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Tiger Body

Make 1. Cast on 11 sts in orange on straight 3.5mm needles.

Work rows 1 to 6 in orange.

Row 1: p (11 sts, WS)

Row 2: [kfb] x 10, k1 (21 sts)

Row 3: p (21 sts)

Row 4: [k1, kfb] x 10, k1 (31 sts)

Row 5: p (31 sts)

Row 6: [k2, kfb] x 10, k1 (41 sts)

Work rows 7 to 28 in orange and dark grey stripes.

Row 7: in dark grey p (41 sts)

Row 8: in dark grey k (41 sts)

Row 9: in orange p (41 sts)

Row 10: in orange k (41 sts)

Rows 11 to 22: rep rows 7 to 10 three times (41 sts)

Row 23: in dark grey p (41 sts)

Row 24: in dark grey k6, ssk, k5, k2tog, k11, ssk, k5, k2tog, k6 (37 sts)

Row 25: in orange p (37 sts)

Row 26: in orange k5, ssk, k5, k2tog, k9, ssk, k5, k2tog, k5 (33 sts)

Row 27: in dark grey p (33 sts)

Row 28: in dark grey k4, ssk, k5, k2tog, k7, ssk, k5, k2tog, k4 (29 sts)

Work rows 29 to 34 in orange.

Row 29: p (29 sts)

Row 30: k3, ssk, k5, k2tog, k5, ssk, k5, k2tog, k3 (25 sts)

Row 31: p (25 sts)

Row 32: k2, ssk, k5, k2tog, k3, ssk, k5, k2tog, k2 (21 sts)

Row 33: p (21 sts)

Row 34: [k2tog] x 10, k1 (11 sts)

Cast off all sts in orange.

Tiger Head

Make 1. Cast on 9 sts in orange on straight 3.5mm needles.

Work rows 1 to 6 in orange.

Row 1: p (9 sts, WS)

Row 2: k1, [kfb] x 8 (17 sts)

Row 3: p (17 sts)

Row 4: k1, [kfb, k1] x 8 (25 sts)

Row 5: p (25 sts)

Row 6: k1, [kfb, k2] x 8 (33 sts)

Work rows 7 to 16 in orange and dark grey stripes.

Row 7: in dark grey p (33 sts)

Row 8: in dark grey k1, [kfb, k3] x 8 (41 sts)

Row 9: in orange p (41 sts)

Row 10: in orange k1, [kfb, k9] x 4 (45 sts)

Row 11: in dark grey p (45 sts)

Row 12: in dark grey k (45 sts)

Row 13: in orange p (45 sts)

Row 14: in orange k (45 sts)

Row 15: in dark grey p (45 sts)

Row 16: in dark grey k (45 sts)

Work rows 17 to 20 in orange.

Row 17: p (45 sts)

Row 18: k1, k2tog, k1, [k6, ssk] x 2, k5, [k2tog, k6] x 2, k1, ssk, k1 (39 sts)

Row 19: p (39 sts)

Row 20: k8, [ssk, k2] x 3, k1, [k2tog, k2] x 3, k6 (33 sts)

Work rows 21 to 34 in cream.

Row 21: p (33 sts)

Optional: use stitch markers to mark the the 15th and 18th sts on row 21 as a guide for positioning the eyes.

Row 22: k1, k2tog, k to the last 3 sts, ssk, k1 (31 sts)

Row 23: p (31 sts)

Rows 24 to 31: rep rows 22 and 23 four times (23 sts)

Row 32: [k2tog] x 11, k1 (12 sts)

Row 33: p (12 sts)

Row 34: [k2tog] x 6 (6 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

Tiger Ears

Make 2. Cast on 13 sts in orange on straight 3.5mm needles.

Work rows 1 to 2 in orange.

Row 1: k (13 sts)

Row 2: k5, k3tog, k5 (11 sts, WS)

Work rows 3 to 6 in cream.

Row 3: k (11 sts)

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Row 4: k4, k3tog, k4 (9 sts)

Row 5: k (9 sts)

Row 6: k3, k3tog, k3 (7 sts)

Cast off all sts.

Tiger Legs

Make 2. Cast on 9 sts in orange on straight 3.5mm needles.

Work rows 1 to 18 in orange and dark grey stripes.

Row 1: in orange p (9 sts, WS)

Row 2: in orange k1, [kfb] x 8 (17 sts)

Row 3: in orange p (17 sts)

Row 4: in orange k (17 sts)

Row 5: in dark grey p (17 sts)

Row 6: in dark grey k (17 sts)

Rows 7 to 18: rep rows 3 to 6 three times (17 sts)

Work rows 19 to 28 in orange.

Row 19: p (17 sts)

Row 20: k4, [kfb] x 9, k4 (26 sts)

Row 21: p (26 sts)

Row 22: k8, [kfb, k1] x 5, k8 (31 sts)

Row 23: p (31 sts)

Row 24: k11, [kfb, k2] x 3, k11 (34 sts)

Row 25: p (34 sts)

Row 26: k (34 sts)

Rows 27 to 28: rep rows 25 and 26 (34 sts)

Work rows 29 to 34 in cream.

Row 29: p (34 sts)

Row 30: k1, [k2tog, k1] x 11 (23 sts)

Row 31: p (23 sts)

Row 32: k1, [k2tog] x 11 (12 sts)

Row 33: p (12 sts)

Row 34: [k2tog] x 6 (6 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

Tiger Arms

Make 2. Cast on 8 sts in orange on straight 3.5mm needles.

Work rows 1 to 4 in orange.

Row 1: p (8 sts, WS)

Row 2: k1, [kfb] x 6, k1 (14 sts)

Row 3: p (14 sts)

Row 4: k (14 sts)

Work rows 5 to 20 in orange and dark grey stripes.

Row 5: in dark grey p (14 sts)

Row 6: in dark grey k (14 sts)

Row 7: in orange p (14 sts)

Row 8: in orange k (14 sts)

Rows 9 to 20: rep rows 5 to 8 three times (14 sts)

Work rows 21 to 28 in cream.

Row 21: p (14 sts)

Row 22: k6, inc4, turn, [p2tog] x 2, turn, k2tog, lift the 2nd st on the RH needle over the 1st st on the RH needle, k7 (14 sts)

Row 23: p6, p2tog, p6 (13 sts)

Row 24: k (13 sts)

Row 25: p (13 sts)

Rows 26 to 27: rep rows 24 and 25 (13 sts)

Row 28: [k2tog] x 6, k1 (7 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

Tiger Tail

Make 1. Cast on 8 sts in orange on straight 3.5mm needles.

Work rows 1 to 4 in orange.

Row 1: p (8 sts, WS)

Row 2: [k1, kfb] x 4 (12 sts)

Row 3: p (12 sts)

Row 4: k (12 sts)

Work rows 5 to 20 in dark grey and orange stripes.

Row 5: in grey p (12 sts)

Row 6: in grey k (12 sts)

Row 7: in orange p (12 sts)

Row 8: in orange k (12 sts)

Rows 9 to 20: rep rows 5 to 8 three times (12 sts)

Work rows 21 to 28 in cream.

Row 21: p (12 sts)

Row 22: k (12 sts)

Rows 23 to 26: rep rows 21 and 22 twice (12 sts)

Row 27: p (12 sts)

Row 28: [k2tog] x 6 (6 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

MAKING UP

Head: Note that the cast off sts are the tiger's nose. Insert the toy safety eyes on the head using the marked stitches as a guide. Sew the side edges of the head piece together and add stuffing as you sew. Note that this seam runs down the centre underside of the head. Finish by gathering the cast on sts together at the back of the head.

Nose: Using black yarn, embroider the nose in a triangle shape on the front of the head with a vertical line beneath it. Note that the bottom point of the triangle is positioned over the gathered cast off sts at the front of the head (see the photo below).



Body: Note that the cast off sts are the neckline, and this edge is left open. Sew the side edges of the body piece together and add stuffing as you sew. This seam runs down the centre back of the body. Finish by gathering the cast on sts together at the bottom of the body.

Join the head to the body: Sew the underside of the head onto the cast off sts at the top of the body.

Ears: Note that the cast on sts are the outer edge of the ears. Sew the side and cast off edges

of each ear to the top back sides of the head.

Arms: Note that the cast off sts are the hand. Sew the side edges together, adding stuffing as you sew. This seam runs down the back of the arm, and the tops of the arms are only lightly stuffed. Finish by gathering the cast on sts together at the top of the arm.

Legs: Sew the side edges of the leg together, adding stuffing as you sew. Note that this seam runs down the back of the leg and the tops of the legs are only lightly stuffed. Gather the cast on sts together to close the top of the leg.

Attach the arms and legs: Sew the finished arms to the top sides of the body and sew the finished legs to the bottom sides of the body.

Tail: Note that the cast off sts are the tip of the tail. Sew the side edges of the tail together, adding stuffing as you sew. This seam runs down the underside of the tail. Sew the cast on edge of the tail to the back of the body.

