Parrot

Instructions

Body

Cast on 5 sts in the colour of your choice.
Row 1: kf/b in every st (10).
Row 2: p.
Row 3: (k1, kf/b) to end (15).
Row 4: k for fold line.
Row 5: k.
Row 6: p.
Row 7: k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog (13).
Row 8: p (change colour if you are making a 3-coloured parrot).
Row 9: k1, (k2tog, k1) to end (9).
Row 10: p.
Row 11: Change colour, k.
Row 12: p.
Row 13: k.
Row 14: p.
Row 15: (k1, k2tog) to end (6).
Break yarn, draw it through sts on needle, pull tightly and fasten off.

Beak

With yellow yarn, cast on 3 sts.
Row 1: p.
Row 2: k1, k2tog. Pass the first st over the second st and fasten off. Hide the fastened-off yarn inside the beak and pull gently so that the beak curves inwards.

Wings: make two

Cast on 6 sts in the colour of your choice.
Rows 1–3: st/st, starting with a p row.
Row 4: k1, k2tog twice, k1 (4).
Row 5: p.
Row 6: (k2tog) twice (2).
Pass the first stitch over the second stitch and fasten off.

Note

For shorter, round wings, omit row 6. Thread stitches through a sewing needle after row 5, pull tightly and fasten off.

Tail

Work in g-st.
With main colour, cast on 3 sts.
Rows 1–2: k.
Row 3: k1, k2tog (2).
Row 4: k.
Pass the first stitch over the second stitch and fasten off.

Materials

DK (8-ply) yarn: 3g (⅛oz) in bright colours of your choice and small amounts of black and yellow

Stuffing

Size

3cm (1¼in) high

Difficulty level

Intermediate

Making up

Pierce the body at the centre of the base with a threaded needle, take it out at the back of the neck and repeat. Pull gently to flatten the base for stability and fasten off. Attach the beak, tail and wings. Embroider the eyes with French knots in black yarn, and the feet with back stitches in yellow yarn or your choice of colour. Sew a few strands of yarn on top of the head for a crest, if desired.

This Parrot project is taken from **Mini Knitted Safari** by Sashiyo Ishii