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COSY CUB SLEEPING BAG

BY JO ALLPORT

FOREST ANIMALS

Have you ever been out walking in your local environment and spotted a furry (or spiky) friend scurrying by? In our small part of the world, the Netherlands, we are so fortunate to be close to many beautiful forests, big and small! All the wonderful things that forests give our world, such as shelter, food and all kinds of critters, are often closer to us than they may seem. From Mr. Prickles to Mrs. Fox and the Cosy Cub Sleeping Bag inspired by our hibernating furry friends, this issue of Pretty Little Things is dedicated to bringing forest animals from the wild and into your very own homes. Enjoy!

Scheepjes Creative Director

COSY CUB SLEEPING BAG

Gauge/Tension
21 sts and 38 rows to measure 10 x 10cm over moss st using 4mm needles.

Measurements
Actual length, buttoned, excluding Hood 67cm
Width 42cm
Height of Hood, excluding Ears 18cm

Abbreviations
[ ] number of sts on a given row
beg beginning
cont continue
k knit
k2tog knit 2 sts together: insert needle kwise into first two sts and knit them together
kwise knitwise
M1 make 1: to increase by 1 st by picking up the horizontal bar between 2 sts with left needle
p purl

p2tog purl 2 sts together: insert needle pwise into first 2 sts and purl them together (right leaning decrease)
patt(s) pattern(s)
pwise purlwise
rep(s) repeat(s)
RS right side
sl1p slip 1 st pwise
ssk slip 1 st kwise, slip next st kwise, insert left needle into front of 2 slipped sts and knit them together
st(s) stitch(es)
st st stocking stitch: RS knit, WS purl
tbl through back loop(s)
WS wrong side
wyib with yarn in back: bring working yarn to back of work
wyif with yarn in front: bring working yarn to front of work (as if to purl)
**yo** yarn over

NOTES

Use this space to write your pattern notes!

*.......; rep from * once more /3 more times/ to */to end** work the instructions after * and then repeat that section as specified; the same applies to any number of asterisks: **.......; rep from ** etc. **(.......) once/twice/3 times** work the instructions between brackets the total number of times stated

Pattern Notes

Cosy Cub Sleeping Bag is worked using intarsia method in two colours, with each edge in rib using Yarn A (worked from two separate balls) and centre in Moss st using Yarn B. Twist the yarns when changing colour to avoid holes. For rib patt, work sts how they present on the left needle: knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts. For moss st, work sts opposite to how they present on the left needle: purl the knit sts and knit the purl sts.
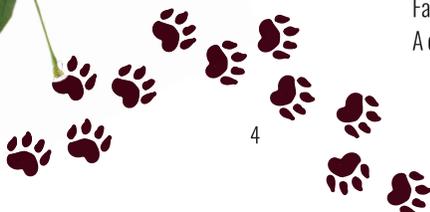
Instructions

MAIN SLEEPING BAG

With 4mm needles and Yarn A, cast on 93 sts.
Note: Use separate balls for each section and twist yarns at colour changes (intarsia method).
Next row (RS) With Yarn A, k1, (p1, k1) 7 times, with Yarn B, k1, *p1, k1; rep from * to last 15 sts, with separate ball of Yarn A, k1, (p1, k1) 7 times.
Next row (WS) With Yarn A, p1, (k1, p1) 7 times, with Yarn B, k1, *p1, k1; rep from * to last 15 sts, with Yarn A, p1, (k1, p1) 7 times.
These 2 rows set rib edges on 15 sts at beg and end of row with centre moss st panel over 63 sts. Work in patt until work measures 86cm, ending with WS row.
Front
Cont in patt.
Buttonhole row (RS) With Yarn A, work 7 sts in rib, **sl1p wyif, (sl1p wyib, pass previous slipped st over last st) twice, return last st back to left needle, turn, using cable or knitted method cast on 3 sts, turn, sl1p wyib, pass last cast-on st over slipped st**, work 5 sts in rib, with Yarn B, work in moss st to last 15 sts, with Yarn A, work 6 sts in rib, rep from ** to **, work in rib to end.
Work straight in patt a further 11 rows.
Rep these 12 rows 8 more times.
Rep Buttonhole row once more.
Work straight in patt a further 7 rows, ending with WS row.
Fasten off Yarn B and cont with one ball of Yarn A only.

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Hem
Next row (RS) Work 15 sts in rib, k4, (M1, k6) 9 times, M1, k5, work 15 sts in rib. [103 sts]
Next row (WS) *P1, k1; rep from * to last st, p1.
Work a further 12 rows in rib as set.
Buttonhole row (RS) Work 7 sts in rib, yo, p2tog, work in rib to last 9 sts, p2tog, yo, work 7 sts in rib.
Work a further 7 rows in rib.
Cast off in rib.

OUTER EAR (MAKE 2)
With 4mm needles and Yarn A, cast on 23 sts.
Beg with a k row, work 12 rows in st st.
Shape Top Ear
Row 1 (RS) K2, ssk, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2.
Row 2 (WS) Purl.
Rep these 2 rows 3 more times. [15 sts]
Next row (RS) K2, ssk, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2. [13 sts]
Next row (WS) P2, p2tog, p to last 4 sts, p2tog tbl, p2. [11 sts]
Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. [5 sts]
Cast off.

INNER EAR (MAKE 2)
With 4mm needles and Yarn A, cast on 23 sts.
Note: Use separate balls for each section and twist yarns at colour changes (intarsia method).
Row 1 (RS) With Yarn A, k6, with Yarn C, k11, with Yarn A, k6.
Row 2 (WS) With Yarn A, p6, with Yarn C, p11, with Yarn A, p6.
These 2 rows set colours and st st.
Cont in patt as set a further 10 rows.

Shape Top Ear
Row 1 (RS) With Yarn A, k6, with Yarn C, k1, ssk, k to last 9 sts, k2tog, k1, with Yarn A, k6.
Row 2 (WS) With Yarn A, p6, with Yarn C, p to last 6 sts, with Yarn A, p6.
Rep these 2 rows 3 more times. [15 sts]
Fasten off Yarn C and cont with one ball of Yarn A only.
Next row (RS) K7, ssk, k to last 9 sts, k2tog, k7. [13 sts]
Next row (WS) P2, p2tog, p to last 4 sts, p2tog tbl, p2. [11 sts]
Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. [5 sts]
Cast off.

To Finish

Block Main Sleeping Bag, making sure to match width of ribbed hem to rest of work, and Ear sections. Fold cast-on edge in half, then seam the two halves together to form Hood. Fold bottom a few rows below first buttonhole row, bring up front of Sleeping Bag and attach buttons to correspond with buttonholes. Join side and cast-off edges of Inner Ear to Outer Ear, then rep for second Ear. Sew Ears onto hood (use photo as guide). Weave in all ends.

STITCH LINE

BODY

OPENING FOR STUFFING

POSITION OF LOOP TAPE
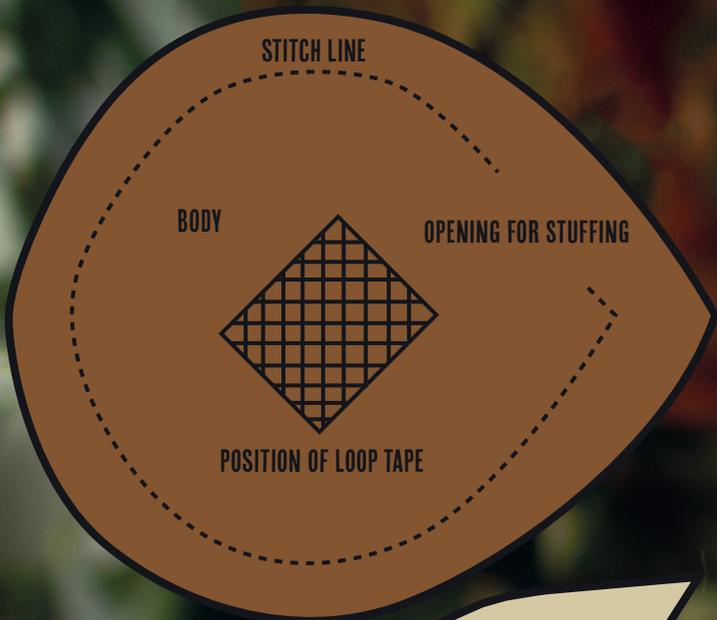
FACE

MR. PRICKLES PINCUSHION
BY ELIZABETH BARRACLOUGH

Abbreviations
RS right side
WS wrong side

Measurements
Hedgehog is approximately 9 x 6cm

Pattern Notes
Pincushion can be attached to a wristband or your sewing machine to keep work surfaces free. If making wristband, you will also need a tape measure, iron and sewing machine. Self-adhesive hook and loop tape make positioning easier than non-adhesive variant, and can be used to directly attach Pincushion to your sewing machine. If using non-adhesive hook and loop tape, use small amount of glue for placement. Sew tape onto felt with sewing machine or by hand using pliers to help pull needle through thickness.

Instructions

WRISTBAND (OPTIONAL)

Step 1 Measure around your wrist where you would wear a watch strap. Add 8cm to measurement to calculate length. Cut a piece of fabric to measure length x 12cm.

Step 2 With WS facing, fold short ends in by 1cm. Fold strip in half so long sides meet and iron. Open back out and fold the long raw edges in so that they meet at centre (but don't overlap) and iron. Fold in half again to make Wristband with all raw edges enclosed to measure (your wrist measurement + 6cm) x 3cm, iron.

Step 3 Making sure that all edges meet, top stitch around Wristband 3mm from edge.

Step 4 Cut a 2cm piece of loop tape and position at centre of Wristband, this will be the outer side of the band. Cut a 4cm piece of hook tape and position 1.5cm in from right hand side. Turn Wristband over. Cut a 4cm piece of loop tape and position 0.5cm in from left hand side. Check fit around wrist and adjust tape position if needed. Sew hook and loop pieces in place (see Pattern Notes). Secure and tidy up thread ends.

HEDGEHOG

Step 1 Trace template on p. 6, cut out two Body pieces from brown felt and two Face pieces from cream felt.

Step 2 Sew 2cm piece of loop tape to RS of one Body piece for attaching to Wristband or sewing machine. If attaching Pincushion to sewing machine, attach 2cm piece of self-adhesive hook tape to sewing machine.

Step 3 With loop tape facing outwards, sew around Body pieces held together by hand or machine with matching thread and a 1cm seam allowance. Leave 3cm opening at Face end. Stuff Body firmly then continue to sew opening closed. Use pinking shears to trim around Body edge about 0.5cm from stitch line.

Step 4 Using two strands of black embroidery thread, sew French Knot on RS of one Face piece to make Eye. Sew Mouth on same piece of felt with backstitch and attach small button Nose (use image as guide).

Step 5 Place two Face pieces together, WS facing. Starting at Nose and working down either side, begin whip stitching together. After a few stitches, sandwich the Body between the Face pieces (see Schematic on p.6) and sew through all layers to attach. Note: Do not sew down the 'spikes' at the back of the Face or they will lose their shape.

To Finish

Attach Hedgehog to Wristband or your sewing machine and add pins. Glass-headed pins will look particularly good on your Pincushion!

SHOPPING LIST

MR. PRICKLES PINCUSHION

1 sheet of brown felt
(item no. 10100-011)

1 sheet of cream felt
(item no. 10100-041)

1 spool brown Gütermann Sew-All thread
(item no. G303-200-179)

1 spool cream Gütermann Sew-All thread
(item no. G303-200-003)

Black DMC Stranded Cotton embroidery thread
(item no. 117MC-0310)

Polyester stuffing
(item no. 240130-10)

5mm black or brown button
(or two small circles of felt)

Glass-headed pins
(item no. 96131)

Pinking shears

Sewing needle

Wristband (optional)

10cm x 20mm Prym self-adhesive hook and loop tape (optional)
(item no. 968.655)

30 x 15cm cotton fabric
(item no. 95066 or 95062)

1 spool brown Gütermann Sew-All thread
(item no. G303-200-019)

MRS. FOX

BY NIENKE JONGSTRA

Gauge/Tension
Tension is not critical for this project.

Measurements
13cm wide x 20cm high

Abbreviations
[ ] number of stitches on a given row.
blo back loop only: insert hook under back loop only
ch(s) chain(s)
dc2tog double crochet 2 together to decrease by 1 st: (insert hook in next st, yoh, pull up loop) twice, yoh pull through both loops
dc double crochet
inc increase by 1 st: insert hook in next st blo, dc, insert hook in same st, dc
mr magic ring
ss slip stitch(es)
st(s) stich(es)
yoh yarn over hook
(.......) once/twice/3 times work the instructions between brackets the total number of times stated

Pattern Notes
This pattern is worked in rows, turn work at end of each row.

Instructions

BODY (MAKE 2)
With Yarn A, ch26.
Row 1 (RS) 1l (does not count as s throughout), 1dc in second ch from hook, 1inc, 21dc, 1inc, 1dc. [27 sts]
Row 2 (WS) 1l, 25dc, 1inc, 1dc. [28 sts]

Row 3 1l, 1dc, 1inc, 24dc, 1inc, 1dc. [30 sts]
Row 4 1l, 28dc, 1inc, 1dc. [31 sts]
Row 5 1l, 1dc, 1inc, 27dc, 1inc, 1dc. [33 sts]
Row 6 1l, 33dc.
Row 7 1l, 1dc, 1inc, 31dc. [34 sts]
Row 8 1l, 34dc.

RIGHT SIDE OF OPENING
Note: To make Opening in Body, don't work complete row.
Row 9 1l, 1dc, 1inc, 9dc. [12 sts]
Row 10 1l, 12dc.
Row 11 1l, 1dc, 1inc, 10dc. [13 sts]
Row 12 1l, 13dc.
Row 13 1l, 1dc, 1inc, 11dc. [14 sts]
Row 14 1l, 14dc.
Row 15 1l, 1dc, 1inc, 12dc, fasten off. [15 sts]

LEFT SIDE OF OPENING
Join Yarn A with ss in 27th st of Row 8.
Row 9 (RS) 1l, ch1, (skip 1 dc) 6dc. [7 sts]
Rows 10-15 1l, 7dc.

CLOSING THE OPENING
Row 16 1l, 7dc, 16ch, 15dc. [38 sts]
Row 17 1l, 1dc, 1inc, 36dc. [39 sts]
Rows 18-19 1l, 39dc.
Row 20 1l, 37dc, 1inc, 1dc. [40 sts]
Rows 21-22 1l, 40dc.

TAIL
Note: Don't work complete row.
Row 23 1l, 13dc.
Row 24 1l, 1dc, dc2tog, 10dc. [12 sts]

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Row 25 1l, 7dc, (dc2tog) twice, 1dc. [10 sts]
Row 26 1l, 1dc, dc2tog, 7dc. [9 sts]
Rows 27-33 1l, 9dc, fasten off.
Change to Yarn B.
Row 34 1l, (1dc, 1dc in next st one row lower) 4 times, 1dc. [9 sts]
Row 35 1l, 9dc.
Row 36 1l, 1dc, dc2tog, 3dc, dc2tog, 1dc. [7 sts]
Row 37 1l, 7dc.
Row 38 1l, 1dc, dc2tog, 1dc, dc2tog, 1dc. [5 sts]
Row 39 1l, 1dc, dc2tog, 1dc. [3 sts]
Row 40 1l, skip 2 dc, 1dc, fasten off. [1 st]

UPPER BODY
Join Yarn A with ss in 14th st of Row 22.
Row 23 (RS) 1l, 1dc in same st as ss (does not count as st), ch1, 23dc, dc2tog, 1dc. [26 sts]
Row 24 (WS) 1l, 26dc.
Row 25 1l, 1dc, dc2tog, 20dc, dc2tog, 1dc. [24 sts]
Row 26 1l, 24dc.
Row 27 1l, 1dc, dc2tog, 18dc, dc2tog, 1dc. [22 sts]
Row 28 1l, 22dc.
Row 29 1l, 1dc, dc2tog, 16dc, dc2tog, 1dc. [20 sts]
Row 30 1l, 20dc.
Row 31 1l, 1dc, dc2tog, 14dc, dc2tog, 1dc. [18 sts]
Row 32 1l, 1dc, dc2tog, 12dc, dc2tog, 1dc. [16 sts]
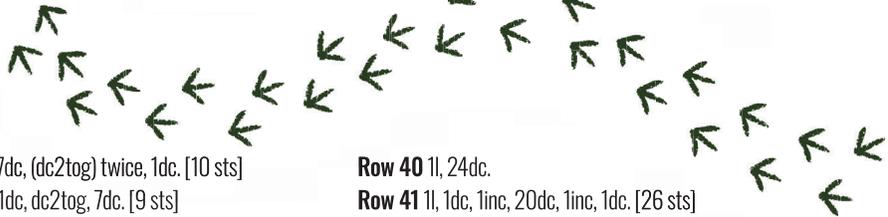Row 33 1l, 1dc, dc2tog, 10dc, dc2tog, 1dc. [14 sts]
Row 34 1l, 14dc.
Row 35 1l, 1dc, (1incr) twice, 8dc, (1incr) twice, 1dc. [18 sts]
Row 36 1l, 1dc, 1inc, 14dc, 1inc, 1dc. [20 sts]
Row 37 1l, 1dc, 1inc, 16dc, 1inc, 1dc. [22 sts]
Row 38 1l, 22dc.
Row 39 1l, 1dc, 1inc, 18dc, 1inc, 1dc. [24 sts]

Row 40 1l, 24dc.
Row 41 1l, 1dc, 1inc, 20dc, 1inc, 1dc. [26 sts]
Rows 42-48 1l, 26dc.
Row 49 1l, 1dc, dc2tog, 20dc, dc2tog, 1dc. [24 sts]
Row 50 1l, 24dc.
Row 51 1l, 1dc, dc2tog, 18dc, dc2tog, 1dc. [22 sts]
Row 52 1l, 22dc.
Row 53 1l, 1dc, dc2tog, 16dc, dc2tog, 1dc. [20 sts]
Row 54 1l, 1dc, dc2tog, 14dc, dc2tog, 1dc. [18 sts]
Row 55 1l, 1dc, dc2tog, 12dc, dc2tog, 1dc. [16 sts]
Row 56 1l, 1dc, dc2tog, 10dc, dc2tog, 1dc. [14 sts]
Row 57 1l, skip 2 dc, 9dc, skip 2 dc, 1dc. [10 sts]
Row 58 1l, skip 2 dc, 5dc, skip 2 dc, 1dc, fasten off. [6 sts]

CHEEK (MAKE 2)
With Yarn B, ch6.
Row 1 1l (does not count as s throughout), 1dc in second ch from hook, 4dc. [5 sts]
Row 2 1l, 1dc, 1inc, 3dc. [6 sts]
Row 3 1l, 1dc, dc2tog, 1dc, 1inc, 1dc. [6 sts]
Row 4 1l, 1dc, 1inc, 4dc. [7 sts]
Row 5 1l, 1dc, dc2tog, 2dc, 1inc, 1dc. [7 sts]
Row 6 1l, 1dc, 1inc, 5dc. [8 sts]
Row 7 1l, 1dc, dc2tog, 3dc, 1inc, 1dc. [8 sts]
Row 8 1l, 8dc.
Row 9 1l, 1dc, dc2tog, 5dc. [7 sts]
Row 10 1l, 7dc.
Row 11 1l, 1dc, dc2tog, 4dc. [6 sts]
Row 12 1l, 1dc, (dc2tog) twice, 1dc. [4 sts]
Row 13 1l, 1dc, skip 2 dc, 1dc, fasten off. [2 sts]
Edge around both Cheeks with dc, ss to first dc, fasten off.

EAR (MAKE 2)
Join Yarn B with ss to top of Body using image as a guide

and work through both front and back pieces of Body.
Row 1 1dc in same st as ss (does not count as st), ch1, 3dc. [4 sts]
Row 2 1l (does not count as s throughout), 4dc.
Row 3 1l, skip 1 dc, 3dc. [3 sts]
Row 4 1l, skip 1 dc, 2dc. [2 sts]
Row 5 1l, skip 1 dc, 1dc, fasten off.
With Yarn A, edge around both Ears with two rows of dc, working through both Body pieces at edges. Fasten off.

EYES AND NOSE (MAKE 3)
With Yarn C, make mr.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc, ss to first dc, fasten off.

To Finish

Join Yarn B with ss to any corner of Opening of Body.
Round 1 1dc in same st as ss (does not count as st), ch1, 45dc, ss to ch-1, fasten off. [46 sts]
Note: Work 7dc on both sides of Opening and 16dc across top and bottom of Opening.
Repeat for second Opening.
Sew both Openings together.

EDGING BODY
Note: Stuff as you go and insert (optional) squeaker halfway.
Join Yarn C with ss, ch1 (does not count as s), 1dc in same s as ss, work through both front and back pieces of Body, edge around Body with dc, ss to first dc, turn.
Note: Work 2dc or 3dc in corner s.
Work 1 ss into each st around, fasten off.
Using image as guide, sew on Cheeks, Eyes and Nose.
Weave in all ends.

THE HIDDEN TALENT OF A PINCUSHION!

There's often more to a pin cushion than simply providing a safe place to store your pins. They can provide an added benefit of keeping your pins super sharp.

Here's how:
1. Make your pincushion out of wool felt and/or stuff it with wool! The natural lanolin found in wool will help keep your pins smooth and sharp.

2. Fill your pincushion with steel wool for even more effective results. Keep in mind to choose a very fine steel wool to lower the risk of abrasion.

3. For a plant-based option, fill your pincushion with ground walnut shells whose oils help maintain your pins and needles. Be sure to pop them inside some lining to prevent oil transfer and keep them in a safe place where your pets can't get their paws on them.

4. Get your hands on some old-school 'emery sand' which is a mixture of finely ground metals and minerals designed to be the most effective option for keeping pins and needles sharp! Like steel wool, this filling can cause some abrasion.
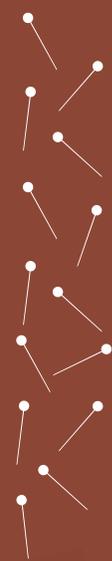
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