



GREAT FOR IMPROVERS



DK YARN



3MM NEEDLES

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Seated height: 15cm

Standing height: 12cm

KNIT KIT

Yarn: Stylecraft Special DK, shades (A) 1821 Grass Green, one 50g ball, (B) 1316 Spring Green, (C) 1019 Cloud Blue, (D) 1826 Kelly Green, (E) 1001 White, (F) 1002 Black, (G) 1836 Vintage Peach, small amounts of each. Other brands of yarn in similar colours are available

Needles: 3mm

Sturdy card (min): 15cm x 27cm

Ruler

Masking tape

Safety toy stuffing

Tapstry needle

ABBREVIATIONS

beg - beginning

cont - continue/s

DK - double knitting

fol(s) - following/follows

k - knit

k2tog - knit two stitches together

kfb - knit into the front and the back of next stitch

min - minimum

p - purl

p2tog - purl two stitches

patt - pattern

pfb - purl into the front and the back of next stitch

rem - remaining

rep - repeat

RH - right-hand

RS - right side

st(s) - stitch(es)

st st - stocking stitch

tog - together

WS - wrong side

Safety NOTES

As Alphablock A is likely to be given to very young children, choose safety toy stuffing that is certified to be fire safe and free from toxins and harmful substances. Ensure your oversewing, appliqué and embroidery are all secure for this character to withstand play time.



Alphablock A

SHE'S THE FIRST LETTER OF THE ALPHABET AND ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR CHARACTERS IN THE CBEEBIES SHOW THAT HELPS LITTLE ONES TO LEARN THEIR ABC

Say hello to this lively character who, along with other letters from the Alphablocks programme, uses phonics to tell stories, make words and sing songs. Our friend Alphablock A is a little accident-prone, so don't forget to add her sticking plaster. She has been created by Sachiyo Ishii, and you'll want to get crafty with card and tape to make up the box for her distinctive shape. Follow the instructions to download the template, and use the photograph as a guide for stitching her features, and she'll be A-OK for play!

Start
knitting
here...

BODY

Using yarn B, cast on 14 sts

NOTE: wind a small extra ball each of yarn A and yarn B, or use both tails from the same ball

Join in yarn A

Cast on four sts in yarn A, join in another end of yarn B, cast on four sts in yarn B, join in another end of yarn A, cast on 14 sts in A. 36 sts

Keep colours correct and cross yarn at colour change to prevent any gaps forming

Row 1 (WS): p9, k1, p16, k1, p9

Row 2: k to end

Last two rows set patt

Rows 3-15: cont in patt for 13 rows

Cut yarns A and B. Join in yarn C, cont in yarn C only

Row 16: k to end

Row 17 (edge between colours): k to end

Rows 18-35: beg with a k

(RS) row, work in patt for 18 rows

Row 36: k1, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k12, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k1. 30 sts

Row 37: p7, k1, p14, k1, p7

Row 38: cast off seven sts (one st on RH needle), p15 for top front edge, cast off to end. 16 sts

Cut yarn C. With WS facing, rejoin yarn C to rem sts

Rows 39-46: beg with a p (WS) row, work in st st for eight rows

Row 47 (back edge): k to end

Row 48: k to end

Row 49: p1, pfb, p to last two sts, pfb, p1. 18 sts

Rows 50-66: beg with a k (RS) row, work in st st for 17 rows

Row 67 (edge between colours): k to end

Cut yarn C, join in yarn B

NOTE: letter foll instruction indicates yarn shade

Row 68: k5 B, k4 A, k4 B, k5 A

Keep colours correct and twist yarn at colour change to prevent any gaps forming

Rows 69-82: beg with a p (WS) row, work in st st for

14 rows

Row 83 (back bottom edge): k to end

Rows 84-94: beg with a k (RS) row, work in st st for 11 rows

Cast off

EYE (make two)

Using yarn E, cast on one st

Row 1 (WS): pfb. Two sts

Row 2: kfb, k1. Three sts

Row 3: p1, pfb, p1. Four sts

Row 4: k1, kfb, k2. Five sts

Row 5: p to end

Row 6: k1, k2tog, k2.

Four sts

Row 7: p1, p2tog, p1.

Three sts

Row 8: k2tog, k1. Two sts

Row 9: p2tog. One st

Fasten off

PUPIL (make two)

Cut a length of yarn F and separate two plies to use as one strand, cast on four sts

Thread tail through sts, pull tight and fasten off, stitch ends tog to form a circle

PLASTER

Using yarn G, cast on four sts

Row 1 (WS): p1, (pfb) twice, p1. Six sts

- Row 2: k1, kfb, k2, kfb, k1. Eight sts
- Row 3: p1, p2tog, p2, p2tog, p1. Six sts
- Row 4: k1, k2tog, pass first st over second (to cast off first st), cast off to last two sts, k2tog, cast off last st

CENTRE OF PLASTER

Cut a length of yarn G and separate two plies to use as one strand, cast on three sts

- Row 1: k to end
- Row 2: p to end
- Cast off

MOUTH

Using yarn F, cast on 18 sts

- Row 1 (WS): (p2tog) to end. Nine sts
- Cut yarn, thread through sts, pull tight and fasten off, stitch

ends tog to form mouth

LETTER A Curved front

Using yarn F, cast on 20 sts

- Row 1 (WS): (p3, p2tog) twice, (p2tog, p3) twice. 16 sts
- Cast off

Straight back

Using yarn F, cast on ten sts

- Row 1 (WS): p to end
- Cast off

ARM (make two)

Using yarn A, cast on 12 sts

- Row 1 (WS): p to end
- Row 2: (k1, kfb) three times, (kfb, k1) three times. 18 sts
- Rows 3-5: beg with a p row, work in st st for three rows
- Row 6: k3, k2tog, k2, (k2tog) twice, k2, k2tog, k3. 14 sts

- Row 7: p to end
- Row 8: k1, k2tog, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 12 sts
- Rows 9-15: beg with a p row, work in st st for six rows
- Cast off

LEG (make two)

Using yarn A, cast on 12 sts

- Work as for Arms to Row 5. 18 sts
- Row 6: k5, (k2tog) four times, k5. 14 sts
- Rows 7-14: beg with a p row, work in st st for eight rows
- Cast off

TO MAKE UP

See panel to download the card template and construct the inner box. Join Body seams at top and sides with mattress stitch and leaving bottom open. Insert

cardboard box but do not close seams yet. Sew Pupils to Eyes. Using yarn E, make a French knot in each Pupil. Pin Eyes and Mouth to Body using photo as a guide. Sew Centre of Plaster to main Plaster and pin to Body. Pin component letter pieces to upper part of Body using photo as a guide. Seam and stuff limbs and pin to Body. Remove box and sew pieces in place. Using yarn F, embroider nose with fly stitch. Using yarn E, embroider teeth in satin stitch. Using yarn D, outline eyes and embroider eyebrows, and add French knots to cheeks as freckles. Sew bottom Body seam. Using yarn D, embroider one long stitch over Arm end to divide hand.

Card INSERT

Print or copy the template for Alphablock A's card insert onto card using tracing paper. Cut out and lightly score any folding edges with a blunt point. Fold into shape, taping one side at a time. There is no allowance for top corners, simply connect the corners with masking tape. If you feel your box is not holding its shape well, you can fill with a little toy stuffing to help.





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