

'HOCOCO' THE LEMUR designed by Alan Dart

This lemur pattern was commissioned by [Hotter Comfort Concept](http://www.hotter.com/) to be knitted and sold to raise money for the Sisters of the Good Shepherd orphanage in Madagascar. He was named Hococo by Hotter Comfort Club reader Jean Summers of Wooton Under Edge.

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MEASUREMENTS

22cm/8 1/2in tall.

MATERIALS

Of Sirdar Country Style D.K. 100g balls: 35g in Hazel (shade no.500), 15g in White (shade no.412), 5g in Black (shade no.417), and a small amount in Mango (shade no.583). Pair of 3mm (no.11) knitting needles; 40g of washable toy stuffing; long tweezers.

TENSION

26 sts and 36 rows to 10cm, measured over stocking stitch worked with D.K. on 3mm needles.

ABBREVIATIONS

beg = beginning; dec = decrease (by working 2 stitches together); gs = garter stitch; inc = increase (by working into front and back of stitch); K = knit; P = purl; ss = stocking stitch; st(s) = stitch(es); SKPO = slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over; tog = together.

NOTE

Use 3mm needles throughout, cast on by using the cable (two needle) method, and begin all pieces with a K row.

BODY BACK make 1 piece

With Hazel cast on 10 sts for base edge and ss 2 rows.

1st inc row: Inc into every st to end [20 sts].

P 1 row.

2nd inc row: (Inc 1, K1) to end [30 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

3rd inc row: (K1, inc 1, K1) to end [40 sts].

Ss 19 rows.

1st dec row: (K2, K 2 tog, K1) to end [32 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

2nd dec row: (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [24 sts].

Ss 11 rows.

3rd dec row: (K5, K 2 tog, K5) twice [22 sts].

Ss 9 rows.

4th dec row: (K5, K 2 tog, K4) twice [20 sts].

P 1 row. Cast off for neck edge.

BODY FRONT make 1 piece

With White cast on 5 sts for base edge and ss 2 rows.

1st inc row: Inc into every st to end [10 sts].

P 1 row.

2nd inc row: (Inc 1, K1) to end [15 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

3rd inc row: (K1, inc 1, K1) to end [20 sts].

Ss 19 rows.

1st dec row: (K2, K 2 tog, K1) to end [16 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

2nd dec row: (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [12 sts].

Ss 11 rows.

3rd dec row: K5, K 2 tog, K5 [11 sts].

Ss 9 rows.

4th dec row: K5, K 2 tog, K4 [10 sts].

P 1 row. Cast off for neck edge.

HEAD make 1 piece

With Hazel cast on 10 sts for back edge and ss 2 rows.

1st inc row: Inc into every st to end [20 sts].

P 1 row.

2nd inc row: (Inc 1, K1) to end [30 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

3rd inc row: (K1, inc 1, K1) to end [40 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

Change to White and ss 4 rows.

1st dec row: (K2, K 2 tog, K1) to end [32 sts].

P 1 row.

2nd dec row: (K1, K 2 tog, K1) to end [24 sts].

P 1 row.

3rd dec row: K4, (K 2 tog) eight times, K4 [16 sts].

P 1 row.

Change to Black and ss 4 rows.

4th dec row: (K1, SKPO, K2, K 2 tog, K1) twice [12 sts].

P 1 row.

5th dec row: (K1, SKPO, K 2 tog, K1) twice [8 sts].

P 1 row.

Cast off for front edge.

EAR BACKS make 2 pieces

With White cast on 11 sts for base edge and ss 2 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row.

P 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows three more times [3 sts].

Cast off for top edge.

EAR LININGS make 2 pieces

With Hazel work as given for ear backs.

EYES make 2 pieces

With Black cast on 10 sts for outside edge.

Change to Mango and K 1 row.

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

LEGS make 2 pieces

With Hazel cast on 12 sts for base edge and ss 4 rows.

1st inc row: (K1, inc 1, K1) to end [16 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

2nd inc row: (K1, inc 1, K2) to end [20 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

3rd inc row: (K2, inc 1, K2) to end [24 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row.

P 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows five more times [12 sts].

Dec row: (K1, K 2 tog) to end [8 sts].

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

FEET make 2 pieces

With Hazel cast on 14 sts for front edge and ss 4 rows.

Dec row: K3, K 2 tog, K4, SKPO, K3 [12 sts].

Ss 7 rows.

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

ARMS make 2 pieces

With Hazel cast on 6 sts for top edge and ss 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at beg of next 6 rows [12 sts].

Cast on 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows for underarm [18 sts].

Ss 16 rows.

1st dec row: (K4, K 2 tog, K3) twice [16 sts].

Ss 5 rows.

2nd dec row: (K3, K 2 tog, K3) twice [14 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

3rd dec row: (K3, K 2 tog, K2) twice [12 sts].

P 1 row.

4th dec row: (K2, K 2 tog, K2) twice [10 sts].

Ss 3 rows.

Inc row: (Inc 1, K2, inc 1, K1) twice [14 sts].

Ss 4 rows.

Cast off for front of paw.

FINGERS AND TOES make 4 pieces

With Hazel cast on 6 sts and gs 6 rows.

Cast off.

TAIL make 1 piece

With White cast on 16 sts for body edge and continue in alternate 4 rows ss stripes of White and Black, working as follows:

Ss 72 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg and end of next row.

Ss 7 rows.

Repeat the last 8 rows two more times [10 sts].

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

For best results, join seams and sew pieces in place using mattress stitch, working with right side of knitting uppermost. A one stitch knitted seam turning has been allowed on all pieces to accommodate this method.

Join front and back body pieces along side seams, then work a gathering thread through every stitch along base edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. Stuff body firmly through open neck edge.

Fold front edge of head in half and join, then join side edges of head piece, stopping 3cm away from back edge. Stuff head firmly, join remainder of seam, then work a gathering thread through every stitch along back edge, draw up tightly and fasten off. With head seam running along underside, position and sew head to neck edge of body, matching points where White and Hazel sections meet.

Join side edges on each leg piece, leaving base edge open, then use tweezers to stuff firmly. Join seam on each foot piece, leaving front edge open, then use tweezers to stuff firmly. With seam at centre on underside, fold front edge of foot flat and join, then sew a toe piece to front of each foot. Now position and sew base edge of each leg to a foot, placing at back of foot. Pin legs on body, placing centre of leg on top of body side seam, then sew securely in position, attaching between last increase and first decrease rows on body.

With each arm piece, fold front edge of paw in half and join, then join arm seam, stopping at underarm. Use tweezers to stuff paws firmly and arms lightly, then sew a finger piece to front of each paw. Position and sew arms to side of body, placing top edge of arm 2 knitted rows down from neck seam, then, following photograph, bend each arm at elbow and hold in position at this point with a few stitches.

Join tail seam from gathered tip to body edge, then use tweezers to stuff lightly. Checking that lemur sits correctly, position and sew tail to back of body.

Sew a lining piece to each ear back along side edges, then fold base edge of lining in half and oversew. Position and sew ears to head with front in line with white section, and spacing 12 knitted stitches apart.

Join ends of cast on edge on each eye piece, then pin in position on head, spacing 1 knitted stitch apart and placing 2 knitted rows up from Black snout. Take a length of Black yarn and draw out a single strand. Use the remaining 2 strands to sew eyes in place, working backstitch over outside edge, then embroider a tiny French knot in the centre of each eye.

Finally, use a length of Black yarn to embroider nose with 4 horizontal satin stitches, forming an inverted triangle shape.

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