MINI PENGUIN
Knitting pattern
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**It's not just people who can celebrate
Christmas Jumper Day!**

Create your own mini penguin in a Christmas jumper.
Simply stitch on a loop of ribbon to make your penguin into a
Christmas tree decoration, or use it as a standalone decoration.

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Materials

Cream 4-ply yarn
Black 4-ply yarn
Yellow 4-ply yarn
Red & Green 4-ply yarn
Two small black beads

Needles

2.75mm knitting needles

Abbreviations

K   knit
P   purl
St(s)   stitch(es)
Sl   slip
SS   stocking stitch
ssK   slip a stitch, slip a stitch, insert needle and knit 2 sts together
Tog   together
WS   wrong side

Note: This penguin and jumper can be knitted in any thickness of yarn, just adjust your needle size accordingly.

Techniques

M1

Make a backwards loop on your needle by twisting the yarn towards you and slipping the resulting loop onto the right hand needle. On the following row knit or purl through the back of the st. This produces a very neat result.

Body

Using cream yarn and 2.75mm knitting needles cast on 13 sts and purl 1 row.

Next row: K1, M1, (K2, M1) five times, K2. (19 sts)

Starting with a purl row, work 5 rows in SS.

Next row: (K3, M1) five times,K4. (24 sts)

Purl 1 row.

Next row: (K3, M1) 7 times, K3. (31 sts)

Starting with a purl row work five rows in SS.

Next row: K10, M1, (K3, M1) four times, K9. (36 sts)

Starting with a purl row work 9 rows in SS.

Next row: (K3, K2tog) seven times, K1. (29 sts)

Purl 1 row.

Next row: (K2, K2tog) seven times, K1. (22 sts)

Purl 1 row.

Cast off 8 sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows. (6 sts)

Next row: K1, M1, K4, M1, K1. (8 sts)

Starting with a purl row work 3 rows in SS.

Next row: K1, K2tog, K2, ssK, K1. (6 sts)

Purl 1 row.

Next row: K2tog, K1, ssK. (3 sts)
Next row: (WS): Cast off

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Outer body:

Using black yarn and 2.75mm knitting needles cast on 13 sts and purl 1 row.

Next row: K1, M1, (K2, M1) five times, K2. (19 sts)

Purl 1 row.

Cast off 2 sts at the beginning of the next two rows. (15 sts)

Work 2 rows in SS.

Next row: K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1. (17 sts)

Purl 1 row.

Repeat last two rows three more times. (23 sts)

Work 4 rows in SS.

Next row: K1, ssK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1. (21 sts)

Purl 1 row.

Repeat last two rows three more times. (15 sts)

Next row: K1, ssK, K6, turn work.

Next row: P3, turn.

Working only over these 3 sts work four rows, ending with a purl row.

Next row: K3, K3 from unworked sts, K2tog, K1. (13 sts)

Next row: P1, P2tog, P to last 3 sts, P2togtbl, P1. (11 sts)

Cast off remaining 11 sts.

Beak:

Using yellow yarn and 2.75mm knitting needles cast on 7 sts and work 2 rows in SS.

Next row: K2tog, K1, (K2tog) twice. (4 sts)

Thread yarn through remaining sts and fasten. Sew side seam of beak.

Wings: (make two)

Using black yarn and 2.75mm knitting needles cast on 11 sts.

Next row: K5, sl1, K5.

Purl 1 row.

Repeat the last two rows three more times.

Next row: K1, ssK, K2, sl1, K2, K2tog, K1. (9 sts)

Purl 1 row.

Next row: K1, ssK, K1, sl1, K1, K2tog, K1. (7 sts)

Purl 1 row.

Next row: K1, ssK, sl1, K2tog, K1. (5 sts)

Purl 1 row.

Next row: Ssk, sl1, K2tog. (3 sts)

Cast off remaining 3 sts.

Feet: (make two)

Using yellow yarn and 2.75mm knitting needles cast on 3 sts and work 2 rows in SS.

Next row: (K1, M1) twice, K1. (5 sts)

Starting with a purl row work 2 rows in SS.

Next row (WS): Knit. (creating fold line)

Starting with a K row work 2 rows in SS.

Next row: K2tog, K1, ssK. (3sts)

Cast off.

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Making up

Sew the body seam. This seam will be at the back of the penguin. Stuff with toy filling and fold the base up. Sew the base in place. Place the two beads on the head (bearing in mind the outer body will cover the top part of the head). Sew in place. It is easier to sew the eyes on before fitting the outer body onto the penguin. Pin the beak onto the face, using the picture for guidance.

Sew the small seam on the outer body (this is the top). Place the outer body over the main body, placing the centre of the outer body at the centre back of the main body so that the tail is in the middle of the back.

Pin in place, stretching the edges slightly to get the right shape (use picture for guidance). Sew in place and sew small seam either side of the tail.

Fold each wing in half and sew side seam. Pin the wings in place with the curved edge towards the front. It is a good idea to knit the jumper first and make sure the wings are in the right place for the 'wing holes', then sew securely to the sides of the body.

Fold one of the feet in half along the purled foldline. Sew side seams and repeat for second foot. Pin into place on the base of the penguin, ensuring that the penguin will stand. Sew into place.

Jumper

Using red yarn and 2.75mm knitting needles cast on 40 sts and work 8 rows in K2, P2 rib.

Change to green yarn.

Next row: K6, cast off 8 sts, K11, cast off 8 sts, K5. (leaving 6sts, 12sts and 6 sts)

Next row: P6, turn work and cast on 8 sts, turn work, P11, turn work and cast on 8 sts, turn work, K5. (40 sts)

Change to red yarn.

Work 2 rows in SS.

Change to green yarn.

Work 2 rows in SS.

Repeat last four rows (including colour changes) once more.

Change to red yarn and knit 1 row.

Next row: (K2, P2) to end of row.

Repeat last row three more times.

Cast off in rib loosely and evenly.

Making up: Sew the seam of the jumper matching stripes. The seam will be at the back of the jumper.

Now you have a mini knitted penguin decoration, ready for Christmas Jumper Day.

We hope you enjoy knitting this woolly wonder.
Once you've finished, share your penguin pictures with us on social media using **#christmasjumperday**