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INTERMEDIATE

knitting

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What you will need:

RED HEART® With Love®: 2 skeins 1303 Aran **A** and 1 skein each of 1803 Blue Hawaii **B**, 1701 Hot Pink **C**, 1971 Tigerlily **D**, 1201 Daffodil **E**, and 1012 Black **F**. *Note: Only a small amount of F is needed.*

Susan Bates® Knitting Needles: 4 mm [US 6] needle(s) for working small circumferences. Choose double pointed needles, 2 short circulars or 1 long circular, whichever you prefer; 6 mm [US 10] straight or circular needle (for blanket only)

Yarn needle, stitch marker, two 15mm safety eyes, stuffing, sharp scissors.

Optional materials: 1 cup of weighted stuffing (such as rice) and knee-high stocking, 6-8" [15-20.5 cm] long dovel (for reinforcing neck)

GAUGE: Gauge is not essential for this project.

BUY YARN



RED HEART® With Love®, Art. E400 available in solid color 7oz (198 g),

370 yd (338 m), multicolor 5oz (141 g), 230 yd (211 m) and stripes 5 oz (141 g) 223 yds (204 m) skeins



Save the Drama Llama

Leave your drama at the door and knit up a new bestie! This sweet llama is super huggable and ready to make new friends.

Llama toy measures about 18" [45.5 cm] tall, measured from bottom of front feet to top of ears. Toy measures about 13" [33 cm] long, measured from tip of muzzle to backside.

Notes

1. Llama toy is made from pieces: Head, body, 4 legs, tail, 2 ears, 2 ear pompoms, halter, and blanket.
2. Llama head, body, legs, tail, and ears are knit in the round.
3. Pieces are sewn together using yarn scraps, yarn tails or sewing thread.
4. Muzzle is completed with simple embroidery.
5. Blanket is worked back and forth in rows, changing yarn color to form stripes.
6. Halter and blanket ties are made from I-cord. Both the blanket and halter are removable.
7. Safety eyes are attached before head is complete. Do not use safety eyes if making for child under 4 years of age.
8. Gauge is not critical for this project. Work tightly so stuffing will not show between stitches.
9. Use photograph as a guide for placement of pieces to be sewn together.

Special Technique

I-Cord: Working with two double-pointed needles, knit all the sts, *do not turn work. Slide all the stitches to opposite end of needle. Carry yarn tightly across back of work, and knit all the stitches; repeat from * until the desired number of rounds have been worked or I-cord measures desired length.

Special Stitches

kfb (knit into front and back) = Knit next stitch but do not remove from needle, knit into back loop of same stitch and remove from needle - 1 st increased.

loop-st (loop stitch) = Insert right needle into first stitch on left needle as if to knit. Bring yarn from back to front between the crossed needles (do not allow the yarn to wrap around/over either of the needles). Wrap the yarn around your thumb forming a loop on front of work then take the yarn to the back again between the crossed needles. Insert right needle into first stitch on left needle again and knit the stitch. This places 2 loops on the right needle. Use tip of left needle to lift 2nd loop over first loop and off right needle (as if to bind off).

Pattern Stitch Fur Stitch

Note: In all rounds take care to keep loops of previous rounds on right side of piece. Do not allow them to become entangled in other stitches.

Round 1: Loop-st in each st around.

Round 2: Knit.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 for Fur Stitch pattern.

HEAD

Beginning at muzzle with smaller needle(s) and **A**, cast on 12 sts. Place marker for beginning of round. Taking care not to twist sts; prepare to work in rounds.

Round 1 (right side): [K1, kfb] 6 times—18 sts.

Round 2: [K2, kfb] 6 times—24 sts.

Round 3: [K3, kfb] 6 times—30 sts.

Round 4: [K4, kfb] 6 times—36 sts.

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Rounds 5-14: Knit.

Weave beginning tail through cast-on edge and pull to close hole at top of head. Weave in and trim beginning tail.

Round 15: [K5, kfb] 6 times—42 sts.

Round 16: [K6, kfb] 6 times—48 sts.

Rounds 17 and 18: Knit.

Round 19: [K7, kfb] 6 times—54 sts.

Round 20: Knit.

Round 21: [K8, kfb] 6 times—60 sts.

Rounds 22-25: Knit.

Rounds 26-36: Beginning with Round 1 of pattern, work in Fur Stitch for 11 rounds, ending with a Round 1 of pattern.

Note: In all following rounds, take care to keep loops of previous rounds on right side of piece.

Round 37: [K8, k2tog] 6 times—54 sts.

Round 38: Work Round 1 of Fur Stitch pattern.

Round 39: [K7, k2tog] 6 times—48 sts.

Round 40: Work Round 1 of Fur Stitch pattern.

Round 41: [K6, k2tog] 6 times—42 sts.

Round 42: Work Round 1 of Fur Stitch pattern.

Round 43: [K5, k2tog] 6 times—36 sts.

Attach safety eyes, at or near Round 18 or 19 and about 12 stitches apart, making sure that the eyes are spaced evenly relative to sides of head. Note:

Do not snap washer onto post until satisfied with placement.

Round 44: Work Round 1 of Fur Stitch pattern.

Begin stuffing piece firmly and continue stuffing as work progresses.

Round 45: [K4, k2tog] 6 times—30 sts.

Round 46: Work Round 1 of Fur Stitch pattern.

Round 47: [K3, k2tog] 6 times—24 sts.

Round 48: Work Round 1 of Fur Stitch pattern.

Round 49: [K2, k2tog] 6 times—18 sts.

Round 50: Work Round 1 of Fur Stitch pattern.

Round 51: [K2tog] 9 times—9 sts.

Finish stuffing piece. Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread ending tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. Weave in and trim tail.

BODY

Beginning at front of chest with smaller needle(s) and **A**, cast on 12 sts. Place marker for beginning of round. Taking care not to twist sts; prepare to work in rounds.

Round 1 (right side): Work Round 1 of Fur Stitch pattern.

Round 2: [K1, kfb] 6 times—18 sts.

Round 3: Work Round 1 of Fur Stitch pattern.

Round 4: [K2, kfb] 6 times—24 sts.

Round 5: Work Round 1 of Fur Stitch pattern.

Round 6: [K3, kfb] 6 times—30 sts.

Round 7: Work Round 1 of Fur Stitch pattern.

Round 8: [K4, kfb] 6 times—36 sts.

Round 9: Work Round 1 of Fur Stitch pattern.

Round 10: [K5, kfb] 6 times—42 sts.

Round 11: Work Round 1 of Fur Stitch pattern.

Round 12: [K6, kfb] 6 times—48 sts.

If needed, weave beginning tail through cast-on edge and pull to close hole at front of chest. Weave in and trim beginning tail.

Round 13: Work Round 1 of Fur Stitch pattern.

Round 14: [K7, kfb] 6 times—54 sts.

Round 15: Work Round 1 of Fur Stitch pattern.

Round 16: [K8, kfb] 6 times—60 sts.

Round 17: Work Round 1 of Fur Stitch

pattern.

Make Opening for Neck

Notes: A neck opening is created by working 11 sts onto scrap yarn, then knitting them again with the working yarn. Later the scrap yarn is removed and the released stitches are placed on needles to begin the neck. This technique is often used in knitting a sock heel and is known as the "afterthought heel" technique.

Drop but do not cut the working yarn. Cut a length of scrap yarn of same weight but different color as working yarn.

Round 18: With the scrap yarn, k11; slip the 11 sts just made back onto left needle, drop the scrap yarn; pick up the working yarn again and with working yarn, knit the same 11 sts then knit the remaining sts around.

Round 19: Work Round 1 of Fur Stitch pattern.

Round 20: Knit.

Rounds 21-42: Repeat Rounds 19 and 20 for 11 more times.

Round 43: Work Round 1 of Fur Stitch pattern.

Round 44: [K8, k2tog] 6 times—54 sts.

Round 45: Work Round 1 of Fur Stitch pattern.

Round 46: [K7, k2tog] 6 times—48 sts.

Rounds 47 and 48: Repeat Rounds 19 and 20.

Round 49: Work Round 1 of Fur Stitch pattern.

Round 50: [K6, k2tog] 6 times—42 sts.

Rounds 51-53: Beginning with Round 1 of pattern, work in Fur Stitch for 3 rounds, ending with a Round 1 of pattern.

Round 54: [K5, k2tog] 6 times—36 sts. Stuff piece firmly, about two-thirds full. If desired, insert knee high stocking

filled with weighted stuffing. Weighted stuffing should be placed in the back half of the body to counter balance the weight of the head at front.

Round 55: Work Round 1 of Fur Stitch pattern.

Round 56: [K4, k2tog] 6 times—30 sts. Continue stuffing piece as work progresses.

Round 57: Work Round 1 of Fur Stitch pattern.

Round 58: [K3, k2tog] 6 times—24 sts.

Round 59: Work Round 1 of Fur Stitch pattern.

Round 60: [K2, k2tog] 6 times—18 sts.

Round 61: Work Round 1 of Fur Stitch pattern.

Round 62: [K2tog] 9 times—9 sts. Finish stuffing piece. Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread ending tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. Weave in and trim tail.

NECK

With right side facing, carefully remove the scrap yarn for neck opening and place the 22 released sts on needle(s) distributing them evenly.

Round 1 (right side): Join **A** to first st along bottom row of neck opening, k11, pick up 1 st in corner of opening, k11, pick up 1 st in corner of opening—24 sts. Place marker for beginning of round and prepare to work in rounds.

Rounds 2-20: Beginning with Round 1 of pattern, work in Fur Stitch for 19 rounds, ending with a Round 1 of pattern. Stuff neck as work progresses. Bind off, leaving a long tail for sewing head to neck. Finish stuffing piece. If neck needs reinforcing, insert dowel into neck opening.

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LEGS (make 4)

Note: When changing yarn color, twist the working and non-working yarns around each other to prevent holes. Beginning at foot with smaller needle(s) and **A**, cast on 6 sts.

Place marker for beginning of round. Taking care not to twist sts; prepare to work in rounds.

Round 1 (right side): [Kfb] 6 times—12 sts.

Round 2: [K1, kfb] 6 times—18 sts.

Round 3: [K2, kfb] 6 times—24 sts.

Rounds 4-11: Knit.

Cut **A**, leaving a long tail for weaving in later. Add each new yarn color as needed but do not cut until instructed.

Round 12: With **D**, knit.

Round 13: With **C**, knit.

Round 14: With **B**, knit.

Round 15: With **E**, knit.

Rounds 16-23: Repeat Rounds 12-15 twice more.

Rounds 24-26: Repeat Rounds 12-14.

Cut **B**, **C**, and **D**, leaving long tails for weaving in later.

With **E**, bind off.

Cut **E**, leaving a long tail for sewing leg to body.

Weave beginning tail through cast-on edge and pull to close hole at bottom of foot. Weave in and trim beginning tail.

Weave in and trim **A**, **B**, **C**, and **D** yarn tails from striped section.

Note: Yarn tails from striped section can be left inside legs without trimming, provided they do not show from the outside.

TAIL

Beginning at base of tail with smaller needle(s) and **A**, leaving a long beginning tail, cast on 16 sts.

Place marker for beginning of round. Taking care not to twist sts; prepare to work in rounds.

Rounds 1-20: Knit.

Round 21: [K2tog, k6] twice—14 sts.

Round 22: [K2tog, k5] twice—12 sts.

Round 23: [K2tog, k4] twice—10 sts.

Round 24: [K2tog, k3] twice—8 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread ending tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. Weave in and trim ending tail. Do not weave in beginning tail, it can be used later to sew tail to backside of body.

EARS (make 2)

Beginning at base of ear with smaller needle(s) and **A**, leaving a long beginning tail, cast on 18 sts.

Place marker for beginning of round. Taking care not to twist sts; prepare to work in rounds.

Rounds 1-20: Knit.

Round 21: [K1, k2tog, k6] twice—16 sts.

Round 22: Knit.

Round 23: [K1, k2tog, k5] twice—14 sts.

Round 24: Knit.

Round 25: [K1, k2tog, k4] twice—12 sts.

Round 26: Knit.

Round 27: [K1, k2tog, k3] twice—10 sts.

Round 28: Knit.

Round 29: [K1, k2tog, k2] twice—8 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread ending tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. Weave in and trim ending tail. With beginning tail, sew edges of base of ear together. Then thread beginning tail through base edge and pull tightly to pucker the ear into shape along base. Do not trim beginning tail, it can be used later to sew ear to head.

EAR POMPOMS (make 2)

Note: A pompom maker can be used to make pompoms, if desired.

Holding 1 strand each of **B**, **C**, **D**, and **E** together, wrap yarn around three outstretched fingers a total of 10 times. Carefully slip wraps off fingers. Tie a 10" {25.5 cm} length of coordinating scrap yarn tightly around the center of the wraps. Tie knot securely (for extra security, wrap the tie around a second time, knotting securely and glue knot with craft glue for extra hold). Do not trim yarn ends from ties. Grasp the yarn ties and carefully cut through the wrap loops using sharp scissors. Shake the pompom to fluff and trim the ends to create a uniform sphere.

HALTER

With smaller needle(s) and **C**, leaving a long beginning tail, cast on 2 sts. Using I-Cord technique, knit an I-cord about 18" [45.5 cm] long. Remove I-cord from needles and place the remaining 2 stitches on a stitch marker or pin to hold, so that length can be adjusted later as needed.

BLANKET

Notes: Blanket is worked back and forth in rows of Garter stitch (knit every row). Each yarn color is cut at the end of each row, leaving yarn ends for decorative fringe.

With larger needle(s) and **B**, leaving a 4-5" [10-12.5 cm] beginning tail, cast on 26 sts. Cut **B**, leaving a 4-5" [10-12.5 cm] tail.

Row 1: Leaving a 4-5" beginning tail, with **C**, knit. Cut **C**, leaving a 4-5" [10-12.5 cm] tail.

Continue to leave 4-5" [10-12.5 cm] beginning and ending tails on all rows. These tails are used for decorative fringe.

Row 2: With **D**, knit. Cut **D**.

Row 3: With **E**, knit. Cut **E**.

Row 4: With **B**, knit. Cut **B**.

Row 5: With **C**, knit. Cut **C**.

Rows 6-37: Repeat Rows 2-5 for 8 more times.

With **B**, bind off.

Lay blanket flat and comb out fringe with your fingers. With sharp scissors, carefully trim fringe evenly across to about 2" [5 cm].

Blanket Ties (make 2)

With smaller needle(s) and **B**, cast on 3 sts.

Using I-Cord technique, knit an I-cord about 9½" [24 cm] long. Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through remaining 3 stitches. Do not trim ending tail, it can be used later to sew tie to blanket. Weave in and trim beginning tail. Complete both ties before proceeding. Using yarn tails, sew ties to top edge (long edge) of blanket, about 8 stitches from each corner. Weave in and trim tails.

FINISHING

Sew Legs to Body

Stuff legs firmly. With yarn tails, sew legs to body as follows:

1. Sew front legs to bottom of body directly under would-be shoulders of llama (about Round 22 of body).
2. Sew back legs to bottom of body at imaginary hip area, before the decrease rounds.
3. Push the Fur Stitch rounds out of the way to access the smooth knit rounds. Sew legs onto smooth knit rounds.

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4. Sew legs side-by-side about 1½" [4 cm] apart and about 2" [5 cm] between front and back legs.

Sew Head to Body

With yarn tail attached to neck opening, sew head to body as follows:

1. Position the head facing forwards relative to the body,
2. Sew the head to neck in the area just under the rounded portion of the head (the area past the muzzle where the head takes on a rounded shape).
3. Use small stitches to secure, and knot securely.
4. Repeat sewing stitches around to add extra strength to the head/neck join.

Sew Tail to Body

Do not stuff tail. With yarn needle and long beginning yarn tail, gather and sew beginning end closed then sew to upper hind end. Thread same yarn tail from base of tail to tail tip and back up to base. Pull tightly on the yarn tail to curl the tail under. Knot, weave in and trim ends.

Sew Ears to Head

With yarn needle and long yarn tail, sew ears to top of head about 2" [5 cm] apart at or near Round 37 of head.

Note: Push the Fur Stitch rounds out of the way to access smooth knit rounds. Sew ears onto smooth knit rounds.

Embroider Muzzle

With yarn needle and **F**, using long straight stitches, embroider a "Y" shape over Rounds 1-5 at tip of muzzle.

Attach Halter

Use photograph as a guide to placement while attaching halter.

Note: Try wrapping I-cord all the way around head for halter (as instructed) before sewing any parts of the halter in place.

1. Beginning at cast-on end of I-cord and at one side of llama's muzzle, wrap I-cord around lower muzzle of llama, for muzzle loop. Pull tightly to keep muzzle loop from slipping off the end of the muzzle. With beginning tail, sew muzzle loop in place.
2. Pull the remaining part of the I-cord across the side of the face (for first face strap), up and around the back of the ears and down the opposite side of the face (for second face strap), pulling tightly for a snug fit. There may be too many inches left after this fitting. Adjustments can be made by releasing the 2 held stitches and unraveling the I-cord, as needed. When proper fit is obtained, weave the yarn tail through the live stitches and use same yarn tail to sew end of second face strap to muzzle loop, making certain to place it even with the end of the first face strap.

Tie blanket around neck. Tie or sew pompoms around base of ears.

Weave in and trim any remaining ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C, D, E, and F = Color A, B, C, D, E, and F; **k** = knit; **k2tog** = knit next 2 sts together; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

