Monkey

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Use 8 ply wool and 4mm needles.

Dark brown or monkey coloured wool or whatever (M) (1 ball is plenty.) Small amount of lighter (contrast) for feet, hands, face and ears.

Legs (Make 2)

Using contrast wool cast on 15 sts..

Knit 10 rows.

Change to darker wool and work 60 rows.

Leave stitches on needle.

Body

Knit across both legs. (30 sts.)

Knit 30 rows.

Shape shoulders.

K4, K2 tog. k3, K2 tog. k8. K2 tog. k3. K2 tog. k4.

Knit 1 row.

Neck shaping. Knit 2tog. across whole row. (13 sts.)

Knit 1 row.

Next row. Increase in every stitch. (26 sts.)

Knit 20 rows.

Next row.

Knit 2 tog. across the row. (13 sts.).

Fasten off by threading the wool through the remaining sts.

Arms (Make 2)

Using main colour cast on 12 sts.

Knit 52 rows.

Change to contrast colour and knit 8 rows.

Next row.

Knit 2 tog. until end of row.

Fasten off by threading the wool through the remaining stitches.

Tail.

Using main colour cast on 4 sts.

Knit 70 rows.

Next row, K 2tog. twice., then 2 tog. with last 2 sts. pull thread through and leave a tail. Making up.

Fold head and body with right sides facing and sew up both legs, and head and part of back, leaving an opening for stuffing. Before stuffing sew across top of legs as legs and arms are not stuffed. Stuff body and head..

Sew arms but do not stuff. Join arms to body at level of shoulder shaping. Attach tail.

Using contrast colour and knitting stocking stitch cast on 12 sts.

Work 2 rows.

Knit 2 tog. each end of the next 3 rows. (6 sts.)

Work 1 row. This will be the fold line for the middle of the mouth when stitching the face mask before putting onto monkey face.

Increase 1 st. each end of the next 3 rows. (12 sts.)

Work 3 rows.

Cast off 1 sts. at the beginning of the next 3 rows. (6sts.)

Work 5 rows.

Next row. K2tog. 3times. Next row. Slip1, K2tog. psso. Fasten off.

Fold on middle line for mouth and sew tog. to form mouth shape.

When sewing to face of monkey stuff mouth shape and sew around and then across on the last decrease row. Sew rest of mask flat to face. Embroider mouth and nose on stuffed area and eyes on the flat area. Pinch side of head where ears should be and oversew or blanket stitch small area with contrast colour.

