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Tiny Elf

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Yarn:

Spud & Chloë Sweater (55% superwash wool, 45% organic cotton; 100 grams/160 yards), 1 skein each in Ice Cream #7500, Grass #7502 and Firecracker #7509 (only small amounts of each color are used).

Needles:

US size 6 double-pointed needles, set of four

Gauge:

5.5 stitches per inch in stockinette stitch

Materials:

Stitch marker

Scissors

Yarn needle

Embroidery needle

Black embroidery floss

Ruler or tape measure

Polyester fiberfill (small amount)

Poly-pellets (optional, do not use if the toy is for a baby or small child as it is considered a choking hazard)

Green pipe cleaner

Body:

With Firecracker and the double-pointed needles and starting at the bottom of the body, cast on 9 stitches placing 3 stitches on each of three needles. Join to work in the round being careful not to twist the stitches. Place a stitch marker on the first stitch.

Rnd 1: knit

Rnd 2: kfb in each stitch (6 sts per needle, 18 sts total)

Rnds 3 and 4: knit

Rnd 5: kfb in each stitch (12 sts per needle, 36 sts total)

Rnd 6: knit

Switch to Grass.

Rnds 7 and 8: knit

Switch to Firecracker

Rnds 9 and 10: knit

Repeat rounds 7-10 three times total. Repeat rounds 7 and 8 one more time. You will have 4 green stripes at this time.

Decrease for the body:

Continue in Firecracker only. Cut the Grass strand and weave in the end to the inside.

Rnd 1: (k2, k2tog) repeat to the end of the round (9 sts per needle, 27 sts total remain)

Rnds 2 and 3: knit

Rnd 4: (k1, k2tog) repeat to the end of the round (6 sts per needle, 18 sts total remain)

Rnd 5: knit

At this point, place the end from the cast on stitches on a yarn needle. Take some stitches to close the hole and pull up tight. Pull the end to the inside and trim. Fill the bottom with poly-pellets and the rest with fiberfill. Continue to stuff the body and the head with fiberfill as you work along.

Rnd 6: (k2tog) repeat to the end of the round (3 sts per needle, 9 sts total remain)

Head:

Switch to Ice Cream.

Rnd 7: knit

Rnd 8: kfb in each stitch (6 sts per needle, 18 sts total)

Rnds 9-13: knit

Hat:

Switch to Grass.

Rnd 14: knit

Rnds 15 and 16: purl

Rnds 17 and 18: knit

Rnd 19: (k1, k2tog) repeat to the end of the round (4 sts per needle, 12 sts total remain)

Rnds 20 and 21: knit

Continue stuffing with fiberfill as you work.

Rnd 22: (k2tog) repeat to the end of the round (2 sts per needle, 6 sts total remain)

Rnd 23: knit

Rnd 24: k2tog, k2, k2tog (4 sts total remain)

Finish any final stuffing.

Place the 4 stitches on one needle.

Using 2 double-pointed needles work in I-cord for 3 inches.

Cut a green pipe cleaner to 3 ½ inches. Bend the end so the wire isn't exposed and insert the pipe cleaner inside the I-cord and push all the way down to the start of the I-cord. Bend the top of the pipe cleaner over so the wire is not exposed. Tuck the end inside of the cord.

Next row of I-cord: k2tog twice (2 sts remain)

Next row of I-cord: k2tog (1 st remains)

Cut the yarn and pull through the remaining stitch. Weave the end to the inside of the cord and trim to stay inside.

Make a 1 inch pom-pom with 15 wraps. Use the ends and a yarn needle to attach the pom to the end of the I-cord. Wind the I-cord around a double-pointed needle to create a twist.

Ears:

On one side of the head pick up 3 stitches with Ice Cream and one double-pointed needle. Use 2 double-pointed needles to work back and forth.

Row 1: purl

Row 2: knit

Row 3: purl 3 stitches together (1 st remain)

Cut the yarn and pull the end through the remaining stitch. Pull the ear upward so the ear points up.

Repeat on the other side of the head and line up with the first ear. Weave in all ends to the inside and trim to stay inside.

Arms and Hands:

Arms:

On one side of the body (use the photo as a guide) pick up 3 stitches with Ice Cream and one double-pointed needle. Use 2 double-pointed needles to work in I-cord.

Work in I-cord until the arm measures 2 inches from the pick up row.

**Hand:**

Switch to Grass.

Next row: kfb in each stitch (6 sts)

Place 2 stitches on each of 3 double-pointed needles and begin working in the round.

Rnds 1-4: knit

Stuff the hand with a tiny amount of fiberfill.

Rnd 5: k2tog on each needle (3 sts remain)

Cut the yarn and place the end on a yarn needle. Pull through the remaining stitches and pull up tight to close the hole. Pull all of the ends to the inside and trim to stay inside.

Repeat the Arm and Hand on the other side of the body lining up the arm position with the first arm.

Legs:

On the lower front of the body (use the photo as a guide) pick up 3 stitches with Ice Cream and one double-pointed needle. Use 2 double-pointed needles to work in I-cord. Work in I-cord until the leg measures 1 ½ inches from the pick up row. Bind off. Cut the yarn leaving a 6 inch end. Pull the end through the remaining stitch.

Repeat for the second leg lining it up with the first leg.

Elf Shoes:

With Grass and double-pointed needles, cast on 6 stitches placing 2 stitches on each of 3 needles. Join to work in the round being careful not to twist the stitches. Place a stitch marker on the first stitch.

Rnd 1: knit

Rnd 2: (k1, m1, k1) repeat on each needle (3 sts per needle, 9 sts total)

Rnds 3-6: knit

At this point, place the end from the cast on stitches on a yarn needle. Take some stitches to close the hole and pull up tight. Pull the end to the inside and trim. Stuff the shoe with a tiny amount of fiberfill.

Rnd 7: (k1, k2tog) repeat on each needle (2 sts per needle, 6 sts total remain)

Rnd 8-9: knit

Rnd 10: (k2tog) repeat on each needle (1 st per needle, 3 sts total remain)

Cut the yarn and pull the end through the remaining stitch. Pull the end to the inside and trim to stay inside.

Place the end from the leg on a yarn needle. Whipstitch the top of the shoe to the leg. Pull the end to the inside and trim.

Scarf:

With 2 double-pointed needles used to work back and forth and with Grass, cast on 3 stitches.

Row 1: k1, p1, k1

Row 2: p1, k1, p1

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until the scarf measures 6 inches from the cast on edge.

Bind off.

Cut the yarn and pull the end through the remaining stitch. Weave in the ends and trim. With a row 1 facing out, tie the scarf around the elf's neck with a half-knot at the back.

Face:

With an embroidery needle and black embroidery floss make 2 eyes with a tiny straight stitch and then a tiny straight stitch vertically at the center to pull the stitch slightly upward. Take two small straight stitches to form a V-shape for the mouth. Take two tiny straight stitches above the eyes for the eyebrows. Pull all ends to the inside and trim to stay inside.

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