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Tuck An original pattern for Spud & Chloë by, Susan B. Anderson

Finished measurements: Shell only, 3 inches long, 2 inches high

Yarn: Spud & Chloê Sweater (55% superwash wool, 45% organic cotton; 100 grams/160 yards), 1 skein each of Grass #7502 and Turtle #7514

Needles: US size 6 double-pointed needles, set of 4 or size to obtain gauge

Gauge: 5 ½ stitches per inch in stockinette stitch

Materials:

Ruler or tape measure Yarn needle Scissors Stitch marker Small amount of fiberfill

Optional: small amount of poly-pellets (Can be a choking hazard for babies and toddlers if not enclosed in a bag before putting inside the toy.)

Black embroidery floss



Abbreviations:

k knit p purl st(s) stitches

k2tog knit two stitches together

m1 make one stitch by placing the bar in between the stitches on the left needle and knitting it through the back loop

ssk slip two stitches separately , knit the two slipped stitches together through the back loop

dpn(s) double-pointed needle(s)

rnd(s) round(s)

Bottom of Shell

Starting at the bottom center of the shell with Turtle, cast on 9 stitches placing 3 stitches on each of 3 dpns. Join to work in the round being careful not to twist the stitches and placing a stitch marker on the first stitch.

Rnd 1: knit

Rnd 2: k1, m1, k1, m1, k1 (5 sts per needle, 15 sts total)

Rnd 3: knit

Rnd 4: (k1, m1) repeat to the end of the rnd (10 sts per needle, 30 sts total)

Rnd 5: knit

Rnd 6: ((k2, m1) repeat 4 times, k2) on each needle (14 sts per needle, 42 sts total)

Rnd 7: knit

Rnd 8: (k1, m1, k to the last stitch, m1, k1) repeat on each needle (16 sts per needle, 48 sts total)

Rnd 9: knit Rnd 10: purl



Top of Shell

Switch to Grass.

Rnd 1: knit

Rnd 2: (k8, m1) repeat to the end of the rnd (18 sts per needle, 54 sts total)

Rnds 3-6: knit

Rnd 7: (k7, k2tog) repeat to the end of the rnd (16 sts per needle, 48 sts total

remain)

Rnd 8: knit

At this point, place the end from the cast on stitches on a yarn needle. Close up the hole on the bottom with a few stitches. Pull the end to the inside, weave and trim. Fill the bottom of the shell with poly-pellets **OR** fiber-fill only. Continue stuffing with fiberfill as you finish the top of the Turtle.

Rnd 9: (k6, k2tog) repeat to the end of the rnd (14 sts per needle, 42 sts total remain)

Rnd 10: knit

Rnd 11: (k5, k2tog) repeat to the end of the rnd (12 sts per needle, 36 sts total remain)

Rnd 12: (k4, k2tog) repeat to the end of the rnd (10 sts per needle, 30 sts total remain)

Rnd 13: (k3, k2tog) repeat to the end of the rnd (8 sts per needle, 24 sts total remain)

Rnd 14: knit

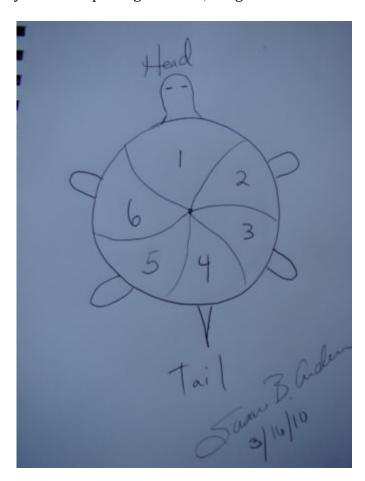
Rnd 15: (k2, k2tog) repeat to the end of the rnd (6 sts per needle, 18 sts total remain)

Finish any stuffing.

Rnd 16: (k1, k2tog) repeat to the end of the rnd (4 sts per needle, 12 sts total remain)

Rnd 17: (k1, k2tog, k1) repeat on each needle (3 sts per needle, 9 sts total)

Note: Look down at the top of the shell. You will see 6 decrease lines coming out from the center ring. In each of the 6 sections between the decrease lines around you will be placing the head, 4 legs and a tail. See the sketch below.



Head

With the top of the shell facing you, with Turtle, pick up 6 stitches on the purl round on 1 dpn (center the placement of the head in the middle of section 1). Turn the turtle over. With a second dpn, pick up 4 stitches on the bottom of the shell directly under the 6 stitches on the first dpn. Now you will be knitting in the round on 2 dpns. (Needle 1: 6 sts, Needle 2: 4 sts, 10 sts total)

Rnd 1: knit

Rnd 2:

Needle 1: ssk, k2, k2tog (4 sts remain)

Needle 2: knit (4 sts remain)

8 sts total remain.

Rnd 3: knit

Rnd 4: (k1, m1, k2, m1, k1) repeat on each needle (6 sts per needle, 12 sts total)

Rnds 5-7: knit

Rnd 8: (k2, k2tog) repeat to the end of the round (9 sts remain)

Rnd 9: knit

Rnd 10: (k1, k2tog) repeat to the end of the round (6 sts remain)

Stuff lightly with fiber-fill. Cut the yarn and place the end on a yarn needle. Pull through the remaining stitches. Pull up tight to close the hole. Pull the yarn through to the inside and trim.

Face

With a length of black embroidery floss placed on a yarn needle, take 2 tiny straight stitches for each eye. Take one long straight stitch for the mouth. Use the photo as a guide.



Feet (make 4)

Looking at the sketch, you will place one foot in each section numbers 2, 3, 5 and 6. Center the foot in each section.

In the center of the selected section, with the top of the shell facing you, with Turtle, pick up 3 stitches on one dpn on the purl round. Turn the turtle over. With a second dpn, pick up 3 stitches directly under the stitches on the first dpn. (6 sts)

Rnds 1-4: knit

Stuff the foot lightly with fiber-fill.

Cut the yarn. Place the end on a yarn needle and pull through the stitches. Pull up tight to close the hole. Pull the end to the inside and trim.

Tail

In the center of section 4 with one dpn and Turtle and the top of the shell facing you, pick up 3 stitches on the purl round.

Using 2 dpns work in I-cord until the tail measures 1-inch.

Next row: knit the 3 stitches together (1 st remains)

Cut the yarn. Pull the end through the remaining stitch. Place the end on a yarn needle and pull the end to the inside and trim.



Bottom Laver

Starting with Turtle, cast on 9 stitches placing 3 stitches on each of 3 dpns. Join to work in the round being careful not to twist the stitches and placing a stitch marker on the first stitch.

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Switch to Grass.

Rnd 3: knit

Rnd 4: (k1, m1) repeat to the end of the rnd (10 sts per needle, 30 sts total)

Switch to Turtle.

Rnd 5: knit

Rnd 6: ((k2, m1) repeat 4 times, k2) on each needle (14 sts per needle, 42 sts total)

Switch to Grass.

Rnd 7: knit

Rnd 8: (k1, m1, k to the last stitch, m1, k1) repeat on each needle (16 sts per needle,

48 sts total)

Switch to Turtle.

Rnd 9: knit

Rnd 10: purl

Bind off loosely.

Cut the yarn leaving an 8-inch end. Pull the end through the remaining stitch.

Note: You may want to steam this bottom layer so it is flat. I didn't block mine at all.

Place the end on a yarn needle. Hold the bottom layer over the bottom of the shell. Use whipstitch to attach the bottom layer to the bottom of the shell leaving open gaps for the head, feet and tail. The gaps make it possible to tuck the head, tail and feet between the bottom layer and the bottom of the shell. As you whipstitch around the bottom layer, pull the yarn inside the bottom shell over the gaps. Use one continuous length of yarn. When you have gone all the way around the bottom layer, pull the yarn to the inside of the turtle and trim.



Embroidery for the top of the shell (optional):

With a length of Turtle and starting at the top center hole at the top of the shell, use backstitch to create a circle around the top gathered hole. Continuing on, wrap the yarn around the backstitches (sometimes called "couching" in embroidery) wrapping the yarn over and under ONLY the backstitch. Pull the yarn to the inside and trim.



Repeat this same technique with the backstitch and then the wrapping the yarn over the backstitches to create rings on the top of the shell. I did 4 rings total. See the photo for a guide.



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