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Arnie the Caterpillar

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Knitted toy caterpillar with garter stitch and stripes. The piece is worked in DROPS Merino Extra Fine.

DROPS Children 30-23

DROPS Design: Pattern no me-035-bn

Yarn group B

Size: Length: Approx. 63 cm (without feelers). Circumference: Approx. 13 cm (without padding).

Materials:

DROPS MERINO EXTRA FINE from Garnstudio (belongs to yarn group B)

50 g in each of the following colours:

colour 01, off white

colour 08, light beige

colour 15, light greyish green

colour 18, green

colour 19, light grey blue

colour 24, light yellow

colour 25, pink

+ a left-over of black and red, for eyes and mouth.

The piece can also be knitted with yarn from:

"Alternative yarn (Yarn Group B)" – see the link below.

DROPS NEEDLES SIZE 3.5 MM – or the size needed to get 22 stitches and 45 rows garter stitch on 10 cm in width and 10 cm in height.

ACCESSORIES: Padding to fill.

INFORMATION FOR THE PATTERN:

RIDGE/GARTER STITCH (worked back and forth):

1 ridge = Knit 2 rows.

INCREASE TIP:

Increase 1 stitch by making 1 yarn over. On the next row knit the yarn over twisted to prevent a hole.

STRIPES:

Work 5 cm garter stitch in each colour in the following order: off white, pink, light yellow, green, light greyish green, light grey blue, off white, light yellow, light greyish green, green. NOTE: Leave approx. 25-30 cm strand at each change of colour to sew the caterpillar together with.

CATERPILLAR:

The piece is worked back and forth on the needle to finished length and is sewn together at the end.

BODY:

Cast on 30 stitches with needle size 3.5 mm and light beige. Work GARTER STITCH – see description above.

REMEMBER THE KNITTING TENSION! When the piece measures 5 cm, work STRIPES – see description above.

After the last stripe, the piece measures approx. 55 cm.

HEAD:

Change to light beige and work stocking stitch back and forth as follows:

ROW 1 (= right side): * Knit 2, 1 yarn over * work from *-* a total of 14 times and finish with knit 2 = 44 stitches.

ROW 2 (= wrong side): Knit 1, purl until there is 1 stitch left (the yarn overs are purled twisted to prevent holes), finish with knit 1.

Continue working stocking stitch with 1 edge stitch in garter stitch in each side until the head measures approx. 8 cm, cast off. The whole caterpillar measures approx. 63 cm from top down.

Embroider small eyes with off white and black and a mouth with red mid front of head – see photo.

ASSEMBLY:

Sew the caterpillar together mid back in the outermost loop of the outermost stitch so that the seam is flat – NOTE: Each stripe is sewn together with the same colour.

Fill the caterpillar with padding (push the padding in from both ends) so that it is the right softness. Sew the head together at the top, inside the cast-off edge. Tack a few stitches in the other end with light beige, up and down through the stitches around the opening, pull the strand tight to close the opening and fasten well.

SCARF:

Cast on 48 stitches with light grey blue. Knit 3 rows and cast off with knit. Tie the scarf around the neck, just below the head.

FEELERS:

Cast on 5 stitches with pink. Work garter stitch back and forth for 7 cm. Cut the strand (leave enough of the strand to be able to sew the feeler together). Pull the strand first through the 5 stitches on the needle, tighten so that the stitches are pulled together. Then (without cutting and fastening the strand) sew the feeler together along the edge in the outermost loop of the outermost stitch so that the seam is flat. When the seam has been sewn all the way down, pull slightly in the strand so that the tip of the feeler bends a little, fasten the strand well. Work another feeler in the same way and sew them on to the top-middle of the head with small stitches.

EARS:

Tack some stitches with light beige around the one corner at the top of the head. Tighten the strand to make a small ear and fasten the strand well. Work the other corner in the same way.

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You'll find 11 tutorial videos, a Comments/Questions area and more by visiting the pattern on [garnstudio.com](https://www.garnstudio.com).

Have you purchased DROPS yarn to make this pattern? Then you are entitled to receive help from the store that sold you the yarn.