Twister Tortoise

Materials

- Needle Size: 3.5mm
- Green wool (30g)
- White wool (15g)
- Purple wool (20g)
- Length of black wool to embroider eyes
- Toy stuffing/filling 75g
- Tapestry needle (to sew the pieces together)
- Optional scarf....blue wool (15g)

These are approximate quantities, but should be sufficient to make your toy.

HEAD

Make 1

Knit in green wool. Cast on 15 stitches

1.   K (15)
2.   P
3.   K
4.   P
5.   K
6.   P
7.   [KFB, K2] X 5 (20)
8.   P
9.   K5, [KFB] X 10, K5 (30)
10. P
11. K10, [KFB, K1] X 5, K10 (35)
12. P
13. K
14. P
15. K
16. P
17. [K2TOG, K3] X 7 (28)
18. P
19. [K2TOG, K2] X 7 (21)
20. P
21. [K2TOG, K1] X 7 (14)
22. P
23. [K2TOG] X 7 (7)

Cut the yarn and thread through the remaining stitches on the needle, pull together tightly to and secure the thread to close the cast off edge.

LEGS

Make 4

Knit in green wool. Cast on 6 stitches.

1.   P
2.   [KFB] X 6 (12)
3.   P
4.   [KFB, K1] X 6 (18)
5.   P
6.   P (this purl row forms the fold at the base of the foot)
7.   P
8.   K
9.   P
10. K

Cast off all stitches.

BODY

Make 1

Cast on in white wool. Cast on 8 Stitches

1.   P
2.   [KFB] X 8 (16)
3.   P
4.   [KFB, K1] X 8 (24)
5.   P

6. [KFB, K2] X 8 (32)
7. P
8. [KFB, K3] X 8 (40)
9. P
10. [KFB, K4] X 8 (48)
11. P
12. [KFB, K5] X 8 (56)
13. P
14. [KFB, K6] X 8 (64)
15. *CHANGE COLOUR TO PURPLE AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS ROW:* P
16. P (this purl row forms the fold at the base of the shell)
17. P
18. K
19. *CHANGE COLOUR TO GREEN AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS ROW:* P
20. K
21. *CHANGE COLOUR TO PURPLE AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS ROW:* P
22. K
23. P
24. [K2TOG, K6] X 8 (56)
25. *CHANGE COLOUR TO GREEN AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS ROW:* P
26. K
27. *CHANGE COLOUR TO PURPLE AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS ROW:* P
28. [K2TOG, K5] X 8 (48)
29. P
30. K
31. *CHANGE COLOUR TO GREEN AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS ROW:* P
32. [K2TOG, K4] X 8 (40)
33. *CHANGE COLOUR TO PURPLE AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS ROW:* P
34. K
35. P
36. [K2TOG, K3] X 8 (32)
37. *CHANGE COLOUR TO GREEN AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS ROW:* P
38. K
39. *CHANGE COLOUR TO PURPLE AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS ROW:* P
40. [K2TOG, K2] X 8 (24)
41. P
42. [K2TOG, K1] X 8 (16)
43. P
44. [K2TOG] X 8 (8)

Cut the yarn and thread through the remaining stitches on the needle, pull together tightly to and secure the thread to close the cast off edge.

TAIL

Make 1

Knit in green. Cast on 16 stitches

1. P (16)
2. K
3. P
4. K
5. P
6. [K2TOG] X 8 (8)

Cut the yarn and thread through the remaining stitches on the needle, pull together tightly to and secure the thread to close the cast off edge.

SCARF

To knit the scarf, cast on 4 stitches in blue wool and knit in garter stitch to your desired length (knit every row for a length of approximately 15 to 20cm)

Making Up....

SHELL

Starting at the cast off gathered stitches, sew the shell seam from the top to the fold at the base of the shell (row 16). Stuff the shell through the gap in the bottom.

Continue sewing the seam closed, and finish by gathering the cast on stitches together to close the shell.

LEGS

Gather the cast on stitches and pull tightly to secure. Sew the leg seam from the cast on to cast off edge, leaving a gap in the top.

Stuff the legs evenly through the gap in the top.

Position the legs on the underside of the tortoise, and sew around the cast off edge to attach to the base of the shell.

HEAD

Starting at the cast off stitches, sew the head seam to the cast on edge, leaving the cast on edge open.

Stuff the head through this gap.

Attach the head to the body, sewing the cast on edge to the shell.

Embroider the eyes using black wool (either use small stitches or a French knot).

TAIL

Sew the tail seam from the cast off stitches to the cast on edge, leaving the cast on edge open. Stuff the tail through this gap.

Attach the tail to the body, sewing the cast on edge to the shell.

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