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Knitted in Big Value DK 50g





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Excerpt from King Cole Christmas Knits Book 8 available for a limited time to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Knitted in King Cole Big Value DK 50g.

ABBREVIATIONS

approx approximately, **beg** begin(ning), **cm** centimetres, **inc** increase, **in** inch(es), **K** knit, **Kfb** knit front and back in same st (inc), **mm** millimetres, **P** purl, **rem** remain(ing), **RS** right side, **skpo** slip 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch, pass slipped stitch over, **st(s)** stitch(es), **st-st** stocking stitch, **tog** together

TENSION

24sts and 34 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st on 3.25mm needles.

BODY & HEAD

With 3.25mm needles and French Navy, cast on 42 sts.

Beg with a K row, work 20 rows in st-st.

Shape Shoulders

21st Row: K10, K2tog, K18, skpo, K10. 40 sts.

Purl 1 row.

23rd Row: K9, K2tog, K18, skpo, K9. 38 sts.

Purl 1 row.

25th Row: K9, K2tog, K16, skpo, K9. 36 sts.

Purl 1 row.

27th Row: K8, K2tog, K16, skpo, K8. 34 sts.

Purl 1 row.

Shape Neck

29th Row: K1, (K2tog) to last st, K1. 18 sts.

Purl 1 row.

Change to Cameo and beg with a K row, work 2 rows in st-st.

Shape Head

33rd Row: Kfb in every st. 36 sts.

Beg with a P row, work 17 rows in st-st.

Shape Top

51st Row: K2, (K2tog, K1) to last st, K1. 25 sts.

Purl 1 row.

53rd Row: K1, (K2tog) to end.

13 sts.

Purl 1 row.

55th Row: K1, (K2tog) to end.

7 sts.

Break yarn, leaving a long length for making up, thread through rem sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

LEG (Make 2)

Boot

With 3.25mm needles and Black, cast on 12 sts using the long tail cast on method.

Knit 1 row.

2nd Row (RS): Kfb, K4, (Kfb) twice, K4, Kfb. 16 sts.

Knit 1 row.

4th Row: (Kfb) twice, K4, (Kfb) 4 times, K4, (Kfb) twice. 24 sts.

Knit 1 row.

6th Row: (Kfb) twice, K8, (Kfb) 4 times, K8, (Kfb) twice. 32 sts.

Knit 1 row.

Beg with a K row, work 5 rows in st-st.

13th Row: P10, (P3tog) 4 times, P10. 24 sts.

Knit 1 row.

15th Row: P6, (P2tog) 6 times, P6. 18sts.

Knit 1 row.

Change to Red and Purl 2 rows.

Knit 1 row.

Beg with a K row, work 20 rows in st-st.

Cast off.

LOWER TUNIC

With 3.25mm needles and French Navy, cast on 45 sts using the long tail cast on method.

Knit 1 row.

Beg with a K row, work 9 rows in st-st.

Change to Black and beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st-st.

Cast off.

ARM (Make 2)

With 3.25mm needles and White, cast on 7 sts.

1st Row: Kfb in every st. 14 sts.

Beg with a P row, work 5 rows in st-st.

Change to Mustard and beg with a K row, work 2 rows in st-st.

Change to French Navy and beg with a K row, work 20 rows in st-st.

Change to Mustard and beg with a K row, work 3 rows in st-st.

Next Row: (P2tog) to end. 7 sts.

Break yarn, leaving a length for making up, thread through rem sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

HAT

With 3.25mm needles and Black, cast on 42 sts using the long tail cast on method.

Knit 1 row.

Beg with a K row, work 14 rows in st-st.

Next Row: K2, (K2tog, K2) to end. 32 sts.

Purl 1 row.

Next Row: (K1, K2tog) to last 2 sts, K2. 22 sts.

Purl 1 row.

Next Row: (K2tog) to end. 11 sts.

Next Row: P1, (P2tog) to end. 6 sts.

Break yarn, leaving a length for making up, thread through rem sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Chin Strap

With 3.25mm needles and Mustard, cast on 24 sts using the long tail cast on method.

Cast off.



DRUM

With 3.25mm needles and White, cast on 6 sts.

Purl 1 row.

2nd Row: Kfb in every st. 12 sts.

Purl 1 row.

4th Row: (Kfb, K1) 6 times. 18 sts.

Purl 1 row.

6th Row: (Kfb, K2) 6 times. 24 sts.

Purl 1 row.

Change to Red and Knit 2 rows.

Beg with a K row, work 6 rows in st-st.

Knit 2 rows.

Change to White and Knit 1 row.

Next Row: (P2tog, P2) 6 times.

18 sts.

Knit 1 row.

Next Row: (P2tog, P1) 6 times.

12 sts.

Knit 1 row.

Next Row: (P2tog) 6 times. 6 sts.

Knit 1 row.

Break yarn, leaving a length for making up, thread through rem sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Drum Strap

With 3.25mm needles and White, cast on 50 sts using the long tail cast on method.

Knit 2 rows.

Cast off.

MAKE UP

Using yarn left at top of head, sew centre back seam of head to neck. Stuff head well. Sew running stitches around first row of Cameo and draw up to pull in neck. Sew centre back seam of body down to cast on edge. Stuff body well.

Sew sole, heel and centre back seam of each boot and leg. Stuff each boot and leg well.

Mark centre front of lower edge of body with a pin. Pin upper edges of each leg inside lower edges of body leaving a gap at the centre. Sew legs in place and sew body edges together between legs.

Sew centre back seam of lower tunic. Place on doll's body so that the top edge of the lower tunic is approximately 6.5cm down from neck. Sew along cast off edge to body all the way around using Black DK. Then, using Black DK yarn, sew a line of backstitch along line in between Black and French Navy. Using Mustard DK, embroider a belt buckle at centre front and chest decoration in positions as shown.

Gather up cast on edge of arm and sew seam part way. Sew down from top of arm part way. Stuff well

then close seam. Using Mustard yarn, sew through the top of each arm, through body to the other arm several times to attach and allow them to move up and down. Using Black DK, embroider eyes in positions as shown. Sew a small highlight in each eye using White DK yarn. Sew a few horizontal stitches using Cameo for a nose. Using red or pink embroidery thread, embroider a mouth as shown.

Using yarn left at top of hat, sew centre back seam down to bottom edge. Using Mustard yarn, sew decoration on hat using the photo as a guide.

Sew ends of chin strap to sides of doll's face. Stuff into top of hat then place on doll's head, covering chin strap ends. Sew lower edge of hat all around head to keep in place. Gather cast on edge of drum and sew seam of White section on each side. Stuff well then sew seam of Red section closed. Using Mustard yarn, weave through garter stitch ridges on each edge of drum to form zig zag pattern as shown. Wrap drum strap across the doll's body then sew ends of strap to side of drum.

MATERIALS REQUIRED

YARN

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| King Cole Big Value DK 50g | |
| 4043 French Navy | 1 |
| 4093 Cameo | 1 |
| 4053 Black | 1 |
| 4029 Red | 1 |
| 4020 White | 1 |
| 4026 Mustard | 1 |

NEEDLES

3.25mm (UK 10/US 3)

OTHER MATERIALS

King Cole washable toy stuffing.
Pink or red embroidery thread
or sewing cotton.

MEASUREMENTS

Height - 25cm (10in)
approximately minus hat.

It is very important to check your tension before commencing the item, therefore knit a tension square. If there are less sts to 10cm (4in) than number stated, change to finer needles. If there are more sts to 10cm (4in) than number stated, change to larger needles. It is important to work to the tension stated.

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