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KNIT YOUR OWN SHAUN THE SHEEP

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Shaun the Sheep Instructions

YARN
Shaun the Sheep The Movie Wool DK*
1 x 25gm white ball
1 x 25gm black ball

* Can also be knitted using Rowan Pure Wool DK shades snow (012) and black (004)

NEEDLES
3¼mm (no.10) (US 3) needles

TENSION
24 sts and 32 rows to 10cm using 3¼mm needles or size needed to achieve stated tension.

ABBREVIATIONS
K=knit; **P**=purl; **st(s)**=stitch(es); **cm**= centimetres; **mm**=millimetres; **stocking st**= 1 row k, 1 row p; **beg**=beginning; **dec**=decrease by working 2 sts together; **inc**=increase by working into front and back of stitch; **rep**=repeat; **tog**=together

Note: Work all pieces in stocking stitch beginning with a K row.

BODY (make 1 piece)
With 3¼mm needles and **white** yarn, cast on 11 sts for base edge.
Work 2 rows stocking st.
Next row – Inc into every st to end. (22 sts)
Work 3 rows stocking st.
Next row – *K1, inc into next st; rep from * to end. (33 sts)
Work 3 rows stocking st.
Next row – *K2, inc into next st; rep from * to end. (44 sts)
Work 33 rows stocking st.
Shape top
Next row – *K2, K2tog; rep from * to end. (33 sts)
Work 3 rows stocking st.
Next row – *K1, K2tog; rep from * to end. (22 sts)
Work 3 rows stocking st.
Next row – (K2tog) to end. (11 sts)
Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

HEAD (make 1 piece)
With 3¼mm needles and **black** yarn, cast on 16 sts for base edge.
Work 2 rows stocking st.
Next row – K3, inc into next 2 sts, K5, inc into next 2 sts, K4. (20 sts)
P 1 row.
Next row – K3, (inc into next st, K1) 2 times, K6, (inc into next st, K1) 2 times, K3. (24 sts)
P 1 row.
Next row – K3, (inc into next st, K2) 2 times, K7, (inc into next st, K2) 2 times, K2. (28 sts)
P 1 row.
Next row – K3, (inc into next st, K3) 2 times, K8, (inc into next st, K3) 2 times, K1. (32 sts)
Work 7 rows stocking st.
Next row K1, *K2, K2tog, K2; rep from * to last st K1. (27 sts)
Work 3 rows stocking st.
Next row K1, *K2, K2tog, K1; rep from * to last st K1. (22 sts)
Work 5 rows stocking st.
Cast off for top of head.

HEAD TOP (make 1 piece)
With 3¼mm needles and **white** yarn, cast on 21sts for base edge.
Work 2 rows stocking st.
Next row – K1, *inc into next st, K1; rep from * to end. (31sts)
Work 5 rows stocking st.
Next row – K1, *K2tog, K1; rep from * to end. (21sts)
P 1 row.
Next row – *K2tog, K1; rep from * to end. (14sts)
P 1 row.
Cast off for top edge.

TAIL (make 1 piece)
With 3¼mm needles and **white** yarn, cast on 12 sts for base edge.
Work 4 rows stocking st.
Next row – *inc into next st; K2; rep from * to end. (16 sts)
Work 3 rows stocking st.
Next row – *inc into next st; K3; rep from * to end. (20 sts)
Work 13 rows stocking st.
Next row – *K2tog; rep from * to end. (10 sts)
P 1 row.
Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

EARS (make 2 pieces)
With 3¼mm needles and **black** yarn, cast on 5 sts for base edge.
Work 4 rows stocking st, working first and last sts as knit sts throughout.
Next row – Inc into next st, K3, inc into next st. (7 sts)
Work 3 rows stocking st.
Next row – Inc into next st, K5, inc into next st. (9 sts)
Work 5 rows stocking st.
Next row – K2tog; K5, K2tog. (7 sts)
Next row – P2tog; P3, P2tog. (5 sts)
Next row – K2tog; K1, K2tog. (3 sts)
Next row – P3tog
Fasten off.

EYES (make 2 pieces)
With 3¼mm needles and **white** yarn, cast on 10 sts for base edge.
Work 3 rows stocking st.
Next row – ⋆P2tog; rep from ⋆ to end. (5 sts)
Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

LEGS (make 4 pieces)
With 3¼mm needles and **black** yarn, cast on 6 sts for top of leg.
Work 2 rows stocking st.
Inc 1 st at each end of next row and foll alt row. (10 sts)
Work 23 rows stocking stitch.
Shape hoof
Next row – ⋆Inc into next st, K1, rep from ⋆ to end. (15 sts)
P1 row.
Next row – K1, ⋆inc into next st, K1; rep from ⋆ to end. (22 sts)
P 1 row.
K 3 rows.
Next row – ⋆P1, P2tog; rep from ⋆ to last stitch, K1. (15 sts)
K1 row.
Next row – ⋆P2tog; rep from ⋆ to last stitch, P1. (8 sts)
Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

TO MAKE UP
Treat purl side of work on all pieces knitted in **white** as right side.

Join body seam, leaving a 4 cm space open at base. Stuff firmly and join remainder of seam, then work a gathering thread through every stitch at base edge, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Join Seam on each leg, leaving top edge open and stuff hoof lightly. Cut a 8 cm length of straw for each leg, spread with a little adhesive and wrap with stuffing. Insert padded straw into each leg, pushing end down to touch base of hoof. Position and sew top of legs to body, placing 3 cm apart and 5 cm down from gathered ends.

Tip: If making as a toy for a small child, omit using the plastic straws.

Tip: If making as an ornament, insert a 2 pence piece at the base of each hoof before stuffing to add weight and flatten bottom of foot for standing.

Join tail seam, leaving base edge open. Stuff lightly, then sew to base of body.

Join head seam, leaving base and top edges open, then fold base edge flat, with head seam in centre, and join. Join seam on head top piece, leaving base and top edges open, then fold top edge flat, with seam in centre, and join to head matching seams.

Stuff head and head top firmly, then work a gathering stitch at top of head, draw up lightly and fasten off.

Join side edges of each eye, stuff lightly, then gather round cast-on edge, draw up tightly and fasten off to make a small ball. Position and sew eyes securely to head using sewing thread. Using **black** yarn, embroider pupils by working satin stitch (over stitch) using photograph as a guide.

Sew ears to sides of head, level with eyes.

Position and pin the head to the body as in photograph and sew securely to the body.

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