



FINE   KNIT | SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

ABBREVIATIONS

Approx = Approximately
Beg = Beginning
K = Knit
K2tog = Knit next 2 stitches together
Kfb = Increase 1 stitch by knitting into front and back of next stitch
M1L = Make 1 stitch by picking up horizontal loop from front to back lying before next stitch and knitting into back of loop.
M1R (make 1 right) = Make 1 stitch by picking up horizontal loop from back to front lying before next stitch and knitting into front of loop
PM = Place marker
Rem = Remaining

Rep = Repeat
Rnd(s) = Round(s)
RS = Right side
St(s) = Stitch(es)
Ssk = Slip next 2 stitches knitwise one at a time. Pass them back onto left-hand needle, then knit through back loops together
Tog = Together
WS = Wrong side
W&T = Bring yarn to front of work. Slip next stitch purlwise. Bring yarn to back of work. Slip stitch back onto left-hand needle.
Turn. When working the wrapped stitch in next row, pick up the wrap and work it tog with the wrapped stitch.

MEASUREMENT

Approx 6" [15 cm] tall.

GAUGE

25 sts and 32 rows = 4" [10 cm] in stocking st.

INSTRUCTIONS

Note: Before start, separate the different color sections of the yarn as follows: Push the rings of color out from center. Find the point where the color changes and cut the yarn. Rep this process for the rem yarn colors. Wind each color into a separate ball.

MATERIALS

Red Heart® Amigurumi™ (3.5 oz/100 g; 239 yds/219m)

Sloth (9336)

1 ball

Contrast A Brown

Contrast B Tan

Contrast C Cream

Contrast D Green

1 ball of yarn will make 2 Sloths.

Size U.S. 2 (2.75 mm) knitting needles. Set of 4 size U.S. 2 (2.75 mm) double-pointed needles **or size needed to obtain gauge.** Stitch markers. Four ¼" [6mm] black safety eyes (two per sloth). Stuffing. Optional: Four sew-on snap fasteners – size 1 (two per sloth)

Change to circular knitting needle to accommodate large number of sts when necessary.

BODY/HEAD

Beg at bottom, with A or B and double-pointed needles, cast on 8 sts. Divide onto 3 needles (3, 3, 2). Join in rnd. PM for beg of rnd.

1st rnd: (Kfb) 8 times. 16 sts.

2nd rnd: Knit.

3rd rnd: *(K1. M1R) twice. K4. (M1L. K1) twice. Rep from * once more. 24 sts.

4th rnd: Knit.

5th rnd: *(K1. M1R) twice. K8. (M1L. K1) twice. Rep from * once more. 32 sts.

6th rnd: Knit.

7th rnd: *(K1. M1R) twice. K12. (M1L. K1) twice. Rep from * once more. 40 sts.

8th to 13th rnds: Knit.

Proceed in rows as follows:

****1st row:** (RS). Knit to last 2 sts. W&T.

2nd row: Purl to last 2 sts. W&T.

3rd row: Knit to 1 st before previously wrapped st. W&T.

4th row: Purl to 1 st before previously wrapped st. W&T.

5th and 6th rows: Rep 3rd and 4th rows.

7throw: Knit to end of row, picking up wraps as you go. **Do not** turn.

8th rnd: Knit around, picking up rem wraps as you go. **Do not** turn.**

Rep from ** to ** twice more.

Proceed in rnds as follows:

1st to 6th rnds: Knit.

7th rnd: *K1. (ssk) twice. K10. (K2tog) twice. K1. Rep from * once more. 32 sts.

8th to 10th rnds: Knit.

11th rnd: *K1. (ssk) twice. K6. (K2tog) twice. K1. Rep from * once more. 24 sts.

12th to 14th rnds: Knit.

15th rnd: *K1. (ssk) twice. K2. (K2tog) twice. K1. Rep from * once more. 16 sts.

16th to 18th rnds: Knit.

Stuff Body firmly.

19th rnd: *(ssk) twice. (K2tog) twice. Rep from * once more. 8 sts. Cut yarn, leaving a long end.

Thread end through rem sts. **Do not** secure the end. You will re-open top of the head to attach the safety eyes when finishing.

LIMBS (make 4)

With A or B, cast on 4 sts. Divide onto 3 needles (1, 1, 2). Join in rnd. PM for beg of rnd.

1st rnd: (Kfb) 4 times. 8 sts.

2nd rnd: Knit.

3rd rnd: *K1. M1R. K2. M1L. K1. Rep from * once more. 12 sts.

4th rnd: Knit.

5th rnd: *K1. M1R. K4. M1L. K1. Rep from * once more. 16 sts.

6th to 13th rnds: Knit.

14th rnd: Ssk. K12. K2tog. 14 sts.

15th to 18th rnds: Knit.

19th rnd: (ssk) twice. K2. M1L. K2. M1R. K2. (K2tog) twice. 12 sts.

20th to 23rd rnds: Knit.

24th rnd: (ssk) twice. K1. M1L. K2. M1R. K1. (K2tog) twice. 10 sts.

25th to 29th rnds: Knit.

Stuff Limb.

30th rnd: Ssk. K6. K2tog. 8 sts.

31st and 32nd rnds: Knit.

33rd rnd: Ssk. K4. K2tog. 6 sts. Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread end through rem sts. Pull tightly. Fasten securely.

Claws (work 3 claws on each limb)

First claw: With pair of double-pointed needles and C, pick up and knit 2 sts at cast off end of limb, just to the side of center.

Do not turn work. *Slide all sts to opposite end of needle. Carry yarn tightly across back of work, K2. Rep from * twice more. Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread end through rem sts. Pull tightly. Fasten securely.

Second and third claws: Rep as for First claw, placing Second claw directly over center and Third claw to other side of center.

FACE

With pair of needles and C, cast on 10 sts.

1st row: (WS). Purl.

2nd row: K1. M1R. K8. M1L. K1. 12 sts.

3rd row: Purl.

4th row: K1. M1R. K10. M1L. K1. 14 sts.

Beg with a purl row, work 5 rows in stocking st.

Next row: Ssk. Knit to last 2 sts. K2tog. 12 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Rep last 2 rows twice more. 8 sts after last row.

Cast off purlwise, leaving a long end for sewing.

EYE SPOTS (make 2)

With pair of needles and A, cast on 4 sts.

Beg with a purl row, work 3 rows in stocking st.

Next row: (RS). Ssk. K2tog. 2 sts. Break yarn, leaving a long end.

TREE BRANCH (make 1)

With double-pointed needles and D, cast on 8 sts. Divide onto 3 needles (3, 3, 2) sts. Join in rnd. PM for beg of rnd.

Knit in rnds until work from beg measures approx 4" [10 cm]. Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread end through rem sts. Pull tightly. Fasten securely.

TREE LEAF (make as many as desired)

With pair of needles and D, cast on 2 sts.

1st row: (RS). (Kfb) twice. 4 sts.

2nd row: Purl.

3rd row: K1. M1R. K2. M1L. K1. 6 sts.

4th row: Purl.

Work 2 rows in stocking st.

Next row: Ssk. K2. K2tog. 4 sts.

Beg with a purl row, work 3 rows in stocking st.

Next row: Ssk. K2tog. 2 sts. Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread end through rem sts. Pull tightly. Fasten securely. Sew leaves to tree branch arranged as desired.

FINISHING

Refer to picture as a guide to placement of face, facial features, and limbs.

Face: Position face onto body and pin in place. Sew face to body sewing around edges of face and concealing sts as much as possible.

Eye Spots: Position eye spots on face and pin in place. Sew edges of each eye spot onto face.

Nose and Smile: With A, embroider nose onto face using 3 or 4 straight stitches. Embroider a single straight stitch below nose for smile. Form a bend in smile by sewing a small loop around middle of smile, going out of and back into the same hole.

Eyes: Following manufacturer's instructions, attach safety eyes through each eye spot. Once eyes are secured, thread end through rem sts of head. Pull tightly. Fasten securely.

Limbs:

Note: Sloth's limbs are sewn to body using a loop of yarn pulled tight. This gives the toy a simple joint that allows the limbs to rotate.

Position limbs on body and use pins to mark where yarn loop will need to pass through body. Starting with one back leg, sew through inside of leg at widest point. Sew through bottom of body, in one side and out the other, using your pin as a guide. You may need to squeeze body to make this easier. Yarn is now on other side of body. Sew through inside of other leg at widest point. Using pin as a guide, sew back through body. Legs and body are all now connected with one piece of yarn. Twist ends of the yarn together and pull it taut, until legs are pressed firmly to body and body is slightly compressed.

Tie a firm square knot. Pull loose ends of this knot into body. Rep for arms.

Optional: Sew a set of snap fasteners into each pair of paws.

Straight Stitch

