

Billy
Bear



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BILLY BEAR – EMMA VARNAM

This little bear has a cheeky wee travel bag. He is joyful and fun and will bring delight to all who carry him.

YARN USED

Stylecraft - Bellissima DK

SHADE

Approx 50g of a 100g ball of the following:

Single Cream (A) 3921

Rio Red (B) 3932

Mellow Yellow (C) 3925

Sugar Snap (D) 3926

Ash Rose (E) 3923

A small amount of the following:

Black yarn

3.5mm hook,

Tapestry needle

10mm safety eyes (optional)

Polyester stuffing

MEASUREMENTS

Bear: 25cm/10in tall x 13cm/5in wide

Bag: 15cm/6in x 15cm/6in

ABBREVIATIONS - all of pattern uses UK terms:

ch chain **cm** centimetre(s); **cont** continue; **dec** decrease(s); **dc2inc** dc two stitches into next stitch **fol(s)** follow(s)ing; **inc** increase(s)ing; **in** inch(es); **dc** double crochet; **dc2tog** double crochet next 2 sts together; **dc3tog** double crochet next 3 sts together; **patt** pattern; **pm** place marker **rem** remain(ing); **rep** repeat; **RS** right side; **sl-st** slip stitch; **tbl** through back of loop; **tr** treble stitch **WS** wrong side.

PATTERN STARTS

LEGS (make 2)

Using 3.5mm hook make a magic ring.

Round 1: 1 ch, 6 dc into the centre of the ring.

Round 2: 2 dc into each st (12 sts).

Round 3: (1 dc, dc2inc) 6 times (18 sts).

Rounds 4-13: Work 10 rounds straight.

Fasten off the first leg. Do not fasten off the 2nd leg, place a marker in the last st.

You will now use the stitches at the top of the leg to start working the body.

BODY

Round 1: The right leg is still on your hook, ch 3 sts, then attach the left leg by working 18 dc, 1dc in each of 3 ch between the two legs, 18 dc of right leg, pm. Work now in continuous spirals.

Round 2: 1dc in each of 3ch between the legs, 1 dc around, pm. (42 sts).

Rounds 3-9: Work 7 rounds straight. Finish at the back of the body.

Rounds 10-11: Change to B, work 2 rows straight.

Rounds 12-13: Change to C, work 2 rows straight.

Rounds 14-15: Change to D, work 2 rows straight.

Rep rnds 10-15 keeping colour sequence correct.

Rounds 22-23: Change to B, work 2 rows straight.

Round 24: Change to A, work 1 row straight tbl.

Rounds 25-34: Work 10rows straight.

Round 35: (5 dc, dc2tog) 6 times (36 sts).

Round 36: (4 dc, dc2tog) 6 times (30 sts).

Round 37: (3 dc, dc2tog) 6 times (24 sts).

Round 38: (2 dc, dc2tog) 6 times (18 sts).

At this point using the photo as the guide, position the safety eyes and stuff the majority of the legs and body.

Round 39: (1 dc, dc2tog) 6 times (12 sts).

Round 40: (dc2tog) 6 times (6 sts).

Fasten off leaving a 20cm tail of yarn. Finish stuffing the head then use the tail of yarn to gather and secure the last stitches.

ARMS (make 2)

Using 3.5mm hook, make a magic ring.

Round 1: 1 ch, 6 dc into the centre of the ring.

Round 2: (1 dc, dc2inc) 3 times (9 sts).

Rounds 3-6: Work 4 rounds straight.

Rounds 7-8: Change to B, work 2 rows straight.

Rounds 9-10: Change to C, work 2 rows straight.

Rounds 11-12: Change to D, work 2 rows straight.

Rep rnds 7-12.

Fasten off. Leave a yarn tail to sew to the body.

EARS (make 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and A, make a magic ring.

Round 1: 1 ch, 6 dc into centre of the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc into each st (12 sts).

Round 3: (1 dc, dc2inc) 6 times (18 sts).
Rounds 4–6: Work 3 rounds straight.
Round 37: (1 dc, dc2tog) 6 times (12 sts).
Fasten off. Leave a yarn tail to sew to the head.

MAKING UP

Neck: Using yarn B, slip stitch a surface stitch between rnd 22 and 23 of the body.

Body: Below the eyes embroider a small nose by over stitching two stitches with black yarn.

Legs: Sew or slip stitch the top of the legs together between the last row of the legs and the first round of the body to create a seam which will allow the legs to bend.

Arms: Do not stuff the arms but sew securely to the sides of the body.

Fold ear in half and sew firmly to head.

GRANNY SQUARE BAG

SIDES (make 2)

Round 1: Using 3.5mm hook and C, ch 6 sts, join with a sl st to form a ring.

Round 2: Ch 6 (this counts as the first tr and 3 ch), (3 tr into ring, 3 ch) 3 times, 2 tr into ring, sl st into 3rd of 6 ch at the beg of round. Fasten off.

Round 3: Attach E in any corner chain sp with a sl st, 6 ch (counts as the first tr and 3 ch), 3 tr into same ch sp, *1 ch, miss 3 tr, (3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr) into next ch sp; rep from * twice, 1 ch, miss 3 tr, 2 tr into next ch sp, sl st into 3rd of 6 ch at beg of round. Fasten off.

Round 4: Attach B in any corner chain sp with a sl st, 6 ch (counts as the first tr and 3 ch), 3 tr into same ch sp, *1 ch, miss 3 tr, 3 tr into next ch sp, 1 ch, miss 3 tr, (3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr) into next ch sp; rep from * twice, 1 ch, miss 3 tr, 3 tr into next ch sp, 1 ch, miss 3 tr, 2 tr into next ch sp, sl st into 3rd of 6 ch at beg of round. Fasten off.

Round 5: Attach A in any corner chain sp with a sl st, 6 ch (counts as the first tr and 3 ch), 3 tr into same ch sp, *(1 ch, miss 3 tr, 3 tr into next ch sp) twice, 1 ch, miss 3 tr, (3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr) into

next ch sp; rep from * twice, (1 ch, miss 3 tr, 3 tr into next ch sp) twice, 1 ch, miss 3 tr, 2 tr into next ch sp, sl st into 3rd of 6 ch at beg of round. Fasten off.

Round 6: Attach D in any corner chain sp with a sl st, 6 ch (counts as the first tr and 3 ch), 3 tr into same ch sp, *(1 ch, miss 3 tr, 3 tr into next ch sp) three times, 1 ch, miss 3 tr, (3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr) into next ch sp; rep from * twice, (1 ch, miss 3 tr, 3 tr into next ch sp) three times, 1 ch, miss 3 tr, 2 tr into next ch sp, sl st into 3rd of 6 ch at beg of round. Fasten off.

Round 7: Attach A in any corner ch sp with a sl st, 2ch (counts as the first dc and 1 ch), 1 dc into same ch sp, 1dc into each tr and 1dc into every 1 ch, (1dc, 1ch, 1dc) into every 3 ch sp, sl st into 1 ch at beg of round. Fasten off.

You will now only work on 3 sides of the granny square

Row 1: Attach C in any corner ch sp with a sl st, 1ch, 1dc into each dc, (1dc, 1ch, 1dc) into the two 1 ch corner sps, 1dc in last 1ch corner sp, turn. Fasten off.

Row 2: Attach E, 1ch, 1dc into each dc, (1dc, 1ch, 1dc) into the two 1 ch corner sps, 1dc in last 1dc of previous row, turn. Fasten off.

Row 3: Attach A, 1ch, 1dc into each dc, (1dc, 1ch, 1dc) into the two 1 ch corner sps, 1dc in last 1dc of previous row, turn. Fasten off.

Row 4: Attach B, 1ch, 1dc into each dc, (1dc, 1ch, 1dc) into two 1 ch corner sps, 1dc in last 1dc of previous row, turn.

Row 5: 1ch, 1dc into each dc, (1dc, 1ch, 1dc) into two 1 ch corner sps, 1dc in last 1dc of previous row, turn.

Row 6: 1ch, 1dc tbl into each dc, (1dc, 1ch, 1dc) into two 1 ch corner sps, 1dc tbl in last 1dc of previous row, turn. Fasten off and weave in ends.

JOINING THE SIDES

With both sides WS together, sl st tbl both row 6 of the sides together. Do not fasten off.

BAG TOP

With RS facing, now work along the top of the bag.

Row 1: 1ch, 1dc in each dc, row ends and joining seam. join with a sl st to first 1ch.

Rows 2-3: 1ch, 1dc in each dc around join with a sl st to first 1ch. Fasten off.

STRAP

The strap works on both sides of the foundation ch.

Row 1: Using A and 3.5 mm hook, ch 101, 1dc tbl in 2nd st from hook, 1dc tbl in each st to end, 1ch, 1dc tbl along the other side of the foundation ch to end, 1ch, sl st in first ch. Fasten off. (202 sts).

Row 2: Change to C, 1ch, 1dc tbl of each dc and 2dc in each ch sp at the end of the rows, sl st in 1ch at the beg of the row. Fasten off. (204 sts).

Row 3: Change to F, 1ch, 1dc tbl of each dc and 2dc in each dc at the end of the rows, sl st in 1ch at the beg of the row. (208 sts).

Fasten off and weave in ends.

I have sewn a length of ribbon to the WS of the strap to make it extra strong. Sew the strap ends to the inside of bag.

Cuddle your bear and look after him please.

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