Peter the Penguin

Knitted from oddments
approx 203s

ECONOMY INSTRUCTIONS No. 340
MATERIALS.
1 oz. 4-ply knitting wool in Black or a Dark colour.
\(\frac{3}{4}\) oz. same wool in White or Pale colour.
A small ball of 4-ply wool in Yellow or Orange for beak.
A small ball of coral or red for tops of feet.
2 No. 9 knitting needles. 2 Black buttons, about \(\frac{3}{4}\) in. dia. for eyes.

STUFFING. Unravellled or finely shredded waste from old knitwear, silk undies or stockings; cheap grade cotton wool or cotton waste filling.

MEASUREMENTS. Length 11 inches.

TENSION. With 4-ply wool and No. 9 needles, 6\(\frac{1}{2}\) sts. to 1 inch.

ABBREVIATIONS. K.—knit, P.—purl, st.—stitch, dec.—decrease, inc.—increase, tog.—together, rep.—repeat, ins.—inches, st. st.—stocking stitch (1 row K., 1 row P.), beg.—beginning.

BACK (14\(\frac{3}{4}\) ins. long). Begin at point "E" on photograph. With the Black wool cast on 2 sts. Work 8 rows in st. st., inc. 1 st. each end of every row (18 sts.), then work for 20 rows, inc. 1 st. at each end of every alternate row (38 sts.). Continue in st. st., working straight for 55 rows (7 ins.).

84th row. Dec. each end of row. 85th row. Work to end. Rep. last 2 rows 3 times, then rep. 84th row 9 times (12 sts.).
101st and 102nd rows. Work to end.
103rd row. Dec. at each end of row.
104th to 106th rows. Work to end.
107th row. Dec. at each end of row.
108th, 109th and 110th rows. Work to end.
111th row. Dec. at each end of row. 112th row. Work to end.
Rep. last 2 rows until 2 sts. remain. K. 2 tog. and fasten off (Point "G" on diagram).

FRONT (13 1/2 ins. long). Begin at point "E" on photograph. With White wool cast on 2 sts. Work in st. st. as given for back until 38 sts. are on needle at end of 28th row.
Work 6 rows straight, then dec. 1 st. at each end of next row. Rep. last 7 rows 7 times (22 sts.). Work 9 rows straight, thus ending with a K. row.
Cast off 6 sts.
With right side of work facing, join wool to second set of sts. and work straight for 10 rows. Next row. K. to last 2 sts., K. 2 tog.

BEAK (2 pieces) 3 3/4 ins. long. With the Yellow wool cast on 16 sts. Working into back of sts. on first row only, work 4 rows in st. st.
5th to 8th rows. Dec. 1 st. at each end of each row (8 sts.).
9th to 23rd rows. Work 15 rows straight.
24th to 26th rows. Dec. 1 st. at each end of each row (2 sts.).
K. 2 tog. and fasten off. Work a second piece in the same way.

FLIPPER (4 pieces) 5 ins. long, cornerwise. With Black wool cast on 28 sts. 1st row. P. to end.
Work one more piece in same way, then make 2 pieces, substituting K. rows for P. rows and P. rows for K. rows, to reverse shaping.

FEET (4 pieces): 2 Coral, 2 Black. With Coral wool cast on 14 sts. and work in garter st. thus:—
1st row. Working into back of sts., K. to end.
2nd row. K. to end, Inc. at beg. of row. 3rd row. K. to end.
Rep. last 2 rows 6 times, then rep. 2nd row once more (22 sts.).
17th to 25th rows. K. 9 rows, dec. 1 st. at each end of each row.
Make a second piece in same way, then make 2 more pieces, using the Black wool.

MAKE UP. Sew the two beak pieces together on wrong side, leaving wide end open. Turn right side outside and stuff. Sew cleft in body front round base of beak (bottom of cleft to centre under-side of beak). The two points "A" are 3/8 in. apart on upper side of beak. Sew body back and front, together on wrong side, matching the points, E, D, C, B, and A. Leave a few inches open at the tail end (E) for stuffing. Turn right side outside.
Sew down the black tip A—G to cover the upper part of beak, projecting over the yellow part about 1 inch. Stuff body and sew up end of tail. Join flipper pieces together in pairs, on wrong side. Turn right side outside and stuff lightly. Sew up opening left for stuffing and stitch a flipper on to each side of body as shown in photograph. (Note that the end of flipper curves backwards.)

Join foot pieces together in pairs, upper side coral, lower side black. Cut out two similar shaped pieces in thin card and slip one into each foot as a stiffener. Pad over the top of the stiffener with a little stuffing and join the opening. (N.B.—It is advisable to leave cast-on edges open for this purpose.)

Turn back end of tail E to D, thus forming a triangular base. Run a few stitches in lower part of back to hold it in position. Place the feet as shown in diagram, coral side uppermost, and projecting 2 ins. in front of body. Sew firmly to base of body. Model the head and body by running threads pulled fairly tight, in the places indicated in photograph.

With White thread sew a button on to each side of head (back of button outwards) leaving an equal margin of White round upper edge. Cover the join between black and white body parts, from base of beak to flipper, with a close even oversewing of Coral colour.

Note.—To facilitate counting rows of knitting, thread a darning needle with contrasting wool and pick up a stitch every 5th row on back of work. Mark the points, A, B, C, D, E, with coloured threads.

THE FISH.

Tuck this fish-ration under one flipper. (Omit this if making for a very young child.)

MATERIALS REQUIRED.

A piece of Silver-Grey lining silk (or any similar material), 6½ ins. long by 4 ins. wide. A few strands of Yellow, Black and Red embroidery cotton.

Cut a fish shape, 6 ins. long and 2 ins. wide (at widest part), in paper or card. Tack this on to the material, folded double, and stitch round shape in back-stitch (on wrong side of material). Leave 2 ins. open on underside.

Remove pattern and cut out shape with ¼ in. margin allowed all round. Turn right side outside and stuff, then join opening on underside. Embroider eyes in yellow outlined with a row of back-stitches in black about 1 in. from pointed end. Work 2 rows of close over-sewing on pointed end for mouth, in Red embroidery cotton. Now with Grey thread work a few rows of close running stitches along end of tail. Stitch tip of one flipper down to body and push fish through.

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