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## YARN

### Rowan Cotton Glace

VALERIE

A Bleached 726

B Poppy 741

VINCENT

A Poppy 741

B Bleached 726

(1 ball of each shade will make both Chicks)

### Rowan Baby Merino Silk DK

C Shell Pink 674 1 x 50gms

## NEEDLES

1 pair 3¼mm (no 10) (US 3) needles

1 x 3.25mm (no 10) (USD3) crochet hook

**EXTRAS** – Washable toy stuffing, 2 black beads for eyes, Popcorn kernels or plastic beans.

## TENSION

23 sts and 32 rows to 10cm measured over st st using 3.25mm (US 3) needles

## BODY

Using 3¼mm (US 3) needles and yarn A, cast on 52sts.

**Row 1 (RS):** Using yarn A, knit.

**Row 2:** Using yarn A, purl.

**Row 3:** Using yarn B, knit.

**Row 4:** Using yarn A, purl.

Using the **fairisle** technique, now work the heart panel as follows:

**Row 5:** Using yarn B K1, \*using yarn B K1, Using yarn A K9, rep from \* to last st, using yarn A K1.

**Row 6:** Using yarn B P2, \*Using yarn A P3, Using yarn B P1, using yarn A P3, Using yarn B P3, rep from \* to end.

**Row 7:** Using yarn B K4, \*Using yarn A K1, Using yarn B K3, using yarn A K1, Using yarn B K5, rep from \* to last 8 sts, using yarn A K1, using yarn B K3, using yarn A K1, using yarn B K3.

**Row 8:** Using yarn B P3, \*Using yarn A P2, Using yarn B P1, using yarn A P2, Using yarn B P5, rep from \* to last 9 sts, using yarn A P2, using yarn B P1, using yarn A P2, using yarn B P4.

**Row 9:** Using yarn A K1, \*Using yarn A K1, Using yarn B K2, using yarn A K1, Using yarn A K2tog tbl, using yarn A K2, using yarn B K2, rep from \* to last st, using yarn B K1. 47 sts.

**Row 10:** Using yarn A, purl.

**Row 11:** Using yarn B, K16, K2tog, K16, K2tog, K to end. 45 sts.

Break off yarn B and cont using yarn A **only**.

Beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st st.

**Row 15:** K4, (K2tog, K7) 4 times, K2tog, K3. 40sts  
Beg with a P row work 5 more rows in st st.

**Row 21:** K3, (K2tog, K6) 4 times, K2tog, K3. 35sts  
Beg with a P row work 3 rows in st st.

**Row 25:** K3, (K2tog, K5) 4 times, K2tog, K2. 30sts  
Work 3 rows in st st beginning with a purl row.

**Row 29:** K2, (K2tog, K4) 4 times, K2tog, K2. 25sts

**Row 30:** Purl

**Row 31:** K1, (K2tog, K3) 4 times, K2tog, K2. 20sts

**Row 32:** Purl

**Row 33:** \*K2tog, K2, repeat from \* to end. 15sts

**Row 34:** Purl.

**Row 35:** K2, K2tog, (K1, K2tog) 3 times, K2. 11sts

**Row 36:** Purl

**Row 37:** K1, \*K2tog, rep from \* to end. 6sts

Cast off rem sts.

#### BASE

Using 3¼mm (US 3) needles and yarn A, cast on 16sts.

Beg with a K row, work 4 rows in st st.

**Row 5:** K2, K2tog, K8, K2tog, K2. 14 sts

Beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st st.

**Row 9:** K2, K2tog, K6, K2tog, K2. 12sts

Beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st st.

**Row 13:** K2, K2tog, K4, K2tog, K2. 10 sts

Purl next and every foll alt row.

**Row 15:** K2, K2tog, K2, K2tog, K2. 8 sts

**Row 17:** K2, K2tog, K2tog, K2. 6 sts

**Row 19:** K2, K2tog, K2. 5 sts

**Row 21:** K1, sl1, K2tog, pssso, K1.

Cast off **purl wise**.

#### BEAK

Using 3¼mm (US 3) needles and yarn C, cast on 6sts.

**Row 1:** \*K1, P1; rep from \* to end.

**Row 2:** \*P1, K1; rep from \* to end

**Row 3:** Cast off 1 stitch, K1, P1 to end.

**Row 4:** Cast off 1 stitch, P1, K1 to end.

**Row 5:** Cast off 2 stitches, K1.

Cast off rem 2 sts.

#### LEGS (make 2)

Using 3.25mm (US D3) crochet hook and yarn C

\*Work 10ch, ss into 10<sup>th</sup> ch from hook. This makes first toe. Repeat from \* two more times to form three toes.

Work 25 more ch, finish off. Tie a knot halfway down leg to form knee. Use end of yarn to stitch toes together firmly at ankle. The other end of yarn will be used to sew leg to body.

#### MAKING UP

Sew the cast on edge of Base to the centre 16sts of body. Now sew left and right sides of base to left and right sides of body. Start at base and using mattress stitch, sew 3cm up back seam. Sew the legs in place at front two corners.

Fill the base of chicken with popcorn kernels, or plastic beans, 1-2cm deep. Now stuff the body with toy stuffing. Stitch the remainder of the seam. Sew the beak in place, and two black beads for eyes.

#### COMB

Using a 3.25mm (US D3) crochet hook and yarn C, work 50 ch. There are five loops side by side, forming a fan shaped comb, each loop is 10 ch. Use the yarn ends to form the fan and sew in place on top of the head.

#### TAIL

Using a 3.25mm (US D3) crochet hook and yarns A and B, Work a mixed selection of chain lengths, from 15 to 30 sts long. Sew each length to the tail area of the chicken, each length forming a loop. Approx 12 loops will give desired tail effect.