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# Morris & Myna Mole

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#### **YARN**

# **Baby Cashsoft Merino**

 Morris
 Myna

 A Mint 00109
 Sea Green 000109
 1x 50gm

 B Vintage Pink 00105
 Denim 00112
 1x 50gm

 C Denim 00112
 Vintage Pink 00105
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#### **NEEDLES**

1 pair 31/4mm (no 10) (US 3) needles

**EXTRAS** - Washable toy filling, scrap of black yarn for eye embroidery and piece of wire for Morris' glasses.

#### **TENSION**

25 sts and 34 rows to 10 cm measured over st st using 3½mm (US 3) needles.

# FINISHED SIZE

Completed mole measures approx 21 cm (8½ ins) from nose to tail.

**Pattern note**: Needle sizes are not given with each section as all pieces are knitted using 3½mm (US 3) needles.

**Shaping note**: To make edges neater and easier to sew together, all shaping is worked just inside ends of rows.

To inc at beg of rows, inc in first st.

To inc at end of rows, work to last 2 sts, inc in next st, then work last st of row.

To dec at beg of a K row, beg row with K1, sl 1, K1, psso.

To dec at end of a K row, work to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1.

To dec at beg of a P row, beg row with P1, P2tog.

To dec at end of a P row, work to last 3 sts, P2tog tbl, P1.

# BASE

Using yarn A, cast on 8 sts.

Beg with a K row, work in st st as folls:

Work 1 row, ending with **WS** facing for next row.

Inc 1 st at each end of next 5 rows, then on foll 2 alt row, then on foll 4th row. 24 sts.

Place blue markers at both ends of last row.

Work 13 rows, ending with **WS** facing for next row.

Place red markers at both ends of last row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next and 2 foll 4th rows, then on foll 4 alt rows, then on 2 foll 4th rows, then on foll alt row, ending with RS facing for next row.

Break yarn and leave rem 4 sts on a holder.

#### LEFT SIDE

With RS facing and yarn A, beg at centre of cast-on edge of base, pick up and knit 18 sts along shaped row-end edge to blue marker, 14 sts along straight row-end edge to red marker, then 26 sts along shaped row-end edge to sts left on holder. 58 sts.

Beg with a P row, work in st st as folls:

Work 2 rows, ending with **WS** facing for next row.

Row 3 (WS): P2, P2tog, P to end. 57 sts.

**Row 4:** K6, (M1, K5) 3 times, M1, K36. 61 sts.

Work 3 rows.

Dec 1 st at end of next row, then cast off 4 sts at beg of foll row. 56 sts. Rep last 2 rows once more. 51 sts.

Dec 1 st at end of next row, then cast off 3 sts at beg of foll row. 47 sts. Dec 1 st at both ends of next row, then dec 1 st at beg of foll row. 44 sts.

Rep last 2 rows 4 times more. 32 sts.

**Row 24 (RS):** K1, sl 1, K1, psso, (K4, K2tog) 3 times, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1. 27 sts.

**Row 25:** P1, (P2tog) twice, P to end. 25 sts.

**Row 26:** K1, (sl 1, K1, psso) twice, K to last 5 sts, (K2tog) twice, K1. 21 sts.

**Row 27:** P1, P2tog, P to end. 20 sts.

Rep last 2 rows once more, ending with RS facing for next row. Cast off rem 15 sts.

#### RIGHT SIDE

With RS facing and yarn A, beg at sts of base left on holder, pick up and knit 26 sts along shaped row-end edge to red marker, 14 sts along straight row-end edge to blue marker, then 18 sts along shaped row-end edge to centre of cast-on edge of base. 58 sts.

Beg with a P row, work in st st as folls:

Work 2 rows, ending with **WS** facing for next row.

**Row 3 (WS):** P to last 4 sts, P2tog tbl, P2. 57 sts.

**Row 4:** K36, (M1, K5) 3 times, M1, K6. 61 sts.

Work 3 rows.

Dec 1 st at beg of next row. 60 sts.

Dec 1 st at end of next row, then cast off 4 sts at beg of foll row. 55 sts. Rep last 2 rows once more. 50 sts.



Dec 1 st at end of next row, then cast off 3 sts at beg of foll row. 46 sts.

Dec 1 st at both ends of next row, then dec 1 st at beg of foll row. 43 sts.

Rep last 2 rows 4 times more. 31 sts.

**Row 25 (WS):** P1, P2tog, (P4, P2tog) 3 times, P to last 5 sts, (P2tog tbl) twice, P1. 25 sts.

**Row 26:** K1, (sl 1, K1, psso) twice, K to last 5 sts, (K2tog) twice, K1. 21 sts.

**Row 27:** P to last 3 sts, P2tog tbl, P1. 20 sts.

Rep last 2 rows once more, ending with RS facing for next row. Cast off rem 15 sts.

#### NOSE

With RS facing and yarn A, pick up and knit 9 sts along row-end edge of left side, K across 4 sts left on holder, then pick up and knit a further 10 sts along row-end edge of right side. 23 sts.

**Row 1 (WS):** P3, P2tog, P4, P2tog, P2, (P2tog, P3) twice. 19 sts. Beg with a K row, work in st st as folls:

Work 3 rows, ending with **WS** facing for next row.

Break off yarn A and join in yarn B.

Work 5 rows.

**Row 10 (RS):** (K2, K2tog) twice, K3, (K2tog, K2) twice. 15 sts. Work 1 row.

**Row 12:** (K1, K2tog) twice, sl 1, K2tog, psso, (K2tog, K1) twice. 9 sts.

Work 1 row.

**Row 14:** K1, sl 1, K1, psso, sl 1, K2tog, psso, K2tog, K1.

Break yarn and thread through rem 5 sts. Pull up tight and fasten off securely.

FEET (make 4)

Using yarn B cast on 5 sts.

Working in garter st throughout, cont as folls:

Inc 1 st at each end of 3rd and foll 3 alt rows.

13 sts.

Work 1 row, ending with RS facing for next row.

#### Shape first toe

**Row 11 (RS):** K3, K2tog and turn, leaving rem 8 sts on a holder.

Work a further 3 rows on these 4 sts only for first toe.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row. 2 sts.

Work 1 row.

Row 17: K2tog and fasten off.

# Shape middle toe

Rejoin yarn to sts left on holder, K3 and turn, leaving rem 5 sts on holder.

Work on this set of 3 sts only for middle toe.

Work 3 rows.

Inc 1 st at each end of next row. 5 sts.

Work 5 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row.

Work 1 row.

Cast off rem 3 sts.

#### Shape third toe

Rejoin yarn to sts left on holder, K2tog, K3.

Work a further 3 rows on these 4 sts only for third toe.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row. 2 sts.

Work 1 row.

Row 17: K2tog and fasten off.

TAIL

Using yarn B cast on 15 sts.

Working in **garter** st throughout, cont as folls:

Work 8 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Next row: sl 1, K1, psso, K to end. 14 sts.

Rep last row 13 times more.

Fasten off rem one st.

#### MAKING UP

Using photograph as a guide and yarn C, embroider stars onto left side - for each star work 6-8 straight stitches radiating out from one point.

Join sides and row-end edges of nose, leaving an opening to insert toy filling. Insert toy filling, ensuring toy is quite firmly filled, and close opening. Run a gathering thread around first row of nose section worked in yarn B and pull up slightly to define nose.

Using photograph as a guide, sew feet to pick-up rows of sides. Run gathering thread along cast-on edge of tail and pull up quite tightly so tail forms a curled leaf shape. Sew tail to end of body.

Using black yarn embroider eyes as folls: For Myna, embroider 2 stars in same way as for stars on sides. For Morris, swiss darn over one knitted st for each eye. Form length of wire into spectacles shape using photograph as a guide and attach over eyes. **Safety note**: If giving toy to a small child, do **NOT** make or attach spectacles.

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