

Blackberry Sheep



Blackberry sheep is a baa-rilliantly quick project to use up scraps of yarn. You could also make her into a brooch or a key ring.

The useful stuff...

One size

To fit adult palm

Materials: Cream DK yarn, small amount of colourful 4-ply or DK yarn, toy filling, two small black beads, black sewing thread
Note: if this sheep is intended for a child it would be better to embroider the eyes using black 4-ply yarn or embroidery thread

Needles: 3mm knitting needles

Notions: Darning needle

Tension: Not important as you will be using smaller needles than you normally would with the yarn

Techniques: Cast on (which ever method you prefer), working in the round, decreasing, afterthought thumb

Abbreviations:

DK	Double knit	SS	Stocking stitch
in	inc(es)	st/s	stitch/es
K	knit	tbl	through the back of the loop
P	purl	tog	together
psso	pass slipped stitch over	WS	wrong side
sl	slip		

Tail, body and head:

Using cream yarn cast on 4 sts and, starting with a purl row, work 3 rows in SS.
Next row: Cast on 11 sts and knit to end of row. (14 sts)
Next row: Cast on 11 sts and work as follows:
K1, (K1, P1, K1 in same st, P3tog) six times, K1. (26 sts)
Next row (RS): Purl all sts.
Next row: K1, (P3tog, K1, P1, K1 in same st) six times, K1.
Next row (RS): Purl all sts.
Repeat from † (four rows) three more times.
Next row: Cast off 8 sts, purl to end of row. (18 sts)
Next row: Cast off 8 sts, K4, (leaving 5 sts on RH needle), cast on 3 sts, K5. (13 sts)
Starting with a purl row work 5 rows in SS.
Next row: (K2tog) 3 times, K1, (K2tog) 3 times. (7 sts)
Thread yarn through remaining sts and fasten.

Ear: (make two)

Using cream yarn cast on 3 sts and, starting with a knit row, work 2 rows in SS.
Next row: Sl1, K2tog, psso. (1 st)
Fasten off remaining st.

Leg: (make four)

Using cream yarn cast on 5 sts and, starting with a knit row work 3 rows in SS.
Next row: Thread yarn through sts and fasten.

Scarf:

Using sock yarn cast on 3 sts and knit every row until scarf measures 13cm (5 1/4in)
Cast off.

Making up:

Starting at the gathered cast off edge, sew the seam under the head. Continue sewing the body carefully together, stuffing with toy filling as you go and folding the 'corners' under to make them more rounded.
Sew the seam up the back of the sheep and catch the edges of the tail together.
Sew the small seam at the back of the head and then sew the two ears in place on the top of the head using the picture for guidance.
Sew the beads in place using sewing cotton and embroider the mouth.
Sew the legs to the body. The gathered cast off edge forms the bottom of the leg.
Sew the ends in on the scarf and knot around Blackberry's neck.