

The Soul Singer

by Fiona Goble



SIZE

To fit an innocent smoothie

YARN

Any DK weight yarn

A: Turquoise

B: Beige

C: Black

Scraps of orange or red yarn for mouth

YOU WILL ALSO NEED

A pair of 3.75mm (UK9/US5) Pony knitting needles

TENSION

24 sts and 32 rows over 10cm/4in in stocking stitch on 3.75mm needles

Note: Tension is not critical for this project

ABBREVIATIONS

G-st	Garner stitch: Knit on RS and WS
K	Knit
kfb	Knit into the front and back of 1 stitch
k2tog	Knit 2 stitches together
P	Purl
p2tog	Purl 2 stitches together
RS	Right side of work
ssk	Slip 1 stitch, slip a second stitch, knit them together through the back loop
st (s)	Stitch(es)
St st	Stocking stitch/Stockinette: Knit on RS, purl on WS
WS	Wrong side of work

PATTERN

Hat

- Using A, cast on 28 sts
- K 2 rows
- Break A leaving a tail for weaving in
- Join B and starting with a RS knit row, work 10 rows in St st
- **Next row (RS):** K7, [(kfb) twice, turn work and P4, turn work and K8] twice, (kfb) twice, turn work and P4, turn work and K to end. 34 sts
- **Next row (WS):** Purl
- **Next row:** K7, ssk, k2tog, K12, ssk, k2tog, K to end. 30 sts
- **Next row:** Purl
- **Next row:** K13, k2tog, ssk, K to end. 28 sts
- Starting with a WS purl row, work 3 rows in St st
- **Next row:** (K2tog) to end. 14 sts
- **Next row:** (P2tog) to end. 7 sts

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MAKING UP

- Break the yarn leaving a 25cm (10cm) tail. Thread tail onto a yarn needle and gather up the 7 sts, pulling tightly to close then sew the back seam
- Turn hat RS out so the seam in on the inside

FINISHING

Collar

- Using A, cast on 26 sts
- **Row 1** (RS): Knit
- **Row 2** (WS): K1, P24, K1. Rep last 2 rows a further 5 times
- Cast off

Hair

- Using C, cast on 16 sts
- Cast off

Beard

- Using C, cast on 3 sts
- **Row 1** (RS): (kfb) twice, K1. 5 sts
- **Row 2** (WS): Knit
- Cast off
- Sew the cast-on edge of the collar round the top edge of the shirt base on the main piece, leaving a 2cm (1in) gap at the front
- Sew hair across the top of the head
- Sew cast-off edge of the beard in place and embroider a row of chain stitches for the moustache
- Using C yarn, embroider 2 French knots for the eyes and embroider a couple of straight stitches in orange or red for the mouth
- Sew a small gold bead in place for the earring

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