Free Knitting Pattern
Lion Brand® Lion® Cashmere Blend
Horse
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SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate

SIZE: One Size
Completed toy measures approximately 40cm/15-3/4in long x 36cm/14-1/4 in tall.

CORRECTIONS: None

MATERIALS

- 270-113 Lion Brand Lion Cashmere Blend Yarn: Red
  6 Balls (MC)
- 270-149 Lion Brand Lion Cashmere Blend Yarn: Charcoal
  2 Balls (CC)

- Lion Brand Knitting Needles- Size 5 [3.75 mm]
- Large-Eyed Blunt Needles
- Additional Materials
  Embroidery sewing needle
  Polyester toy filling
  Small amount of dark contrasting yarn for nostrils

GAUGE:

> 22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm/4in measured over st st using 3-3/4mm (US size 5) needles and yarn MC. BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE. When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. If it takes you less stitches and rows to make a 4 in. [10 cm] square, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

Horse head and body

Horse head and body are worked in one piece, starting at muzzle-end as foll: Using 3-3/4mm (US size 5) needles and CC yarn (muzzle and hoof color), cast on 6 sts, leaving a long tail end.

Shape muzzle

Work muzzle in rev st st as foll:

Row 1 (RS) P to end

Row 2 (inc row) (WS) *K into front and back of st to inc one st-called Kfb-, rep from * to end (to inc into every st). (12 sts)

Row 3 (inc row) *P into front and back of st to inc one st-called Pfb-, rep from * to end (to inc into every st). (24 sts)

Row 4 K to end

Row 5 (inc row) *P1, Pfb, rep from * to end. (36 sts)

Beg with a K row, work straight in rev st st for 12 rows, so ending with a **RS** (P) row.

Row 18 (dec row) (WS) K2tog, K1, K2tog, K to last 5 sts, K2tog, K1, K2tog. (32 sts)

Break off CC yarn.

Shape head

Now change to st st and yarn MC (horse color) and cont as foll:

Beg with a K row, work straight in st st for 2 rows, so ending with a WS row.

Row 21 (inc row) (RS) K10, Kfb, K to last 11 sts, Kfb, K10 (34 sts)

Beg with a P row, work straight in st st for 3 rows, so ending with a WS row.

Row 25 (inc row) (RS) K9 Kfb, K to last 10 sts, Kfb, K9. (36 sts)

Purl 1 row.

Row 27 (inc row) Kfb, K to last st, Kfb. (38 sts)

Purl 1 row.

Rep last 2 rows 4 times more, so ending with a WS row. (46 sts)

Shape neck

Row 37 (RS) Cast off 14 sts, K to last 14 sts, cast off last 14 sts and fasten off. (18 sts)

With WS facing, rejoin yarn MC to rem 18 sts and purl 1 row.

Row 39 (inc row) Kfb, K to last st, Kfb. (20 sts)

Place marker on 4th st from each end of last row for positions of ears.

Row 40 (inc row) Pfb, P to last st, Pfb. (22 sts)

Rep last 2 rows 4 times more, so ending with a WS row. (38 sts)

Row 49 (inc row) (RS) Kfb, K to last st, Kfb. (40 sts)

Beg with a P row, work straight in st st for 5 rows, so ending with a WS row.

Row 55 (shaping row) (RS) Kfb, K18, K2tog (2 center sts), K to last st, Kfb. (41 sts)

Row 56 (inc row) Pfb, P to last st, Pfb. (43 sts)

Place a marker at each end of last row for position of beg of underside of neck.

Row 57 (shaping row) Kfb, K20, cast off 1 st (center st), K to last st, Kfb. (44 sts)

Row 58 (inc row) Pfb, P to last st, Pfb. (46 sts)

Row 59 (shaping row) (RS) Kfb, K21, K2tog (2 center sts), K to last st, Kfb. (47 sts)

Row 60 (inc row) Pfb, P to last st, Pfb. (49 sts)

Row 61 (shaping row) Kfb, K23, cast off 1 st (center st), K to last st, Kfb. (50 sts)

Row 62 (inc row) Pfb, P to last st, Pfb. (52 sts)

Row 63 (shaping row) (RS) Kfb, K24, K2tog, K to last st, Kfb. (53 sts)
Row 64 (inc row) Pfb, P to last st, Pfb. (55 sts)
Row 65 (shaping row) Kfb, K26, cast off 1 st, K to last st, Kfb. (56 sts)
Row 66 (inc row) Pfb, P to last st, Pfb. (58 sts)
Row 67 (shaping row) (RS) Kfb, K27, K2tog, K to last st, Kfb. (59 sts)
Row 68 (inc row) Pfb, P to last st, Pfb. (61 sts)
Row 69 (shaping row) Kfb, K29, cast off 1 st, K to last st, Kfb. (62 sts)
Row 70 (inc row) Pfb, P to last st, Pfb. (64 sts)
Shape shoulders
Row 71 K3, Kfb, *K2, Kfb, rep from * to last 3 sts, K3. (84 sts)
Beg with a P row, work straight in st st for 7 rows, so ending with a WS row.
Row 79 (dec row) (RS) *K2, K2tog, rep from * to end of row. (63 sts)
Purl 1 row.
Shape back
Row 81 *K2, K2tog, rep from * to last 3 sts, K3. (48 sts)
Beg with a P row, work straight in St st for 11 rows, so ending with a WS row.
Shape haunches
Row 93 (inc row) (RS) K3, Kfb, *K5, Kfb, rep from * to last 2 sts, K2. (56 sts)
Purl 1 row.
Row 95 (inc row) K3, Kfb, *K6, Kfb, rep from * to last 3 sts, K3. (64 sts)
Purl 1 row.
Row 97 (inc row) K4, Kfb, *K7, Kfb, rep from * to last 3 sts, K3. (72 sts)
Purl 1 row.
Row 99 (inc row) K4, Kfb, *K8, Kfb, rep from * to last 4 sts, K4. (80 sts)
Purl 1 row.
Row 101 (inc row) K5, Kfb, *K9, Kfb, rep from * to last 4 sts, K4. (88 sts)
Beg with a P row, work straight in st st for 13 rows, so ending with a WS row.
Shape end of body
Row 115 (dec row) (RS) K1, K2tog, *K10, K2 tog, rep from * to last st, K1. (80 sts)
Purl 1 row.
Row 117 (dec row) *K2tog, rep from * to end. (40 sts)
Beg with a P row, work straight in st st for 3 rows, so ending with a WS row. Rep last 4 rows once more. (20 sts)
Row 125 (dec row) (RS) *K2tog, rep from * to end. (10 sts)
Break off yarn leaving a long tail-end, then thread yarn end onto a blunt-ended yarn needle and pass yarn needle
through sts as they are slipped off knitting needle. Pull tight to gather sts and secure with a few sts.

Ears (make 2)
Using 3-3/4mm (US size 5) needles and yarn MC (horse color), cast on 8 sts, leaving a log tail-end.
Work in st st as foll:
Purl 1 row
Next row (RS) K2tog, K to last 2 sts, K2tog. (6 sts)
Rep last 2 rows once more, so ending with a **RS** row. (4 sts)
Beg with a P row, work straight in st st for 9 rows, so ending with a WS row.
Next row (RS) (K2tog) twice. (2 sts)
Cast off p-wise, leaving a long tail-end.

Forelegs (make 2)
Forelegs are started at hoof end as foll:
Using 3-3/4mm (US size 5) needles and CC yarn (muzzle and hoof color), cast on 4 sts.
Shape base of hoof
Beg hoof in rev st st as follows:
Row 1 (WS) *Kfb, rep from * to end (to inc k-wise into every st). (8 sts)
Row 2 P to end
Rep last 2 rows twice more. (32 sts)
Work 3 rows in garter st (knit every row). (Center row of garter st forms edge of base hoof.)
Shape front of hoof
Purl 1 row.
Row 11 (inc row) (WS) K15, [Kfb] twice, K to end. (34 sts)
Purl 1 row.
Row 13 (dec row) K16, K2tog, K to end. (33 sts)
Row 14 (dec row) P16, cast off next st, P to end. (32 sts)
Row 15 (dec row) K15, K2tog, K to end. (31 sts)
Row 16 (dec row) P2tog, P to center st, cast off 1 st (center st), P to last 2 sts, P2tog. (28 sts)
Row 17 (dec row) K2tog, K to center 2 sts, K2tog, K to last 2 sts, K2 tog. (25 sts)
Rep last 2 rows twice more, so ending with a WS row. (13 sts)

Break off CC yarn

Begin leg

Now change to st st and yarn MC (horse color) and cont as foll:

Beg with a K (RS) row, work straight in st st for 16 rows, so ending with a WS row.

Shape knee joint

Row 38 (inc row) (RS) K1, *Kfb, K1, rep from * to end. (19 sts)

Purl 1 row.

Row 40 (inc row) *Kfb, rep from * to end. (38 sts)

Beg with a P row, work straight in st st for 5 rows, so ending with a WS row.

Row 46 (dec row) (RS) *K1, K2tog, rep from * to last 2 sts, K2. (26 sts)

Row 47 (dec row) *P2tog, rep from * to end. (13 sts) **

Top of leg

Beg with a K row, work straight in sts st for 14 rows, so ending with a WS row.

Row 62 (inc row) Kfb, K to last st, Kfb. (15 sts)

Purl 1 row.

Row 64 (inc row) K1, Kfb, *K2, Kfb, rep from * to last st, K1. (20 sts)

Purl 1 row.

Row 66 (inc row) K2, *Kfb, K2, rep from * to end. (26 sts)

Cast off p-wise, leaving a long tail-end.

Hind legs (make 2)

Work as for foreleg to **. (13 sts)

Knit 1 row.

Row 49 (inc row) P5, [Pfb] 3 times, P5. (16 sts)

Shape leg

Row 50 (shaping row) K2tog, K4, [Kfb] 4 times, K to last 2 sts, K2tog. (18 sts)

Row 51 (shaping row) P2tog, P5, [Pfb] 4 times, P to last 2 sts, P2tog. (20 sts)

Row 52 (shaping row) K2tog, K6, [Kfb] 4 times, K to last 2 sts, K2tog. (22 sts)

Row 53 (shaping row) P2tog, P7, [Pfb] 4 times, P 2 last 2 sts, P2tog. (24 sts)

Row 54 (shaping row) K2tog, K8, [Kfb] 4 times, K to last 2 sts, K2tog. (26 sts)

Row 55 (shaping row) P2tog, P9 [Pfb] 4 times, P to last 2 sts, P2tog. (28 sts)

Row 56 (shaping row) K2tog, K10, [Kfb] 4 times, k to last 2 sts, K2tog. (30 sts)

Row 57 (shaping row) P2tog, P11, [Pfb] 4 times, P to last 2 sts, P2 tog. (28 sts)

Row 58 (shaping row) K2tog, K12, [Kfb] 4 times, K to last 2 sts, K2tog. (34 sts)

Row 59 (shaping row) P2tog, P13, [Pfb] 4 times, P to last 2 sts, P2tog. (36 sts)

Beg with a K row, work straight in st st for 9 rows, so ending with a **RS** row.

Cast off p-wise.

To make up

Press pieces lightly on wrong side, following instruction on yarn label.

Head and body

Using blunt-ended yarn needle, matching yarn and mattress stitch for seams throughout, sew seam that runs from gathered end of horse along underside of horse and up marker (marking beginning of underside of neck). Then sew cast-off edge of head to shaped side of neck up to marker, leaving remaining head seam open. Embroider eyes and nostrils using small amount of darker contrasting yarn.

Sew remaining head seam, leaving an opening for inserting filling. Insert filling, manipulating it to shape horse as shown. Using long tail end of CC yarn at cast-on edge of muzzle, run a gathering stitch around cast-on edge of muzzle, pull tight to gather, and secure with a few stitches.

Legs

Sew seam leg and hoof seam at back of each leg. Then fill hoof with toy filling. If you want a stiffened leg, fold a sheet of A4 paper in half widthwise, then roll tightly along diagonal. Insert roll into leg and down into middle of toy filling in hoof. Lightly insert filling around paper roll along leg. Trim paper flush with top of leg. Then run a gathering stitch around top of leg, pull tight and secure with a few stitches, leaving a long length of yarn to sew leg to body. If desired, bend paper/leg at knee to make leg appear flexible.

Prepare all four legs in the same way. To position forelegs on body, start under horse's head at chin seam and measure 11cm/4-1/4 in along seam to under shoulder-place a pin at this point on seam. With front of hoof facing towards nose and each inner leg 2cm/3/4in from either side of pin, overcast stitch each foreleg in place around gathered edge, using matching yarn. To position hind legs, start level with back of forelegs and measure 7cm/2-3/4in along body seam-place a pin at this point on the seam. Overcast stitch each hind leg in place as for forelegs.

Ears

Working a few stitches to secure, sew together two points of each knitted ear triangle that have a long tail-end of yarn-this forms a loop at one side edge of knitted triangle (free point of triangle forms tip of ear).

With the inside of each ear facing outwards and outer edge of ear at position indicated by markers at top of head, overcast stitch "row-end loop" onto horse, using matching yarn.

Mane

For mane, cut 30cm/12in lengths of CC yarn. Use six or seven strands of mohair yarn together for each tuft of mane. Align group of six or seven strands, fold them in half, thread fold through a blunt-ended yarn needle, and slide needle along to opposite end of yarn.

Beginning between ears, insert needle in and out at center of head and as needle emerges, pass it through loop at folded end of strands. Pull loop down to top of head to secure, then slip off needle.

Sew on tufts of mane like this all along fashioned detail made by decreases along center of back of head. Work more tufts in this way at either side this line of tufts, if you wish, to achieve a full head of hair. If you wanted to use thicker yarn, use one strand at a time, double it, thread the loop through the needle, and make tufts in same way (see above).

Tail

For tail, cut 60cm/24in lengths of CC yarn. Sew on tufts of yarn as for mane, starting at center of tail at the back end of horse and adding more tufts around first tuft in circles until tail has desired fullness.

ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES	
Click for explanation and illustration	
CC = contrasting color	inc = increas(e)(s)(ing)
k = knit	k2tog = knit 2 together
MC = main color	p = purl
p2tog = purl 2 together	rep = repeat(s)(ing)
RS = right side	St st = Stockinette stitch
st(s) = stitch(es)	WS = wrong side

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