

Legs + Lower body: Make two legs at the same time, using a two-at-a-time sock technique OR make each leg individually but put both on one circular needle when complete, with a Magic loop.

For each leg, Cast on 10 stitches,
split to work in the round

Knit one row

K1 then kfb to the end of the front needle

K1 then kfb to the end of the back needle (18 stitches)

purl one round

knit one round - These two rounds make one ridge. Knit 18 rounds/9 ridges, ending with a purl round

Knit across the first leg, knit across the second leg, turn and knit across the backs. From here on, work around all stitches to create the body.

Carry on knitting garter stitch (alternating knit and purl rounds OR knit garter stitch in the round) for 10 rounds/5 ridges. End on a knit round and leave these on the needles or move the lower body + legs piece to a stitch holder

Head + Upper body: Make on a second circular needle if you have one.

Cast on 36 stitches, using the Turkish cast on or Judy's Magic Cast on (18 stitches on each needle) and work stocking stitch (knit all stitches in the round) for 16 rounds.

In BROWN, Shape Head by knitting these rows on each needle, front and back.

1st rows: k1, k2tog, k12, k2tog, k1 (16 stitches)

2nd rows: (k1, k2tog) twice, K2tog three times, K1, k2tog, k1 (10 stitches)

3rd rows: k2tog five times (5 stitches)

Switch to YELLOW and leave a long tail of brown.

Increase to 36 stitches (18 on each needle) by knitting these rows on each needle:

1st rows: kfb five times (10 stitches)

2nd rows: (k1, kfb) twice, kfb three times, K1, kfb, k1 (16 stitches)

3rd rows: k1, kfb, k12, kfb, k1 (18 stitches)

Working on only the front needle, knit every row for 17 rows. Do the same on the back needle. With right sides together, do a 3-needle bind off to join the front body with the front legs. Do a 3-needle bind off to join the back body and back legs. I'm not gonna lie - this is a bit tricky. Now stuff the legs and the head.

Close a few stitches at the shoulder on one side with mattress or whip stitch, then pick up and knit 7 stitches on one side of the body and 7 stitches on the other side. Alternate K and P rows for garter stitch for 12 rounds/6 ridges. Cut a long tail and thread yarn thru the stitches, pull tight to close.

Close the rest of the body on that side with mattress stitch. Stuff lightly. Repeat on the other side for the other arm, stuffing fully before closing the body.

With grey, cast on 4 stitches and knit 4 rows. Cast off. Stitch to the chest with black wool, to make radio aerial.

Sew on smiling face.