CANDY THE CATERPILLAR PATTERN

What you'll need

2¾ mm needles for all the Caterpillar apart from the Pocket which is made with 3¼ needles

The Body will end up being about 12 inches tall for this pattern:

a) **8 rows of DOUBLE STRAND DK wool for a closer knit so the stuffing won't come out I've used GREENS, BLUES and YELLOWS for the stripes, and RED for the head**

b) **Then 2 rows of single stranded 'Velvet-type/Elephant Baby' yarn (which is thicker, but very lightweight). Vanessa gets her Velvet/Elephant Baby yarn from Aldi; 12 balls of 100g for £10.99 (August 2020 price); but these sell out VERY fast.**

Approved toy stuffing. This should have a BS and/or CE label on the packaging and it should state that it is suitable for toys. For safety _no_ other stuffings can be donated.

Abbreviations

CO: cast off

C&T: cut and thread. Cut working yarn leaving a long tail. Thread it onto a tapestry needle and thread it through the stitches remaining on your knitting needle. Pull tight and fasten, do not break yarn as it will be used for sewing up.

DK: double knitting yarn

K: knit

K2tog: knit 2 stitches together

KfB: knit into the front and the back of the same stitch

P: purl

SS: stocking stitch. One row Knit, one row Purl

st/sts: stitch/stitches

S1 K1 PSSO: slip one stitch from left to right needle, knit the next stitch. Pass the slipped stitch over the knitted stitch, thus decreasing one

CATERPILLAR BODY
This is an 'all in one' pattern with just one seam up the middle of the back
Keep to stripe pattern ie 8 rows double DK, 2 rows Velvet/Elephant Baby

1. Starting with <u>double</u> DK, cast on 15sts, then SS 2 rows
2. KfB in all sts (30sts)
3. P all
4. (K1, KfB) to end (45sts)
5. SS 3 rows
6. Change to Velvet/Elephant Baby: SS 2 rows
7. Change to diff Double DK: SS 8 rows
8. Change to Velvet/Elephant Baby: SS 2 rows
9. Change to diff Double DK: SS 4 rows
10. (K1, KfB, K1) to end (60sts)
11. SS 3 rows
12. * Change to Velvet/Elephant Baby: SS 2 rows
13. Change to diff Double DK: SS 8 rows **
14. Repeat * to ** until there are a total of 8 stripes of DK from the base
15. Change to Velvet/Elephant Baby: SS 2 rows
16. Change to RED Double DK for the head and SS 2 rows
17. (K1, KfB, K1) to end (80sts)
18. SS 5 rows
19. Then to form the mouth: K24, CO32, K24
20. P24, turn and then cast on 32sts K-wise, turn P24
21. SS 8 rows
22. K2tog, K16, K2tog, S1 K1 PSSO, K16, K2 tog, S1 K1 PSSO, K16, K2 tog, S1 K1 PSSO, K16, K2tog (72sts)
23. P all
24. K2tog, K14, K2tog, S1 K1 PSSO, K14, K2 tog, S1 K1 PSSO, K14, K2 tog, S1 K1 PSSO, K14, K2tog (64sts)
25. P all
26. Keep reducing (keeping the decrease seams in line) until there are 16sts
27. Leaving a long enough length of yarn to join head seam, C & T, then sew up the head

EYE BACKS – *make 2*
1. In single YELLOW DK, cast on 24sts
2. P all
3. Change to GREEN and K all
4. P all
5. (K2 tog) to end [12sts]
6. C & T
7. Pull tight, then use the tail to sew the eye backs to form a circle

LEGS – *make THREE sets of 2*

1. In single DK of any bright colour, cast on 12sts
2. SS 10 rows
3. Change to BROWN for the foot; SS 2rows
4. K3, KfB into next 6sts, K3 (18sts)
5. P all
6. K3 (K1 KfB) six times, K3 (24sts)
7. SS 3 rows
8. K10, K2tog, S1 K1 PSSO, K10 (22sts)
9. P2tog, P7, P2tog, S1 P1 PSSO, P7, P2 tog (18sts)
10. CO

ANTENNAE – make 2

1. In single DK PURPLE, cast on 25sts
2. SS 8 rows
3. CO leaving a very long tail
4. Roll lengthways and sew down edge

NOSE

1. Using BLUE Snowflake-type or a Velvet-y yarn, cast on 10sts
2. Stocking stitch 10 rows (or as many rows as it takes to form a square)
3. C & T
4. Then gather up sts around the other three sides, add a little stuffing and pull tight to form a 'ball', then tie off

MOUTH POCKET

1. In (ideally) Snowflake yarn, cast on 32sts - this will be sewn to the top lip
2. Make the pocket as deep as possible for the body size.
   It needs to be 12cms <u>at the very least</u>.

TO MAKE UP YOUR CATERPILLAR

1. Sew the Nose centrally on the centre 'seam' of the Head
2. Sew on the Eyes, evenly spaced and either side of the Nose
   Add a black accent speck
3. Sew pocket to top lip, then the three sides.
   Make sure there's no chance of the pocket being pulled inside out
4. Sew the Caterpillar back (starting at the top) to halfway, then stuff
5. Sew/stuff the rest of the Caterpillar body
6. Add the Antennae
7. Add the legs:
   o 1 set on top stripe just inside the mouth edges [see the picture]
   o Another set on the next stripe slightly closer together
   o Last set fairly close together on the second from bottom stripe