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Sack Boy

Recreate the hero of Sony's brand new PlayStation3 game *LittleBIGPlanet*™.

Perfect for the gamers in your family



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Pattern Info

You will need...

Sirdar, Click Chunky

Duffler (143), 2 x 50g/75m balls
Oddments of beige and black DK
yarn

A pair of 4mm knitting needles
75g washable toy stuffing
4in (10cm) brown metal trouser
zip

Two ¾in (2cm) diameter black
buttons with shanks

Two plastic drinking straws
Clear adhesive

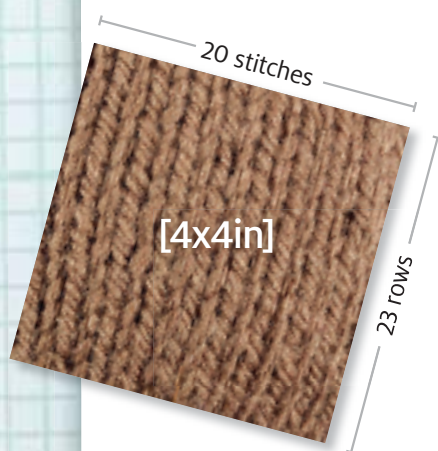
Measurements

10½in (27cm) tall

Tension square

Yarn used knits as chunky to this
tension:

20 sts and 23 rows to measure
4x4in (10x10in) over stocking
stitch using 4mm needles



Abbreviations

beg	beginning
cont	continue
K	knit
P	purl
st st	stocking stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)
tog	together



SACKBOY

NOTE Use 4mm needles throughout, cast on by using the cable (two needle) method, and begin all pieces with a K row, unless otherwise stated.

BODY (MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 12 sts with Click for base edge and st st 2 rows.

1st inc row K1, (inc 1) three times, K3, (inc 1) three times, K2. [18 sts]

Next row Purl.

2nd inc row K1, (inc 1, K1) three times, K3, (inc 1, K1) three times, K2. [24 sts]

Next row Purl.

3rd inc row (K2, inc 1) three times, K5, (inc 1, K2) three times, K1. [30 sts]

St st 13 rows.

1st dec row (K2, k2tog, K1) to end. [24 sts]

Next row Purl.

2nd dec row (K1, k2tog, K1) to end. [18 sts]

Next row Purl.

3rd row (K1, k2tog) to end. [12 sts]

Next row Purl.

4th dec row (K2, k2tog, K2) twice. [10 sts]

Cast off for neck edge.

HEAD (MAKE 1 PIECE)

Cast on 12 sts with Click for neck edge and st st 2 rows.

1st inc row (Inc 1, inc 1, K1) to end. [20 sts]

Next row Purl.

2nd inc row (Inc 1, K1) to end. [30 sts]

Next row Purl.

3rd inc row (K1, inc 1, K1) to end. [40 sts]

Next row Purl.

4th inc row (K1, inc 1, K2) to end. [50 sts]

Next row Purl.

5th inc row (K2, inc 1, K2) to end. [60 sts]

Next row Purl.

6th inc row (K2, inc 1, K3) to end. [70 sts]

St st 7 rows.

1st dec row (K6, k2tog, K6) to end. [65 sts]

St st 3 rows.

2nd dec row (K6, k2tog, K5) to end. [60 sts]

St st 3 rows.

3rd dec row (K5, k2tog, K5) to end. [55 sts]

St st 3 rows.

4th dec row (K5, k2tog, K4) to end. [50 sts]

St st 3 rows.

SHAPE TOP OF HEAD

5th dec row (K2, k2tog, K1) to end [40 sts].
St st 2 rows.

6th dec row (P2tog, P2) to end [30 sts].
St st 2 rows.

7th dec row (K1, k2tog) to end [20 sts].



Glue the zip
shut so
Sackboy's
stuffing won't
all fall out.

Next row Purl.

8th dec row (K 2 tog) to end. [10 sts]

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

LEGS (MAKE 2 PIECES)

Cast on 8 sts with Click for base edge and cont in st st.

1st inc row Inc into every st to end. [16 sts]

Next row Purl.

2nd inc row (Inc 1, K1) to end. [24 sts]

St st 3 rows.

1st dec row (K1, k2tog) to end. [16 sts]

St st 11 rows.

2nd dec row (K2tog) to end. [8 sts]

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

ARMS (MAKE 2 PIECES)

Cast on 6 sts with Click for top edge and cont in st st.

Next row Purl.

Inc row Inc into every st to end. [12 sts].

St st 13 rows.

Cast on 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows for thumb. [18 sts]

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows [12 sts].

St st 2 rows.

WORK FINGERS: LITTLE FINGER

Next row K7, turn and work on these sts only.

Next row P3, turn and work on these sts only.

Next row Knit.



Break yarn, leaving a 40in (100cm) length. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly, then oversew side edges of finger together.

RING FINGER

Next row Using remaining length of yarn, K2 from left-hand needle, turn and work on these 6 sts only.

***Next row** P3, turn and work on these sts only.

Next row Knit.

Thread yarn through sts on needle, draw up tightly, then oversew side edges of finger together.**

MIDDLE FINGER

Next row Using remaining length of yarn, K1 from left-hand needle, turn and work on these 4 sts only.

Work as given for ring finger from * to **.

INDEX FINGER

Next row Using remaining length of yarn, K 2 sts from left-hand needle. [3 sts].

St st 2 rows.

Thread yarn through sts on needle and draw up tightly.

knit tip

When sewing seams on toy projects, use small stitches and matching yarn.

Work a gathering thread through every stitch along base edge, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Use yarn remaining at tip of each

index finger to oversew side edges of

finger together and round thumb, then mattress stitch arm seam, stopping 1in (2.5cm) away from top edge. Leaving fingers and thumb unstuffed, stuff hand and arm, then join remainder of seam. Work a gathering thread through every stitch along top edge, draw up tightly and fasten off.

Use beige yarn to embroider uneven whipping stitches. First work round top of head on 5th decrease row, pinching knitting between finger and thumb along this row as you embroider to accentuate flat top of head. Now work a line of stitching down each side of head.

Work a line of stitching down each leg seam. Also work a line of stitching round each wrist and up inside of arm, from wrist to top edge.

Use Click to sew arms and legs securely in place, then use beige yarn to embroider whipping stitches up each side of body and round top of arms.

Mark eye positions with pins, placing between 2nd and 3rd decrease rows and spacing 2in (5cm) apart, then sew buttons securely in place and remove pins.

Draw out a single strand from a length of black yarn and use the remaining 2 strands to embroider mouth with split stitch, working a 4in (10cm) long, slightly curved, line.

Keep the whipping stitches nice and bold – they're part of the essential detail.



Toyknit

HOW TO...

Embroider

Use this stitch to neatly sew Sackboy together.

Mattress stitch



Thread approximately 20in (50cm) of yarn on to your needle and secure it by weaving it down the edge of one piece to the point where you will start stitching, then bringing it to the front between the first and second stitch. Now lay both pieces to be joined together on a flat surface and insert the needle between the first two stitches on the other piece. Bring the needle back up through the opposite piece between the two stitches on the next row up. Keep stitching in this way all the way up the edges to be joined, pulling nice and tight on the yarn every two or three stitches in order to bring the fabric together.



Sackboy is the hero of the game LittleBIGPlanet™, made by Media Molecule for Sony PlayStation 3. Knit our unofficial Sackboy for the gamer in your life!

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