143 Children's Hat and Mittens

Hat, head circumference 50 cm (19 3/4 ins)

Mittens, for children 4 to 8 years old

Materials

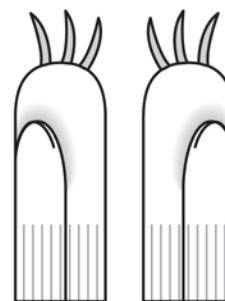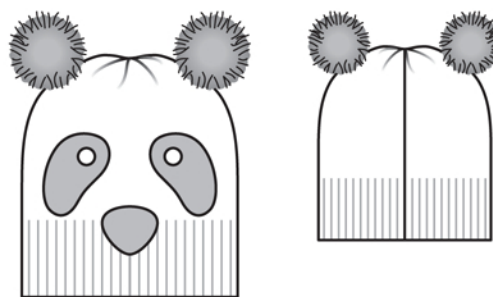Fine knit pullover with rib knit band.

Felt, approx. 20 x 10 cm (8 x 4 ins).

Yarn to make 2 pompons.

Pompon maker (Pompon Set, large, 65 mm (2 5/8 ins).

Preparations

Print pattern pieces in grey on next two pages page.

Patterns for eyes, nose, and claws printed in grey.

Sewing

Hat

From the hem edge of the pullover (not stretched), cut hat piece, 40 cm (15 3/4 ins) wide and 25 cm (10 ins) high. Stitch the 25 cm (10 in) long edges together, right side facing in, stitching 1 cm (3/8 in) from edge. Gather the 40 cm (15 3/4 in) long upper edge with a double strand of thread and pull together tightly. Hide ends of thread. Turn the hat right side out. Follow the diagram to cut eyes and nose from the piece of felt. Place pieces on hat and sew in place by hand, with small stitches. Make 2 yarn pompons and sew to hat, approx. 5 cm (2 ins) to each side of centre top.

Mittens

For the mittens, cut two pieces (mirror images) each of pieces A, B and C, adding 5 mm (3/16 in) wide seam allowances, placing the lower edge of each pattern piece on the lower edge of the rib knit band of the pullover (not stretched). From the felt, cut 6 claws, without allowances. Baste 3 claws to upper end of each fabric piece C (right fabric side), spaced 1 cm (3/8 in) apart – claws point down. Lay fabrics pieces A and B right sides together, matching rounded opening edges (thumb joining) exactly. Stitch joining edges together, 5 mm (3/16 in) from edge. Fold top end of thumb pieces right side facing in. Stitch edges together above marking, stitching 5 mm/3/16 in from edge. Lay fabric pieces A and C right sides facing and stitch edges together, up to the marking. Then begin at lower edge to stitch thumb piece B to piece C, as far as marking. Turn the mittens right side out.

A

C

B