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## Fun school set from Patons

### BACKPACK MAIN SECTION

With 4mm needles and MS, cast on 54 sts. Place markers on 13th and 15th sts counting in from both ends of cast on row (4 markers in total).

Row 1 (RS) Knit

Row 2 (P to marked st, M1 by picking up horizontal loop lying before next st and working into back of it, p marked st, M1)

4 times, p to end (62 sts)

Row 3 Knit

Row 4 As row 2 (70 sts)

Row 5 (K to marked st, M1, K marked st, M1) 4 times, K to end (78 sts)

Row 6 Purl

Row 7 As row 5 (86 sts)

Rows 8 to 11 As rows 2 to 5 (110 sts)

Starting with a p row, work in st st until main section measures 26cm (10in) from last inc row, ending with RS facing for next row.

Eyelet row (RS), k14, (yfwd, k2tog, K7) 9 times, yfwd, k2tog, k13. Cont straight until main section measures 28cm (11in) from last inc row, ending with RS facing for next row.

Change to 3.75mm needles

Work in g-st for 3 rows ending with WS facing for next row.

Cast off knitways (on WS).

### FLAP (MAKE 2)

With 4mm needles and MS, cast on 12 sts. Starting with a k row, work in st st thus: Work 1 row. Inc 1 st at each end of next 6 rows, then on foll 2 alt rows, then on foll 4th row (30 sts). Cont straight until flap measures 12cm (5in) ending with RS facing for next row. Cast off.

### MUZZLE

With 4mm needles and C, cast on 12 sts.

Starting with a k row, work in st st thus:

Work 1 row.

Inc 1 st at each end of next 5 rows (22 sts).

Work 4 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next and foll 2 alt rows, then on foll 3 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Cast off rem 10 sts.

### OUTER EARS (MAKE 2)

With 4 mm needles and MS, cast on 13 sts. Starting with a k row, work in st st thus:

Work 6 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next and foll 2 alt rows, then on foll row, ending with RS facing for next row.

Cast off rem 5 sts.

### EAR LININGS (MAKE 2)

With 3.75mm needles and C, work as for outer ears.

### NOSE

With 3.75mm needles and C, cast on 3 sts.

Work 1 row.

Inc 1 st at each end of next 3 rows (9 sts).

Work 5 rows, ending with WS facing for next row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Cast off rem 3 sts.

### STRAPS (MAKE 2)

With 3.75mm needles and MS, cast on 15 sts.

Starting with a k row, work in st st for 38cm

(15in) ending with RS facing for next row. Cast off.

### FINISHING OFF

Press following instructions on ball band. From lining fabric, cut out a piece the same size as main section, adding seam allowance along side and lower edges and marking darts at lower edge to reflect shaping for base.

Join row-end edges of main section to form back seam. Fold main section flat so that this back seam runs centrally along folded piece and join base seam. Make up lining in same way, making darts in base section so that lining fits main section. Fold 3cm to WS around upper edge of lining. Slip lining inside main section and stitch in place around upper edge. Lining should end just below eyelet row.

Using photograph as a guide, position muzzle onto one flap piece and sew in place, inserting a little toy filling under muzzle to pad it out slightly. Run a gathering thread around outer edge of nose and pull up to form a ball, inserting a little toy filling. Secure ends, then sew nose to muzzle. Using oddment of 4ply yarn, embroider eyes and mouth onto this

flap piece. Join both flap pieces along shaped edges, leaving cast-off edges open. Sew cast off edges of flaps to back of main section. Back seam of main section should be positioned centrally on flap.

Join outer ears to ear linings leaving cast on edges open. Making a small pleat in cast on edge, sew ears to top of flap as in photograph.

Join row-end edges of one strap piece to form a long tube. Cut petersham ribbon to same length as strap and thread through strap, securing it in place at both ends. Sew one end of strap to upper edge of back of main section just below ears, then other end to lower edge positioning outer edge of strap next to last inc of base. Make up and attach other strap in same way.

Using MS, make a twisted cord approx 120cm long. Starting and ending at centre front of main section, thread this cord through eyelet row and knot ends.

### PENCIL CASE

Back and front (both alike)

With 4mm needles and MS, cast on 40 sts.

Starting with a k row, work in st st for 10cm, ending with RS facing for next row. Cast off.

### MUZZLE

With 4mm needles and C, cast on 7 sts.

Starting with a k row, work in st st thus:

Work 1 row.

Inc 1 st at each end of next 2 rows, then on foll 2 alt rows (15 sts).

Work 7 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next and foll 2 alt rows, then on foll row, ending with RS facing for next row.

Cast off rem 7 sts.

### OUTER EARS (MAKE 2)

With 4mm needles and MS, cast on 9 sts.

Starting with a k row, work in st st thus:

Work 4 rows, ending with RS facing for next row. Dec 1 st at each end of next and foll alt row, then on foll row, ending with RS facing for next row.

Cast off rem 3 sts.



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### EAR LININGS (MAKE 2)

With 3¾mm needles and C, work as for outer ears.

### NOSE

With 3.75mm needles and C, cast on 3 sts.

Work 1 row. Inc 1 st at each end of next 2 rows (7 sts). Work 5 rows, ending with RS facing for next row. Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows, ending with RS facing for next row. Cast off rem 3 sts.

### FINISHING OFF

Press following instructions on ball band. From lining fabric, cut out 2 pieces same size as back and front, adding seam allowance along all edges.

Using photograph as a guide, position muzzle onto front and sew in place, inserting a little toy filling under muzzle to pad it out slightly. Run a gathering thread around outer edge of nose and pull up to form a ball, inserting a little toy filling. Secure ends, then sew nose to muzzle. Using oddment of 4ply yarn, embroider eyes and mouth onto front.

Join outer ears to ear linings, leaving cast-on edges open. Making a small pleat in cast-on edge, sew ears to front as in photograph.

Leaving cast-off edge open for zip, sew front to back. Insert zip into opening. Make up lining pieces in same way, then fold seam allowance to WS around zip opening. Slip lining inside pencil case and stitch in place to zip tape.

### PURSE

Back and front (both alike)

With 4mm needles and MS, cast on 11 sts.

Starting with a k row, work in stocking st thus:

Work 1 row. Inc 1 st at each end of next 4 rows, then on foll 2 alt rows, then on foll 4th row (25 sts). Work 9 rows, ending with RS facing for next row. Dec 1 st at each end of next and foll 4th row, then on foll 2 alt rows, then on foll 3 rows, ending with RS facing for next row. Cast off rem 11 sts.

### MUZZLE

Work as for Muzzle of pencil case.

### OUTER EARS AND EAR LININGS (MAKE 2 OF EACH)

Work as for outer ears and ear linings of pencil case.

### NOSE

Work as for nose of pencil case.

### FINISHING OFF

Press following instructions on ball band.

From lining fabric, cut out 2 pieces the same size as back and front, adding seam allowance along all edges.

Using photograph as a guide, position muzzle onto front and sew in place, inserting a little toy filling under muzzle to pad it out slightly. Run a gathering thread around outer edge of nose and pull up to form a ball, inserting a little toy filling. Secure ends, then sew nose to muzzle. Using oddment of 4ply yarn, embroider eyes and mouth onto front.

Join outer ears to ear linings, leaving cast-on edges open. Making a small pleat in cast-on edge, sew ears to front as in photograph.

Leaving a 12cm (5in) opening across upper edge for zip, sew front to back. Insert zip into opening. Make up lining pieces in same way, then fold seam allowance to WS around zip opening. Slip lining inside purse and stitch in place to zip tape.