Seagulls

An easy to knit pattern by Sardines For Tea and Sue Jobson

DK Seagull measures approximately 15cm (6 inches).

4 Ply Seagull measures 13cm (5 inches).

Materials
Pale blue and cream seagull
1 Ball each of Ricorumi shade 002 (A) and shade 033 (B) and shade 026 (C).
Small amount of black DK for eyes.
1 pair 3.25mm knitting needles.
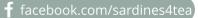Washable stuffing.

Ecru and white seagull
1 Ball each of Ricorumi shade 001 (A) and shade 054 (B) and shade 024 (C).
Small amount of black DK for eyes.
1 pair 3.25mm knitting needles.
Washable stuffing.

Tip
You can knit a smaller seagull using this pattern with a 4 ply yarn and 3mm needles.

Abbreviations-beg-beginning, cm-centimetres, inc - increase, k-knit, mm-millimetres, p-purl, psso - pass slipped stitch over, rem-remaining, rep-repeat, rs-right side, s1 - slip 1 stitch, sts-stitches, tbl - through back loop, tog-together.
m1 - make 1 stitch pick up loop between last and next stitch and work into the back of this loop.
st-st -stocking stitch-1st row:knit. 2nd row:purl. Rep these 2 rows.

Body (worked in 1 piece)
Using 3.25mm needles and yarn A cast on 51sts.
Working in st-st (throughout) proceed as follows:-
Work 4 rows.
Next Row: K22, m1, (k1, m1), 7 times, k22. 59sts.
Next Row: Purl.
1st Row: K1, k2togtbl, knit to last 3sts, k2tog, k1. 57sts.
2nd Row: P1, p2tog, purl to last 3sts, p2togtbl, p1. 55sts.
Rep 1st and 2nd rows twice more. 47sts.
Next Row: K1, k2togtbl, knit to last 3sts, k2tog, k1. 45sts.
Next Row: Purl.
Rep last 2 rows 3 times more. 39sts.
Work 2 rows.
Next Row: K1, k2togtbl, knit to last 3sts, k2tog, k1. 37sts.
Beg with a purl row work 3 rows.
Work stripe sequence as follows;-
Using B yarn work 2 rows.
Using A yarn K1, k2togtbl, knit to last 3sts, k2tog,k1. 35sts.
Using A yarn purl.
Using B yarn work 2 rows.
Using A yarn work 2 rows.
Using B, K1, k2togtbl, knit to last 3sts, k2tog, k1. 33sts.
Using B yarn purl.
Using A yarn work 2 rows.
Continue in B only and work 2 rows.
Next Row: K15, s1, k2tog, psso, k15. 31sts.
Work 3 rows.
Next Row: K14, s1, k2tog, psso, k14. 29sts.
Beg with a purl row work 3 rows.
Next Row: K13, s1, k2tog, psso, k13. 27sts.
Beg with a purl row work 3 rows.
Next Row: K12, s1, k2tog, psso, k12. 25sts.
Beg with a purl row work 3 rows.
Next Row: (K2tog) 6 times, k1,(k2tog) 6 times. 13sts.
Break off yarn and thread through rem sts.

Foot (Make 4)
Using C yarn cast on 19sts.
1st Row: K2tog, k6, s1, k2tog, psso, k6, k2tog. 15sts.
Next and every alternate row: Purl
3rd Row: K6, s1, k2tog, psso, k6. 13sts.
5th Row: K2tog, k3, s1, k2tog, psso, k3, k2tog. 9sts.
7th Row: K3, s1, k2tog, psso, k3. 7sts.
9th Row: K2tog, s1, k2tog, psso, k2tog. 3sts.
10th Row: K3tog.
Thread through rem st leaving approximately 15cm of yarn.

Beak
Using C yarn cast on 8sts.
Work 8 rows in st-st.
Next Row: K2tog, k4, k2tog. 6sts.
Break off yarn and thread through rem sts.

Wing (Make 2)
Using B cast on 5sts.
Next Row: Inc in 1st st, knit to last 2sts, inc in next st, k1. 7sts.
Next Row: Inc in 1st st, purl to last 2sts, inc in next st, p1. 9sts.
Next Row: Inc in 1st st, knit to last 2sts, inc in next st, k1. 11sts.
Next Row: Purl.
Next Row: Inc in 1st st, knit to last 2sts, inc in next st, k1. 13sts.
Beg with a purl row work 11 rows.
Next Row: K2tog, knit to last 2sts, k2tog. 11sts.
Next Row: P2tog, purl to last 2sts, p2tog. 9sts.
Next Row: K2tog, knit to last 2sts, k2tog. 7sts.
Next Row: Purl.
Next Row: K2tog, knit to last 2sts, k2tog. 5sts.
Next Row: P2tog, p1, p2tog. 3sts.
Next Row: K3tog thread through rem sts.

Make Up
Fold Seagull in half and join side edges, (taking care to match stripes) and stuff.
Join 2 pieces of Seagulls feet together and tie a knot for a knee 3cm up from foot.
Thread rest of yarn through the body and fasten securely. Join cast on edge of Seagull together.
Place a little stuffing on inside of wing and sew to each side of Seagull as in photograph.
Let the Beak curl naturally and slip st along.
Place Beak to top of head 2cm up from first stripe as in photograph and slip stitch along.
Using black DK yarn work a tiny stitch for each eye.

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