

Stool cover

Required: 100g - 200g Stylecraft Trendsetter Chunky in two colours; 4 mm & 5mm needles

Measurements: to fit stool top 14 inches x 14 inches & 3 inches deep

Using 4mm needles and the main colour, cast on 53 stitches.

Work 18 rows of knit 1, purl 1 rib.

Change to 5mm needles and commence pattern:

- Main colour - knit 2 *(slip 1 purl-wise, knit 5) repeat from * to last 3 stitches, slip 1 purl-wise, knit 2
- Purl 2, slip 1 purl-wise *(purl 5, slip 1 purl-wise) repeat from * to last 2 stitches, purl 2
- Contrast colour - *(knit 5, slip 1 purl-wise) repeat from * to last 5 stitches, knit 5
- *(knit 5, yarn forward, slip 1 purl-wise, take yarn to back of work) repeat from * to last 5 stitches, knit 5

Work these 4 rows of pattern, 22 times. (88 rows in total.)

Change to 4mm needles and work 18 rows of knit 1, purl 1 rib.

Cast off in rib.

Other 2 sides:

Using 4mm needles and with right sides facing, pick up and knit 53 stitches down each patterned side. Work 18 rows of knit 1, purl 1 rib.

Cast off in rib.

Join the corners to make a box shape.

Put on the stool and stretch it out - it will be a tight fit.

Secure it with yarn underneath.



UNICORN HEAD:

Required: 600g Aran or light Chunky yarn in main colour and 100g contrast, oddments of different colours for mane, pink, white & black double knitting for features; 3.25mm; 6mm & 9mm needles; stuffing.

Tension: 14 stitches x 20 rows = 4 inch square using 6mm needles, stocking stitch and main yarn.

Size: head: 20 inches x 22 inches (including horn); stool: 15 in square; 17 inches high



HEAD (make 2):

Using 3.25mm needles and main colour, cast on 16 stitches loosely. Work 8 rows in knit 1, purl 1 rib. Knit into front and back of each stitch to last stitch, knit 1 - 31 stitches.

Knit 1, *purl 1, knit 1, repeat from * to end of row.

The last row forms the pattern for moss stitch.

Continue in moss stitch

Increase 1 stitch at each end of next and every alternative row until there are 41 stitches.

Work 35 rows straight.

Cast on 8 stitches at beginning (front edge) of next and following alternate row - 57 stitches.

Work 3 rows straight.

Cast on 16 stitches at front edge of next row - 73 stitches (61 rows worked)

Work 1 row then increase 1 stitch at front edge of next and every alternate row until there are 77 stitches.

Work 23 rows straight and place a marker at both ends of this row.

Decrease 1 stitch at beginning of next and every alternate row until 73 stitches remain.

Work 1 row.

101st row: Cast off 24 stitches, work to last 2 stitches, knit 2 together - 48 stitches

Work 1 row.

Decrease 1 stitch at each end of next and every alternate row until 30 stitches remain.

119 rows worked

120th row - Work 2 together across row - 15 stitches

Cast off

Gusset:

Using 3.25mm needles and main colour, cast on 3 stitches

Continue in moss stitch and work 1 row

Increase 1 stitch at each end of next and every alternative row until there are 11 stitches

Work 42 rows straight - 50 rows worked

Increase 1 stitch at each end of next and following alternate row - 15 stitches

Work 22 rows straight - 75 rows worked

Decrease 1 stitch at each end of next and following alternate row.

Work 42 rows straight.

Decrease 1 stitch at each end of next and every

alternative row until 3 stitches remain - 127 rows worked.

Cast off in pattern.

Place the gusset between the 2 markers on the main head pieces and stitch together. Join the main head pieces together down centre back and join front along jaw. Leave a space for stuffing. Stuff very firmly to form a nice shape. Close remainder of neck seam leaving cast on edge open.

Muzzle:

Using 3.25mm needles and pink yarn, cast on 88 stitches.

Work 6 rows in stocking stitch

Knit 1, *knit 2 together, knit 4, repeat from * to last 3 stitches, knit 2 together, knit 1 - 73 stitches

Next and every alternate row - purl

Row 9- Knit 1, *knit 2 together, knit 3, repeat from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2 - 59 stitches

Row 11 - Knit 1, *knit 2 together, knit 2, repeat from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2 - 45 stitches

Row 13 - Knit 1, *knit 2 together, knit 1, repeat from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2 - 31 stitches

Row 15 - *knit 2 together to last stitch, knit 1 - 16 stitches

Row 16 - purl

Cast off.

With right sides together, join the row ends to form a circle. Stretch over the end of the nose and slip stitch in place.

Ears Outer (make 2):

Using 3.25mm needles and main colour, cast on 17 stitches.

Work 10 rows of moss stitch

Increase 1 stitch at both ends of next row

Work 4 rows

Decrease 1 stitch at both ends of next and every following 4th row until 5 stitches remain. 40 rows worked.

Cast off

Inner (make 2):

Using 3.25mm needles and pink yarn, cast on 17 stitches.

Continue in stocking stitch.

Work 10 rows

Increase 1 stitch at both ends of next row

Work 4 rows

Decrease 1 stitch at both ends of next and every following 4th row until 5 stitches remain. 40 rows worked.

Cast off

With right sides together, sew each inner ear to an outer ear leaving cast on edge open. Turn right side out and stuff then sew firmly in place.

Outer eyes (make 2):

Using 3.25mm needles and white, cast on 2 stitches.

- purl
- increase 1 stitch at both ends of row - 4 stitches
- purl
- increase 1 stitch at both ends of row - 6 stitches
- purl
- increase 1 stitch at both ends of row - 8 stitches
- purl
- increase 1 stitch at both ends of row - 10 stitches
- stocking stitch 3 rows
- increase 1 stitch at both ends of row - 12 stitches
- stocking stitch 3 rows
- decrease 1 stitch at both ends of row - 10 stitches
- stocking stitch 3 rows
- decrease 1 stitch at both ends of row - 8 stitches
- purl
- decrease 1 stitch at both ends of row - 6 stitches
- purl
- decrease 1 stitch at both ends of row - 4 stitches
- purl
- decrease 1 stitch at both ends of row - 2 stitches
- purl
- Cast off

Inner eyes (make 2):

Using 3.25mm needles and black cast on 24 stitches.

- (knit 2 together, knit 1) repeat to end – 16 stitches
- Purl
- Knit 2 together to end of row – 8 stitches
- Purl

Break yarn and thread through last 8 stitches and pull tight to form a circle, join row ends.

White sparkle in the eyes (make 2):

Using 3.25mm needles and white yarn, cast on 6 stitches. Cut a length of yarn and thread through the stitches on the needle. Pull tight and form into a circle.

Assemble the eyes and sew in place on the head. If wanted embroider some eyelashes.

Mouth:

Using 3.25mm needles and black yarn, cast on 66 stitches. Cast off. Sew in place on the head forming the mouth into a slight smile.

Nostrils (make 2):

Using 3.25mm needles and black cast on 21 stitches.

- (knit 2 together, knit 1) repeat to end – 14 stitches
- Purl
- Knit 2 together to end of row – 7 stitches
- Purl

Break yarn and thread through last 7 stitches and pull tight to form a circle, join row ends. Sew in place on the muzzle.

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Legs (make 4):

Using 6mm needles and contrast, cast on 20 stitches.

Work 8 rows of knit 1, purl 1 rib

Change to main colour and work 40 rows of knit 1, purl 1 rib.

Cast off in rib.

Stitch around each stool leg.

Tail:

Using 6mm needles and main colour, cast on 10 stitches.

Work 30 rows in stocking stitch.

Cast off.

Fold over and join row ends. Turn right side out and stuff then sew in place. Make three pieces of the mane in the contrast colour and sew at the end of the tail.

Mane (make as many as required in different colours):

Using 9mm needles, cast on 14 stitches.

Change to 6mm needles and knit into front, back and front again of each stitch.

Cast off purl wise.

Allow each piece to curl naturally. Sew onto the head.

Horn:

Using 3.25mm needles and white double knitting yarn, cast on 36 stitches and continue in stocking stitch.

- stocking stitch 8 rows
- (knit 2 together, knit 16) twice - 34 stitches
- stocking stitch 6 rows
- (purl 15, purl 2 together) twice - 32 stitches
- stocking stitch 6 rows
- (knit 2 together, knit 14) twice - 30 stitches
- stocking stitch 6 rows
- (purl 13, purl 2 together) twice - 28 stitches
- stocking stitch 6 rows
- (knit 2 together, knit 12) twice - 26 stitches
- stocking stitch 6 rows
- (purl 11, purl 2 together) twice - 24 stitches
- stocking stitch 6 rows
- (knit 2 together, knit 10) twice - 22 stitches
- stocking stitch 6 rows
- (purl 9, purl 2 together) twice - 20 stitches
- stocking stitch 6 rows
- (knit 2 together, knit 8) twice - 18 stitches
- stocking stitch 6 rows
- (purl 7, purl 2 together) twice - 16 stitches
- stocking stitch 3 rows
- (purl 2 together) to end of row - 8 stitches

Cut a length of yarn and thread through the remaining stitches, pull tight and fasten off. With right sides facing, join row ends. Turn right side out and stuff firmly. Sew in place on the unicorn's head.

Cut a length of contrast yarn. Secure it to the bottom of the horn, then wrap it around diagonally to give it some shape, pull tight and fasten it off at the top.

Note: the Unicorn head can also be a hobby horse by pushing a broom handle into the opening and securing it. The head could also be mounted on a wall.