

# **Lisa Simpson**

## **Materials:**

Of 8ply/DK/WW yarn, allow 25grms(1oz) bright red, 75grms(3ozs) yellow, a small amount of white for necklace and eyes and a small amount of black for face. A pair of 3mm (No 11, USA 2) knitting needles. Child safe polyester filling, thick cardboard or plastic from a margarine container to make inserts for soles of shoes. A pair of tweezers and tapestry needle.

## **Tension & Size:**

Using 3mm (No.11, USA 2) knitting needles and 8ply yarn: 26sts = 10cm (4in) in width over st-st. Height: 37cms (14.5"). Head: 30cm's (12") around. Chest: 24cm's (9.5") around. Sew all seams using backstitch on the wrong side unless otherwise stated.

## **Abbreviations:**

K, knit; p, purl; st(sts), stitch, stitches, sl, slip; tog, together; inc, increase (by working twice into same st); dec, decrease (by taking 2 sts tog); ss, stocking stitch, (k on right side and p on wrong side - always start with a knit row unless stated otherwise); pssso: pass sl st over; skpo, (sl1, k, pssso); NR: Next row, YRN: yarn round needle; YBWD: yarn to back of work ; YFWD: yarn to front of work.

## **BODY:**

### **Right Leg:**(make 1 piece)

\*Using yellow yarn, cast on 40sts and ss6 rows.

### **Shape foot:**

**1st row:** k4, (k2tog) 12 times, k12 (28sts).

**2nd row:** P.

**3rd row:** k4, (k2tog) 6 times, k12 (22sts).

**4th row:** P3, p2tog, p17 (21sts). Ss32 rows. Break off yarn and place sts on spare needle.

### **Left Leg:**(make 1 piece)

\*Using yellow yarn, cast on 40sts and ss6 rows.

### **Shape foot:**

**1st row:** k12, (k2tog) 12 times, k4 (28sts).

**2nd row:** P.

**3rd row:** k12, (k2tog) 6 times, k4 (22sts).

**4th row:** P17, p2tog, p3 (21sts). Ss32 rows.

**Joining row:** Placing a marker in first st, Knit across stitches of left leg. Placing a marker in last st of right leg, knit across right leg (42sts). Starting with a p, row ss3 rows.

**Increase row:** K9, (inc, k5) four times, k9(46sts). Ss25 rows.

**Shape Shoulders:** K7, (k2tog) 5 times, k12, (k2tog) 5 times, k7, (36sts). Ss9 rows for neck.

**Shape Head:** K13, (inc) 10 times, k13, (46sts). NR: P. NR: K20, (inc) 6 times, k20, (52sts). NR: Purl.

### **Cast off the sts of the back of head:**

Cast off 8sts, k to end of row (44sts).

Cast off 8sts, p to end of row (36sts).

NR: Skpo, k to last 2sts, k2tog (34sts).

NR: P2tog, p to last 2sts, p2tog (32sts).

### **Continue on with the front of head:**

**Chin:** **1st row:** Skpo, K18, YFWD, slip1, YBWD, turn.

**2nd row:** Slip1, p8, YBWD, slip1, YFWD, turn.

**3rd row:** Slip1, k7, YFWD, slip1, YBWD, turn.

**4th row:** Slip1, p6, YBWD, slip1, YFWD, turn.

**5th row:** Slip1, k, to last 2sts, k2tog (30sts).

### **Mouth:**

P24, inc, turn.

NR: k20, inc, turn. Work on this set of 22sts and ss5 rows.

Cast off 2sts, at the beg of the next 6 rows (10sts).

NR: Cast on 2sts, at beg, of next 6 rows(22sts).

Inc, 1st, the beg, of the next 6 rows (28sts).

Purl across sts on left hand needle (33sts).

NR: K across all sts (38sts). Ss9 rows.

NR: k1 (k2tog, k1) 12 times k1 (26sts). Ss11 rows.

**Top of Head:** Cast off 1st at beg of next 4 rows (22sts).

Cast off 2sts at beg of next 6 rows (10sts). Cast off all sts.

**Back of Head:**

Using yellow yarn, cast on 18sts and p1 row.

Continuing in ss, inc, 1st each end of the next 4 rows (26sts). Ss22 rows.

**Top of Head:** Cast off 1st at beg of next 4 rows (22sts).

Cast off 2sts at beg of next 6 rows (10sts). Cast off all sts.

**Hair piece:** (make 2 pieces)

Using yellow yarn, cast on 3sts and k2 rows.

**1st row:** Inc, k to end of row (4sts).

**2nd row:** K, to last st, inc (5sts).

**3rd row:** Inc, k to end of row (6sts).

**4th row:** K, to last st, inc (7sts).

**5th row:** Inc, k to end of row (8sts).

**6th row:** K, to last st, inc (9sts).

**7th row:** Inc, k to end of row (10sts).

**8th row:** Knit one row.

**9th row:** Skpo, k to end of row (9sts).

**10th row:** K to last 2 sts, k2tog (8sts).

**11th row:** SKpo, k to end of row (7sts).

**12th row:** K to last 2 sts, k2tog (6sts).

**13th row:** SKpo, k to end of row (5sts).

**14th row:** K to last 2 sts, k2tog (4sts).

**15th row:** SKpo, k to end of row (3sts).

**16th row:** Knit one row.

Repeat rows 1-16 rows eight times (9 peaks).

**DRESS:** (make 1 piece)

Using Red yarn, cast on 24sts and k2 rows.

**1st row:** K, to last st, inc (25sts).

**2nd row:** Inc, k to end of row (26sts).

**3rd row:** K, to last st, inc (27sts).

**4th row:** Inc, k to end of row (28sts).

**5th row:** K, to last st, inc (29sts).

**6th row:** K23 turn.

**7th row:** Slip1, k to end (29sts).

**8th row:** Skpo, k to end (28sts).

**9th row:** K, to last 2sts, k2tog (27sts).

**10th row:** Skpo, k to end of row (26sts).

**11th row:** K, to last 2sts, k2tog (25sts).

**12th row:** Skpo, k17, turn.

**13th row:** Slip1, k to end (24sts).

**14th row:** Knit (24sts).

Repeat rows 1-14 nine times. Cast off all sts.

**SANDALS:****Toe Caps:** (make 2 pieces)

Using red yarn, cast on 12sts and working in ss, inc 1st each end of the next 3 rows (18sts). Cast off all stitches.

**Strap:** (make 2 pieces)

Using red yarn, cast on 24sts and knit one row. Cast off all stitches.

**Soles:** (make 2 pieces).

Using red yarn and starting at back of foot, cast on 8sts and ss 2rows. NR: Inc, 1st, at each end of this row and following 2nd row (12sts). Ss 17rows. NR: Dec, 1st each end of this row and following alt, row (8sts). NR: P. Cast off for front edge.

**NOSE:**

Using yellow yarn, cast on 10sts and ss 6 rows. NR: (p2tog) to end (5sts).

Break yarn leaving long end and thread through sts, draw up tightly and fasten off.

**EARS:** (make 2 pieces)

Using yellow yarn, make a loop on needle and knit 4 times into loop (4sts). NR: Inc, purlwise into each

st,(8sts) ss 4 rows. NR: (k2tog) to end (4sts). NR: P. Break off yarn, leaving a long end and thread through sts.

**EYES:** Using white yarn cast on 15sts and k, twice into each st, (30sts). Ss4 rows. NR: (p2tog) to end of row (15sts). NR: p. NR: (p2tog) to last st, k1 (8sts) . Break off yarn, leaving a long end and thread through sts.

**ARMS:** (Make 2 pieces)

Starting at the wrist and using yellow yarn cast on 16sts and ss8 rows. NR: Inc, 1st each end of this row (18sts). Ss15. Cast off 3sts at the beg, of next 2 rows (12sts). Dec, 1st at the beg, of next 6 rows (6sts). Cast off all sts.

**HANDS:** (Make 2 pieces)

Using yellow yarn, cast on 16sts and ss2 rows. **Shape thumb:** Cast on 4sts at beg, of next 2 rows (24sts). Ss2rows. Cast off 3sts, at beg, of next 2 rows (18sts). Ss2 rows.

**Divide for fingers:** k6, inc, k3, inc, Turn. NR: P6. Ss3 rows on these 6sts. NR: (p2tog) to end (3sts). Break off yarn and thread through sts, pull up tightly and oversew seam down to base of finger.

\*Rejoin yarn, k 1st from left hand needle inc, turn, p4, inc (6sts). Ss3 rows. NR: (p2tog) to end (3sts). Break off yarn and thread through sts, pull up tightly and oversew seam down to base of finger.\*\*

Repeat from \* to \*\* for third finger.

Rejoin yarn and k the 3sts from left hand needle turn. P across all sts (6sts). Ss3 rows. NR: (p2tog) to end (3sts). Break off yarn and thread through sts, pull up tightly and oversew seam down to base of finger and round thumb and down to the cast on edge.

**NECKLACE:** (Make approximately 14 beads)

Using white yarn, make a loop and k 3sts into loop (3sts). NR: Inc, in each st purlwise (6sts). Ss4 rows. Break off yarn and thread through sts. Join row ends. Using tweezers, stuff bead and pull up the stitches tightly. Sew in end and attach to the next bead. Repeat until necklace is the required length.

**TO MAKE UP:**

**Head:** (Use backstitch unless otherwise stated)

Sew mouth side seams together. Turn the body piece so that the right side of work is facing you. Fold the mouth in half and sew a line from side to side of mouth stuffing very lightly as you go. Lip should be protruding. (See photograph) Sew side seams of body from neck for 6cms(2.1/4"). Leaving an opening of 6cms(2.1/4"), sew to coloured threads. Sew leg side seams together.

**Hair:** Sew the cast on edge to cast off edge on each individual hair piece. Sew the peaks of hairpiece one to the peaks of the hairpiece two. Turn hair so that right side of work is facing you and using your tapestry needle shape the peaks and stuff lightly.

Pin hair to the right side of front of head making sure that the center peak of hairpiece is in the middle of the top of the head.

With the right side of the back of head facing the peaks, pin to the head making sure that the cast off edge is at the top of head, sew hair to head. This is fiddly, but make sure that you put the needle through the 4 thicknesses of work.

**Inserts for Sandals:** (OPTIONAL - make 2 pieces)

Stuff the bottom half of one of the legs and place the leg on your thick cardboard and draw round the leg to make an insert. Cut the insert 1/2cm(1/4") inside the drawn line.

**Sandals:** Sew the soles of sandals to bottom of legs. Turn doll so that the right side is facing you.

Place insert in the bottom of foot and stuff doll firmly.

**To shape neck:** Using a long length of yellow yarn, work a row of running stitches around the neck from underneath the hairpiece at back of neck round to underneath the chin. Pull up tightly to shape neck and tie a knot. Sew in ends of thread.

**Hands:** Sew in ends. Stuff fingers lightly. Sew the side seams of arms and fold in half so that the seam is in the centre. Attach hands placing the thumb at the new side edge. One facing right and the other facing left. Stuff arms (not too firmly) and then attach to body at the row above shoulder decrease and underneath arm to 5 rows below shoulder decrease.

**Mouth:** Using red yarn, work a row of small daisy chains or split stitch from one side of mouth to the other (across the top of seam). Work a small line across the ends of mouth 1cm long (as in photo).

**Nose:** Sew side seams together and stuff nose. Sew to head with the bottom of the nose placed on the 4th row up from the mouth seam.

**Eyes:** Sew side seams. Stuff lightly and and sew the cast on sts to just above the nose and placed

right next to each other. Using black yarn, work a small chain st, and then a larger chain st, on top of it to form pupil. Using Black yarn and a long stitch work eyelashes (see photo).

**Ears:** Fold the ears in half by placing the cast off edge and cast on edge together and pull the sides round to form a half circle. Oversew half of this seam and stuff very lightly at the top of ear. Close the rest of the seam stuffing lightly as you go. Work a row of backstitch on the 3rd row down from fold.

Attach ear level with the side of mouth. When sewing ear to head, curve it slightly. Not a straight line.

**Necklace:** Place necklace on doll and sew last two beads together.

**Dress:** Sew the side seams together. Place the dress on doll (see photo). Sew dress to doll through the first row of stitches at top of dress.

**Sandals:** Sew the toecaps to the front of foot from the cast off edge down the side edge and across the cast on sts and up the side edge to the cast off edge. Sew a couple of holding sts through the center of toecap and foot. Sew the strap to each side of sandal (see photo).

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