BEATRICE; THE LESSER SPOTTED MALTING

***unravel**, a festival of knitting will be creating its own 'Knit Aviary' to raise money to support the work of local young persons' charity Step by Step.*

Reading this prompted me to design and knit/crochet a little bird. So here is Beatrice; the lesser spotted malting.

The bird is made in pieces; working the main body first then working the wings, beak, tail, legs and curls which are attached as these pieces are worked. I have used some crochet to accent the tail frill and create the spiral curls. Enjoy!

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YOU WILL NEED
1 x 100g **LIGHT MOONSHINE** (natural grey), **MC** (main colour), 225m/100g, 70% alpaca, 20% silk, 10% cashmere (for legs, main body, tail and curls)
1 x 50g **WARM CARNIVAL** (leaf) **CC** (contrast colour), 400m/100g, 100% alpaca (for the wings, beak and tummy)
3mm x 5 double-pointed needles, 3.5mm crochet hook
Sewing-up needle
BS fire-safe washable polyester filling (e.g. kapok)
2 x 3cm eyes
Large cloth flower (optional)

ABBREVIATIONS
KNITTING
k: knit | **p:** purl | **Rnd:** round | **R:** row
st(s): stitch(es)
RS/WS: right-side / wrong-side
St St: stocking st - *in the round*: knit all rnds, *forwards and backwards*: k first row, p next, repeat
kfb: k into front and back of st (making two sts out of one)
K2tog: knit two sts together to make one st
N1/N2/N3: needle 1/2/3
sl1, k1, psso: slip a st, k a st, pass slipped st over st just worked.

CROCHET
ch: chain
sl st: sl st – through st, yo x 1, pull through 2 loops
dc - double crochet (UK)/**sc** - single_crochet (USA): (2ch high), insert hook into chain, yo, pull through ch, yo, pull through 2 loops
tr - treble crochet (UK)/**dc** - double crochet (USA): (4ch high), yo, insert hook into 4th ch, yo, pull through ch, (yo, pull through first 2 loops)x2

TENSION/GAUGE: 22st over 10cm in St St.

FINISHED SIZE: circumference of body: 40cm, height of body: 19cm, length of curls: 19cm

CIRCULAR BASE
Cast on 9sts in **MC**, 3sts on 3 x 3mm double-pointed needles
Rnd1: k9
Rnd2: kfb of each st (18sts)
Rnd3 to **Rnd5:** k18
Rnd6: kfb of each st (36sts)
Rnd7 to **Rnd10:** k36
Rnd11: kfb of each st (72sts)
Rnd12 to **Rnd18:** k72
Rnd19 and **Rnd20:** p72

CC TUMMY
Work forwards and backwards on **N1** (24sts)
R1: sl1, k to end of needle, turn
R2: sl1, k to end of needle, turn
R3: kfb of each st, turn (48sts)
R4: sl1, k to end of needle, turn
Repeat **R4** 30 more times (ending on **RS**)
NEXT: k2tog to end of row, turn
Leave these sts on needle and continue working body. Change to **MC**.

MC BODY
Starting on **RS**, sl1 at beginning of each row, work in St St for 25 rows, end on **WS**
NEXT: sew tummy and body sides together on **WS**
NEXT: join into rnd, work over 3 needles, k every rnd for 10 rnds.
Place eyes securely just over tummy **CC** section (6sts between each eye)
Sew-in **CC** ends.
NEXT: k every rnd for 5 rnds in **MC**.

DECREASE ROUNDS
This process is easier if you occasionally move some of the sts from one needle to another while decreasing, otherwise you will sometimes be trying to k together one st from two different needles.

Work as follows: (k6, k2tog)x9 (63sts), (k5, k2tog)x9 (54sts), (k4, k2tog)x9 (45sts)

Stuff **BEATRICE** with filling, make sure it spills a little over needles to allow for head section.

Continue decreasing body
(k3, k2tog)x9 (36sts), (k2, k2tog)x9 (27sts), (k1, k2tog)x9 (18sts), (k2tog)x9 (9sts), k1, (k2tog)x4 (5sts)

Cut yarn, leaving a short tail, thread yarn through all 5 sts, push sewing-up needle through top of head and fasten-off securely.

CURLY CROCHET CREST – make 6 in MC
Ch20 + ch2 (these count as first tr), work 2 tr into first loop then work 3 tr into each loop, pull thread through last tr, leave a tail to use to sew curl to top of bird.
Sew all 6 curls onto top of the bird's head.

BEAK
Cast on 15sts in **CC**, 5sts on 3 x 3mm double-pointed needles
Rnd1 to **Rnd10:** k
Rnd11: (k2tog, k3)x3 (12sts)
Rnd12 and **Rnd13:** k
Rnd14: (k2tog, k2)x3 (9sts)
Rnd15 and **Rnd16:** k
Rnd17: (k2tog, k1)x3 (6sts)
Rnd18 and **Rnd19:** k
Rnd20: (k2tog)x3 (3sts)
Cut yarn, leaving a short tail. Thread yarn through all 3 sts, push needle through top of beak and fasten-off securely. Stuff beak with filling and sew in place in **CC**, between eyes, fasten-off yarn neatly.

Finish-off
Cut yarn, leaving 15cm (6in). Thread tail of yarn through 3 remaining sts, pull-up and sew neatly into the top of head and secure on the inside.

CC WINGS (make two)
* Cast-on 40sts on 3 x 3mm double-pointed needles as follows:
N1:10sts, **N2**:20sts, **N3**:10sts
Rnd1 to **Rnd5:** k
Rnd6: N1: k to last st on needle, kfb, **N2**: kfb, k to last st on needle, kfb, **N3**: kfb, k to end of rnd (44sts)
Rnd7 and **Rnd8:** k
Rnd9: as Rnd6 (48sts)
Repeat **Rnd7** to **Rnd9** 3 more times
NEXT k next two rnds *
Rnd1: N1: k to last 2sts on needle, k2tog, **N2**: sl1, k1, psso, k to last 2sts on needle, k2tog, **N3**: sl1, k1, psso, k to end of rnd (44sts)
Rnd2: k
Repeat **Rnd1** and **Rnd2** 7 more times **N1**:4sts, **N2**:8sts, **N3**:4sts
Repeat **Rnd1** twice more (**N1:**2sts, **N2**:4sts, **N3**:2sts)
Next: k2tog to end of rnd (4sts)
Cut yarn, thread through 4sts. Thread yarn through bottom of wing (**WS**) and fasten-off securely. Stuff wing with a little filling and sew on side of bird, starting 5sts from top of **CC**.

MC TAIL
Work from * to * of WINGS
Rnd1: k to last 2sts on needle, k2tog, **N2**: sl1, k1, psso, k to last 2sts on needle, k2tog, **N3**: sl1, k1, psso, k to end of rnd
Rnd2: k
Repeat **Rnd1** and **Rnd2** 3 more times **N1**:8sts, **N2**:16sts, **N3**:8sts
NEXT: N1: k8, then cast-off remaining sts using 3 needle cast-off method (cast-off front and back sts on two needles in parallel together).
Thread yarn through bottom of tail (**WS**) and fasten-off securely.
Stuff tail with a little filling and sew-up cast-on edge.

SCALLOP EDGING ON TAIL (Crochet)
Work over 3 sides of hexagon on 3.5mm hook. Start at '3 o'clock' point, work anti-clockwise around to '9 o'clock' point of hexagon
R1: ch1, dc in first st, (skip 1 st, 5 x tr in next st, skip 1 st, dc in next st) repeat to end, turn
R2: skip 1 st, 5 tr in next st, sl st into next st, 5 tr in next st, (skip 1 st, sl st into next st, skip 1 st, 5 tr in next st, sl st into next st, 5 tr in next st), repeat to last 2 sts, skip 1 st, sl st in to last st, turn
R3: (tr into next st, 3 tr around the post of the tr, skip next st) repeat to last st, sl st into last st, leave a tail, cut yarn and sew in end.
Optional: embellish with tiny diamante beads.

Join tail along centre of back, just below purl rows of base on cast-on edge of tail.

MC LEGS (make two)
Cast-on 21sts, 7sts on 3 x 3mm double-pointed needles
Rnd1 to **Rnd25:** k to end of rnd
Rnd26: kfb to end of rnd (42sts)
Rnd27 and **Rnd28:** k to end of rnd
Rnd29: kfb to end of rnd (84sts)
Rnd30 and **Rnd31:** k to end of rnd
Rnd32: p to end of rnd
Rnd33 to **Rnd37:** k to end of rnd
Rnd38: k2tog to end of rnd (42sts)
Rnd39 and **Rnd40:** k to end of rnd
Rnd41: k2tog to end of rnd (21sts)
Rnd42: k to end of rnd
Rnd43: (k2tog)x10, k1 (11sts)
Rnd44: (k2tog)x5, k1 (6sts)
Rnd45: (k2tog)x3 (3sts)

Leave a short yarn tail, cut yarn, thread yarn through 3sts and fasten-off on **WS.** Fill leg (keep leg round), sew legs to bottom of body underneath the purl row, directly in-line with each eye.

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the HAND WASH
Wash and rinse in lukewarm (30°C) water with mild soap, make sure garment is completely covered - no rubbing or scrubbing. Squeeze-out excess water. Roll in a towel.
*Dry flat and reshape whilst damp - if this is not possible make sure garment is hung up to dry without distorting the shape (take particular notice of the shoulders). Do not tumble dry. Iron on a cool setting.

the MACHINE WASH
Place in a pillowcase or net bag. Use a mild detergent. Select a delicate cycle (no spin) with a temperature up to 30°C. Follow hand-wash instructions above from * onwards.

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EVERY KNITTER KNITS DIFFERENTLY

WHAT IS GAUGE? - This means stitches per length – usually per 10cm (4”). It will be different depending on the yarn, needle size, individual knitter and stitch pattern.

***the* IMPORTANCE of GAUGE -** If you don’t know your gauge, you will not know what size your piece will be. Even half a stitch more/less per cm can make a difference. Also your knitting gauge can change over time, according to how you knit, or even your mood.

NEEDLE SIZE - hugely significant - 10 knitters working with identical yarn and needles will knit 10 different amount of stitches per cm.. **When working a pattern, it is NOT the needle size that matters - it is the GAUGE**. I may knit more tightly or loosely than you, so the recommended needle size might be too large or too small. When you begin knitting a project from one of my patterns **please knit a small swatch – it will only take a few minutes.**

***the* SMALL SWATCH** - Cast on 20sts and work 10 rows in stocking stitch. Lay the piece of knitting on a flat surface and measure how many stitches you are getting per 10cms. If you have more than the pattern states go up a needle size, if you have fewer go down a needle size.