

# Hedgehog

You will need

- Sirdar Baby Bamboo, 50g x 1 ball of each:
  - Goldilocks (shade 97) – A
  - Hedgie (shade 91) – B
- Scrap of dark grey DK
- 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) knitting needles
- Toy filling
- Length of black yarn for facial features
- Length of white sewing thread

## Measurements

- Approx 15cm long, about 27cm around middle at widest point

## Abbreviations

- For standard abbreviations see [www.gathered.how](http://www.gathered.how)



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## Top Tip

*When making eyes, make 3 or 4 then choose the 2 that are the most similar in size and shape*

**A** cute little hedgehog is snuffling about looking for someone to hug. Could that person be a special someone in your life you knit for?

## HEDGEHOG

Using yarn A and 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) needles, cast on 8 sts.

**Row 1** Inc in every st. 16 sts

**Next row** K1, p1 to end.

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**Next row** Inc in every st. 32 sts

**Next row** Knit.

**Next row** K1, p1 to end.

**Next row** K1, p1 to end.

**Next row** (K1, inc in next st) to end. 48 sts

**Next row** Knit.

**Next row** K1, p1 to end.

**Next row** K1, p1 to end.

**Next row** (K2, inc in next st) to end. 64 sts

**Next row** Knit.

**Next row** K1, p1 to end.

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**Next row** Knit.

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**Next row** K1, p1 to end.

**Next row** K1, p1 to end.

Rep last 4 rows until body measures 10cm, ending with 4th row.

**Next row** K8, K2tog to last 8 sts, k8. 40 sts

**Next row** Knit.

Change to yarn B.

**Next row** K5, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k14, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k5. 36 sts

**Next (and every alt) row** Purl.

**Next row** K4, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k12, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k4. 32 sts

**Next row** K4, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k10, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k4. 28 sts

**Next row** K3, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k8, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k3. 24 sts

**Next row** K3, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k3. 20 sts

**Next row** K2, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k2. 16 sts

Start with his 'spines' and finish with his nose, then embroider eyes – the twinkle in his eyes is the result of a couple of carefully placed stitches in white yarn.



**Next row** K2, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k2. 12 sts

**Next row** K1, k2tog, k1, k2tog twice, k1, k2tog, k1. 8 sts

Change to length of dark grey yarn.

**Next row** K2tog to end. 4 sts

**Next row** Purl.

Cut yarn and thread through sts. Gather round cast-on sts and pull up tightly.

## To make up

Sew seam for about 10cm. Pull up sts from nose tightly and secure. Sew face seam then along back, leaving a 4cm gap. Turn RS out and stuff with filling, a little at a time.

To make eyes, use a length of black yarn to cast on 2 sts, k2tog, cut yarn and thread through sts. Rep with second eye. Pin eyes in position about 3cm back from nose with about 2cm in between. Thread the tail ends through hedgehog and pull through gap in seam. Pull ends up gently then knot tog.

Use a length of white sewing thread to work a couple of small straight sts on top of each other in the top right of each eye. Sew rem seam, adding a little more filling if needed. Tie in all loose ends.