Hatch the Tudor Dog Hat

Hatch was the ship's rat catcher. DNA analysis showed he was a cross between a Jack Russell and a whippet, had brindle colour fur and was male. He's also the most popular artefact with visitors after the ship.

You will need:
4mm needles
DK brown yarn and a second colour of your choice for the collar
Black yarn or embroidery thread for eyes and nose
Sewing needle
Small amount of toy stuffing

Abbreviations:
K – Knit
P – Purl
K2tog - Knit two stitches together
St st - Stockinette Stitch

Body

Cast on 30 stitches.
Knit 2 rows.
Knit 14 rows in stockinette stitch, then cast off.
Fold in half and sew up the top and side seams.

Head

Cast on 21 stitches
Rows 1-4: St st
Row 5: (K1, K2tog) 7 times (14 stitches)
Row 6: Purl
Row 7: K1, (K1, K2tog) 4 times, K1 (10 stitches)
Row 8: Purl
Row 9: (K1, K2tog) 3 times, K1 (7 stitches)
Row 10: Purl
Row 11: K2tog 3 times, K1 (4 stitches). Cut the yarn leaving a 10cm tail and pull through the remaining stitches tightly. Sew up the seam but do not completely sew up the back yet.

Ears
Make 2
Cast on 4 stitches
Row 1-3: Knit
Row 4: K2tog, K2tog
Row 5: K2tog
Cut the yarn leaving 5cm tail. Bring this through remaining stich and secure.

Tail
Cast on 8 stitches
Rows 1-4: St st
Row 5: K1, K2tog, K3, K2tog (6 stitches)
Row 6: Purl
Row 7: (K1, K2tog) twice (4 stitches)
Row 8: Purl
Row 9: K2tog, K2tog (2 stitches)
Cut the yarn leaving 10cm tail. Bring this through remaining stiches and secure. Sew up sides.

Collar
Cast on 15 stitches.
Cast off 15 stitches. Cut yarn leaving 5cm tail.

Making up
Turn the head so this seam is on top as it will help with shaping. Sew ears to the head. Use French knots to create a nose and eyes from black yarn/thread. Stuff the head slightly to help obtain shape. Sew seam at the back of the head into a 'T'. Attach head and tail to the corners of the hat. Wrap collar around neck, overlap ends and sew together.