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
KFB - Knit in the front and back of stitch
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 stitch and secure.

**Tail**
Cast on 8 stitches
Rows 1-4: St st
Row 5: (K1, K2tog) 3 times (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 stitches and secure. Sew up sides.

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

**Making up**
Sew ears to the head. Turn the head so this seam is on top as it will help with shaping. 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.

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