Dinosaur



The dinosaur measures 31 cm long by 15 cm high. If you knit with a bigger yarn it will be even larger. It is an easy knit with the dorsal plate pattern easily memorized. On the other hand, sewing it together is more complex as you need to pay attention to end up with good seams.

Materials

- 4 mm needles
- Some scrap yarn that works up to a gauge of about 16 st and 24 rows per 10 cm. this model took 40 gm of the main color (marine blue) and a few grams of a contrasting color (grey).
- White and black embroidery yarn for the eyes, or 2 buttons or 2 toy eyes.
- Synthetic stuffing
- Yarn needle
- A bendable plastic straw

Final Dimensions:

31 cm long and 15 cm high

Stitches and abbreviations

Stocking stitch: st st
Moss stitch

Abbreviations

St, sts: stitch, stitches
r.: row
k: knit
p: purl
inc.: increase
dec.: decrease

Realisation

Back

Cast on 4 sts using 4 mm needles and knit the first back half following the chart using moss stitch in the main color (marine blue). On row 92, put the sts on a holder and make a second back half.

Place both halves on the needle and work the head following the chart.

Lower Body

Cast on 3 sts in contrasting color and work in st st following the lower body chart. Note the chart shows only one side (red dashed line marks the center) with the inc. and dec. worked to match on the other side.

NB: the number of rows for the lower body is less than that for the back.

Feet

Cast on 18 sts in the main color and continue using moss stitch for 5 cm. work a dec at each edge on each of the next 5 rows. Work one row straight. On the next row, k 2 tog across and keep on hold.

Make a total of 4 feet.

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For the bottom of the feet cast on using the contrasting color and follow the chart. Make 4 identical bottoms.

Dorsal Plates



Cast on 6 sts in contrasting color.

Row 1: k 1, yarn over, k 1, k 2 tog, k 1, yarn over, k 1.

Row 2 and all following even numbered rows: purl all the sts but knit the 2 central stitches.

Row 3 to 11: work as for the first row, making the yarn overs just above the ones in the previous row until you have 24 sts. Work 3 rows straight.



Row 15: work to 3 sts before the center P 2 sts, k 3 tog, p 2, k 3 tog.

Repeat this row until you have just 6 sts and start on row 1 for the next motif.

Work a total of 5 joined motifs.

Make a second row of dorsal plates.

Note each motif will have a tendency to fold back on itself forming a triangle which is the effect desired.

Finishing

Sew a set of dorsal plates on each half back using a seaming st from the wrong side then sew the back closed between the 2 rows of plates using an invisible seam.

Stuff the animal then slip a bendable plastic straw along the back, neck and head to serve as a spine. Sew the chest to the back.

Sew the leg seams together then sew on the bottom of the foot worked in contrasting color and stuff. Sew each leg on the body placing the start of the decreases on the lower body seam.

Embroider or attach the eyes.

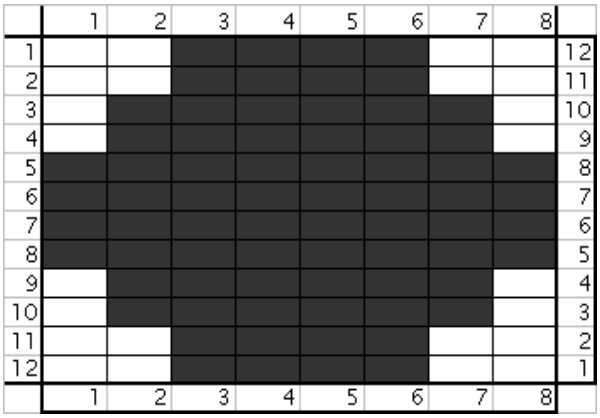
Charts

The chart for the back and lower body is on the following page.

Chart 1: bottom of the feet

Chart 2: back and bottom half of the body.

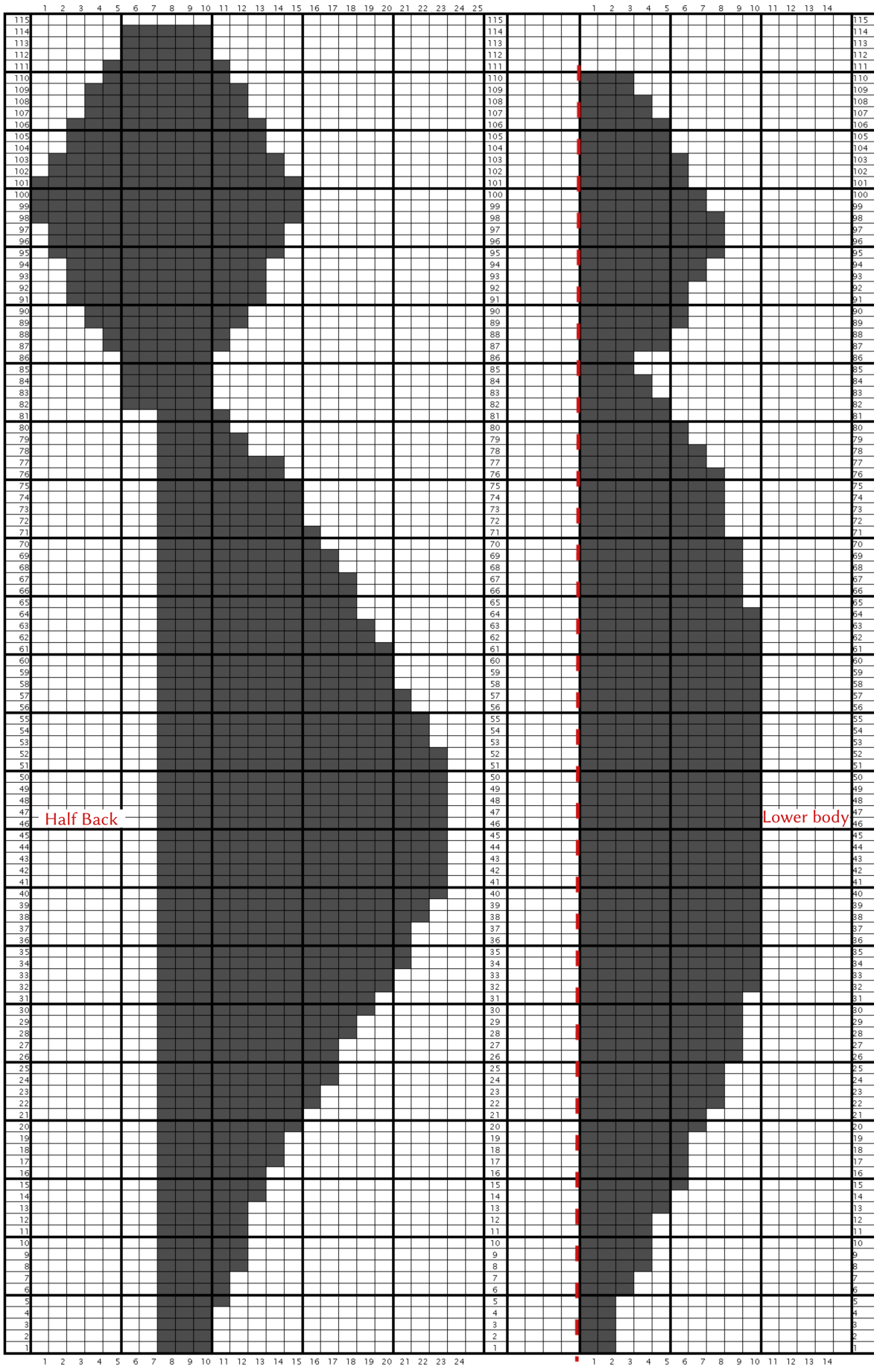
Red dashed line is the middle of the lower body.



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