

BARK TO SCHOOL

Pupils won't be caught wagging school if they've got this cute doggy pencil case tucked away in their bag! By **Jo Allport**





YOU WILL NEED

- Hayfield Bonus DK
(100% acrylic, 50g/140m)
1 ball of each:
Yarn A Chocolate (947)
Yarn B Signal Red (977)
- A pair of 3.25mm needles
- 2 toy eyes
- For yarn stockists contact
Sirdar <https://sirdar.com>

TENSION

24 sts and 34 rows to measure
10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using
3.25mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Length 18cm
Diameter 8cm

ABBREVIATIONS

See www.gathered.how



DOG PENCIL CASE BODY

Cast on 46 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.
Work in st st until work measures 25cm, ending with a WS row.
Cast off.

ENDS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 11 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.
Row 1 (WS) Purl.
Row 2 (RS) Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [13 sts]
Row 3 Pfb, P to last st, pfb. [15 sts]
Row 4 Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [17 sts]
Row 5 Purl.
Rep the last 2 rows three times more. [23 sts]

Work straight in st st for 8 rows.

Row 18 (RS) Ssk, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [21 sts]
Row 19 Purl.
Rep these 2 rows three times more. [15 sts]
Row 26 Ssk, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [13 sts]
Row 27 P2tog, P to last 2 sts, p2tog tbl. [11 sts]
Knit one row.
Cast off.

EARS (MAKE 2 IN YARN A, AND 2 IN YARN B)

Cast on 11 sts using 3.25mm needles.
Row 1 (RS) Knit.
Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1. [13 sts]
Row 4 Purl.
Row 5 Knit.
Row 6 Purl.
Rep the last 4 rows twice more. [17 sts]

Work straight in st st as set for 6 rows.

Work the following decs:

Row 21 (RS) K1, ssk, K to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [15 sts]
Row 22 Purl.

Rep the last 2 rows until 7 sts remain, ending with a RS row.

Next row (WS) P2tog, P3, p2tog tbl. [5 sts]

Cast off.

Sew one Ear in Yarn A to one Ear in Yarn B so that the st st is on the outside. Repeat for the other pair of Ear sides.

EYE PATCH

Cast on 4 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (RS) K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1. [6 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1. [8 sts]

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 Knit.

Row 7 Purl.

Row 8 Ssk, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [6 sts]

Row 9 Purl.

Row 10 Ssk, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [4 sts]

Row 11 Purl.

Cast off.

FINISHING

Sew zip to the cast-on and cast-off edges of the Body. Sew one end to the Pencil Case End, where the zip fob is when the zip is closed.

Sew Eye Patch to other End. Place Ears so that their open ends are inside the seam between the End and the Body. Sew in place. Use the image for guidance. Attach toy eyes.

TAIL

Cast on 9 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.

Work in st st until work measures 7cm, ending with a WS row.

Work decs as follows:

Next row (RS) (K1, k2tog) 3 times. [6 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (RS) (K1, k2tog) 2 times. [4 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row (K2tog) twice. [2 sts]

Next row P2tog and fasten off this stitch leaving a 50cm long tail.

Use this tail to seam down the back of the Tail and thread it through the zip fob to secure. 