



Cascade 220
"Monster"



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Medina Originals

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Materials:

Cascade Yarns *Cascade 220* (100% Peruvian Highland Wool) 1 skein each:

- MC - color 8906 (Blue Topaz)
- CC1 - color 8885 (Dark Plum)
- CC2 - color 8902 (Fern)
- CC3 - color 9420 (Como Blue)
- CC4 - color 7825 (Orange Sherbert)
- CC5 - color 8888 (Lavender)
- CC6 - color 7804 (Shrimp)*
- CC7 - color 8505 (White)
- CC8 - color 8555 (Black)

*Need only a few yards for embroidery.

Size 7 straight and circular (29") needles

Size “G” crochet hook

Two 7/8” green (2-hole flat) buttons

Two 5/8” turquoise (2-hole flat) buttons

Polyester fiberfill

yarn needle and sewing pins

1 stitch marker

Gauge: 5 stitches = 1”

Finished Size: Approximately 15” high x 16” wide

Notes: 1. Slip all stitches purlwise.

2. Do not cut yarn unless instructed to.

Monster:

With size 7 circular needles and CC1, cast on 165 stitches.

Pattern 1:

Rows 1 - 5: Knit.

Cut CC1 and change to CC3.

Row 6: (Right Side) *K2tog, k2, knit into front and back of each of the next 2 sts, k3, slip 1, k1, pssso; repeat from * across.

Row 7: Purl.

Repeat last 2 rows twice.

Change to CC2 and repeat Rows 1 - 5.

Cut CC2 and change to CC3. Repeat Rows 6 - 7 three times. Cut CC3.

Pattern 2:

Change to MC and knit 3 rows. Purl next row to last 2 sts, p2tog. (164 sts)

Row 1: With CC4, k3, sl 2, *k2, sl 2; repeat from * to last 3 sts, k3.

Row 2: P3, sl 2, *p2, sl 2; repeat from * to last 3 sts, p3.

Row 3: Change to MC. K1, sl 2, *k2, sl 2; repeat from * to last st, k1.

Row 4: P1, sl 2, *p2, sl 2; repeat from * to last st, p1.

Repeat Rows 1 - 4 two more times. Cut CC4.

Pattern 2 (Continued)

With MC, knit 1 row. Purl 1 row, then knit 2 rows. Cut MC.

Pattern 3:

Change to CC8 and CC7.

Row 1: *With CC8, k2, with CC7, k2; repeat from * across.

Row 2: *With CC7, p2, with CC8, p2; repeat from * across.

Row 3: *With CC7, k2, with CC8 k2; repeat from * across.

Row 4: *With CC8, p2, with CC7, p2; repeat from * across.

Repeat Rows 1 - 4 once more. Repeat Rows 1 - 2. Cut CC7 and CC8.

Pattern 4:

Change to CC1.

Rows 1 - 2: Knit.

Row 3: Change to CC5. K1, sl 2, *k6, sl 2; repeat from * to last st, k1.

Row 4: P1, sl 2, *p6, sl 2; repeat from * to last st, p1.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4 two more times. Cut CC5.

Rows 9 - 10: Change to CC1. Knit.

Row 11: Change to CC2. K5, sl 2, *k6, sl 2; repeat from * to last 5 sts, k5.

Row 12: P5, sl 2, *p6, sl 2; repeat from * to last 5 sts, p5.

Repeat Rows 11 - 12 two more times. Cut CC2.

Rows 17 - 18: Change to CC1. Knit. Cut CC1.

Pattern 5:

Change to MC.

Row 1: (Right Side) *K3, p1; repeat from * across.

Row 2 and all even number rows: Purl.

Rows 3 & 7: Knit.

Row 5: K1, *p1, k3; repeat from * to last 3 sts, p1, k2.

Repeat Rows 1 - 5 four more times. Bind off. Cut MC, leaving tail long enough to sew top seam.

Bottom Edge Fill-In Triangles:

Turn work upside down. From right side, with sz. 7 straight needles and CC3, pick up 11 sts, beginning at center of point, down "valley", and up opposite side of next point.



Row 1: (Wrong Side) K2tog, k2, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k2, k2tog. (7 sts)

Row 2: K2tog, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k2tog. (3 sts)

Row 3: K3tog. Cut yarn and end off.

Repeat making Fill-In Triangles around Bottom Edge. (15 total)

Join Center Back Seam:

Thread MC into a yarn needle. Join Center Back seam with mattress stitch.

Join Top Seam:

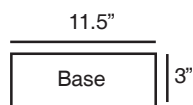
Turn "Monster" wrong side out. Match Center Back Seam with center of Front. Pin. Thread yarn needle with tail from bind off and whipstitch seam together. Turn "Monster" right side out.

Base:

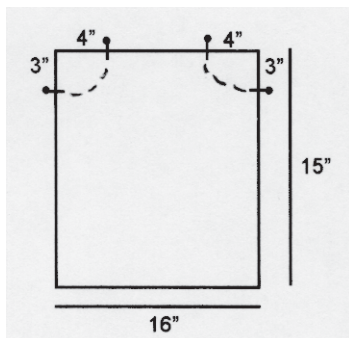
With sz. 7 straight needles and CC3, cast on 15 sts.

Row 1: *K1, p1; repeat from * across to last st, k1..

Repeat Row 1 until Base measures 11.5" long. Bind off.



Place pins at center Front, Back, and sides of Monster and Base. From right side, align centers of Monster and Base. Thread a yarn needle with CC3 and whipstitch Base in place along sides and Front seam. (Do Not cut yarn) Stuff Monster lightly with fiberfill. Whipstitch Back seam closed. Secure tail and end off.

Shape Ears:

Place a pin at Top Seam, 4" in from each side. Place a pin 3" down from Top Seam at each side. Thread a yarn needle with MC and secure at side pin. Work running stitch in quarter circle shape from side pin to Top pin through Front layer only, work running stitch in quarter circle shape from Top pin to side pin through Back layer only. Remove pins. Draw running stitch up tightly, secure with a few stitches through gathers. End off. Repeat on opposite side. Use your fingers to shape ears.

Eyes: (Make 2)

With CC7 and sz. G crochet hook, ch 5. Join last ch to first ch with a slip st to form ring.

Round 1: Ch 1, work 2 sc in same space, *sc in next ch, 2 sc in next ch; repeat from * around. Place a marker and join last sc to first. (9 sc)

Round 2: Ch 1, work 2 sc in same space, *2sc in next sc; repeat from * around. Move marker, join last sc to first. (18 sc)

Round 3: Ch 1, sc in same space, 2 sc in next sc, *sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around. Join last sc to first sc. Remove marker. (27 sc) End off, leaving long enough tail to sew Eye on.

Thread a 12' length of MC into yarn needle. Stack the turquoise button on top of green button. Use yarn to sew buttons securely to Eyes, going through holes twice. Note: If yarn is too thick, use matching embroidery thread.

Nose:

With CC3 and sz. G crochet hook, ch 5. Join last ch to first with a slip st to form ring.

Rounds 1 - 2: Work same as Rounds 1 - 2 of Eye.

Round 3: Ch 1, sc in each sc around. (18 sc) Join last sc to first with a slip st.

Rounds 4 - 5: Repeat Round 3.

Stuff lightly with small pieces of fiberfill.

Round 6: Ch 1, sc in same space, *skip next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * around. (9 sc) Join last sc to first with a slip st. Add a little more fiberfill.

Round 7- 8: Repeat Round 6.

Round 9: Ch 1, sc in same space, *skip next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * around to last sc, sc in last sc. Join last sc to first sc with a slip st. Stuff last row lightly. End off, leaving a long enough tail to close top and sew nose on.

Position nose and sew in place. Position Eyes and whipstitch in place.

Thread yarn needle with CC6 and chain stitch Smile, using photo for placement.

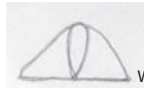
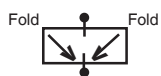
Scales: Make 3.

With sz. 7 straight needles and CC2, cast on 12 sts.

Row 1: Knit.

Repeat Row 1 until piece measures 5" long (about 24 ridges). Bind off.

Mark the center of the long edges with a pin. Fold the top corners down to the center of the opposite long edge and pin. Whipstitch in place along lower edge.



Whipstitch together.

Position first Scale on head about 1" forward from Top Seam, lined up with Center Back Seam. (See photo) Thread CC2 into yarn needle and sew in place along front and back lower edge of Scale. Turn the second Scale so that it is facing the opposite direction of Scale 1, aligning with the end of first Scale and Center Back Seam. Sew in place. Turn third Scale so that it is facing the same direction as Scale 1. Align as second Scale and sew in place.

Hands: Make 4

With sz. 7 straight needles and CC1, cast on 7 stitches.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: Knit into front and back of first st, knit to last st, knit into front and back of last st. (9 sts)

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 six more times. (21 sts)

Knit 5 rows.

Row 21: K2tog, knit to last st, k2tog.

Row 22: Knit.

Repeat Rows 21 and 22 three more times. (13 sts)

Rows 29 - 30: Knit.

Rows 31 - 32: K2tog, knit to last st, k2tog.

Row 33: K2tog, bind off to last 2 sts, k2tog, bind off last st. Cut tail long enough to hand pieces together.

Place 2 hands with wrong sides together. Thread CC1 tail into yarn needle and whipstitch around outer edge about one third of the way around. Work running stitch toward center, draw up yarn to form a "finger", work running stitch back up to outer edge, whipstitch around to other "finger", work as first, whipstitch remaining side together. Repeat with other hand. Position Hands on sides of Monster and sew in place with other tail along front and back of lower edge of Hand.

**Feet:** Make 4.

With CC4 and sz. 7 straight needles, cast on 17 sts.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Knit into front and back of first st, knit to last st, knit into front and back of last st. (19 sts)

Repeat Rows 1 - 2 once more. (21 sts)

Knit 5 rows.

Row 10: K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.

Row 11: Knit.

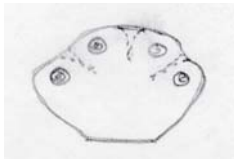
Repeat Rows 10 - 11 three more times. (13 sts)

Rows 18 - 19: Knit.

Rows 20 - 21: K2tog, knit to last s sts, k2tog. (9 sts)

Row 22: K2tog, bind off to last 2 sts, k2tog, bind off last st. Cut tail long enough to sew feet pieces together.

Thread CC3 into yarn needle and embroider 4 small chain stitch "toenails" on to two of the feet. Place one embroidered foot piece and one plain foot piece with wrong sides together. Whipstitch together, making "toes" the same as the "fingers" on hands. Repeat with other Foot. Position Feet with toenail side up about 1/2" under bottom of Monster. Sew feet in place with other tail along the top and bottom of back edge of Feet.

**Hair:**

Cut 9 pieces of CC5 about 12" long. *Fold 3 pieces in half. Insert sz G crochet hook under a stitch at top of head (see photo for placement), catch the fold of yarn with hook and draw through knitting. Draw the cut ends of yarn through the loop and gently tighten to secure. Using 2 strands of yarn for each section, braid yarn for 1 1/2" to 2". Knot end and trim tails. Repeat from * two more times.

Your Monster is now ready to play!