Knitted Hedgehog Pattern

You will need:

- A pair of size 3 knitting needles
- 2 balls of natural double knitting wool (from coloured sheep), one dark and one light
- A small sheet of dark brown felt (for the ears)
- A small amount of double knitting black wool (for the eyes and nose)
- Dark brown or black sewing thread to sew on the ears
- Stuffing (recycled if possible)

Knitting instructions

Using the darker ball of wool, cast on 24 stitches.

Row 1: (K1, P1) until the end of the row.

Row 2: (P1, K1) until the end of the row.

Rows 3-18: repeat rows 1 and 2

Row 19: switch to the lighter ball of wool, and (K2, K2 tog) until the end of the row (18 stitches)

Row 20: purl

Row 21: (K2, K2 tog) until the end of the row (14 stitches)

Row 22: purl

Row 23: (K2, K2 tog) until the end of the row (11 stitches)
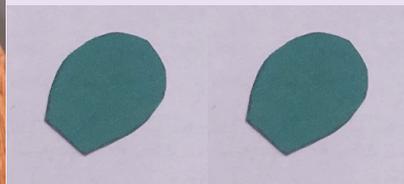
Row 24: purl

Row 25: K2 tog x3, K1, K2 tog x2 (6 stitches)

Row 26: purl

Row 27: K2 tog x3 (3 stitches)

To make up

1. Break off wool, leaving about a 30cm length to sew with. Pull wool through the remaining 3 stitches on the knitting needle and pull tightly. Then fold the knitting in half and sew row ends together from nose to tail. This will be the bottom seam.
2. Stuff the hedgehog, but don't sew up the end yet.
3. Using the black wool, pass the needle through the stuffing at the end to sew the eyes and nose. Make sure the bottom seam is central before beginning to sew. Using 2 stitches per eye, sew them about 3 stitches apart and 2 rows down from where the darker wool meets the lighter wool. The eyes will need 2 stitches each. Then just use one stitch for the nose. Pass the needle back through the stuffing at the end and then knot the two ends of wool together to keep stitches secure.
4. Add a bit more stuffing, and then using the darker wool, sew up the end by looping through all the cast on stitches and then pulling tightly.
5. Cut out the green templates (below) and use them to cut out the ears from the felt.
6. Using the sewing thread, stitch ears in place above the eyes, a row above where the darker wool meets the lighter wool.

Happy knitting!