## Ladybird



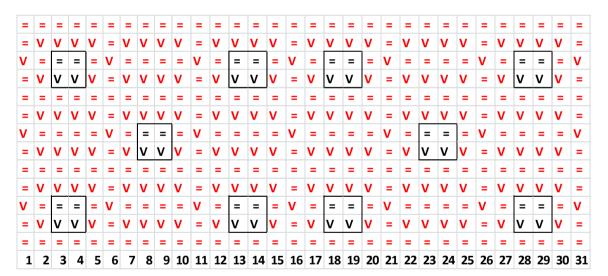
There are two ways of giving this ladybird its spots. You can either knit the main hat using two colours (my preferred method) or add them later. If you add the spots while knitting, follow the charted design for Rows 3-15. In this design V means knit, = means purl. As the spots are far apart, it is easier to use a separate bit of wool for each spot.

Cast on 31 stitches

Rows 1-2: rib

Row 3: purl

If you wish to knit the main hat in two colours, use the charted design from here onwards. You always begin knitting the spots in the row following the purl row. The charted design covers rows 3-15. Row 3 is the bottom row.



- Row 4: [P1, K4] and repeat till the end of the row, ending with P1
- Row 5: [K1, P4] and repeat till the end of the row, ending with K1
- Row 6: [P1, K4] and repeat till the end of the row, ending with P1
- Row 7: purl
- Row 8: [P1, K4] and repeat till the end of the row, ending with P1
- Row 9: [K1, P4] and repeat till the end of the row, ending with K1
- Row 10: [P1, K4] and repeat till the end of the row, ending with P1
- Row 11: purl
- Row 12: [P1, K4] and repeat till the end of the row, ending with P1
- Row 13: [K1, P4] and repeat till the end of the row, ending with K1
- Row 14: [P1, K4] and repeat till the end of the row, ending with P1
- Row 15: purl

- Row 16: [P1, K1, K2TOG, K1] and repeat till the end of the row, ending with P1 (25 st.)
- Row 17: [K1, P1, P2TOG] and repeat till the end of the row, ending with K1 (19 st.)
- Row 18: [P1, K2TOG] and repeat till the end of the row, ending with P1 (13 st.)
- Row 19: K1, [K2TOG] and repeat till the end of the row (7 st.)
- B&T, Pull the thread and secure with one or two stitches

## The head

- Cast on 6 stitches
- Row 1: purl
- Row 2: KFB all stitches (12 st.)
- Row 3: purl
- Row 4: KFB all stitches (24 st.)
- Row 5: purl
- Row 6: knit
- Row 7: purl
- Row 8: knit
- Row 9: [P2TOG] and repeat till the end of the row (12 st.)
- Row 10: knit
- Row 11: [P2TOG] and repeat till the end of the row (6 st.)
- B&T, Pull the thread and secure with one or two stitches

## Making up

- Join row ends of main hat
- If you have knitted the main hat in red only, add the spots now
- Close the back of the head, fill it with bits of wool and close the bottom of the head.
- Attach the head to the body.
- Take 30 cm of black wool. Thread it through the head where you want the antennae so that
  you have 15 cm for each antenna. Fix the wool with a double crochet and make a chain of 8
  stitches for each antenna, tie a knot at the end of the antenna and cut off the rest of the
  wool.
- Weave in all tails

