



# Claire Fairall

Knitting Patterns



*Aimee Doll*



## Aimee Doll

Aimee has an eclectic dress sense, she's a confident and strong-willed Character.

She's wearing high waisted shorts over funky striped leggings and a cropped body warmer over her long sleeve Tee shirt.

Aimee loves to play with colours- she frequently tries new shades in her hair, she's chosen bright pink and accessorised it with a purple flower.

### Pattern Information

Aimee Doll size-28cm /11" tall (including Hair)

Needle size 3.5mm (UK 11 /US 2) and 4mm (UK8/US6)

Tension - 20sts x 26 rows = 10cm (4") st.st. Square

Recommended yarn: -

Paintbox Yarns Simply DK      Paintbox Yarns Baby DK

Vanilla cream 107                  Bubble gum Pink 750

Spearmint Green 125

Dusty Lilac 756

Pansy Purple 147

You will also need-

Small amount of Coffee Bean 110 DK yarn

Toy stuffing

Sewing up needle

3 small buttons (optional)

### Abbreviations

CO= Cast on using cable method

k=knit

p=purl

kfb= knit into front and then back of the same stitch

k2tog= knit the next 2 stitches together

p2tog= purl the next 2 stitches together

stst = stocking stitch

rep = repeat

BO= Bind off

C&T= Cut and thread yarn through remaining sts

**Slip, slip, knit-** slip the next two stitches one by one, knit wise. Insert the tip of the left needle, from left to right, into the fronts of the 2 slipped stitches and knit them together as one stitch. (1 stitch decreased)

#### **Knitting Tip-**

Leave long CO and BO yarn ends to make sewing up easier.

## Aimee Doll Pattern

### Head, body legs and feet

Use Vanilla Cream Yarn and 3.5mm needles CO6.

R1: kfb every stitch (12)

R3: (k1, Kfb) rep to end of row (18)

R5: k1 (k3, kfb) rep to last st, k1(22)

R7: k1 (k4, kfb) rep to last st, k1(26)

R8-12 stst 5 rows starting with a p row.

R13: k3, ssk, k3, ssk, k6, ssk, k3, ssk, k3 (22)

R14-16 stst 3 rows starting with a p row.

Change to Spearmint Yarn

R17&18: stst 2 rows

R19 k3, kfb, k3, kfb, k6, kfb, k3, kfb, k3 (26)

R21: k3, kfb, k5, kfb, k6, kfb, k5, kfb, k3 (30)

R22-28 stst 7 rows starting with a p row.

R29: k3, ssk, k5, ssk, k6, ssk, k5, ssk, k3 (26)

R31: k3, ssk, k3, ssk, k6, ssk, k3, ssk, k3 (22)

R33: k3, ssk, k1, ssk, k6, ssk, k1, ssk, k3 (18)

Tights

Change to Dusty Lilac Yarn

R35: k3, kfb, k1, kfb, k6, kfb, k1, kfb, k3 (22)

Change to Spearmint Yarn

R37: k3, kfb, k3, kfb, k6, kfb, k3, kfb, k3 (26)

Change to Dusty Lilac Yarn

R39: k3, kfb, k5, kfb, k6, kfb, k5, kfb, k3 (30)

Continue to alternate colours on every knit row.

R41-46: stst 6 rows

Divide stitches for legs.

R47: k15, (Leave remaining 15 sts unused on the needle or place on a st holder)

R48-72 stst 25 rows Starting with a p row and ending with a Dusty Lilac yarn stripe (19 stripes in total)

Boots

Change to Pansy Purple Yarn

R73-76: k4 rows to make 2 ridges.

R77-80: stst 4 rows starting with a k row.

R81: k8, (kfb four times) k3 (19)

R83: k8, (kfb eight times) k3 (27)

R85: BO 8 k to end (19)

R86: BO 3 p to end *Wrong side* row (16)

R87: k

R89: k3, ssk, k 6, ssk, k3 (14)

R91: ssk to end of row (7)

R93: C&T

Second Leg

Use Dusty Lilac yarn.

R94: Re-join yarn k remaining 15 sts.

R95-119: stst 25 rows Starting with a p row and ending with a Dusty Lilac yarn stripe (19 stripes in total)

Change to Pansy Purple yarn.

Second Boot

R120-123: k4 rows to make 2 ridges.

R124-127: stst 4 rows starting with a k row.

R128: k3, (kfb four times) k8 (19)

R130: k3, (kfb eight times) k8 (27)

R132: BO 3 k to end (24)

R133: BO8 p to end *Wrong side* row (16)

R134: k

R136: k3, ssk, k 6, ssk, k3 (14)

R138: ssk to end (7)

R140: C&T

**Arms make two.**

Use Spearmint yarn and 3.5mm needles CO5.

R1: kfb to end of row (10)

R2- 8: stst 7 rows starting with a p row.

Change to Dusty Lilac Yarn

R9& 10: k makes a ridge.

Change to Vanilla Cream yarn.

R11-22: stst 12 rows starting with a k row.

R23: (k1, k2tog) rep to last st, k1 (7)

R23: p

R24: C&T

### **Hair Piece**

*Use 4mm needles and Bubble Gum Pink Yarn CO6*

R1: kfb every stitch (12)

R2: p *this and every following alternate row*

R3: (k1, Kfb) rep to end of row (18)

R5: k1 (k3, kfb) rep to last st, k1 (22)

R7: k1 (k4, kfb) rep to last st, k1 (26)

R8-10: stst 3 rows

R11: k9, *Turn and continue to work on these 9 stitches (Leaving the remaining 17 sts unused on the needle)*

R12: p

R13: k to last two sts, k2tog (8)

R14: p2tog, p to end of row (7)

R15: BO

*Re-join yarn.*

R1 k remaining 17 sts.

R2: p

R3:BO 7, k to end of row (10)

R4: p to last 2 sts, p2tog (9)

R5: BO

### **Hair bobbles (Make 2)**

*Using Bubble Gum Pink yarn and 3.5mm needles CO7*

R1: kfb to last st, k1 (13)

R2: p *this and each following alternate row*

R3: (k1, kfb) rep to last st, k1 (19)

R5: (k2, kfb) rep to last st, k1 (25)

R6-8 stst 3 rows

R9: (k2, k2tog) rep to last st, k1 (19)

R11: (k1, k2tog) rep to last st, k1 (13)

R13: k2tog to last st, k1 (7)

R14: C&T

### **Waist coat**

*Using Dusty Lilac yarn and 4mm needles CO30*

R1-3: k

R4: k2, p to last 2 sts, k2.

R5-8: rep Rows 3&4 twice

*Right front*

R9: k8, *Turn and continue to work on these sts (Leaving the remaining 22 sts unused on the needle)*

R10: k2, p4, k2

R11: k1, ssk, k to end of row (7)

R12: k2, p3, k2

R13: k1, ssk, k to end of row (6)

R14: k2, p2, k2

R15: 12, ssk, k to end of row (5)

R16: p2tog, p1, p2tog (3)

R17:BO

*Back*

R18: Re-join yarn k14 (*Leave remaining 8 sts unused on the needle*)

R19: k2, p to last 2 sts, k2.

R20: k

R21-25: rep Rows 19&20 *ending with a R19.*

R26:BO

*Left front.*

R27: *Re- join yarn k remaining 8sts*

R28: k2, p4, k2

R29: k5, k2tog, k1 (7)

R30: k2, p3, k2

R31: k4, k2tog, k1(6)

R32: k2, p2, k2

R33: k3, k2tog, k1 (5)

R34: p2tog, p1, p2tog (3)

R35:BO

## Shorts

Use Pansy Purple Yarn and 4mm needles CO20.

Join Bubble Gum Pink yarn.

R1&2: k 2 rows

Fasten off Bubble-gum Pink yarn, continue with Pansy Purple Yarn

R3: k

R4: p *this and each following alternate row*

R5: k2, kfb, k4, kfb, k4, kfb, k4, kfb, k2 (24)

R7: k3, kfb, k4, kfb, k6, kfb, k4, kfb, k3 (28)

R9: k4, kfb, k4, kfb, k8, kfb, k4, kfb, k4 (32)

R10-16: stst 7 rows starting with a p row.

Divide stitches for legs- change to Bubble-gum Pink yarn.

R17: k14, kfb, k1 makes 17 stitches (*leave remaining 16 sts unused on the needle*)

R18-20: k 3 rows

R21: BO

*Second leg*

Re-join Bubble Gum Pink yarn and work on remaining 16 sts.

R1: K1, kfb, k to end of row (17)

R2-4: k 3 rows

R5: BO

## Flower

Using Pansy Purple yarn and 3.5mm needles

CO3

R1: BO first st, k last stitch through the back loop then BO (1 st remaining)

Slip remaining st from RH onto LH needle without turning the work.

R2: CO2 (3 sts on LH needle)

R4-10: rep R 1&2 four times to make five petals.

Fasten off yarn.

## Making up your Doll

### Legs, body, and head

Pull the C&T yarn at the toe of one boot to close the end.

Fold the BO edges of the boot with the C&T toe section in the middle-

Important note- The BO sole edges are different lengths.

This means the heel row ends do not match up at the back of the legging. The seam runs up the inside of the legging. (*illustration shows a plain foot*)



Sew the BO sole edges, make a few gathering stitches along the extra BO sole edge and pull to create a curved heel. Sew up the row ends of the heel and garter stitch boot cuff. Stuff the boot. Change to Spearmint yarn and mattress stitch the legging seam. Stuff the leggings as you sew the seam.

*Repeat for the second legging.*

Sew the back seam of the leggings and stuff the lower section of the body. Check the legs are the same length as over stuffing may stretch the knitting.

Change to Spearmint yarn and sew the back-seam change to Vanilla cream yarn, sew the neck, and head seam, stopping 1cm from the CO stitches at the top of the head.

Continue to stuff the dolls body and head as you sew.

When you are happy with the shape of the doll, tie a piece of Vanilla Cream yarn firmly around the dolls neck at Row 17



Once the neck has been created, continue to firmly stuff and shape the head. Sew the last section of head seam and gather the CO stitches at the top of the head.

Weave in any loose ends

## Eyes

### *Making the Eye knots*

Cut two 50cm lengths of Coffee Bean yarn, take one piece of yarn and fold it in half. Wrap the middle of the doubled yarn around your index finger to make a loop, leaving the loop on your finger, thread one end of the doubled yarn through the loop, as if to make a knot. Do not tighten the knot yet! Thread the yarn once more through the loop on your finger. Take the loop off your finger and gently pull the ends to tighten the knot. You will now have an oval knot in the middle of the yarn.

### *Sewing on the eyes*

The eyes are placed 5 rows up from the neck and with 3 stitches space between them.

Use pins to help you mark the position of the eyes.

Thread one doubled end of thread onto a needle and push the needle from the front to the back of the head.

Unthread the needle and repeat with the other end of the knotted yarn 1 stitches above the first thread.



Repeat for the other eye. Gently pull on the loose threads at the back of the head to indent the eyes. You can easily reposition the eyes to give a pleasing expression. When you are happy with the eye positions re-thread each end and pass the needle through the head twice to secure the yarn. Cut off close to the head so that the tail disappears into the head.

## Hair Piece-

Sew the back seam of the hair piece and gather the CO stitches at the top. Place the hair piece on the dolls head with the back seam running down the back of the dolls head. Your doll will have a side parting and a fringe.





### **Hair Bobbles**

Use the CO tail to gather around the CO stitches, pull the yarn to close the bottom of the bobble then sew the side seam and fasten off the yarn, gently stuff the bobble then pull the C&T yarn to close the top of the bobble weave the end into the bobble.

Using the illustration to guide you sew a bobble on each side of the dolls head, leaving a gap of 3cm between the bobbles measured over the crown of the head.

### **Arms-**

Sew the hand and arm seams from the C&T yarn to the cast on edge. Gently stuff the hand and arm as you sew. There is no need to sew the cast on edge shut.

Position the arms on either side of the neck with the seam against the body. Sew carefully around the shoulder shaping at the top of the arms.

### **Waistcoat**

With wrong sides together, line up each shoulder seam and sew together the front and back sections.

Sew a small button to the front- use the illustration to guide you for placement. (Alternatively, if the doll is to be enjoyed by a child use spare yarn to make a French knot)

### **Shorts**

With wrong sides together, mattress stitch each leg seam followed by the back seam. Sew two small buttons to the centre front- use the illustration to guide you for placement. (Alternatively, if the doll is to be enjoyed by a child use spare yarn to make French knots)

### **Flower**

Use the cut tail of the yarn to gather along the lower edge of the petals, pull gently to form a flower shape. Weave in yarn ends. Take a 20cm length of Dusty Lilac yarn and tie a large Knot in the middle. Thread the ends through the centre of the flower and secure in place using 2 small stitches in the back of the flower. Use the same yarn ends to sew the flower to the base of the hair bobble.

### **Shoelaces**

Using Bubble Gum Pink yarn, start at the top of the shoe and leaving a long yarn tail for tying into a bow later, embroider three straight stitches across the top of the shoe. Bring the yarn out at the top of the shoe and use the two yarn ends to tie a bow.

