

Basic Amigurami Stuffed Animal Knitting Pattern

Melody's Makings' Easter Challenge!

This is a base pattern for a stuffed amigurami animal. As part of the challenge, use your creativity and style to create a creature that you love! Feel free to use different colors, and make changes to the head in order to make the project unique. You may also add accent pieces (hats, clothes, etc.) to really take it over the top, but they must be your own design.

NOTE: You MUST use this base pattern for the arms, legs and body of your creature to be considered to win one of the prizes. Since this challenge is based upon your own creativity, any entry that uses any other pattern will be disqualified.



Materials:

- You choose whatever size yarn and straight and double pointed needles (or use the Magic Loop Method) you want to use for this challenge! For an approx. 6.5 inch (16.5cm) tall stuffie (the bunny shown above), I used the following materials:
 - Approximately 30 yards of DK Weight (3) yarn (I used Bernat Softee Baby)
 - Knitting Needles: Size 4.0mm (US 6) Straight Needles & Double Pointed Needles (or use the Magic Loop Method)
 - Yarn or Tapestry Needle

Abbreviations:

- Sl: Slip the designated number of stitches as if to knit
- KFB: Knit the next stitch through the Front and back (increase)
- K2tog: Knit two stitches together
- **: Repeat the section in between the two stars as specified

Basic Stuffie Pattern

Leg

Cast on 4 sts onto Double Pointed Needles (or use the Magic Loop Method)

Join in the round and place stitch marker

Round 1: Knit each stitch front and back (8 total sts)

Round 2: *K1, KFB* Repeat around (12 total sts)

Round 3: Knit

Continue to knit each round until your piece measures the desired leg length from the cast on edge.

Round 4: *K2tog* Repeat around (6 total sts)

Use left-over yarn scraps or stuffing, and stuff the leg. Cut yarn, place on stitch holder and set aside.

Repeat above instructions for second leg. Do not place on stitch holder.

Knit the six stitches currently on your needles, and then knit the six stitches off of your stitch holder and onto your needles. This will give you one big circle of sts. Join in the round and place stitch marker. You should now have 12 total sts, with the two legs next to each other on your needles. Come back to this section later and use your yarn or tapestry needle to stitch up the crotch section.

Body

Round 1: Knit each stitch front and back (24 total sts)

Round 2: *K1, KFB* Repeat around (36 total sts)

Round 3: Knit

Continue to knit each round until your piece nearly measures the desired length from the start of the body section.

Round 4: *K2tog, K4* Repeat around (30 total sts)

Round 5: *K2tog, K3* Repeat around (24 total sts)

Round 6: *K2tog, K2* Repeat around (18 total sts)

Round 7: *K2tog, K1* Repeat around (12 total sts)

Round 8: *K2tog* Repeat around (6 total sts)

Stuff the body section.

Head

Round 1: Knit each stitch front and back (12 total sts)

Round 2: Knit each stitch front and back (24 total sts)

Round 3: Knit

Continue to knit each round until your piece nearly measures the desired length from the start of the head section.

Round 4: *K2tog, K2* Repeat around (18 total sts)

Round 5: *K2tog, K1* Repeat around (12 total sts)

Round 6: *K2tog* Repeat around (6 total sts)

Stuff the head section.

Do not bind off. Cut approx. 7 inch tail. Using yarn needle, remove all sts from DPNs or magic loop, as if to purl. Pull tail through sts to cinch the top of head. Using yarn needle, pull tail through to the inside of the head. Tie a knot and weave in ends.

Arms

Cast on 4 sts onto Double Pointed Needles (leave approx. 12 inch tail)

Round 1: Knit each stitch front and back (8 total sts)

Round 2: Knit

Continue to knit each round until your piece nearly measures the desired arm length from the starting edge.

Round 3: *K2tog* Repeat around (4 total sts)

Stuff the arm.

Do not bind off. Cut approx. 7 inch tail. Using yarn needle, remove all sts from DPNs or magic loop, as if to purl. Pull tail through sts to cinch the end of arm. Using yarn needle, pull tail through to the inside of the arm. Tie a knot and weave in ends (except cast on yarn tail).

Use your yarn or tapestry needle and cast on yarn tail to sew your arm to the upper center portion of your stuffie's body.

Repeat on other side.

Finish The Challenge!

Use your creativity and fun spirit to finish off your stuffie with whatever ears, accents, etc. best fit your style.

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