



Simple Knitted Pookie

Design adapted from the groovy knitted toy patterns found at <http://knittedtoybox.blogspot.com>

MATERIALS:

Set of 3mm needles (UK size 11, US size 3)
Needle with large eye (yarn needle)
Synthetic (or sheep wool) stuffing

Scrap of blue/purple (main colour) 8ply wool
Scrap of red/orange 8ply wool
Scrap of white (fluffy) 8ply wool

Tension: tight enough so the stuffing won't show through

Finished measurements: Body = 7cm high x 5 cm wide (excluding wings)

INSTRUCTIONS:

A) Body (make 1)

Cast on 6 stitches, then

1. kfb into every stitch (12 sts)
2. knit
3. *k1, kfb* repeat along row (18sts)
4. knit
5. *k2, kfb* repeat along row (24sts)
6. knit
7. knit
8. knit
9. *k3, kfb* repeat along row (30sts)
10. knit
- 11 – 30. garter stitch for 20 rows
31. *k3, k2tog* repeat along row (24sts)
32. knit
33. *k2, k2tog* repeat along row (18sts)
34. knit
35. *k1, k2tog* repeat along row (12sts)
36. knit
37. *k2tog* 6 times (6sts)



ABBREVIATIONS:

k = knit

kfb = knit front and back (knit stitch, leaving stitch on left needle; knit into the back loop of this stitch and then proceed knitting the original stitch)

k2tog = knit two stitches together to make one

st = stitches

... = repeat the pattern contained within the asterisks

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Cut the wool, leaving a long tail. Draw the tail through the remaining 6 stitches. Add the red eye and beak features to the middle (front) of the knitted piece. Use either French knots or running stitch crosses for the eyes and running stitches for the beak. Use the wool tail to stitch the row edges closed down the back of the body, stopping halfway to fill with stuffing. Finish, fasten off, and weave in any loose ends.

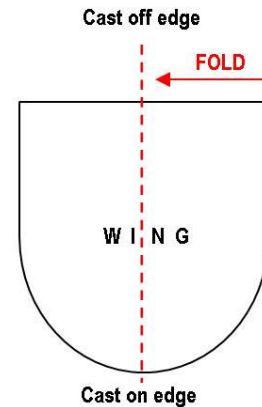
B) Wings (make 2):

NB: to be true to nature you could knit the wings in black wool.

Cast on 6 sts, then

1. kfb all stitches (12sts)
2. knit
3. *k3, kfb* repeat along row (15sts)
4. knit
- 5-10. garter stitch for 6 rows
11. Cast off all stitches

Fold the wing in half length-wise as shown in diagram. Sew up the open edges of the wing, starting at the cast off edge, sewing down the wing sides towards the cast on edge.



C) Tail (make 1):

Cast on 6 sts, then

1. kfb all stitches (12sts)
2. knit
3. kfb all stitches (24 sts)
4. knit
5. Cast off all stitches

Fold in half following the instructions for the wings. Make sure the cast off edge fans out to create a semi-circle shape.

ASSEMBLY:

Using matching wool and running stitch - sew tail onto the very lower part of the back of the body. Make sure the cast off (wider) edge is on the outside, and the cast on (smaller) edge is joined to the body.

Sew the wings about halfway down on the body, sewing the cast off edge of the wing to the body.

For the legs: Cut four 15cm long pieces of red wool. Tie a knot in one end of the strands - about 2cm from the end, fanning out the loose ends to create the 'toes'. Tie another knot for the knee about 3cm further up the leg. Thread the four un-knotted ends onto a large needle and run through and out a section of the front bottom edge of the body. Working by eye - tie another 'knee knot' to match the other leg and then an 'ankle knot' - trimming the toes to match the length on the other foot.

Well done - you've now made a knitted pookie!



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