

Xtreme Knitting!

Fluffy Caterpillar



This lovely caterpillar is fluffy, cuddly, and makes a super “pet”! It's an easy pattern using only basic techniques and just 2 balls of gorgeous tactile yarns – but of course you can use any yarns and needle sizes you like, since gauge is unimportant for a toy. This one came out quite big, which only makes it nicer to cuddle in my opinion! There are more photos below after the pattern.

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SIZE

One large caterpillar!

MATERIALS

Yarn A - Rowan Felted Tweed [50% merino wool/25% alpaca/25% viscose/rayon; 175m/50g ball] Colour 147 Dragon; 1 ball.

Yarn B - Rowan Kidsilk Haze [70% mohair/30% silk; 210m/25g ball] Colour 597 Jelly; 1 ball.

1 set US 9/5.5mm straight needles

Tapestry needle

Stuffing

Oddments of black yarn to embroider face

GAUGE

16 sts/22 rows = 4 inches in stockinette st.

PATTERN

First Section:

Cast on 6 sts using 1 strand of yarn A and 2 of yarn B all held together (use one end from the outside and one end from the inside of the ball of yarn B).

Row 1: knit

Row 2: *p1 m1* rep 4 more times, p1, 11 sts

Row 3: knit

Row 4: *p1 m1* rep 9 more times, p1, 21 sts

Row 5: knit

Row 6: purl

Row 7: *k3 m1* rep 5 more times, k3, 27 sts

Row 8: purl

Row 9: knit

Row 10: p4 m1 p5 m1 p4 m1 p5 m1 p4 m1 p5, 32 sts

Row 11: knit

Row 12: purl

Middle Sections

Work 4 rows in st st

Next row: *k5 k2tog* rep 3 more times, k4, 28 sts

Work 3 rows in st st

Next row: *k4 k2tog* rep 3 more times, k4, 24 sts

Work 2 rows in st st

Next row: *p1 p2tog* rep 7 more times, 16 sts

Work 4 rows in st st

Next row: *k2 m1* rep 6 more times, k1 m1 k1, 24 sts

Work 2 rows in st st

Next row: *p5 m1* rep 3 more times p4, 28 sts

Work 3 rows in st st

Next row: *p6 m1* rep 3 more times, p4, 32 sts

Work 4 rows in st st

Repeat this Middle section a further 4 times

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End Section

Row 1: knit
Row 2: purl
Row 3: k4 k2tog k5 k2tog k4 k2tog k5 k2tog k4 k2tog, 27 sts
Row 4: purl
Row 5: knit
Row 6: *k2 k2tog* rep 5 more times, k3, 21 sts
Row 7: knit
Row 8: purl
Row 9: k2tog 10 times, k1, 11 sts
Row 10: purl
Row 11: k2tog 5 times, k1, 6 sts
Row 12: purl

Cast off

FINISHING

Seam along the entire length of the caterpillar, stuffing as you go. Use enough stuffing to give it a good shape but it shouldn't be too firmly stuffed. Sew up to the last "bumpy" section, then begin seaming from the unseamed end back towards where you left off. After a couple of inches, embroider a face onto the end, then finish stuffing and seam the gap closed. It's finished!



One more photo over the page!

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I hope you like your new toy!