

Catnip Mouse

Materials:

- 40 yards of any wool yarn
- US 9 double point needles
- Yarn needle
- Knee high stocking
- Catnip
- Additional batting/stuffing material



Pattern Stitches:

M – Make one by putting a backward loop on the needle, which is purled on the next row

Bobble stitch for ears:

K in front and back and front and back of the stitch – 4 sts total – turn

P4, turn

K4, turn

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SSK, K2tog, slip SSK st over the K2tog st

Pattern:

Cast on 2 sts with a cable cast on, leaving an 8" tail for sewing

Row 1: Kfb each st

Row 2 and all even rows: Purl

Row 3: K1, M1, K2, M1, K1 (6 sts)

Row 5: K1, M1, K1, M1, K2, M1, K1, M1, K1 (10 sts)

Row 7: K2, M1, K2, M1, K2, M1, K2, M1, K2 (14 sts)

Row 9: K2, M1, K3, M1, K4, M1, K3, M1, K2 (18 sts)

Row 11: K2, M1, K4, make bobble, K4, Make bobble, K4, M1, K2

Row 13: K2, M1, K5, M1, K6, M1, K5, M1, K2 (24 sts)

Work even in St st on 24 sts for 2 ½" after the last increase.

Decrease for bottom:

*K1, K2tog, repeat from * to end. (16 sts)

Next row: *P2tog, repeat from * to end (8 sts)

Next row: *K2tog, repeat from * to end (4 sts)

Slide 4 sts to the other end of the needle and knit I-cord for 2", decrease 1 st and continue on 3 st. I-cord for another 2" or until tail is as long as the mouse. End I-cord by slipping 1 st, K2tog and passing sl st over. Cut yarn leaving at least 10" of yarn and finish last st.

Thread the yarn on a tapestry needle and work carefully up through the tail of the mouse. Sew the body up $\frac{3}{4}$ ". At the nose end, thread the yarn on tapestry needle and sew up $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

Felt the mouse body, checking often to make sure that the sides don't felt together. Allow the felted piece to dry completely.

Stuffing

Place a generous tablespoon of catnip in the toe of an old knee high stocking. Tie a knot close to the catnip, making a little ball. Cut off the excess knee high. If you're stuffing multiple mice, tie two knots, fill the knee high again and repeat with a knot(s). Your knee high will look like sausage links when you're through. Cut between the knots to create individual balls. Stuff the felted mouse with batting, leaving enough room for the catnip ball and sew closed with tapestry needle and leftover yarn.