

Nussemus

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MATERIALS

Yarn suitable for 4 mm needles.

Color A: 50 g yarn (feet, hands, ears and body)

Color B: 50 g yarn (stripes, tail and head)

Length: approx. 24 cm

The mouse is worked in the round on 4 mm double-pointed needles.

+ 2 extra double-pointed needles for when parts are being joined together.

The ends can either be woven in as you go or they can be left hanging from the RS of the work, to be woven in at the ends.

FOOT

Cast on 8sts with color A.

Round 1: k8.

Round 2: *k1 – M1 (make 1 new stitch by lifting the chain between sts onto the left needle and knitting it through the back loop) – k2 – M1 – k1*. Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 3: k12.

Round 4: *k1 – M1 – k4 – M1 – k1*. Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 5: k16.

Round 6: *k1 – M1 – k6 – M1 – k1*. Repeat from * to * to end of round.

There are now 20 sts on the needle.

Knit 5 rounds.

Round 7 with holes for the legs: k3 – bind off the next 4sts – knit to end of round.

Round 8: k3 – cast on 4 new sts – k13.

Round 9: k20.

Round 10: *k2tog – k6 – ssk*. Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 11: *k2tog – k4 – ssk*. Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 12: *k2tog – k2 – ssk*. Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 13: *k2tog – ssk*. Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Break the yarn and thread it through the 4 sts on the needle.

LEG

Work in color B.

Pick up and knit 6sts along the bound off sts – pick up and knit 6 more sts along the cast on sts. There are now a total of 12 sts on the needles.

Knit 1 round.

Work stripes: 2 rounds in color A – 2 rounds in color B.

Work stripes until there are a total of 5 stripes in color B.

Break the yarns. Place the sts on a stitch holder or length of scrap yarn.

Work the second leg the same way as the first, beginning with working a second foot.



ARM

Cast on 8 sts with color A.

Work Round 1 – 6 the same as for the foot.

Knit 3 rounds.

Work Round 10 – 11 the same as for the foot.

There are now 12 sts on the needle.

Work stripes: 2 rounds in color A – 2 rounds in color B.

Work stripes until there are a total of 6 stripes in color B.

Break the yarns. Place the sts on a stitch holder.

Work the second arm the same way as the first.

EAR

Cast on 8 sts with color A.

Work Round 1 – 6 the same as for the foot.

Knit 3 rounds.

Strik Round 10 – 12 the same as for the foot.

There are now 8 sts on the needle.

Knit 1 round.

Break the yarns. Place the sts on a stitch holder or length of scrap yarn.

Work the second ear the same as the first.

TAIL

Cast on 4 sts with color B.

slide the sts to the opposite end of the double-pointed needle. Bring the working yarn behind the sts on the needle, k4. Repeat from * to * until the tail measures 5 cm.

Finish the tail by working k1 – k2tog – k1. There are now 3sts.

Break the yarn. Place the sts on a stitch holder or length of scrap yarn.

BODY

Cast on 8 sts with color A.

Round 1: k8.

Round 2: *k1 – M1 – k1*. Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 3: k12.

Round 4: *k1 – M1 – k1 – M1 – k1*. Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 5: k20.

Round 6: *k1 – M1 – k3 – M1 – k1*. Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 7: k28.

Round 8: *k1 – M1 – k5 – M1 – k1*. Repeat from * to * to.

There are now 36 sts on the needle.

Place the sts for the first leg on 2 double-pointed needles, so the first 3 sts and the last 3 sts are on the same needle. The middle 6 sts of the round are on the second needle.

Round 9:

Knit 2 sts of the body.

Hold the 2 needles with the leg sts parallel to each other and hold them in front of the body sts, so the foot is pointing to the right.

Join the leg to the body by knitting through the first stitch on both the front and back needle holding the leg sts as well as the next stitch on the body - a total of three sts are knitted together. Continue in this way until all of the leg sts have been knit.

Knit the next 11 sts of the body - the bottom of the mouse.

Then join the second leg to the body the same way as the first. This time, make sure the foot is pointing left in stead of right.

Knit the last 11 sts of the round.

Round 10: *k1 – M1 – k7 – M1 – k1*. Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 11: k44.

Round 12: *k1 – M1 – k9 – M1 – k1*. Repeat from * to * to.

There are now 52 sts on the needle.

Knit 3 rounds.

Place the 3 tail sts on a needle.

1st decrease round: k2tog, k9, ssk, k2tog, k3, knit the tail onto the body across the next 3 sts the same way as the legs, k3, ssk, [k2tog, k9, ssk] twice = 44m.

Knit 3 rounds.

2nd decrease round: *k2tog – k7 – ssk*. Repeat from * to *. There are now 36 sts on the needle.

Knit 3 rounds.

3rd decrease round: *k2tog – k5 – ssk*. Repeat from * to *. There are now 28 sts on the needle.

Knit 3 rounds.

4th decrease round: *k2tog – k3, ssk*. Repeat from * to *. There are now 20 sts on the needle.

Knit 3 rounds.

Place both arms on 2 needles each, so that the first 6 sts of the round are on the first needle and the last 6 sts are on the second needle.

Next round: Knit the first arm onto the body on the first 6 sts of the round, k3, knit the second arm onto the body across the next 6 sts, knit the last 5 sts.

Stuff the body of the mouse by pulling out 2 meters of yarn from the color A skein to finish the remaining knitting with. Break the yarn and use the rest of the color A yarn to stuff the body of the mouse with.

Continue knitting the now stuffed body.

5th decrease round: *k2tog, k1, ssk*. Repeat from * to *.

There are now 12 sts on the needle.

6th decrease round: k2tog, k5, ssk, k3.

There are now 10 sts on the needle.

Break the yarn. Place the sts on a stitch holder or

length of scrap yarn.

HEAD

Cast on 8 sts with color B.

The beginning of the head is the neck.

Work the same as for the body until there are 36 sts on the needle.

Place the ears on 2 needles each, so the first 4 sts of the round are on the first needle and the last 4 sts are on the second needle.

Next round: k8, knit the first ear onto the head across the next 4 sts, k3, knit the second ear onto the head across the next 4 sts, knit the last 17 sts of the round.

Knit 2 rounds.

Place the sts from the body onto 2 needles, so that the first stitch of the round + the last 4 sts are on the first needles and the 5 middle sts are on the second needle.

Next round: k29, knit the body onto the head across the next 5 sts, by placing the 2 needles with the body in front of the head so the ears are pointing in the same direction as the tail, knit the last 2 sts.

Work the 1st decrease round of the head the same as the 3rd decrease round of the body.

Knit 5 rounds.

Work the 2nd decrease round of the head the same as the 4th decrease round of the body.

Knit 5 rounds.

Stuff the head of the mouse by pulling out 1 meter of yarn from the color B skein to finish the remaining knitting with. Break the yarn and use the rest of the color B yarn to stuff the head.

Work the 3rd decrease round of the head the same as the 5th decrease round of the body.

Knit 1 round.

Break color B.

Work in color A.

Knit 2 rounds.

K2tog across all remaning sts. There are 6 sts remaining.

Break the yarn and thread it through the 6 sts on the needle.

FINISHING

Weave in the ends. Hide the ends inside the mouse.

Give the mouse embroidered and a small cross for a belly button.

NOTES

Questions for the pattern are answered at: www.AnnetteD.dk

Filcolana is sponsoring the yarn for the Nussemus (cuddle mouse).

As long as there is more yarn, it can be fetched from the designated pick up points at the local yarn shops, where the finished mice can be handed in as well.

Many yarn shops across Denmark have chosen to help. This makes us very happy.

The adresses for the participating shops can be found

on our websites:
www.filcolana.dk
www.AnnetteD.dk

The mice can also be sent directly to:
Filcolana A/S.
Vandværksvej 10, 8620 Kjellerup.
or
Annette Danielsen.
Bøggildsvej 20, 8530 Hjortshøj.

The pattern is available for download on both websites as well.

MOUSE RECIPIENTS

Lots of kids would love to have a Nussemus (cuddle mouse).

We have selected some places to work with, but if it turns out we receive more mice than they have a need for, we will find more, similar places for these mice.

So far we are working with the following organizations:

Shelters - There are currently agreements with Aarhus, Copenhagen and Herning.

Foreningen Savn - a charity helping children and relatives of incarcerated.

