

## Happy Spider



This spider is quick to knit and only uses about 20metres of double knitting yarn. You'll also need:

1 pair of 4mm needles (US size: 6, Old UK size: 8)

A small amount of toy filling (or cotton wool)

Embroidery silk or cotton for features

A sewing needle with a large enough eye for the yarn to pass through.

### Abbreviations:

st/s .....stitch/es

NR ..... next row

st.st. .... stocking stitch (knit one row, purl one row)

inc. .... increase

tog. .... together

K. .... knit

## Method

### Body

Cast on 12 sts and knit one row

NR: Inc. in every stitch (24sts)

NR: Purl

NR: (K3, inc. in next st.) 6 times (30sts)

Starting with a purl row, st.st. 7 rows

NR: (K3, K2tog) 6 times (24sts)

NR: Purl

NR: K2tog 6 times (12sts)

Break yarn, leaving a length to sew up body. Using the sewing needle, thread the yarn through all 12sts and pull tight.

Fold knitting in half with right sides facing. Sew seam from top to cast on row. Turn right side out, fill with a little toy filling – don't overfill - and sew up opening.

### Legs (make 4)

Cast on 48sts.

Cast off, knitting each stitch into the back of the stitch to give firmer edges.

### Making Up

Find centre of each leg and pin to base of body. Sew a few stitches across each leg.

Sew features or use stick on craft eyes.

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