

Petunia, the zipper monster

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Finished Toy size: approximately 10" (25cm) tall.

Yarn: You will need two colors approximately 90 yards each in medium weight yarn. Approximately 15 yards of red yarn and small amount of white yarn, colored and black yarn for the eyes. For my Petunia I have used Caron Simply Soft.

Recommended Needles size: Double pointed needles US #5/3.75mm (set of 5).

Notions:

Yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker, polyester fiberfill (1 small bag), one zipper 7" (18cm) long, and if preferred use safety eyes instead of knitting them.

Abbreviations: KFB = Knit in front and back of the same st, this creates 2sts from 1st.

SSK= slip st, slip st and knit the 2sts together, this decrease 2sts to 1st.

K2tog = knit 2sts together, this decrease 2sts to 1sts.

R = Round

MC = Main color

CC= Contrasting color

Gauge: 17sts & 26 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch.

INSTRUCTIONS:

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Mouth:

With the red colored yarn and two DPN using them as straight needles cast on 30sts. Work in stockinette stitch **38 rows**.

Row 39: Knit and Bind off. Set aside.

Body:

With the main color yarn and four double pointed needles cast on 60sts. (15sts. per needle)

Place a stitch marker on the first st, and begin working in the round.

R 1 – 4: Knit around in MC. Attach the CC and continue to work with both yarns.

R 5 – 6: Knit around in CC

R 7 – 8: Knit around in MC

R 9 – 10: Knit around in CC

R 11 – 12: Knit around in MC

R 13 – 16: Knit around in CC

R 17 – 18: Knit around in MC

R 19 – 20: Knit around in CC

R 21 – 22: Knit around in MC

R 23 – 24: Knit around in CC

R 25 – 28: Knit around in MC

R 29 – 30: Knit around in CC

R 31 – 32: Knit around in MC

R 33 – 34: Knit around in CC

R 35 – 36: Knit around in MC

R 37: Knit around in CC

R 38: Knit 1, Knit and bind off 28sts, Knit 31sts in CC

R 39: Knit 1, Cast on 28sts, knit 31sts in CC

R 40: Knit around in CC

R 41 – 42: Knit around in MC

R 43 – 44: Knit around in CC

R 45 – 46: Knit around in MC

R 47 – 48: Knit around in CC

R 49 – 52: Knit around in MC

R 53 – 54: Knit around in CC

R 55 – 56: Knit around in MC

R 57 – 58: Knit around in CC

R 59 – 60: Knit around in MC. Cut off MC and continue with CC only.

R 61: *SSK, Knit 26, K2tog; repeat from the * around (56sts total)

R 62: *SSK, Knit 24, K2tog; repeat from * around (52sts total)

R 63: *SSK, Knit 22, K2tog; repeat from * around (48sts total)

R 64: *SSK, Knit 20, K2tog; repeat from * around (44sts total)

R 65: *SSK, Knit 18, K2tog; repeat from * around (40sts total). Turn carefully the work inside out and use the method of 3needles bind off to bind off. Cut the yarn and weave in the end.

Turn your work the right way up.



Insert the mouth piece inside the opening, positioning the cast on and bind off parts against the cast off and cast on parts on the body. Position the zipper between the two layers and sew the zipper with the two layers together. Sew the sides of the mouth piece together. Sew around the openings on the side of the mouth.



Attach the safety eyes (if using them) at this point.
 Stuff the body with fiberfill and sew together the cast on stitches.



Arms (make 2):

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With the yarn and 3DPN cast on 9sts (3sts per needle). Place a stitch marker and begin working in the round.

Row 1 – 20: Knit around (9sts total)

Row 21: KFB all around (18sts total)

Row 22 – 23: Knit around (18sts total)

Row 24: SSK all around (9sts total). Lightly stuff the hand part of the arm. Cut the yarn, leaving long enough tail and thread the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches on needles, gather up and close the hole, stitch to secure. Sew the arm on the body using the picture as a guide. Repeat for the second arm.

Eye Patch (make 2):

With two double pointed needles using as straight needles cast on 4sts with white yarn.

Row 1: KFB, knit 2, KFB (6sts total)

Row 2: purl (6sts total)

Row 3: KFB, knit 4, KFB (8sts total)

Row 4: purl (8sts total)

Row 5: knit (8sts total)

Row 6: purl (8sts total)

Row 7: SSK, Knit 4, SSK (6sts total)

Row 8: purl (6sts total)

Row 9: SSK, knit 2, SSK (4sts total)

Row 10: purl (4sts total). Cut the yarn, leaving long enough tail, and thread the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches on needle.



Finishing:

If using the eye patch sew them on to the face. With the colored yarn embroider the eye pupils and with the black yarn embroider the eye lashes, using the picture as a guide.

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