

Fishies



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These cute little fishies are fun and easy to knit. Using only a small amount of yarn, they are ideal for those little bits of yarn. They are knitted in one piece with only a little sewing up at the tail end. Stuff them with a little catnip and you have a fun and addicting toy for your cat! Knit several of them for a decoration or you can turn them into a fishing game with a fishing rod and a bit of velcro. The ideas are endless!

Materials: any worsted pure wool which is feltable. Fiber fill or dried catnip to stuff fish.

Needles: US size 2.5 (3 mm) set of dpns

Gauge: exact gauge isn't important.

Finished Size: approximately 2 inches (5 cm) felted and 3 inches (7 cm) unfelted

Yarn used:

Fishies in the photographs are shown in Basics 8 ply 100% Australian Pure Wool.

Abbreviations

sts - stitches

kfb - knit into front and back of stitch

SSK - slip 2 stitches as if to knit and then knit together

k2tog - knit 2 together



Directions Fish

Cast on 4 stitches on 2 dpns (2 sts on each needle).

Round 1 - kfb into each stitch (8 sts)

Round 2 - knit

Arrange stitches on 4 dpns so that there are 2 stitches on each needle.

Needles 1 & 2 make up side 1, needles 3 & 4 make up the other side.

Round 3 - *kfb, k to last stitch, kfb, repeat from * for other side (12 sts)

Round 4 - knit all

Rounds 5 - 10 - Repeat rounds 3 and 4 until you have 24 stitches in total - 6 stitches on each needle.



Rounds 11 - 12 - Knit 2 rounds

Round 13 - *SSK, knit to last two stitches, K2tog, repeat from * for other needle (20 sts)

Round 14 - knit all

Rounds 15 - 18 - Repeat rounds 13 and 14 until you have 3 stitches on each needle (12 sts).



Round 19 - *kfb, k to last stitch, kfb, repeat from * for other side (16 sts)

Round 20 - knit all

Rounds 21 - 22 - Repeat rounds 19 and 20 (20 sts)



Bind off, leave the tail end open to fill later after felting.

Felting

Place your fish in the washing machine with a little detergent and a towel. Wash cycle on hot.

If it hasn't felted enough repeat wash cycle.

Stuffing and Finishing Off



Embroider on the eyes.

Fill the fish with fiber fill or if you want to make it into a toy for the cat, fill it with dried catnip.

Sew up the edge of the tail with whip stitch.

