

* Nibbles the Mouse *

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Yarn

- Sirdar, Hayfield Bonus DK
- 100% Acrylic, DK weight yarn (double knitting or light worsted weight)
- Less than 15g of a 100g skein in each colour:
 - **GREY:** shade "Light Grey Mix"
 - **PINK:** shade "Peaches"

Needles and Notions

- A pair of straight 3mm (US 2½) knitting needles
- Two 3mm (US 2½) double pointed needles
- A darning or tapestry needle
- Several handfuls of toy filling
- Two 7mm domed black buttons for eyes



ABBREVIATIONS

DPN(s)	Double pointed needle(s)
k	Knit
k2tog	Knit two stitches together decrease
kfb	Knit into the front and back increase
ssk	Slip the next stitch knit-wise, slip the next stitch purl-wise, knit through the front of the two slipped sts to decrease
st(s)	Stitch(es)
(... sts)	The number in round brackets at the end of the instruction indicates the number of stitches after working the row
[...]	Repeat the sequence between the square brackets by the number indicated

NOTES

PULL THROUGH TO CAST OFF

Cut the yarn leaving at least a 30cm tail, thread the tail onto a darning needle and sew through the remaining sts on the knitting needle, pull the sts off the knitting needle on to the yarn, gather together tightly and secure the yarn.

TENSION

The tension is 24 sts x 30 rows for a 10cm x 10cm square in stockinette stitch on 3mm needles.

FINISHED SIZE

One size - the body of the mouse is 9.5cm long.

STOCKINETTE

Also known as stocking stitch, knit and purl alternate rows.

I-CORD

This is a knitted tube worked on two DPNs. A free tutorial on how to knit i-cord is available from

<http://fluffandfuzz.weebly.com/tutorials1/how-to-knit-i-cord>

KNITTING PATTERN

BODY

Make 1.

Cast on 11 sts in grey yarn on 3mm straight needles using the long tail cast on.

Start at the back of the body.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2 (RS): K1, [kfb] x 9, k1. (20 sts)

Row 3: Purl.

Row 4: K1, [kfb, k1] x 9, k1. (29 sts)

Rows 5 to 25: Starting and ending on a WS purl row, work 21 rows in stockinette.

Row 26: [K4, ssk] x 2, k5, [k2tog, k4] x 2. (25 sts)

Row 27: Purl.

Row 28: Knit.

Row 29: Purl.

Work decrease rows to shape the head.

Row 30: K4, [ssk, k3] x 2, [k2tog, k3] x 2, k1. (21 sts)

Row 31: Purl.

Row 32: Knit.

Row 33: Purl.

Row 34: K2, [ssk, k1] x 3, [k2tog, k1] x 3, k1. (15 sts)

Row 35: Purl.

Row 36: Knit.

Row 37: Purl.

Row 38: K1, [ssk] x 3, k1, [k2tog] x 3, k1. (9 sts)

Row 39: Purl.

Row 40: K1, [k2tog] x 4. (5 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

EARS

Make 2.

Cast on 10 sts in grey yarn on 3mm straight needles using the long tail cast on.

Start at the outer edge.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2 (RS): [K2tog] x 5. (5 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

TAIL

Make 1.

Cast on 2 sts in pink yarn on a 3mm DPN using the long tail cast on.

Using two DPNs, knit i-cord until the tail measures 11cm long.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

Use mattress stitch to sew the seams.

Sew the side edges of the body together, stuffing as you sew. Gather the cast on sts together at the back of the body. Note that the seam runs down the centre underside of the body.

Sew the side edges of each ear onto the top of the mouse over row 26 (the first set of decreases) with the RS facing the back, 3 sts apart.

Sew the buttons onto the mouse for eyes over row 30 (the second set of decreases), 5 sts apart.

Sew one end of the tail onto the back of the body over the gathered cast on sts, and weave in the yarn tail on the other end.

For the mouse's nose cut a 30cm length of pink yarn and sew over the front of the head several times.

Cut another 30cm length of pink yarn and embroider the feet on the bottom of the body (3 toes per foot with one embroidery stitch per toe, see below).



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