

Cuddly Snake Knitting Pattern

Materials

Oddments of Chunky knitting wool for body
Small oddments of contrasting wool for face and tongue
Double pointed or circular needles size 6mm
(or larger depending on wool thickness.)

Instructions

Cast on 2 sts. Leave a long end for sewing up.

1st row: P.

2nd row: Increase knitwise in each st. (4 sts).

3rd row: P.

4th row: K inc. knitwise in 1st and last sts. (6 sts).*

5th row: P

6th row: Sl 1 K1 pssso, K2 , K2 tog. (4 sts)

7th row: P

8th row: Sl 1 K1 pssso, K2 tog. (2 sts)

9th row: P

10th row: Increase knitwise in each st. (4 sts).

11th row: P

12th row: K inc. knitwise in 1st and last sts. (6 sts).

13th row: P

14th row: Sl 1 K1 pssso, K2 , K2 tog. (4 sts)

15th row: P

*If you want a slightly larger head, repeat this and the next row for 8 sts and decrease on the next 2 rows. Repeat the extra increase and decrease after the 13th row.

Next row: k4, then slide all the sts to the other end of the needle, ready to start another row. (For a twisted snake, instead of k4, k into front and then back of first st, k1, k2 tog.)

Keep sliding sts to the opposite end of the needle and repeating the last row until this body tube measures 12 – 15 inches or required length for snake.

(This way of knitting is known sometimes as an i-cord.)

K2 tog. Twice.

Cast off. Break wool and secure the end by sewing into the end of the tail.

Face:

In the contrasting colour, sew some eyes and a smile on to the second ‘diamond’ of the head (i.e the one closest to the body) with the eyes closest to the body and the smile closest to the narrow join of the diamonds.

Make a long tongue in contrasting colour using a twisted or plaited cord, or a crochet chain. Attach it to the smile.

Fold the head over in two at the narrowest part and sew the cast on end down to the top of the body. Then sew neatly together the top and bottom parts of the head around the edge with right sides facing outwards.

