

Mak Penguin

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Mak = M(ake) a k(nitted)

Inspired by Amigurumi Penguin by Lion Brand Yarn



Materials: Remnants of 3 colours of yarn of a similar weight and some stuffing (No, not the edible kind, leave that for the turkey ;-D). If using DK yarn, needle size 3.25mm. If yarn is 4ply needle size 2.5mm.

My example was knitted in the round using magic loop, but could just as easily have been knitted with dpns or two circulars. Use whatever method you are happiest with.

It can also be knitted on two straight needles, though this will leave some seams and I am not sure how that will look on the finished item, but I will try to do another pattern version for this later.

Body:

With lower body colour, in my case white, cast on 6 sts, leaving an end of about 12" to be used to close the hole.

Round 1: Joining in the round, kfb in each st (12 sts).

Round 2: Knit

Round 3: K1, *m1, k2, repeat from * to last st, m1, k1 (18 sts).

Round 4: K

Round 5: K1, *m1, k3, repeat from * to last 2 sts, m1, k2 (24 sts).

Round 6: K

Round 7: K1, *m1, k4, repeat from * to last 3 sts, m1, k3 (30 sts).

Round 8: K

Round 9: K1, *m1, k5, repeat from * to last 4 sts, m1, k4 (36 sts).

Round 10: K

Round 11: K1, *m1, k6, repeat from * to last 5 sts, m1, k5 (42 sts).

Rounds 12 – 18: K (7 rounds).

Change to upper body colour. (I used a knot to secure the colours, but do not tie a knot until you have passed over the changeover point several times; the knot may end up on the outside if you do.)

Rounds 19 – 23: K (5 rounds).

Round 24: *K5, k2tog, repeat from * to end (36 sts).

Round 25: K

Round 26: *K4, k2tog, repeat from * to end (30 sts).

Round 27: K

Round 28: *K3, k2tog, repeat from * to end (24 sts).

Round 29: K

Round 30: *K2, k2tog, repeat from * to end (18 sts).

Round 31: K

Round 32: *K1, k2tog, repeat from * to end (12 sts).

Round 33: K

Now stuff the body, I like to stuff it fairly firmly, but it is up to you; it takes more stuffing than you think!

Round 34: K2tog to end (6 sts).

Now cut the yarn, leaving an end long enough to sew with, mine was about 24". Thread this in a needle and go through the remaining sts and pull tight. You now have a two-coloured ball (body). Leave the long yarn end, you can use it later to make French knots for the centre of the eyes. Use the cast on end to close up the hole at the bottom; this is best done before you stuff the body.



Wings: Knit 2.

Cast on 24 sts using upper body colour, leaving an end of about 24" to be used to sew the wing to the body.

Round 1: Joining in the round, k.

Round 2: k

Round 3: *k2, k2tog, repeat from * to end (18 sts).

Round 4: k

Round 5: *k1, k2tog, repeat from * to end (12 sts).

Round 6: k

Round 7: k2tog to end (6 sts).

Cut the yarn, thread it on a needle and sew through the remaining sts and pull tight. Fasten the end neatly, remember both sides of the wings will be visible.

Knit another wing the same.



Eyes: Knit 2.

Cast on 12 sts using lower body colour, leaving an end of about 24" to be used to sew the eye to the body..

Round 1: Joining in the round, k.

Round 2: k

Round 3: k2tog to end (6 sts).

Cut the yarn, thread it on a needle and sew through the remaining sts and pull tight. (I left the end for later as I used it to hold the eyes in place on the body whilst sewing them on, then fastened the end in the body.)

Knit another eye the same.

Beak:

Cast on 18 sts using a suitable beak colour, leaving an end of about 24" to be used for sewing the beak together and to the body..

Round 1: Joining in the round, k.

Round 2: k

Round 3: *k1, k2tog, repeat from * to end (12 sts).

Round 4: k

Round 5: k2tog to end (6 sts).

Cut the yarn, thread it on a needle and sew through the remaining sts and pull tight. Fasten off on back of work. I leave an end of about 2" and stuff this inside the beak. Fold the beak in half and using the cast on end, sew it together to a semi-circle through the cast on edge. Leave the end for sewing beak onto body (or sew it on now; I always sew the beak on first).



Feet: Knit 2.

Cast on 12 sts using beak colour, leaving an end of about 24" to be used to sew the foot to the body.

Round 1: Joining in the round, k.

Round 2: k

Round 3: k

Round 4: k

Round 5: k2tog to end (6 sts).

Cut the yarn, thread it on a needle and sew through the remaining sts and pull tight. Fasten end on the inside. Cut, leaving about 2" and stuff this inside foot. Use the cast on end to sew the cast on edge together and to the body.

You are now ready to assemble the penguin. Sew the part onto the body using the photos as a guide. Individuality is a good thing ;-P

Enjoy.

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