

Jelly Bum's Knitted Amigurumi Badger



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Materials

- Set of 3.25mm needles (UK 10, US 3)
- 25g Double Knitting (DK) yarn (black, white and dark grey)
- Brown embroidery thread or scraps of black yarn
- Yarn needle
- Toy stuffing
- Scissors
- 5mm safety eyes (optional) or small scraps of black yarn
- Plastic pellets (optional)

Finished Size

Without legs: approx 4" tall
With legs: approx 6.5" tall

Gauge

Not important but make sure it is tight so stuffing does not show through.

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<http://knittedtoybox.blogspot.com/>

About the Pattern

- As a note of safety I would like to point out that the plastic toy safety eyes (with plastic or metal washers) should never be used in a toy for a child under 3 years old or for a pet, as they are a possible choking hazard. You should embroider on any features if the toy is intended for a small child or pet.
- These pattern instructions are for straight needles but you can use double pointed needles instead to save on the seaming at the end.
- I have also suggested using plastic pellets to give weight to the body of the toy; however this is not necessary as the toy will still be free standing with polyfill alone. Never use plastic pellets if giving to a child under 3 or a pet. You may want to make a little bag using stocking material and fill with the pellets then place inside the toy instead of putting the pellets directly into the toy. This will prevent any pellets from slipping through the knitted fabric.
- You can knit the toy with any yarn you wish just remember to adjust your needle size so that you still have a tight gauge. A heavier yarn and/or a larger needle size will give you a larger toy.
- The inside of the toy will never be seen so feel free to tie knots on the inside as this will make the toy more secure when intended for rough play. Any loose ends from sewing can be hidden by sewing them into the stuffing of the completed toy.
- Remember when knitting intarsia sections (for the face) you must twist the stitches around each other when changing colours to prevent holes from forming.
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Badger

Abbreviations

CO - cast on

K - knit

P - purl

Kfb - knit front and back (Knit a stitch, leaving stitch on left needle; knit into the back loop of this stitch)

K2tog - knit two stitches together to make one

K3tog - knit three stitches together to make one

P2tog - purl two stitches together to make one

Sts or **st** - stitches

St-st - Stockinette stitch, knit one row purl the next

Garner Stitch - knit every row

..... - repeat the pattern set within the asterisk

BO - Bind off

Head

CO 6 in white

1. purl

2. *kfb* along (12sts)

For the following rows the stitches in black are where the white yarn should be used and the stitches in blue are where the black yarn should be used.

3. p4, p1, p2, p1, p4

4. *kfb* 4 times, kfb, *kfb* twice, kfb, *kfb* 4 times (24sts)

5. p8, p2, p4, p2, p8

6. k2, kfb, k3, kfb, k1, kfb, k1, k4, k1, kfb, k1, kfb, k3, kfb, k2 (30sts)

7. p9, p4, p4, p4, p9

8. k9, k4, k4, k4, k9

9-14. Repeat rows 7-8 three times

15. p9, p4, p4, p4, p9

16. *k2tog* 4 times, k1, *k2tog* twice, k4, *k2tog* twice, k1, *k2tog* 4 times (18sts)

17. p5, p2, p4, p2, p5

18. k5, k2, k4, k2, k5

19-20. Repeat rows 17-18

Knit the following rows all in white

21. purl

22. *k2tog, k1* along (12sts)

23. *p2tog* along (6sts)

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Draw tail through remaining stitches and pull tightly and secure. At this stage you may want to add the safety eyes/embroider on eyes and sew on a nose using the brown yarn scraps. Use the long yarn tail to mattress stitch row ends closed stopping halfway to fill with stuffing. Close remaining opening leaving a long tail to sew onto body.

Body

CO 6 in dark grey

1. purl

2. *kfb* repeat 5 times, K1 (11st)

3. purl

4. *kfb* repeat 10 times, K1 (21st)

5. purl

6. *kfb, k1* repeat 10 times, K1 (31st)

7. purl

8. purl (this row marks the 'fold' of the body)

9-19. st-st for 11 rows (start and end on a purl row)

20. K1, *k2tog, k1* to end of row (21sts)

21. purl

22. *k2tog, k1* along (14sts)

23. BO (leave a long yarn tail)

Use tail to mattress stitch the body closed stopping halfway to fill with stuffing and/or plastic pellets. Continue to mattress stitch until you reach the cast on stitches. Draw the yarn through the cast off stitches, pull tightly and secure. Weave in any leftover yarn ends.

Ears (make 2)

CO 3 in black

1. knit

2. kfb, k2 (4sts)

3. kfb, k3 (5sts)

4. kfb, k4 (6sts)

5. knit

6. BO (leave a long yarn tail)

Fold the ear in half width-wise and whip stitch the bind off stitches together. Leave

the remaining yarn tail to sew the ears to the head. Weave in any loose ends from the cast on stitches.

Arms (make 2)

CO 4 in black

1. purl
2. *kfb* along (8st)
- 3- 13. (Begin with purl) st-st 11 rows
14. *k2tog* along (4st)

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Draw tail through remaining stitches and pull tightly and secure. Use tail to mattress stitch row ends closed. Stop halfway down to stuff

lightly. Close remaining opening leaving a long tail to sew onto body.

Tail

CO 8 in dark grey

1. purl
2. knit
3. purl
4. *k2tog* 4 times (4st)

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Draw tail through remaining stitches and pull tightly and secure. Use tail to mattress stitch row ends closed. You can stop halfway to stuff if you wish but it is not required. Close remaining opening leaving a long tail to sew onto body.

Finishing

Using the appropriate coloured scrap yarn and a yarn needle:

Take the head and sew both ears in place.

Sew the head onto the BO neck edge of the body.

Sew an arm to each side of the body just under the neck with the cast on stitches attached to the body.

Attach the tail to the bum with the cast on stitches attached to the body.

Weave in any loose ends from sewing up.

If you are unsure of where to attach each piece use the photos below as guidance. If you need help with how to attach limbs, mattress stitch or safety eye installation then please find links to fantastic free tutorials all with photos at <http://knittedtoybox.blogspot.com/2008/04/hints-and-tips.html> , or feel free to contact me at jellybums@hotmail.com.



Show off your work

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Additional Jelly Bum Body Patterns

Egg Cosy Body

CO 31 in dark grey

1. *p1, k1* 15 times, p1
2. *k1, p1* 15 times, k1
3. *p1, k1* 15 times, p1
- 4-14. (Begin with purl) st-st for 11 rows
15. k1,*k2tog, k1* to end of row (21sts)
16. purl
17. *k2tog, k1* along (14sts)
18. BO purl-wise leaving a long yarn tail

Use tail to mattress stitch the body closed until you reach the cast on stitches. Weave in any leftover yarn ends. Follow the finishing instructions on page 4.

Finger Puppet Body

CO 18 in dark grey

1. *p1, k1* along
2. *p1, k1* along
- 3-19. (Begin with purl) st-st for 17 rows
20. *k2tog, k1* along (12sts)
21. BO purl-wise leaving a long yarn tail

Use tail to mattress stitch the body closed until you reach the cast on stitches. Weave in any leftover yarn ends. Follow the finishing instructions on page 4.

Oval Body (for stuffed legs)

CO 6 in dark grey

1. purl
2. *kfb* repeat 5 times, K1 (11st)
3. purl
4. *kfb* repeat 10 times, K1 (21st)
5. purl
6. *kfb, k1* repeat 10 times, K1 (31st)
- 7-19. st-st for 13 rows (start and end on a purl row)
20. K1,*k2tog, k1* to end of row (21sts)
21. purl
22. *k2tog, k1* along (14sts)
23. BO (leave a long yarn tail)

Use tail to mattress stitch the body closed stopping halfway to fill with stuffing and/or plastic pellets. Continue to mattress stitch until you reach the cast on stitches. Draw the yarn through the cast off stitches, pull tightly and secure. Weave in any leftover yarn ends. Follow the finishing instructions on page 4, and in addition sew a leg to each side of the body with the top of the leg attached to the cast on stitches of the body.

Additional Jelly Bum Leg Patterns

Badger Legs (make 2)

(Use with the oval body pattern)

CO 8 in black

1. Purl
2. *Kfb* along (16sts)
- 3-5. (Begin with Purl) st-st 3 rows
6. K3, k2tog, k3tog, k3tog, k2tog, k3 (10 st)
7. purl
8. Kfb, k8, kfb (12st)
- 9-17. (Begin with Purl) st-st 9 rows
18. *K2tog* along (6sts)

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Draw tail through remaining stitches, pull tightly and secure. Sew up seams using mattress stitch, stopping halfway to stuff firmly then continue to sew closed.

Dangly Legs (make 2)

(Use with the original body pattern)

CO8 in black

1. Purl
2. *Kfb* along (16sts)
3. Purl
4. *Kfb, k1* along (24st)
5. purl
6. K7, k2tog, k3tog, k3tog, k2tog, k7 (18st)
7. purl
8. K4, k2tog, k3tog, k3tog, k2tog, k4 (12st)
9. purl
10. *K2tog* along (6st)
11. purl
12. *K2tog* along (3st)
13. With the remaining sts I-cord for 2"

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Draw tail through remaining stitches, pull tightly and secure. Sew up foot seams using mattress stitch, stopping halfway to stuff firmly then continue to sew closed.

There may be some slight gaps where the k3togs meet, you may want to close up the gaps with some scraps yarn tied inside before stuffing.

Big Foot Legs (make 2)

(Use with the oval body pattern)

CO 10 in black

1. purl
2. kfb along (20sts)
3. purl
4. kfb, k5, *kfb* six times, k6, kfb, k1 (28sts)
- 5-7. (Begin with purl) st-st 3 rows
8. k10, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k10 (26st)
9. p10, p2tog, p2, p2tog, p10 (24st)
10. k5, cast off 14, k5 (10st)
11. Bring the remaining 10 stitches together as a continuous row on the needle by folding across the cast of stitches and purl along the row.
12. Kfb, k8, kfb (12st)
- 13-21. (Begin with Purl) st-st 9 rows
22. *K2tog* along (6sts)

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Draw tail through remaining stitches, pull tightly and secure.

Use a scrap of yarn to whipstitch together the cast of stitches at the foot fold.

Sew up seams at the back of the leg using mattress stitch, stopping halfway to stuff firmly then continue to sew closed.