



Sock Yarn Easter Eggs

Use of small amounts of self-stripping sock yarn to create sugar-free seasonal decorations. They're quick to knit, so it won't take long to make a basketful.

Skill level: Intermediate

Techniques Used: Knitting in the round with double-pointed needles. Increases and decreases.

Materials:

Small amounts of self-stripping sock yarn – raid your stash.

Double-pointed needles (DPNs) 2.0 – 2.5 mm

One small stitch marker

Tapestry needle

Scrap yarn to use for stuffing.

Finished dimensions: In fingering weight sock yarn, your eggs will be close to the size of a large chicken egg or maybe a goose egg!

Abbreviations used:

CO – cast on

K2tog – knit two together

M1 – make one: insert the tip of the left needle from front to back under the horizontal strand between stitches. Knit into the back of the resulting loop.

Instructions:

CO 8 stitches. Distribute these stitches onto three needles. Join and knit one round, placing a stitch marker between the first and last stitches, to mark beginning of round.

(You may wish to add a 5th DPN as the egg gets larger, then go back to 4 DPNs as the top end gets smaller.)

Round 2: *K2, M1, repeat from * to end of round (12 stitches).

Round 3: Knit

Round 4: *K1, M1, repeat from * to end of round (24 stitches).

Round 5: Knit

Round 6: *K3, M1, repeat from * to end of round (32 stitches).

Rounds 7 & 8: Knit

Round 9: *K4, M1, repeat from * to end of round (40 stitches).

Rounds 10 – 13: Knit

Round 14: *K10, M1, repeat from * to end of round (44 stitches).

Rounds 15 – 26 (12 rounds): Knit

Round 27: *K9, K2tog, repeat from * to end of round (40 stitches).

Rounds 28 & 29: Knit

Round 30: (K4, K2tog) five times, (K3, K2tog) twice (33 stitches).

Rounds 31 & 32: Knit

At this point, begin stuffing the egg. Use scrap yarn or fleece and stuff the egg firmly. As the hole gets smaller you can keep adding stuffing to firm it up.

Round 33: (K4, K2tog) 5 times, K3 (28 stitches).

Round 34 & 35: Knit

Round 36: K2, K2tog, (K4, K2tog) 4 times, (23 stitches).

Round 37: (K3, K2tog) 4 times, K3 (19 stitches).

Round 38: (K2, K2tog) 4 times, K3 (15 stitches)

Add the last bit of stuffing

Round 39: (K1, K2tog) 5 times (10 stitches)

Finishing:

Cut yarn and, using a blunt needle, thread through the remaining stitches, close like a drawstring. Weave in ends.