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Presents Sammie the Sock Monster

A Very Lovely Knitting Pattern

Hello and thank you for purchasing my pattern! You are now holding in your hands the information you need to make Sammie the Sock Monster. Sure, knitted monsters are great, but knitted monsters with knitted clothing are even better! Sammie makes a great gift to keep on hand for anyone who needs cheering up: I mean, how can you not love a monster in socks?



A little bit about Sammie:

Sammie is always cold. His feet in particular get so cold that he always, always wears socks to warm them up. He wears socks so much that they have become a fixture of his body and he has been known to hop in the shower or a lake with them on! He has also never owned a pair of sandals because he doesn't think socks and sandals look very good together. Sammie is planning to move to the desert in the near future in hopes of living somewhere he could take his socks off every now and again.

A Note About Gauge:

One of the greatest things about knitting toys is gauge doesn't matter! For those of you who detest gauging as much as me, this is the perfect project for you. Simply use smaller needles than those recommended for your yarn to create a tighter knit fabric that the stuffing doesn't show through. My rule of thumb is to go down 2-3 needle sizes from the smallest recommended size for your yarn.

You Will Need:

- *200-240 yards of yarn in your main monster color (MC)
- *50-75 yards of yarn in white (CC: aim for the same weight/size as your monster yarn)
- *One set double pointed needles, smaller than recommended for your yarn by 2-3 sizes(ex: yarn says Us Size 8, use Us size 5-6 instead)
- *One 36" or longer circular needle in the same size
- *Scissors
- *Tapestry needle
- *Buttons/plastic safety eyes/scrap yarn for eyes
- *White or off-white felt for teeth
- *Stuffing
- *Fabric glue (I use Unique Stitch)
- *Row counter (Optional but very helpful)
- *Stitch markers (Optional: to mark beginning of round/decrease spots)
- *Straight Pins (Optional: help greatly with making up)
- *Sticky Notes (Optional: help keep track of your place in the pattern)



A Note About The Method Used:

I like to use the "magic loop" method to knit small circumference projects. It is super easy, super fun, and you can find an instructional video on www.knittinghelp.com (just search Magic Loop). Feel free to use dpn's or a small circular if you prefer and your project will allow it.

Let's Get Started!

Body:

Sammie is worked entirely in MC except for his socks
Using your circular needle for Magic Loop Method,
CO 60 sts and join, making sure not to twist your sts

R1-R36: K all sts

R37: (K2tog, k28) twice (58 sts)

R38: K all sts

R39: (K27, k2tog) twice (56 sts)

R40: K all sts

R41: (K2tog, k26) twice (54 sts)

R42: K all sts



Three needle
bind off



Working the body

R43: (K25, k2tog) twice (52 sts)

R44: K all sts

R45: (K2tog, k24) twice (50 sts)

R46: K all sts

R47: (K23, k2tog) twice (48 sts)

R48: K all sts

R49: (K2tog, k22) twice (46 sts)

R50: K all sts

R51: (K21, k2tog) twice (44 sts)

R52: K all sts

R53: (K2tog, k18, k2tog) twice (40 sts)

R54: (K2tog, k16, k2tog) twice (36 sts)

R55: (K2tog, k14, k2tog) twice (32 sts)

R56: Turn inside out and three needle BO all sts.

Turn Sammie back rightside out and you've got most of a monster!

Base of Body:

Using dpn's PU 60 sts from CO edge of body.

R1-R5: K all sts

R6: (K3, k2tog) around (48 sts)

R7: (K2, k2tog) around (36 sts)

R8: (K1, k2tog) around (24 sts)

Stop and stuff Sammie and put on his safety eyes and belly button at this point before you continue

R9: (K2tog) around (12 sts)

R10: (K2tog) around (6 sts)

Cut your yarn and using a tapestry needle thread through the remaining sts.

Arms: (Make 2)

Using dpn's CO 18 sts and join, making sure not to twist your sts.

R1-R20: K all sts

R21: K2tog around (9 sts)

Cut your yarn and using a tapestry needle thread through the remaining sts.



Picking up base sts



Closing the base

Leg: (Make 2)

Using dpn's CO 15 sts and join, making sure not to twist your sts

R1-R40: K all sts

Transfer the 1st 7 sts to one needle and the 2nd 8 sts to a second needle

Working only the 2nd 8 sts:

R1: Sl1, p across

R2: Sl1, K across

R3 & R4: repeat R1 & R2

R5: Sl1, p across

Now, PU 3 sts per side of the heel flap and divide all sts evenly between your 3 needles to begin working in the round again (21 sts total)

R1: K all sts

R2: K7, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k4, k2tog (18 sts)

R3: K all sts

R4: K7, kfb, k9, kfb (20 sts)

R5: K all sts

R6: K7, kfb, k11, kfb (22 sts)

R7-R17: K all sts

R18: K7, k2tog, k11, k2tog (20 sts)

R19: K7, k2tog, k9, k2tog (18 sts)

R20: K7, k2tog, k7, k2tog (16 sts)

Turn inside out and three-needle BO all sts.

(I tend to find it a little challenging to turn the foot inside out. If that's the case simply Kitchen-er Stitch closed the toe of the foot closed.)



Working the heel



Picked up heel sts



Working the heel

Sock: (Make 2)

Using dpn's CO 18 sts in MC and join, making sure not to twist your sts

R1-R3: K all sts in CC

R4: K all sts in MC

R5-R7: K all sts in CC

R8: K all sts in MC

R9-R20: K all sts in CC (The sock is worked in CC from here to the end)

Transfer the 1st 9 sts to one needle and the 2nd 9 sts to a second needle

Working only the 2nd 9 sts:

R1: Sl1, p across

R2: Sl1, K across

R3 & R4: repeat R1 & R2

R5 & R6: Repeat R1 & R2

R7: Sl1, p across

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Picked up heel sts



Sock continued...

PU 4 sts per side of the heel flap and divide all sts evenly between your 3 needles to begin working in the round again (26 sts total)

R1: K all sts

R2: K8, k2tog, k14, k2tog (24 sts)

R3: K all sts

R4: K8, k2tog, k12, k2tog (22 sts)

R5: K all sts

R6: K8, k2tog, k10, k2tog (20 sts)

R7-R22: K all sts

R23: K7, k2tog, k9, k2tog (18 sts)

R24: K7, k2tog, k7, k2tog (16 sts)

R25: K7, k2tog, k5, k2tog (14 sts)

Turn inside out and three-needle BO all sts.

Making Up:

Weave in the ends on all of the pieces. Next stuff the body, arms, and feet. I stuff only the bottom part of the arms to create "hands," and just the feet and not the legs. Using the straight pins, pin the arms on where you think they should go and sew them down. I like to play around with placement to see what looks right to me before sewing anything.

Remember, before sewing on the second arm, double check to see that it lines up with the first one.

Repeat this step with the legs, making sure they look lined up as well.

Grab your felt and cut a small rectangle using Sammie's face as a gauge for width. Take your scissors and cut up and down to create little teeth. Using your pins, position the teeth on the face where you want them to go and glue them down. Use some heavy books and stack them on Sammie's face to secure the teeth until the glue dries. Cruel I know, but trust me, Sammie will thank you for it when his teeth stay securely attached to his face. Putting on Sammie's socks can be a little tricky since he is about as easy to work with as a squirming baby. The easiest way to put on Sammie's socks is to "roll" the socks down to

Securing the teeth



Sewing on the arm



a ball like you would with nylons and then slide them up and over Sammie's foot. There you go, you've made a sock monster! I personally get the B-52's song "Rock Lobster" stuck in my head with the lyrics "Sock Monster" instead at this point. No seriously, every time!

Please see the next page for sample faces and the yarn/needle combos used in this pattern.

Way to go monster knitter! I think Sammie would like nothing better at this point than to curl up on the couch with you while you knit, as long as you make sure he has his socks on and you can spare a blanket to put over him. Also, you might want to make him extra socks because he tends to be kind of terrible about changing them, and they can get very stinky!

Samples Shown In This Pattern:



Berroco Comfort Bulky
MC= Color# 5724 (2 Balls)
CC= Color# 5700 (1 Ball)
US Size 9 needles
About 24" tall finished



Twilleys of Stamford
Freedom Gorgeous
MC= Color# 705 (2 Balls)
CC= Color# 700 (1 Ball)
Us Size 4 Needles
About 16" tall finished



Debbie Bliss Cashmerino Aran
MC= Color# 330010 (2 Balls)
CC= Color# 300025 (1 Ball)
Us Size 7 Needles
About 20" tall finished



Cascade 220 Wool
MC= Color# 4147B (2 Balls)
CC= Color# 8505 (1 Balls)
On Us Size 5 Needles
About 17" tall finished

If you need help with anything in this pattern you are entitled to unlimited email help with me:

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Terms Used:

BO: Bind Off CO: Cast On MC: Main Color CC: Contrast Color K: Knit P: Purl PU: Pick up sts
KFB: Knit in front and back of one stitch R1, etc: Round number K2tog: Knit 2 sts as one
Sl1: Slip one stitch (in this case always purl wise) DPN: Double Pointed Needle Sts: Stitches

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