Knitted Chick Eggs

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Materials

DK yarn (8ply) Light

3.5mm needle, or use 3.25mm for smaller eggs

Small amount of stuffing

Scissors and needle for sewing

Small lengths of yarn for features - eyes/beak/ hair

Toy eyes if using (shown using 6mm eyes)

Image shown using white and yellow yarn.

Uses less than 3g of each colour. Finished measurement approx 5.5cm/2.25 inches high.

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Abbreviations

K - Knit

P - Purl

KF&b - Knit into the front then the back of the same stitch (increases by 1 st)

K2tog - Knit next 2 stitches together

( ) Changes in stitch count are shown in brackets at the end of the row.

Bobble Stitch - instructions below

Pattern

1. Cast on 6 stitches in white,
2. Purl
3. KF&b x 6 (12)
4. Purl
5. (K1, KF&b) x6 (18)
6. Purl
7. (K2, KF&b) x6 (24)
8. Purl * for next 2 rows W=white Y=yellow
9. (K2w, K1y) repeat to end of row
10. P2w, P2y, P1w, P2y, P1w, P3y, P1w, P1y, P1w, P3y, P1w, P2y, P1w, P2y, P1w
11. Knit yellow (24)
12. Purl (yellow from now on)
13. K9, Bobble Stitch, K4, Bobble St, K9 (see below)
14. Purl Yellow
15. Knit yellow
16. Purl yellow
17. (K2, K2tog) x6 (18)
18. Purl
19. (K1, K2tog) x6 (12)
20. Purl
21. (K2tog) x6 (6)
22. Pull through remaining stitches and fasten off leaving a longtail for sewing. (See right)

Bobble Stitch -

Knit into the front and back of the stitch as though doing an increase but instead of passing the stitch of the left needle repeat, so you actually knit into front and back twice making 4 stitches.

Turn your work and purl these 4 stitches.

Turn your work and working on these 4 stitches only K2tog, slip the next stitch then knit the next stitch.

You have 3 stitches on the right needle - Pass the middle stitch over the first stitch and then pass the other stitch over the first stitch - you have now reduced this back to 1 stitch.

Pull the yarn up a little (to avoid a hole) and proceed across the row.

- When fastening off run your needle back through the stitches again if you can this gives a nice tight top.

- Fold wrong sides facing inwards thread the cast off tail and sew a seam to where the colour change is.

- Turn the right way out and fit toy eyes if using. Stuff using small bits at a time pushing in well for a good shape.

- Sew the remaining seam closed using yarn matching colour yarn. (Just catch stitches from either side and pull up, you are working form the right side)

- Shape with your hands to spread the filling where you have just sewn.

- Sew features. Eyes if not using toy eyes, a beak, top bit of fluff on head which is just a loop of yarn then tied and cut, you can use the same yarn whilst doing the beak for this)

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