

## Spider Beside Her



### Materials

- 1 set of four US Size 3 double pointed needles  
OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE
- Circular needle in US 3, length doesn't matter, you just need a place to hold all those leg stitches
- Worsted Weight yarn:  
80-90 yards of Main Color  
Scraps of a contrasting color for features.  
Examples were knit with KnitPicks Simply Cotton Worsted in Envy Heather and Blue Sky Alpacas Dyed Cotton worsted in black.
- removable stitch marker (optional)
- yarn needle
- stuffing material

### Gauge

5 sts to an inch with worsted weight yarn yields a spider body that is almost 9" in circumference when measured around the widest point. Gauge doesn't really matter as long as the fabric is not too loose. If in doubt, stretch the fabric slightly to check for holes.

### Notes

- Unless otherwise indicated, all increases are the kind where you lift the strand between the stitches. More detailed descriptions for M1 are given in the Abbreviations.
- Links to tutorials for unfamiliar techniques can be found at <http://yarnmiracle.com/techniques>
- Stitch counts for dividing stitches on DPNs are given as "2-3-2". That is, 2 sts on needle #1, 3 on needle #2 and 2 on needle #3.
- Stitch counts for critical rows or rounds will appear in parentheses: (17 sts)

### Abbreviations

PSSO - pass slipped stitch over the last knit stitch and drop off of the needle

S - slip one stitch knitwise

LH - left hand

M1 - lift the strand between the stitches from front to back with the LH needle and knit through the back loop

KFB - knit into the front and back of the next stitch, making two stitches of one

All other abbreviations are standard.



## **LEGS** (make 8 before starting body)

Using the circular needle as straight needles, cast on 40 in Main Color.

Next: KFB each stitch (80 sts)

Bind off leaving a long tail. Weave in cast on tail. Use your fingers to shape the leg into a curl.

## **BODY** (make one)

Cast on 9 stitches in Main Color leaving a 4" tail.

Divide over three DPNs, join to work in the round. Mark the beginning of the round (optional).

Round 1: Knit

Round 2: \*K1, M1 repeat from \* to end of round. (18 sts arranged 6-6-6)

Round 3: Knit

Round 4: \*K1, M1, K1 repeat from \* to end of round. (27 sts)

Round 5: Knit

Round 6: \*K1, M1, K2 repeat from \* to end of round. (36 sts)

Round 7: Knit

Round 8: \*K1, M1, K3 repeat from \* to end of round. (45 sts)

Rounds 9-12: Knit (4 rounds)

Round 13: K2,(K2, K2TOG, YO) four times, K9, (YO, SSK, K2) four times, K2

Rounds 14-21: Knit (8 rounds)

Use the cast on tail to close the hole made by the cast on, hide the rest of the tail inside.

Push the top of one leg through an eyelets made on Round 13.

Use the yarn tail to attach the leg to the inside of the body and close up the eyelet around it.

Repeat for the remaining legs and eyelets.



Using the main picture as a guide, embroider the spider's face. Hide yarn ends inside the body.

Round 22: \*K1, K2TOG, K2 repeat from \* to end of round. (36 sts)

Round 23: Knit

Round 24: \*K1, K2TOG, K1 repeat from \* to end of round. (27 sts)

Round 25: Knit

Stuff the body firmly.

Round 26: \*K1, K2TOG repeat from \* to end of round. (18 sts)

Round 27: Knit

Round 28: \*K2TOG repeat from \* to end of round. (9 sts)

Add a little more stuffing if needed to and

**EITHER**

Break yarn and draw through the live stitches. Pull the stitches tightly, secure and hide tail.

**OR**

K3TOG three times so that three stitches remain.

Work i-cord on those three stitches until the cord is 14" long (or desired length).

Cast off, leaving a long tail.

Fold over the last 2" to form a loop and sew the end to the cord with the cast off tail. Hide end.

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