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Cascade 128 Superwash

Pink Pig



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If you can knit a sock, you can make this charming stuffed pig. If you've never knit socks, this is a great introduction to knitting in the round on double point needles. Many experts recommend starting big before going small. This is a classic example of rather long directions for a very easy project. I have been very explicit.

Materials: 1 100 gram skein of Cascade 128 Superwash yarn, Color #901, hot pink, 1 100 gram skein of Cascade 128 Superwash yarn, Color #1963, pale pink. Size 10 double point needles, size I crochet hook, or size required to obtain gauge. Scrap of any black yarn. Polyfil or other stuffing.

Gauge: 4 stitches per inch. NOTE: Gauge is not real critical with a stuffed pig but be sure that your fabric is tight enough that the stuffing won't leak through.

Glossary:

Kfb – Knit into the front and back of a single st, 1 st inc'd

W&T – On knit row, pull yarn forward as if to purl next st, slip next st on left needle purlwise, wrap yarn around st and to back as if to knit, slip st back to left needle, turn to work back the other way without completing row. On purl row reverse the knit technique, pull yarn back as if to knit next st, slip next st on left needle purlwise, wrap yarn around st and to front as if to purl, slip st back to left needle., turn to work back the other way without completing row.

DIRECTIONS:

Tail: Using pale pink yarn, crochet a chain of 14 sts. Single crochet into 2nd chain from hook and each chain to end. A single row of crochet will curl all by itself. The rest of the pig is knit, no more crocheting. Cut pale pink yarn.

Body: Switch to hot pink and dpns. Insert needle into st on hook, pick up 2 more sts along the end of the tail. Slide the 3 sts to the right side of the needle, pull yarn behind sts and knit the 3 sts as if to make an I-cord. Slide the sts again but this time K1, M1, K1, M1, Kfb (6 sts). Slide the sts again, and K 1 row. Slide again, but now go to more needles and continue working in the round from here on. *With an empty needle, K1, M1, K1, M1, rep from * 2 more times (4 sts on each of 3 needles). Join in the round and K 1 row even. On next round, K2, M1 2 times on each needle (18 Sts). K 1 row even. On next round, K3, M1 2 times on each needle (24 Sts). Continue in this manner with 1 more st between incs, inc'g 6 sts every other round until there are 20 sts on each of 3 needles, 60 in all. Work even on the 60 sts until body measures about 5" from last.

Stuffing: Before starting decs, stuff the body. First pull all tails inside and secure them. Go ahead and tie knots, this is the exception to the never tie knots rule. I stuff it about 1/2-way with polyfil and then scrunch up a couple of plastic grocery bags and embed them in the middle of the stuffing. The plastic bags provide a great crinkly noise when the animal is squeezed and I feel so virtuous for reusing some plastic bags that would live in a landfill for all eternity.

Head: Now dec for head as follows: K8, K2tog 6 times, K 1 round even, K7, K2tog 6X, K 1 round even. Continue in this manner with 1 less st between decs, dec'g 6 sts every other round until there are 6 sts. Add more stuffing as you get close to the end. Cut yarn leaving about a 9" tail. Thread yarn onto tapestry needle, pass it through the 6 sts and pull tail tight.

Ears: If you have ever made a short row heel, you will find these ears very familiar. They are essentially little heels flattened. With pale pink, CO 11 sts. K 1 row, P 1 row. Next row: K10, W&T. Next row: P9, W&T, then continue with K8, W&T, P7, W&T, etc. until every st has been wrapped except the very center st. Cut yarn and finish ear with hot pink. Now reverse what you've just done. Next row: K2, W&T, then P3, W&T, etc until all sts have been wrapped twice. (Note: I do not pick up the wraps, they make a nice edge to ears) Work 2 more rows on the 11 sts and BO. Leave a nice long tail for sewing on the ears. Before sewing on the ears I sew the bottom closed and close up the small gaps from working the first and last 2 rows even. Flatten the ears, curve them slightly and sew them to the head about an inch apart and just in front of the 2nd decrease. I sew them to the head both front and back to make them sit up well and be very secure.

Snout: With pale pink, CO 3 sts, slide the 3 sts to the right side of the needle, pull yarn behind back of sts and knit the 3 sts as if to make an I-cord. Slide the sts again but this time K1, M1, K1, M1, Kfb (6 sts). Slide the sts again and K6. Slide the sts one more time, but now go to more needles and continue working in the round from here on. *With an empty needle, K1, M1, K1, M1, rep from * 2 more times (4 sts on each of 3 needles). Work 1 round even, then rep increases just as described above for body up to 18 sts. K 1 round even and then P 1 round. Cut pale pink, attach hot pin and knit 5 rows even on the 18 sts and BO. Stuff snout and sew it right onto the middle of the gathered in end. Run any tails inside the pig.

Feet: Feet are made exactly like the snout except work 10 rounds after changing to hot pink. To attach the feet, I lay the pig in my lap upside down and marked the four spots (by tying a little piece of yarn onto a st) where the feet would go being sure that the 4 marks are forming an even rectangle with about 2-1/2' between them side to side, and 3-1/2" front to back. They will be closer than this since the marks fall in the center of the feet not at the inside edges.

Eyes and Nostrils: For the eyes, I made 2 free-standing bobbles and sewed them on good and tight. To make the bobbles, CO 2 sts, Kfb in each, work 3 rows in either garter or stockinette, then K2tog twice and pull the 1st st over the 2nd. Take the 2 tails and tie them together so the little piece forms a blob. Sew the bobbles just inside the ears and down about 1/2 an inch. For the nostrils, simply sew a running st in the same place 3 or 4 times and tuck in the ends.