

Dragon Softie



Pattern taken from
Once Upon a Knit
by Genevieve Miller.

Every little warrior needs a dragon friend like this cuddly, overstuffed guy. The toy is knit from the head down, starting inside the mouth. When picking up stitches, always pick up one row in from the edges to create a smoother look and prevent holes or gaps.

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skill level

Intermediate

size

One size

finished measurements

11" (28cm) tall

materials

- ♦ Red Heart Celebration (96% acrylic, 4% metallic polyester; 3B/c oz/100g, 235 yd/215m):
1 skein in Lime/Silver (A)
🔊 medium
- ♦ Red Heart Celebration (96% acrylic, 4% metallic polyester; 3B/c oz/100g, 235 yd/215m):
1 skein in Gold/Silver (B)
🔊 medium
- ♦ Small amount of black yarn
- ♦ Small amount of red yarn
- ♦ Size 3 (3.25mm) double-pointed needles
- ♦ Stitch holder
- ♦ Stitch markers
- ♦ Tapestry needle
- ♦ Polyester fiberfill

gauge

22 stitches and 36 rows = 4" in
stockinette stitch

special skills

I-cord (page 136)

Embroidery stitches (page 136)



Inner Mouth

With B, cast on 7 stitches, leaving a 40" (101.5cm) tail.

Rows 1-5: Work in stockinette stitch.

Row 6 (WS): P3, p2tog, p2-6 stitches.

Rows 7-9: Work even in stockinette stitch.

Row 10: P2tog, p2, p2tog-4 stitches.

Row 11: Knit.

Bind off. The lower half of the inner mouth is complete.

For the upper half of the inner mouth, using the yarn tail, pick up and knit 7 stitches from the cast-on row and repeat Rows 1-11.

Outer Jaw

With A, pick up and knit 17 stitches around the upper half of the inner mouth.

Rows 1-3: Purl.

Row 4 (RS): K8, ssk, turn.

Row 5: P3, ssp, turn.

Row 6: K3, ssk, turn.

Repeat Rows 5 and 6 until 4 stitches remain, and place them on a holder for the top of the head. The upper jaw is now complete.

With A, pick up and knit 19 stitches around the lower half of the inner mouth, picking up the 2 extra stitches in the crease between the upper and lower halves, 1 on each side.

Rows 1-3: Purl.

Row 4 (RS): K10, ssk, turn.

Row 5: P2, ssp, turn.

Row 6: K2, ssk, turn.

Repeat Rows 5 and 6 until 7 stitches remain. Work

4 rows in stockinette stitch. Place on a holder for the neck. The lower jaw is now complete.

Top of the Head

With A, pick up and knit 4 stitches between upper and lower jaw, purl across the 4 held top-of-head stitches, pick up and knit 4 stitches between the jaws on the opposite side-12 stitches.

Rows 1 and 2: Work in stockinette stitch.

Row 3 (WS): P9, turn.

Row 4: K6, turn.

Row 5: P1, kfb, p4, kfb, p2, turn.

Row 6: K10.

Row 7: P1, kfb, p8, kfb, p2, turn.

Row 8: K14.

Row 9: P1, kfb, p12, kfb, p2-18 stitches.

Rows 10-12: Work in stockinette stitch.

Row 13: P12, turn.

Row 14: K6, turn.

Row 15: P5, p2tog, turn-17 stitches.

Row 16: K5, p2tog, turn-16 stitches.

Repeat Rows 15 and 16 until 6 stitches remain, pick up and knit 6 stitches, knit the 7 neck stitches on the holder, pick up and knit 6 stitches-25 stitches. Place marker and join into a round.

Neck

Row 1: K4, pm, k2tog, k12, k2tog, pm, k5-23 stitches.

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: Knit to marker, sm, k2tog, knit to 2 stitches before marker, k2tog, sm, knit to end-2 stitches decreased.

Repeat these 2 rows until 17 stitches remain.

Body

notes: The body is now worked flat; the belly will be added into the opening later. Remove markers.

Row 1: K4, kfb, k6, kfb, knit to end-19 stitches.

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: K4, kfb, k6, kfb, pm, k1, kfb, knit to end-22 stitches.

Row 4: K4, turn.

Row 5: Slip the first stitch purlwise, purl to end of row.

note: The neck has now been split open for the belly; slip the first stitch of all body rows throughout.

Row 6 (RS): Knit to 1 stitch before marker, kfb, sm, kfb, knit to end-24 stitches.

Rows 7-9: Work in stockinette stitch.

Rows 10, 14, 18, and 22: Knit to 1 stitch before the marker, kfb, sm, kfb, knit to end.

Rows 11-13: Work in stockinette stitch.

Rows 15-17: Work in stockinette stitch.

Rows 19-21: Work in stockinette stitch.

Rows 23-25: Work in stockinette stitch.

Row 26: K2, kfb, knit to 1 stitch before marker, kfb, sm, kfb, knit to the last 2 stitches, kfb, k2.

Rows 27, 29, and 31: Purl.

Row 28: K2, kfb, knit to the last 2 stitches, kfb, k2.

Row 30: Repeat Row 26.

Working in stockinette stitch, repeat Row 10 every 4th row once, then every other row 8 times—60 stitches.

Next (decrease) row (RS): Knit to 2 stitches before marker, k2tog, sm, k1, ssk, knit to end—2 stitches decreased.

Working in stockinette stitch, repeat decrease row every other row 5 times—48 stitches. Work 4 rows even.

Next (decrease) row (RS): K1, ssk, knit to 2 stitches before marker, k2tog, sm, k1, ssk, knit to last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1—44 stitches. Place on holder.

Belly

With B and leaving a long tail for sewing, cast on 3 stitches.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2: K1, M1, k1, M1, k1—5 stitches.

Row 3: Purl.

Row 4: K1, M1, k3, M1, k1—7 stitches.

Row 5: Knit.

Row 6: Purl.

Repeat Rows 1–6, working M1 one stitch in from each end of the row every other row until there are 27 stitches.

Continue in pattern, working decrease row as follows every other row until 3 stitches remain.

Next (decrease) row (RS): K1, ssk, knit to last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1.

Purl next row. Bind off. Sew Belly into the dragon body opening.

Finishing the Body

Place the held body stitches on a needle and join in the round. Stuff the head and body before closing. Pick up 1 stitch from the base of the Belly—45 stitches.

Round 1: Knit.

Round 2: K3, k2tog to end—36 stitches.

Round 3: Knit.

Round 4: K2, k2tog to end—27 stitches.

Round 5: Knit.

Round 6: K1, k2tog to end—18 stitches.

Round 7: Knit.

Round 8: K2tog to end—9 stitches.

Draw yarn through remaining stitches and fasten off.

Back Legs (make 2)

With A, cast on 6 stitches.

Round 1 (work as I-cord): [Kfb] 6 times—12 stitches.

Round 2: (K1, kfb) to end—18 stitches.

Round 3: (K2, kfb) to end—24 stitches.

Round 3: (K3, kfb) to end—30 stitches.

Round 4: (K4, kfb) to end—36 stitches.

Round 5: Knit.

Round 6: (K5, kfb) to end—42 stitches.

Knit 10 rounds.

Round 17: (K12, k2tog) to end—39 stitches.

Round 18: Knit.

Round 19: (K11, k2tog) to end—36 stitches.

Knit 3 rounds.

Round 23: (K10, k2tog) to end—33 stitches.

Knit 3 rounds.

Round 27: (K9, k2tog) to end—30 stitches.

Knit 3 rounds.

Bind off. Stuff and sew the Back Legs to the bottom of the body, with legs placed 3 stitches away from the Belly.

Claws (make 4)

With B, cast on 2 stitches.

Work in I-cord for 18 rounds.

Bind off.

Draw I-cord through the Back Legs so that each I-cord creates 2 Claws placed 6 stitches apart.

Forelegs (make 2)

With A, cast on 6 stitches.

Round 1 (work as I-cord): [Kfb] 6 times—12 stitches.

Round 2: Knit.

Round 3: (K1, kfb) to end—18 stitches.

Round 4: Knit.

Round 5: (K2, kfb) to end—24 stitches.

Knit 14 rounds.

Round 20: (K10, k2tog) to end—22 stitches.

Knit 2 rounds.

Knit 23: (K9, k2tog) to end—20 stitches.

Knit 2 rounds.

Bind off. Stuff and sew Forelegs to the sides of the body, with Forelegs placed 3 stitches away from the Belly.

Tail

With A, cast on 30 stitches and join in the round.

Knit 10 rounds.

Round 11: (K8, k2tog) to end—27 stitches.

Round 12: (K7, k2tog) to end—24 stitches.

Knit 2 rounds.

Round 15: (K6, k2tog) to end—21 stitches.

Round 16: Knit.

Round 17: (K5, k2tog) to end—18 stitches.

Round 18: (K4, k2tog) to end—15 stitches.

Round 19: (K3, k2tog) to end—12 stitches.

Round 20: (K2, k2tog) to end—9 stitches.

Round 21: (K2, k2tog) to end—6 stitches.

Draw the yarn through the remaining stitches and fasten off. Stuff and sew the Tail to the back of the body.

Wings (make 2 pairs)

With B, cast on 12 stitches.

Work in reverse stockinette stitch for 5 rows.

Next (increase) row (WS): K1, kfb, knit to last 2 stitches, kfb, k1—14 stitches.

Continue working in reverse stockinette stitch, repeating increase row on next 3 wrong-side rows—20 stitches.

Work 8 rows in reverse stockinette stitch.

Next (decrease) row (WS): K1, k2tog, knit to end—1 stitch decreased—19 stitches.

Work in reverse stockinette, repeating decrease row 6 more times—13 stitches.

Decrease 1 stitch on both right and wrong sides of work 4 times—9 stitches.

Bind off.

Create the other side of the wing, reversing shaping. Place two sides of one Wing with right (purl) sides together and seam, leaving an opening. Turn Wing inside out, lightly stuff, and close opening. Repeat for second Wing. Sew completed Wings to the back of the body, behind the Forelegs.

Spikes

With B and starting at the middle of the top of the head, pick up and knit 1 stitch every 2nd row to the neck, then pick up in every 3rd row along the neck, and then in every other row to the top of the wings.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: (Knit into the front, back, and front of the same stitch, k3) to end.

Row 3: Bind off first 4 stitches, *k3 in 1, k1, k3 in 1, k4; repeat from * to last 2 stitches, k2tog. Bind off loosely.

Nostrils

With A, cast on 2 stitches.

Work I-cord for 22 rounds.

Weave I-cord in and out of the top jaw, so that each Nostril spans 3 stitches, placed 2 stitches apart.

Finishing

Cut a strand of red yarn 2" (5cm) long.

Tie a knot 1/2" (6mm) from the end of the strand. Weave the other end into the mouth.

Embroider eyes with satin stitch using B and black.

Suggested Listen



Wildflower

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Running Time: 7 Hours

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