

Happy Event

How to adapt the basic monster pattern to make a pregnant monster



This pattern is an adaptation of the Aran weight basic pattern which begins with 72 stitches on 4 mm needles.

Cast on 72 sts. Work 5cms

With RS facing, k 31sts, m1 (by picking up the bar before the next stitch and knitting into the back of it) (k 2, m 1) 5 times, k 31 (78 sts)

St st 3 rows

Next row: k 31, m 1, (k3, m 1) 5 times, k to end (84sts)

Continue until work measures 15 cms.

With RS facing, k 33, (k 1, k 2 tog) 6 times, k33 (78sts)

Next row: p

Next row: k 33, (k 2tog) 6 times, k 33 (72sts)

Work until body measures 20 cms

Continue with basic pattern from the row where the mouth opening is made.

A patch is sewn over the back of the baby bump because it overlaps with the mouth pocket and the stuffing could become displaced, spoiling the shape of the bump and interfering with the usefulness of the pocket.

Patch

Cast on 12 sts

Work 2 rows

Next row: k1, m1, (k 2, m1) 5 times, k1 (18sts)

St st 3 rows

Next row: k1, m 1, (k 3, m 1) 5 times, k 2 (24sts)

Work 19 rows

Next row: (k2, k 2tog)6 times (18sts)

Next row: p

Next row: (k 1, k 2 tog) 6 times (12sts)

Purl 1row. Cast off.

Pin patch over back of bump and stitch around bottom and sides. Stuff bump, then close top of patch.

Mouth pocket lies flat between patch and stuffing in main part of body.