

Julie's Monster puppet

Aran/Chunky wool and pair of 5 or 6mm needles

1. Cast on 40 stitches
2. Work 6 rows of garter
3. Work 30 rows of stocking stitch, ending on WS row (40 stitches) or until the body measures 6-7 inches from cast on edge.
4. K6, cast off 9 stitches, K10, cast off 9 stitches, K6 (22 stitches) (arm holes)
5. Purl across the 22 stitches (neck)
6. Knit 1 row
7. Purl 1 row
8. K1, (K1, inc in next stitch)* to last stitch, K1 (32 stitches)
9. Purl 1 row
10. K11, cast off 10 stitches, K11 (mouth)
11. Purl 11, cast on 10 stitches purl 11 (32 stitches)
12. Stocking stitch 8-10 rows (head)
13. (K2 together)* across the row to last stitch (16 stitches)
14. Purl 1 row
15. (K2 tog)* across the row (8 stitches)
16. Purl 1 row
17. (K2 tog)* across the row (4 stitches)
18. Pass thread through remaining stitches and pull tight (OR for a topknot knit these 4 stitches as a cord for about 8-10 rows then tie a knot in the "cord" remembering to have it on the right side when sewing up head!



Mouth Pocket

Cast on 12 stitches and stocking stitch 20 rows to make an oblong to sew to back of mouth to make a pocket

Finishing

Embroider eyes and any other features.

FOR THE EYES

The most realistic way is to cut a piece of white felt into 2 circles and stitch them on, then cut 2 smaller circles of black felt and stitch them onto the middle of the white ones. Or you can use



buttons, but please ensure they are extra firmly attached for safety. Feedback from workers has been that worry puppets with 2 eyes are more popular than only one!

(Toy safety eyes are not suitable for unstuffed puppets, as they leave a sharp piece sticking through the back where your hand goes.)

Optional: Crochet around the mouth making a loop in centre of top lip to fasten mouth shut. Securely sew a button below the loop on the lower lip. Decorate with hair or tentacles, and please ensure that any hair is attached extra firmly so it's not able to be pulled out.

Sew up the back of the monster and you should have a puppet!