

“TOOTHY THE WORRY EATER” MONSTER PATTERN

Kindly donated by Vanessa and Linda





What you'll need

Use 2¾ mm or 3mm needles – the exact finished size of the monster doesn't matter.

DK yarn in bright colours – you may want to use several different shades for the stripes, or just 2, it's your choice, see the pictures for ideas as to the colours of the other features.

The Body pattern is:

- a) 8 rows of DOUBLE STRAND DK wool; this gives a closer knit so the stuffing won't come out
- b) Then 6 rows of single stranded 'velvet-type' yarn (which is thicker, but very lightweight). Vanessa gets her velvet yarn from Aldi; 4 balls of 100g for £4.99 (January 2020 price); she's seen/bought 4 diff colours !! Quite hard to find.

There will be 7 stripes of DK wool – so you can do each colour of the rainbow
Vanessa really likes the dark/bold multicolour wool you can get from Poundland (50g each, usually 3 for 2 deal). It's on the thin side so perfect for using DOUBLE.

Approved toy stuffing. This should have a BS and/or CE label on the packaging and it should state that it is suitable for toys. For safety no other stuffings can be donated.



Abbreviations

beg: beginning

C&T: cut and thread. Cut working yarn leaving a long tail. Thread it onto a tapestry needle and thread it through the stitches remaining on your knitting needle. Pull tight and fasten, do not break yarn as it will be used for sewing up.

DK: double knitting yarn

k: knit

k2tog: knit 2 stitches together

kfb: knit into the front and the back of the same stitch

p: purl

ss: stocking stitch. One row knit, one row purl

st: stitch. Sts: stitches

s1,k1,psso: slip one stitch from left to right needle, knit the next stitch. Pass the slipped stitch over the knitted stitch, thus decreasing one.

ws: wrong or reverse side of knitted fabric

MONSTER BODY

This is an 'all in one' pattern with just one seam up the middle of the back
It will end up, roughly, the size of an A4 piece of paper

1. Starting with double DK, cast on 40sts [this will be 10sts Back, 20sts Front, 10sts Back]

Keeping to stripe pattern ie 8 rows double DK, 6 rows velvet:

2. K9, (KfB) into next 2sts, K18, (KfB) into next 2sts, K9; 44 sts in total
3. P all
4. K10, (KfB) into next 2sts, K20, (KfB) into next 2sts, K10; 48 sts in total
5. P all
6. Keep increasing at the sides until the Monster is a total of 80sts [this will be 20sts Back, 40sts Front, 20sts Back]
7. Then just carry on in Stocking Stitch until you reach the start of the 5th DK stripe – this is where the mouth is
8. Stocking Stitch 3 rows
9. P26, cast off 28 sts, P26
10. K26, cast on 28sts, K26

11. Stocking Stitch another 3 rows to finish the DK stripe
12. Complete the velvet stripe of 6 rows
13. At the start of the 6th DK stripe* - K18, K2tog; SI1 K1 PSSO, K36, K2tog; SI1 K1 PSSO, K18

**OR skip to Step 20 for a less “pointy” head*

14. P all
15. K17, K2tog; SI1 K1 PSSO, K34, K2tog; SI1 K1 PSSO, K17
16. P all
17. Keep decreasing at the sides until the Monster is a total of 40sts [this will be 10sts Back, 20sts Front, 10sts Back]
18. Stocking stitch the final 2 rows
19. Cast off OR thread yarn through remaining sts and pull together very slightly, then oversew

NOTE – if you want the head part less “pointy”

20. Complete 6 rows of the 6th DK stripe
21. K18, K2tog; SI1 K1 PSSO, K36, K2tog; SI1 K1 PSSO, K18
22. P all
23. K17, K2tog; SI1 K1 PSSO, K34, K2tog; SI1 K1 PSSO, K17
24. P all
25. Keep decreasing at the sides until Row 6 of the 7th and final DK stripe: then DECREASE on the last two Purl rows, as well as all the K rows

Monster will be a total of 40sts [this will be 10sts Back, 20sts Front, 10sts Back]

26. Cast off OR thread yarn through remaining sts and pull together very slightly, then oversew

Note: You can make the bottom bit less pointy by increasing on a few P rows, just stop when you get to 20/40/20.

TEETH

1. In single DK, cast on 32 stitches (this will make a string of 8 teeth)
2. Stocking stitch 2 rows
Then you work just 4sts at a time
3. K2 tog, K2 tog, [2sts] turn
4. P2 tog, [1st] turn
5. Cut the yarn, making sure the tail is roughly the width of your arms stretched out as this will be the yarn you use for the remainder of the teeth
6. Thread the yarn in a needle, and pass it through the remaining stitch, pull tight to form a ‘point’.
7. Using the needle, feed the yarn from the top of the point you’ve just made, down to the other sts and secure it, so when you start knitting again, it doesn’t pull

8. Repeat Steps 3-7 to make another 2 teeth (3 in total)
If you want the middle two teeth to be slightly bigger
9. K4, turn
10. P4, turn
11. Repeat Steps 3-7
12. Repeat Steps 9-11 [to make the 2nd 'big' tooth]
13. Repeat Steps 3-7 to make another 3 'small' teeth
14. Using a warm (not too hot) iron, cover teeth with a cotton fabric, Press very lightly to 'uncurl' the teeth

HORNS – make 2

The finished horn is about 9 cms long.

- 1 In single DK, cast on 24sts
- 2 Starting with P, SS 13 rows
- 3 Next row: *k1, k2tog, k to last 3sts, k2tog, k1 (18sts)
- 4 Next row: p **
- 5 Repeat from * to ** until 6sts remain
- 6 Next row: k1, (k2tog) twice, k1 (4sts)
- 7 C & T through last 4sts. Join side seam
- 8 Stuff

EYE BACKS – make 2

1. In single DK, cast on 36sts
2. Starting with P, SS 2 rows
3. (P2 tog, P1) to the end [24sts]
4. SS 2 rows
5. (K2 tog) to end [12sts]
6. Break yarn, leaving a long tail, thread through all the sts
7. Pull tight, then use the tail to sew the eye backs to form a circle

EYE MIDDLES – make 2

1. In single DK, cast on 8sts
2. Break yarn, leaving a long tail, thread through all the sts
3. Pull tight, then use the tail to form a circle

FINGER NAILS – make 6

These are made the same as the Eye Middles

In single DK, cast on 6sts for the Hands

In single DK, cast on 8sts for the Feet

NOSE

Using Snowflake-type yarn if desired

1. Cast on 10sts
2. Stocking stitch 10 rows (or as many rows as it takes to form a square)
3. Break yarn, and thread through all the sts on the needle
4. Then gather up sts around the other three sides, add a little stuffing and pull tight to form a 'ball', then tie off

EARS – make 2

- 1 In single DK, cast on 50sts
- 2 SS 4 rows, then change colour if you want a contrasting inner ear
- 3 SS 2 rows
- 4 Next row (k3, k2tog) to end of row (40sts)
- 5 Next row: (k2, k2tog) to end of row (30sts)
- 6 Next row: (k1, k2tog) to end of row (20sts)
- 7 Next row: (k2tog) to end of row (10sts)
- 8 Next row: k2tog to end
- 9 C&T and make up

ARMS – make 2

1. In single DK, cast on 10sts
2. Keep to pattern of 4 rows per 'stripe'; Stocking stitch 17 stripes in contrasting colours
3. OR any other combination for 72 rows
4. Cast off

LEGS – make 2

1. In single DK, cast on 26sts
2. Keep to pattern of 6 rows per 'stripe'; Stocking stitch 6 stripes in contrasting colours
3. OR any other combination for 36 rows
4. Cast off

HANDS – make 2

- 1 In single DK, cast on 20sts
- 2 Working in garter stitch, knit 3 rows
- 3 Next row: Knit 4, cast off 12, knit 4
- 4 Next row: Knit 4, turn, cast on 12, turn, knit 4
- 5 Knit 3 rows
- 6 Repeat cast off and cast on rows
- 7 Knit 3 rows
- 8 Cast off
- 9 Fold in half and stitch edges together

FEET – make 2

These are Large versions of the Hands

- 1 In single DK, cast on 40sts
- 2 Working in garter stitch, knit 7 rows
- 3 Knit 7, cast off 26, knit 7
- 4 Knit 7, turn, cast on 26, turn, knit 7
- 5 Knit 7 rows
- 6 Repeat cast off and cast on rows
- 7 Knit 7 rows
- 8 Cast off
- 9 Fold in half and stitch up as per standard feet

For Medium sized Hands or Feet

1. In single DK, cast on 30sts
2. Knit 5 rows
3. Knit 5, cast off 20, knit 5 etc

MOUTH POCKET

1. In single DK, cast on 32sts
2. SS 12 rows in “mouth colour” – this will be sewn to the top lip
3. Change to Snowflake wool, it’s so much softer to touch...
Over the first 2 rows reduce the number of sts to 28 as it tends to ‘flare out’
Make the pocket as deep as possible for the body size.
It needs to be 15cms deep at the very least, to fit in all the worry papers.
I do them so they double back on themselves so the pocket ‘strip’ needs to be at least 30cms.
4. Change back to “mouth colour” and over the first 2 rows increase the number of sts to 32
5. Stocking stitch another 8 rows
6. Cast off – this side will be sewn to the bottom lip

TO MAKE UP YOUR MONSTER

- 1 Sew teeth to top lip
- 2 Sew pocket to teeth/top lip
- 3 Sew pocket to bottom lip
- 4 Sew up the pocket sides, then secure the pocket in several places on the inside of the body, (so there’s no chance of the pocket being turned inside out)
- 5 Sew on the eye backs/eyes/small white/black speck
- 6 Sew the nose between, and overlapping, the eyes
- 7 Sew the monster back (starting at the top) to halfway, then stuff
- 8 Sew the monster to the bottom seam – leaving it open – and stuff the rest of the body

- 9 Attach the horns to the side of the head along the seam where the head decreases
- 10 Attach any other individual extras eg, Ears, Hair
- 11 Sew up the hands/feet bottom seam by gathering up all the sts and pulling tight. Join/sew half the fingers/toes so they are less splayed
- 12 Add nails to the Hands and Feet
- 13 Sew up the limbs using only a very small amount of stuffing – so they remain very floppy
- 14 Attach the arms to the sides and make sure they are secured by the top 3cms, so there's no chance of them becoming detached
- 15 Attach the legs to the bottom seam, so there's a gap between them
- 16 Add any more stuffing that's needed before sewing up the gap in the bottom seam
- 17 Chain stitch some eyebrows