

ELIJAH THE "SOCK" MONKEY

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I was inspired to make this "sock" monkey for my nephew, Elijah's, 1st birthday. I knew there would be a problem with the monkey going to Elijah when I saw his older brother wearing sock monkey pj's, and boy was I right!

Materials

Knitting Loom: Small gauge loom with at least 30 pegs. Small gauge Markman Farms Adjustable Double Rake was used in sample. 4 end pieces with the same number of peg if available.

Yarn: 2 skeins of worsted weight (WW) yarn. Red Heart white WW (feet) and Red Heart red WW (hat and scarf) were used in sample. 2 skeins sport weight (SW). Brown SW and white SW were used in sample.

Notions: Tapestry needle, knitting tool, batting (Polyfil), and nylon stocking piece to use so stuffing does not come out. Make sure one end of the nylon is closed up. Two buttons (black) will be needed as well.

Gauge: 3 ½ stitches and 4 rows = 1"

Abbreviations: CO: Cast On
BO: Bind Off
WW: Worsted Weight
SW: Sports Weight

Pattern Notes: Very simple, but takes some time to knit up. You do need knowledge of Gather method BO, Zigzag BO, switching colors. The entire pattern is knit in the round using e-wrap. May be done in Knit stitch but it will make a smaller doll over all.. The entire pattern is done in e-wrap. Finished toy approximately 16" tall. (I actually forgot to measure it before I gave it away- oops)



Instructions (See picture of all pieces finished near bottom)

Legs:

There are two ways to do this- if you have 3 or 4 end pieces you can do the whole body in one piece (see picture). If you do not have that many end pieces, you may make each leg separately and then sew them to the body in the end.

Here is how to set up your loom if you have 3-4 end pieces:



The body is 30 pegs- each leg is 12 pegs. See picture on how I have mine set up. I do NOT use the corners when I knit on the loom.

Feet (WW White)

1. CO 12 pegs using any method
2. Knit 10 rows

Leg: (Brown and White SW held as one)

1. CO holding both brown and white as one
2. Knit 25 rows
3. If using 3-4 end pieces- bind off the inside pegs of loom
4. Cut yarn- and remove end pieces
5. Repeat with other leg but do NOT cut the yarn- you will continue with the working yarn into the body.(see picture below)



Body (Brown and White SW held as one)

1. Continue knitting in the round with the working yarn on all 30 pegs
2. Where there are 2 loops knit those and re-wrap- there will be 2 loops on each peg now
3. Knit 40 rows

Top of head (WW White)

1. CO WW White
2. Knit 6 rows
3. Remove from loom using the gather method- but do not cinch closed- so you can stuff from the head down

Arms and Tail- *Make 3 (Will use WW White and SW Brown and White)*

1. CO 12 pegs WW White
2. Knit 10 rows
3. CO SW Brown and White held as one
4. Knit 25 rows
5. BO using Zigzag method
6. Make 3 of these exactly the same

Hat (WW White, SW Brown and White, WW Red)

1. CO 30 pegs with SW Brown and White held as one
2. Knit 10 rows
3. CO WW White
4. Knit 5 rows
5. CO WW Red
6. Knit 3 rows
7. Gather BO
8. Weave in ends

Mouth (WW White and WW Red)

1. CO, using a tight CO method, 26 pegs in the round with WW White
2. Knit 3 rows
3. CO WW Red
4. Knit 3 rows
5. BO using Zigzag method

Ears- *make 4 (SW Brown and White)*

1. CO 10 pegs with SW Brown and White held as one using a tight CO method
2. Knit 4 rows
3. BO by using following method:
 - a. Move loop on peg 1 onto peg 2
 - b. Knit over
 - c. Continue by moving loop on peg 2 over to peg 3
 - d. Knit over

- e. Continue with 3 over 4, 4 over 5, so on until 1 loop left
4. Pull yarn through the last loop (peg 10)
5. Make 4 of these
6. Sew two of them together to make one year

Hat Pom Pom (WW Red)

1. Make a pom pom for top of hat
2. Attach to the top of the hat

Scarf (WW Red)

1. Knit a red scarf in whatever method you chose- I made an i-cord- whatever length you like

Now get ready to assemble!

Here are all the parts finished- pre assembly:



Stuffing Body

Here I always use a pair of tights or nylons (white or the same color as the body). I do this so that the monkey is fully washable and no batting can be either pulled out or washed out.

I cut each leg of the nylons off in the length of two of the arms. You will need to use either a knee high or a different nylon to make another piece the length of the tail.

The main body and two legs that are left should look similar to the body/legs portion. Stuff that inside the monkey body.

Stuff the body however it works for you. I actually stuffed the legs from the bottom up because the legs were so thin it was hard to do from the top down.

Stuff the arms and tail.

Close up the opening between the legs- I use whip stitch.

Close up feet and “hands” and bottom of the tail after they are all filled. Close up head.

Attach arms, tail, ears, button eyes, and hat (if you don't want the child to lose the hat). Tie scarf around neck of monkey.

You are now done.

Enjoy!!

