

Knit Golden Pig



The size of your finished pig will depend on what weight yarn you use. My pig is about 2.5 inches long and made with worsted weight, but it is knit very tightly which can be a little tricky.

Supplies:

- four size 2 double pointed needles for the small or size needed to get a nice tight fabric with your yarn so the stuffing doesn't show through
- gold yarn, this is a good stash buster as you use very little yarn
- gold embroidery floss (optional)
- scrap black yarn or embroidery thread for eyes on small pig
- gold glitter paint or glue (optional)
- jump ring
- ribbon

Tools:

- stitch marker
- scissors
- tapestry needle
- stuffing

Gauge: Isn't super important for this pattern, you just want to make sure it is tight so the stuffing doesn't show through.

Abbreviations:

- k - knit
- p - purl
- kfb - knit into the front and back of the same stitch increasing one stitch
- ssk - slip two stitches as if to knit and then knit them together decreasing one stitch
- k2tog - knit two stitches together decreasing one stitch

Body:

Cast on 6 stitches. Place them evenly on 3 double pointed needles & join together without twisting. Put a stitch marker between the first and last stitch to mark the row.

Row 1 & 2: knit

Row 3: Knit into the front & back (kfb) of each stitch (12 stitches)

Row 4: knit

Row 5: *k1, kfb, repeat from * until end of row (18 stitches)

Row 6: knit

Row 7: *k2, kfb, repeat from * until end of row (24 stitches)

Row 8: knit

Row 9: *k3, kfb, repeat from * until end of row (30 stitches)

Row 10-19: knit

At this point embroider your eyes with the back yarn using French knots or attach your safety eyes. This is also a good time to pull your cast on tail inside through the middle of the snout.

Row 20: (k3, ssk)3x, (k3, k2tog)3x (24 stitches)

Row 21: knit

Row 22: (k2, ssk)3x, (k2, k2tog)3x (18 stitches)

Row 23: knit

At this point stuff your pig. Try to get him really full shaping as you go.

Row 24: (k1, ssk)3x, (k1, k2tog)3x (12 stitches)

Row 25: knit

Row 26: (ssk)3x, (k2tog)3x (6 stitches)

Cut off leaving a 6 inch tail. Weave the tail through the remaining stitches and pull tight. Tie a knot close to the body. The tail will be the pig's tail. I twist it until curly & then cut it to the length I want for the small pig. For the larger pig I knit some corkscrew fringe.

Ears:

Pick up two stitches behind one of the eyes.

Row 1: knit

Row 2: p2tog

Cut yarn leaving a tail. Weave tail through the remaining stitch. Weave the tail through the side of the ear & then pull through the pig cutting off any excess yarn. Do the same with the tail from where you picked up the stitches.

Repeat for the second ear.

Feet:

For the feet I just knotted until I liked the size of the knot (for me that was three times) and then sewed the knot into place. I repeated this for all four legs.

Open a jump ring and insert it into the back of the pig. Close the jump ring. Tie ribbon through the jump ring into a loop to hang.

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