

Robot Ornament by Kathy Lewinski



These instructions describe the yarn, needles and gauge I used, but this ornament can be knit with any yarn and needles you want. Just make sure to get a tight gauge so the stuffing doesn't show. The thicker the yarn the bigger your robot will be, my robot was about 3.25" tall.

Supplies:

- 7g/32 yds fingering weight yarn (Knit Picks Palette in Silver)
- scrap fingering yarn (Knit Picks Palette in Pimento)
- size 1 needles
- two size 1 double pointed needles (for i-cord)
- tapestry needle
- embroidery floss, beads, buttons, sequins, etc... for decorating
- embroidery needle
- fabric glue
- jump ring for hanging

Gauge: My gauge was 10 stitches and 12 rows per inch

Abbreviations:

- k – knit
- p – purl
- kfb – knit into the same stitch through the front and then the back increasing one stitch
- k2tog – knit two stitches together decreasing one stitch
- mc – main color
- cc – contrast color

Head and body – make 2

Cast on 10 stitches

Row 1: p

Row 2: k

Row 3: p

Row 4: k

Row 5: p

Row 6: k

Row 7: p

Row 8: cast on 5 stitches, k (15 stitches)
Row 9: cast on 5 stitches, p (20 stitches)
Row 10 – 29: continue working in stockinette stitch
Bind off. Weave in ends

Legs – make 2

Cast 4 stitches on a double pointed needle leaving about a 6” tail to sew leg on later.

Work 10 rows of i-cord.

(If you want to make your legs striped like I did, do 3 rows mc, 1 row cc, 2 rows mc, 1 row cc, 2 rows mc, 1 row cc, then continue in cc.)

Continue working like an i-cord as you do the increases and decreases in the next couple of rows to make the ball feet.

Row 11: (kfb)4x (8 stitches)

Row 12: k

Row 13: (k2tog)4x (4 stitches)

Cut the yarn leaving about a 4” tail. Weave through all the stitches on the needle and pull tight. Weave in end.

Arms – make 2

Cast 3 stitches on a double pointed needle leaving about a 6” tail to sew arm on later.

Work 8 rows of i-cord

Continue working like an i-cord as you do the increases and decreases in the next couple of rows to make the ball feet.

Row 9: (kfb)3x (6 stitches)

Row 10: k

Row 11: (k2tog)3x (3 stitches)

Cut the yarn leaving about a 4” tail. Weave through all the stitches on the needle and pull tight. Weave in end.

Now have fun decorating the front of one of the body/head pieces. I used small buttons with shanks for the eyes. I colored the sides with a red Sharpie and added a pupil with a black Sharpie. I pushed the shanks between stitched and sewed them in place. I also put a dab of glue on the back of them to hold them in place. Most of the other decorations I embroidered with simple straight stitches and French knots. For a little shine I glued on upside down sequins and put small French knots in the middle of them.

Assembly:

Seam the head and body parts together, leaving a small opening for stuffing. Stuff. Make sure to push out the corners for a good shape. Seam up stuffing hole.

Sew the arms and legs in place using the cast on tails.

Open the jump ring and insert through a stitch or two on top of the head. Close the jump ring.

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