



Tiny Pig by Kathy Lewinski

Supplies:

- 6g/52yds pink yarn (I used a random fingering from my stash)
- Four double-pointed needles in the appropriate weight for your yarn (I used size 1.)
- Stitch marker
- Tapestry needle
- Stuffing
- Black thread
- Hand sewing needle

Gauge: Gauge is not important for this project. The bigger the yarn the bigger the pig, mine was about 2" tall. Just make sure

you are knitting a tight fabric so the stuffing doesn't show through. (My gauge 10 stitches and 12 rows per inch in fingering.)

Abbreviations:

K – knit

P – purl

Kfb – knit front and back

M1 – make one, direction doesn't matter

K2tog – knit two together

Sl – slip one stitch (I slipped purl-wise on the purl side and knit-wise on the knit side.)

Ssk – slip two stitches and knit them together

Head and body:

Cast on 6 stitches. Divide between three needles and join together to knit in the round. Place a marker between the first and last stitch to mark rows.

Row 1: (kfb)6x (12 stitches)

Row 2: k

Row 3: (k2, m1)6x (18 stitches)

Row 4: k

Row 5: (k3, m1)6x (24 stitches)

Row 6 – 10: k

Bring cast on tail inside and weave in. Use it to close any hole you might have at the top.

Row 11: (k2tog)12x (12 stitches)

Row 12: k

Stuff the head.

Row 13: (k1, m1)12x (24 stitches)

Row 14 – 17: k

Row 18: (k3, m1)8x (32 stitches)

Row 19 – 22: k

Row 23: (k2, k2tog)8x (24 stitches)

Row 24: k

Row 25: k5, bind off the next two stitches, k9, bind off the next two stitches, k4 (20 stitches)

Stuff the body. Put the 10 stitches between the bind offs on a piece of scrap yarn.

Legs:

Row 1: k5, pick up two stitches, one from the first bind off and one from the second, and knit them together, k5 (11 stitches)



Row 2 – 7: k

Row 8: k4, k2tog, k5 (10 stitches)

Stuff leg

Row 9: (k2tog)5x (5 stitches)

Cut the yarn leaving a tail. Weave the tail through the remaining 5 stitches and pull tight.

Leg 2:

Put the 10 stitches on the waste yarn on three needles. Place a stitch marker between stitches 5 and 6 on the outside of the leg.

Row 1: k5, pick up two stitches, one from the first bind off and one from the second, and knit them together, k5 (11 stitches)

Row 2 – 7: k

Row 8: k5, k2tog, k4 (10 stitches)

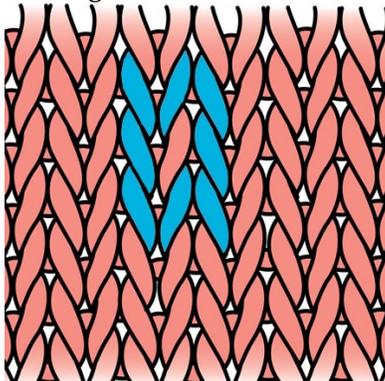
Stuff leg.

Row 9: (k2tog)5x (5 stitches)

Cut the yarn leaving a tail. Weave the tail through the remaining 5 stitches and pull tight. Use the yarn tail where you started knitting to close any hole in between the legs.

Arms:

On the side of the torso pick up and knit 8 stitches. The blue in this image shows how I picked up the stitches, starting with the middle bottom one.



Divide between three needles. Place a stitch marker between the first and last stitches to mark rows.

Row 1 – 9: k

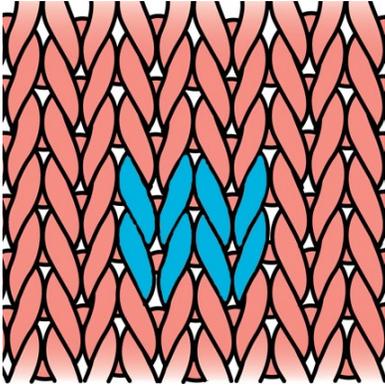
Row 10: k2tog (4 stitches)

Cut yarn leaving a tail. Weave the tail through the remaining stitches and pull tight to close. Pull the yarn from where you started in the same way. (If you want the arms to not stick as straight out, use this tail to tack it down a little.)

Repeat on the other side of the torso.

Snout:

Pick up and knit 4 stitches in the front of the head in two lines of two. The blue in this image shows how I picked up the stitches.



Cut the yarn leaving a tail. Weave the tail through the stitches on the needles, remove needle and tighten. Weave the tail through those stitches 2 or 3 more times until the snout stands out as much as you'd like. Weave in ends.

Ears:

Pick up and knit 3 stitches near the top of the head off to one side, facing front.

Row 1: p

Row 2: k2tog, slip back to left needle, k2tog. (1 stitch)

Cut yarn leaving a tail. Weave the tail through the remaining stitch and pull tight. I wove the tail through that top stitch one more time to give it even more of a point. Weave the tails through the back (purl side) edges of the ear to help shape them a little. Weave in ends.

Repeat on other side of the head.

Tail:

Fold a piece of yarn in half and twist it until it is curled. Tie a knot at the bottom of the twist the length you want the tail. Attach to the back of the pig. Weave in ends.

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