



Smirky Kitty

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Body

Kitty is knitted from the bottom up.*

Cast on 62 stitches using Judy's magic cast on

Work knit rows in the round without shaping for 15 cm to make a bag shape

First ear

This is worked in the round on 24 stitches on one side of the bag shape

At one side start knitting 12 stitches "front", transfer 19 stitches to a stitch keeper, transfer another 19 stitches to a stitch keeper, start knitting in the round on remaining 12 stitches "back"

Shape ear

knit two rows even

*sl sl pssso at beginning of the next row, work 8 stitches, k2tog *

repeat * to * once, 20 stitches remaining (this is decreasing one stitch at each end of the "front" and the "back" of the ear)

knit two rows even

*sl sl pssso at beginning of the next row, work 6 stitches, k2tog *

repeat * to * once, 16 stitches remaining

knit two rows even

*sl sl pssso at beginning of the next row, work 4 stitches, k2tog *

repeat * to * once, 12 stitches remaining

knit two rows even

*sl sl pssso at beginning of the next row, work 2 stitches, k2tog *
repeat * to * once, 8 stitches remaining

work one row even

Graft the front and back four (4) stitches together and weave in the end

Leave 7 stitches in the middle on each stitch keeper and put the 24 (12 front and 12 back) stitches onto your needles

Right ear

reattach the yarn (in the middle rather than at the edge) and knit these 24 stitches in the round as follows

knit two rows even

*sl sl pssso at beginning of the next row, work 8 stitches, k2tog *
repeat * to * once, 20 stitches remaining

knit two rows even

*sl sl pssso at beginning of the next row, work 6 stitches, k2tog *
repeat * to * once, 16 stitches remaining

knit two rows even

*sl sl pssso at beginning of the next row, work 4 stitches, k2tog *
repeat * to * once, 12 stitches remaining

knit two rows even

*sl sl pssso at beginning of the next row, work 2 stitches, k2tog *
repeat * to * once, 8 stitches remaining

work one row even

Graft the front and back four (4) stitches together and weave in the end

Complete the kitty body

Using fibrefill, stuff the body, making sure to stuff the ears, although don't make them too full. Poke the stuffing into the corners so they don't curl.

Close the head

Graft the remaining 14 stitches (7 front and back) together to close the top of the head between the ears. You might need to run the thread through the stitches at the base of the ears if there's any gaps.

Face

If you have used a woollen yarn, you may complete the face by needle felting, or embroider a face onto the kitty using the scrap of yarn or embroidery thread and a pointy yarn needle.