

2 skill level

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SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- Worsted weight yarn, 5 colors
- Knitting needles, size 7
- Double-pointed knitting needles, size 7
- Crochet hook, size G

- Yarn needle
- Polyester stuffing
- Sewing machine, optional

DIRECTIONS:

1. Using single point needles, cast on 40 stitches.
2. Knit 1 row.
3. Purl 1 row.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 for stockinette stitch. Change colors as desired to form a striped pattern. When piece measures 8 to 10 inches, or desired size, start decreasing.
5. On right side, knit 1, SSK, knit to last three st., 2tog, knit 1.
6. Next row: purl
7. Repeat last two rows until 20 st. remain.
8. Next row: repeat step 5.
9. Purl 1, p2tog, purl to last three st., SSP, purl 1.
10. Repeat steps 8 & 9 until 6 stitches remain, bind off.
11. Make second side the same as first side.
12. To make legs: Use double-pointed needles, cast on 12 st. Divide evenly onto 3 needles. Join into round, being careful not to twist stitches. Knit in round, changing colors as desired, until piece is 12" or desired length. Bind off.
13. Finishing: Sew front and back together using yarn needle and leaving opening for stuffing. Stuff and sew opening closed. Sew legs to bottom with yarn and yarn needle. Alternate method: Pin legs to bottom with cast on edge lined up with bottom edge. Pin front to back with legs inside. Sew on sewing machine, using 1/4" seam allowance. Leave opening for stuffing. Turn and stuff. Sew opening with yarn needle.
14. To make eye: Using crochet hook, chain five. Make 2 sc in back loop of second chain from hook. Make 1 sc in back of next two loops, then make 2 sc in back of next loop. Join with slip st. to first sc. Chain 1, 2sc in next sc., 1 sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in each of next 2 sc, 1 sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc. Join with sl st. to first sc and fasten off. Sew to top of Monster.
15. Using contrasting color, chain 5, join with sl st. to form ring. Make 5 sc in ring, join with sl st. and fasten off. Sew to previous crocheted piece to complete eye.

Skill Level 2: Knitting experience needed

Approximate Crafting Time: 6-8 hours

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