

Chubby Chirp

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Chubby Chirp is a speedy, satisfying knit that makes a great toy for MKG Community Projects. Make up a Chubby Chirp project kit from the Guild or make a bunch of these guys to use up your leftover scraps. Have fun with all sorts of yarn and colors, knowing that some child is going to love your creation!

Be sure to read through the pattern (especially the Pattern Notes) before starting. Thanks for making a Chubby Chirp for Community Projects! Have fun!

Materials

Sizes: Small (Large)

Yarn

- **Small:** worsted, 40 yds
- **Large:** 60-yd **balls** of yarn in **any** of these combinations:
 - Worsted, 2 balls [*held together when knitting*]
 - Worsted, 1 ball, + worsted-weight novelty yarn, 1 ball [*held together when knitting*]
 - Worsted, 2 balls, + novelty yarn (any weight), 1 ball [*held together when knitting*]
 - Super bulky yarn, 1 ball
- **Both sizes:** A few yds each of:
 - worsted in a contrasting color to make the beak (see *Pattern Notes*)
 - yarn or felt pieces and thread for the eyes (see *Pattern Notes*)

Needles

Double-pointed needles, *small:* US 6/4 mm - US 7/4.5 mm, *large:* US 11/8 mm-15/10 mm. Choose needle size that will produce a firm fabric (See *Pattern Notes*)

Gauge

Gauge is not critical

Additional Materials

Fiberfill or other material for stuffing
Crochet hook or yarn/tapestry needle

Abbreviations: Dpn(s): double-pointed needle(s); K: knit; K2tog: knit 2 sts together (1 st decreased); Kfb: knit into front & back of st (1 st increased); Sts: stitches; [...] repeat enclosed instructions as specified.

PATTERN NOTES

- Feel free to use whatever colors (and as many colors) you like; children delight in creatures of wild and wacky colors.
- Be sure the fabric is tight enough to prevent the stuffing from showing but not stiff. It's ok to have knots on the inside of critters; just tie the knots tightly and leave about 2" tails inside the critter.
- When stuffing your critter, you want your critter firm, but not hard; aim for "cuddly".

Pattern Notes are continued on the next page...

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- **Do not use beads or buttons for eyes or any other embellishment!** These toys may be going to very young children and beads or buttons are choking hazards.
- **Facial features:** Eyes can be embroidered using simple stitches or created with sewn-on felt pieces. French knots are often used for knitted critters' eyes. Directions and demonstrations can be found online. "Spoke" eyes are another embroidered option: Make 5 running stitches coming out from the center of the eye to the outer edge (like spokes of a wheel), then weave the yarn from the outer edge in a circular direction going under and over the spokes to make a solid eye.

DIRECTIONS

Body

Cast on 6 sts and distribute on dpns. Join to knit in the round.

Round 1: Kfb in all sts. — 12 sts

Round 2: [Kfb, k1] to end of round. — 18 sts

Round 3: [Kfb, k2] to end of round. — 24 sts

Round 4: [Kfb, k3] to end of round. — 30 sts

Round 5: [Kfb, k4] to end of round. — 36 sts

Round 6: [Kfb, k5] to end of round. — 42 sts

Rounds 7-15: Knit all sts.

Round 16: [K2tog, k5] to end of round. — 36 sts

Round 17: Knit all sts.

Round 18: [K2tog, k16] twice. — 34 sts

Round 19: Knit all sts.

Round 20: [K15, k2tog] twice. — 32 sts

Round 21: Knit all sts.

Round 22: [K2tog, k14] twice. — 30 sts

Round 23: Knit all sts.

Round 24: [K13, k2tog] twice. — 28 sts

Round 25: Knit all sts.

Round 26: [K2tog, k12] twice. — 26 sts

Round 27: Knit all sts.

Round 28: [K11, k2tog] twice. — 24 sts

Round 29: [K2tog, K2] to end of round. — 18 sts

Round 30: K2tog to end of round. — 9 sts

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail to close the opening. With your needle, thread the tail through the remaining sts, but *do not* pull it closed yet.

Stuff the body now and close the opening by pulling the yarn tail tightly. Secure the yarn tail and hide it in the body.

Wings (Make 2)

Cast on 8 sts and distribute on dpns. Join to knit in the round.

Rounds 1-3: Knit.

Round 4: [Kfb, k3] twice. — 10 sts

Round 5: Knit.

Round 6: [K4, kfb] twice. — 12 sts

Rounds 7-11: Knit.

Round 12: K2tog to end of round. — 6 sts

Cut yarn and use crochet hook or yarn/tapestry needle to pull through the remaining sts.

Beak

Note: Work the beak as an I-cord.

Cast on 6 sts onto one dpn.

Rows 1 & 2: Knit.

Row 3: K2tog all sts. — 3 sts

Cut yarn and use crochet hook or yarn/tapestry needle to thread through the 3 sts.

Finishing

Weave in all ends.

Decide where to place the wings and sew them to the body (a whip stitch works well).

Place the beak in the middle of the face and stitch around the base to sew it down (again, a whip stitch works).

Add eyes, referring to the Pattern Notes for suggestions.

You're done — admire your adorable Chubby Chirp!