

Seamless Mouse Catnip Toy

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Materials:

- a small amount (15 g or so) 100% wool Knitting worsted weight yarn
- 2 mm double-pointed needles, or 2 sizes smaller than recommended
- 1 T dried catnip
- 100% cotton wadding

For kitty's sake, please use only 100% natural fibers for knitting and stuffing.



Gauge: MUST BE TIGHT so that the stuffing is contained within the toy.

Starting at the tip of the nose, CO 3 sts. DO NOT TURN; sl the 3sts to the tip of the LH needle, k3 for Rnd 1.

Rnd 2: DO NOT TURN; sl the 3sts to the tip of the LH needle, k1, m1, k1, m1, k1.

Rnd 3: DO NOT TURN; sl the 3sts to the tip of the LH needle, k5. Divide the sts onto 3 dpn. Place st marker to indicate beg of rnds.

Rnd 4: (K1, m1) 4x, k1—9 sts.

Rnd 5 & all odd rnds: K around.

Rnd 6 (eyes): K1, m1, k1; [(k1, yo, k1) in same st, turn; sl1, p2, turn; sl1 k2tog, pssol], (k1, m1) 2x, k1; [(k1, yo, k1) in same st, turn; sl1, p2, turn; sl1 k2tog, pssol], k1, m1, k1.

Rnd 8: K1, m1, k5, m1, k1, m1, k5, m1, k1—17 sts.

Rnd 10 (ears): K1, m1, k5, [(yo, k1) 3x in same st, turn; sl, p5, turn; sl1, k5, turn; (p2tog) 3x, turn; CDD], k3, [(yo, k1) 3x in same st, turn; sl, p5, turn; sl1, k5, turn; (p2tog) 3x, turn; CDD], k5, m1, k1—19sts.

Rnd 12: K1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1; work 1 rnd plain.

Rep these 2 rnds until there are 31 sts on dpns.

Work even for 6 rnds. Use a tapestry needle to pull the CO threads into and out through a cheek for whiskers. Thread the tapestry needle with another short length of yarn making a thick, strong knot in one end. Gently pull the knot from the inside of the head and out through the opposite cheek for the other whiskers.

Wrap dried catnip in a bundle of wool or cotton wadding to stuff cavity.

Dec rnd: K2tog around, k1—16 sts. Work 1 rnd plain.

Next dec rnd: K2tog around—8 sts rem.

Last dec rnd: CDD, k2tog, CDD—3 sts rem. K2tog. Work an I-cord on these 2 sts for at least 10 cm tail. Fasten off.