A Mouse in the House

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Keep your eyes open in the book series *Monkey's Great Adventures* for tiny mice that sometimes appear. They were first spotted in, *"Afloat in Venice"*, where they followed Monkey's adventure through the narrow alleyways and winding canals of Venice. They love to hide in unusual places.

Create your very own mouse by using this simple pattern, and remember you can share your knitted creations with Monkey on instagram @monkeysgreat... hash tag #monkeysgreat.

How to knit a Mouse

Size

- The finished mouse is approximately 7cm (not including its tail)

Materials

- 1 ball of 8 ply wool (any colour that you would like your mouse to be)
- 1 pair of size 11 needles
- Small pieces of pink and black wool
- Stuffing
- Sewing needle

Symbols

- Ss = stocking stitch (knit one row, purl the next)
- K2tog = knit two together
- Inc. = increase. Knit one front and back in same stitch.

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Knitting Instructions

Body

- **Cast on:** 18 stitches.
- **Row 1:** Knit.
- **Row 2:** Purl.
- **Row 3:** Increase row.... Inc k3 inc K3 inc K3 Inc k3 inc k1 -- 23 stitches.
- **Row 4-23:** Beginning with a purl row Ss 19 rows.
- **Row 24:** K2tog knit to last two stitches k2tog.
- **Row 25:** Purl 2tog purl to last two stitches purl 2tog.
- Repeat last two rows until 3 stitches remain.
- Knit 3tog to cast off.
- Leave a long piece of wool for stitching and for the tail.

Sewing up the body

- Fold smooth side together, sew along edge from nose to tail.
- Turn body right side out. Run a gathering thread through cast on stitches, do NOT pull thread tight yet.
- Stuff mouse.
- Pull gathering thread tight, fasten off leaving enough wool for the tail.

Ears (make 2)

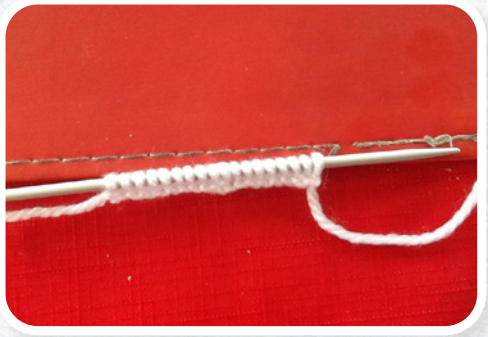
- **Cast on:** 3 stitches.
- **Row 1:** Inc k1 inc. - 5 stitches
- **Row 2:** purl across,
- **Row 3:** k2 tog k1 k2tog.
- **Row 4:** purl 3 tog. To cast off.

OR: you can use a piece of wool and sew two loops for ears

Final touches

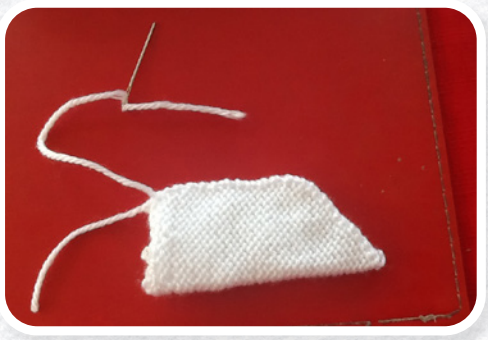
- Embroider 2 French knots in black for eyes 6 rows up from nose.
- With light pink sew 3 stitches for nose.
- Sew ears to head 8 rows back from nose, above the eyes.

Congratulations! You now have your very own mouse.



Pic 1. 1st row of knitting

Pic 2. Mouse's body before being sewn up



Pic 3. Sewing up the mouse's body

Pic 4. The mouse's body (right side)

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