

# Goodnight Moon



Goodnight Moon is knit in the round, with no seaming required. The pattern is easily memorized because it is the same three rounds repeated from one end to the other. Gussets are added for the nose and mouth. The night cap can be personalized with stripes, tassels, embroidery, etc. Measurements after stuffing are 12 X 6 inches.

## Materials Required

Worsted weight yarn: 120 yards in pale yellow, plus small amounts in contrasting colors for the night cap  
Size 4 double pointed needles  
Darning needle  
Stuffing

## Abbreviations

CO	cast on
dpn	double pointed needle
K	knit
P	purl
M1R	make one stitch to the right (see special note below)
M1L	make one stitch to the left (see special note below)
st	stitch
sts	stitches
K2tog	knit two stitches together
SSK	slip two sts knit-wise, place them back onto left dpn, then K them together through the back loop
WT	wrap and turn (see special note below)
PU	pick up (create) a new stitch from existing work

## Special Notes

- M1R = make one stitch to the right: Lift the strand between the needles from back to front, then knit the lifted loop through the front.
- M1L = make one stitch to the left: Lift the strand between the needles from front to back, then knit the lifted loop through the back.
- WT = after knitting the specified number of stitches, bring yarn to the front of work, slip the next st on the left dpn to the right one, move yarn to the back of your work, and slip the stitch back to the left needle. This “wraps” the stitch. Turn your work and purl the number of stitches indicated. Bring yarn to the back of work, slip the next st on the left dpn to the right one, move yarn to the front of your work, and slip the stitch back to the left needle. This wraps the second stitch. Turn your work and knit the stitches back to the beginning of the round.
- The wraps can be picked up and knit along with the stitch it is wrapped around, if desired. This will minimize their appearance, and is done on the increase/decrease rounds immediately following the WT row.

## Work begins just below night cap

With main color, CO 36 sts onto 3 dpns and work the following rounds:

- 1) K10, WT, P20, WT, K10
- 2) K1, M1R, K to last st in round, M1L, K1
- 3) K all sts
- 4) K11, WT, P22, WT, K11
- 5) K1, M1R, K to last st in round, M1L, K1
- 6) K all sts
- 7) K12, WT, P24, WT, K12
- 8) K1, M1R, K to last st in round, M1L, K1
- 9) K all sts
- 10) K13, WT, P26, WT, K13
- 11) K1, M1R, K to last st in round, M1L, K1
- 12) K all sts
- 13) K14, WT, P28, WT, K14
- 14) K1, M1R, K to last st in round, M1L, K1
- 15) K all sts
- 16) K15, WT, P30, WT, K15
- 17) K1, M1R, K to last st in round, M1L, K1
- 18) K all sts
- 19) K16, WT, P32, WT, K16
- 20) K1, M1R, K to last st in round, M1L, K1
- 21) K all sts
- 22) K17, WT, P34, WT, K17
- 23) K1, M1R, K to last st in round, M1L, K1

Stitches for the nose gusset are now added to every plain knit round:

- 24) K25, M1R, K2, M1L, K25
- 25) K18, WT, P36, WT, K18
- 26) K1, M1R, K to last st in round, M1L, K1

- 27) K26, M1R, K4, M1L, K26
- 28) K19, WT, P38, WT, K19
- 29) K1, M1R, K to last st in round, M1L, K1
- 30) K27, M1R, K6, M1L, K27
- 31) K20, WT, P40, WT, K20
- 32) K1, M1R, K to last st in round, M1L, K1
- 33) K28, M1R, K8, M1L, K28
- 34) K21, WT, P42, WT, K21

Decreases, rather than increases, are now worked along the moon's "spine" on every round following the WT rows:

- 35) K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts in round, SSK, K1
- 36) K27, M1R, K10, M1L, K27
- 37) K20, WT, P40, WT, K20
- 38) K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts in round, SSK, K1
- 39) K26, M1R, K12, M1L, K26
- 40) K19, WT, P38, WT, K19
- 41) K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts in round, SSK, K1
- 42) K25, M1R, K14, M1L, K25
- 43) K18, WT, P36, WT, K18
- 44) K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts in round, SSK, K1
- 45) K24, place next 16 sts from the nose gusset onto scrap yarn. Sts from one side of the gusset are now joined with sts on the other side. K24 (48 sts total)
- 46) K17, WT, P34, WT, K17
- 47) K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts in round, SSK, K1
- 48) K all sts
- 49) K16, WT, P32, WT, K16
- 50) K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts, SSK, K1
- 51) K17, place next 10 sts onto scrap yarn, CO 12 sts, K17 (46 sts total)
- 52) K15, WT, P30, WT, K15
- 53) K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts in round, SSK, K1
- 54) K all sts
- 55) K14, WT, P28, WT, K14
- 56) K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts in round, SSK, K1
- 57) K all sts
- 58) K13, WT, P26, WT, K13
- 59) K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts in round, SSK, K1
- 60) K all sts
- 61) K12, WT, P24, WT, K12
- 62) K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts in round, SSK, K1
- 63) K all sts
- 64) K11, WT, P22, WT, K11
- 65) K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts in round, SSK, K1
- 66) K all sts
- 67) K10, WT, P20, WT, K10
- 68) K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts in round, SSK, K1
- 69) K all sts
- 70) K9, WT, P18, WT, K9
- 71) K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts in round, SSK, K1
- 72) K all sts
- 73) K8, WT, P16, WT, K8

74)	K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts in round, SSK, K1	
75)	K all sts	
76)	K7, WT, P14, WT, K7	
77)	K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts in round, SSK, K1	
78)	K all sts	
79)	K6, WT, P12, WT, K6	
80)	K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts in round, SSK, K1	
81)	K all sts	
82)	K5, WT, P10, WT, K5	
83)	K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts in round, SSK, K1	
84)	K all sts	
85)	K4, WT, P8, WT, K4	
86)	K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts in round, SSK, K1	
87)	K all sts	
88)	K3, WT, P6, WT, K3	
89)	K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts in round, SSK, K1	
90)	K all sts	
91)	K2, WT, P4, WT, K2	
92)	K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts in round, SSK, K1	
93)	K all sts	
94)	K1, WT, P2, WT, K1	
95)	K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts in round, SSK, K1	
96)	K all sts	
97)	WT, WT (one on each side of the center)	
98)	K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts in round, SSK, K1	(14 sts)
99)	K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts in round, SSK, K1	(12 sts)
100)	K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts in round, SSK, K1	(10 sts)
101)	K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts in round, SSK, K1	(8 sts)
102)	K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts in round, SSK, K1	(6 sts)
103)	K1, K2tog, SSK, K1	(4 sts)

Cut yarn, thread through remaining live sts and pull closed; weave in loose end.

### **Knit pocket for mouth**

Place 10 live sts from scrap yarn at mouth onto a dpn. PU 3 sts on one side of the mouth, 12 sts at the bottom edge, and 3 sts on the other side. Total sts for mouth = 28. K in the round for 2 inches. Divide sts evenly onto 2 dpns which run horizontally, and graft together using the Kitchener stitch. This will form a pocket which, after stuffing the moon, is pushed down inside. Lips are then brought upwards and can be shaped into desired expression.

### **Graft stitches together for nose**

Place 16 live sts from scrap yarn at nose onto 2 separate dpns. The dpns should form an upside down "V" which runs down each side of the moon's nose. Hold side by side, and graft together using the Kitchener stitch.

- Darn small holes beneath nose and on sides of mouth.
- Stuff moon from the bottom up, until just below the top of existing work.

## Knit night cap

Sts are now picked up in the original cast on sts to work the rolled brim of the night cap. PU 36 sts, and then K all sts for 1 ½ inches. Cast off using the following method:

- (K2tog, slip the stitch just worked from the right needle back onto the left needle) repeat to end of round. This edge will naturally roll under.

Beginning just to the right of the very first cast on st (center of the moon's spine), PU 36 sts again from the lower inside of the curled brim. Work rounds 67 through 103 from above, adding additional stuffing a few rounds before finishing.

## Note about stuffing

Stuff your moon firmly so that any rippling created by the short rows is smoothed out, but be careful not to overstuff. The width should be greater than the depth.



Sleep tight!

