



Juggling Fish #1

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knitting
pattern



FINISHED SIZE 16cm/ 6¼in long

YARN small amount sport weight yarn - about 15 metres - I used Scheepjes Catona, crochet cotton or similar for the edging - I used Rico Essentials Crochet

NEEDLES Pair 3.25mm/ size 3 knitting needles

optional (see $\diamond \diamond$ in the pattern) - 3mm/ size C crochet hook for the edging

TENSION n/a

EXTRAS scrap of fabric - same size as the finished fish; filling - plastic pellets *or* dried peas/ lentils; eyelets and eyelet maker *or* buttons for eyes

Juggling fish Pattern

Beginning with the tail fin

Cast on 36sts

Row 1 RS) *K1, p1, rep from * across

Row 2 dec) *K1, [p1, k1] 3 times, k2 tog, p1, [k1, p1] 3 times, p2 tog**, rep from * to ** once - 32sts

Row 3 *K1 [k1, p1] 4 times, p1, [k1, p1] 3 times** rep from * to ** once

Row 4 dec) *[K1, p1] 3 times, k2 tog, [p1, k1] 3 times, p2 tog**, rep from * to ** once - 28sts

Row 5 *K1, p1, rep from * across

Row 6 dec) *K1, [p1, k1] twice, k2 tog, p1, [k1, p1] twice, p2 tog**, rep from * to ** once - 24sts

Row 7 *K1 [k1, p1] 3 times, p1, [k1, p1] twice** rep from * to ** once

Row 8 dec) *[K1, p1] twice, k2 tog, [p1, k1] twice, p2 tog**, rep from * to ** once - 20sts

Row 9 *K1, p1, rep from * across

Row 10 dec) *K1, p1, k1, k2 tog, p1, k1, p1, p2 tog**, rep from * to ** once
- 16sts

Row 11 *K1 [k1, p1] twice, p1, k1, p1** rep from * to ** once

Row 12 dec) *K1, p1, k2 tog, p1, k1, p2 tog**, rep from * to ** once - 12sts

Body

Rows 13 - 14 K 2 rows

Row 15 inc) K1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 - 14sts

Row 16 K

Rows 17 - 34 inc) Rep last 2 rows 9 times - 32sts

Rows 35 - 38 K 4 rows

Row 39 dec) Cast off 5 sts, k to end - 27sts

Row 40 dec) Cast off 5 sts, k to end - 22sts

Rows 41 - 43 K 3 rows

Row 44 dec) Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 20sts

Row 45 K

Rows 46 - 49 dec) Rep last 2 rows twice - 16sts

Row 50 dec) Skpo, k1, place marker (pm) for eye position, k to last 3 sts, pm,
k1, k2 tog - 14sts

Row 51 K

Row 52 dec) Skpo, k1, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 12sts

Row 53 dec) K1, skpo, k1, k to last 3 sts, k2 tog, k1 - 10sts

Rows 54 - 55 RS) K 2 rows

Cast off.

Attach the eyelets or sew buttons for eyes at the given markers.

BEANBAG

Draw around the flattened knitted fish shape and cut out one shape from the fabric - snip off the fins - you want there to be no stuffing here. Fold the fabric fish in half across the tail so that the body edges meet. Machine sew along the tail and then along the body up to the mouth with a 6mm /¼in seam allowance and leaving a small space for filling. Trim the seam.

Fill with pellets or dried peas/ lentils and complete the seaming seal the bag.

To join the knitted fish Fold the fish in half across the tail/ cast on edge, WS facing, so that the row edges meet and match - decrease for decrease/ increase for increase. Pin together if necessary. Join along head, body and tail row ends only by working mattress stitch in MC yarn leaving a space that's wide enough for the bean bag. Insert the beanbag and complete the seam. Leave the cast off edge - which becomes the mouth - un-sewn.

Tail fin - ♦ ♦ For the crochet edge at the tail/ cast on edge - beginning at the folded end, insert the crochet hook into the space just under the cast on stitch at the fold on one side of the tail and then under its adjacent cast on stitch at the back of the tail, yarn round than pull yarn through both stitches, yarn around then pull through 2 sts on hook to make 1 dc (sc) stitch

Repeat twice in same space (3 dc/ sc in 1 space)

Continue to work 3 dc (sc) into each space under the front and back cast on stitches all along the tail/ cast on edge to join.

If you would rather not crochet then either mattress stitch along the tail fin to join cast on edges or work a blanket stitch edge in a different colour yarn.