

Knitted owl

(courtesy of Natural Suburbia)

Materials:

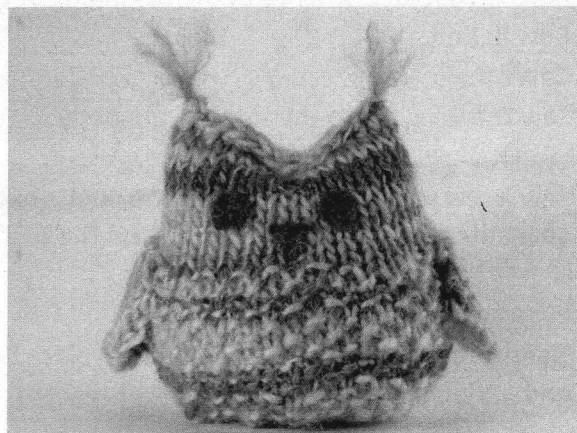
4mm circular needles

I used hand spun for Seamus but DK wool would be perfect

Sewing up needle

Black fleece and a felting needle to needle felt his eyes and beak

Fleece for stuffing



Abbreviations:

kfb: knit into the front and back of the stitch to increase

dpns: double pointed needles

knit 2 tog: knit 2 stitches together

You can knit this pattern with the magic loop or just use dpns for knitting him in the round.

Pattern:

Cast on 12 stitches and join for knitting in the round with the magic loop or on dpns

Round 1: Knit

Round 2: kfb into each stitch (24 stitches)

Round 3: kfb into each stitch (48 stitches)

Round 4: Knit

Round 5: Knit 12, (purl 1, knit 1) for 24 stitches, then knit to the end.

Round 6: Knit 12, (knit 1, purl 1) for 24 stitches, knit to the end.

Continue alternating rounds 5 and 6 of the moss stitch, finishing on round 18.

Round 19: (Knit 1, knit 2 tog) across the round (32 stitches)

Rounds 20-31: Knit

Cast off

Finishing Off:

Hold both edges together flat at the cast off edge and sew in and out, closing the top of your owl's head.

Stuff the owl making sure the stuffing is nice and firm. Sew the opening closed at the base of his body.

Take a needle and wool, sew into the base of owl, secure the wool and push the needle up through his body and pull it out the top of his head, sew back down again and pull. This is going to make a nice big concave depression that will form his two ears.

Once you have sewn back down, pull the needle and wool out the base of the body, pull tight and sew the wool securely onto the knitting, ensuring the depression remains at the top of the head so that two ears appear on each side.

Wing Pattern: Knit 2

With 4mm needles knit your wings in garter stitch:

Cast on 5 stitches.

Knit first and second row.

Row 3: Cast on 2 stitches at the beginning of the row and 1 stitch at the end of the row.