

Super Sam Knitted Gnome

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This is a really fun and easy beginner pattern. I have been making it for years and have altered it a bit to make it even more fun. You can use any yarn and corresponding sized needles. Make all kinds of sizes and shapes!

CO = cast on

K = knit

BO = bind off

K2tog = knit two together

Doll portion:

CO 40 stitches in Super Sam's orange sock color.

K4 rows.

Switch to pant/skirt color, knit 20 rows

Switch to shirt color or keep going if you are making a dress, knit 20 rows.

Switch to head color, knit 20 rows.

Do not bind off. Cut a long tail on your yarn. Take a darning needle, thread it and slip each stitch carefully off your knitting needle and onto your darning needle and thread. Pull the stitches and gather the top of the head. Sew down from the top of the head to the nape of the neck.



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Now you will want to gather the neck before you stuff it. With wool stuffing, stuff the head. You want it pretty firm, not as firm as other dolls we have made, but firmer than you will stuff the body. Then pull the gathering a bit more firm and knot it off - don't worry, you will hide this knot into the body as you stitch the next section.



The head coming together starts making him look like a gnome! Now you will start sewing up the backside. I like to use the yarn ends that are left from switching colors so that the stitching is neatly hidden in my work.



Now stuff the body, not as firm as the head, but firm enough that he can be snuggled with and take the wear and tear of being loved on and carried around. Then sew up the bottom.



Front and back of your gnome.

Now you are ready to sew the stitches for the legs and the arms. If you are doing a girl with a skirt, then skip the legs and just do the arms. The stitches for the arms make it look like his/her hands are in their pockets.



To give his waist a bit of shape, run a gathering stitch around his middle - don't pull it too tight, just enough to give the feel of a shirt and pants or shirt and skirt. Again, you would skip this step if you are doing a dress unless it is a fitted dress. Now the arms, think about where the arm pit might be and start there.



Taking more shape! Now on to the eyes and mouth. Don't be worried about knots at the back of the head, they will be covered up by the hat. If you are doing braids or other hair, this is where you would do it.



Now the hat. CO 40 stitches of the hat color. Knit 8 rows. Now each row k2tog at the beginning and the end of the row. Do this until you work your hat to a point that has two stitches left, knit them together to form one stitch and bind off. You'll notice I ran out of one orange and had to use another to finish up.



Now run a seam up the back of your hat. I like to do this right sides together and then turn it right side out.

Stretch the hat over the head and stitch it down with the hat yarn color. Now stand back and give him/her a hug before you give it to your child :)