

AMIGURUMI PETS

An original Fiona Goble knitting pattern



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The pattern is for three pocket-size pets – a bear, rabbit and cat. Amigurumi is a Japanese term and usually refers to little crocheted toys. But I didn't think you should miss out on the trend just because you're a knitting person rather than a crochet person – so I worked out these simple designs. I have written the main instructions for UK and European knitters, with instructions for US knitters in brackets afterwards where this is necessary.

Yarns and equipment

- 32m/35yd DK (light worsted/8ply) yarn for each pet
- 6m/6½yd for the scarf (optional)
- Some black embroidery thread
- A pair of black 7.5mm (just over ¼in) toy safety eyes
- A couple of handfuls of 100% polyester toy filling
- A pair of 3mm (US 2/3) knitting needles
- A large –eyed needle to sew your work together and embroider the features
- 20cm/8in narrow ribbon (optional)

A note about yarn

You can use any brand of DK (light worsted/8ply) yarn that you want but don't choose cotton, linen, bamboo or budget acrylic yarns. 100% wool and wool/acrylic mixes work best.

Techniques

You will need to know how to cast on, work knit and purl stitches and cast (bind) off. Additionally, you will need to know how to increase and decrease and sew your work together. For the bear and cat noses, you will also need to know how to work satin stitch, a simple embroidery stitch. I have some videos on my YouTube channel at [youtube.com/user/fiogob/videos](https://www.youtube.com/user/fiogob/videos) which might help if you are unsure of some of the slightly more tricky techniques.

Tension (gauge)

20 sts and 28 rows in stocking (stockinette) stitch to a 10 x 10cm (4 x 4in) square.

Size

The pets are about 10cm (4in) tall when sitting.

If you have any queries about this knitting pattern, please contact me via my website or directly at fiona@fionagoble.com. I am a friendly human and always do my best to help out as quickly as I can

Bear



Body and head

Knitted from the base of the body to the top of the head.

Make 2 pieces

Cast on 8 sts.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: K2, m1, k to last 2 sts, m1, k2. [10 sts]

Row 4: Purl.

Repeat rows 3 & 4 twice more. [14 sts]

Work 4 rows in st st beg with a k row.

Row 13: K3, k2tog, k4, ssk, k3. [12 sts]

Row 14: Purl.

Row 15: K3, k2tog, k2, ssk, k3. [10 sts]

Row 16: Purl.

Row 17: K3, k2tog, ssk, k3. [8 sts]

Row 18: Purl.

Row 19: (K1, m1) twice, k4, (m1, k1) twice. [12 sts]

Row 20: Purl.

Row 21: (K1, m1) twice, k8, (m1, k1) twice. [16 sts]

Row 22: Purl.

Row 23: K7, m1, k2, m1, k7. [18 sts]

Row 24: Purl.

Row 25: K7, m1, k4, m1, k7. [20 sts]

Row 26: Purl.

Row 27: K8, m1, k4, m1, k8. [22 sts]

Row 28: Purl.

Row 29: K7, k2tog, k4, ssk, k7. [20 sts]

Row 30: Purl.

Row 31: K6, k2tog, k4, ssk, k6. [18 sts]

Row 32: Purl.

Row 33: K5, k2tog, k4, ssk, k5. [16 sts]

Row 34: Purl.

Row 35: K4, k2tog, k4, ssk, k4. [14 sts]

Row 36: Purl.

Row 37: K2, (k2tog) twice, k2, (ssk) twice, k2.
[10 sts]

Cast (bind) off pwise.

Arms

Knitted from the top of the arm to the tip of the paw.

Make 2

Cast on 8 sts.

Work 6 rows in st st, beg with a k row.

Row 7: K3, m1, k2, m1, k3. [10 sts]

Row 8: Purl.

Row 9: K2, k2tog, k2, ssk, k2. [8 sts]

Cast (bind) off pwise.

Legs

Knitted from the top of the leg to the tip of the foot.

Make 2

Cast on 9 sts.

Work 6 rows in st st without shaping, beg with a k row.

Row 7: K4, m1, k1, m1, k4. [11 sts]

Row 8: Purl.

Row 9: K4, m1, k3, m1, k4. [13 sts]

Row 10: Purl.

Row 11: K2, (k2tog) twice, k1, (ssk) twice, k2.
[9 sts]

Cast (bind) off pwise.

Ears

Make 2

Cast on 5 sts.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: k2tog, k1, ssk. [3 sts]

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: K1, (m1, k1) twice. [5 sts]

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: Knit.

Row 8: Purl.

Cast (bind) off.

Scarf

Make 1

Cast on 4 sts.

K 82 rows.

Cast (bind) off.

To make up

Fix the eyes in place following the instructions on the packet. Check carefully that you are positioning the eyes on the head and not the body. Your knitted shape will be hour-glass shaped. The head is the bigger of the two parts of the shape. The centre of the eyes should be half way down the head and 2cm ($\frac{3}{4}$ in) in from the nearest outside edge.

If you would like to embroider your bear's eyes rather than use plastic ones, that's fine. Work a tiny circle of small, tight chain stitches using three strands of black embroidery thread once you have sewn and stuffed your toy.

Place the two head and body pieces right sides together. Oversew round the head. Turn the piece the right way out and join the side seams using mattress stitch. Stuff the head and body then sew the lower seam using mattress stitch.

Fold the limbs in half lengthways so that the right side of your knitting is on the outside. Oversew the curved edges. Turn the pieces the right way out and sew the long seams

using mattress stitch, leaving the top ends open for stuffing. Stuff lightly. Sew the limbs in position using the photograph as a guide.

Fold the ear pieces in half so that the right sides are on the inside. Oversew round the curved edges. Turn the ears the right way out then oversew them in place using the photograph as a guide.

Using three strands of black embroidery thread, work a small rectangle in satin stitch for the nose. Add the mouth in back stitch, using the photograph as a guide.

Weave in all loose ends. Tie the scarf round the bear's neck.

Rabbit



Body and head

Knit the head and body exactly as for the bear.

Arms

Knitted from the top of the arm to the tip of the paw.

Make 2

Cast on 8 sts.

Work 4 rows in st st, beg with a k row.

Row 5: K3, m1, k2, m1, k3. [10 sts]

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: K2, k2tog, k2, ssk, k2. [8 sts]

Cast (bind) off pwise.

Legs

The legs are knitted from the top of the leg to the tip of the foot.

Make 2

Cast on 9 sts.

Work 6 rows in st st beg with a K row.

Row 7: K4, m1, k1, m1, k4. [11 sts]

Row 8: Purl.

Row 9: Knit.

Row 10: Purl.

Row 11: K1, (k2tog) twice, k1, (ssk) twice, k1. [7 sts]

Cast (bind) off pwise.

Ears

Make 2

Cast on 4 sts.

Work 16 rows in st st beg with a k row.

Row 17: k2tog, ssk. [2 sts]

Row 18: Purl.

Row 19: (Inc) twice. [4 sts]

Row 20: Purl.

Work 16 rows in st st, beg with a k row.

Cast (bind) off.

To make up

Sew the head and body pieces in exactly the same way as the bear's.

Fold the ears in half lengthways, so that the right side of your knitting is on the outside. Sew the seams using mattress stitch. Do not stuff. Oversew the ears in place at the outer edges of the top of the head.

Using three strands of black embroidery thread, work a large cross stitch for the nose and mouth using the photograph as a guide. Weave in all loose ends. Tie the ribbon round the rabbit's neck.

Cat



Body and head

Knit the head and body exactly as for the bear.

Arms

The arms are knitted from the top of the arm to the tip of the paw.

Make 2

Cast on 8 sts.

Work 4 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Row 5: K3, m1, k2, m1, k3. [10 sts]

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: K2, k2tog, k2, ssk, k2. [8 sts]

Cast (bind) off pwise.

Legs

The legs are knitted from the top of the leg to the tip of the foot.

Make 2

Cast on 9 sts.

Work 4 rows in st st beg with a K row.

Row 5: K4, m1, k1, m1, k4. [11 sts]

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: K4, m1, k3, m1, k4. [13 sts]

Row 8: Purl.

Row 9: K2, (k2tog) twice, k1, (ssk) twice, k2. [9 sts]

Cast (bind) off pwise.

Ears

Make 2

Cast on 6 sts.

Row 1: Purl.

Row 2: K2tog, k2, k2tog. [4 sts]

Row 3: Purl.

Row 4: (K2tog) twice. [2 sts]

Row 5: P2tog. [1 st]

Row 6: Knit.

Row 7: Inc pwise. [2 sts]

Row 8: (Inc) twice. [4 sts]

Row 9: Purl.

Row 10: Inc, k2, inc. [6 sts]

Cast (bind) off pwise.

To make up

Sew the head and body pieces in exactly the same way as the bear's.

Fold the ear pieces in half so that the right sides are on the inside. Oversew the two side edges. Turn the ears the right way out and oversew them in place, using the photograph as a guide.

With three strands of black embroidery thread, work a small upside-down triangle in satin stitch for the nose. Add the mouth in back stitch, using the photograph as a guide.

Weave in all loose ends. Tie the ribbon round the cat's neck.

Abbreviations used in Fiona Goble knitting patterns

Abbreviation	Description
alt	alternate
beg	beginning
cont	continue
DK	double knitting/light worsted weight yarn
inc	increase one stitch by knitting into the front then the back of the next stitch
K/k	knit
k2tog	knit the next two stitches together
kwise	knitwise – as if knitting the stitches
m1	make one stitch (by picking up the horizontal loop before the next stitch and knitting into the back of it)
P/p	purl
p2tog	purl the next two stitches together
P2tog tbl	Purl the next two stitches together through the back of loops
pssso	pass slipped stitch over
p2sso	pass two slipped stitches over
pwise	purlwise – as if purling the stitches
rem	remaining
rep	repeat
skpo	slip one stitch, knit one stitch, pass the slipped stitch over the knitted stitch
sl1	slip one stitch from the left to the right needle without knitting it
sl2	slip two stitches together from the left to the right needle, without knitting them
ssk	slip, slip, knit (slip the next two stitches, one at a time, then insert your left needle into the front of the two slipped stitches and knit them together)
st/sts	stitch/stitches
st st	stocking (stockinette) stitch – formed by alternate rows of knit and purl stitches
yb	yarn back. Take yarn from the front to the back of your work.
yf (yo)	yarn forward. Bring yarn from the back to the front of your work (if you knit rather than purl or slip the next stitch, you will create an additional stitch by taking your yarn over the top of your needle). In the US, this abbreviation is normally written as 'yo' (yarnover).
cm	centimetres
g	grams
in	inches
m	metre(s)
mm	millimetres
oz	ounces
yd/yds	yard/yards
()	when a knitting instruction has to be repeated a number of times, the instruction is given in brackets like these
[]	the figures given in brackets like these usually indicate the number of stitches you should have on your needle at this stage

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- "This is quite possibly the most fun I have had on a knitting project."
- "Very easy to follow and finished product delightful, a real fun project."
- "I can't choose a favourite because I simply love them all."
- "Lovely - will keep me entertained for hours!"
- "There are no words for how awesome this is."
- "Craft books usually sit on my shelf looking pretty and serving as inspiration, but I want to make so many."
- "Oh I love it can't wait to start... This is going to be years of fun... Patterns well laid out and clear instructions."
- "Love this, all the designs are so cute and the steps easy to follow."
- "These patterns are adorable."

About the Author

Fiona has been knitting for over 50 years and is the author of more than 20 traditionally published knitting books, mostly on accessories and toys, as well as her independent patterns. Her *Knit Your Own Royal Wedding* book was a No.1 bestseller on Amazon in 2011, knocking chef Jamie Oliver off the top spot. Her work has been featured in many newspapers and magazines in the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, Europe and beyond. Before becoming a knitting writer, she worked as a copywriter, political researcher, pottery worker and textile business owner. She lives just outside London in England with her husband and student son.

