

Huggums

Materials:

- Super bulky or jumbo yarn, colors of choice for body (we used Cascade Magnum, 2 skeins, 123 yards each, and small amount for stitching seams).
- Bulky novelty yarn for hair (we used Ozark Opulent by Ozark Handspun, www.ozarkhandspun.com but any thick, fuzzy yarn will work).
- Knitting needles, US 13
- Yarn needle
- Steam iron for blocking
- Sewing needle
- Polyester stuffing
- Buttons, scraps of fabric for face
- Thread or embroidery floss



Gauge: Gauge is not critical for this project

Pattern: All rows are garter (knit) stitches

Instructions:

Make 2 (Back and Front)

Note: You will need to work with two balls of yarn to begin the legs; wind some yarn into a smaller ball.

Legs

Using your preferred method, cast on (CO) 8 sts with large ball A, then cast on 8 sts with the small ball, B (total 16 sts): you are working on the two legs.

Knit 20 rows, end wrong side.

With right sides of legs facing, knit 8 sts. Continuing with ball A, cast on 8 sts (body). Continuing with ball A, knit across the next 8 sts. (You will drop ball B on the next row; cut and knot as desired.)

Continue knitting for 24 rows.

Arms

CO 12 st at beginning of next 2 rows.

Knit for 12 rows.

Bind off 12 st at the beginning of next 2 rows.

Head

Knit for 10 rows. Bind off.

To assemble:

Lightly block back and front with steam iron and allow to dry. Stitch buttons (eyes) to right side of body front. Cut wool into desired mouth shape using photo as guide and attach with embroidery floss. Holding back and front sections of body with wrong sides together (right side is facing you), begin stitching with overhand stitch along upper right, outer edge with contrasting yarn. Stitch around the body, stopping at the top and leaving a 4" opening. Carefully fill the body with polyester stuffing; you may need to use a dowel to push the stuffing into the legs and arms. Stuff firmly but don't overstuff. Complete by stitching shut the 4" opening.

For hair, cut lengths of yarn. Using the yarn needle, thread the pieces and pull through the stitches at the top of the head, and style as desired. Tie ribbons or yarn around feet and arms, as desired.