

Knitted Fish - to give away at FEED 5000, or for any other use you wish.

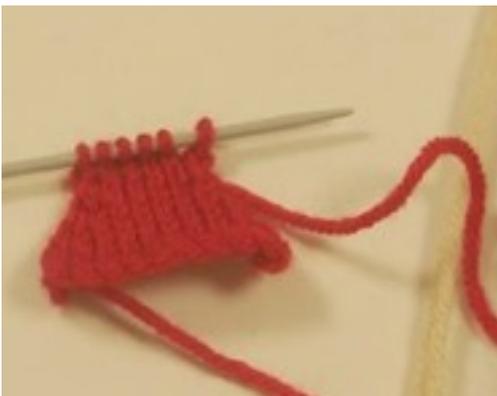


Step 1: Yarn and needles

Choose nice brightly coloured yarn and a pair of 3.5mm (or larger) knitting needles to give a tight finish. The pictures show a bright red yarn to start.

Step 2: The tail end

Start at the tail end and cast on twelve stitches and knit one row plain and one row purl.



Step 3: Decrease

Knitting in stocking stitch, (one row plain, one row purl - the plain row is the right side)

Decrease one stitch at each end of the plain rows only, until 6 stitches remain on your needle.
(Decrease by knitting two stitches together)
Knit three rows in stocking stitch without decreasing.



Step 4: Increase

If you want to do a striped fish change colour here – if not continue in the same yarn. Or make stripes as you wish.

Starting on the next row, increase one stitch at each end of every other row (the plain knitting rows only) until you have 24 stitches on your needle. (17 rows)
(Increase by knitting into the front and back of the stitch).

Purl one row.



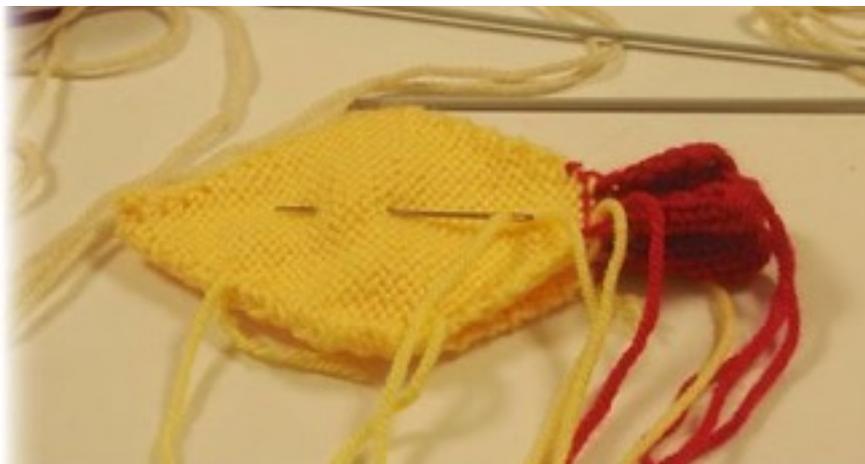
Step 5: Decrease for the head.

Continue in stocking stitch and decrease one stitch at each end of every plain row until two stitches remain. Knit these two stitches together and bind off.

Step 6: Repeat from step 1

Knit a second piece exactly the same as the first.

Step 7: Sew it up!



With right sides together (plain knitted side) and starting at the nose, sew the two pieces of your fish together neatly. Leave the tail end open. Turn right side out and stuff lightly with something like fibre-fill. If you want a fat fish, stuff well! When the fish is stuffed to your liking, you can neatly sew up the tail part. If you have difficulty turning the fish right side out, very gently poke the nose through with the blunt end of the knitting needle.



Now you have achieved fish you can decorate him in many different ways. You will need to give him an eye (one on each side) and perhaps a smiley mouth. In the picture you can see a chain stitch in red across both sides to define the head section.

To create a fin effect - with a darning needle, stitch straight across the top and bottom of your fish which will give a fin effect. Stitch through both sides.

If you want to brighten the fish up feel free to embroider – or leave plain.

