

LITTLE ELEPHANT

Big Difference

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YARN

Worsted weight yarn
(about 80 yards)

NOTIONS

US 6 (4.0 mm)
Tapestry needle
Qty 2: 6mm safety eyes
Small amount of batting
Love

BODY

Cast on 24 sts.

Knit 12 rows.

Row 13: BO 6 sts, knit to end

Row 14: BO 6 sts, knit to end (12 sts rem)

Row 15-18: Knit

Row 19: Knit to end of row, CO 6 sts

Row 20: Repeat row 19 (24 sts rem)

Rows 21-32: Knit

Row 33: BO 6 sts, Knit to end of row

Row 34: Repeat row 33 (12 sts rem)

Rows 35 – 46: Knit

Rows 47 – 52: K2tog at beg of each row until 6 sts rem

Rows 53 – 77: Knit

BO rem sts.

EARS (Make 2)

Cast on 6 sts. Knit 12 rows. BO.

(Knit a few extra rows for an extra-floppy ear!)

For the ears, look at the shape and stitch up the short side, across the long side, and down the other short side. Gently tug to get a 'cup' shape.

FINISHING

Fold each leg in half lengthwise. Beginning at the "foot," sew up the leg, leaving the top open. Stuff each leg with batting.

Starting with the middle of the backside, sew the first four or five stitches, then go back and catch the first stitch or two and tack down the "point" for the elephant's "seat." Sew up and stuff the belly (not too tightly).

Fold the head in half, place the eyes about halfway between the beginning of the head and the decrease section.

(I like the eyes up high, one on each side of the fold so they sit fairly close together.) Put the backs on your safety eyes once you are happy with placement.

Next, fold the trunk in half, and using the yarn tail and a straight stitch, sew towards the head. About every 3 stitches, tug the yarn so the trunk curls. **DO NOT STUFF THE TRUNK OR SEW THE SNOUT CLOSED.** Elephants don't like this!

Fill the head with stuffing and shape. Finish sewing it up, secure ends and weave in tails.

Place the ears just behind the eyes, a little high on the head. Attach the ear to the head using the edge that you did not sew around. Secure ends and weave in tails.