

Knitting Pattern



Materials Required:

- Straight needles - Size 3mm for Frog and your choice for Toadstools/Mushrooms
- For Frog, light worsted or worsted weight yarn in light olive green, gold (sweater), black and white
- Cable needle for sweater
- Yarn needle
- Polyfill

Pocket Buddies No5 *Frog* and Toadstool

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body

LET'S GET STARTED

Cast on 30 stitches in main color (leaving a generous tail for the formation of legs a bit later on).

ROWS 1 thru 10: Knit front of work, purl back of work (Stockinette Stitch "SS")

ROWS 11 and 12: Change color (CC) to gold and knit BOTH rows (front and back)

ROWS 13 and 14: Purl BOTH rows

ROW 15: k12, p1, k4, p1, k12

ROW 16: p12, k1, p4, k1, p12

ROW 17: k12, p1, C4F, p1, k12

ROW 18: p12, k1, p4, k1, p12

ROWS 19 thru 26: Repeat rows 15 thru 18 (2 more times for a total of 3 cable patterns)

ROW 27: k12, p1, k4, p1, k12

ROW 28: purl all stitches

START OF HEAD - Change color to green

ROWS 29 to 38: Stockinette for **10 rows**

DECREASE ROWS

ROW 39: (K3, k2tog) repeat to end of row

ROW 40 back side of work: (P2, p2tog) repeat to end of row

ROW 41: (K1, k2tog) repeat to end of row

ROW 42: (P2tog) repeat to end of row

Cut yarn with at least a 10" tail and thread through remaining stitches, pull tight (do not cut yarn) and begin back seam as directed on next page.

SKILLS REQUIRED:

Cast on, bind off

Knit, purl

Kfb (knit front and back)

K2tog (knit 2 together)

P2tog (purl 2 together)

Mattress stitch/seaming

Bobble stitch (multiple kfb)

"SS" = Stockinette (knit front of work, purl back of work)

"C4F" = Place next two stitches on cable needle and rest in front of work. Knit next two stitches, then knit the stitches from the cable needle

SHAPING

STEP 1: Use the "end" tail to sew a closing seam from the head down to cast-on edge using an invisible mattress stitch.

STEP 2: With a length of gold yarn and yarn needle, thread all the way around the last gold row (just under the face), every few stitches. (See photo)

STEP 3: Stuff the head firmly, then pull both ends of the threaded yarn tight to create the head, knot and weave in ends through the body.

STEP 4: Stuff the remainder of the body.

STEP 5: With the cast-on tail, thread around the bottom/cast on stitches in a circular motion, pull tight to close and knot to secure
DO NOT CUT YARN.

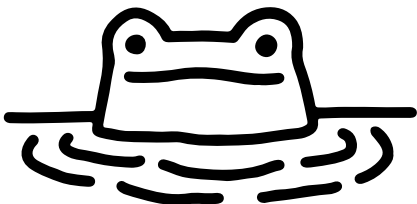


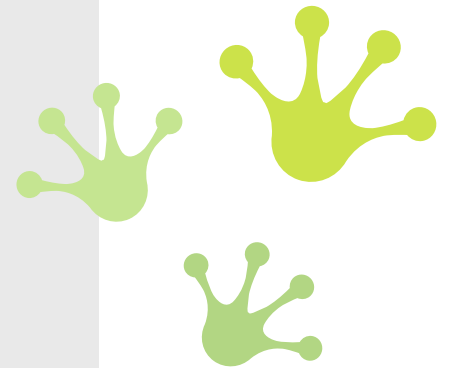
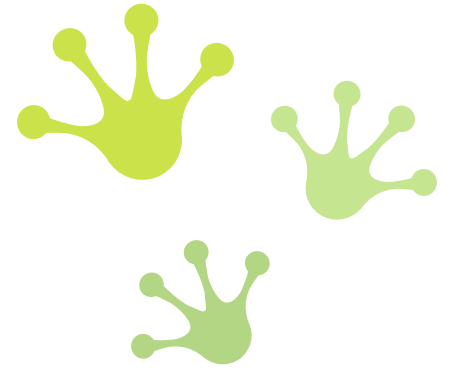


little details make
a big impact

STEP 6 (Legs): With the remaining yarn on the needle, enter the body of the doll from the center back (near the bottom) and make back-to-front (and front-to-back) stitches (**through the doll body**) to create the illusion of legs. Stitch upwards from the bottom center until you reach the purl stitches of the sweater, then knot to secure in the back and weave in end.

STEP 7 (Arms): With a length of matching yarn, come in from the back of the body and stitch the same back-to-front, front-to-back stitching to create "arms" at each side, about 4-6 stitches in on both sides. Knot in the back to secure and weave in ends.





EYES

Overview: Eyelids are first created and placed onto the finished head using the tails (*long-tail cast on method will not work with this next technique*).

It is recommended that you first place both eyelids on the doll BEFORE you stitch them into place.

Once your eyelids are in place, you'll make and prepare two "bobbles" to insert into the "eyelids."

Once completed, you may want to keep the "eyeballs" from wobbling out of place within the eyelids by placing a small amount of non-toxic white glue into the sockets at the end of the project.

eyelids (make 2)

Cast on 8 stitches (*not the long-tail method*)

ROWS 1 thru 6: knit all rows

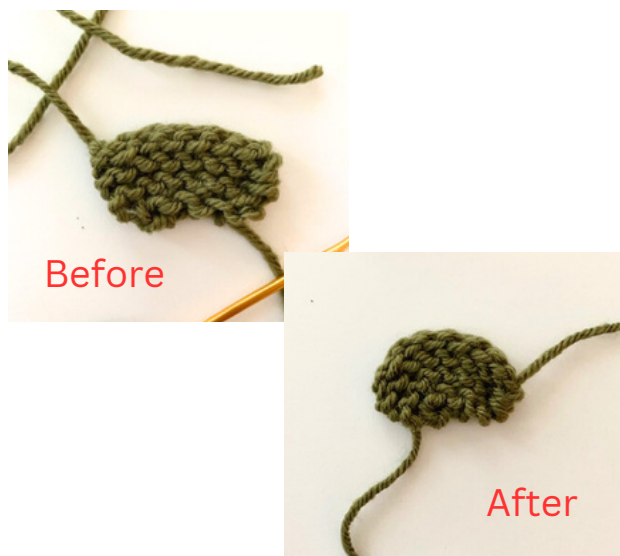
ROW 7: (k2tog) x 4

Cut yarn and thread through remaining 4 stitches removing from knitting needle - USE THIS SAME YARN END ON TO STEP 1.

STEP 1: Using the same threaded yarn needle, continue *up the side of the work* as shown, toward the cast on edge (then remove needle, keeping yarn length).

STEP 2: On the opposite side, *re-thread the yarn needle using the cast-on tail* and thread the yarn *down the opposite side* (remove needle, keeping yarn length).

STEP 3: Place the cast on edge between your fingers and pull the yarn ends gently to create a "cup."



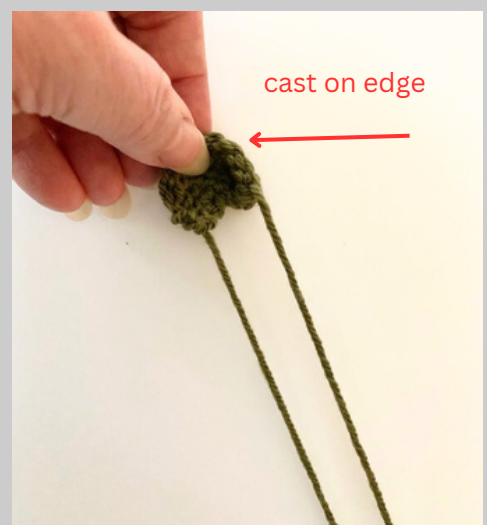
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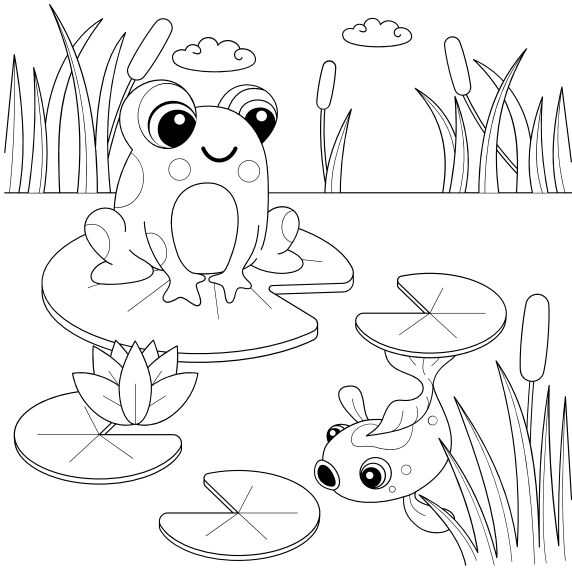
Step 2



Step 3



almost there



About 1 stitch off center
(both left and right)



Attach the eyelids to the top of the head using the two tails, inserting them from front to back.

Before stitching in place, make sure you are satisfied with the placement, then stitch to head on the back side of each eyelid.

eyeballs (make 2)

Cast on 3 stitches

ROW 1: k1, *bobble st*, k1 (7 stitches on needle)

ROW 2: p1, p5tog, p1 (3 stitches)

Cut yarn and thread remaining stitches using yarn needle, pull taught. You now have a bobble that resembles a small dome.

BOBBLE STITCH = 5 stitches into the next stitch

Insert needle into front of stitch, wrap yarn but DO NOT remove from needle, then insert into back of stitch and wrap yarn (not removing stitch from needle) repeat this kfb one more time in the **same** stitch, and end with one last stitch in the front before removing the stitch from the left needle

(TIP: work the kfb's loosely so you can complete all 5 stitches)

You have two options for making the dark pupil. A French knot or a double knot.

If using a French Knot, it's a 3 wrap turn around the needle.

Most folks will find it easier to use a double knot.

With two lengths of yarn, create a double knot in the center.

With two-strands at a time, thread the loose black ends through the center of the eye. Tie the black ends together behind the eyeball and trim short behind the eye inside the "dome." Bring together the long white ends onto a yarn needle and insert the finished eyeball deep into the "cup" of the eyelid through the head. (See photo - next page)

TIP: Exit the white yarn ends at the back neck edge. You can tie them off there and cover with the collar.



To create the smile, cut a length of black yarn and enter through the neck back.

Make a large, wide "V" shape for a subtle smile on the lower half of the face.

Tie off the yarn at the neck back.

collar (rib stitch)

Cast on 22 stitches

ROWS 1 thru 3: (k1, p1) to end of each row

Bind off in pattern

Wrap finished collar around neck securing in the back and covering any unsightly ends.

ALL DONE!



SIZE is dependent on yarn weight and needle size
(Shown - Worsted weight 3.5mm straight needles
measures about 5" inches/13 cm)

Toadstools

Cast on 12 stitches (*project starts at the stem*)

FLAT KNIT/STRAIGHT NEEDLES

ROWS 1-22: Stockinette (knit front side of work, purl back side of work)

Increase Rows

ROW 23: k1, m1, k1 (m1, k2) x 5 (18 st)

ROW 24 *and all wrong side rows*: purl

ROW 25: k1, m1, k2 (m1, k3) x 5 (24 st)

ROW 27: k1, m1, k3 (m1, k4) x 5 (30 st)

ROW 29: k1, m1, k4 (m1, k5) x 5 (36 st)

Change color if desired (for cap)

ROWS 31 and 32: knit all stitches

ROWS 33 and 34: purl all stitches

ROW 35: knit

ROW 36: purl

Decrease Rows

ROW 37: (k4, k2tog) x 6 (30 st)

ROW 38 *and all wrong side rows*: purl

ROW 39: (k3, k2tog) x 6 (24 st)

ROW 41: (k2, k2tog) x 6 (18 st)

ROW 43: (k1, k2tog) x 6 (12 st)

When 12 stitches remain at the end of Row 43, cut yarn with a good 12" tail and thread through remaining stitches on the needle. Sew mushroom closed from cap to stem using an invisible mattress stitch.



MAKE 1 ("m1")

This increases the number of stitches by one stitch.

With the left needle, lift the yarn between the stitches from the back. Knit into the FRONT of the stitch lifted by left needle. It's a tight stitch which will alleviate any unsightly holes.

Keep row stitches on the looser side; tight stitches will make these increases difficult on the first few rows.

(continued)

Stuff the stem only then sew the bottom closed by threading around the cast-on edge using cast on tail, pull tight to close, and secure. Fold and adjust cap over the stem. All done!

TIP: If embroidering any embellishments onto the mushroom cap, do so before seaming.

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