

ANGLERFISH

Materials

- DK (8-ply) yarn: 20g (2/3oz), dark brown
- DK (8-ply) yarn: 10g (1/3oz), red
- DK (8-ply) yarn: small amounts of white, yellow and black
- Strong cotton thread to make a pompom
- Stuffing

Additional equipment

Two safety pins or two small stitch holders.

Size

7.5cm (3in) long

Difficulty level

Intermediate

Instructions

Body

Cast on 6 sts with dark brown yarn.

Row 1 (RS): (kf/b) in each st (12).

Row 2: p.

Row 3: (k1, kf/b) to end (18).

Row 4: p.

Row 5: (k2, kf/b) to end (24).

Rows 6–12: st/st, starting with a p row.

Row 13: (k2, kf/b) to end (32).

Rows 14–16: st/st, starting with a p row.

Row 17: (k6, kf/b) twice, k4, (kf/b, k6) twice (36).

Rows 18–19: st/st, starting with a p row.

Transfer 6 sts from each end and keep these sts on safety pins.

With WS facing, rejoin dark brown yarn to the 24 sts of the middle section and work on these sts as follows:

Top jaw

Row 20: p.

Rows 21–36: st/st, starting with a k row.

Row 37: (k2tog) to end (12).

Change to red yarn.

Rows 38–56: st/st, starting with a p row.

Row 57: p for fold line.

Lower jaw

Row 58: p.

Row 59: skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2tog (10).

Rows 60–73: st/st, starting with a p row. Cast off.

Transfer the 12 sts on the safety pins onto a knitting needle, joining the two far ends together (see page 13). Shape the lower jaw.

With RS facing, rejoin dark brown yarn and work as follows:

Rows 20–33: st/st, starting with a k row.

Row 34: k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog (10).

Cast off.

Tail

Cast on 10 sts with dark brown yarn.

Rows 1–5: st/st, starting with a p row.

Row 6: kf/b, k to last st, kf/b (12).

Rows 7–9: st/st, starting with a p row.

Rows 10–13: st/st, starting with a k row and dec 1 st at each end of every row (4).

Row 14: p for fold line.

Rows 15–18: st/st, starting with a p row and inc 1 st at each end of every row (12).

Rows 19–21: st/st, starting with a p row.

Row 22: k1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 (10).

Rows 23–27: st/st, starting with a p row. Cast off.

Antenna

Cast on 4 sts with dark brown yarn and work an i-cord (page 12) for 7 rows.

Row 8: k1, k2tog, k1 (3).

Work an i-cord (page 12) for 2 more rows. Break yarn, draw through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

Tip of the antenna (pompom)

Wind yellow yarn around two fingers 20 times and tie the centre with cotton thread.

Cut the ends and trim to make a small pompom.

Small teeth: make six

Cast on 4 sts with white yarn.

Row 1: p.

Row 2: skpo, k2 (3).

Row 3: p2tog, p1 (2).

Row 4: skpo (1).

Fasten off.

Large teeth: make six

Cast on 5 sts with white yarn.

Row 1: p.

Row 2: skpo, k3 (4).

Row 3: p2tog, p2 (3).

Row 4: skpo, k1 (2).

Row 5: p2tog (1).

Fasten off.

Fins: make three

Cast on 10 sts with dark brown yarn.

Rows 1–3: st/st, starting with a p row.

Row 4: (k2, kf/b) three times, k1 (13).

Row 5: p.

Row 6: (k2tog) to last st, k1 (7).

Cast off.



Making up

Sew the red inside mouth piece to the top and lower jaw, leaving a gap for stuffing. Sew the body seam. Stuff the body and jaw areas and close the gap. Attach the smaller teeth to the front of the lower jaw and to the back corners of the top and lower jaws. Attach the larger teeth using the photograph for guidance.

Fold the tail along the fold line and sew the seams without stuffing. Attach the tail to the body. Fold each fin horizontally and sew the seams without stuffing. Using the photograph for guidance, sew the cast-on edge of each fin to the body. Attach the pompom to the top of the antenna and attach to the top of the body. With black yarn, embroider each eye with a French knot (page 14).