PRETTY LITTLE THINGS

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Space

KNIT, EMBROIDER AND CROCHET

I NEED SOME SPACE

Explore the final frontier

Designed to look knitted in the round, this pattern is easier than it seems!

SPACE

When the sky is clear, I love looking up at the vast starry night above me with a sense of wonder, hoping to spot a shooting star or two. Fortunately, the galaxy isn't as far away from our fingertips as it may seem, as craft allows us to create anything under the sun, and is able to take us on all kinds of creative adventures! We can study the constellations through embroidery, imagine orbiting the stars while gazing at an amigurumi solar system, or launch into the depths of our creative souls while knitting an adorable astronaut. So, let's reach for the stars and make something magnificent!

Scheepjes Creative Director

ASTRONAUT KNITTED TOY
By Cher Marcus

Gauge/Tension
Tension is not critical for this project, but different measurements may result in different yarn amounts needed

Measurements
Approx. 20cm tall

Abbreviations
[ ] number of sts on a given row
beg beginning
cont continue
k knit
k2tog knit 2 sts together to decrease by 1 st: insert needle kwise into first two sts and knit them together

k3tog knit 3 sts together to decrease by 2 sts: insert needle kwise into first three sts and knit them together
kfb knit front and back to increase by 1 st: insert needle into next st; knit as normal but don't slip st from needle, instead bring needle around to back and knit through back loop of same st
kwise knitwise
p purl
rem remaining
rep repeat
RS right side
st(s) stitch(es)
st st stocking stitch: RS knit; WS purl
WS wrong side
(.......) x times work instructions between brackets the total number of times stated

Pattern Notes

Astronaut is worked bottom up and flat. St st is used throughout. Work first Leg separately, then put aside, and work second Leg. Cont to work Body and Head, joining first Leg to first row of Body as you go. Break yarn after each colour change.

Arms and Helmet are worked separately. Use photo as guide for placement of embroidered details. For embroidery st instructions, visit *bit.ly/simys-embroidery-tutorial.*

Instructions

LEG (MAKE 2)

With Yarn A, cast on 20 sts.
Row 1 (WS) Purl. [20 sts]
Row 2 (RS) Kfb in each st. [40 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 5 rows in st st.
Next row (RS) K10, (k2tog) 10 times, k10. [30 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 3 rows in st st.
Change to Yarn B.
Beg with a k row, work 4 rows in st st.
Change to Yarn C.
Beg with a k row, work 2 rows in st st.
Change to Yarn D.
Beg with a k row, work 2 rows in st st.
Change to Yarn B.
Beg with a k row, work 10 rows in st st.
Place sts for first Leg on st holder and break yarn.
Work second Leg, do not break yarn and cont to Body.

BODY

Cont with Yarn B.
Next row (RS) K30 across second Leg already on needle, then take first Leg off st holder, place on left needle with RS facing and k30. [60 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 17 rows in st st.
Next row (RS) (K2, k2tog) 15 times. [45 sts]
Next row (WS) Purl.
Next row (K2tog) 22 times, k1. [23 sts]
Next row Purl.
Do not break yarn and cont to Head.

HEAD

Change to Yarn E.
Beg with a k row, work 2 rows in st st.
Next row (RS) Kfb in each st. [46 sts]
Next row (WS) Purl.
Next row (K2, kfb) 15 times. [61 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 15 rows in st st.
Next row (RS) (K4, k2tog) 9 times, k4, k3tog. [50 sts]
Next row (WS) Purl.
Next row (K2tog) 25 times. [25 sts]
Next row Purl.
Next row (K2tog) 11 times, k3tog. [12 sts]
Break yarn and pull thread through rem sts, tighten and fasten off.

ARM (MAKE 2)

With Yarn A, cast on 10 sts.
Row 1 (WS) Purl. [10 sts]
Row 2 (RS) Kfb in each st. [20 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 5 rows in st st.
Change to Yarn B.

Beg with a k row, work 2 rows in st st.
Change to Yarn C.
Beg with a k row, work 2 rows in st st.
Change to Yarn D.
Beg with a k row, work 2 rows in st st.
Change to Yarn B.
Beg with a k row, work 10 rows in st st.
Next row (RS) Cast off 3 sts, k to end. [17 sts]
Next row (WS) Cast off 3 sts, p to end. [14 sts]
Next row K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog. [12 sts]
Next row Purl.
Rep last 2 rows 3 more times. [6 sts]
Cast off rem sts.

HELMET

With Yarn B, cast on 40 sts.
Row 1 (RS) Knit. [40 sts]
Row 2 (WS) Knit.
Rep Rows 1-2.
Change to Yarn C.
Beg with a k row, work 2 rows in st st.
Change to Yarn D.
Beg with a k row, work 2 rows in st st.
Change to Yarn B.
Next row (RS) (K1, kfb) 20 times. [60 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 5 rows in st st.
Next row (RS) (K4, k2tog) 10 times. [50 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 5 rows in st st.
Next row (RS) (K3, k2tog) 10 times. [40 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 5 rows in st st.
Next row (RS) (K2, k2tog) 10 times. [30 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 5 rows in st st for 5 rows.
Next row (RS) (K1, k2tog) 10 times. [20 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 3 rows in st st.

Next row (RS) (K2tog) 10 times. [10 sts]
Break yarn and pull thread through rem sts, tighten and fasten off.

ASSEMBLY

Using Yarn B, join inner Leg seams, Body seam and Head seam using mattress st (refer to guide on right), leaving small gap at back for stuffing.
Note: we used Yarn D in guide so sts are visible.
Oversew seam at bottom of Legs (beneath feet). Stuff, then close seam at back.
Gather in neck by tying a length of Yarn E around first knitted row of Yarn E (blue) section of Head. Join row ends of Arms to underarm cast-off sts. Stuff, then st onto Body, positioning top of Arm 4 sts below beg of Head section. Place Helmet around Head and join row ends of Yarn B (white) border and stripes under chin. St Helmet to back of neck to secure.
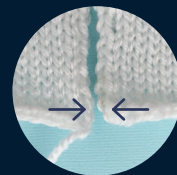
EMBROIDERED DETAILS

Using photo as guide, embroider details as follows: with Yarn C, embroider rectangles onto chest with long straight horizontal sts, with Yarn D, embroider three French knots next to rectangles, and with Yarn B, embroider three lines on Head.

TO FINISH

Weave in all ends.

HOW TO WORK SEAMS USING MATTRESS STITCH

Neatly join knitted pieces of fabric with this handy technique that works for all edges!

Step 1 Place the knitted pieces beside each other with fronts facing up, then line up the corresponding stitches.

2 bars

Step 2 Stitch from back to front through the first stitch, then stitch under two bars of the adjoining stitch.

Step 3 Stitch under two bars of the next adjoining stitch on the other side, and continue until the pieces are joined.

Wish upon a star

Master three staple embroidery stitches

I NEED SOME SPACE HANGING
By Megan Keegan

Measurements
17 x 18cm, including hoop

Abbreviations
ø diameter
st(s) stitch(es)

Pattern Notes
Embroidery is worked using cross sts, French knots and running sts; see Schematic 1: Embroidery Chart for st placement. Separate thread and use two strands to work cross sts and French knots, and one strand for running sts. For embroidery st instructions, visit Simy's Studio blog: *bit.ly/simys-embroidery-tutorial.*
To make design visible for stitching onto black fabric, water-soluble Solufix is adhered to front of fabric before tracing design. When transferring design to Solufix, make sure it is centred and fabric grain is straight (not on the bias).

Instructions

PREPARE FABRIC
Step 1 Tape design to window or lightbox, position Solufix on top and tape to window or lightbox. Trace design onto Solufix with sharp pencil, then stick it centred onto fabric.
Step 2 With traced design facing, clamp fabric into embroidery hoop and screw tight to secure.
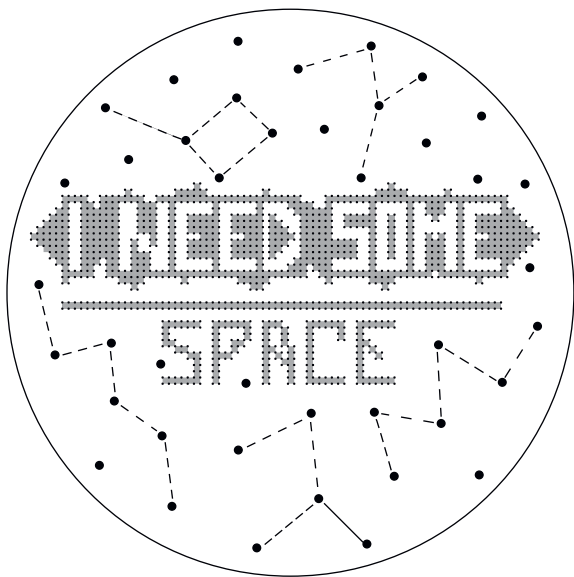
EMBROIDERY

See Schematic 1: Embroidery Chart.

Step 3 Work cross sts for quote.
Step 4 Iron fabric carefully from back if needed: place a towel on ironing surface before placing embroidery on top to ensure sts aren't flattened. Clamp fabric back into hoop and work constellations and stars using running sts and French knots.

Step 5 Remove fabric from hoop, rinse under water to dissolve Solufix and let dry.

TO FINISH

With back of work facing, knot ends together and weave them under sts to secure, then trim excess fabric to 1-2cm and tuck in slightly under inner hoop. Then, place felt piece over the top.
With 3 strands of thread, blanket st around edge to secure felt to fabric, and neatly cover back.

Schematic 1: Embroidery Chart

Photocopy schematic at 200%.

Key

- - - Running sts
● French knot
✖ Cross st

The perfect amigurumi project for absolute beginners!

Galactic dreams

SOLAR SYSTEM AMIGURUMI MOBILE

By Sarah-Jane Hicks

Gauge/Tension

Tension is not critical for this project but should be tight enough not to leave holes showing stuffing; different measurements may result in different yarn and stuffing amounts needed

Measurements

Sun ø 8.5cm, approx. drop from mobile 30cm
Saturn ø 6.5cm excluding ring, ø 8.5cm including ring, approx. drop from mobile 32cm
Earth ø 7.5cm, approx. drop from mobile 24cm
Mars ø 6cm, approx. drop from mobile 26cm
Pluto ø 5cm, approx. drop from mobile 19cm

Abbreviations (UK terms)

ø diameter
[ ] number of sts on a given round
blo back loop(s) only: insert hook under back loop(s) only
ch(s) chain(s) or chain st(s)
dc double crochet
dc2tog double crochet 2 together to decrease by 1 st: (insert hook in next st, yoh, pull up loop) twice, yoh, draw through all loops
rep repeat
RS right side
ss slip stitch(es)
st(s) stitch(es)
yoh yarn over hook
(........) x times work instructions between brackets the total number of times stated

*.......; rep from * x times/to end work instructions after * and then repeat that section as stated

Pattern Notes

This pattern is worked using amigurumi method: work sts continuously in a spiral without closing each round with ss. Mark first st of each round with stitch marker, moving it up as you go. Cheeks and Continents are worked separately then stitched on where indicated. Once Sun and Planets are assembled, embellishments are embroidered directly onto them. For embroidery st instructions, visit Simy's Studio blog: *bit.ly/simys-embroidery-tutorial.*
Lengths of chs with silicone beads are used to hang Sun and Planets from mobile.

Instructions

SUN

With Yarn E, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook (skipped 1 ch does not count as st). [6 dc]
Round 2 (RS) 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 dc]
Round 6 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 dc]
Round 7 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 dc]
Round 8 (6dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [48 dc]
Round 9 (7dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [54 dc]
Round 10 (8dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [60 dc]
Round 11 (9dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [66 dc]

Round 12 (10dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [72 dc]
Round 13 (11dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [78 dc]
Round 14 (12dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [84 dc]
Round 15 (13dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [90 dc]
Round 16 (14dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [96 dc]
Rounds 17-33 1dc in each st around.
Round 34 (14dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [90 dc]
Round 35 (13dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [84 dc]
Round 36 (12dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [78 dc]
Round 37 (11dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [72 dc]
Round 38 (10dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [66 dc]
Round 39 (9dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [60 dc]
Round 40 (8dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [54 dc]
Round 41 (7dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [48 dc]
Round 42 (6dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [42 dc]
Round 43 (5dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 dc]
Round 44 (4dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 dc]
Round 45 (3dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 46 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 dc]
Stuff Sun.
Round 47 (1dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 dc]
Round 48 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 dc]
Finish stuffing, thread yarn through sts and pull tight, fasten off.

PLANETS

EARTH
With Yarn D, ch2.
Rounds 1-14 Rep Rounds 1-14 of Sun. [84 dc]
Rounds 15-29 1dc in each st around.
Rounds 30-42 Rep Rounds 36-48 of Sun. [6 dc]
Finish as per Sun.

SATURN
With Yarn I, ch2.
Rounds 1-12 Rep Rounds 1-12 of Sun. [72 dc]
Rounds 13-17 1dc in each st around.
Round 18 1dc blo in each st around.
Rounds 19-20 1dc in each st around.
Round 21 1dc blo in each st around.
Rounds 22-25 1dc in each st around.
Rounds 26-36 Rep Rounds 38-48 of Sun. [6 dc]
Finish as per Sun.

Ring Covering
Note: wooden ring added later.
Join Yarn C with ss to first unworked front lp of Round 17.
Round 1 (RS) 1dc in each st around. [72 dc]
Rounds 2-5 Rep Rounds 13-16 of Sun. [96 dc]
Rounds 6-9 1dc in each st around.
Rounds 10-13 Rep Rounds 34-37 of Sun. [72 dc]
Fasten off, leaving long tail.
Slide wooden ring onto Saturn, then cover wooden ring. Using yarn tail, whip st top lps of Round 13 of Ring Covering to unworked loops of Round 20 of Saturn to close.

MARS
With Yarn H, ch2.
Rounds 1-11 Rep Rounds 1-11 of Sun. [66 dc]
Rounds 12-23 1dc in each st around.
Rounds 24-33 Rep Rounds 39-48 of Sun. [6 dc]
Finish as per Sun.

PLUTO

With Yarn F, ch2.
Rounds 1-9 (RS) Rep Rounds 1-9 of Sun. [54 dc]
Rounds 10-19 1dc in each st around.
Rounds 20-27 Rep Rounds 41-48 of Sun. [6 dc]
Finish as per Sun.

CHEEKS (MAKE 10)

Note: when fastening off, leave long tail for stitching Cheeks to Sun and Planets.
Sun Cheeks (make 2)
With Yarn F, ch2.
Rounds 1-4 Rep Rounds 1-4 of Sun, fasten off. [24 dc]
Earth, Saturn, Mars Cheeks (make 2 per Planet)
With Yarn A for Earth, Yarn F for Saturn and Yarn I for Mars, ch2.
Rounds 1-3 Rep Rounds 1-3 of Sun, fasten off. [18 dc]
Pluto Cheeks (make 2)
With Yarn H, ch2.
Rounds 1-2 Rep Rounds 1-2 of Sun, fasten off. [12 dc]

CONTINENTS (MAKE 1 OF EACH)

Note: when fastening off, leave long tail for stitching Continents to Earth.
With Yarn G, ch2.
Europe, Asia
Rounds 1-10 Rep Rounds 1-10 of Sun, fasten off. [60 dc]

Africa
Rounds 1-5 Rep Rounds 1-5 of Sun, fasten off. [30 dc]
Australia
Rounds 1-4 Rep Rounds 1-4 of Sun, fasten off. [24 dc]
North America
Rounds 1-8 Rep Rounds 1-8 of Sun, fasten off. [48 dc]
South America
Rounds 1-6 Rep Rounds 1-6 of Sun, fasten off. [36 dc]

ASSEMBLY

Use photo as guide.
St Cheeks onto Sun and Planets, then st Continents onto Earth.
With Yarn B, embroider eyes and mouths, with Yarn A, embroider sun rays onto Sun and stars onto Saturn's ring, and with Yarn E, embroider French knots onto Pluto.
Length of chs with silicone beads
Work length of chs from top of Sun and each Planet, attaching silicone beads as you go, as follows: with Yarn A, join with ss to centre of top, *remove hook from loop, insert hook through bead centre, catch lp then pull it to top of bead by extending it, yoh, draw through loop (as if working 1 ch), ch10; rep from * until desired length (see Measurements for length of drop according to sample in photo).
Assemble mobile, then attach Sun and Planets.
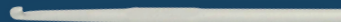
TO FINISH

Weave in all ends.

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