

Nellie the Elephant

Peep Pattern

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Size US4 needles (I use two circular needles and these instructions are written with them in mind. You can substitute dpns if you are more comfortable with them, and correspond the stitches that are on circ. needle 1 onto dpns 1 and 2, and the stitches on circ. needle 2 onto dpns 3 and 4.)

Bernat Baby Coordinates Sweet Stripes (?) yarn in pink and white or the colors of your choice.

This is a light, sport weight yarn with a crinkly texture, and any yarn of similar weight may be used (or any other weight as long as you use the appropriate sized needles).

Stitches used:

Other than knitting and purling, I use two types of increase stitches, the kfb and the kinc, and I used k2tog for decreases..

(video help for kinc:

http://www.knittinghelp.com/apps/flash/video_player/play/90/1 for increasing in the right side of the stitch where she calls it a M1R or M1B,

and

<http://www.saveknitting.com/AnimatedKnittingStitches/Kinc/tabid/76/Default.aspx> for the left side of the stitch)

Starting with the TRUNK:

C/o 4 st onto one needle.

Sl 2 st onto 2nd needle

Knitting in the round -



Kfb around (total 8 st)

K around 5 rows

P around (this provides a turning row. The first portion will be tucked into the trunk)

K around till trunk is desired length. (Nellie's is approximately 2 inches, and 12-14 rows)

FACE:

Rnd 1: kinc, k1 around. (increase every other st, using the increase of your choice - I use the kinc throughout because it is less noticeable) (12 st total)

Rnd 2 and all even rounds: k around

Rnd 3: kinc, k1 around. (18 st total)

Rnd 5: kinc, k2 around. (24 st total)

Rnd 7: kinc, k3 around. (30 st total)

Continue in this manner, increasing 6 st every other round, till you have 48 st total, or the desired diameter for the body.

Body:

K around for approximately 3 1/2 inches

(approx 26 rows) then begin decreasing for the bum. :o)

If you haven't been stuffing as you go, stuff now, being sure to get enough stuffing into the trunk to make it as firm as you want it.

Continue to add stuffing as the diameter of the hole is decreasing.

Bum decreases:

Rnd 1: k2tog k6 around (42)

Rnd 2 and all even rounds: k around.

Rnd 3: k2tog k5 around (36 st)
Rnd 5: k2tog k4 around (30 st)
Rnd 7: k2tog k3 around (24 st)
Rnd 9: k2tog k2 around (18 st)
Rnd 11: k2tog k1 around (12 st)
Rnd 13: k2tog around (6 st)
(The opening will be closed after the next round, so complete your stuffing.)
Rnd 15: k1 k2tog around (4 st)

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TAIL

Slip 2 st from needle 2 to needle 1 and continue knitting back and forth on one circular needle (or 2 straight needles) (4 st)
Row 1: sl1 k1 across, turn
Repeat row 1 till tail is desired length (Nellie's is prox 2 inches, not including tassel)
(At this point, you have just double-knitted a cord. You could also make an I-cord for the tail, or crochet one, or bind off and sew on a braided tail.)
Last rows: k2tog 2x, turn. k2tog, cut yarn, leaving long tail, pull yarn tail through remaining st.
Make tassel and attach to end of tail and weave end into tail and body.

See photos for reference of placement of ears and feet

Feet

C/o 6 st onto two circs.
Rnd 1: Kfb each st around (12 st)
Rnd 2 and all even rnds: k around
Rnd 3: kinc, k1 around (18 st total)
(increase every other st, using the increase of your choice - I use the kinc throughout because it is less noticeable)
Rnd 5: kinc k2 around (24 st total)
(increase every 3rd st)
Rnd 7: k2tog k2 around (18 st total)
Rnd 9: k2tog k1 around (12 st total)
Rnd 11: k around
Stuff quite full and Bind off.
Sew feet to bottom of elephant evenly spaced.
Put front feet as far forward as looks good, so she won't topple forward.

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Ears

C/o 8 st on 1 circular needle
Row 1: K across, turn.
Row 2: P across, turn.
Row 3: K across, do not turn.
With 2nd circ, pu 1 st at side, 8 st on cast on edge, and 1 st on other side (10 st on needle 2)
On Needle 1, Kinc in 1st st, k across to last st, kinc (10 st on needle 1), k across needle 2
Knitting in rounds
Rnd 1: k arnd
Rnd 2: kinc 1 st at each side on each needle every other rnd till you reach 18 st on each needle.
K around till ear is desired size. Bind off and sew to head, curving the bound off edge to create a cupped shape to the ears.

