

# Yarn Knot Eyes - Making and Inserting Them

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Examples of Peeps with yarn knot eyes:



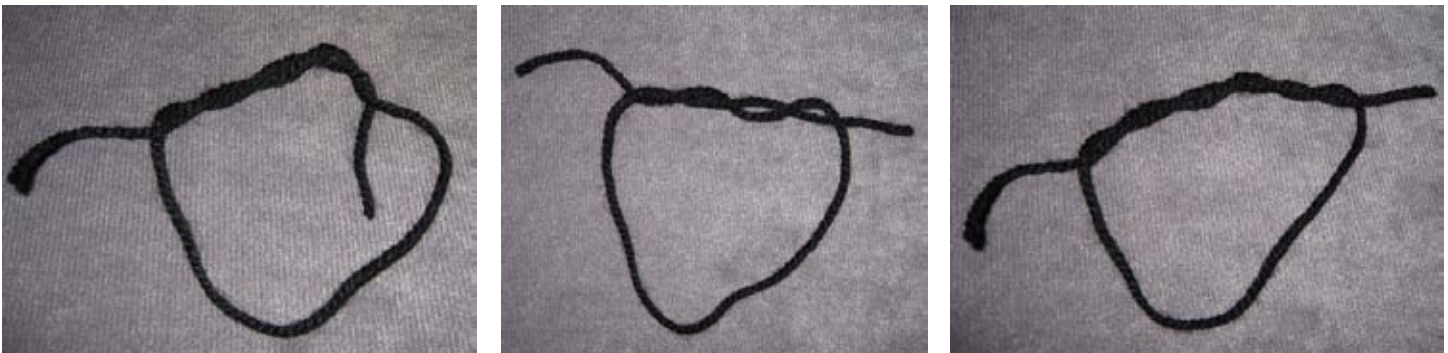
a Peep with yarn knot eyes, lips and nose:



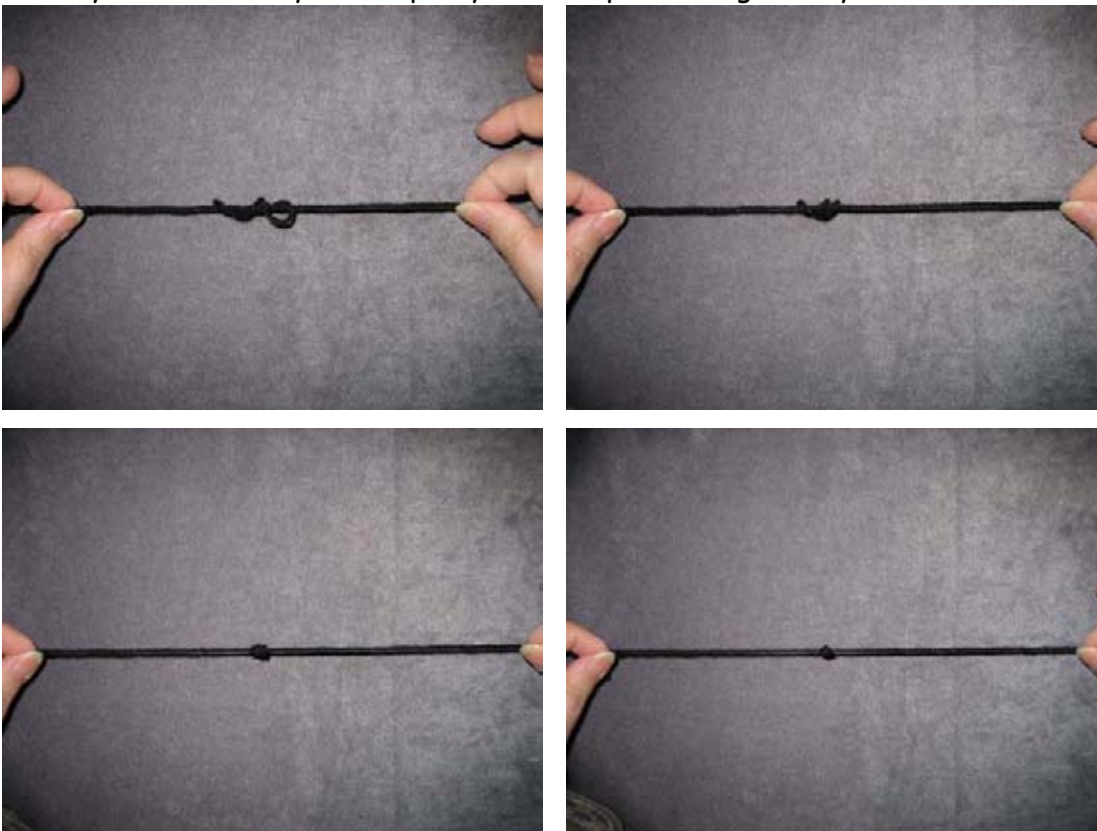
## Making Yarn Knot Eyes - inspired by Jean Greenhowe



Start with a long length (or lengths) of the yarn, floss, or perle cotton in the color and thickness that suits your need. Make a loop, pass the end of the yarn through the loop as many times as needed to create the size knot you need for your eye. This may take some trial and error, but only takes a few seconds.



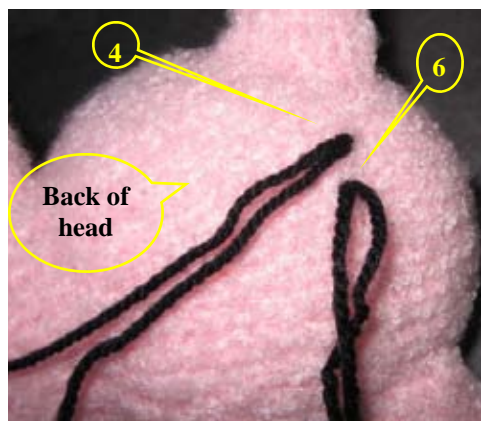
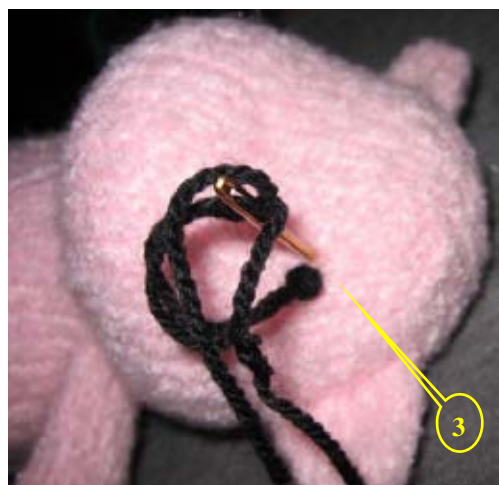
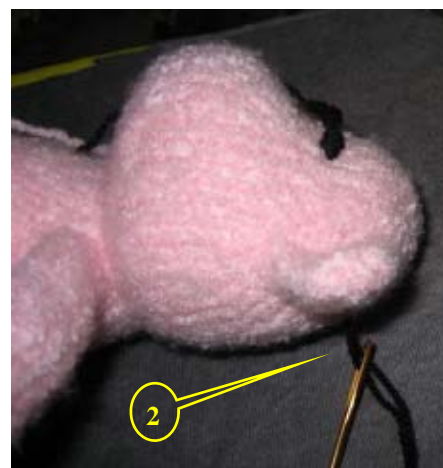
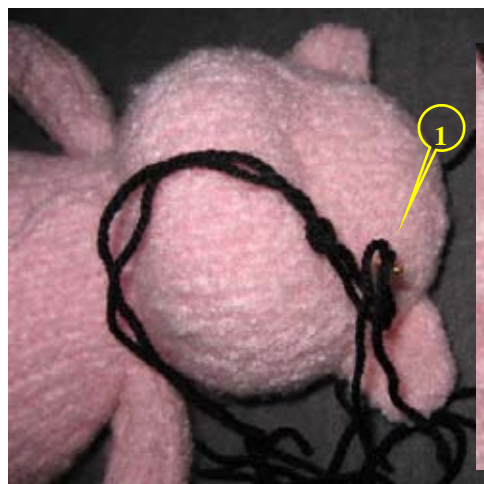
Take the ends of the yarn in your fingers and pull gently and slowly till you have reached the size knot you desire for your Peep's eye. Don't pull too tight, or you'll have a hard little nub.



Voila!  
The eye is ready to  
insert into your Peep.

# Inserting Yarn Knot Eyes Pg 1

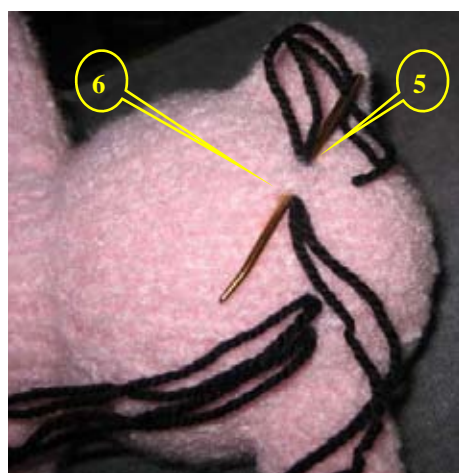
Thread one tail of your knotted eye into a large tapestry needle, and place it into the peep's head, right at the location where you want the eye to be,<sup>1</sup> and bring the tail out at the back of the head.<sup>2</sup>  
(This is a large peep, so I used two strands of the yarn to make larger eyes)



Then thread the second tail of the yarn knot eye into the needle and do the same,<sup>3</sup> coming out near the first tail,<sup>4</sup> but not in the same hole. Repeat these steps for the second eye.

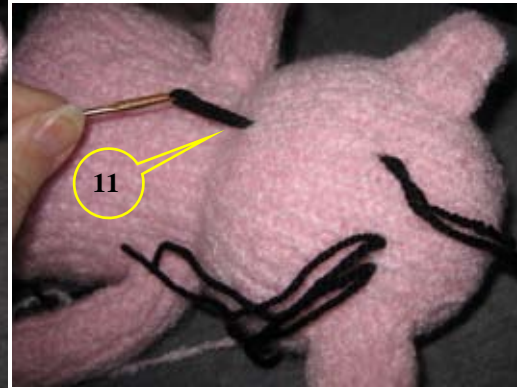
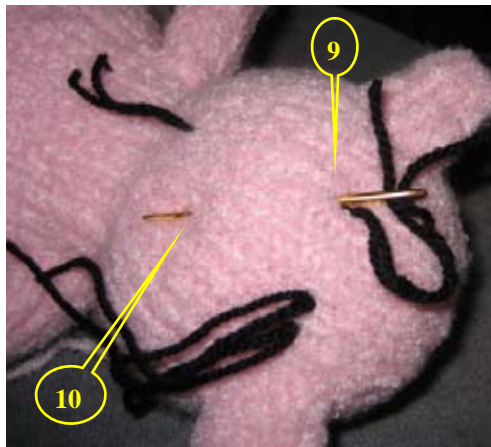
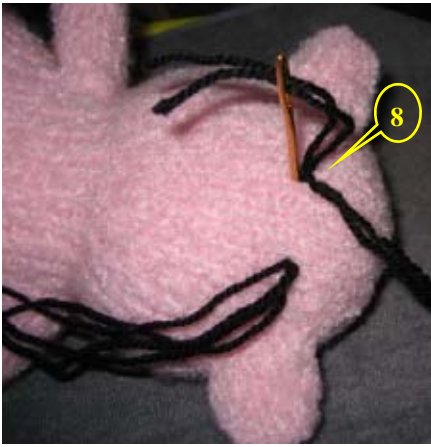
If you're not happy with the eye placement, pull one or both eyes out and repeat the process in another position.

When you're happy with the placement, thread the tapestry needle with one of the tails from one of the knotted yarn eyes. Insert the needle back into the hole that the tail is coming out of,<sup>5</sup> and come out of the hole that the other tail of that eye is coming out of.<sup>6</sup>



Tie the two tails into a square knot.<sup>7</sup> ("right over left, left over right")





Thread one tail of the square knot, you've just tied, into the tapestry needle, and place it back into the hole the two tails are coming out of.<sup>8</sup> Push the needle into the head horizontally,<sup>9</sup> and come out as far from the hole you came from as the needle can reach,<sup>10</sup> and pull the yarn through.<sup>11</sup> Give the yarn end a tug to pull the square knot into the stuffing. Repeat with the second tail of that eye. Weave the ends into the body so they are completely hidden, and cut off excess if there is any.

Repeat 5-11 with the tails of the second eye to anchor them, also.

Now you have your eyes (or other features) all done! :o)



(For additional security, you can repeat the process of bringing the ends out of the same hole in another location, tying the ends into a square knot, and threading the yarn through the body again, before weaving the ends in.)

(Mossalia's lips were made with 3 separate yarn knots)

