


Mischievous Mice

Rating 
Quick and simple to knit

These little mice are very naughty; they love to nibble on your favourite treats. They will happily eat your last cookie or slice of cake, and will even munch on the mouldy bits of cheese found down the side of your favourite armchair - yuck!

Mice are the perfect stash busters. You can enjoy creating lots of lovely mice, each using a mixture of different yarns left over from other knitted toys - this is a great chance to experiment.

yarn

Any small amounts of lightweight (DK) yarn from your stash

needles

Size 6 (4mm) knitting needles
Size 4 (3.5mm) knitting needles
Size E4 (3.5mm) crochet hook (optional)

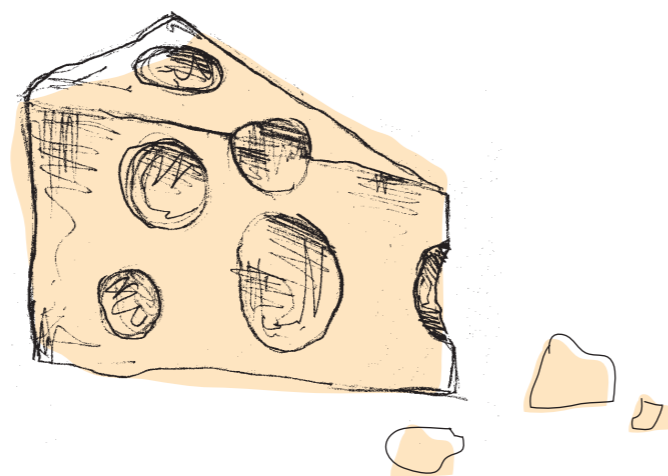
gauge

22 sts and 30 rows to 4in (10cm)

finished size

Those shown are approx. 4in (10cm) from nose to tail

The size of your mice and the gauge will vary depending on the type of yarn used



Little mice cause mischief,
running round and round,
They search for cheese and nibbles,
then hide them underground.



KNITTING NOTES

- You start knitting the mice from the nose all the way along to the bottom.
- To make the stripy mouse, work 2 rows in stockinette stitch in one colour and the next 2 rows in another colour. Continue this 4-row pattern throughout the mouse body. Carry the yarn not in use up the side of the work rather than cutting and rejoining yarn for each colour change.

Mouse pattern

BODY

Using size 6 (4mm) knitting needles, cast on 7 sts, leaving approx. 4in (10cm) of yarn before the 1st cast-on st. This is used for sewing up the mouse.

Row 1 K.

Row 2 P.

Row 3 K2, kfb, kfb, k3. 9 sts.

Row 4 P.

Row 5 K3, kfb, kfb, k4. 11 sts.

Row 6 P.

Row 7 K4, kfb, kfb, k5. 13 sts.

Cont in this way until there are 31 sts.

Row 26 P.

Row 27 K.

Row 28 P.

Row 29 K1 [skpo] 7 times, k1 [k2tog] 7 times, k1. 17 sts.

Row 30 P.

Row 31 K1 [skpo] 3 times, k3 [k2tog] 3 times, k1. 11 sts.

Row 32 P.

Slip thread through all 11 sts to close and pull to form the mouse's bottom.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 3 sts using size 4 (3.5mm) knitting needles.

Row 1 Kfb, k2. 4 sts.

Row 2 Kfb, p3. 5 sts.

Row 3 Kfb, k4. 6 sts.

Row 4 Kfb, p5. 7 sts.

Row 5 K.

Slip thread through all 7 sts to close and pull in to form the base of the ear.

Save approx. 4in (10cm) of yarn to sew the ear onto the body.

TAIL

Use size E4 (3.5mm) crochet hook to make a chain, leaving approx. 4in (10cm) of yarn before the 1st chain stitch.

Work 24 chains.

Thread yarn through the last sts and sew through all the chain sts until you join the initial 4in (10cm) of yarn at the beginning of the tail. These 2 yarns are used to sew the tail onto the mouse.

Alternatively, plait 3 ends of yarn together for approx. 4in (10cm) to use as the tail. Remember to leave some yarn at the end to sew the tail onto the mouse.

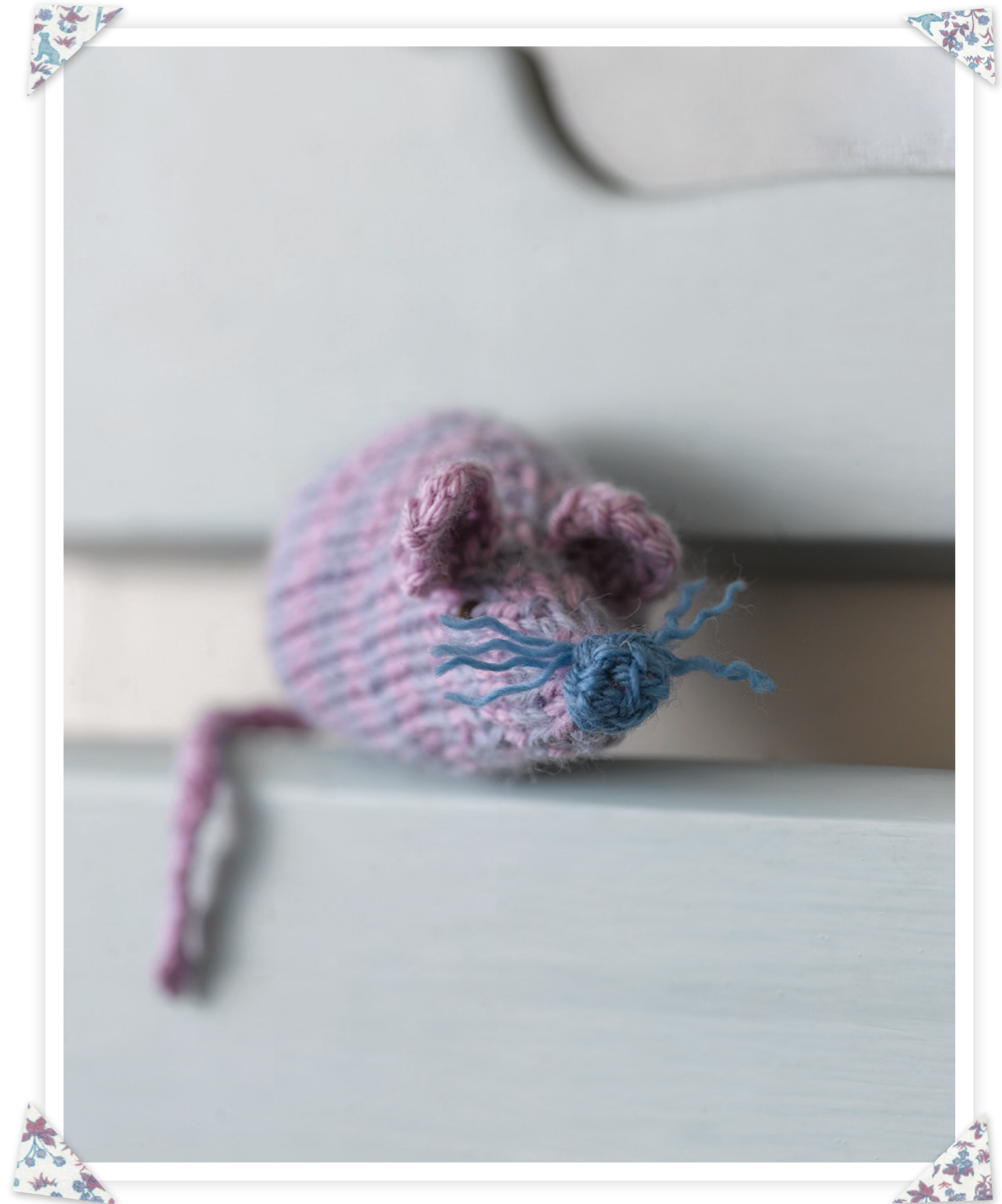
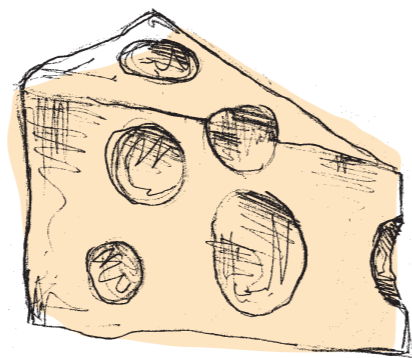
MAKING UP

BODY

Fold the mouse in half with both knit sides (right sides) together. Sew up from each end, leaving a gap of approx. 1in (2.5cm) in the middle. Turn the mouse the right way out so that the knit sides (right sides) are on the outside. Fill with stuffing and sew up the 1in (2.5cm) gap. Sew on the ears and the tail.

FEATURES

Wrap a different coloured yarn several times around the nose of the mouse until it is completely covered. Knot a small piece of yarn above the nose and unravel to create whiskers. Embroider small stitches for the eyes.



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