

# Venture Sooty the Cat Hand Puppet

We've used our plush, Venture acrylic yarn to make Sooty extra soft, incredibly huggable and easy for little hands to grab. Sooty will fit adult's and children's hands alike and is great for pretend play. Worked in the round with minimal shaping, this project comes together in a day. For additional safety, please check toys regularly for signs of damage during use.

### **MEASUREMENTS**

Width (approx)	cm	13
Length (approx)	cm	23
Yarn Required: Makr Venture	100g balls	1

Please use only the yarn specified. Another yarn is likely to yield different results. Quantities are approximate as knitting styles may vary between knitters. Check the ball bands to ensure all yarn is from the same dye lot.

## ITEM A: Back of hand puppet



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## **NEEDLES AND EQUIPMENT:**

A 4.00mm circular knitting needle, 80cm. A set of 4.00mm double pointed needles.

Pink yarn for embroidering paws. Black yarn for embroidering face.

Stitch Holder.

Wool needle for sewing in ends. **OPTIONAL:** Grey felt for stripes

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#### **TENSION:**

21 sts and 28 rows to 10cm over stocking st, using 4.00mm needles.

## **KNITTING ABBREVIATIONS:**

**K:** Knit

K2tog: Knit 2 Together

**Kfb:** K1 into the fr of the next stitch on the needle but do not slide

the stitch off, K1 into the bk of the same stitch on the needle

and slide the stitch off the needle

**Sl1:** Slip One Stitch purlwise

SSK: Slip, Slip Knit (Left Slanting Decrease)

# **HAND PUPPET**

## **Cuff and Hand:**

Using 4.00mm circular needles and M (main colour), cast on 48 sts and join to begin working in the row. Take care not to twist as you join, place a marker at the beg of the round.

Row 1: \*P2, K2, repeat from \* to end.

Repeat round 1, slipping the marker as you come to it until piece measures 5cm from the beginning.

Next Row: Knit all stitches

Repeat the above row until piece measures 12cm from the beginning.

# **Dividing for Arms:**

Round 1: Kfb, K23, Kfb, K23 ... 50 sts

Round 2: SI Marker 1, K1, place Marker 2, K24, Place Marker 3, K1, Place

Marker, K24 ... 50 sts

**Round 3:** (Kfb, 24) twice ... 52 sts

Round 4 & 5: Knit all sts.

**Round 6:** (Kfb, Kfb, K24) twice ... 56 sts

Round 7 & 8: Knit all

Round 9: (SI Marker, Kfb, knit to 1 st before next marker, Kfb, SI Marker,

K24) twice ... 60 sts **Round 10-11:** Knit all

Repeat Rounds 9-11 twice more ... 68 sts

Round 18: Repeat Round 9 once more ... 72 sts

Round 19: Knit all

**Round 20:** (SI Marker, put next 10 sts on a stitch holder for arm. Using cable cast on 4 sts onto working needle, SI Marker, K24) twice ... 60 sts

Round 21: (SI Marker, K4, SI Marker, SSK, K20, K2tog) twice ... 56 sts

Round 22: (Sl Marker, SSK, K2tog, Sl Marker, SSK, K18, K2tog) twice ... 48

Round 23: (Remove Marker, K2tog, Remove Marker K20) twice ... 46 sts

### Head:

Work even without further shaping until piece measures 4cm from the cast

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off edge for the arms.

Next Round: Place marker, K23, Place Marker, K23

**Next Round:** (SI Marker, SSK, work to 2 sts before next marker, K2tog)

twice

Repeat this round until there are 12 sts left

Reposition the stitches so that all the sts between the two markers are on two separate dpns, 6 sts each side.

Use a Kitchener stitch to bind off remaining 12 sts.

#### Arms

With RS and 3.75mm dpns, join yarn to work at the beginning of the stitch holder and K10 from holder, pick up 1 at the intersection between the cast on edge and live sts, pick up 4 along the cast on edge and 1 more at the other instersection ... 16 sts.

Join to begin working in the round, taking care not to twist. Work until piece measures 3cm from cast on edge. **Next Row:** K3, SSK, K2tog, K2, SSK, K2tog, K3 ... 12 sts

Work 3 rounds without shaping. **Next Row:** K2tog, 6 times ... 6 sts

Cut yarn leaving  $\bar{a}$  long tail, pull through the remaining sts and pull tightly, fasten off.

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### Ears:

Using 3.75mm dpns, pick up 8 sts along the diagonal slant of the front top edge, pick up another 8 along the same slant of the back edge ... 16 sts

Join to begin working in the row.

Next Row: Place a marker, K8, place a marker, K8.

Work two rows normal.

**Next Row:** SI Marker, SSK, K4, K2tog, SI Marker, SSK, K4, K2tog ... 12 sts Work two rows normal

**Next Row:** SI Marker, SSK, K2, K2tog, SI Marker, SSK, K2, K2tog ... 8 sts Work one row normal

**Next Row:** SI Marker, SSK, K2tog, SI Marker, SSK, K2tog ... 4 sts Next Row: Remove Marker, SSK, K2tog, Remove Marker, SSK, K2tog ... 2 sts

Knit last two sts together and fasten off.

## Tail:

Using 3.75mm dpn, cast on 10 sts.

Work in the round until piece measures 13cm from the beginning.

Next Row: SI Marker, K2, K2tog, K2, K2tog, K2 ... 8 sts

Work 2 rows normal.

Next Row: K2tog, K1, K2tog, K1, K2tog ... 5 sts

Knit one round as normal, cut yarn leaving a long tail and pull through the remaining sts tightly and fasten off.

# FINISHING

Weave in ends and embroider on paws and face. If creating for an older child where there is no choking risk, tabby stripes can be cut from felt and glued to the back.

ITEM B: Flat lay of front of hand puppet

