



## Little Lion Sock Critter

### Supplies

- Yellow Yarn
- Orange Yarn
- Double-Pointed Needles - Size 5
- Stitch Markers
- Large-Eye Blunt Needles
- Small amount of contrast yarn
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Small piece of black or brown felt
- Sewing needle and thread

### Leg (Make 2)

With A, leaving a long tail, cast on 8 sts. Divide sts evenly onto 4 double pointed needles. Join, being careful not to twist sts. Place marker for beg of rnd.

**Rnd 1:** Kfb in each st around - 16 sts at the end of this rnd. Work in St st worked in the rnd (k every rnd) until piece measures about 3 in. (7.5 cm). Cut yarn. Thread contrast yarn through Leg sts and set Leg aside. Make a second Leg in same way, but keep sts on needle and do not cut yarn.

**Both Legs:** Thread beg tail(at cast on) into blunt needle and weave through cast-on rnd. Pull tog tightly and fasten off. Stuff legs lightly.

### Body

#### Notes:

1. First rnd of body is knit by working over sts of legs and casting on sts between the legs
2. On rnd 1, remove contrast yarn from Leg sts as you knit them

Beg with working yarn attached to second leg

**Body Rnd 1:** Beg by working over sts of second leg, k6, k2tog, (rem sts of second leg will be worked later in this rnd), cast on 3 sts; working over sts of first leg, k2tog, k12, k2tog, cast on 3 sts, working over rem sts of second leg, k2tog, k6; working over

beg sts again, k8, place marker for beg of rnd (center back) - 34 sts at the end of this rnd.

**Rnds 2-22:** Knit

**Rnd 23:** K2tog, (p1, k1) to last 2 sts, ssp - 32 sts at the end of this rnd. Arrange sts on 3 needles as follows: 8sts on needle #1, 16 sts on needle #2 and 8 sts on needle #3.

**Rnds 24-30:** \*K1, p1; rep from \* around

### Shape Head

**Note:** Back and top of head are worked in rows across sts on needles #1 and #3 only (as when working a sock heel). The sts on needle #2 will be worked later, when shaping face. Before beginning head, check to be sure that sts on needles are correctly positioned in relation to legs.

#### Back of Head

**Row 1:** K8 from needles #1, turn.

**Row 2:** P8 from needle #1, then p8 from needles #3, turn.

**Row 3-12:** Work in St st (k on RS, p on WS) over these 16 sts.

#### Shape Top of Head

**Note:** Beg short row shaping for top of head as follows:

**Row 1:** SL 1, k8, k2tog, k1, turn

**Row 2:** SL 1, p3, p2tog, p1, turn

**Row 3:** SL 1, k4, k2tog, k1, turn

**Row 4:** SL 1, p5, p2tog, p1, turn

**Row 5:** SL 1, k6, k2tog, k1, turn

**Row 6:** SL 1, p7, p2tog, p1, turn - 10 head sts rem

### Shape Face

**Note:** Work now proceeds in the rnd. Sts are worked all the way around the edges of the top and back of head. and over the held sts on needle #2 to complete the first rnd

**Set-Up Rnd:** On needles #1, k across 10 sts, pick up and knit 10 sts along side of back of head; on needle #2, k6, ssk, k2tog, k6, on needle #3 pick up and knit 10 sts along other side of back of head; k5 from needle #1 - 44 sts at the end of this rnd. Place marker for beg of rnd

**Rnd 1:** On needle #1 k3, ssk, k to last 2 sts, k2tog; on needle #2, k5, ssk, k2tog, k4; on needle #3 ssk, k to last 5 sts, k2tog, k3 - 38 sts at the end of this rnd

**Rnd 2:** Knit

**Rnd 3:** On needle #1, ks, ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog; on needle #2, knit across; on needle #3, ssk, knit to last 5 sts, k2tog, k3 - 34 sts at the end of this rnd

**Rnds 4-9:** Rep last 2 rnds 3 more times - 22 sts when all decs complete

**Rnds 10-12:** Knit

**Rnd 13:** K2, k2tog, k5, ssk, k2tog, k5, ssk, k2 - 18 sts at the end of this rnd

**Rnd 14:** Knit

**Rnd 15:** K1, k2tog, k4, ssk, k2tog, k4, ssk, k1 -14 sts at the end of this rnd

**Rnd 16:** K2tog, k3, ssk, K2tog, K3, ssk - 10 sts at the end of this rnd

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail into blunt needle and weave through rem sts. Finishing stuffing head, then pull sts tog tightly and fasten off.

### Arm (make 2)

With A, leaving a long tail, cast on 8 sts. Divide sts evenly onto 4 double pointed needles, Join, being careful not to twist sts. Place marker for beg of rnd.

**Rnd 1:** Kfb in each st around - 16 sts at the end of this rnd. Work in St st in the rnd until piece measures about 3 in. (7.5 cm). Bind off. Cut yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing. Thread beg tail (at cast on) into blunt needle and weave through sts of cast-on rnd. Pull tog tightly

and fasten off. Stuff Arms lightly.

### Ear (make 2)

Make ear same as for Arm until Ear measures 1 ¼ in. (3 cm). Bind off. Cut yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing. Do not stuff Ear.

### Mane

#### Notes:

1. Mane is worked back and forth in rows on 2 double pointed needles
2. When working in rows on 2 double pointed needles, take care that sts do not drop off the ends of the needles by wrapping one end of each double pointed needle with an elastic band

With B, cast on 4 sts.

**Row 1 and 2:** Sl 1, k across

**Row 3:** Sl 1, M1, k1, turn

**Row 4:** Knit

**Row 5:** Sl 1, M1, k4, turn

**Row 6:** Sl 1, k across

**Row 7:** Sl 1, M1, k2, turn

**Row 8:** Knit

**Row 9:** Sl 1, ssk, k across

**Row 10:** Sl 1, k across

**Row 11:** Sl 1, ssk, k across

**Row 12:** Knit

**Row 13:** Sl 1, ssk, k across

**Row 14:** Sl 1, k across - 4 sts at the end of this row  
Rep Rows 1- 14 nine times OR until Mane fits around Head. Bind off, leaving a long tail

### Finishing

Stuff Body through opening between legs, then sew opening closed. Sew top of Arms closed, the sew Arms to Body. Flatten Ears and sew across open end. Turn side edges to center, forming a slight pleat. Sew Ears to sides of Head. Using yarn tail at bound of end, sew cast on and bound off ends of Mane together, then sew Mane around Head. Using yarn tail at bound off end, sew cast on and bound off ends of Mane together, then sew felt circles to face. To allow Critter to sit: With vmatching yarn, sew a straight line across lower edge of body just above top of Legs, sewing through all layers and pushing stuffing slightly to either side of stitching. Weave in ends.