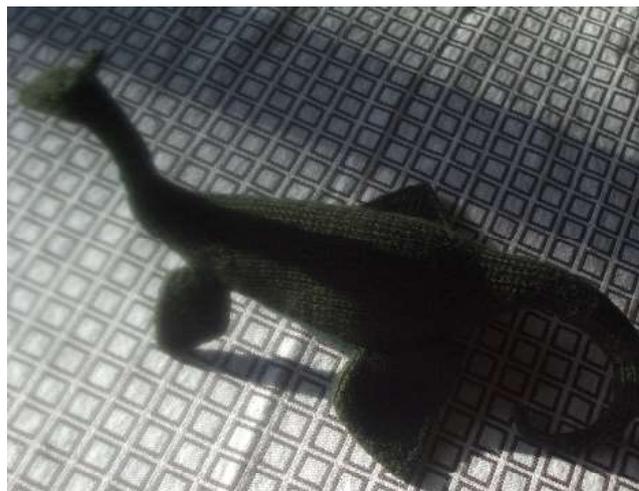




PATTERN: LOCH NESS MONSTER

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Materials

- ☞ Worsted weight yarn in a Main Color (MC) and a Contrasting Color (CC)

Model was worked in Cascade 220 in the following quantities and colors: 75 yards of MC (Olive Green) and 50 yards of CC (Lime Grey).

- ☞ 3 16" or 24" circular needles, in appropriate size to achieve gauge, and/or 5 double-pointed needles, in appropriate size to achieve gauge
- ☞ Tapestry needle
- ☞ Fiberfill stuffing
- ☞ <5 yards of worsted weight yarn in deep brown (for embroidering eyes)
- ☞ Row Counter (optional)

Gauge

6 stitches/inch in stockinette stitch.

While a precise gauge is not crucial for this project, it is important to achieve a gauge that is significantly tighter than that normally recommended for the yarn you are using. Knitting any looser will result in unsightly protrusions of polyfill stuffing in your finished creature.

Technical Notes

Small Diameter Circular Knitting

Though normally performed with sets of 4 or 5 double-pointed needles, it is also possible to do this with two circular needles (or even one long circular needle). Use the method that is most convenient for you and that you are most familiar with.

Increases & Decreases

In this pattern, I use several different increases and decreases. If you are unfamiliar with any of the them, the following website has outstanding video tutorials of all techniques: www.knittinghelp.com.

Short rows

When knitting short rows, wrap and turn as follows. On the knit side of the fabric, knit the required number of stitches. Before turning the work, bring yarn to the front, slip the next stitch to the right-hand needle, bring yarn to the back, and slip stitch back to the left-hand needle. Turn and continue. On the purl side of the fabric, purl the required number of stitches, bring yarn to the back, slip the next stitch to the right-hand needle, bring yarn to the front, and slip stitch back to the left hand needle. Turn and continue.

When passing these wrapped stitches in subsequent rows, you should pick up these wraps and knit (or purl) them with their corresponding stitches. To pick up a wrap on a knit stitch, insert the right needle under the wrap, lifting it up and over its corresponding stitch on the left needle. Now, knit the stitch and the wrap together through their back loops. To pick up a wrap on a purl stitch, turn the fabric slightly and insert your right needle through the back side of the wrap. Place the wrap on the left needle and purl it together with its corresponding stitch.

Abbreviations

K	Knit
P	Purl
CO	Cast on (long-tail, unless otherwise noted)
Sl1	Slip one stitch <i>knitwise</i>
M1R	Make one increase, right slanting
M1L	Make one increase, left slanting
KLR	Lifted increase, right slanting
KLL	Lifted increase, left slanting
K2tog	Right slanting decrease
SSK	Left slanting decrease

Pattern

Body

In MC, CO 4 stitches. Continue, working in rows, as follows:

Rows 1, 3, 5, 7, 9: Sl1 knitwise, P2, K1.

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8: Sl1 knitwise, K3.

Row 10: Sl1 knitwise, K1, KLL, KLR, K2. (6 stitches)

Rows 11, 13, 15, 17: Sl1 knitwise, P4, K1.
 Rows 12, 14, 16: Sl1 knitwise, K5.
 Row 18: Sl1 knitwise, K1, M1L, K2, M1R, K2. (8 stitches)
 Rows 19, 21, 23, 25: Sl1 knitwise, P6, K1.
 Rows 20, 22, 24: Sl1 knitwise, K7.
 Row 26: Sl1 knitwise, K1, M1L, K4, M1R, K2. (10 stitches)
 Rows 27, 29, 31, 33: Sl1 knitwise, P8, K1.
 Rows 28, 30, 32: Sl1 knitwise, 9.
 Row 34: Sl1 knitwise, K1, M1L, K6, M1R, K2. (12 stitches)
 Rows 35, 37, 39, 41: Sl1 knitwise, P10, K1.
 Rows 36, 38, 40: Sl1 knitwise, K11.
 Row 42: Sl1 knitwise, K1, M1L, K8, M1R, K2. (14 stitches)
 Rows 43, 45, 47, 49: Sl1 knitwise, P12, K1.
 Rows 44, 46, 48: Sl1 knitwise, K13.
 Row 50: Sl1 knitwise, K1, M1L, K10, M1R, K2. (16 stitches)
 Rows 51, 53, 55, 57: Sl1 knitwise, P14, K1.
 Rows 52, 54, 56: Sl1 knitwise, K15.
 Rows 58: Sl1 knitwise, K1, M1L, K12, M1R, K2. (18 stitches)
 Row 59: Sl1 knitwise, P16, K1.
 Row 60: Sl1 knitwise, K17.
 Row 61: Sl1 knitwise, P4, w&t.
 Row 62: K5.
 Row 63: Sl1 knitwise, P6, w&t.
 Row 64: K7.
 Row 65: Sl1 knitwise, P5, w&t.
 Row 66: K6.
 Row 67: Sl1 knitwise, P16, K1.
 Row 68: Sl1 knitwise, K4, w&t.
 Row 69: P4, K1.
 Row 70: Sl1 knitwise, K6, w&t.
 Row 71: P6, K1.
 Row 72: Sl1 knitwise, K5, w&t.
 Row 73: P5, K1.
 Row 74: Sl1, K1, M1L, K14, M1R, K2. (20 stitches)
 Row 75: Sl1, P18, K1.
 Row 76: Sl1, K1, M1L, K7, M1R, K2, M1L, K7, M1R, K2. (24 stitches)
 Row 77: Sl1, P22, K1.
 Row 78: Sl1, K1, M1L, K9, M1R, K2, M1L, K9, M1R, K2. (28 stitches)
 Row 79: Sl1, P26, K1.
 Row 80: Sl1, K12, M1R, K2, M1L, K13. (30 stitches)
 Row 81: Sl1, P28, K1.
 Row 82: Sl1, K20, w&t.
 Row 83: P12, w&t.
 Row 84: K17, w&t.
 Row 85: P22, w&t.

Row 86: K26.
Rows 87, 89, & 91: Sl1, P28, K1.
Rows 88 & 90: Sl1, K29.
Row 92: Sl1, SSK, K24, K2tog, K1. (28 stitches)
Rows 93 & 95: Sl1, P26, K1.
Row 94: Sl1, K27.
Row 96: Sl1, SSK, K22, K2tog, K1. (26 stitches)
Rows 97 & 99: Sl1, P24, K1.
Row 98: Sl1, K25.
Row 100: Sl1, SSK, K20, K2tog, K1. (24 stitches)
Rows 101 & 103: Sl1, P22, K1.
Row 102: Sl1, K23.
Row 104: Sl1, SSK, K18, K2tog, K1. (22 stitches)
Rows 105 & 107: Sl1, P20, K1.
Row 106: Sl1, K21.
Row 108: Sl1, SSK, K16, K2tog, K1. (20 stitches)
Row 109: Sl1, P5, w&t.
Row 110: K6.
Row 111: Sl1, P18, K1.
Row 112: Sl1, K5, w&t.
Row 113: P5, K1.
Row 114: Sl1, SSK, K14, K2tog, K1. (18 stitches)
Row 115: Sl1, P5, w&t.
Row 116: K6.
Row 117: Sl1, P16, K1.
Row 118: Sl1, K5, w&t.
Row 119: P5, K1.
Row 120: Sl1, SSK, K12, K2tog, K1. (16 stitches)
Row 121: Sl1, P5, w&t.
Row 122: K6.
Row 123: Sl1, P14, K1.
Row 124: Sl1, K5, w&t.
Row 125: P5, K1.
Row 126: Sl1, SSK, K10, K2tog, K1. (14 stitches)
Row 127: Sl1, P4, w&t.
Row 128: K5.
Row 129: Sl1, P12, K1.
Row 130: Sl1, K4, w&t.
Row 131: P4, K1.
Row 132: Sl1, SSK, K8, K2tog, K1. (12 stitches)
Row 133: Sl1, P3, w&t.
Row 134: K4.
Row 135: Sl1, P10, K1.
Row 136: Sl1, K3, w&t.
Row 137: P3, K1.

Row 138: Sl1, SSK, K6, K2tog, K1. (10 stitches)
 Row 139: Sl1, P2, w&t.
 Row 140: K3.
 Row 141: Sl1, P8, K1.
 Row 142: Sl1, K2, w&t.
 Row 143: P2, K1.
 Row 144: Sl1, SSK, K4, K2tog, K1. (8 stitches)
 Rows 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, & 161: Sl1, P6, K1.
 Rows 145, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, & 160: Sl1, K7.
 Row 162: Sl1, K1, M1L, K4, M1R, K2. (10 stitches)
 Row 163: Sl1, P6, w&t.
 Row 164: K1, M1R, K2, M1L, K1, w&t. (12 stitches)
 Row 165: P9, K1.
 Row 166: Sl1, K11.
 Row 167: Sl1, P8, w&t.
 Row 168: K2, M1R, K2, M1L, K2, w&t. (14 stitches)
 Row 169: P11, K1.
 Row 170: Sl1, K13.

Join these 14 stitches into a round, and continue with MC yarn:

Round 171: K5, K2tog, SSK, K5. (12 stitches)
 Round 172: K12.
 Round 173: K4, K2tog, SSK, K4. (10 stitches)
 Round 174: K10.
 Round 175: SSK, K1, K2tog, SSK, K1, K2tog. (6 stitches)

Cut yarn, thread through remaining 6 stitches, and pull tight.

Belly

Beginning at the selvedge under the chin, pick up a total of 66 stitches in CC. Pick up these stitches at a rate of 3 stitches per 4 rows. Note that you will not be picking up stitches at the selvedge at the tail region, but will be stopping around the region of the pelvis. Continue working as follows:

Row 1: P21, w&t.
 Row 2: K9, w&t.
 Row 3: P15, w&t.
 Row 4: K18, w&t.
 Row 5: P24, w&t.
 Row 6: K27, w&t.
 Row 7: P33, w&t.
 Row 8: K36, w&t.
 Row 9: P19, w&t.
 Row 10: K10, w&t.
 Row 11: P17, w&t.
 Row 12: K19, w&t.
 Row 13: P26, w&t.
 Row 14: K28, w&t.
 Row 15: P35, w&t.

Row 16: K37, w&t.

Row 17: P19, w&t.

Rows 18 - 24: Repeat rows 2-8.

Row 25: P45, w&t.

Row 26: K48.

Continuing with CC yarn, use a new needle to pick up a total of 66 stitches along the second selvedge of the work. Here, you will be beginning at the pelvic region, directly opposite the final picked up stitch on the first selvedge, and moving to the region under the chin. Once again, you will be picking up these stitches at a rate of 3 stitches per 4 rows.

You should now have a total of 132 stitches on two needles. Cut yarn, leaving a lengthy tail. Using tapestry needle and this long tail, graft (Kitchener stitch) the stitches on the first needle to the stitches on the second needle. While you are doing this, stuff the body of your monster with fiberfill. Do not overstuff.

Front Flippers

Using Figure 1 (see page 7) as a guide, pick up 6 stitches in MC along the intersection between the body and belly at the shoulder region of your creature. Turn the work, and pick up another 6 stitches directly under the first 6 stitches, for a total of 12 stitches. Note that in order to have the flipper oriented properly, you must pick up your first 6 stitches by beginning at the front (head side) of the work and moving towards the back (tail side).

Join these stitches in a round, and continue:

Round 1: Knit.

Round 2: *K1, M1L, K4, M1R, K1, repeat from * to end of round. (16 stitches)

Round 3: Knit.

Round 4: *K1, M1L, K6, M1R, K1, repeat from * to end of round. (20 stitches)

Round 5: Knit.

Rounds 6 & 8: SSK, K7, M1R, K2, M1L, K7, K2tog.

Rounds 7 & 9: Knit.

Round 10: *SSK, K6, K2tog, repeat from * to end of round. (16 stitches)

Round 11: Knit.

Round 12: *SSK, K4, K2tog, repeat from * to end of round. (12 stitches)

Round 13: Knit.

Round 14: *SSK, K2, K2tog, repeat from * to end of round. (8 stitches)

Round 15: Knit.

Round 16: *SSK, K2tog, repeat from * to end of round. (4 stitches)

Cut yarn, thread through remaining 4 stitches, and pull tight.

Work opposite front flipper analogously by picking up 12 stitches on the opposite side of the body and working rounds as above. Note that once again, in order to create a flipper that's oriented properly, you must pick up your first 6 stitches by starting at the front of the work (head side) and moving towards the back (tail side).

Back Flippers

Using Figure 2 (see page 7) as a guide, pick up 12 stitches in MC along the intersection between the body and belly at the pelvic region. Turn the work, and pick up another 12 stitches directly under the first 12 stitches, for a total of 24 stitches. Note that as for the front flippers, you must pick up your first 12 stitches by starting near the front (head side) of the work and moving towards the back (tail side). This will ensure that the back flippers are oriented properly.

Join these stitches into a round, and proceed:

Round 1: Knit.

Round 2: *K1, M1L, K10, M1R, K1, repeat from * to end of round. (28 stitches)

Round 3: Knit.

Round 4: *K1, M1L, K12, M1R, K1, repeat from * to end of round. (32 stitches)

Round 5: Knit.

Rounds 6, 8, & 10: K1, M1L, K14, K2tog, SSK, K14, M1R, K1.

Rounds 7, 9, & 11: Knit.

Round 12: *SSK, K12, K2tog, repeat from * to end of round. (28 stitches)

Round 13: Knit.

Round 14: *SSK, K10, K2tog, repeat from * to end of round. (24 stitches)

Round 15: Knit.

Round 16: *SSK, K8, K2tog, repeat from * to end of round. (20 stitches)

Round 17: Knit.

Round 18: *SSK, K6, K2tog, repeat from * to end of round. (16 stitches)

Round 19: Knit.

Round 20: *SSK, K4, K2tog, repeat from * to end of round. (12 stitches)

Round 21: Knit.

Round 22: *SSK, K2, K2tog, repeat from * to end of round. (8 stitches)

Round 23: Knit.

Round 24: *SSK, K2tog, repeat from * to end of round. (4 stitches)

Cut yarn, thread through remaining 4 stitches, and pull tight.

Work opposite back flipper analogously by picking up 24 stitches on the opposite side of the body and working rounds as above.



Figure 1: Stitches picked up for working the front flipper.



Figure 2: Stitches picked up for working the rear flipper.

Horns

Using MC yarn, pick up 3 stitches on the side of the head. See Figure 3 for guidance on where to pick up these stitches. Join these stitches into a round, and work 4 rows. Cut yarn, thread through the 3 stitches, and pull. Using a tapestry needle, thread this yarn end through the tip of the horn, to create a blunt end.

Work the opposite horn similarly, by picking up another 3 stitches on the opposite side of the head.



Figure 3: Stitches picked up for working the horn.



Figure 4: Detail of embroidered eye.

Finishing

Using dark brown yarn, embroider eyes. Using a length of yarn in MC, sew (mattress stitch) the two opposite selvages of the tail region together. While doing this, stuff the remaining length of the tail with fiberfill, as necessary. Take care of any loose yarn ends.

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