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KNITTED MOOMINTROLL SOFTIE

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SIZE one size
DIMENSIONS WHEN COMPLETED Height from the feet to top of the head: 28 cm
DEMAND Novita Moominhouse
(007) Moomintroll 100g
OTHER SUPPLIES Needles:
3 mm or the size needed to obtain the correct gauge
DENSITY Stitch patterns:
-Stockinette stitch in the round: Knit all rounds.
-Stockinette stitch flat, back and forth: On RS rows: k all sts; on WS rows: purl all sts.
Gauge: 23 sts and 32 rows in stockinette stitch = 10 cm
Note:
The Moomintroll is started at the top of the head and knitted seamlessly in the round first towards the snout and then down towards the feet. The hands, tail and ears are knitted separately. The eyes and fingers are embroidered on the finished object.

Head
CO 28 sts (14 sts per needle) with Judy's Magic Cast On method. Divide sts onto four needles. Pm for BOR and join the work in the round.
Round 1: K14, pm for side, k until end.
Round 2: (Kfb, k until 2 sts remain before next m, kfb, k1, sm) x 2. (4 sts inc'd, 32 sts)
Round 3: K all.
Repeat rounds 2–3 nine more times and then round 2 one more time. (40 sts inc'd, 72 sts)
Shape the snout with short rows. The next section will be worked flat, back and forth on the needles.
Short row 1 (RS): K9, w&t.
Short row 2 (WS): (P to next m, sm) x 2, p9, w&t.
Short row 3 (RS): K to next m, sm, kfb, k until 2 sts remain before next m, kfb, k1, sm, k until 2 sts remain before the next wrapped st, w&t. (2 sts inc'd, 74 sts)
Short row 4 (WS): (P to next m, sm) x 2, p until 2 sts remain before next wrapped st, w&t.
Repeat rows 3–4 one more time. (76 sts)
Next row: K to next m, sm, kfb, k until 2 sts remain before next m, kfb, k1, sm. (2 sts inc'd, 78 sts)
Continue working in the round.

Next round: K to next m working the wraps together with their corresponding sts (k2tog when the wrap is after the st and ssk when the wrap is before the st), sm, k to end.

Separating the snout and the body
Next round: K until next m, rm, put the next 42 sts (remaining sts) on hold for the back and CO 10 sts with the Backwards Loop Cast On method for neck. Remove the BOR m, you will replace it on the following round. Join in the round. Divide sts evenly onto the needles. (46 sts)

Place a removable marker at the middle of the neck CO edge. All measurements will be taken from this point from now on.

Snout
Round 1: K41, pm for BOR.

Shape the snout with short rows. The next section will be worked flat, back and forth on the needles.
Short row 1 (RS): K14, w&t.
Short row 2 (WS): P until next m, sm, p14, w&t.
Short row 3 (RS): K until next m, sm, k until 2 sts remain before next wrapped st, w&t.
Short row 4 (WS): P until m, sm, p until 2 sts remain before next wrapped st, w&t.
Repeat rows 3-4 two more times.
Next row: K to m, sm.
Continue working in the round.

Next round: K to end working the wraps together with their corresponding sts (k2tog when the wrap is after the st and ssk when the wrap is before the st), sm.

Continue in stockinette st in the round until the snout measures 3.5 cm from the removable marker at the neck.

Round 1 (decrease): K1, *K9, k2tog; repeat from * until 1 st remains, k1. (4 sts dec'd, 42 sts)
Rounds 2–3: K all.
Round 4 (decrease): K1, *k2tog, k2; repeat from * until 1 st remains, k1. (10 sts dec'd, 32 sts)
Rounds 5–6: K all.
Round 7 (decrease): *K1, k2tog, k1; repeat from * until end. (8 sts dec'd, 24 sts)
Rounds 8–9: K all.
Round 10 (decrease): *K1, k2tog, k1; repeat from * until end. (6 sts dec'd, 18 sts)
Round 11: K all.
Round 12 (decrease): (K1, ssk, k3, k2tog, k1) x 2. (4 sts dec'd, 14 sts)
Round 13 (decrease): (K1, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1) x 2. (4 sts dec'd, 10 sts)
Round 14: Remove BOR m, k2. Cut the yarn leaving an end of at least 20 cm of length. Divide sts evenly onto 2 needles (5 sts per needle) and graft the end of the snout together with Kitchener stitch.

Body
Take the 42 sts held for the body back onto the needles, k21, pm for BOR, k21. Pick up and knit 2 sts from the gap between the sts and the CO edge for the neck. Pick up and knit 10 sts along the CO edge (1 st per each st) and 2 sts from the gap between the CO edge and the sts for the back. K until the BOR m. Divide sts evenly onto the needles. (56 sts)

Round 1: K22, kfb, (k3, kfb) x 3, k to end. (4 sts inc'd, 60 sts)
Rounds 2–5: K all.
Round 6 (increase): *K10, m1R; repeat from * until end. (6 sts inc'd, 66 sts)
Rounds 7–11: K all.
Round 12 (increase): *K11, m1R; repeat from * until end. (6 sts inc'd, 72 sts)
Rounds 13–17: K all.
Round 18 (increase): *K9, m1R; repeat from * until end. (8 sts inc'd, 80 sts)
Continue in stockinette st until the body measures 10 cm from the removable marker at the neck.
Round 1 (decrease): *K8, k2tog; repeat from * until end. (8 sts dec'd, 72 sts)
Round 2–3: K all.
Round 4 (decrease): *K7, k2tog; repeat from * until end. (8 sts dec'd, 64 sts)
Round 5–6: K all.
Round 7 (decrease): *K6, k2tog; repeat from * until end. (8 sts dec'd, 56 sts)
Round 8–9: K all.

Separating the feet
Next round: K3, put the previous 6 sts on hold on a piece of waste yarn removing the BOR m. K22 and put them on hold on a second piece of waste yarn. K6 and put them on hold on a third piece of waste yarn. K until end. CO 2 sts with the Backwards Loop Cast On method placing the BOR m between these two sts. Divide sts evenly onto 3 needles. (24 sts)

Left foot
Rounds 1–3: K all.
Round 4 (increase) K5, m1R, k1, pm, k1, m1L, k until end. (2 sts inc'd, 26 sts)
Round 5: K all.
Round 6 (increase): K until 1 st remains before the next m, m1R, k1, sm, k1, m1L, k until end. (2 sts inc'd, 28 sts)
Repeat rounds 5–6 two more times and then round 5 one more time. (34 sts)

Sole
The sole is shaped with short rows by working flat, back and forth on the needles. The stitch count decreases by 1 st on each row.

Row 1 (RS): K until next m, rm, k3, ssk, turn. (33 sts)
Row 2 (WS): Sl1 wyif, p6, p2tog, turn. (32 sts)
Row 3 (RS): Sl1 wyib, k7, ssk, turn. (31 sts)
Row 4 (WS): Sl1 wyif, p8, p2tog, turn. (30 sts)
Row 5 (RS): Sl1 wyib, k9, ssk, turn. (29 sts)
Row 6 (WS): Sl1 wyif, p10, p2tog, turn. (28 sts)
Row 7 (RS): Sl1 wyib, k10, ssk, turn. (27 sts)
Row 8 (WS): As row 6. (26 sts)
Repeat rows 7–8 2 more times removing the BOR m as you encounter it. (22 sts)
Row 9 (RS): Sl1 wyib, ssk, k6, k2tog, ssk, turn. (3 sts dec'd, 19 sts)
Row 10 (WS): Sl1 wyif, p8, p2tog, turn. (18 sts)
Row 11 (RS): Sl1 wyib, ssk, k4, k2tog, ssk, turn. (3 sts dec'd, 15 sts)
Row 12 (WS): Sl1 wyif, p6, p2tog, turn. (14 sts)

Divide the sts evenly onto 2 needles (7 sts per needle) and graft the heel together with Kitchener stitch.

Right foot
Take the 22 sts held for the second foot back onto your needles. K11, pm for BOR, k11, CO 2 sts with the Backward Loop Cast On method. K until BOR m.

Work the right foot as established for the left foot.

Hands (make 2)
CO 18 sts with the Long Tail Cast On method. Divide sts evenly onto 3 needles (6 sts per needle). Pm for BOR and join in the round.

Round 1: K all sts.

Work in stockinette st until the piece measures 5 cm from the CO edge.
Round 2 (separating the thumb): K8, put next 2 sts on hold for the thumb, k until end. (16 sts)
Continue in stockinette st for another two more rounds.
Round 3 (decrease): (K1, k2tog, k2, ssk, k1) x 2. (4 sts dec'd, 12 sts)
Round 4: K all sts.
Round 5 (decrease): (K1, k2tog, ssk, k1) x 2. (4 sts dec'd, 8 sts)
Divide the sts evenly onto 2 needles (4 sts per needle) and graft the fingertips together with Kitchener stitch.

Thumb
Place the 2 sts held for the thumb back on the needles and knit them. Pick up and knit 2 sts from the gap between the thumb and the hand. Do not turn the work. (4 sts)

Work the thumb as an i-cord on two needles. *Slide the sts to the right side of the needle and keep the yarn in back. Without turning the work k all sts again. Repeat from * another two more times.
Cut the yarn and pull it through the live sts. Secure the end tightly.
Work the second hand accordingly.

Ears
CO 18 sts with the Long Tail Cast On method. Divide sts evenly onto 3 needles. Pm for BOR and join in the round.

Rounds 1–6: K all sts.
Round 7 (decrease): K1, k2tog, k until 3 sts remain, ssk, k1. (2 sts dec'd, 16 sts)
Round 8: K all sts.
Repeat rounds 7–8 one more time. (2 sts dec'd, 14 sts)
Round 11 (decrease): (K1, k2tog, k1, ssk, k1) x 2. (4 sts dec'd, 10 sts)
Round 12: K all.
Round 13 (decrease): (K1, sl1, k2tog, psso, k1) x 2. (4 sts dec'd, 6 sts).
Cut the yarn and pull it through the live sts. Secure the end tightly.
Work the second ear accordingly.

Tail
CO 5 sts with the Long Tail Cast On method. Do not turn the work. Work the tail as an i-cord on two needles. *Slide the sts to the right side of the needle and keep the yarn in back. Without turning the work, k all sts again. Repeat from * until the tail measures 10 cm or the desired length.

Cut the yarn and pull it through the live sts. Secure the end tightly.

Cut 4 strands of (about 8 cm each) yarn. Fold the yarns double. Using a crochet hook pull the folded end of the yarn bundle through the tip of the tail forming a loop. Pull the loose ends of the yarns through the loop and pull tight. Cut the yarn ends to desired length.

Assembly

Stuff the Moomin's head, body and feet. Try not to stuff the snout too much to maintain the slight curve obtained by the short-row shaping on top of the snout. Put the remaining 12 sts held on waste yarn at the bottom of the body back onto two needles, (6 sts per needle) and graft them together using Kitchener stitch. Use the yarn ends to sew the gaps on the side of the feet close.

Stuff the hands, and attach them to the sides of the body, thumbs facing upwards. Use a piece of yarn to embroider the fingers.

Attach the ears to the top of the head with the sloped edge facing to the side of the head. Attach the tail.

Using black yarn embroider the eyes.

Weave in all remaining yarn ends.

Abbreviations:

BOR	Beginning of the round
CO	Cast on
dec'd	Decreased
inc'd	Increased
k	Knit
p	Purl
k2tog	Knit 2 sts together
ssk	Slip, slip, knit the 2 slipped sts together
st(s)	Stitch(es)
m	Marker
m1L	Make 1 st by lifting the yarn between the two sts from front to back and knitting it through the back loop (increases 1 st)
m1R	Make 1 st by lifting the yarn between the two sts from back to front and knitting it through the front loop (increases 1 st)
p2tog	Purl 2 sts together (decreases 1 st)
pm	Place a marker
rm	Remove marker
RS	Right side
sl	Slip
sl1, k2tog, psso	Slip 1, knit the next 2 sts together, pass the slipped st over the previous st
sm	Slip marker
kfb	Knit the stitch through the front loop, then though the back loop (increases 1 st)
WS	Wrong side
wyib	With yarn in back
wyif	With yarn in front
w&t	Wrap and turn. (Slip the next st on the right needle as if to purl, bring yarn to front, slip the st back to left needle and bring yarn to back. Turn the work.)
*	Repeat from here

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