

Knitting Pattern

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Skill level: easy



Snake Beauty

About this pattern

This pattern is easy to follow with step-by-step instructions and photos illustrating the process.

Abbreviations

dec = decrease (by working 2 stitches together)
inc = increase (by working into front and back of stitch)
K = knit
pic = picture
st(s) = stitch(es)
st st = stocking stitch which means knit on front side and purl on the back.

Finished size

70-75 cm (29 inches) long
15-17 cm (7 inches) high (see pic)

Hello! My name is Beauty

The upcoming year 2013 is the Chinese Year of the Snake

Would you like to make your friends and relatives happy with an adorable gift for the New Year?

Knit me!

You can use me to decorate dining table, put me on the shelf or put me in a co-worker's drawer for fun. You could even make me for a mum expecting her baby in the Year of the Snake.

I can be a boy! Knit me Christmas hat instead of the girls hat.

I am very kind, positive and inspiring and will be your good luck charm for the whole next year!

You can knit me in any color and I promise I will not take up much of your time or yarn.

Look in your stash of yarn, find something you like and get started!

*Happy
knitting!*

A handmade gift will warm anyone's heart!



Materials and tools

You will need:

- Yarn - Sport / 5 ply (12 wpi), 251 yards (230 meters), 100 grams (3.53 ounces) two colors A (light green in my case) and B (dark green in my case) – 50 yards each,
- Some C (orange) yarn for the hat (slightly thinner than the yarn for the body) and some D (white) yarn for the flower.
- Chenille or any other wire (if you use thicker yarn make sure you use enough wire so that a snake holds its shape).
- Ribbon for the hat
- A pair of 2.5 mm knitting needles
- Stuffing
- 2 beads for eyes
- 1 small golden bead for the flower
- Needle



TIP Yarn!

If you use different yarn, project will be bigger or smaller and you will need more or less yarn than stated in the pattern (i.e. thicker yarn will produce a larger project and you may require more yarn).

Yarn suggestions

No	Yarn weight	Name	Quantity	Color
1	Sport / 5 ply (12 wpi)	Kartopu Flora 251 yards (230 meters) 100 grams (3.52 ounces)	0.2 skeins = 50 yards (45 m)	2 contrasting colors (green, dark green)
2	Fingering / 4 ply (14 wpi)	Nako Baby 393 yards (359 meters) 100 grams (3.53 ounces)	0.1 skeins = 30 yards (25 m)	Any color for a hat. I use orange

Needle conversion chart

mm	US	UK
2.5	1	13

Size of the snake if using different yarn:

DK - 90 cm long before curling up, 19 cm to top of hat when coiled, and about 20 cm wide coiled up.

Skill levels



BEGINNER

Projects for first-time knitters using basic stitches. Minimal shaping.



INTERMEDIATE

Projects using a variety of techniques, color patterns, mid-level shaping and finishing.



EASY

Projects using yarn with basic stitches, repetitive stitch patterns, simple color changes, and simple shaping and finishing.



EXPERIENCED

Projects with intricate stitch patterns, techniques and dimension, such as non-repeating patterns, multi-color techniques, fine threads, small needles, detailed shaping and refined finishing.

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Note! To knit body and top of the hat flat, you need to add 1 stitch to each side for sewing. To knit in the round, there is no need for these extra stitches.

Body (stocking stitch)

Cast on 4 sts with A (light green) yarn.

Row 1: K

Row 2 and all even rows: purl.

Row 3: K2, 1 inc, K2 (5 sts)

Row 5&7: K

Row 9: K2, 1 inc, K3 = 6 sts

Row 11&13: K

Row 15: K3, 1 inc, K3 = 7 sts

Row 17&19: K

Row 21: K3, 1 inc, K4 = 8 sts

Row 23: K

Row 25: K4, 1 inc, K4 = 9 sts

Row 27: K

Row 29: K4, 1 inc, K5 = 10 sts

Row 31: K

Row 33: K5, 1 inc, K5 = 11 sts

Row 35: K

Row 37: K5, 1 inc, K6 = 12 sts

Row 39: K

Row 41: K6, 1 inc, K6 = 13 sts

Row 43: K

Row 45: K6, 1 inc, K7 = 14 sts

Row 47: K

Row 49: K7, 1 inc, K7 = 15 sts

Row 51: K

Row 52: Purl

Change to B (dark green) yarn and knit from 53 through 226 rows in stripes – 4 rows with B (dark green) yarn and 6 rows with A (light green) yarn. Then break B (dark green) yarn and continue using A (light green) yarn.

Row 227: K

Row 229: K6, 1 dec, K7 = 14 sts

Row 231: K

Row 233: K6, 1 dec, K6 = 13 sts

Row 235: K

Row 237: K5, 1 dec, K6 = 12 sts

Row 239: K

Row 241: (1 inc, K1) x 2 times, inc in next 4, (K1, 1 inc) x 2 times = 20 sts

Row 241 2K, 1inc,(1 k,1 inc) 7times, 3 K = 20sts

Row 243-257: stocking stitch

Row 259: K4, (K2tog) x 6 times, K4 = 14 sts

Row 261-267: K

Row 269: 7 dec = 7 sts

Cast off.



Crown of hat

Cast on 24 sts with C (orange) yarn.

Row 1-8: stocking stitch

Row 9: (K1, dec) x 8 = 16 sts

Row 10: purl

Row 11: 8 dec = 8 sts

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off. Sew seam using mattress stitch.



Brim

Brim is made with garter stitch (knit every row).

Cast on 10 sts with C (orange) yarn.

Row 1: K

Row 2: K

Row 3: K9, turn your work

Row 4: slip st, K to the end

Row 5: 8 K, turn your work

Row 6: slip st, K to the end

Row 7: K



Row 8: K

Repeat last 6 rows (3 through 8) 21 times.
Then knit 1 row and cast off. Sew seam and join brim and the crown of the hat.



Assembly and decorating the toy

Join pieces of wire (twist to get harder frame).
Wrap long narrow piece of padding polyester around wire.

TIP

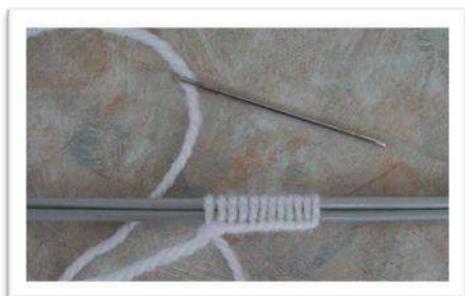
If you use thicker yarn make sure you use enough wire.

Suggestion from a lady who used DK yarn:

For the wire inside (to help it hold its shape), I inserted the wire into some small plastic tubing I had here and used tape to secure the ends of the tube so the wire would not fall out. This would help to keep it child safe.

Flower

Cast on 12 sts, with D (white) break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly. Join beginning and end of the row forming the flower.



Put the stuffing with wire in the body, sew seam using mattress stitch trying to match the stripes.





Shape the body and secure it with firm stitches (see pic).



Sew beads for eyes, make stitches for eyelashes and the mouth.



TIP

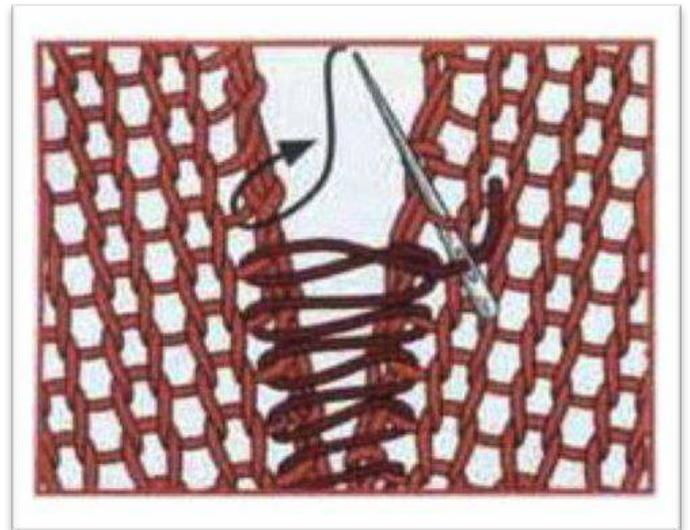
You can use Fake eyelashes. Secure them with super glue on beads.

Secure the hat. Fasten ribbon and decorate our coquette's hat with the flower, fastening it with golden bead.



MATTRESS STITCH

Insert your yarn needle under the horizontal bar running between the edge stitch and its neighbor. Pull the yarn through the bar and then insert the needle under the parallel horizontal bar on the opposite piece. Work back and forth from one piece to the other until you've worked several rows. Pull the yarn in the direction of the seam and edges of the pieces will start to cozy up to one another.



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