



Gnome Nuggets

Knitting Pattern

A Little Bit About Gnome Nuggets

Gnome Nuggets are happy little friends that like to be near plants. They especially love house plants since they are fair weather creatures that are not very happy in heat or cold or rain. Really they like it about 70 degrees with minimal humidity. Even if fussy on their surroundings, Gnome Nuggets bring good luck every where they go.

Materials

Yarn

25-75 yards of yarn for the shirt (A)

15-65 yards of yarn for face and nose (B)

25-75 yards of yarn for hat (C)

15-65 yards of yarn for beard (D)

Needles

40" circular needle (for Magic Loop Method) in a size about 2 sizes smaller than those recommended for your yarn (example: yarn says U.S. size 8, use a size 6, or maybe even 5 instead)

Gauge

One of the greatest things about knitting toys is gauge doesn't matter! For those of you who detest gauging as much as me, this is the perfect project for you. Simply use smaller needles than those recommended for your yarn to create a tighter knit fabric so that the stuffing doesn't show through. My rule of thumb is to go down 2 or 3 needle sizes from the smallest size recommended for your yarn. This also means this pattern can be worked in any size of yarn! Try sock yarn for little nugget gnome, or worsted for a medium gnome great for tucking places in your house, or bulky for a big gnome perfect for hugs.

Notions

Scissors, tapestry needle, safety eyes/buttons/ scrap yarn for eyes, stuffing, 3 removable stitch markers, or 2 removable markers and one not removable (to mark beginning of round), row counter (optional, but very helpful), pins for making up (optional).

Directions

Knit the Body

Using A and Turkish Cast On, CO 52 sts (26 loops). PM to indicate beg of rnd and join to begin knitting the body in the round using Magic Loop Method:

R1: Knit all sts from Turkish cast on.

R2: (KFB, K24, KFB) twice (56 sts)

R3-R24: Knit all sts

R25: Knit all sts in B

R26: (K1, SSK, K22, K2tog, K1) twice (52 sts)

R27-R30: Knit all sts

Stop and place removable stitch markers in st #12 of R30 to mark for nose.

R31: (K1, SSK, K20, K2tog, K1) twice (48 sts)

Stop and place removable stitch markers in st #14 of R31 to mark for nose.

R32-R35: Knit all sts

R36: (K1, SSK, K18, K2tog, K1) twice (44 sts)

R37 & R38: Knit all sts

R39: Knit all sts in C. You will remain in C to the end of the body.

R40: Knit all sts

R41: (K1, SSK, K16, K2tog, K1) twice (40 sts)

R42-R45: Knit all sts

R46: (K1, SSK, K14, K2tog, K1) twice (36 sts)

R47-R50: Knit all sts

R51: (K1, SSK, K12, K2tog, K1) twice (32 sts)

R52-R55: Knit all sts

R56: (K1, SSK, K10, K2tog, K1) twice (28 sts)

R57-R60: Knit all sts

R61: (K1, SSK, K8, K2tog, K1) twice (24 sts)

R62-R65: Knit all sts. Begin stuffing now.

R66: (K1, SSK, K6, K2tog, K1) twice (20 sts)

R67-R70: Knit all sts

R71: (K1, SSK, K4, K2tog, K1) twice (16 sts)

R72-R80: Knit all sts

R81: (K1, SSK, K2, K2tog, K1) twice (12 sts)

R82-R90: Knit all sts

R91: (K1, SSK, K2tog, K1) twice (8 sts)

Finish stuffing and add eyes. Cut your yarn and using a tapestry needle, pull it through the remaining sts to close up the hat.

Knit the Nose

Nose is knit entirely in B.

To Knit Separately, CO 8 sts, then just knit all sts of R1 and work rest of pattern as written and whipstitch to face once finished.

R1: Using B and starting with marked st 12 on R30, PU 4 sts, 1 stitch per stitch across the face. Then, flip to other end of your needle tip, move up 1 round to marked st #14(?) from R31, and PU the same 4 sts 1 round up, toward first st picked up. You will now have 4 sts on your needles. First st picked up is first st of rnd. PM to indicate beg of rnd and beg to work in rnd using Magic Loop Method:

R2: (KFB, K1) around (12 sts)

R3-R5: Knit all sts

R6: K2tog six times around (6 sts)

Lightly stuff the nose. Cut your yarn and using a tapestry needle, pull it through the remaining sts to close up the nose

Knit the Beard

Beard is knit entirely in D.

Using D, CO 3 sts. Do not join.

Row 1: Knit all sts

Row 2: K1, KFB, K1 (4 sts)

Row 3: Knit all sts

Row 4: K1, KFB, KFB, K1 (6 sts)

Row 5: Knit all sts

Row 6: K1, KFB, K2, KFB, K1 (8 sts)

Row 7: Knit all sts

Row 8: K1, KFB, knit to last 2 sts, KFB, K1 (10 sts)

Row 9: Knit all sts

Row 10: K1, KFB, knit to last 2 sts, KFB, K1 (12 sts)

Row 11: Knit all sts

Row 12: K1, KFB, knit to last 2 sts, KFB, K1 (14 sts)

Row 13: Knit all sts

Row 14: K1, KFB, knit to last 2 sts, KFB, K1 (16 sts)

Row 15: Knit all sts

Row 16: K1, KFB, knit to last 2 sts, KFB, K1 (18 sts)

Row 17: Knit all sts

Row 18: K1, KFB, knit to last 2 sts, KFB, K1 (20 sts)

Row 19: Knit all sts

Row 20: K1, KFB, knit to last 2 sts, KFB, K1 (22 sts)
Row 21: Knit all sts
Row 22: K1, KFB, knit to last 2 sts, KFB, K1 (24 sts)
Row 23: Knit all sts
Row 24: K1, KFB, knit to last 2 sts, KFB, K1 (26 sts)
Row 25: Knit all sts
Row 26: K1, KFB, knit to last 2 sts, KFB, K1 (28 sts)
Row 27: Knit all sts
Row 28: K1, KFB, knit to last 2 sts, KFB, K1 (30 sts)
Row 29: Knit all sts
Row 30: K1, KFB, knit to last 2 sts, KFB, K1 (32 sts)
Row 31: Knit all sts
Row 32: K1, KFB, knit to last 2 sts, KFB, K1 (34 sts)
Row 33: Knit all sts
Row 34: K1, KFB, knit to last 2 sts, KFB, K1 (36 sts)
Row 35: Knit all sts
Row 36: K6, BO next 24 sts, K6. You will work only these 6 sts to create the first sideburn.

Sideburn

Row 1: Knit all sts
Row 2: K1, SSK, Knit to end. (5 sts)
Row 3: Knit all sts
Row 4: K1, SSK, Knit to end. (4 sts)
Row 5: Knit all sts
Row 6: K1, SSK, Knit to end. (3 sts)
Row 7: Knit all sts
Row 8: K1, SSK. (2 sts)
Row 9: Knit all sts
Row 10: SSK (1 st)

Cut your yarn and using a tapestry needle, pull it through the remaining st to finish the sideburn. Join the yarn on outside edge of the opposite live sts on the beard and repeat sideburn rows 1-10 above again to finish the other side of the beard. Sew beard to gnome's face using a running stitch.

If you need help with anything in this pattern, check out my *Frequent Questions* page: http://rebeccadanger.typepad.com/rebecca_danger/frequent-questions.html
 If your question is not listed, check in with other knitters in the *Danger Crafts Ravelry.com* group. If you still can't get an answer to your question, you can email me. I get back to questions as soon as I can, but I have 2 small children, one of whom is special needs, and only check email 1-2 times a week: dangercrafts@gmail.com

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Smallest Nugget:

Comfy Fingering from Knit Picks in Black (A), Parchment (B), and White (D)
 Stroll Bright from Knit Picks in Pickle Juice (C)
 9 mm safety eyes
 Us Size 0 Needles
 Approx. 6.5" tall

Medium Nugget:

Mighty Stitch from Knit Picks in Celestial (A), Oyster (B), Serrano (C), and Cream (D)
 12 mm safety eyes
 Us Size 5 Needles
 Approx. 10.5" tall

Large Nugget:

Billow from Knit Picks in Lichen (A), Willow (B), Gosling (C) and Natural (D)
 18 mm safety eyes
 Us Size 8 Needles
 Approx. 15" tall