

# The Knitting Zoo – July: Monkeys & Sharks – Oh my!!

## American Zoo Day – Knit a Monkey!

July 1



### Mikey the Monkey

4.0mm needles (US 8, UK 6)  
50 gms of 8 ply or worsted weight yarn/double knit  
Small amount of contrast colors  
Toy filling/wadding  
1 pipe cleaner for tail  
Black embroidery thread

### Instructions

These dimensions and instructions are for a final 17 INCH monkey.

### Body and Head

Using whichever combinations of colors, or plain color.

Cast on 10 sts

Knit twice into every stitch (20)

Stocking stitch 3 rows

(knit 1, knit twice into next stitch) to the end. (30)

Stocking stitch 3 rows

(knit 2, knit twice into next stitch) to the end. (40)

Stocking stitch 3 rows

(knit 2, knit 2 tog) to the end (30)

Stocking stitch 11 rows

### Shape shoulders

Knit 5 (knit 2 tog) 3 times, knit 8 (knit 2 tog) 3 times, knit 5 (24)

Purl 1 row

(knit 3, knit twice into next st) to the end. (30)

Purl 1 row

(knit 4, knit twice into next st) to the end.

Stocking stitch 17 rows

(knit 4, knit 2 tog) to the end. (30)

Purl 1 row

(knit 3, knit 2 tog) to the end. (24)

Purl 1 row

(knit 2, knit 2 tog) to the end. (18)

Purl 1 row

(knit 1, knit 2 tog) to the end. (12)

(purl 2 tog) to the end. (6)

Thread yarn through stitches and secure tightly

## Legs (Make 2)

Cast on 12 stitches

Stocking stitch 48 rows

Shape feet (change to contrast color)

Knit twice into every stitch (24)

Stocking stitch 5 rows

(knit 2, knit 2 tog) to the end. (18)

Purl 1 row

(knit 1, knit 2 tog) to the end. (12)

Purl 1 row

(knit 2 tog) to the end. (6)

Thread yarn through stitches and secure tightly.

## Arms (make 2)

Cast on 12 stitches

Stocking stitch 38 rows

Shape hands (change to contrast color)

Knit twice into every stitch. (20)

Sticking stitch 3 rows

(knit 2, knit 2 tog) to the end (15)

Purl 1 row

Knit 1 (knit 2 tog) to the end. (7)

Thread yarn through stitches and secure tightly.

## **Ears (Make 2) (use contrast color)**

Cast on 18 stitch

Stocking stitch 6 rows

(knit 2 tog, knit 1) to the end. (12)

Purl 1 row

(knit 2 tog) to the end. (6)

Thread yarn through stitches and secure tightly.

## **Eye patch using contrast color**

Cast on 10 sts

Stocking stitch 4 rows

Knit 5 then turn

Purl 5 then turn

Knit 5 then turn

(purl 2 tog) (purl1) (purl 2 tog)

Knit 3 tog, Fasten off

With knit row facing repeat the second side in same pattern as first.

## **Muzzle**

Cast on 28 stitches

Stocking stitch 4 rows

(Knit 2 tog, k 3) to the last st, then Knit 1 (24)

Stocking stitch 3 rows

(knit 2 tog, k 2) to the end. (18)

Purl 1 row

(knit 2 tog, k 1) to the end . (12)

Thread yarn through stitches and secure tightly.

## **Tail (optional for non-clothed monkey)**

Cast on 6 stitches

Knit 48 rows

When stitching the tail, this is where you use the pipe cleaner. Sew it inside as you sew up the tail. This will enable you to curl the tail when finished.

## **Make up instructions**

### **Body**

Stitch the body together leaving a gap at the back approx 1 ½ inch for the filling/stuffing. Now sew together. Run a thread of yarn around the neck area to emphasize the head shape. Put aside.

### **Legs**

With wrong side facing you, sew up the legs beginning at the feet. Sew to the top of the leg and fasten off. Turn the leg right side out and fill. Push the filling down the leg a little at a time.

### **Arms**

Complete the same method as the legs.

### **Ears**

Join the ends together, thread yarn through the cast on stitches and draw up. Position the ear so the two gathered sections are together then sewed across. Attach to the head approx 1/3 the way down the head.

### **Eye section**

Sew to the center of the face in with the ears. Using black sew on your eyes making sure your secure stitches will be on the face under the muzzle when the face is finished.

### **Muzzle**

Sew the two sides together and gather up the cast on stitches and fill with wadding as you go. Use black to sew the mouth in the center across with a small cross on the top. Sew in to place at the base edge of the eye section covering all the yarn. Now attach the muzzle with matching yarn.

*Attach legs and arms into place.*