

MOCHIMOCHI X PICTOPLASMA

MISSING LINK



These mysterious creatures can be found in the wild in all sizes and textures. They're difficult to capture, but now you can knit one of your own!

You'll need

- A small amount of yarn (less than one skein) in any thickness or material, plus a few meters of a contrasting color for eyes and mouth (Plastic safety eyes are another option for larger toys.)
- A set of four double-pointed needles in a size appropriate for your yarn (I recommend going down one or two sizes than you would normally use, to get a tight gauge.)
- Two spare needles for holding stitches, in the same size or smaller than the size you knit with
- A tapestry needle
- A small amount of stuffing

Abbreviations

k = knit
k2tog = knit 2 stitches together
kfb = knit through the front and then the back of one stitch
yo = yarn over
rnd(s) = round(s)

Body

Legs

Cast on 6 stitches and distribute them onto 3 needles to work in a round.
Knit 3 rounds.

Break the yarn, and place the stitches onto 2 spare needles, with the first 3 stitches on one needle, and the last 3 stitches on another needle.

Make another leg the same way as the first, without breaking the yarn. Place the first 3 stitches onto one needle and the last 3 on another needle.

Place the two legs side by side on their needles, with the working yarn attached to the rightmost stitch on the back needle.



Transfer the stitches from the spare needles onto the corresponding working needles, so that the first 3 stitches of each leg are on the needle in front, and the last 3 stitches of each leg are on the needle in back.



Pick up a third needle, and knit one round, beginning with the stitches on the front needle, and then flipping the needles around to work the back needle. This will join the legs together into one round.

Distribute the 12 stitches onto 3 needles to continue working in a round.

Torso and head

Rnd 1: [Kfb, k2] 4 times (16 sts).

Rnds 2-4: Knit (3 rnds).

Rnd 5: Yo, k2tog, k4, k2tog, yo, k8.

Rnds 6 and 7: Knit.

Rnd 8: [Kfb, k3] 4 times (20 sts).

Rnds 9-14: Knit (6 rnds).

Insert a small amount of stuffing into the piece.

Rnd 15: [K2tog, k3] 4 times (16 sts).

Rnd 16: [K2tog] 8 times (8 sts).

Break the yarn, thread it through the stitches with a tapestry needle, and pull tightly to draw them together and close the piece.

With the contrasting-colored yarn, embroider eyes onto the head with 2 small horizontal stitches for each, placed about 5 stitches down from the top of the head and spaced 3 stitches apart. Embroider a mouth with one longer horizontal stitch between and one stitch below the eyes.



Arms

Cast on 3 stitches onto one needle.
Knit 14 rows of I-cord, then break the yarn
and draw it tightly through the stitches with a
tapestry needle.

With the tail still threaded on the tapestry
needle, insert the I-cord in one of the yarn-
over holes at the side of the body and out
the one on the other side. Pull the I-cord
halfway through, so that an equal length
sticks out from each hole.

Weave the loose ends back through the I-
cord and body.



Finishing

Weave in the remaining loose ends on the
body, making a few small stitches between
the legs to close up the gap.

Enjoy your missing link!



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