

WELL FED MOUSE



A HOME GROWN PATTERN FROM
"GIRL FREITAG'S GARDEN"

DESIGNED TO BE MODERATELY FELTED, OR NOT,
THIS PLUMP LITTLE MOUSE SEEMS TO ATTRACT
ATTENTION FROM OUR PLAYFUL FELINE FRIENDS
WHETHER IT IS SPRAYED WITH A CATNIP SCENT OR
LEFT AU NATUREL.

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WELL-FED MOUSE

PATTERN:

- BODY & TAIL

CO 12 STS.

PLACE 4 STS EACH ON 3 DPN. JOIN TO WORK IN THE ROUND BEING CAREFUL NOT TO TWIST STS.

K 1 ROUND.

KFB AROUND (24 STS).

K 3 ROUNDS.

KFB AROUND (48 STS).

K 5 ROUNDS.

K2TOG AROUND (24 STS).

K 3 ROUNDS.

K2TOG AROUND (12 STS).

K 3 ROUNDS.

K2TOG AROUND (6 STS).

K 1 ROUND.

K2TOG AROUND (3 STS).

TRANSFER THE 3 REMAINING STS TO 1

DPN, MAKING SURE ST WITH WORKING YARN IS AN EDGE ST TO THE L AS THE KNIT SIDE FACES YOU. I-CORD FOR APPROX 70 ROUNDS, CUT WORKING YARN TO LEAVE A 6-8" TAIL. USE DARNING NEEDLE TO FEED TAIL THROUGH REMAINING 3 STS, PULL TIGHT & WEAVE IN END. I-CORD MEASURES 13" THE MOUSE IN ITS ENTIRETY MEASURES 16". STUFF WITH FILLER MATERIAL. SEW THE NOSE CLOSED CREATIVELY, CREATING A 'NOSE' IN THE PROCESS.

- EARS (MAKE 2)

CO 3 STS.

KFB EACH ST (6 STS).

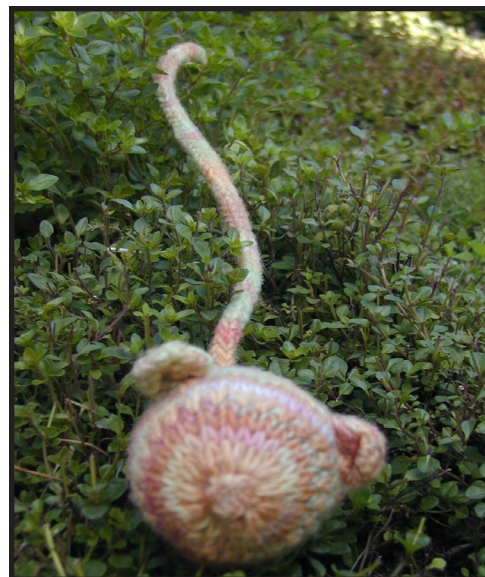
K 3 ROWS.

K2TOG ACROSS (3 STS).

SL 1, K2TOG (2 STS).

K2TOG (1 ST). CUT WORKING YARN TO LEAVE A 6-8" TAIL. USE

DARNING NEEDLE TO FEED TAIL THROUGH REMAINING ST. USE BOTH TAILS TO ATTACH TO MOUSE...I DO RECOMMEND TYING A KNOT HERE,



WE DON'T WANT KITTY TO EASILY DETACH ANY EARS! WEAWE IN ENDS. IN THIS INSTANCE, TO FELT, I WOULD THROW THE MOUSE INTO YOUR NEXT APPROPRIATELY COLORED LAUNDRY LOAD (REPEAT, AS MANY TIMES AS YOU FEEL NECESSARY), DRYING IN THE DRYER IS FINE AND FASTEST FOR THIS CAT TOY. REMOVE FROM LAUNDRY, COVER WITH CATNIP SPRAY AND DELIVER TO CAT...SILVER TRAY OPTIONAL.

STITCH GUIDE:

-CO: CAST ON.

-DPN: DOUBLE POINT NEEDLES.

-K: KNIT.

-K2TOG: KNIT 2 TOGETHER.

-KFB: K FRONT AND BACK OF NEXT ST.

-L; LEFT.

-SL: SLIP, TO PASS ST W/O KNITTING IT. SL AS IF TO P UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED IN PATTERN.

-ST/STS: STITCH(ES).

I-CORD: IF YOU DO NOT ALREADY KNOW THIS TECHNIQUE, KNITTINGHELP.COM AND YOUTUBE BOTH HAVE GREAT TUTORIAL VIDEOS.

FELTING: WHENEVER I AM FELTING I LIKE TO PLACE THE OBJECT IN A ZIPPERED PILLOWCASE, THEY ARE BETTER AT CONTAINING LOOSE FIBERS THAN MOST LINGERIE BAGS. AS WITH MOST THINGS, THERE ARE MANY 'RIGHT' WAYS TO FELT..... SOAP OR NO SOAP (REGULAR LAUNDRY SOAP IS TOO HARSH BY COMPARISON TO MOST WOOL-WASH PRODUCTS — THIS CAN AND WILL CAUSE VARYING LOSS OF SURFACE COLOR. FOR ANY HAND-PAINTED AND HAND-DYED PRODUCTS WE RECOMMEND USING YOUR PREFERRED WOOL WASH SUCH AS EUCALAN IF YOU DO CHOOSE TO USE SOAP) BY HAND OR WITH A MACHINE. TOP LOAD MACHINES SEEM TO BE FAVORED, THOUGH I'VE KNOWN PEOPLE TO GET GOOD RESULTS IN THEIR FRONT-LOADERS TOO... AND THE LIST GOES ON. THERE ARE MANY GREAT BOOKS THAT SPEAK TO THE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS ONLINE SITES, ONE SUCH PLACE IS KNITPICKS.COM, IN THEIR KNITTING COMMUNITY IF YOU SEARCH 'FELTING TUTORIALS' THEY WILL OFFER YOU A FEW OPTIONS.

DETAILS

USING FOUR DPN'S KNIT IN THE ROUND, QUICKLY INCREASING , THEN DECREASING TO CREATE A FAT LITTLE BODY ATTACHED TO A LONG I-CORD TAIL...THE LONGER THE TAIL, THE SAFER THE FINGERS! STUFF AND SEW CLOSED, BUNCHING IT UP FOR A CUTE LITTLE NOSE. MAKE AND ATTACH TWO EARS, AND FELT AWAY. DOUSE WITH CATNIP SPRAY IF DESIRED AND PRESENT TO YOUR FAVORITE FELINE.

FINISHED SIZE: ROUGHLY...

PRE-FELTED:	16" LONG, STUFFED TO FIRM YET SQUISHY.
	BODY: 3" LONG.
	TAIL: 13" LONG.
FELTED:	13" LONG.
	BODY: 2.5" LONG.
	TAIL: 10" LONG.

YARN:

LEFTOVERS OF RED BARN YARN WORSTED, (APPROX 16 YARDS).

NEEDLES:

US #7/4.5 MM DPN OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE.

NOTIONS:

DARNING NEEDLE.

STUFFING MATERIAL.

CATNIP SPRAY – OPTIONAL.

GAUGE:

5.25 - 5.5 STS TO 1" IN STOCKINETTE ST.

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