Baby Mice

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These adorably sweet baby mice are very quick to make.

Each mouse is a very cute 4 cm (1.5 inches) in length, excluding the tail.

Why not make lots of them in an assortment of colours.

To make a baby mouse you will need:-

A small amount of 4 ply wool. I used Rowan Fine Tweed for my mice but any sock yarn would work very well. Each mouse uses less than 5 metres of yarn.

2 black beads for the eyes (mine are 5 mm)

Toy stuffing

3 mm (US 2.5) double pointed needles

Abbreviations

k = knit

p = purl

st(s) = stitch(es)

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

k2togtbl = knit 2 stitches together through back loops

Inc = increase

DPNs = double pointed needles

s1 = slip one stitch

Using 4 ply weight yarn and 3 mm needles cast on 10 sts leaving a long end of yarn for making the tail later.

1st row – inc knitwise into every st – 20 sts

Transfer stitches onto 3 DPNs and start knitting in the round as follows:-

2nd row – p3, k14, p3

3rd row – knit

Repeat rows 2 and 3 four times more.

Row 12: k2, k2tog, k to last 4 sts, k2togtbl, k2.

Repeat row 12 until 8 sts remain.

Break off yarn leaving a long end, thread this through the remaining sts then pull up tightly and fasten off.

Ears – make 2 alike!

Cast on 3 sts

Inc knitwise in first st, k1, inc knitwise in last st – 5 sts

K 3 rows.

K2tog, k1, k2togtbl – 3 sts

Sl 1, k2tog, pass the slipped st over and fasten off.

To make up

Stuff gently through cast on edge.

Gather along cast on sts of body, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Using the long end of yarn, make a twisted cord for the tail, about 10 cm (4 inches) in length. Alternatively you could crochet a tail using chain st.

Sew cast on edges of ears to mouse. Attach them at approximately round 11.

Sew on black beads for eyes, place them about 3 or 4 rounds in front of ears – and it's done – simple!