



Floating Flutterguys

The **Floating Flutterguy** is a simple bug. He turns from a cocoon of scrap yarn into a beautiful woolly winged wonder in less time than it takes to scream **"AGH! Is that a moth! Get it away from my cashmere!!!"**. Lucky for you (and for your cashmere) the Flutterguy isn't hungry for your yarn. All he wants is to be set free somewhere in your city.

He comes in three delicious woolly insect species, **Easy Peasy Winged Flutterguy**, **Purly Winged Flutterguy** (flat) and **Curly Winged Flutterguy** (fancy rolled edges). Free your Flutterguy! Go on.



Gubbins

- Yarn: 10g DK acrylic yarn in any colour
- 4.5mm knitting needles
- 1x 30cm (12") pipecleaner in any colour
- Pair of googly eyes
- Optional: Invisible thread, fishing line or some kind of floatation spell (Wingardium Leviosa might work)
- The iron will to set your knit free in the wild

Size

8cm (3") approx. from wingtip to wingtip

Gauge: Not important. No one will be wearing him.

Skills you'll need

Knitting. Pipecleaner bending skills. Yarnstorming (graffiti knitting sneaky stitchiness). Bug abandoning. Purling (for Curly Wings only) Increasing and decreasing (for Curly and Purly Wings only).

Abbreviations

K = knit

P = purl

Ktog = knit two together (knit two stitches together)

Inc1 = increase one (knit into front of stitch but don't drop it off needle then knit into back of same stitch)

Pattern

Your Floating Flutterguy is made by knitting the very simple shapes and then folding the pipecleaner body just so. He's easy to create and won't eat a hole in your precious yarn stash. Unless he's really hungry.

Flutterguy Easy Peasy Wings

The easiest way to make a Floating Flutterguy is to knit a simple square. It's easy peasy and the perfect pattern for a learner to try their first knit out on.

Cast on 15 stitches

Row 1. K across

Row 2. K across

Row 3 to Row 20. Repeat rows 1 and 2

Bind off all stitches and darn in those pesky ends.

Flutterguy Purly Wings

The Purly Wings have purls showing on both sides and lie flatter to show off their colours. Lucky you, you won't need to purl at all. It's plain knitting. It's just that the back of every knit stitch you make it a purl.

Cast on 17 stitches

Row 1. K across

Row 2. K across

Row 3. K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog (15 sts)

Row 4. K across

Row 5 to 14. Repeat Row 3 (odd numbered rows) and Row 4 (even numbered rows) decreasing two stitches each odd row until you have 5 sts

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Row 15. K, inc1, knit to last 2 sts, inc1, k (7 sts)

Row 16. K across

Row 17 to Row 25. Repeat Row 15 (odd numbered rows) and Row 16 (even numbered rows) increasing

two stitches each odd row until you have 17 sts

Bind off all stitches and darn in those pesky ends

Flutterguy Curly Wings

The Curly Wings are knit in stocking stitch showing purls on one side and knits on the other. They curl at the edges for that 'just stepped out of the

insect salon' look.

Cast on 17 stitches

Row 1. K across

Row 2. P across

Row 3. K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog (15 sts)

Row 4. P across

Row 5 to 14. Repeat Row 3 (odd numbered rows) and Row 4 (even numbered rows) decreasing two stitches each odd row until you have 5 sts

Row 15. K, inc1, knit to last 2 sts, inc1, k (7 sts)

Row 16. P across

Row 17 to Row 25. Repeat Row 15 (odd numbered rows) and Row 16 (even numbered rows) increasing two stitches each odd row until you have 17 sts

Bind off all stitches and darn in those pesky ends

Before you start using pipecleaner bend both tips back on themselves to prevent pointy ends

Finishing



1. Fold your pipecleaner in half to make a V.



2. Put your wings between each 'leg' of the V about 5cm from the bottom.



3. Close pipecleaner around the wings twisting 2cm of the V to make the Flutterguy's bottom and head.



4. Curl the ends around a pen to make the whirl of the antennae.



5. Bend 2cm of the head at a right angle to make the face.

6. Stick on eyes to bring to life.

Your Floating Flutterguy Lives!

Releasing your Flutterguy into the wild

- Tie invisible thread or fishing line to your Flutterguy, attach him to something outdoors and watch him flit. Wheeeeeeeeeee!
- Your Flutterguy isn't terribly child friendly with those plastic eyes. So watch they don't end up in tiny mouths.
- Worried about littering? Fear not! He's cute enough that someone will adopt him and take him home.
- Can't bear to leave him? It'll make someone's day to stumble across him unexpectedly. Graffiti knitting brings joy, confusion and colour to your city. Join the madness!



Books for more kooky little knits:

