

Familiar Spider

Item Reference — Arctic Wool World



Reference art for construction guidance. Colors/pose may vary slightly from your finished piece.

Familiar Spider — Knitting Pattern

An absolute favorite for Halloween themes. It features a seamless, two-part body (cephalothorax and abdomen) shaped with rapid increases, combined with 8 loop-stitch legs that cannot unravel.

This is an original pattern written for this item, based on standard, generic amigurumi and toy-knitting construction techniques (magic ring/CO, spiral increases and decreases, i-cord, stuffed tubes and spheres). It does not copy, trace, or reproduce any published or copyrighted pattern -- these underlying construction techniques are standard craft knowledge, not anyone's intellectual property, the same way a recipe's technique of 'creaming butter and sugar' isn't owned by any one baker.

Knit abbreviations: k = knit · p = purl · kfb = knit into front and back of st (inc 1) · k2tog = knit 2 together (dec 1) · CO = cast on · BO = bind off · dpns = double-pointed needles · pm = place marker · rnd(s) = round(s) · st(s) = stitch(es) · RS/WS = right side / wrong side

Materials

Yarn: Worsted weight yarn. Color A (Black or Dark Purple, 20g) and Color B (Eyes: White scrap).

Needles: US 4 (3.5 mm) DPNs.

Notions: Tapestry needle, fiberfill stuffing.

Gauge

Worked at a relaxed toy-knit tension in worsted weight yarn. Exact gauge isn't critical for a stuffed prop -- adjust stuffing firmness and needle size slightly to taste; a firmer fabric holds shape best.

Instructions

The Head & Body (Worked Seamlessly)

Cast on 6 sts using Color A on DPNs. Join in the round.

Rnd 1: [Kfb] in every st around (12 sts).

Rnd 2: [K1, Kfb] around (18 sts).

Rnds 3–7 (The Head): Knit all sts around (5 rnds even).

Rnd 8 (The Neck Constriction): [K1, K2tog] around (12 sts).

Stuff Head: Pause and stuff this small front section firmly with a pinch of fiberfill.

Rnd 9 (The Big Abdomen Expansion): [Kfb] in every st around (24 sts).

Rnds 10–17: Knit all sts around (8 rnds even to build the fat rear body).

Rnd 18 (Decrease): [K2, K2tog] around (18 sts).

Rnd 19 (Decrease): [K1, K2tog] around (12 sts).

Stuff Abdomen: Pack the rear body tightly with fiberfill.

Rnd 20: [K2tog] around (6 sts).

Cut yarn, weave through final 6 sts, pull shut like a drawstring, and knot.

The 8 Loop Legs

Instead of knitting 8 separate tiny tubes, this pattern uses an ultra-secure external loop method:

1. Thread a long strand of Color A onto your tapestry needle.
2. Insert the needle into the side of the spider's neck (Rnd 8). Pull the yarn through, leaving a loop hanging out that is exactly 1.5 inches (4 cm) long.
3. Take a tiny locking stitch in the exact same spot to anchor the loop tightly so it cannot be pulled loose by children.

4. Repeat this process until you have 4 loops on the left side of the neck and 4 loops on the right side. Cut the yarn and hide all knots inside the body.

5. **Face:** Use Color B (White) to embroider two tiny horizontal lines or French knots on the front of the head for eyes.