Nell's Sailboat Ornament

My thanks to the talented designer, Linda Dawkins, for sharing her sailboat pattern with the seaside knitters.

Materials

Chunky yarn for the boat

8mm needles for this chunky yarn

2 double pointed 4mm needles to knit the i-cord for the mast

Green yarn (or color of your choice) for the sail

Needle for sewing parts together

Pipe cleaner

Boat Pattern: (Knit 2)

Cast on 10 stitches in chunky yarn

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Increase into the first stitch, knit across the row and increase into the last stitch.

(12 stitches)

Row 3: Knit

Row 4: Increase into the first stitch, knit across the row and increase into the last stitch.

(14 stitches)

Row 5: Knit

Row 6: Increase into the first stitch, knit across the row and increase into the last stitch.

(16 stitches)

Cast off.

Finishing

Sew the two knitted boat pieces, right sides together on the sides and underneath.

Turn inside out so that the right sides are on the outside.

Turn inside out again and pick up 4 stitches in the middle of the boat with your double pointed needle and attach the yarn for the mast.

Knit an i-cord for about 4.5 to 5 inches for the mast.

Push a pipe cleaner into the top of the mast. If it is difficult, push a long, thick wool needle down at the same time to guide the pipe cleaner. Trim the pipe cleaner once it has reached the base of the boat. Cast off the i-cord and sew the top closed.

Sail

#4mm needles

Cast on 12 stitches.

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Knit row, knit 2 stitches together at the end of the row (11 stitches)

Row 3: Knit

Row 4: Knit row, knit 2 stitches together at the end of the row (10 stitches)

Row 5: Knit

Row 6: Knit row, knit 2 stitches together at the end of the row (9 stitches)

Row 7: Knit

Row 8: Knit row, knit 2 stitches together at the end of the row (8 stitches)

Row 9: Knit

Row 10: Knit row, knit 2 stitches together at the end of the row (7 stitches) Row 11: Knit

Row 12: Knit row, knit 2 stitches together at the end of the row (6 stitches) Row 13: Knit

Row 14: Knit row, knit 2 stitches together at the end of the row (5 stitches) Row 15: Knit

Row 16: Knit row, knit 2 stitches together at the end of the row (4 stitches) Row 17: Knit

Row 18: Knit row, knit 2 stitches together at the end of the row (3 stitches)

Row 19: Knit

Row 20: Knit 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches together (2 stitches)

Row 21: Knit

Row 22: Knit 2 stitches together.

Bind off

Sew the sail onto the mast and sew in all ends.

[Designer's note: Just think how many colors you can use to knit these little boats. Oh, my—the possibilities are endless!}

For photos detailing the finishing of the sailboat, please visit: http://www.naturalsuburbia.com/2011/07/boat-knitting-pattern-tutorial.html