Seahorse By Thora

Use Double pointed knitting needles- size 4 or 5
Worsted weight yarn, about a lemon size ball in your choice of color
Small amount of black yarn for eyes

Body (make 1)

Cast on 3 stitches, one on each of 3 double pointed needles, join in a round, careful not to twist, leaving a long tail.

Row 1 to 5 knit

Row 6. purl

Row 7, 8. knit

Row 9. Kfb, of each stitch (2 on each needle)

Row 10 to 12. knit

Row 13. purl

Row 14 to 19 knit

Row 20. purl

Row 21. to 24 knit

Row 25. K1, M1, K1, repeat for each needle (3 on each needle)

Row 26. knit

Row 27. purl

Row 28. knit

Row 29. K1, M1, K1, M1, K1, repeat for each needle (5 on each needle)

Row 30 to 33. knit

Row 34. purl

Row 35 to 40. knit

If desired push in a folded pipe cleaner into the tail. This will allow the tail to curl and uncurl.

Row 41. K1, M1 K4, repeat each needle (6 on each needle)

Row 42. purl

Row 43. to 44 knit

Row 45. K1, M1, K5, repeat each needle (7 on each needle)

Row 46 to 48. knit

Row 49. K1, M1 K5, M1, K1 (9 on each needle)

Row 50. knit

Row 51. purl

Start shaping belly. Each of these rows has a make one in the same spot. Pick up a variety of loops being careful not to make a hole.

Row 52. knit First needle, K 4, M1, K5, k5, M1, K4

Row 53. knit First needle, K 4, M1, K6, k6, M1, K4

Row 54. knit First needle, K 4, M1, K7, k7, M1, K4

Row 55. knit First needle, Second needle: k 4, M1, K2, M1, K2, M1, K3. Third needle:K3, M1, K2, M1, k2, M1, K2, M1, k2, M1, K4

Row 56. knit to last 4 stitches, purl 4

Row 57. purl 1st needle, p4, K to end

Row 58 to 59. knit

Row 60. knit to last 4 stitches, purl 4

Row 61. purl 1st needle, p4, K to end

Row 62 and 63. knit

Row 64. knit first needle, k4, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k2,k2tog, k1, k1, k2tog, k2,k2tog, k2,k2tog, p4

Row 65. purl 1st needle, p4, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k2tog, k2tog, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k4.

Start to lightly stuff the body

Row 66. knit

Row 67. knit

Row 68. K2tog, K5, K2tog, repeat each needle

Row 69 and 70. knit

Row 71. K2tog, K3, K2tog, repeat each needle

Row 72 . purl

Row 73 to 77. knit

Row 78. K2tog, K1, K2tog, repeat each needle

Row 79. Knit

Row 80. K2tog, K, repeat each needle

Finish stuffing and close off the top leaving a long tail. The tail will be used to sew on the head.

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pick up on 4 stitches on the back of the seahorse. Squish it flat to find the center and then turn it in lots of different ways with the needle on the back to make sure it is centered.

Row 1. knit (4 stitches per needle)

Row 2. purl (4 stitches per needle)

Row 3. Kfb, Kfb, Kfb, Kfb (8 stitches per needle)

Row 4. purl (8 stitches per needle)

Row 5. K2, Kfb, Kfb, Kfb, Kfb, K2 (12 stitches per needle)

Row 6. purl (12 stitches per needle)

Cast off

Head (make 1)

Cast on 9 stitches and join in a round.

Row 1: purl

Row 2 to 4 knit

Row 5. K2tog, k each needle

Row 6 to 10. knit

Row 11. k1, m1, k1, each needle.

Row 12 and 13. knit

Row 14. k1, m1, k1, m1, k1, each needle

Row 15 and 16. knit

Row 17. k1, m1, k3, m1, k1, each needle

Row 18 to 21. knit

Row 22. k2tog, k3, k2tog, each needle

Row 23 to 25 knit

Start to stuff head.

Row 26. k2tog, k1, k2tog, each needle

Row 27. k1, k2tog

Cut a long tail and tie off. Use the case on tail to whip stitch to the body. Sew up nose with tail.

Eyes- using a bit of black yarn to sew two eyes on either side of the head.

Embellish with beads if desired.