

Amber Perry Patterns

Balloon Buddies Knit Amigurumi

Skill Level: Beginner/Advanced
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Yarn Requirements: Worsted
Weight Wool

Needles: US 5

Gauge: 6 sts. = 1" on US 5 needles

Needles & Supplies:
US 5 needles, tapestry needle,
embroidery floss or yarn scraps

Pattern Notes: These adorable little balloon buddies add fun to any party! Three balloon bodies are offered along with two face options. Instructions are given for knitting in the round as well as flat knitting. The yellow & purple balloons are approximately 5" tall; the red is approximately 4" tall.



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Knitting In The Round

Use DPNs or a long cable for the magic loop method.

Purple Buddy Body



CO 6, being careful not to twist; join and begin working in the round.

Round 1: KFB around (12)

Round 2: K

Round 3: *K2, M1* (18)

Round 4: K

Round 5: *K3, M1* (24)

Round 6: K

Round 7: *K4, M1* (30)

Round 8: K

Round 9: *K5, M1* (36)

Close beginning round hole (see Appendix)

Rounds 10-19: Knit

Round 20: *K4, K2TOG* (30)

Round 21: K

Round 22: *K3, K2TOG* (24)

Round 23: K

Round 24: *K2, K2TOG* (18)

Begin stuffing.

Rounds 25 - 29: K

Round 30: *K1, K2TOG* (12)

Round 31: K

Round 32: *K2TOG* (6)

Break yarn leaving tail for sewing. Thread tapestry needle and run yarn through remaining sts.

Weave in and trim yarn. Set aside

Yellow Buddy Body



CO 6, being careful not to twist; join and begin working in the round.

Round 1: KFB around (12)

Round 2: K

Round 3: *K2, M1* (18)

Round 4: K

Round 5: *K3, M1* (24)

Round 6: K

Round 7: *K4, M1* (30)

Round 8: K

Round 9: *K5, M1* (36)

Close beginning round hole.

Rounds 10-25: Knit

Round 26: *K4, K2TOG* (30)

Round 27: K

Round 28: *K3, K2TOG* (24)

Round 29: K

Round 30: *K2, K2TOG* (18)

Begin stuffing.

Round 31: K

Round 32: *K1, K2TOG* (12)

Round 33: K

Round 34: *K2TOG* (6)

Break yarn leaving tail for sewing. Thread tapestry needle and run yarn through remaining sts.

Weave in and trim yarn. Set aside

Red Buddy Body



CO 6, being careful not to twist; join and begin working in the round.

Round 1: KFB around (12)

Round 2: K

Round 3: *K2, M1* (18)

Round 4: K

Round 5: *K3, M1* (24)

Round 6: K

Round 7: *K4, M1* (30)

Round 8: K

Round 9: *K5, M1* (36)

Round 10: K

Round 11: *K6, M1* (42)

Close beginning round hole.

Rounds 12-16: K

Round 17: *K5, K2TOG* (36)

Rounds 18-19: K

Round 20: *K4, K2TOG* (30)

Round 21: K

Round 22: *K3, K2TOG* (24)

Round 23: K

Round 24: *K2, K2TOG* (18)

Begin stuffing.

Round 25: K

Round 26: *K1, K2TOG* (12)

Round 27: K

Round 28: *K2TOG* (6)

Break yarn leaving tail for sewing. Thread tapestry needle and run yarn through remaining sts.

Weave in and trim yarn. Set aside

Balloon Knotted Tops

CO 8, being careful not to twist, join and begin working in the round.

Rounds 1 - 3: K (8)

Round 4: *K2TOG* around (4)

Round 5: K2TOG and begin working 3 st I Cord with remaining 3 sts.

Work I Cord for 10 more rows. Break yarn leaving long tail for sewing. Skip to the “Sewing” section of the pattern.

Flat Knitting

Use straight needles or use two DPNs to knit back and forth.

Purple Buddy Body



CO 6

Row 1: *KFB* (12)

Row 2: P

Row 3: K1, *M1, K2* to last st, M1, K1 (18)

Row 4: P

Row 5: K2, *M1, K3* to last st, M1, K1 (24)

Row 6: P

Row 7: K3, *M1, K4* to last st, M1, K1 (30)

Row 8: P

Row 9: K4, *M1, K4* to last st, M1, K1 (36)

Rows 10-20: work in stockinette st (K RS rows, P WS rows)

Row 21: *K4, K2TOG* (30)

Row 22: P

Row 23: *K3, K2TOG* (24)

Row 24: P

Row 25: *K2, K2TOG* (18)

Rows 26 - 30: work in stockinette st (K RS rows, P WS rows)

Row 31: *K1, K2TOG* (12)

Row 30: P

Row 31: *K2TOG* (6)

Break yarn leaving tail for sewing. Thread tapestry needle and run yarn through remaining sts. Seam and stuff. Weave in ends and trim yarns. Set aside.

Yellow Buddy Body



CO 6

Row 1: *KFB* (12)

Row 2: P

Row 3: K1, *M1, K2* to last st, M1, K1 (18)

Row 4: P

Row 5: K2, *M1, K3* to last st, M1, K1 (24)

Row 6: P

Row 7: K3, *M1, K4* to last st, M1, K1 (30)

Row 8: P

Row 9: K4, *M1, K4* to last st, M1, K1 (36)

Rows 10-26: work in stockinette st (K RS rows, P WS rows)

Row 27: *K4, K2TOG* (30)

Row 28: P

Row 29: *K3, K2TOG* (24)

Row 30: P

Row 31: *K2, K2TOG* (18)

Row 32: P

Row 33: *K1, K2TOG* (12)

Row 34: P

Row 35: *K2TOG* (6)

Break yarn leaving tail for sewing. Thread tapestry needle and run yarn through remaining sts. Seam and stuff. Weave in and trim yarns. Set aside.

Red Buddy Body



CO 6

Row 1: *KFB* (12)

Row 2: P

Row 3: K1, *M1, K2* to last st, M1, K1 (18)

Row 4: P

Row 5: K2, *M1, K3* to last st, M1, K1 (24)

Row 6: P

Row 7: K3, *M1, K4* to last st, M1, K1 (30)

Row 8: P

Row 9: K4, *M1, K4* to last st, M1, K1 (36)

Row 10: P

Row 11: K5, *K6, M1* to last st, M1, K1 (42)

Rows 12-16: work in stockinette st (K RS rows, P WS rows)

Row 17: *K5, K2TOG* (36)

Rows 18-20: work in stockinette st (K RS rows, P WS rows)

Row 21: *K4, K2TOG* (30)

Row 22: P

Row 23: *K3, K2TOG* (24)

Row 24: P

Row 25: *K2, K2TOG* (18)

Row: 26: P

Row 27: *K1, K2TOG* (12)

Row 28: P

Row 29: *K2TOG* (6)

Break yarn leaving tail for sewing. Thread tapestry needle and run yarn through remaining sts.

Seam and stuff. Weave in and trim yarns. Set aside.

Balloon Knotted Tops

CO 8

Rows 1 - 3: work in stockinette st (K RS rows, P WS rows)

Row 4: *P2TOG* around (4)

Row 5: K2TOG and begin working 3 st I Cord with remaining 3 sts.

Work I Cord for 10 more rows. Break yarn leaving long tail for sewing. Go to the “Sewing” section of the pattern.

Sewing

Thread long tail onto tapestry needle. Thread the tapestry needle through the remaining sts loosely. Remove tapestry needle and tie I-cord into a knot being careful to get knot close to the top. Use the tapestry needle to pull the yarn tail back out of the three sts. Unravel knitting until last 3 sts before the knot. Rethread the tapestry needle and run through the 3 sts. Sew to balloon top.



Faces

Using 6 strands of embroidery floss embroidery faces as pictured or as desired.



Appendix

Increasing



For this pattern the basic M1 (make 1) will work fine (unless otherwise noted). To do a M1 increase, use the right needle tip to pick up the “bar” between two stitches and place it on the left needle. Knit this stitch through the back loop. One new stitch has been made.

Closing The Hole At The Bottom

I prefer to close this hole up while still knitting rather than waiting until the end. This allows the yarn to be neatly hidden inside the body.

Turn the body so the purl side of the fabric is facing out (just sort of pop it up through the needles). Thread the CO tail onto a tapestry needle and thread through the CO edge sts. Pull tight and weave in end.



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