



Kids



Knitted Mice Instructions

Our cats and kittens love toys to play with and having fun toys stops them from getting bored while they waiting to find their forever home. You can make knitted mice for our cats and kittens by following the instructions below:

Materials needed:

- > Size 8 (4mm) knitting needles.
- > Scraps of 8ply (or thicker) wool – any colour.
- > Some stuffing.



Instructions

Body:

- > Cast on 12 stitches leaving an extra long tail approx 80cms.
- > Knit 12 rows of stocking stitch.
- > Decrease 1 stitch at each end of next 4 rows, finishing with 4 stitches.
- > Stuff body with the stuffing.
- > Break off wool (20cms +), thread through stitches and fasten tightly.

Ears x2

- > Cast on 6 stitches.
- > Knit 1 row.
- > Break off wool, thread through stitches and fasten tightly.

Attaching Ears

- > Thread ends through body, tie all four ends together on wrong side.
- > Sew body from nose to tail, stuff, gather bottom and secure.

Tail

- > Method 1 – Twisted Cord
- > Fold long tail end in half with a 5cm overlap along mouse body, twist wool until tight, fold in half and let wool twist together. Secure overlap end into mouse body.
- > Method 2 – Crocheted Chain
- > Crochet chain and attach to body.

NOTE Remember to ask a parent's or guardian's permission before making these toys or giving them to your own pets to play with. Cats should always be supervised when playing with this toy.



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