



Grumpy, the Lump of Coal

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It's the gift that says, "I could have knit you something cool, but all you deserved was this lump of coal." Knits up quickly, so you can make one for each of your ingrates!

Directions:

CO 6, join to knit in the round, and knit one round. Place marker to mark beginning of round.

Rnd 2: *k1, m1* to end (12 sts)

Rnd 3: knit

Rnd 4: as Round 2 (24 sts)

Rnd 5: *k4, m1* to end (30 sts)

Rnd 6: *k7, m1, k8, m1* twice (34 sts)

Rnd 7: *k8, m1, k9, m1* twice (38 sts)

Rnd 8: *k9, m1, k10, m1* twice (42 sts)

Rnd 9: *k21, m1* twice (44 sts)

Rnd 10: k11, m1, k22, m1, k11 (46 sts)

Rnd 11: *k23, m1* twice (48 sts)

Rnd 12: k12, m1, k24, m1, k12 (50 sts)

Rnd 13: Knit

Rnd 14: *k23, k2tog* twice (48 sts)

Rnd 15: knit

Rnd 16: k11, k2tog, k22, k2tog, k11 (46 sts)

Rnd 17: knit

Rnd 18: *k21, k2tog* twice (44 sts)

Rnd 19: k10, k2tog, k20, k2tog, k10 (42 sts)

Rnd 20: *k5, k2tog* to end (36 sts)

Rnd 21: *k4, k2tog* to end (30 sts)

Rnd 22: *k3, k2tog* to end (24 sts)

Rnd 23: knit

Rnd 24: *k10, k2tog* to end (22 sts)

Rnd 25: *k9, k2tog* to end (20 sts)

Rnd 26: knit

Stuff the lower portion of the coal lightly at this point.

Rnd 27: *k8, k2tog* to end (18 sts)

Rnd 28: knit

Rnd 29: *k7, k2tog* to end (16 sts)

Rnd 30: *k2, k2tog* to end (12 sts)

Finish stuffing the coal. Do not overstuff! The coal should still be slightly baggy in order for the yarn to properly felt.

Rnd 31: *k1, k2tog* to end (8 sts)

Cut yarn and draw tail through live stitches, pulling tightly to draw the opening closed. Weave in yarn tail & trim.

Felt the coal by hand or in the washing machine.

Embroider face as desired with scrap yarn or embroidery floss.



Finished size:

1 3/4" high x 2" wide (slightly felted)

Yarn:

Knit Picks *Palette* (100% Peruvian Highland Wool; 231 yards/50 g): Bittersweet Heather 24239 (less than 1 ball)

Needles

US size 3 (3.25mm) DPNs (or size needed to obtain gauge)

Notions

Stitch marker

Small crochet hook or Darning Needle

polyfil stuffing

Embroidery thread or scrap yarn for face

Gauge:

approx. 7 sts and 9 1/2 rows = 1" in pattern

(Exact gauge is not important, but be sure that the gauge is loose enough to aid the felting process)

Abbreviations

CO cast on

k2tog knit two sts together

M1 make one stitch

rnd(s) round(s)



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