

## Sssimple Knit Ssssnake

### Materials:

Left over yarn of any color/weight

Appropriate needles for yarn – straight and double point

Snake can be any size, any color. Yarn chosen will dictate size.

Try using a heavier yarn half way through the body and the snake will look as though it just had dinner.

### Head of snake

Cast on 1 st – Tail can be used later to create a tongue or you can use a separate piece of yarn  
Row 1: Knit into the front and back (KFB) of stitch (2 sts on needle)

Row 2: KFB of 1<sup>st</sup> st, K1 (3 sts) Row 3: KFB of 1<sup>st</sup> st, K2 (4sts)

Row 4: KFB of 1<sup>st</sup> st, K3 (5 sts)

Continue knitting into the front and back of 1<sup>st</sup> st every row and knitting the rest of the row until you have 15 sts on needle Knit 10 rows

Next row: K6, K the next two sts together (K2tog), K7 (14 sts on needle) Knit 2 rows

### Body

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Purl

Repeat these 2 rows (stockinet stitch) until snake is *almost* as long as you want it to be

### Tail

Row 1: K1, K2tog, knit until 3 from end of row, K2tog, K1 Row 2: Purl

Repeat these two rows until you have 4 sts on needle. Change to double point needles of one size smaller than you have been using and make a 4-stitch I-cord for the rattle

*To make an I-cord*

Knit the 4 sts on the DP needle and then, INSTEAD OF TURNING, SLIDE THE STITCHES TO THE OTHER END OF THE NEEDLE and knit them with the second DP needle

Slide the stitches again to the other end of the needle Knit, slide, knit, slide.....

Repeat until rattle is as long as you like

Then K2tog twice, slide to other end of needle and K2tog again – bind off the last stitch and weave in

### Eyes and tongue

Sew two buttons VERY SECURELY onto the head for eyes OR you can use large French Knots/embroidery for eyes (we need to ensure that there is no danger from buttons if buttons are used so French knots or embroidered eyes are better) and use either the tail of the cast on yarn or a separate piece of yarn to create a tongue for the snake. You can crochet a tongue or just leave the yarn as is.

