

## Turtle / Tortoise (Knit)

### Materials:

#4 Worsted Weight Yarn in 3 colors

- ~ 50 yards of main color
- ~ 15 yards of contrast color
- Small amount of black yarn for eyes

US size #7 double pointed needles

US size #7 straight needles

Tapestry Needle for weaving in ends

Fiberfill for stuffing

3 Stitch markers

### Abbreviations:

k knit

k2 tog decrease a stitch by knitting the next two sts on the needle together

kfb make an extra stitch by knitting through the front of the stitch, not removing from needle and then knitting through the back of the same st before removing from needle

m1 make an extra stitch by placing the bar between the stitches on the left needle (insert the left needle from front to back) and knitting it through the back

p purl

rep repeat

sm slip marker

st(s) stitch(es)



### Pattern:

#### Body:

Using main color, cast on 9 stitches using double pointed needles, leaving a longer than normal tail of yarn, and join to work in the round, being careful not to twist. You may find it easier to use two, rather than three, needles for the first few rounds. You will still work in the round even if using only two needles

Round 1: knit

Round 2: \*kfb, k1, kfb around (5 sts per needle – 15 total)

Round 3: knit

Round 4: \*kfb around (10 sts per needle – 30 total)

Round 5: knit

Round 6: \*k3, (kfb) x 4, k3 around (14 sts per needle – 42 total)

Round 7: knit

Round 8: \*k3, m1, k8, m1, k3 around (16 sts per needle – 48 total)

Round 9: knit

Round 10: PURL, placing a marker in the center of each needle (i.e. after 8 sts on each needle)

Start the next section with the contrast color. From here on, you will work *2 rounds with the contrast color and then 2 rounds with the main color.*

Round 11: knit  
 Round 12: \*k4, m1, k4, sm around (18 sts per needle – 54 total)  
 Round 13: knit  
 Round 14: knit  
 Round 15: knit  
 Round 16: knit  
 Round 17: \*k7, k2tog around moving markers as you come to them (16 sts per needle – 48 total)  
 Round 18: knit  
 Round 19: \*k6, k2tog around, moving markers as you come to them (14 sts per needle – 42 total)  
 Round 20: knit  
 Round 21: \*k5, k2tog around (12 sts per needle – 36 total)  
 Round 22: \*k4, k2tog around (10 sts per needle – 30 total)  
 Round 23: \*k3, k2tog around (8 sts per needle – 24 total)  
 Round 24: knit  
 Round 25: \*k2, k2tog around (6 sts per needle – 18 total)  
 Round 26: \*k1, k2tog around (4 sts per needle – 12 total)

Now, lightly stuff the turtle but DO NOT BIND OFF.

Round 27: \*k2tog around (2 sts per needle – 6 total)

Finish stuffing. Thread a tapestry needle, draw through these 6 sts and pull tightly to close. Cut the yarn and knot it off well. Use the needle to pull this yarn tail into the center of the stuffed turtle, pulling it so the knotted end gets pulled into the turtle. Trim so yarn does not stick out the other side of the turtle. Turn turtle upside down and, using the tail left when you cast on, sew up any hole left from casting on. Knot up well and draw through turtle. Trim tail so it is not visible.

### Head

This can be made on double pointed needles or on straights and then seamed afterwards.

Using main color, cast on 10 stitches (if using double points, the sts can be 3, 4, 3 and, when you join them, be sure to pull tight to lessen any hole created by the join)

Rnd 1: knit  
 Rnd 2: ssk, k2, k2tog, k4 (8 sts total)  
 Rnd 3: knit  
 Rnd 4: \*k1, m1, k2, m1, k1 twice (12 sts total)  
 Rnds 5-7: knit  
 Rnd 8: \*k2, k2tog around (9 sts remain)  
 Rnd 9: knit  
 Rnd 10: \*k1, k2tog around (6 sts remain)

Stuff lightly with fiber fill and, using a tapestry needle, draw these sts off the needles and pull up tightly (if made on straight needles you will need to cast off and seam before you can stuff).

**Legs- make 4**

Using straight needles and main color, cast on 6 sts.

Rows 1-6: knit

Row 7: k1, k2tog, k2tog, k1 (4 sts)

Rows 8-10: knit

Row 11: k1, k2tog, k1 (3 sts)

Row 12: k

Cast off

**Tail- make 1**

Using straight needles and main color, cast on 4 sts

Rows 1-3: knit

Row 4: k2tog, k2tog ( 2 sts)

Rows 5 -6: knit

Cast off

On the single row of purl on the body of the turtle, sew the head to one side and the tail exactly opposite the head on the other side. Sew the four legs onto the body at appropriate spacing from the head and tail.

Use the small amount of black yarn to make 'eyes' by making French knots to the front of the head. Add a 'mouth' if you wish.

Check to make sure all ends are hidden inside the turtle.

