Bunny Nugget

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A Bunny Nugget is a super quick, super cute project that makes a perfect toy for MKG Community Projects. You can get a kit from the Guild, or you can use up your own leftover yarns.

Be sure to read through the pattern, especially the Pattern Notes, before starting. Thanks for making a Bunny Nugget for Community Projects! Have fun!

MATERIALS

Sizes: Small (Large)

Yarn:

- Small: worsted, 35 yds
- Large: 70 yd balls of yarn in any of these combinations:
  - Worsted, 2 balls [held together when knitting]
  - Worsted, 1 ball, + worsted-weight novelty yarn, 1 ball [held together when knitting]
  - Worsted, 2 balls, + novelty yarn (any weight), 1 ball [held together when knitting]
  - Super bulky yarn, 1 ball
- Both Sizes:
  - A few yds each of worsted in a contrasting color to make the mouth and nose (see Pattern Notes)
  - Yarn or felt pieces and thread for the eyes (see Pattern Notes)
  - Finished pompom, or yarn and pompom maker (small: ~1.5", large: ~2.25")

Needles: Double-pointed needles, small: US 6/4 mm - US 7/4.5 mm, large: US 11/8 mm-15/10 mm or size that will produce a firm fabric (See Pattern Notes)

Gauge: Gauge is not critical

Additional Materials: Fiberfill or other material for stuffing, Crochet hook or yarn/tapestry needle

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Abbreviations: Dpn(s): double-pointed needle(s); **K:** knit; **K2tog**: knit 2 sts together; **Sts:** stitches; **[…]** repeat enclosed instructions as specified.

PATTERN NOTES

- Feel free to use whatever colors (and as many colors) you like; children delight in creatures of wild and wacky colors.

- Be sure the fabric is tight enough to prevent the stuffing from showing but not stiff. It's ok to have knots on the inside of critters; just tie the knots tightly and leave about 2" tails inside the critter.

- When stuffing your critter, you want your critter firm, but not hard; aim for "cuddly".

Pattern Notes are continued on the next page…

- Do not use beads or buttons for eyes or any other embellishment! These toys may be going to very young children and beads or buttons are choking hazards.
- Facial features: Eyes can be embroidered using simple stitches or created with sewn-on felt pieces. French knots are often used for knitted critters' eyes. Directions and demonstrations can be found online. "Spoke" eyes are another embroidered option: Make five running stitches coming out from the center of the eye to the outer edge (like spokes of a wheel), then weave the yarn from the outer edge in a circular direction going under and over the spokes to make a solid eye.

DIRECTIONS

Body:

Note: Instructions will show differences for small and large sizes as Small (Large). When only one number is shown, it applies to both sizes.

Cast on 24 sts and distribute on dpns. Join to knit in the round.

Knit 16 (18) rounds.

Decrease Round 1: [K2tog, k10] twice; knit to end of round. —22 sts

Decrease Rounds 2 & 4: Knit.

Decrease Round 3: [K9, k2tog] twice. —20 sts

Decrease Round 5: [K2tog, k6, k2tog] twice. —16 sts

Divide sts equally on two dpns and turn inside out. Work a three-needle bind-off to close this end (the top) of the bunny; turn right side out.

Ears [make 2]:

Using one strand (two strands) of worsted, cast on 6 sts, leaving a tail for sewing.

Work I-cord for 15 (17) rows. Cut yarn and use a crochet hook or yarn/tapestry needle to pull through the stitches and close the top of the ear. Pull the remaining end into the ear to hide it.

Tail:

If you are making the pompom, be sure to leave enough string/yarn when tying it to sew the pom-pom onto the bunny.

Finishing:

Stuff the body — see Pattern Notes — and then sew the bottom seam.

Sew the pompom tail onto the back of the bunny.

Sew ears into position on top of the bunny body. Don't worry if they are not perfectly matched in placement; uneven ears mean more character!

Add the nose, mouth and eyes — see Pattern Notes.

That's all there is to it! You're done!