

Spheroid and Oblong

I like making these little guys with sock yarn on tiny little needles. That way they can ride around in a pocket or purse. But, using bulky yarn and larger needles, you'll end up with a bigger, more huggable critter.

Feel free to play around with the shape of your Spheroid, too. Adding more even knit rows between the increase and decrease rows will make your guy more oblong. Removing the knit rows will make him more UFO-shaped.

Remember, if you're making this little guy for a kid under the age of 3 (or anyone who is dumb enough to eat buttons) forgo button or beaded eyes. Safety eyes, while they're safer than buttons, are still not 100% for itty-bitty kids.



Materials:

- A few yards of scrap sock yarn. A ball about the size of a Ping-Pong ball should be plenty.
- Size 2 double-pointed needles
- Polyfill or wool roving for stuffing
- Safety eyes, buttons, beads, or contrasting-color thread for the face
- Scissors and a tapestry needle

Gauge:

7 sts/inch, but it really really doesn't matter

Instructions:

Spheroid:

Cast on 8 stitches, and join to work in the round

1. k
2. [k1, inc 1] around (16 stitches)
3. k
4. [k2, inc 1] around (24 stitches)
- 5 and 6. k
7. [k3, inc 1] around (32 stitches)
- 8-10. k
11. [k4, inc 1] around (40 stitches)
- 12-15. k
16. [k3 k2tog] around (32 stitches)
- 17-19. k
20. [k2 k2tog] around (24 stitches)
- 21-22. k
23. [k1, k2tog] around (16 stitches)
24. k
25. [k2tog] around (8 stitches)

Cut a 1 foot long tail. Using the tapestry needle, pull the tail through the loops. If you're using safety eyes, add them now. Stuff the body, and close up the top.



Oblong:

Complete rows 1-7 of Spheroid.

Knit 20 rows even.

Complete rows 20-25 of Spheroid.

Cut a 1 foot long tail. Using the tapestry needle, pull the tail through the loops. If you're using safety eyes, add them now. Stuff the body, and close up the top.

Limbs:

Using double-pointed needles, cast on 3 stitches, leaving a 1-foot tail. Work as an I-cord for 8 rows. Cut a 1 foot tail, and use your tapestry needle to pull the tail through the loops, and tie a knot so the leg doesn't unravel. Hide the end of the tail in the middle of the limb and trim. Leave the cast-on tail to use to sew the limb to the body.

Repeat until you have enough limbs. (Usually this is 4. But, if you want to make an octopus, 8 would be more appropriate. Or if you wanted to add antennae, you

should make 6.) Feel free to make your limbs longer/shorter as suits you. I won't sue. Promise.

When you have enough limbs, carefully sew them onto the body, using the remaining cast-on tails. Weave in the ends and trim. Hide the ends in the body of your little guy.

If you haven't already added a face, do so now.

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