MCQUACKERTON

In which a duck is made
For the benefit of
The Little Yellow Duck Project
And the health of many humans;
Being a free and seamless pattern
From the curious brain of
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Supplies:

Yellow, Orange, and Black yarn, worsted weight in small quantities; approximately 50 yards of Yellow.

New polyester (or wool) stuffing

US 2/3.0mm circular needle

Darning needle

Scissors

Key

K = Knit

P = Purl

K1S = Knit 1, Slip *

Ktbl = Knit through the back loop

Ptbl = Purl through the back loop

P3tog = Purl 3 together

K3tog = Knit 3 together

SSK = Slip, Slip, Knit

SSSK = Slip, Slip, Slip, Knit

K2tog = Knit 2 together

M1R = Make 1 Right

M1L – Make 1 Left

*Special Stitch: K1S

Worked like Knit 1 Front and Back, but slipped on the back instead of knit.

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Duck Body:

R1: Cast on 4 stitches using either Judy's Magic Cast-on, or a circular cast-on of your choice.

R2: * K1S, repeat from * (8 stitches).

R3: K

R4: *K1S, repeat from *(16 stitches)

R5: K

R6: *K1, K1S repeat from * (24 stitches)

R7: K

R8: K 11, M1R, K2, M1L, K11 (26 stitches)

R9: K

R10: K11, M1R, K4, M1L, K11 (28 stitches)

R11: K

R12: K1, M1L, K10, M1R, K6, M1L, K10, M1R, K1 (32 stitches)

R13: K one round

R14-23: *K12, P1, K6, P1, K12

K one round *(In the pattern sample, I knit the knits and purled the purls for these rows. Either way works nicely.)*

(work 2-row pattern 5 times, for a total of 10 rounds after last increase)

R24: K10, K2tog, P1, K1, K2tog, SSK, K1, P1, SSK, K10 (28 stitches)

R25: K

R26: K9, K2tog, P1, K2tog, SSK, P1, SSK, K9 (24 stitches)

R27: K

R28: K8, K2tog, P1, K2, P1, SSK, K8 (22 stitches)

R29: K

R30: K7, K2tog, P1, K2, P1, SSK, K7 (20 stitches)

R31: K

R32: K6, K2tog, P1, K2, P1, SSK, K6 (18 stitches)

R33: K1, M1R, K4, K2tog, P1, K2, P1, SSK, K4, M1L, K1 (18 stitches)

R34: K1, M1R, K4, K2tog, P1, K2, P1, SSK, K4, M1L, K1 (18 stitches)

R35: K1, M1R, K4, K2tog, P1, K2, P1, SSK, K4, M1L, K1 (18 stitches)

R36: K5, K2tog, P1, K2, P1, SSK, K5 (16 stitches)

R37: K1, SSK, K1, K2tog, P1, K2, P1, SSK, K1, K2tog, K1 (12 stitches)

R38: *SSK, K2tog repeat from * (6 stitches)

R39: Cut yarn, pull through remaining 6 stitches, cinch tightly

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Duck Head:

Decide where you'd like to place the head, and pick up 10 stitches on top of body, in a circle

R1: K

R2: K

R3: *K1S repeat from * (20 stitches)

R4: K

R5: *K1, K1S repeat from * (30 stitches)

R6-20: K

R21: *SSK, K2tog repeat from * (15 stitches)

R22: K1, *K2tog repeat from * (8 stitches)

R23: Cut yarn, pull through remaining stitches, cinch tightly

Duck Face:

Decide where you'd like the bill to start, and pick up 6 stitches, and then 6 stitches in the row above. Illustration shows picked up stitches for the top portion of the bill.

R1-4: K

R5: K1, SSK, k2tog, K1

R6: Graft remaining stitches.

Repeat for the second half of the bill.

Stitch eyes using black yarn.

It is at this stage that you must stop and acknowledge your cat. If you do not have a cat, or even worse you have one and do not honor demands to give belly scritches, I cannot vouch for the results of your completed duck.

Duck Wings:

Pick up 7 stitches vertically on duck body, working bottom to top, starting 1 stitch in from purl seam stitch on bottom.

R1: *P1tbl, K1tbl repeat from *

R2: *K1tbl, P1tbl repeat from *

Repeat 2-row pattern 3 more times, for a total of 8 rows

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Left Wing/Right Wing (on your left or right, facing duck)

LEFT WING:

R9: P1tbl, K1tbl, P1tbl, K1tbl, SSSK

R10: K

R11: P1tbl, K1tbl, SSSK

R12: P3tog

RIGHT WING:

R9: P1tbl, K1tbl, P1tbl, K1tbl, P3tog

R10: K

R11: P1tbl, K1tbl, P3tog

R12: K3tog

Tack each wing along body, making sure to secure the end tightly.

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