



Devil's Toenail is the nickname for a type of fossil commonly found in Britain. They are actually a type of Jurassic Oyster.

You will need:

4 ply or sock wool in greys • toy stuffing
4 x double ended knitting needles (3mm) • tapestry needle • scissors

Pattern:

Cast on 7 and work in the flat, in reverse stocking stitch.

Row 1: [kfb] x 7 (14)

Row 2: p12, w&t/ k10, w&t/ p8, w&t/ k6, w&t/ p4, w&t/ k2, w&t/ p – (14)

Row 3: k1, kfb, k – (15)

Row 4: p1, pfb, p11, w&t/ k12, w&t/ p10, w&t/ k8, w&t/ p6, w&t/ k4, w&t/ p2, w&t/ k – (16)

Row 5: p1, pfb, p – (17)

Row 6: k1, kfb, k13, w&t/ p14, w&t/ k12, w&t/ p10, w&t/ k8, w&t/ p6, w&t/ k4, w&t/ p2, w&t/ k – (18)

Row 7: p1, pfb, p – (19)

Row 8: k1, kfb, k15, w&t/ p16, w&t/ k14, w&t/ p12, w&t/ k10, w&t/ p8, w&t/ k6, w&t/ p4, w&t/ k2, w&t/ p – (20)

Row 9: k1, kfb, k – (21)

Row 10: p1, pfb, p17, w&t/ k18, w&t/ p16, w&t/ k14, w&t/ p12, w&t/ k10, w&t/ p8, w&t/ k6, w&t/ p4, w&t/ k2, w&t/ p – (22)

Row 11: k1, kfb, k – (23)

Row 12: p1, pfb, p19, w&t/ k20, w&t/ p18, w&t/ k16, w&t/ p14, w&t/ k12, w&t/ p10, w&t/ k8, w&t/ p6, w&t/ k4, w&t/ p2, w&t/ k – (24)

Row 13: p – (24)

Change to stocking stitch and join into the round.

Round 1: k – (24)

Round 2: [k4, k2tog] x 4 (20)

Round 3: [k1, k2tog, k2] x 4 (16)

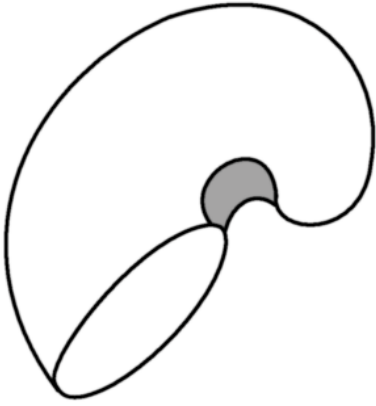
Round 4: [k2, k2tog] x 4 (12)

Round 5: [k2tog, k1] x 4 (8)

Round 6: k – (8)

Thread yarn through remaining stitches and pull tight.

Making Up:



Stuff the fossil through the small opening left at the centre (shown shaded in the picture). Make sure to fill the whole length of the fossil.

Press the centre of the fossil flat and sew the sides of the opening together. Pull the stitches tight to gather the shape into a spiral. Finish off by fixing the blunt end of the shell to the circular end with a couple of stitches.

Sew in any remaining loose ends.

Notes:

Short Rows

Short rows are used to shape knitting. At their most basic they are made by working part of a row, turning, and then working back in the opposite direction. Turning the knitting in the middle of a row can create a small hole so we work a wrap and turn (w&t/) to close the gap.

To make a wrap and turn in a row of knit stitches:

Knit to the end of the short row and then bring the yarn to the front as if to purl the next stitch. Slip the next stitch. Take the yarn to the back of the fabric and then return the slipped stitch to the left-hand needle. Turn the fabric and begin to work in the opposite direction.

To make a wrap and turn in a row of purl stitches:

Purl to the end of the short row and then take the yarn to the back as if to knit the next stitch. Slip the next stitch. Bring the yarn to the front of the fabric and then return the slipped stitch to the left-hand needle. Turn the fabric and begin to work in the opposite direction.

Abbreviations

[] x number	Repeat the section in square brackets the required number of times.
(number)	Gives the total number of stitches you should have on needle by the end of the row.
k –	Knit every stitch to the end of the row.
k2tog	Knit the next two stitches together (-1 stitch).
k number	Knit this number of stitches.
kfb	Knit into the front and then the back of a single stitch (+1 stitch).
p –	Purl every stitch to the end of the row.
p number	Purl this number of stitches.
pfb	Purl into the front and then the back of a single stitch (+1 stitch).
p2tog	Purl the next two stitches together (-1 stitch).
w&t/	Wrap the yarn around the next stitch and turn the knitting. See "Short Rows".

Needle/Yarn Size

As with most ODDknit patterns the yarn and needle sizes in the "you will need" section are just a guide. Feel free to improvise with whatever needles and yarn you have lying around – that's half the fun!