

Eyeballs



Soft and squishy eyeballs are the perfect Halloween decoration. Use embroidery to add a few lifelike details to really freak out your friends.

You will need:

yarn leftovers (double knit) • toy stuffing

4 x double ended knitting needles (2.75mm) • tapestry needle • scissors

Pattern (Eyeball):

Cast on 6 stitches in red. Divide them between three needles and join into a round (see *Notes* for abbreviations).

Round 1: [kfb] x 6 (12) Round 2: k – Round 3: [kfb, k1] x 6 (18) Round 4: [k1, kfb, k1] x 6 (24) Round 5: [k1, sl1] x 12 (24)

Change to white yarn.

Round 6: [sl1, k1] x 12 (24)

Knit 9 rounds straight.

Change to eye coloured yarn.

Round 16: k – Round 17: [k2tog, k2togtbl] x 6 (12) Round 18: k –

Change to black yarn.

Round 19: [k2tog] x 6 (6) Round 20: k –

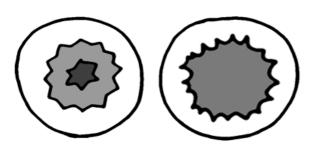
Stuff the eye. Cut the yarn, thread through remaining stitches and pull tight.

Pattern (Optic Nerve):

• Using red yarn cast on 2 stitches.

• Work 6cm i-cord.

• Cut yarn, thread through remaining stitches and pull tight.



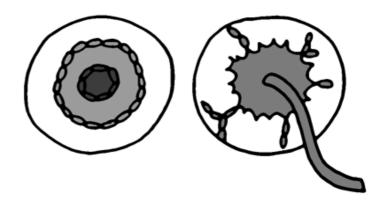
Making Up:

First close the opening at the centre of the pupil by over-sewing it with the tail of black yarn. Thread the yarn through the black stitches to the edge of the pupil and then sew around the circumference using backstitch or similar to make the edge less ragged. Hide the loose end inside the eye.

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Next embroider around the edge of the iris. This looks best if you use a darker yarn than was used for the main eye colour. Hide the loose end.

Attach the optic nerve to the centre of the red part of the eye. Embroider some extra veins to give the eye a bloodshot appearance. Sew in any remaining loose ends to finish.



Notes:

Abbreviations

[] x number (number) k number	Repeat the section in square brackets the required number of times. Gives the total number of stitches you should have on needle by the end of the row. Knit this number of stitches
k –	Knit every stitch to the end of the row.
kfb	Knit into the front and then the back of a single stitch (+1 stitch).
k2tog	Knit the next two stitches together (-1 stitch).
k2togtbl	Knit the next two stitches together through the back of the loop (-1 stitch).
sl1	Slip the next stitch purl wise.

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!