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House Spider



I knitted this (more or less) life size house spider and it hasn't made me jump yet. The the pile of trimmed yarn I left on the arm of the sofa did though, so it balances out.

You will need:

double knit yarn in brown • toy stuffing
4 x double ended knitting needles (3mm) • tapestry needle • scissors

Pattern (Legs – Make 4):

Cast on 2 and I-cord 8 rows.

Turn and knit across the row (as for work in the flat) twice. At the end of the second row do not turn.

I-cord 20 rows.

Turn and knit across the row twice. At the end of the second row do not turn.

I-cord 8 rows. Thread yarn through remaining sts.

Pattern (Body – Make 1):

Cast on 4 and join into the round.

Round 1: k –

Round 2: [kfb, k1] x 2

Round 3: k –

Round 4: [kfb, kfb, k1] x 2

Rounds 5 & 6: k –

Add a small amount of stuffing to the lower part of the body.

Round 7: k2tog x 5

Round 8: kfb x 5

Rounds 9 to 11: k –

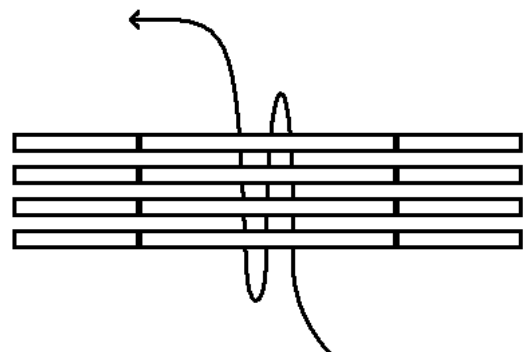
Add another little bit of stuffing to the body.

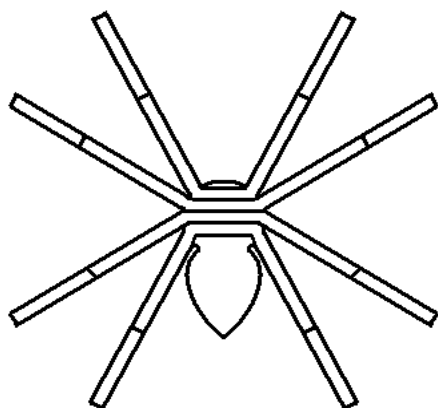
Round 12: [k1, k2tog, k2tog] x 2

Thread yarn through remaining stitches and pull tight.

Making Up:

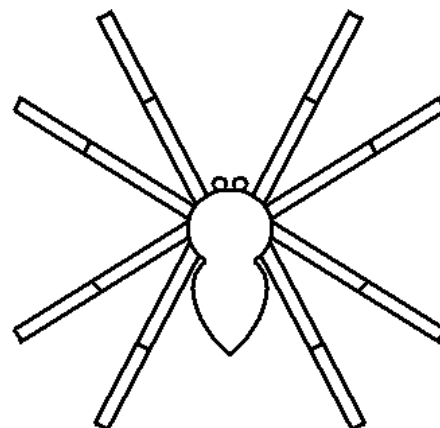
Weave in the loose ends of the i-cord legs. Lay the legs out flat and run a length of yarn through the centres (image right). Pull the cord tight enough that the ends of the legs splay out slightly from the central point.





Arrange the legs underneath the top/less pointy part of the spider body. Try to twist each leg so that the breaks in the i-cord naturally bend upwards on the top two legs and downwards on the others. Sew into position.

Embroider two french knots on the body between the top two legs. Sew in any remaining loose ends to finish.



Notes:

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 number	Knit this number of stitches.
k –	Knit every stitch to the end of the row.
k2tog	Knit the next two stitches together (-1 stitch).
kfb	Knit into the front and then the back of a single stitch (+1 stitch).

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!