

Owlie Soap Sack

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This silly pocket washcloth will keep little ones happy in the tub. Slip in a baby soap, and you are ready for action! It is worked side to side in one piece, with buttonholes running along what will become the bottom. Very simple finishing makes a cute toy that you will be willing to throw in the tub! The back is garter stitch so it is nice and scrubbie too!

Small amounts of dishcloth cotton in multiple colors. Here's what I used:

Hot pink for the main body

White/brown variegated for the tummy

White, black, and heathery pink for the eyes

yellow for the beak and feet

Size 8 US (5 mm) needles (I like bamboo best on cotton - but follow your heart!)

Abbreviations:

CO = cast on

BO = bind off

K2 Tog = Knit two together

KF&B = Increase by knitting in front and back of each stitch

BACK

CO 28 stitches loosely in color for main body (A)

Rows 1-3, Knit

*Row 4, K 24, BO 2, K2 (this will be your right side)

Row 5, K2, CO 2, K 24

Row 6 - 9, K*

Repeat from * to * three more times, do not break yarn

FRONT

(when working this color block section, make sure to cross yarn colors in the back of work whenever you switch - nothing fancy, just so they are linked together)

Row 1 (right side), K 10 stitches in (A) do not break, join contrast belly color (B), and work remaining 18 stitches.

Row 2, P 18 (B), P 10 (A)

Row 3, K 10 (A), K 18 (B)

(maintain this established color block line throughout the rest of the project)

**Row 4 (wrong side), P2 , BO 2, P 24

Row 5, K 24, CO 2, K 2

Row 6, Purl

Row 7, Knit

Row 8, Purl

Row 9 (right side), K 24, BO 2, K 2

Row 10, P 2, CO 2, P 24

Row 11, K

Row 12, P

Row 13, K**

Repeat from ** to ** once more

Work a three needle bind off with the CO stitches (Pick up the CO stitches on another needle and fold your work in half, right side facing you, holding the two needles with stitches on them together. Knit through the first stitch on both needles at the same time. Work as you would a normal bind off)

BEAK

Using yellow, Pick up and Knit 4 stitches on the color change line, center front.

P 1 row

K 2 together twice

P1 row

K2 tog

BO

EYES (Make 2)

Using white, CO 3

Row 1, KF&B of each stitch, 6 stitches

Row 2, Purl

Row 3, K 1, KF&B next stitch, K 2, KF&B next stitch, K1, 8 stitches

Break yarn and join lid color

Row 4, Purl

Row 5, K 1, K2 tog, K 2, K2 tog, K 1, 6 stitches

Row 6, Purl

Row 7, K2 tog across, 3 stitches

Row 8, Purl

Bind off

FEET

CO 4 in contrast color for feet

Work i-cord for about 10 1/2 "

Bind off

FINISHING

Using main color and a yarn needle, sew a running stitch around the top corner of owlie's head. Pull snugly to gather "ear", and sew across the top of head to the other corner and do the same. Fasten off, and weave in ends. Sew eyes onto body, slightly turning the edges under to round the eyes, and also to make them a little "bulgy"! Using scrap black yarn, embroider pupils onto eyes. Weave in ends.

Thread the i-cord through the buttonholes, starting at the front and making sure it is on the outside in the center front. After threading, pull out about 2" from the center front, fold in on itself, and sew to make "feet". Tie the i-cord in back to close.

Slip in some tear-free soap, and you are ready to make a baby laugh!