

Sloth (finished size approx. 20 cm)



Sloths are creatures that seem to come from a very far past. They live in the crowns of the trees of the Amazon rain forest. They live hanging down from branches, hardly moving. Sloths move very slowly and sleep for up to 18 hours a day. In their fur, there are algae living, that's why they seem to be green – a colour that provides a good camouflage.

MATERIAL

- 1 skein eyelash yarn in gray or beige (shown here: Schachenmayer “Brazilia“)
- small amounts of wool in sport weight/DK in gray, dark brown and black (shown here: Froehlich Sedrun)
- 1 pair of knitting needles size 4mm, 1 set of dpns size 3mm
- 8 or 12 pieces wired chenille (pipe-cleaners) for the claws
- small amount of stuffing material.
- Gauge: as it is a toy, it's not important.

PATTERN

body

- CO 40 stitches with eyelash yarn an needles size 4mm
- Knit in stockinette stich for 20 cm. Cast off.

head

- CO 9 st with sport weight wool and size 3mm needles in dark brown
- Round 1: Purl
- Round 2: Knit
- Distribute stitches evenly on 3 needles, join into a circle, continue knitting in rounds.
- Round 3: knit in front and back loops of each stitch (= 18 stitches)
- Round 4 and 5: knit
- Round 5: as Round 3 (= 36 stitches)
- Rounds 6-9: knit

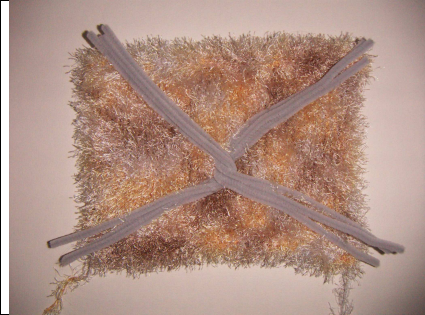


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- Change to gray colour.
- Round 10: knit
- Round 11: [knit 2 together, knit 1], rep. until end of row. (= 24 stitches)
- Rounds 12 and 13: knit
- Round 14: as round 11 (= 16 stitches)
- Round 15: knit.
- Round 16: [knit 2 together] rep. until end of row (= 8 stitches).
- Round 17: knit 2 together, knit1, knit 2 together, knit 3 (= 6 stitches)
- Round 18: as round 16. (= 3 stitches)
- Round 19: sl 2 kwise, k1, pass 2 slipped stitches over.

Finishing

	<p>Sew the claws to the edges of the body.</p>
	<p>Form legs by folding the edges to triangles. Sew the edges together for a length of 4 cm from the corner. Fill body lightly with stuffing. Close body lengthwise. Fasten all ends securely and hide yarn tails inside the body.</p>
	<p>Secure all ends and hide inside the head. Stitch face as in the photo, fill head firmly with stuffing and sew to the body.</p>

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