

Knitted Earthworm Pattern

Giant Gippsland Earthworm, Australia

Materials:

- pink or brown wool yarn
- pair of knitting needles
- yarn needle for sewing up

Pattern:

I used size 8 needles and Paton's Classic Wool Roving yarn in Pale Blush (5 Bulky). You knit the whole of the earthworm in one piece. Start knitting at the earthworm's tail.

Cast on 2 stitches. Knit 1 row (2 stitches). Purl 1 row (2 stitches).

At the beginning of the next row cast on 1 stitch. Knit 1 row (3 stitches). Purl 1 row (3 stitches).

At the beginning of each of the next two rows cast on 1 stitch, then knit to the end of the row. You should have 5 stitches on your needle. Purl 1 row (5 stitches).

At the beginning of each of the next two rows cast on 1 stitch, then knit to the end of the row. You should have 7 stitches on your needle. Purl 1 row (7 stitches).

At the beginning of each of the next two rows cast on 1 stitch, then knit to the end of the row. You should have 9 stitches on your needle.

* Purl 1 row (9 stitches). Knit two rows. *

Repeat pattern from * to * until earthworm is desired length. The giant Gippsland earthworm is 2 cm in diameter and averages 1 meter in length; however, it can grow up to 3 meters in length.

Begin to decrease stitches. Purl 1 row (9 stitches).

At the beginning of each of the next two rows k2tog, then knit to the end of the row. You should have 7 stitches on your needle. Purl 1 row (7 stitches).

At the beginning of each of the next two rows k2tog, then knit to the end of the row. You should have 5 stitches on your needle. Purl 1 row (5 stitches).

At the beginning of each of the next two rows k2tog, then knit to the end of the row. You should have 3 stitches on your needle. Purl 1 row (3 stitches).

Knit 1 row (3 stitches).

P2tog, P1 (2 stitches).

K2tog. Cast off.

Fold in half lengthwise and sew up.