

Knitting Lovely Kittens for Your Kids Using the Amigurumi Technique

Amigurumi is the Japanese art of knitting or crocheting small, stuffed animals. These charming creations are not only adorable, but they also make wonderful gifts for kids and adults alike. In this comprehensive guide, we will delve into the world of amigurumi and provide you with all the knowledge and skills you need to knit your very own lovely kittens.



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Materials You'll Need

- Worsted weight yarn in your desired colors (I recommend using a soft, acrylic yarn for durability)
- Knitting needles size US 7 (4.5 mm)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

- Polyfil stuffing
- Safety eyes (optional)
- Embroidery thread (optional)

Basic Amigurumi Techniques

Before we dive into the patterns, let's go over some basic amigurumi techniques:

- **Magic Ring:** This is a special technique to create a closed circle without having to sew it together later.
- **Single Crochet (sc):** This is the most basic crochet stitch and is used to create the body of the kitten.
- **Increase (inc):** This stitch is used to add stitches to a row, which creates the shape of the kitten.
- **Decrease (dec):** This stitch is used to reduce stitches in a row, which is used to create the head and legs.

Kitten Patterns

Simple Kitten

This pattern is perfect for beginners and is sure to result in an adorable little kitten. It features a simple shape and minimal details.

Materials:

- 1 skein of worsted weight yarn in your desired color
- Knitting needles size US 7 (4.5 mm)

- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Polyfil stuffing
- Safety eyes (optional)

Instructions:

1. Make a magic ring with the yarn.
2. Sc 6 times into the ring. (6 sc)
3. Sc 2 in each sc around. (12 sc)
4. Sc 2 in the next sc, sc 1 in the next sc. Repeat around. (18 sc)
5. Sc 2 in the next 2 sc, sc 1 in the next sc. Repeat around. (24 sc)
6. Sc in each sc around for 5 rounds.
7. Dec in the next 2 sc, sc 1 in the next sc. Repeat around. (18 sc)
8. Sc 1 in each sc around for 2 rounds.
9. Dec in the next 3 sc. Repeat around. (12 sc)
10. Sc in each sc around.
11. Stuff the kitten with polyfil.
12. Pull the remaining yarn through the last few stitches to close the opening.
13. Attach safety eyes or embroider eyes.

Advanced Kitten

This pattern is more challenging than the simple kitten, but it's worth the effort. The result is a more realistic and detailed kitten that will be sure to impress.

Materials:

- 1 skein of worsted weight yarn in your desired color
- Knitting needles size US 7 (4.5 mm)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Polyfil stuffing
- Black embroidery thread

Instructions:

1. Make a magic ring with the yarn.
2. Sc 6 times into the ring. (6 sc)
3. Sc 2 in each sc around. (12 sc)
4. Sc 2 in the next sc, sc 1 in the next sc. Repeat around. (18 sc)
5. Sc 2 in the next 2 sc, sc 1 in the next sc. Repeat around. (24 sc)
6. Sc in each sc around for 5 rounds.
7. Dec in the next 2 sc, sc 1 in the next sc. Repeat around. (18 sc)
8. Sc 1 in each sc around for 2 rounds.
9. Dec in the next 3 sc. Repeat around. (12 sc)

10. Sc in each sc around.
11. Divide the stitches into 3 equal parts: head, body, and tail.
12. Head: Continue knitting in the round for 5 rounds. Stuff with polyfil.
13. Body: Knit 5 rows in the round, then dec in the next 2 sc. Repeat around. Knit for 3 more rounds. Stuff with polyfil.
14. Tail: Knit 5 rows in the round. Stuff with polyfil. Pull the remaining yarn through the last few stitches to close the opening.
15. Attach eyes by embroidering with black thread.

Congratulations on completing your lovely kittens! Whether you chose to knit the simple or advanced pattern, you now have a handmade toy that will bring joy to your kids for years to come. Amigurumi is a rewarding and versatile craft, and I encourage you to explore your creativity and knit more adorable creatures.

Additional Tips

- If you're new to amigurumi, I recommend starting with the simple kitten pattern.
- Use a soft, acrylic yarn for a durable and cuddly kitten.
- Stuff the kitten firmly, but not too tightly.
- You can customize your kitten by adding different details, such as a scarf, hat, or bow.
- Don't be afraid to make mistakes. Amigurumi is a forgiving craft, and you can always undo your stitches and start over.

Recommended Books

- Amigurumi World by Anna Hrachovec
- Cute and Easy Amigurumi Animals by Sarah Zimmerman
- The Complete Book of Amigurumi by Alison Howard



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