



Knit your own Orangutan

You will need:

- Size 4 or 5mm knitting needles
- A darning needle
- Orange wool (approx. 15g)
- Toy stuffing
- Orange/cream or brown felt
- Fabric glue
- Googly eyes

Step 1: Making the body

Cast on between 15 and 20 stitches depending on if you are a loose or a tight knitter. Leave a short tail. The more stitches cast on the larger the orang-utan will be.

Row 1: knit. Row 2: purl

Repeat until work reaches 10cm tall. Cast off leaving a tail of approx. 20cm for sewing up. This is the body of the orang-utan

Step 2: Making the arms

Cast on 30 stitches

Cast off (with no tail)

This long piece will become both arms, once wrapped around and attached to the body.

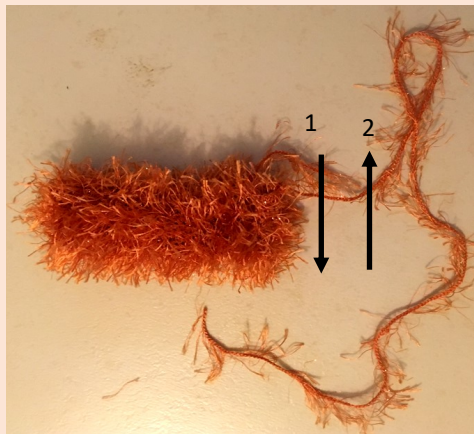
Step 3: Sew top of head

You should now have a rectangle measuring approx. 10cm by 12cm. Don't worry if it's slightly bigger or smaller, you will just have a slightly different size orang-utan. You should also have one long arm.

Fold the body lengthways to form a tube.

Thread the long tail from the rectangle onto your darning needle. Using a basic running stitch, stitch along the short edge of the rectangle, towards the folded part of the tube. (labelled 1 on photo)

Then stitch back the way you have just been, so that your long tail is back where it started, ready to stitch down the long open side of the orang-utan, body. (labelled 2 on photo)



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Step 4: Sew side and stuff head

Now sew down the long side of the rectangle, joining the two open edges. Sew approximately 4cm down. Then take a plum sized amount of toy stuffing, and push into this sewn section. This will form the head.



Step 5: Separate head and body

Wrap the long tail underneath the head, thread through a nearby stitch and pull tight to make a 'neck'.

The running stitch will be down the front of your orang-utan.

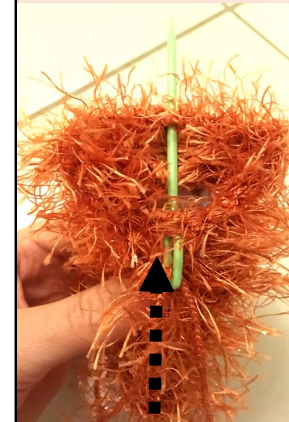
Step 6: Stuff body

Carry on sewing along the long edge of the rectangle until you have approximately 3cm remaining. Stuff this space with a satsuma sized amount of stuffing.



Step 7: Close body and make back legs

With the remaining open section of tube, pass your darning needle directly through the opposite side of the tube. This divides the remaining portion of the body, into two legs. Pull tight, sealing in the body



stuffing. Use the remaining long tail to loop through both sides of the tube and to seal the hole, leaving the 'corners' as the feet. Knot your end and trim short.

Step 8: Attach the arms & make face

Wrap the arms around the back of the 'shoulders' of your orang-utan, and attach with a simple stitch 2-3x along the back. Next design and cut our your face and hands and feet.



Make a cream nose, draw on nostrils and a smile, stick on googly eyes. Glue on hands, feet and face and your orang-utan is finished!