

Spencer the Spider

Designed for the Knifty Knitter Coom Set copyright 2007 Bethany Dailey

* Supplies: Knifty Knitter Flower Loom ~1 Skein Basic Yarn (sample uses Lion Brand Wool Yarn in purple) ~1 Skein Eyelash Yarn (sample uses Patons Silverlash in black) ~Yarn Needle ~Scissors ~20 Gauge Craft Wire & Cutters ~Wiggly Eyes, Mouth Embellishment, Craft Glue

*Body of Spencer

* Using your Flower Loom, cast on using the Gathered Cast On method...or just cast on as usual using e'wrap stitches. Knit a total of 12 rows.

*Remove from the loom using the gathered bind off method, as in the top of a hat. Gather the top, stuff with dark colored felt, or a brown plastic shopping bag and knot. Gather the bottom edge, pull each yarn tail to the inside and knot.

<u> *Spencer's Legs</u>

* Cut 8 pieces of wire to 6 inches each. Attach to a stitch in a place on Spencer that you would like a leg to grow.

* To create Spencer's legs, you'll be knitting a series of I-Cords. Bring

Spencer's Body up through the flower loom and loop the 2 connecting lines on either side of the stitch with the



wire attached up over two pegs.

* Place a slip knit onto one peg, wrap around the peg next to it, keeping the wire in front, and then knit off.

* On the next row, move the wire toward the inside of the loom, and wrap the two pegs again, in a semi-figure eight pattern, and knit off. Continue in this manner for a total of 20 rows, alternating the position of the wire from the front of the loom (toward you), to the inside of the loom (away from you) between every row.

* To end your I-cording...take 1st peg loop and move to peg 2 and knit off. Trim yarn, and pull through remaining loop and pull tight to knot. Thread the yarn tail onto a yarn needle and push the needle up through the cord as far as it will reach. Pull the needle free from the cord and yarn, and trim yarn end close to cord. Thread the Cast On tails onto your yarn needle and pull into the inside of the body. Loop the end of the wire around the yarn to secure.

* Attach the 2nd wire to the stitch right next to the I-Cord leg. Pull up the connecting lines, just as before, beginning with the place where the I-Cord ends, and over one stitch, straddling the wire. Proceed as before.



* Repeat process until you have a group of 4 legs. Skip 1 stitch, and repeat again, until you have all 8 spiderific appendages! :)

* This should leave 3 rows of stitches open for you to embellish Spencer's face with wiggly eyes and fanged smile. The sample used slivers of craft foam, but you could use embroidery thread, or yarn, etc. just as well.





* Other Design Option...this spider version is meant for sitting. If you'd like a spider that holds it's legs in place while hanging, you could cut 4 wires of approx. 14 inches, and thread them through the body in the correct places, then I-Cord knit around them. This way the legs would have support from the inside, allowing them to hang in a creepy fashion!



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