

Threebies, a three-part monster toy!

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Worsted weight yarns, wool or acrylic, in three colors, A, B and C.

Size 5 US knitting needles, double pointed.

Small, super-strength magnets (these can be found at most craft stores and at Harbor Freight Tools)

Small amounts of felt in black and white.

Sewing thread and sewing needle.

Tapestry needle

Black Sharpie permanent marker

Small amounts of fabric, to coordinate with your yarns, cut into 1.5" squares. You need a total of 4 small squares of fabric.

This pattern is knit in the round for all parts, and don't forget, even though Big and Middle are almost exactly alike, Little is a bit different!

Big Threebie:

In color A, cast on 6 stitches.

Join into a round.

Round 1: Knit around

Round 2: * K1 f&b around. (12 sts)

Round 3: knit around

Round 4: *K1 f&b, K1, repeat from * around. (18 sts)

Round 5: knit around

Round 6: *K1 f&b, k1, repeat from * around. (27 sts)

Round 7: knit around

Round 8: *K1 f & b, K1, repeat from * around. (41 sts)

Rounds 9-18: Knit (10 rounds).



Round 19: (K1, K2tog) around. (27 sts)

Round 20: knit around.

Round 21: (K1, K2tog) around. (18 sts)

Round 22: knit around.

Round 23: (K1, K2tog) around. (12 sts)

Stuff as much as possible at this point!

Round 24: knit around.

Round 25: K2tog around. (6 sts)

Stuff some more! (make sure it's not overstuffed, you want it to be full enough but not to stretch the knitting so much that any stuffing comes out between stitches)

Cut your yarn with an 8" tail, run through all 6 sts, pull tight and weave in ends.

Middle Threebie:

In color B, work same as Big Threebie, but decrease plain rows in the middle to 8 rather than 10 rounds.

Little Threebie:

In color C, cast on 6 stitches. Join into a round.

Round 1: Knit around

Round 2: * K1 f&b around. (12 sts)

Round 3: knit around

Round 4: *K1 f&b, K1, repeat from * around. (18 sts)

Round 5: knit around

Round 6: *K1 f&b, k1, repeat from * around. (27 sts)

Round 7-12: Knit (6 rounds)

Round 13: (K1, K2tog) around. (27 sts)

Round 14: knit around.

Round 15: (K1, K2tog) around. (18 sts)

Round 16: knit around.

Round 17: (K1, K2tog) around. (12 sts)

Stuff as much as possible at this point!

Round 18: knit around.

Round 19: K2tog around. (6 sts)

Stuff some more! (make sure it's not overstuffed, you want it to be full enough but not to stretch the knitting so much that any stuffing comes out between stitches)

Round 20: Knit around

Round 21: Knit around

Round 22: (K1, K 2tog) around. (4 sts)

Round 23-26: Knit. (4 rounds)

Round 27: K f&b, around. (8 sts)

Round 28: Knit.



Round 29: K2tog around.(4 sts)

Cut yarn leaving an 8" tail. Run through all stitches and pull tight. Weave in ends.

Legs:

Cast on 6 sts.

(K f&b, K1) around, (9 sts)

work 4 rounds.

cast off, leaving 8" tail for sewing to body. Weave in tail at cast on end.

Make 3 legs per Threbbie. Sew onto bodies, with two in front and one in back.

Eye Stalks: (Make 5, 3 in color A and 2 in color B)

Cast on 3 sts.

Round 1-6: Work i-cord for 6 rounds.

Round 7: Kf&b around. (6 sts)

Round 8: K 1 round.

Round 9: K2tog around. (3 sts)

Run yarn through all stitches and fasten off.

Weave in end. Leave 8" tail at cast on edge, it will be used to sew eye stalks on to bodies.

Felt Pieces:

Cut out the drawing of the felt pieces, or freehand your own mouth, teeth and eye parts. The drawing has been formatted to print at the right size for the Threbbies when printed on an 8.5" x 11" page. Use the cut out pattern pieces to cut mouth parts out of black felt (3 total, one for each Threbbie). Also cut teeth and eye parts from white felt. You will need one small rectangular tooth, for Little; one small triangle tooth for Middle and two larger triangle teeth for Big. You will need 6 of the white eye parts total. Felt pieces are very small and easy to lose, and felt tends to fall apart when cut into tiny pieces, so be sure to sew them on very well, or use embroidery floss to embroider the teeth onto the mouth parts, if you are concerned about losing the teeth. For that matter you could also embroider the mouth parts and the eyes, if you wanted to.

Assembly:

Sew three legs onto each Threbbie, in a triangle, being sure to allow enough space for the magnets to get a good grip on each other when the bodies are stacked up. Test as you go along.

Sew a magnet, thoroughly enveloped in a square of fabric (1.5" x 1.5", folded so that the magnet cannot possibly escape) onto the top of the biggest Threbbie, onto the top and bottom of the Middle Threbbie, and onto the bottom of the Little Threbbie.

Test to be sure your magnets are in places where they actually work to hold the bodies together. If they do not work well, you may have to adjust a leg to allow a closer fit.

See photos for leg placement and for wrapping the magnet. Magnet packet tutorial included, see next page.

Sew three eye stalks onto the Big Threbbie and two eye stalks onto the Middle Threbbie. Place them at the front of the body, as shown in the photos. Be sure that two of the legs are lined up in the front, directly below the eye stalks. See photos if unsure of placement.

Using needle and thread sew mouth and teeth to appropriate Threbbie, using photos as a guide. You can match your thread to your Threbbies, but if you use white or black thread throughout it will give a

charming primitive look to the creature.

Cut eyes from white felt and sew to eye stalks. Using a Black Sharpie permanent marker, draw pupil on each eye.

Cut a 12"-18" length of each color. Take color A, and use it to randomly duplicate stitch all over the body of the Middle Threebie, to make "spots". Alternatively you could embroider round spots on the body in various places. Repeat with color B on the Small Threebie and with color C on the Big Threebie.

Tutorial for attaching magnet safely:



Here's your magnet, next to a quarter and a penny for size reference. These magnets can be found at most craft and hobby stores as well as at Harbor Freight Tools and Northern Tool. They are very strong and can pose a danger to children if swallowed, so please, consider omitting the magnet if you are giving this to a child young enough to accidentally ingest the magnets while chewing on the toy.

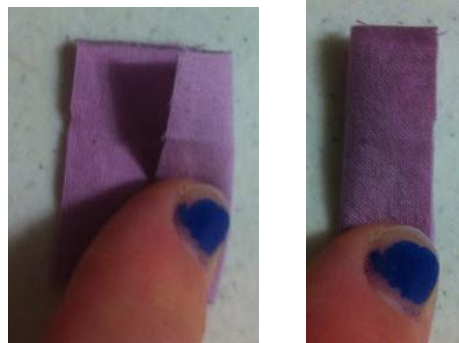
Cut a square of fabric 1.5" by 1.5". Place it on the table next to your strong craft magnet.



Place magnet in center of fabric.



Begin by folding fabric into thirds, around the magnet.



Now fold into thirds the other way.



Now that you have this neat little package, we have to sew it onto the body of the stuffie in question. First, have your needle threaded with the appropriate thread, knotted and ready to go. Tack or knot the



thread in an area that will be covered by the magnet packet.

Now that that's done, place the magnet packet where it belongs and begin sewing. Make sure to catch all edges of the fabric so that it is held very securely, we don't want these magnets getting out after all. Also, if you are making this for a small child and you are concerned about safety you may want to omit



the magnets.

When you have stitched all the way around the magnet packet you should take 3-4 stitches in the same place, knot your thread and bury the tail under the magnet packet, and cut off the thread where it



emerges from under the magnet packet.

Nicely finished!

