

Flying Spaghetti Monster, an idol

While this isn't a graven image, it is certainly an idol. This is a very simple pattern for making your own knitted Flying Spaghetti Monster, suitable for display in any science classroom preaching Intelligent Design.



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Height: 3" for body, ~20" including pasta

Width: 4"

Depth: 2"

MATERIALS

Two colors of feltable yarn, one pasta-colored and one meatball-colored. Choose a yarn that is mostly wool. Superwash will NOT felt.

Example:

Brown Sheep Lamb's Pride

190 yards/skein;

colors: M 155 Lemon Drop and M-28 Chianti

1 set US #10.5 (6.5mm) needles, circular or straight

notions required: tapestry needle, fiberfill, 24" of fishing line, two cotton balls, stuffing material such as polyester fiberfill.

GAUGE

About 3.5 st/inch although this doesn't matter as long as the resulting fabric is loose enough to felt.

PATTERN OVERVIEW

Start with knitting a square-ish piece that will become the main body of the FSM. Knit eye stalks. Sew together and stuff the body .

Make meatballs. Throw everything into the laundry for about two cycles. Sew meatballs to body. Attach fishing line. Gracefully drape spaghetti over the main body. Sacrifice a blemish-free goat, run your fingers through the blood and over the FSM eye stalks.

Don't forget the salt! You're ready for idolation.

PATTERN

Main body

Cast on 20 stitches with pasta colored yarn. Knit about 6.5 inches. Cast off. This is the main body of the FSM. Cast off. The result should be roughly square.



Eyestalks

About 2 stitches to the right of the center of the square, pick up 5 stitches using pasta colored yarn. Knit two rows plain. On row 3, k2tog, k1, k2tog (3 stitches). Knit every row for 10 rows. Break pasta colored yarn, leaving 24" tail. Switch to meatball-colored yarn. Knit two rows. Bind off, leaving 24" tail. Repeat for second eye stalk, starting about 2 stitches to the left of center.



Meatballs

With meatball-colored yarn, wrap loosely around one cotton ball. Break yarn and tuck end inside the ball. Repeat for second meatball.



Assembly

For the FSM body, fold four corners into center and sew together using pasta-colored yarn. Neatness doesn't count. The FSM does not judge. Stuff loosely with fiberfill. Sew all seams. Leave yarn ends hanging. They will become extra pasta. To assemble the eye stalks, start with the end of the meatball-colored yarn. Sew the end over the tip of the eyestalk to make an 'eye.' Repeat for

second eye stalk. Trim eye stalk ends closely. For the 'stalk' part of the eyestalk, start with the 24" end of pasta colored yarn at the top of the eyestalk. Loosely sew the sides of the eyestalk together, ending at the main body. Leave end loose. Again, this will become extra pasta. Repeat for second eye stalk.

Felting

Throw the body and the meatballs into the laundry. No special handling required. Wash the FSM with a load of towels using hot water. Don't put it into the dryer. About two trips through the laundry should be enough to produce the miracle of felting.



FINISHING

Using meatball colored yarn, sew meatballs to the FSM body. Sew fishing line to the top of the FSM, above the eye stalks. Hang the FSM while draping extra pasta colored yarn around the body.

Hold a spaghetti dinner.