

# The Giant Squid

by Kim Tanner



## SIZE

To fit an innocent smoothie

## YARN

Stylecraft Special DK

(100% Acrylic; 295m/323yds per 100g ball)

Main Colour: Shrimp (1132)

Scraps of black and white yarn

## YOU WILL ALSO NEED

- A pair of 4mm (UK8 / US6) Pony knitting needles
- 2 x 4mm (UK8 / US6) Pony double pointed knitting needles (DPNs)
- Small amount of toy stuffing
- Yarn needle for finishing
- Scissors for finishing

## TENSION

22 sts and 30 rows over 10cm / 4in in stocking stitch on 4mm needles

**Note:** Tension is not critical for this project.

## ABBREVIATIONS

K Knit

kfb Knit into the front and back of

1 stitch

k2tog Knit 2 stitches together

P Purl

RS Right side of work

st(s) Stitch(es)

St st Stocking stitch / Stockinette:

Knit on RS, purl on WS

WS Wrong side of work

## PATTERN

### Hat

Using main colour, cast on 28 sts.

Starting with a RS knit row, work 14 rows in St st.

Row 15 (RS): (K5, k2tog) to end. 24 sts

Row 16 (WS): Purl.

Row 17: (K4, k2tog) to end. 20 sts

Row 18: Purl.

Row 19: (K3, k2tog) to end. 16 sts

Row 20: Purl.

Row 21: (K2, k2tog) to end. 12 sts

Row 22: Purl.

Row 23: (K2, kfb) to end. 16 sts

Row 24: Purl.

Row 25: (K3, kfb) to end. 20 sts

Row 26: Purl.

Row 27: (K4, kfb) to end. 24 sts

Row 28-32: Starting with a WS purl row, work 5 rows in St st.

Row 33: (K6, k2tog) to end. 21 sts

Row 34: Purl.

Row 35: (K5, k2tog) to end. 18 sts

Row 36: Purl.

Row 37: (K4, k2tog) to end. 15 sts

Row 38: Purl.

Row 39: (K3, k2tog) to end. 12 sts

Row 40: Purl.

Row 41: (K2, k2tog) to end. 9 sts

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Row 42: Purl.  
Row 43: (K1, k2tog) to end. 6 sts  
Row 44: Purl.  
Row 45: (K2tog) to end. 3 sts

Break the yarn leaving a 25cm (10in) tail. Thread tail onto a yarn needle and gather up the 3 sts, pulling tightly to close, then sew the back seam using mattress stitch.

## MAKING UP

Weave in loose ends.

Lightly stuff the top section of the hat to form the squid head. Weave a length of yarn around the narrow section of the neck and tighten to close the gap, secure and weave in ends.

## FINISHING

Small Tentacles (make 8) Using the DPNs and main colour, work an i-cord as follows: Pick up and K2 sts at the bottom of the hat, do not turn, \*slide sts to the opposite end of the needle, bring yarn around the back and knit the sts again; rep from \* for a further 9 rows.  
Next row: K2tog. 1 st

Break yarn, pull through the final st and secure. Make next tentacle following the same method and gradually picking up sts around the base of the hat referring to the image for placement.

### Large Tentacles (make 2)

Using the DPNs, main colour and working i-cord as set above, work 15 rows then continue working standard rows as follows:

Row 16: (Kfb) twice, turn. 4 sts  
Row 17-19: Knit, turning at end of each row.  
Row 20: (K2tog) to end, turn. 2 sts  
Row 21: K2tog. 1 st  
Break yarn, pull through the final st and secure.

Weave in all loose ends.

Using black and white yarns, embroider eyes onto the squid.

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