Belfry & Boo-yah!



Belfry the bat and Boo-yah! the ghost are best buds who love a good game of midnight hide and seek. Halloween is their favorite day of the year, but a full moon or Friday the 13th runs a very close second.

This spooktacular duo is quick to knit, great for stash busting, and a terrific way to showcase a unique pair of hand-painted safety eyes. It's the perfect project to work on while you watch a scary movie—knit away and you'll have a completed stuffie by the time the credits roll!

Suitable for all skill levels, this fun project uses simple techniques for shaping. Also, it's worked completely in the round, so there is no seaming!

Happy knitting!

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Materials & Tools

- Yarn in the weight and color of your choice. For the worsted samples (see **Sample Info**, page 5), I used approximately 20 grams of Knit Picks Preciosa for each toy. Your yardage will vary based on yarn weight and needle size.
- Needles for working in the round (DPNs, 2 circulars, or 1 long circular for Magic Loop). Needle size will vary depending on the yarn you use (see **Gauge**, page 2).
- An additional needle, same size as above, to use when working a three-needle decrease (see page 5) or a three-needle bind off
- Tapestry needle
- Two pairs of safety eyes and one safety nose
- Polyfil
- Scrap yarn or spare needles for holding live stitches
- Black embroidery floss for eyebrows, mouth, & teeth



Gauge

You want to produce a dense fabric so the polyfil does not poke through. Use a needle that is at least 1 or 2 sizes smaller than the smallest needle size recommended on the yarn label.

Pattern Notes:

- All of the pieces are worked in the round for minimal finishing. The head is marked with purl stitches to take the guesswork out of eye and nose placement.
- The appendages are knit first and then attached to the body as it's worked.
- When casting on or binding off, leave a tail long enough for weaving in or finishing, as indicated in the pattern.
- Keep your work in progress neat and tidy by weaving in ends as you go.
- Refer to page 6 for an explanation of the **three-needle decrease** technique.
- *Complete the three-needle decrease:* Break the yarn and place the remaining sts on a spare needle or scrap yarn.
- *Fasten off*: Leaving a 10" tail, break the yarn and thread through the remaining sts, pull tight to close, and secure the end.

Belfry



Ears (make 2)

C/O 4 sts and join to work in the round.
Rnd 1: (kfb) around (8 sts)
Rnd 2: knit
Rnd 3: (k1, kfb, kfb, k1) around (12 sts)
Rnd 4: knit
Rnd 5: (k1, kfb, k2, kfb, k1) around (16 sts)
Rnd 6: knit
Rnd 7: (k1, kfb, k4, kfb, k1) around (20 sts)
Rnds 8 & 9: knit

Close Bottom of the Ear

Three-needle decrease the 10 sts on the front needle with the 10 sts on the back needle (10 sts)
Complete the three-needle decrease.

Wings (knit as one piece)

C/O 6 sts and join to work in the round.
Rnd 1: (k1, kfbf, k1) around (10 sts)
Rnd 2: knit
Rnd 3: (k1, kfb, yo, k1, yo, kfb, k1) around (18 sts)
Rnd 4: knit
Rnd 5: (k1, kfb, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2, kfb, k1) around (26 sts)
Rnd 6: knit
Rnd 7: (k1, kfb, k4, yo, k1, yo, k4, kfb, k1) around (34 sts)
Rnd 8: knit
Rnd 9: (k1, kfb, k6, yo, k1, yo, k6, kfb, k1) around (42 sts)
Rnd 10: knit
Rnd 11: (k1, kfb, k8, yo, k1, yo, k8, kfb, k1) around (50 sts)
Rnd 12: knit
Rnd 13: (k1, kfb, k10, kfb, k10, kfb, k1) around (56 sts)
Rnd 14: knit

Next, you will shape the wings by binding off stitches on each side, while leaving the center stitches live to attach to the body later on.

Close Top of the Wings

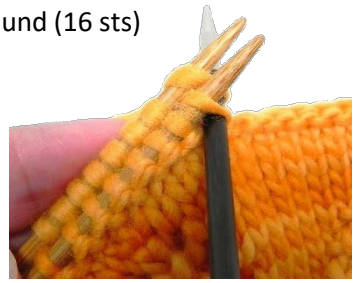
Three-needle B/O 10 sts, three-needle decrease the next 7 sts on the front needle with the next 7 sts on the back needle, three-needle B/O the remaining 10 sts, break yarn and pull through the final st (8 sts)



Body/Head

Body~

C/O 4 sts and join to work in the round.
Rnd 1: (kfb) around (8 sts)
Rnd 2: (k1, kfb) around (12 sts)
Rnd 3: (k2, kfb) around (16 sts)
Rnd 4: (k3, kfb) around (20 sts)
Rnd 5: (k4, kfb) around (24 sts)
Rnd 6: (k5, kfb) around (28 sts)
Rnd 7: (k6, kfb) around (32 sts)
Rnds 8–14: knit (7 rounds)
Rnd 15: (k2, k2tog) around (24 sts)
Rnd 16: knit
Rnd 17: (k1, k2tog) around (16 sts)



ATTACH WINGS

Make sure that the wrong side of the wings (the side with purl bumps) is facing you.

Rnd 18: k8, three-needle decrease the 8 sts of the wing with the next 8 sts of the body (16 sts)



Optional: Use the C/O tail to secure the wings to the base of the body and to help "stretch" out the lace panel.

Head~

Rnd 19: (kfb) around (32 sts)
Stuff the piece.
Rnd 20: (k1, kfb) around (48 sts)
Rnd 21: (kfb, k23) around (50 sts)
Rnds 22 & 23: knit
The purl st in Rnd 24 marks nose placement.
Rnd 24: k12, p1, k37
The purl sts in Rnd 25 mark eye placement.
Rnd 25: k8, p1, k7, p1, k33
Rnds 26–36: knit (11 rounds)
Rnd 37: (k3, k2tog) around (40 sts)

ATTACH EARS (WORKED OVER 2 ROUNDS)

Rnd 38–39: k18, three-needle decrease the 10 sts of an ear with the next 10 sts of the head, k4, three-needle decrease the 10 sts of the other ear with the next 10 sts of the head, k2tog, (k2, k2tog) 9 times (30 sts)

Rnd 40: knit
Stuff the piece and continue to stuff as needed.

ATTACH SAFETY EYES AND NOSE

Using the purl marks for placement, insert the safety eye/nose posts into the head and attach the washers to secure.

Rnd 41: (k1, k2tog) around (20 sts)
Rnd 42: knit
Rnd 43: (k2tog) around (10 sts)

Fasten off.

Weave in all remaining loose ends.

Boo-yah!



Arms (make 2)

C/O 4 sts and join to work in the round.
Rnd 1: (kfb) around (8 sts)
Rnd 2: knit
Rnd 3: (k1, kfb, kfb, k1) around (12 sts)
Rnds 4 & 5: knit
Rnd 6: (ssk, k4) around (10 sts)
Rnd 7: (k3, k2tog) around (8 sts)

CLOSE TOP OF THE ARM

Three-needle decrease the 4 sts on the front needle with the 4 sts on the back needle (4 sts)
Complete the three-needle decrease.

Body/Head

Body~

C/O 4 sts and join to work in the round.
Rnd 1: (kfb) around (8 sts)
Rnd 2: (kfb) around (16 sts)
Rnd 3: (k1, kfb) around (24 sts)
Rnd 4: (k2, kfb) around (32 sts)
Rnd 5: (k3, kfb) around (40 sts)
Rnds 6–8: knit (3 rounds)
Rnd 9: (ssk, k18) around (38 sts)
Rnd 10: (k17, k2tog) around (36 sts)
Rnd 11: knit
Rnd 12: (ssk, k16) around (34 sts)
Rnd 13: (k15, k2tog) around (32 sts)
Rnd 14: knit
Rnd 15: (ssk, k14) around (30 sts)
Rnd 16: (k13, k2tog) around (28 sts)
Rnd 17: knit
Rnd 18: (ssk, k12) around (26 sts)
Rnd 19: (k11, k2tog) around (24 sts)
Rnd 20: knit
Rnd 21: (ssk, k10) around (22 sts)
Rnd 22: (k9, k2tog) around (20 sts)

ATTACH ARMS (WORKED OVER 2 ROUNDS)

Rnds 23–24: k7, three-needle decrease the 4 sts of an arm with the next 4 sts of the body, k8, three-needle decrease the 4 sts of the other arm with the next 4 sts of the body, k17 (20 sts)

Head~

Rnd 25: (kfb) around (40 sts)
Stuff the piece.
Rnd 26: (k1, kfb) around (60 sts)
Rnds 27–33: knit (7 rounds)
The purl sts in Rnd 34 mark eye placement.
Rnd 34: k8, p1, k12, p1, k38
Rnds 35–42: knit (8 rounds)
Rnd 43: (k4, k2tog) around (50 sts)
Rnd 44: knit
Rnd 45: (k3, k2tog) around (40 sts)
Rnd 46: knit
Stuff the piece and continue to stuff as needed.

ATTACH SAFETY EYES

Using the purl marks for placement, insert the safety eye posts into the head and attach the washers to secure.
Rnd 47: (k2, k2tog) around (30 sts)
Rnd 48: knit
Rnd 49: (k1, k2tog) around (20 sts)
Rnd 50: knit
Rnd 51: (k2tog) around (10 sts)
Rnd 52: knit
Rnd 53: (k1, CDD, k1) around (6 sts)
Rnd 54: knit
Rnd 55: (CDD) around (2 sts)

Fasten off.

Weave in all remaining loose ends.

ADD EYEBROWS, MOUTH & TEETH

Each eyebrow is created with an 8” length of embroidery floss threaded through the knitted fabric. Start near the top of the eye and continue down the side. The mouth and teeth are created with a 12” length of embroidery floss. Use the photo below to help with placement.



Abbreviations

( )	work instruction(s) between parentheses as many times as indicated
B/O	bind off
CDD	center double decrease—slip 2 sts as if to knit, knit the next stitch & pass the 2 slipped sts over the stitch just knit
C/O	cast on
DPNs	double-pointed needles
k	knit
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together
kfb	knit into the front & back of a stitch
kfbf	knit into the front, back, and front of a stitch
p	purl
rnd(s)	round(s)
ssk	slip, slip, knit these 2 stitches together
st(s)	stitch(es)
yo	yarn over—bring yarn over the needle to make a stitch

Sample Info

Belfry

Size: Approximately 5.25 inches from base to top of ear

Yarn: Knit Picks Preciosa Tonal, Worsted 100% Merino Wool
Colorway: Goldfish

Needles: US 5/3.75mm

Safety Eyes: 12mm, from Etsy seller 6060

Safety Nose: 15mm, from Etsy seller 6060

Boo-yah!

Size: Approximately 6 inches from base to top of head

Yarn: Knit Picks Preciosa Tonal, Worsted 100% Merino Wool
Colorway: Blue Skies

Needles: US 5/3.75mm

Safety Eyes: 15mm, from Etsy seller 6060

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Three-Needle Decrease Technique

What it is~

The three-needle decrease technique is used when you want to join two layers of fabric together, without binding off. You can use it to close up a piece (by joining the piece's front stitches with its back stitches); you can also use it to attach two pieces (by joining the stitches from one piece with the stitches from another piece). In both cases you will end up with a single layer of live stitches. The pattern will tell you how many stitches should be on the needles when you start, and how many stitches will remain on the needles after the layers are joined.



How it's done~

With the stitches arranged on two needles and the knit (right) sides facing you (out), hold the two needles parallel to each other and use a third needle to knit the first stitch on the front needle together with the first stitch on the back needle. Continue to knit the next stitch on the front needle together with the next stitch on the back needle, for the number of stitches indicated in the pattern.





To tighten the loose stitch at the end of a three-needle decrease, thread the yarn tail though the base of the stitch that sits directly above the final three-needle decrease stitch, into the piece and across to the other side. Pull tightly to secure and weave in ends.



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