

Instructions for Completing a Catnip Mouse

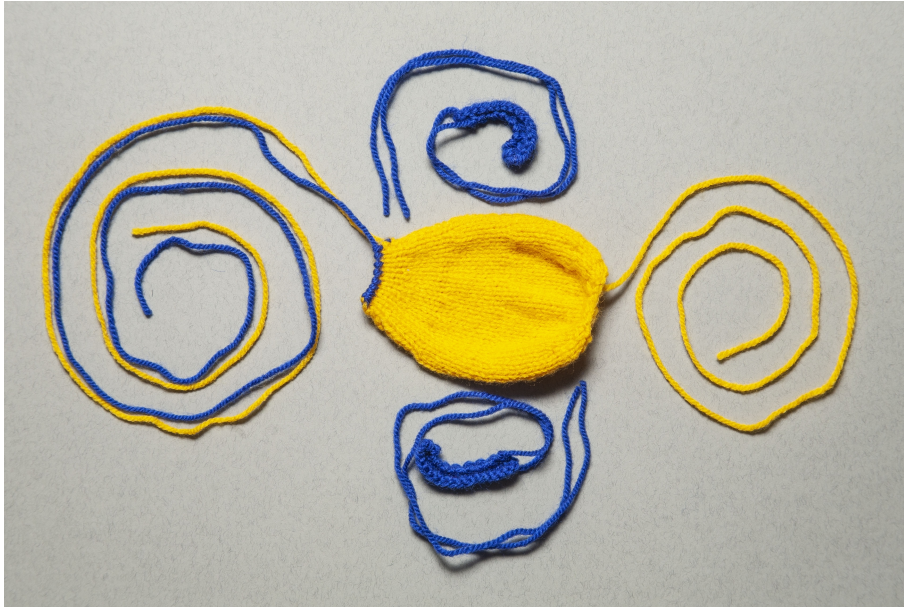
You will need:

Knitted mouse body plus enough yarn to make the tail

A pair of knitted mouse ears in contrasting colour

Stuffing – either toy stuffing or the stuffing from an old pillow

A large pinch of dried catnip



To complete the body:

Sew body of mouse along its length, leaving a gap of approximately 2.5cm at the tail end to allow for stuffing.



Turn the mouse right side out and begin adding the stuffing. Don't forget to add a large pinch of catnip (wrapped inside a ball of stuffing) in the middle. Continue to stuff **firmly** to the tail end. Use ladder stitch to close the rest of the seam. Thread yarn through the cast on stitches and draw through to close off hole. **Fasten off but do not cut off the excess yarn. Use this for one part of the tail.** You should have all three lengths of yarn at the tail end of the mouse.

To make the tail: Use the 3 lengths of yarn left over from knitting the mouse. To make a corded tail, twist the lengths of yarn together tightly, and fold in half. Secure loose ends inside the body of the mouse.



Alternatively, the tail can be made separately using the corded method or by plaiting. The finished tail can be a variety of lengths. It should be secured firmly inside the tail end of the mouse **before** the stitches are drawn together.

Sew ears in place securely and use one of the long ends to embroider the eyes.

