

Check out these butterflies I made for Millie!



I made a mobile out of them. I can tell she digs them, because when I first held them up for her to see, she smiled with interest for about 30 seconds, and then she threw up all over herself. That is her way of telling me she likes something.



For you knitters out there, I wrote down the pattern. It's a little confusing to explain in writing, so I included lots of pictures!

Knitted Butterflies

I used size 4 DPNs, and worsted weight acrylic yarn.

The skills needed to complete this pattern are: making an icord picking up stitches
knitting in the round using DPNs

SSK- slip, slip, knit

K2tog- knit two together

m1- make one

To make the body:

Using brown (or whatever color you want for the butterfly body), Cast on 6 stitches, and make an i-cord about 2 1/2 inches long. (If you're not sure how to make an i-cord, there's lots of [videos on you-tube that explain it.](#))

On top of the i-cord, start on the right hand side, and, working towards the left hand side, pick up 10 stitches.



Then, using a second needle, turn the work over and pick up ten stitches on the other side. Your work should look like this:



Join to work in the round, and knit one round.

On the next round, work in the following manner:

needle 1: k1, m1, k3, m1, k1, then, using a tapestry needle, slip the next 5 stitches onto waste yarn,

needle 2: slip the first 5 stitches onto the waste yarn, and then k1, m1, k3, m1, k1. Your work should look like this:



You will now be working on the Top, left hand wing.

next round

needle 1: k7

needle 2: k7

next round

needle 1: k1, m1, k5, m1, k1

needle 2: k1, m1, k5, m1, k1

next round

needle 1: k9

needle 2: k9

next round

needle 1: k1, m1, k7, m1, k1

needle 2: k1, m1, k7, m1, k1

next round

needle 1: k11

needle 2: k11

Next round (start shaping the wing)

needle 1: k8, k2tog, k1

needle 2: k1, SSK, k8

next round

needle 1: k7, k2tog, k1

needle 2: k1, SSK, k7



next round

needle 1: k6, k2tog, k1

needle 2: k1, SSK, k6

next round

needle 1: k5, k2tog, k1

needle 2: k1, SSK, k5

next round

needle 1: k4, k2tog, k1

needle 2: k1, SSK, k4

next round

needle 1: k3, k2tog, k1

needle 2: k1, SSK, k3

next round

needle 1: k2, k2tog, k1

needle 2: k1, SSK, k2

next round:

needle 1: k4

needle 2: k4

next round:

needle 1: k1, k2tog, k1

needle 2: k1, SSK, k1

next round:

needle 1: k1, k2tog

needle 2: k1, SSK

next round:

needle 1: k2tog

needle 2: SSK

next round:

slip the two remaining stitches onto one needle, and k2tog.

cut yarn and tie off

Your work should look like this:



To Work the Bottom Left Hand Wing, place 5 stitches from the waste yarn on needle 1, and 5 stitches from the waste yarn on needle 2.

needle 1: k1, m1, k3, m1, k1

needle 2: k1, m1, k3, m1, k1



next round:

needle 1: k7

needle 2: k7

next round

needle 1: k1, m1, k5, m1, k1

needle 2: k1, m1, k5, m1, k1

next round

needle 1: k9

needle 2: k9

next round

needle 1: k1, m1, k7, m1, k1

needle 2: k1, m1, k7, m1, k1

next round

needle 1: k11

needle 2: k11

Next round (start shaping the wing)

needle 1: k1, ssk, k5, k2tog, k1

needle 2: k1, ssk, k5, k2tog, k1

next round:

needle 1: k9

needle 2: k9

next round:

needle 1: k1, ssk, k3, k2tog, k1

needle 2: k1, ssk, k3, k2tog, k1

next round:

needle 1: k7

needle 2: k7

next round:

needle 1: k1, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1

needle 2: k1, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1

next round:

needle 1: k5

needle 2: k5

next round:

needle 1: k1, ssk, slip the stitch you just knitted back onto the left hand needle, k2tog, k1

needle 2: k1, ssk, slip the stitch you just knitted back onto the left hand needle, k2tog, k1

next round:

needle 1: k3

needle 2: k3

next round:

needle 1: ssk, slip the stitch you just knitted back onto the left hand needle, k2tog

needle 2: ssk, slip the stitch you just knitted back onto the left hand needle, k2tog

slip both stitches onto the same needle, and k2tog.



To start working on the next set of wings:

On top of the i-cord, pick up 10 stitches, starting at the bottom of the butterfly, and working towards the top. Then, using a second needle, turn the work over and pick up ten stitches on the other side. Your work should look like this:



Join to work in the round, and knit one round.

On the next round, work in the following manner:

needle 1: k1, m1, k3, m1, k1, then, using a tapestry needle, slip the next 5 stitches onto waste yarn,

needle 2: slip the first 5 stitches onto the waste yarn, and then k1, m1, k3, m1, k1. Your work should look like this:



You will now be working on the Bottom, right hand wing.

next round

needle 1: k7

needle 2: k7

next round

needle 1: k1, m1, k5, m1, k1

needle 2: k1, m1, k5, m1, k1

next round

needle 1: k9

needle 2: k9

next round

needle 1: k1, m1, k7, m1, k1

needle 2: k1, m1, k7, m1, k1

next round

needle 1: k11

needle 2: k11

Next round (start shaping the wing)

needle 1: k1, ssk, k5, k2tog, k1

needle 2: k1, ssk, k5, k2tog, k1

next round:

needle 1: k9

needle 2: k9

next round:

needle 1: k1, ssk, k3, k2tog, k1

needle 2: k1, ssk, k3, k2tog, k1

next round:

needle 1: k7

needle 2: k7

next round:

needle 1: k1, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1

needle 2: k1, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1

next round:

needle 1: k5

needle 2: k5

next round:

needle 1: k1, ssk, slip the stitch you just knitted back onto the left hand needle, k2tog, k1

needle 2: k1, ssk, slip the stitch you just knitted back onto the left hand needle, k2tog, k1

next round:

needle 1: k3

needle 2: k3

next round:

needle 1: ssk, slip the stitch you just knitted back onto the left hand needle, k2tog

needle 2: ssk, slip the stitch you just knitted back onto the left hand needle, k2tog

slip both stitches onto the same needle, and k2tog.



To Work the Top Right Hand Wing, place 5 stitches from the waste yarn on needle 1, and 5 stitches from the waste yarn on needle 2.

needle 1: k1, m1, k3, m1, k1

needle 2: k1, m1, k3, m1, k1



next round
needle 1: k7
needle 2: k7

next round
needle 1: k1, m1, k5, m1, k1
needle 2: k1, m1, k5, m1, k1

next round
needle 1: k9
needle 2: k9

next round
needle 1: k1, m1, k7, m1, k1
needle 2: k1, m1, k7, m1, k1

next round
needle 1: k11
needle 2: k11

next round (start shaping the wing)
needle 1: k1, ssk, k8
needle 2: k8, k2tog, k1

next round:
needle 1: k1, ssk, k7
needle 2: k7, k2tog, k1

next round:
needle 1: k1, ssk, k6
needle 2: k6, k2tog, k1

next round:
needle 1: k1, ssk, k5
needle 2: k5, k2tog, k1

next round:
needle 1: k1, ssk, k4
needle 2: k4, k2tog, k1

next round:
needle 1: k1, ssk, k3

needle 2: k3, k2tog, k1

next round:

needle 1: k1, ssk, k2

needle 2: k2, k2tog, k1

next round:

needle 1: k4

needle 2: k4

next round:

needle 1: k1, ssk, k1

needle 2: k1, k2tog, k1

next round:

needle 1: k1, ssk

needle 2: k1, k2tog

next round:

needle1: ssk

needle 2: k2tog

next round:

slip the two remining stitches onto one needle, and k2tog.

cut yarn and tie off

Your work should look like this:



Weave in ends, and you are finished!



I hope this tutorial helps. The shaping is actually quite intuitive once you start to work it. In order to make the mobile, I cut a stick of walnut wood, and put "eye" hardware into each end. I then just hung the stick using fishing line, and tied the butterflies on using more fishing line.

*disclaimer- From what I've read, baby mobiles can strangle babies, so make sure you don't hang this anywhere where your little one can get his/her hands on it. I plan on moving mine away from the crib as soon as my little girl can sit up!

