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**SKILL LEVEL:** [Easy +](#)

**SIZE:** One Size  
About 13 in. (33) cm tall

**CORRECTIONS:** None as of Sep 18, 2010. To check for later updates, click [here](#).

#### MATERIALS

- 840-132 [Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Baby: Goldfish](#)  
1 Ball (A)
- 840-157 [Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Baby: Duckie](#)  
1 Ball (B)
- [Lion Brand Knitting Needles - Size 6 \[4.00 mm\]](#)
- [Large-Eye Blunt Needles \(Set of 6\)](#)
- Additional Materials  
Small amount of pink yarn  
Fiberfill stuffing  
2 plastic safety eyes, 9 mm diameter

#### GAUGE:

Exact gauge is not important to this project

#### STITCH EXPLANATION:

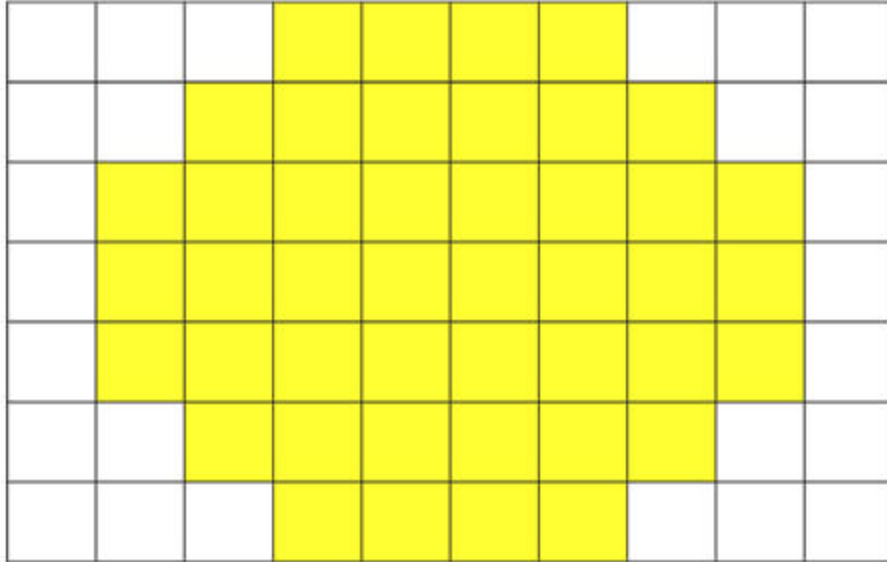
**Kfb (knit in front and then back)** Knit into front and then back of same st - 1 st increased.

#### NOTES:

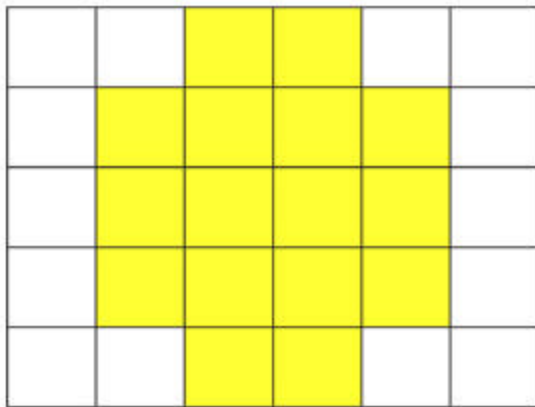
Giraffe is worked by knitting a long strip. The strip is seamed to make a tube, then stuffed. The stuffed tube is tied off with yarn at various points to shape the Giraffe - a construction inspired by twisting balloons to make animals.

Strip for Giraffe is worked with A only, B dots are worked with duplicate st after piece is stuffed.

### Large Spot



### Small Spot



### GIRAFFE

Beg at nose, with A, cast on 6 sts.

**Row 1:** Knit.

**Rows 2 and 4:** Purl.

**Row 3 (Increase Row):** Kfb in each st across - 12 sts at the end of Row 3.

**Row 5:** Rep Row 3 - 24 sts.

Continue in St st (k on RS, p on WS) as established until piece measures about 32 in. (81.5 cm) from beg, end with a WS row.

**Next Row (Decrease Row):** \*K2tog; rep from \* across - 12 sts.

**Next Row:** Purl.

**Next Row:** Rep Decrease Row - 6 sts.

Do not bind off.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail.

Thread tail through remaining sts, pull tightly to gather together, and knot.

### FINISHING

Measure 1 1/2 in. (3.5 cm) from cast on edge and, following package directions, attach safety eyes.

Beginning at bound off end, and adding stuffing as you go, seam long sides of strip to make a tube.

### Shaping

#### Notes

1. Refer to diagram for placement of ties.
2. If desired, after wrapping and tying, you can sew a few stitches to secure the shaping.



Cut 12 in. (30.5 cm) lengths of A for ties. Wrap each length around stuffed tube and knot securely, placing lengths as follows:

1. Wrap and tie first length about 2 1/2 in. (6.5 cm) from cast on edge to make head.
2. Wrap and tie 2 in. (5 cm) from first tie for first ear.
3. Wrap and tie 2 in. (5 cm) from first ear tie for second ear.
4. Bend ears against head, matching second ear tie to head tie. Wrap and tie ears/head together at this point. Tie for first ear will be at highest point, centered behind head.
5. Wrap and tie 2 in. (5 cm) from bound off end of tube for tail.
6. For first back leg, wrap and tie 2 in. (5 cm) from tail tie. For second back leg, wrap and tie 2 in. (5 cm) from first back leg tie. Wrap and tie back legs together under body.
7. Wrap and tie 4 in. (10 cm) from back legs/tail for body.
8. Working towards head, wrap and tie 2 in. (5 cm) from body tie for first front leg.
9. Still working towards head, wrap and tie 2 in. (5 cm) from first leg tie for second front leg.
10. Tie front legs together under body, wrapping and tying over previous ties.

### Spots and Mouth

With B, and following charts, work duplicate st large and small spots on neck and body as desired.  
 With pink yarn, embroider a straight st smile onto head.  
 Weave in ends.

<b>ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES</b>	
Click for explanation and illustration	
<u>beg</u> = begin(s)(ning)	<u>k</u> = knit
<u>k2tog</u> = knit 2 together	<u>p</u> = purl
<u>rep</u> = repeat(s)(ing)	<u>RS</u> = right side
<u>St st</u> = Stockinette stitch	<u>st(s)</u> = stitch(es)
<u>WS</u> = wrong side	

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