

A Silverlake Skunk

Knitting Pattern by Tina Marrin

A fuzzy knitted skunk approximately 2" in length

Skill level: Intermediate with basic knowledge of intarsia techniques

Supplies:

Lion Brand's "Tiffany" yarn in black (color 153) and cream (color 098)	2 Black opaque seed beads in Size 10/0	White thread
Size 1 knitting needles	US B1 size crochet hook	Black thread
Tiny bit of Fimo brand soft modeling clay in Chocolate (color 75)	Scissors	Sewing needle
	Glue	

Steps:

Pull out approximately 10" of black yarn and cast on 3 stitches. (There will be a long tail which will be used later. Take care not knit the skunk with the tail.)

Note: Odd rows are the "right side" or top side of the skunk and even rows are the "wrong side" or bottom of the skunk.

Note: Instructions will be abbreviated from now on.

K = knit P = purl bl = black yarn cr = cream yarn sts = stitches incr = increase decr = decrease



Row 1: Increase 1, Knit 3, Increase 1 - (5 stitches on the needle)

Row 2: Increase 1, Knit 2, Increase 1, Knit 1, Increase 1, Knit 2, Increase 1 - (9 stitches on the needle)

Prepare for row 3:

Pull out approximately 8" of the cream colored yarn.

Row 3: K2 (bl), K1 (cr), K3 (bl), K1 (cr), K2 (bl) - (9 sts on needle)

Row 4: P1 (bl), incr 1 (bl), P2 (cr), P3 (bl), P2 (cr), incr 1 (bl), P1 (bl) - 11 sts on needle)

Row 5: K2 (bl), K2 (cr), K3 (bl), K2 (cr), K2 (bl) - (11 sts on needle)

Row 6: P1 (bl), P2 (cr), P5 (bl), P2 (cr), P1 (bl) - (11 sts on needle)

Row 7: K1 (bl), K2 (cr), K5 (bl), K2 (cr), K1 (bl) - (11 sts on needle)

Row 8: repeat Row 6

Row 9: K2 (bl), K2 (cr), K3 (bl), K2 (cr), K2 (bl) - (11 sts on needle)

Row 10: P2 (bl), P2 (cr), P3 (bl), P2 (cr), P2 (bl) - (11 sts on needle)

Row 11: repeat row 9

Row 12: repeat row 10

Row 13: Decr 1 (bl), K1 (bl), K2 (cr), K1 (bl), K2 (cr), K1 (bl), Decr 1 (bl) - (9 sts on needle)

Row 14: P2 (bl), P2 (cr), P1 (bl), P2 (cr), P2 (bl) - (9 sts on needle)

Row 15: K2 (bl), K2 (cr), K1 (bl), K2 (cr), K2 (bl) - (9 sts on needle)

Row 16: repeat Row 14

Row 17: K2 (bl), K3 (cr), K3 (bl) - (9 sts on needle)

Row 18: Decr 1 (bl), P1 (bl), P3 (cr), P1 (bl), Decr 1 (bl) - (7 sts on needle)

Row 19: K2 (bl), K1 (cr), Decr 1 (cr), K2 (bl) - (6 sts on needle)

Row 20: P2 (bl), P2 (cr), P2 (bl) - (6 sts on needle)

Row 21: K2 (bl), K2 (cr), K2 (bl) - (6 sts on needle)

Row 22: P6 (bl) & then cut off cream color leaving at least a 5" tail

Row 23: K6 (bl)

Row 24: Decr 1, P2, Decr 1 - (4 sts on needle)

Row 25: K4 (bl)

Row 26: Decr 1, Decr 1 - (2 sts on needle)

Row 27: Knit the remaining 2 sts together and pull yarn through to bind off.

Finishing:

The Tail: Tie in the ends at the "nose" end of the skunk.

With the ends at the "butt" end of the skunk crochet a skunk tail as long as desired with the black yarn and then the white yarn to make it fairly bushy.

The Nose: (optional) With Fimo clay make a tiny ball approximately 1/16" diameter (really small!) and poke two small holes in the ball for skunk nostrils. Bake & let cool as directed and then glue the nose to tip of the skunk face.

The Eyes: Take two of the black beads and sew on where the eyes should be using the black thread. With white thread sew a short line to simulate the "eye white" (this gives the skunk instant personality).

Body: Trim skunk "fur" only on body section (not the tail, leave that bushy) as short as desired being careful not to cut through any stitches.

