

Panda Pin Knit Pattern

Materials:

Cascade 220 wool in white and black. A few yards of white yarn. 3 pieces of black yarn (1 cut to 36" for the nose and eyes and the other 2 cut to 16" for the ears). Note - you will need to block your panda in order for him to lay flat, so choose colors that don't run.

Needles: size 6 (or use any to obtain gauge, or that create your desired size panda)

Instructions:

CO 9 stitches. Work 13 rows of chart in stockinette stitch by starting in the bottom right corner. Work odd rows right-to-left (Right side) and even rows left-to-right (Wrong side). On rows 5 through 9, use 36" black yarn for eyes and nose, fair-isle style, so you'll be carrying your yarn in the back of your work. On row 10, use your 16" black yarn pieces on each side of the head, using the colors intarsia style. On 13th row, work 4 black stitches (keep on needle), bind off next 11 white sts and cut white yarn and secure, work remaining 4 black sts. turn and bind off 3 sts and secure, bind off remaining 3 sts.

Finishing:

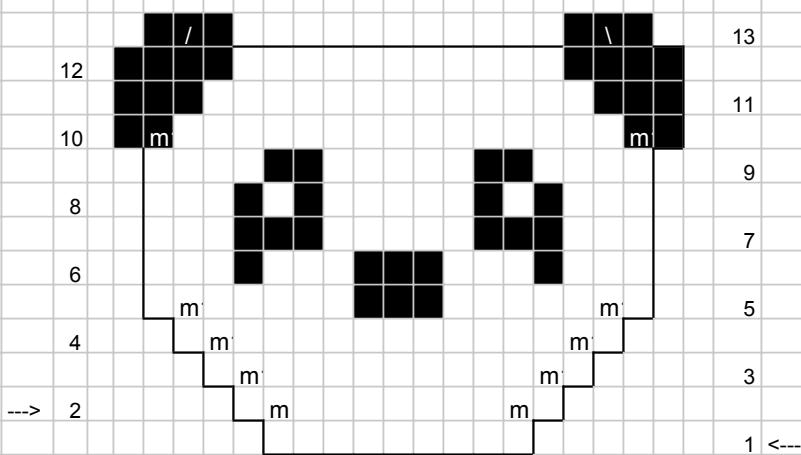
After knitting, your panda will have pointy ears and look more like a gremlin than cuddly panda. Weave the ends of the black ear yarn to the white top of the head to round out the ears. Weave remaining ends.

Block panda to make him lie flat - I pinned him flat and spritzed him with water and left overnight.

Attach a safety pin to the back and wear!

Key

- = white, knit on RS, purl on WS
- = black, knit on RS, purl on WS
- = make 1 (see below)
- = k2tog (in black yarn)
- = SSK (slip slip knit) - in black yarn



SSK - slip purlwise, slip another purlwise, knit through back of loops on right needle

k2tog - knit 2 together

knit row increases (make 1):

right slant: insert left needle in horizontal bar under row, back to front; knit through this stitch in the front of the stitch

left slant: insert left needle in horizontal bar under row front to back, knit through the back of this stitch

purl row increases (make 1):

right slant: insert left needle in horizontal bar under row back to front, purl through front of stitch

left slant: insert left needle in horizontal bar under row, front to back, purl through back of stitch

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