

# Spider mascot



Create a body by using only the front portion of your cylinder with 4 fewer needles than half. Start with scrap yarn, then add your good yarn starting at the right side. \*Go directly into a heel shaping on the front of the machine moving toward the left. Work down to 6 stitches and back again. Repeat from two more times. The body will appear somewhat triangular in shape, but stuffing it fully will round it out. Then kitchener it closed.

Make a head in the same way using 12 needles and working down to 4 three times. Stuff, sew closed, and attach to body.

The legs may be created directly by hanging body stitches onto four needles or else by forming "fake" I cord (going back and forth) and sewing them on. I enclosed pipe cleaners so I could bend them to shape and sewed down the seams. You will determine the length based on the size of the body. Number of needles used and type of yarn will cause variations.

Socks:

Make 3 pairs (or 4 if you prefer) of tube socks 8 stitches wide and 8 rows long. Run the tail through the last row of stitches at each end, then use one of the tails to go down the sides to close. Bury ends and terminate.

I used large buttons, one of top of another, to create a suitable hat and found a little heart shaped one to sew to her chest. I preferred that mine be shown as a knitter, so she has one sock partially knitted (which I arranged on fancy toothpicks as needles). By attaching a hanging loop, she's an adorable sock machine mascot and can be positioned so that your incoming yarn passes by without interference.