

# Wiggles the Caterpillar

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Skill level: Intermediate



This Caterpillar requires absolutely no seaming!

## Materials:

US 4 (3.5 mm) double pointed needles,  
set of 4 or 5 (set of 5 is  
recommended)

Paintbox Simply DK, 100% acrylic,  
100 g/3.5 oz, 276 m/302 yds, colors  
133, 129, 128, 150, 147, 113, 140 and 158. Each segment uses about 5 grs. Use as many colors as you wish.

US 3 (3.25 mm) or 4 (3.5 mm) crochet hook

Yarn needle

Fiberfill stuffing

2 safety buttons for eyes 9mm

Chenille stick



## Abbreviations:

- Inc Right Lifted Increase: Insert the right-hand needle in the right side of the stitch 1 row below the stitch on the left-hand needle. Lift it and place on left-hand needle. Knit in the front leg of the stitch.
- K Knit.
- K2tog Knit 2 sts together.
- Rep Repeat.

## Directions:

### Body:

With first color and using Emily Ocher's cast-on (directions on last page of pattern), cast on 8 sts.

Distribute on 3 or 4 needles.

Rnd 1, 3, 5, 21 and 23: K.

Rnd 2: Increase in each st. (16 sts)

Rnd 4: \*Inc, k1; rep from \* to end of rnd. (24 sts)

Rnd 6: \*Inc, k2; rep from \* to end of rnd. (32 sts)

Rnds 7 – 9: K.

Weave in ends

Rnd 10: \*Inc, k3; rep from \* to end of rnd. (40 sts)

Rnds 11 – 15: K.

Rnd 16: \*K2tog, k3, rep from \* to end of rnd. (32 sts)

Rnds 17 – 19: K.

Rnd 20: \*K2tog, k2, rep from \* to end of rnd. (24 sts)

Rnd 22: \*K2tog, k1, rep from \* to end of rnd. (16 sts)

Begin stuffing the segment.

Rnd 24: \*K2tog, rep from \* to end of rnd. (8 sts)

Rnd 25: \*K2tog, rep from \* to end of rnd. (4 sts)

\*Join next color; k around.

Inc in each st around. (8 sts)

Rep Rnds 1 – 25.\*

Rep between \* \* until 7 segments are completed.

## Head

K around.

Inc in each st around. (8sts)

Rnd 1, 3, 5, 23 and 25: K.

Rnd 2: Increase in each st. (16 sts)

Rnd 4: \*Inc, k1; rep from \* to end of rnd. (24 sts)

Rnd 6: \*Inc, k2; rep from \* to end of rnd. (32 sts)

Rnds 7 and 8: K.

Weave in ends

Rnd 9: \*Inc, k3; rep from \* to end of rnd. (40 sts)

Rnds 10 and 11: K.

Rnd 12: \*Inc, k4; rep from \* to end of rnd. (48 sts)

Rnds 13 – 15:

Rnd 16: \*K2tog, k4, rep from \* to end of rnd. (40 sts)

Rnds 17 and 18: K.

Rnd 19: \*K2tog, k3, rep from \* to end of rnd. (32 sts)

Rnds 20 and 21: K.

Rnd 22: \*K2tog, k2, rep from \* to end of rnd. (24 sts)

Rnd 24: \*K2tog, k1, rep from \* to end of rnd. (16 sts)

Add eyes; begin stuffing.

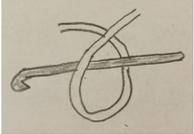
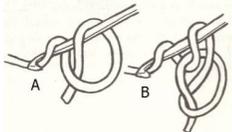
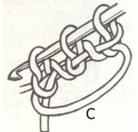
Rnd 26: \*K2tog, rep from \* to end of rnd. (8 sts)

Cut yarn leaving an 8" tail. Weave through live stitches, tighten, weave in end.

Embroider mouth.

Push the chenille stick through the head, bend ends and wind tightly, cut excess stick.

## Emily Ocher's Circular Cast-on.

1. Make a ring. Do not pull it tight; keep it loose. Grasp the loop where the strands meet with your left thumb and index finger. You can make the loop with the tail going up. You will then have to weave in the tail. 
2. Insert the hook into the loop from front to back. Grab the yarn with the hook (yo) and bring through the loop. You now have one loop on the hook. 
3. Insert the hook into the loop again; you will be going under the yarn tail as well. Hook the yarn (yo) and bring through the loop. Hook the yarn again and bring through the loop on the hook as if you were making a chain. You now have two loops on the hook. Repeat this step until you have the required number of loops. 
4. Carefully replace the hook with your needles and begin knitting in the round. After you have finished a few rounds, pull the tail to close up the circle and weave in.

You now have a nice, tight circle with no hole in the middle.