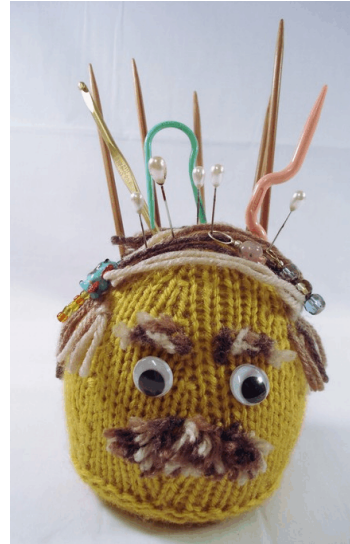




**The Original PUDGEEZ
Knitter's Valet / Pincushion / Desk Buddy / Toy**



This is a pattern I came up with because I was totally frustrated with digging around in the bottom of my project bag for the little tools I needed while doing a project. I wanted them handy. I wanted them ready and waiting. I wanted them at my finger tips and I wanted them NOW!! The Knitter's Valet (I call mine Bob) is great for sitting next to you while you work . Your valet can hold extra DPN needles you aren't using at the moment, yarn needles, cable needles, stitch markers & row markers (I slide mine onto quilters pins), small crochet hooks, etc and with its weighted bottom is not likely to turn over. Bob is sooooo handy I decided to make Phyllis--she holds my pins for sewing. The pattern does require a minor amount of crochet--chain stitch and single crochet stitch. Finished item is approx. 5" tall x 3 1/2" in diameter across the bottom.

Here's what you need:

- * 4oz. worsted weight yarn would be more than enough, scrap yarn for hair**
- * 1 set DPN in size 4**
- * 1 crochet hook size F or G**

- * poly fil
- * 5" of pany hose—the toe works the best
- * 2 buttons for eyes (optional)
- * approx. 1/2 cup of cheap white rice
- * 1 stitch marker
- * 1 row counter
- **gauge is approx. 5 stitches per inch—it really doesn't matter though since you're not wearing it

All right, here we go!

Things you need to know:

I = Increase (Knit in front and then in back of stitch before moving to right needle)

D = Decrease (Knit 2 together)

With Color A cast on 9 stitches evenly over 3 DPN needles leaving a 4" tail (be careful not to twist them)

1. Knit 1 round—it works really well to put your stitch marker on the 2nd stitch of the 1st needle so you know where your rounds begin and end

2. I, K1, I on all needles (15 stitches)

3. Knit 2 rounds

4. K1, I, K1, I, K1 (21 stitches)

5. Knit 2 rounds

6. K2, I, K2, I, K1 (27 stitches)

7. Knit 2 rounds

8. K3, I, K3, I, K1 (33 stitches)

9. Knit 2 rounds

10. K4, I, K4, I, K1 (39 stitches)

11. Knit 2 rounds

*****after this is a good time to take your crochet hook and pull that 4" tail through the beginning cast on stitches, pull closed, take crochet hook and pull through to inside, knot securely, weave in a little, and clip the rest**

12. K5, I, K5, I, K1 (45 stitches)

13. Knit 2 rounds

14. K6, I, K6, I, K1 (51 stitches)

15. Knit 4 rounds

16. K6, D, K6, D, K1 (45 stitches)

17. Knit 2 rounds

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18. K5, D, K5, D, K1 (39 stitches)

19. Knit 2 rounds
20. K4, D, K4, D, K1 (33 stitches)
21. Purl 1 round
22. Cut color A yarn and knot with color B yarn
23. Knit 3 rounds
24. K3, D, K3, D, K1 (27 stitches)
25. Knit 6 rounds
26. Cut yarn leaving a 6" tail and use crochet hook to run through loops as with the top—DO NOT PULL CLOSED YET!
27. Stuff the valet/pincusion with polyfil to suit you.
28. Put rice in toe of panyhose and knot the end.
29. Slip the rice packet into the opening and smush it around to flatten it some and get it centered.
30. Pull tail closing hole, knot off, clip to 2" and with bottom of crochet hook push tail into the valet.

Curly Hair (as shown in center picture):

with crochet hook and color B yarn chain 10 (shorter hair) or 14 (longer hair) with a beginning tail of 2 or 3" long, turn and single crochet back up chain. Cut yarn leaving 2 or 3" tail pulling tail through last loop knotting it. Run 1 side of tail through a knitted loop on the top of the valet head with the crochet hook and using 2nd tail tie in a knot. Do this for all the the hair strands you decide to make then pull up all the straight tails and trim to 1"

Mouth:

with crochet hook and yarn color B put crochet hook through knitted loops where you want to begin one side of the mouth. Wrap yarn around crochet hook and pull through knitted loop (1 loop on hook). Put crochet hook through next knitted loop, wrap with yarn and pull through knitted loop and loop on crochet hook. Continue with this until you get to the end of the mouth. Cut yarn leaving 3" tail to pull through last loop knotting yarn. Push tail into head with bottom of crochet hook.
Sew on button eyes if desired.

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