

Riesenkrake Pattern



Supplies

- 350 yards worsted weight yarn in coral
- Scraps of white and black for eyes

Size 4 double pointed needles

1 stitch marker

Darning needle

Stuffing

Abbreviations

CO	cast on
dpn	double pointed needle
K	knit
P	purl
st	stitch
sts	stitches
M1	make one stitch (see note below)
K2tog	knit two stitches together
WT	wrap and turn (see note below)

Pattern Notes

- M1 = make one stitch: Lift the right “leg” of the next stitch (the right side of the stitch below the next stitch on your left needle), place it on the left needle, then knit it as you would any other stitch.
- WT = wrap and turn: After knitting the specified number of stitches, bring yarn to the front of work, slip the next st on the left dpn to the right one, move yarn to the back of your work, and slip the stitch back to the left needle. This “wraps” the stitch. Turn your work and purl the number of stitches indicated. Bring yarn to the back of work, slip the next st on the left dpn to the right one, move yarn to the front of your work, and slip the stitch back to the left needle. This wraps the second stitch. Turn your work and knit the number of stitches indicated.

Body (work begins at tip of “nose”)

CO 6 sts onto 3 dpns, join in the round, and work the rounds below:

1)	K all sts	
2)	(M1, K1) repeat to end	(12 sts)
3)	K all sts	
4)	(M1, K2) repeat to end	(18 sts)
5)	K all sts	
6)	(M1, K3) repeat to end	(24 sts)
7)	K all sts	
8)	(M1, K4) repeat to end	(30 sts)
9)	K all sts	
10)	(M1, K5) repeat to end	(36 sts)
11)	K all sts	
12)	(M1, K6) repeat to end	(42 sts)
13)	K all sts	
14)	(M1, K7) repeat to end	(48 sts)
15)	K all sts	
16)	(M1, K8) repeat to end	(54 sts)
17-19)	K all sts	
20)	(K2tog, K7) repeat to end	(48 sts)
21-23)	K all sts	
24)	(K2tog, K6) repeat to end	(42 sts)
25-27)	K all sts	
28)	(K2tog, K5) repeat to end	(36 sts)
29-31)	K all sts	
32)	(K2tog, K4) repeat to end	(30 sts)
33-35)	K all sts	
36)	(K2tog, K3) repeat to end	(24 sts)
37)	K all sts	

The short rows below (38-45) are worked back and forth (not in the round), and will shape the top of your Riesenkrake’s head while tilting his nose forward and downward:

38)	K3, WT, P6, WT, K3
39)	K4, WT, P8, WT, K4
40)	K5, WT, P10, WT, K5
41)	K6, WT, P12, WT, K6

42)	K3, WT, P6, WT, K3	
43)	K4, WT, P8, WT, K4	
44)	K5, WT, P10, WT, K5	
45)	K6, WT, P12, WT, K6	
46)	K all sts	
47)	(M1, K2) repeat to end	(36 sts)
48)	K all sts	
49)	(M1, K3) repeat to end	(48 sts)
50)	K all sts	
51)	(M1, K4) repeat to end	(60 sts)
52)	K all sts	
53)	(M1, K5) repeat to end	(72 sts)
54)	K all sts	
55)	(M1, K6) repeat to end	(84 sts)
56)	K all sts	
57)	(M1, K7) repeat to end	(96 sts)
58)	K all sts	

Legs

The 8 legs of your Riesenkrake are now worked individually from the 96 live sts. K across the first 12 sts. Place all of the remaining live sts (84) on a piece of scrap yarn. Divide the 12 sts just worked onto 2 dpns (6 on each). CO 3 new sts, place a stitch marker, CO 3 more new sts for a total of 18 sts. Slip the 6 new sts onto a 3rd dpn, join in the round, and work the rounds below. The stitch marker will designate the beginning/end of the rounds:

- K all sts for 5 inches (5 inches total)
- K2tog, K to last 2 sts in round, K2tog (16 sts)
- K all sts for 3 more inches (8 inches total)
- K2tog, K to last 2 sts in round, K2tog (14 sts)
- K all sts for 2 more inches (10 inches total)
- K2tog, K to last 2 sts in round, K2tog (12 sts)
- K all sts for 1 more inch (11 inches total)
- K2tog, K to last 2 sts in round, K2tog (10 sts)
- K all sts for 1 more inch (12 inches total)
- K2tog, K to last 2 sts in round, K2tog (8 sts)
- K all sts for 1 more inch (13 inches total)
- Cut yarn, thread through remaining live sts, and pull closed. Weave in loose end.

K across the next 12 sts on scrap yarn, and repeat all instructions for each of the remaining legs. When finished knitting the legs, stuff the body firmly, and the legs loosely so that they will remain pliable.

Bottom

CO 6 sts onto 3 dpns, join in the round, and work the rounds below:

1)	K all sts	
2)	(M1, K1) repeat to end	(12 sts)
3-4)	K all sts	
5)	(M1, K1) repeat to end	(24 sts)
6-9)	K all sts	
10)	(M1, K1) repeat to end	(48 sts)
11-18)	K all sts	
19)	(M1, K1) repeat to end	(96 sts)
20-21)	K all sts	

Cast off all sts. Seam to the bottom of your Riesenkrake, adding additional stuffing just before closing. The bottom should resemble a flat pillow.

Eyes (make 2 the same)

CO 15 sts onto 3 dpns, join in the round, and work the rounds below:

1-4)	K all sts	
5)	(K2tog, K3) repeat to end	(12 sts)
6)	K all sts	
7)	(K2tog, K2) repeat to end	(9 sts)

Cut yarn, thread through remaining live sts and pull closed; secure end. After knitting the coral eye, embroider a circle on one side of it with the white yarn. Then inside of the white circle embroider a smaller one with black yarn. Stuff; seam to head.

