



Sugar Glider and Spider Rattles

This colorful self-striping yarn makes these little critters easy to make and fun to have around!

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Spider rattle measures 8" tall.

Sugar glider rattle measures 9" tall, measured from top of head to tip of tail.

RED HEART® "Stripes": 1 ball 942 Cancun Stripe **A**.
RED HEART® "Super Saver": 1 skein 528 Medium Purple **B**.

Knitting Needles: 4mm [US 6] – 32" circular needle, or four 4mm [US 6] double pointed needles.

Stitch marker, embroidery floss in assorted colors for face details, sharp embroidery needle, felt scraps for eyes and cheeks, crochet hook for attaching hair, stuffing, cat toy or rattle, yarn needle.

GAUGE: [US 6] needles makes 8" Spider rattle or 9" Sugar glider rattle. Larger or smaller size needles will make larger or smaller rattles. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.

Special Stitches

kfb (Knit into front and back) = Knit next st but do not remove from needle, knit into back loop of same st and remove from needle.

ssk = slip next two stitches knitwise to right needle, insert point of left needle through front of sts, knit these sts together through back loop.

NOTES

1. The head and body of each rattle is knit in the round, in a single piece. The head and body can be worked on circular needle, using the magic loop method, or with double pointed needles, depending upon preference.
2. Tail is worked separately and sewn on later.
3. I-cord is used for the legs and claws. To make I-cord, cast on the indicated number of stitches, onto a circular or double-pointed needle. *Knit all the stitches, do not turn work. Slide all the stitches to opposite end of needle. Carry yarn tightly across back of work, and knit all the stitches. Repeat from * until desired number of rounds have been worked.
4. Stuff pieces as rounds are worked.
5. Attach all body parts securely to prevent pieces from coming apart.

SPIDER

Head and Body

With **A**, CO 6 sts. Place marker for beginning of round.

Round 1: Kfb in each st around—12 sts.

Round 2: *Kfb, k1; repeat from * around—18 sts.

Round 3: *Kfb, k2; repeat from * around—24 sts.

Round 4: *Kfb, k3; repeat from * around—30 sts.

Round 5: *Kfb, k4; repeat from * around—36 sts.

Round 6: *Kfb, k5; repeat from * around—42 sts.

Round 7: *Kfb, k6; repeat from * around—48 sts.

Rounds 8-10: Knit.

Round 11: *K2tog, k6; repeat from * around—42 sts.

Round 12: *K2tog, k5; repeat from * around—36 sts.

Rounds 13-15: Knit.

Round 16: *K2tog, k4; repeat from * around—30 sts.

Round 17: *K2tog, k3; repeat from * around—24 sts.

Round 18: Knit.

Round 19: *Kfb, k3; repeat from * around—30 sts.

Round 20: *Kfb, k4; repeat from * around—36 sts.

Round 21: *Kfb, k5; repeat from * around—42 sts.

Round 22: *Kfb, k6; repeat from * around—48 sts.



Round 23: Knit.

Round 24: *Kfb, k7; repeat from * around—54 sts.

Rounds 25-28: Knit.

Round 29: *K2tog, k7; repeat from * around—48 sts.

Round 30: *K2tog, k6; repeat from * around—42 sts.

Rounds 31-40: Knit.

Round 41: *K2tog, k5; repeat from * around—36 sts.

Round 42: *K2tog, k4; repeat from * around—30 sts.

Round 43: *K2tog, k3; repeat from * around—24 sts.

Begin stuffing piece, and add rattle. Continue to stuff piece as work proceeds.

Round 44: *K2tog, k2; repeat from * around—18 sts.

Round 45: *K2tog, k1; repeat from * around—12 sts.

Round 46: *K2tog; repeat from * around—6 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. Securely weave in end.

Legs (make 8)

With **B**, CO 5 sts.

Work I-cord for 10 rounds.

Shape Foot

Begin working in rounds using circular or double-pointed needles.

Round 1: Kfb in each st around—10 sts. Place marker for beginning of round.

Round 2: *Kfb, k1; repeat from * around—15 sts.

Round 3: *Kfb, k2; repeat from * around—20 sts.

Rounds 4-6: Knit.

Round 7: *K2tog, k2; repeat from * around—15 sts.

Round 8: *K2tog, k1; repeat from * around—10 sts.

Stuff piece lightly.

Round 9: *K2tog; repeat from * around—5 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. Securely weave in end.

FINISHING

Sew legs around body, as shown in photograph. Cut out felt eye and cheek shapes from templates. With embroidery thread, whipstitch these shapes to head. Embroider a mouth using a running or outline stitch. Weave in ends.

Hair

Cut three 4" lengths of **B**. Fold a strand in half. Insert crochet hook into top most stitch of head and into folded strand. Draw fold through stitch, forming loop. Thread ends of strands through loop and pull to tighten. Repeat this process with more strands until hair is of desired thickness. Strands can be unraveled to add fluffiness.

SUGAR GLIDER

Head and Body

With **A**, CO 6 sts. Place marker for beginning of round.

Round 1: Kfb in each st around—12 sts.

Round 2: *Kfb, k1; repeat from * around—18 sts.

Round 3: *Kfb, k2; repeat from * around—24 sts.

Round 4: *Kfb, k3; repeat from * around—30 sts.

Round 5: *Kfb, k4; repeat from * around—36 sts.

Round 6: *Kfb, k5; repeat from * around—42 sts.

Round 7: *Kfb, k6; repeat from * around—48 sts.

Rounds 8-18: Knit.

Round 19: *K2tog, k6; repeat from * around—42 sts.

Round 20: *K2tog, k5; repeat from * around—36 sts.

Round 21: Knit.

Round 22: *K2tog, k4; repeat from * around—30 sts.

Round 23: Knit.

Round 24: *K2tog, k3; repeat from * around—24 sts.

Round 25: Knit.

Round 26: *K2tog, k2; repeat from * around—18 sts.

Round 27: Knit.

Round 28: *Kfb, k2; repeat from * around—24 sts.

Rounds 29-34: Knit.

Round 35: *Kfb, k3; repeat from * around—30 sts.

Round 36: *Kfb, k4; repeat from * around—36 sts.

Rounds 37-39: Knit.

Round 40: *Kfb, k5; repeat from * around—42 sts.

Rounds 41-44: Knit.

Round 45: *K2tog, k5; repeat from * around—36 sts.

Rounds 46-50: Knit.

Round 51: *K2tog, k4; repeat from * around—30 sts.

Round 52: *K2tog, k3; repeat from * around—24 sts.

Begin stuffing piece, and add rattle. Continue to stuff piece as work proceeds.

Round 53: *K2tog, k2; repeat from * around—18 sts.

Round 54: *K2tog, k1; repeat from * around—12 sts.

Round 55: *K2tog; repeat from * around—6 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. Securely weave in end.

Tail

With **A**, CO 6 sts. Place marker for beginning of round.

Round 1: Kfb in each st around—12 sts.

Rounds 2-5: Knit.

Round 6: *Kfb, k1; repeat from * around—18 sts.

Rounds 7-23: Knit.

Round 24: *K2tog, k1; repeat from * around—12 sts.

Rounds 25-28: Knit.

Stuff piece lightly.

Round 29: *K2tog; repeat from * around—6 sts.

BO, leaving long tail for sewing.



Legs (make 4)

With **B**, CO 5 sts.
Work I-cord for 5 rounds.

Shape Claw (2-st I-cord)

Continue working as for I-cord.

Round 1: K2tog, k1, ssk—3 sts.

Round 2: K2tog, k1—2 sts.

Rounds 4-29: Knit.

BO, leaving a long tail for sewing. Fold claw as shown in diagram and sew in place.

Ears (make 2)

With **A**, CO 8 sts. Work back and forth in rows.

Row 1: Sl 1, knit to end of row.

Row 2: Sl 1, purl to end of row.

Repeat last 2 rows 3 times (for a total of 8 rows).

BO, leaving a long tail for sewing.

FINISHING

Sew tail to back of body. Sew legs around body, as shown in photograph. Cut out felt eye shapes from templates. With embroidery thread, whipstitch these shapes to head. Embroider a mouth and eyebrows using a running or outline stitch. Fold each square ear into a triangle. Sew the two layers together along the two open sides. The double layer will add stability to the ears and help them to retain their shape. Sew ears to head as shown in photo. Weave in ends.



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ABBREVIATIONS: **A, B, C** = Color A, Color B, Color C etc; **BO** = bind off; **CO** = cast on; **k** = knit; **k2tog** = knit next 2 sts together; **p** = purl; **sl** = slip; **st(s)** = stitch(es); * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

