Stone the Gargoyle

from the Allie Beckstrom novels by Devon Monk



Pattern Details

Yarn:

For the little gargoyle, 1 skein worsted weight wool. (I used Patons Classic Wool Merino, dark gray)

For the big gargoyle, 1 & 1/2 skeins wool. (I used 3.5 oz/100 grms Universal Yarn Inc. Classic Chunky Impressions)

Small amount white yarn (for teeth)

Small amount black yarn (for mouth/eyes)

Needles:

For the little gargoyle: US #4 double pointed needles (3.5 mm)

For the big gargoyle: US #11 double pointed needles (8.0 mm)

Additional Materials:

Two buttons – optional (for eyes) Yarn needle

Polyfill stuffing

Pipe cleaners or floral wires if you want his arms and legs bendy

Gauge:

Doesn't matter, but you want a tight stitch so stuffing doesn't show

Pattern Abbreviations:

BO: bind off

CO: cast on

K: knit

K2tog: knit two together

Kfb: knit into front and back of stitch

M1: make one stitch

P: purl

P2tog: purl two together

Pfb: purl into front and back of stitch

Ssk: slip two stitches as if to knit, then knit those two stitches together

SI: slip one stitch

Pattern

Body and Head:

Cast on 10 stitches, join in the round careful not to twist stitches

Round 1: [kfb] in each st. 20 sts

Round 2: K all sts

Round 3: [k1, kfb] to end. 30 sts.

Round 4: K all sts.

Round 5: [k2, kfb] to end. 40 sts.

Rounds 6 -7: K all sts.

Round 8: [k3, kfb] to end. 50 sts.

Round 9: K all sts.

Round 10: K all sts.

Round 11: [k4, kfb] to end. 60 sts

Round 12-15: K all sts

Round 16: [k4, k2tog] to end

Rounds 17-18: K all sts

Round 19: [k3, k2tog] to end

Rounds 20-21: K to end

Round 22: [k2, k2tog] to end

Round 23-24: K all sts

Round 25: [k1, k2tog] to end

Round 26: [k2tog] to end. 10 sts

Round 27:[kfb] to end. 20 sts

Round 28: k to end

Round 29: [k1, kfb] to end

Round 30: K to end

Round 31: [k2, kfb] to end

Rounds 32-33: k all sts. 40 sts

Shape muzzle and nose. This is a little like turning the heel of a sock, and is worked on two needles:

Row 34: K6, kfb12 st, TURN

sl, p22, TURN

sl, k21, TURN

sl, p20, TURN

sl, k19, TURN

sl, p18, TURN

sl, k17, TURN

sl, p16, TURN

sl, [k2tog] 8 times

k55 to end (1 and a half rounds)

Working in the round again:

Round 35: K44 to end

Round 36: K9, [k2tog] six times, k23

Rounds 37-43: K to end

Round 44: [k1, k2tog] to end (k2tog @ end)

Round 45:[k1, k2tog] to end (k1 @ end)

Round 46: [k2tog] (k1 @ end) Cut thread leaving long tail. Thread through stitches, but don't pull head closed yet.



Stuff body and head firmly, making sure to stuff snout. To make snout and nostrils, thread same color yarn on a needle and pinch nose and stitch it horizontally to make a "snout". Then pinch nostrils, (I used my thumb to make a half circle) and stitch along the curve of those until you have his snout looking how you want it too. You can also skip this step and just have a round-nosed gargoyle.

For mouth, use black yarn in yarn needle. Stitch from "nose" to bottom edge of chin, then from bottom of chin to side of head. Repeat on the other side. This creates Stone's wide mouth. For teeth, use white yarn in yarn needle and stitch single stitches from black "mouth" yarn.

Ears:

Knit flat, make two

Cast on 10 sts.

Row 1: K all sts.

Row 2: P. all sts.

Row 3: K all sts.

Row 4: Pall sts

Row 5: K2tog, k6, k2tog

Row 6: P all sts

Row 7: K2tog, k4, k2tog

Row 8: Pall sts

Row 9: K2tog, k2, k2tog

Row 10: P all sts

Row 11: K2tog, k2tog

Row 12: Pall sts

Row 13: K2tog, bind off

