

R3

Frog



This pattern is based on the Marsh Frog because it's the one I'm most familiar with. Technically it should have some dark spots and a lighter underbelly, but I wanted to keep the pattern one colour for simplicity.

You will need:

green yarn (dk weight) • toy stuffing • 2 x 6-8mm beads (optional)
4 x double ended knitting needles (3mm) • tapestry needle • scissors

Pattern (Front Legs):

RIGHT LEG

Knit the foot as follows, working in the flat.

Step 1: cast on 4, cast off 2, turn/
Step 2: p1, cast on 5, cast off 3, k1, turn/
Step 3: p2, cast on 5, cast off 4, k4 (5)
Step 4: p5, cast on 4, cast off 8 (1)

Without turning pick up and knit 3 more stitches across the base of the foot. Turn.

Row 1: p4, cast on 2 (6)

Join into the round and work as follows, keeping the purl stitches on the outside.

Rounds 2-6: p –
Rounds 7-9: p5, turn/ k3, turn/ p4
Rounds 10-11: p –
Round 12: p3, pfb, p2
Rounds 13-14: p –
Round 15: p3, pfb, p3
Round 16: p2, turn/ k4, turn/ p10

Place a tiny bit of stuffing in the opening.

Arrange the stitches so that the first half of the round is on one needle and the second half on another. Kitchener stitch the two sides together.

LEFT LEG

Cast off p-wise when working the left feet.

Step 1: cast on 4, cast off 2, turn/
Step 2: k1, cast on 5, cast off 3, p1, turn/
Step 3: k2, cast on 5, cast off 4, p4 (5)
Step 4: k5, cast on 4, cast off 8 (1)

Without turning pick up and purl 3 more stitches across the base of the foot.

Cast on 2.

Join into the round and work as follows, keeping the purl stitches on the outside.

Rounds 1-6: p –
Rounds 7-9: p2, turn/ k3, turn/ p7
Rounds 10-11: p –
Round 12: p5, pfb
Rounds 13-14: p –
Round 15: p6, pfb
Round 16: p6, turn/ k4, turn/ p6

Place a tiny bit of stuffing in the opening and close using Kitchener stitch as for the right side instructions.

Pattern (Body):

Cast on 6 sts and join into the round.

Round 1: p –
Round 2: [pfb x 2, p1] x 2 (10)
Round 3: p –
Round 4: [pfb, p2, pfb, p1] x 2 (14)
Round 5: p –
Round 6: [pfb, p4, pfb, p1] x 2 (18)
Round 7: p2, k1, p3, k1, p11
Round 8: pfb, p1, k1, p3, k1, pfb, p1, pfb, p6, pfb, p1 (22)
Round 9: [p3, k1] x 2, p14
Round 10: p3, k1, pfb x 2, p1, k1, p3, pfb, p8, pfb, p1 (26)
Round 11: p3, k1, p5, k1, p16
Round 12: pfb, p2, k1, p5, k1, p1, pfb, p1, pfb, p10, pfb, p1 (30)
Round 13: p4, k1, p5, k1, p19
Round 14: pfb, p3, k1, p5, k1, p2, pfb, p1, pfb, p12, pfb, p1 (34)
Round 15: p5, k1, p5, k1, p22
Round 16: pfb, p4, k1, p5, k1, p3, pfb, p1, pfb, p14, pfb, p1 (38)
Rounds 17-19: p6, k1, p5, k1, p25
Round 20: p2tog, p4, k1, p5, k1, p3, p2tog, p1, p2tog, p14, p2tog, p1 (34)
Rounds 21-22: p5, k1, p5, k1, p22
Round 23: p2tog, p3, k1, p5, k1, p2, p2tog, p1, p2tog, p12, p2tog, p1 (30)
Rounds 24-25: p4, k1, p5, k1, p19
Round 26: p2tog, p2, k1, p5, k1, p1, p2tog, p1, p2tog, p10, p2tog, p1 (26)
Round 27: p3, k1, p5, k1, p16
Round 28: p3, k1, p5, k1, p3, p2tog, p8, p2tog, p1 (24)
Round 29: p3, k1, p5, k1, p14
Round 30: p3, k1, p5, k1, p3, p2tog, p6, p2tog, p1 (22)
Round 31: p3, k1, p5, k1, p3, k1, p7, k1

In round 32 each EYE is worked as follows on the same single stitch:

kfbf, turn/
pfb, pfb, p1, turn/
k5, turn/
p2tog, p2tog, p1, turn/
s1, k2tog, psso

Round 32: p3, EYE, p5, EYE, p3, k1, p7, k1 (22)
Round 33: p3, ybck, sl1, yfwd, p2tog x 2, p1, ybck, sl1, yfwd, p3, k1, p1, p2tog x 2, p2, k1
Round 34: p11, k1, p5, k1 (18)
Round 35: p2tog, p6, p2tog, p1, k1, p5, k1 (16)
Round 36: p9, k1, p5, k1
Round 37: p2, p2tog x 2, p3, k1, p5, k1 (14)
Round 38: p2tog, p2, p2tog, p1, k1, p2tog x 2, p1, k1 (10)

Stuff the body loosely and cut the yarn leaving a good tail of yarn.

Thread the tail of yarn through the next 5 sts and use it to gather them together. Cast off the last 5 sts k-wise.

Pattern (Back Legs):

RIGHT LEG

Knit the foot, working in the flat.

Step 1: cast on 5, cast off 2, turn/
Step 2: p1, cast on 4, cast off 3, turn/
Step 3: p1, cast on 5, cast off 3, k5 (6)
Step 4: p6, cast on 5, cast off 5, k3, turn/
Step 5: p4, cast on 4, cast off 9 (1)

Without turning pick up and knit 3 more stitches across the base of the foot. Turn.

Row 1: p4, cast on 2 (6)

Join into the round and work as follows, keeping the purl stitches on the outside.

Rounds 2-8: p –
Rounds 9-11: p5, turn/ k3, turn/ p4
Rounds 12-14: p –
Round 15: p3, pfb, p2 (7)
Rounds 16-18: p –
Round 19: p3, pfb, p3 (8)
Rounds 20-23: p –

Place a tiny bit of stuffing in the opening.

Rounds 24-26: p2, turn/ k4, turn/ p10
Round 27: p –
Round 28: p2, pfb, p1, pfb, p3 (10)
Rounds 29-30: p –
Round 31: p3, pfb, p1, pfb, p4 (12)
Rounds 32-33: p –
Round 34: p4, pfb, p1, pfb, p5 (14)
Rounds 35-36: p –
Round 37: p12, turn/ k10, turn/ p8, turn/ k10

Loosely stuff the top of the leg and close using Kitchener stitch.

LEFT LEG

Cast off p-wise when working the left feet.

Step 1: cast on 5, cast off 2, turn/
Step 2: k1, cast on 4, cast off 3, turn/
Step 3: k1, cast on 5, cast off 3, p5 (6)
Step 4: k6, cast on 5, cast off 5, p3, turn/
Step 5: k4, cast on 4, cast off 9 (1)

Without turning pick up and purl 3 more stitches across the base of the foot.

Cast on 2.

Join into the round and work as follows, keeping the purl stitches on the outside.

Rounds 1-8: p –
Rounds 9-11: p2, turn/ k3, turn/ p7
Rounds 12-14: p –
Round 15: p5, pfb (7)
Rounds 16-18: p –
Round 19: p6, pfb (8)
Rounds 20-23: p –

Place a tiny bit of stuffing in the opening.

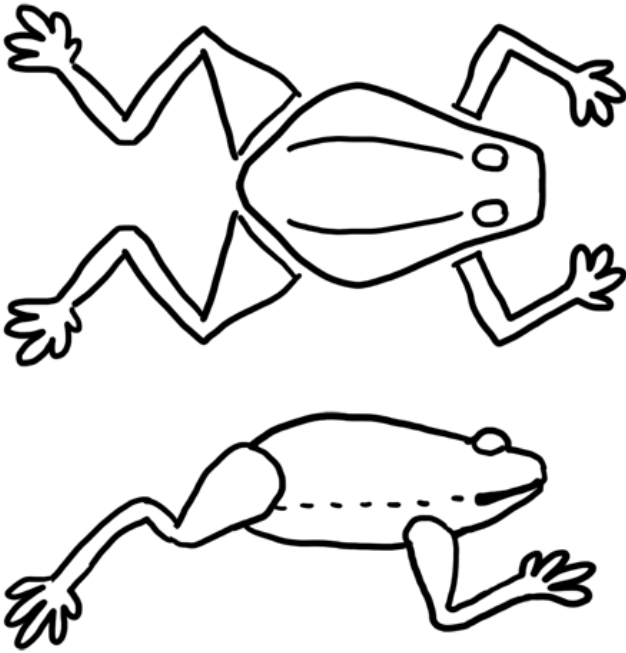
Rounds 24-26: p6, turn/ k4, turn/ p6
Round 27: p –
Round 28: pfb, p5, pfb, p1 (10)
Rounds 29-30: p –
Round 31: pfb, p7, pfb, p1 (12)
Rounds 32-33: p –
Round 34: pfb, p9, pfb, p1 (14)
Rounds 35-36: p –
Round 37: p6, turn/ k12, turn/ p10, turn/ k8, turn/ p4

Loosely stuff the top of the leg and close using Kitchener stitch.

Variations:

The frog pattern works perfectly well as written but round beads 6 or 7mm across fit very neatly under the short loops you knitted for the eyes and provide a special finishing touch.

Making Up:



Tuck the yarn-through stitches inside the cast-off stitches to finish off the body and form the nose/mouth of the frog. Sew into place.

Sew the legs to the body making sure you're attaching them the right way around. The knitted joints should lay naturally in one direction so match up the knitted pieces to the picture.

Viewed from the side the front legs are attached lower on the body than the hind legs. Try for a position just below the line of the mouth for the front legs with the back legs more centred.

Hide any remaining loose ends.

Notes:

Abbreviations

[] x number	Repeat the section in square brackets the required number of times.
(number)	Gives the total number of stitches you should have on needle by the end of the row.
dpns	Double pointed needles.
k –	Knit every stitch to the end of the row.
k number	Knit this number of stitches
kfb	Knit into the front and then the back of a single stitch (+1 stitch).
kfbf	Knit into the front and the back and the front again of a single stitch (+2 stitches).
k2tog	Knit the next two stitches together (-1 stitch).
p –	Purl every stitch to the end of the row.
p number	Purl this number of stitches.
p2tog	Purl the next two stitches together (-1 stitch).
pfb	Purl into the front and then the back of a single stitch (+1 stitch).
pssso	Pass the slipped stitch over any intervening stitches and off the needle.
sl1	Slip the next stitch purl wise.
sts	Stitches.
turn/	Rotate the knitting by half a turn and work in the opposite direction.
yfwd	Bring the yarn to the front of the knitting (+1 stitch if followed by a knit stitch).
ybck	Take the yarn to the back of the knitting.

Needle/Yarn Size

As with most ODDknit patterns the yarn and needle sizes in the "you will need" section are just a guide. Feel free to improvise with whatever needles and yarn you have lying around - that's half the fun!