

# F2

# Infinity Mask



To infinity and beyond!!! In 2018 I've been taking part in the Ashford Snowdog Trail. Large dog sculptures have been painted by a variety of artists and displayed around the town. My dog was painted with the theme 'infinity' and because I'm me I've knitted a matching mask.

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### You will need:

green yarn (dk weight) • firm elastic • medium gauge wire (optional)  
knitting needles (3mm) • crochet hook (3mm) • tapestry needle • scissors • wire cutters

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### Pattern:

Cast on 91 stitches using the bind-off cast-on method.

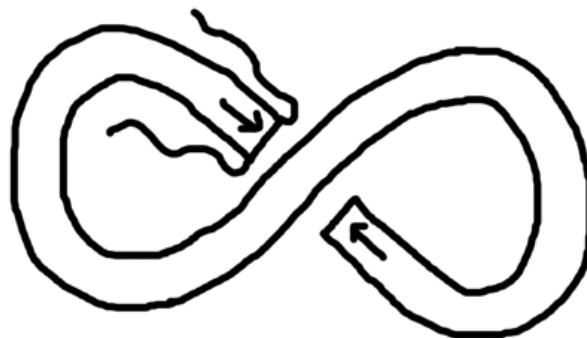
Row 1: k –  
Row 2: k –  
Row 3: k8, [k2, inc, k2] x 6, k15, [k2, k2tog, k2] x 6, k8  
Row 4: p –  
Row 5: k8, [k3, inc, k2] x 6, k15, [k2, k2tog, k1] x 6, k8  
Row 6: k –

Cast off loosely.

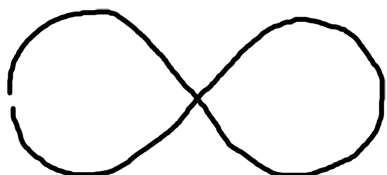
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### Making Up:

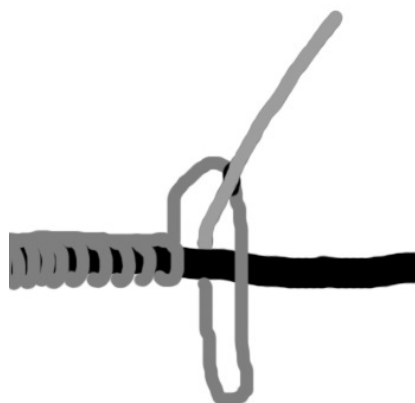
Bend the ends of the knitting around so that they meet behind the middle point and form an infinity symbol. Sew the ends into place and hide the loose ends.



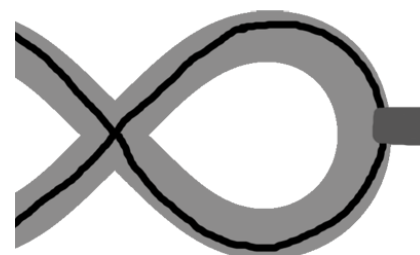
Because the knitting itself is so floppy we need to stiffen it into shape before attaching the elastic or the eyeholes will be pulled shut. The best way to do this is to attach a wire loop. This is safe if, for example, you are a full grown woman who will be wearing the mask to an art show opening. If you're going to be running around in the mask or giving it to kids you'll probably want to try one of the alternative methods listed at the end of the section.



Cut a piece of wire the same length size as the knitted loop and bend it into the same infinity shape. Use a very strong glue to fix the ends together as you don't want them waving around loose.



Use button hole stitch to wrap the wire with yarn. This will both disguise the wire and make it easier to attach in the next step.



Sew the covered wire to the back of the mask, all the way around. Bend the mask so it will wrap around your face better, then finish by attaching a length of elastic long enough that it will hold the mask securely in place.

If you would prefer not to use wire some alternatives are:

- Draw around the knitted mask and cut the outline out of stiff card. Treat the card outline as per the wire shape.
- Dip the knitted mask in pva glue (or similar), wring out and allow to dry completely. This will stiffen the knitting just enough to make the mask wearable so long as the elastic isn't pulled too tight.

## Notes:

### Abbreviations

<b>[ ] x number</b>	Repeat the section in square brackets the required number of times.
<b>(number)</b>	Gives the total number of stitches you should have on needle by the end of the row.
<b>inc</b>	Pick up a loop from the previous row and knit into it to make a stitch (+1 stitch).
<b>k –</b>	Knit every stitch to the end of the row.
<b>k number</b>	Knit this number of stitches.
<b>k2tog</b>	Knit the next two stitches together (-1 stitch).
<b>p –</b>	Purl every stitch to the end of the row.
<b>sts</b>	Stitches.

### 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!