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Belemnite



Belemnites are simple fossils that look best as part of a group or a bigger fossil collection.

You will need:

4 ply or sock wool in greys and blues • toy stuffing
4 x double ended knitting needles (3mm) • tapestry needle • scissors • poking device (i.e. pencil)

Pattern:

Cast on 8 stitches and join into the round (see *Notes* for abbreviations).

Round 1: k – (8)	Round 4: k – (16)
Round 2: [kfb, k2, kfb] x2 (12)	Round 5: p – (16)
Round 3: [k1, kfb, k3, kfb] x2 (16)	Round 6: k – (16)

Repeat row 6 (plain knit) until the knitted tube measure between 5 and 7 cm in length from the purl row to the needles. Poke stuffing firmly into the tube. Next shape the closing of the tube, stuffing further as you go.

Round 1: [k2tog, k6] x2 (14)	Round 7: [k2tog, k4] x2 (10)
Round 2 to 3: k – (14)	Round 8: [k3, k2togtbl] x2 (8)
Round 4: [k5, k2togtbl] x2 (12)	Round 9: [k2tog, k2] x2 (6)
Round 5 to 6: k – (12)	

Make sure your belemnite is fully stuffed, thread yarn through remaining stitches and pull tight. Sew up the cast on stitches to close the tube. Hide remaining ends of yarn inside the fossil to finish.

Notes:

Abbreviations

[] x number (number)	Repeat the section in square brackets the required number of times.
k –	Gives the total number of stitches you should have on needle by the end of the row.
k number	Knit every stitch to the end of the row.
k2tog	Knit this number of stitches.
k2togtbl	Knit the next two stitches together (-1 stitch).
	Knit the next two stitches together through the back of the loop (-1 stitch).

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!