



Catnip Mousie

Size: 3.5" x 1.25" not counting tail

Yarn: Worsted weight wool

Needle: US 2 - 2.75 mm

Started with 5 stitch circle which was cinched tightly after a couple of rounds.

Increased 5 stitches every other round until 30 stitches.

Knit even for a bit, then decreased 5 stitches every third round so that mousie's nose would be pointy and his bum round.

Stuffed a sachet of catnip and some fiberfill into the mousie at 15 stitches, before decreasing too much to prevent access to his innards. (Sewed the bitty pouch of muslin for the catnip because nip would leak through the knit mousie, even though it is a very dense fabric, if it was loose.)

When 5 stitches remained, I broke off an 18" length, and ran the yarn through the 5 stitches, pulled tight to close nose.

I made a couple of locking stitches at the nose end, then ran the tail yarn through the mousie's body, and out his bum. I had left a moderately long cast-on tail, so I made a crochet chain using both yarn tails, then wove the remaining nose end yarn back through the tail and into the bum. Pulled it a little too tight deliberately so that his tail would curl. Made a couple of locking stitches, then ran the yarn through his body to his head. I poked the needle to the outside, and using a size 4 crochet hook, made a 4 stitch, two row ear, did two locking stitches, ran the yarn through to the other side of his head, made another ear, two more locking stitches, and ran the remainder of the yarn down through mousie's body, pulled it tight, and cut off the excess -- all 3/4" of it. The whole mousie was made with a single, unbroken, length of yarn.

No eyes, this mousie will be a cat toy.