

## Rainbow Fish

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*This quick and colorful fish makes a perfect toy or decoration*

### Materials Needed:

- 15m (15 yds) worsted weight self-stripping yarn
- scrap yarn in black
- stuffing
- Four 3.25 mm (US size 3) DPNs
- darning needle for finishing

### Abbreviations:

BO = bind off

CO = cast on

DPN = double pointed needles

k = knit

kfb = knit into the front and back of the stitch

k2tog = knit two stitches together as one

ssk = slip, slip, knit. Slip the next two stitches onto the right hand needle as if to knit, stick the tip of your left-hand needle into them from below, and then knit them together as one

### \*A note about gauge:

Since final size is not important for this project, you can use any needles and scrap yarn that you have, just make sure that the yarn knits up into a tight, firm fabric so that the final toy holds its shape. This probably means you should pick needles one or two sizes smaller than the recommended size for your yarn.

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a knitting pattern by Alexis Hamann-Nazaroff of yarn birdy  
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The body of the fish is knit in the round using four DPNs; the tail and the fins are knit flat using two DPNs.

### Body and Tail

CO 6, divide stitches evenly onto 3 DPNs, and join for working in the round

**Round 1 (and all odd rounds through 11):** k

**Round 2:** [kfb] six times (12 stitches)

**Round 4:** [kfb, k4, kfb] 2 times (16 stitches)

**Round 6:** [kfb, k6, kfb] 2 times (20 stitches)

**Round 8:** [kfb, k8, kfb] 2 times (24 stitches)

**Round 10:** [kfb, k10, kfb] 2 times (28 stitches)

**Round 12:** [kfb, k12, kfb] 2 times (32 stitches)

**Rounds 13-21:** k 9 rounds

**Round 22:** [ssk, k12, k2tog] 2 times (28 stitches)

**Round 23 (and all odd rounds through 27):** k

**Round 24:** [ssk, k10, k2tog] (24 stitches)

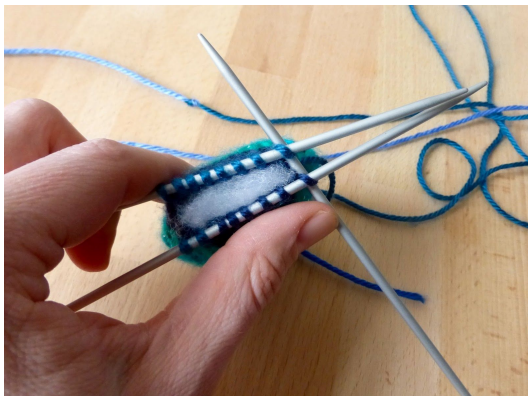
**Round 26:** [ssk, k8, k2tog] (20 stitches)

**Round 28:** [ssk, k6, k2tog] (16 stitches)

Transfer your stitches from 3 to 2 needles (first 8 stitches on one needle, next 8 stitches on second needle)

Stuff your fish

At this point, knit the rest of the fish flat



**Row 29:** [k one stitch from first needle and one from second needle together] 8 times (8 stitches) *see photo above*

**Row 30 (and all even rows through 38):** k

**Row 31:** kfb, k5, kfb, k1 (10 stitches)

**Row 33:** kfb, k7, kfb, k1 (12 stitches)

**Row 35:** kfb, k9, kfb, k1 (14 stitches)

**Row 37:** kfb, k11, kfb, k1 (16 stitches)

**Row 39:** ssk, ssk, k8, k2tog, k2tog (12 stitches)

**Row 40:** BO

### Fins (make two, one on each side)

Pick up 4 stitches from the side of your fish

**Row 1:** k

**Row 2:** kfb, k1, kfb, k1 (6 stitches)

**Row 3:** k

**Row 4:** kfb, k3, kfb, k1 (8 stitches)

**Row 5:** k

**Row 6:** k

**Row 7:** ssk, k4, k2tog (6 stitches)

**Row 8:** BO



### Finishing

Weave in any remaining yarn ends using the darning needle. With black scrap yarn and darning needle sew on eyes.