

Snake Key Chain



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Length: about 9" uncurled

Yarn: Morehouse Merino 2-ply—a small amount of variegated and about 15" of red yarn for tongue

Needles: US #5 (you'll need a third needle for three-needle bind-off); crochet hook for tongue

Gauge: about 5 stitches = 1 inch over stockinette stitch pattern

Other Materials: 2 small beads for eyes and key ring



Cast on 50 stitches loosely, so you'll be able to pick up loops at cast-on edge later on.

Purl first row.

Knit next row as follows: *knit each stitch twice (knit stitch, but don't drop stitch off left-hand needle; now knit stitch again, this time through back of stitch); repeat from * to end of row = 100 stitches on needle.

*Purl 1 row, knit 1 row; repeat from * for a total of 8 rows. Next row (a purl row): *purl 2 stitches together; repeat from * to end of row = 50 stitches.

Next, using a third needle, pick up loops at cast-on edge — one loop per cast-on stitch = 50 loops on needle.

Now bind off using three needle bind-off. How? Put the 2 needles parallel to each other (knit-side facing out like Red Snake or purl-side facing out like Green Snake — your choice!) and knit first stitch on needle closest to you together with first stitch on needle in back. Knit second stitch on needle closest to you together with second stitch on needle in back and bind off first stitch.

Continue this way — knitting stitches from both needles together and binding off. Bind off stitches on the tight side.

Stuff head end of snake with yarn left-overs or small amount of Fiberfill or other stuffing, then sew close.

With red yarn used double, crochet four chain stitches at tip of head of snake, separate yarn and crochet 3 or 4 additional chain stitches with each piece of yarn for split tongue.



Sew on bead eyes. Hook on key ring at tail end.

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