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Skill Level: Intermediate

Finished Size: To fit ages 3 and under, [3-6, 8-adult small] Directions are given for the smallest size, with all other sizes in parenthesis.

Gauge: 19 sts x 28 rows = 4" in stockinette

Abbreviations:

co = cast on
k = knit
k2tog = knit 2 together
p = purl
rnd = round

<u>Materials</u>

- Red Heart Super Saver (7 oz/198 g per 364 yd/333m skein), about 1 [1 ½, 2] oz MC, small amount CC, small amount
- amount CC, small amount black.
 ❖ Set of 4 US 6/4mm double-pointed needles
- Tapestry needle

Directions

With MC, co 24 [28, 36]. Distribute evenly on three needles and join, being careful not to twist stitches.

Cuff: Work in k2, p2 rib around until cuff measures 1 ³/₄ [2, 2 ¹/₄] inches long.

Hand: Begin working in stockinette: knit every stitch around until portion



above ribbing measures 3 [3 $\frac{3}{4}$, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$] inches long.

'Toe' Decreases: Rearrange stitches with 12 [14, 18] stitches on one needle (Needle 1) and 6 [7, 9] on each of the other two.

Rnd 1: Working first from Needle 1, k1, k2tog, k across until 3 stitches remain, k2tog, k1 (10 [12, 16] sts). On next needle, k1, k2tog, k across (5 [6,

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8] sts). On next needle, k across until 3 sts remain; k2tog, k1 (5 [6, 8] sts). Rnd 2: Repeat Rnd 1: (8 [10, 12]) sts remaining on Needle 1, (4 [5, 6]) on each of the other two. If making the smallest size, skip to round 5. Rnd 3: Repeat Rnd 1: [8, 10] sts remaining on Needle 1, [4, 5] on each of the other two. If making the medium size, skip to round 5. Rnd 4: Repeat Rnd 1: 8 sts remaining on Needle 1, 4 on each of the other two.

Rnd 5: (Resume for all sizes) Beginning on Needle 1, bind off 2 sts, k4, bind off 2 sts. On the next needle, bind off 2 sts, k2. On the last needle, k2, bind off 2. You should have 8 live sts remaining.

Jongue: Rearrange stitches as evenly as possible. Switch to CC.

Rnds 1-8: Knit around. If making smallest size, skip to Fork.

Rnd 9: Knit around. If making medium size, skip to Fork.

Rnd 10: Knit around.

Fork: Split stitches onto two needles (to the right and left of center) so that there are 4 sts on each needle. Work one set of sts in I-cord for 6 rows; bind off.

Join yarn to work other set of sts; work in I-cord for 6 rows. Bind off.

Finishing

- 1) Flatten snake puppet. With MC, sew closed the gaps left by the bound off sts.
- 2) Use CC if necessary to neaten the ends of the fork in the tongue.
- 3) With black, embroider on eyes.
- 4) Weave in all ends.