



The Cheesewring Finger Puppet

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The Cheesewring is a stack of granite Quoits which sit in a precarious stack on top of Stowe Hill. If you have ever wondered how they got there, then this story will explain exactly how the huge giants of Cornwall were beaten in a game of strength by a single, tiny saint. The stones are still standing on Bodmin Moor and serve to remind us that small can still be mighty.

Materials: any DK weight yarn in stone colours. Scraps from your stash are great for this as you need very little of any colour.

3.5mm needles

Small pieces of stick on or sew on velcro

Sewing needle and thread

Contrast yarn to embroider flowers on the stone.

Polyester Toy stuffing.

Tension and size: not important. Will fit adult and child's fingers easily.

Abbreviations:

Kfb make 1 st by knitting into the front of back of stitch

Pattern Instructions:

Using stone coloured DK wool and 3.5mm needles, CO 15sts.

Knit 2 rows

Beginning with a knit row, work 14 rows in stocking stitch ending with a purl row.

Shape Neck:

R1: (k3, k2tog) 3 times 12sts

R2 and all alternate rows: purl

R3: (K3, kfb) 3 times 15sts

R5: (k4,kfb) 3 times 18sts

Work 2 rows in stocking stitch

R9: (k4, k2tog) 3 times 15sts

R10 and all alt rows: purl

R11: (k2,k2tog) 3 times 12sts

R13: (k1,k2tog) 3 times 9sts

R15: k1, (k2tog) 4 times 5sts

Break yarn leaving a long tail, thread thru remaining 5sts, pull tight and fasten off. Sew rear seam.

Using contrast yarn embroider flowers on the front of this piece (optional)

First Boulder:

Using stone coloured yarn and 3.5mm needles, CO 10sts

Work in stocking stitch for 5 rows, CO 4sts at the end of the row, turn (9sts)

R6: knit, CO 4sts at the end of the row (13sts)

R7: knit

R8: purl

Rep R7 and 8 once more

R11: cast off 4sts, knit to the end of the row, turn (9sts)

R12: Cast off 4sts, knit to the end of the row (5sts)

R13: knit

R14: purl

Rep R14 and 15 once more

R17: knit

R18: knit

Rep Rows 13 and 14 twice more. Cast off.

Fold the boulder along the purl ridges to make a rectangle. Sew the long side. Fold one end flap and sew up. Stuff with toy stuffing, fold the remaining flap and sew up. Sew or stick a piece of Velcro onto one long surface of the boulder. Sew the opposite side to the finger tip of the puppet base.

Finger Puppet Boulders– size1(size 2): make as many as you like and stack them in any order

Using stone coloured yarn, CO 15(20)sts

Work in stocking stitch for 5 rows, CO 4sts at the end of the row, turn 19(24)sts

R6: knit

R7: knit

R8: purl

Rep R7 and 8 once more

R11: knit

R12: Cast off 4sts, knit to the end of row 15(20)sts

R13: knit

R14: purl

Rep R14 and 15 once more

R17: knit

R18: knit

Rep Rows 13 and 14 twice more.

Knit 1 more row. Cast off.

Fold the boulder along the purl ridges to make a rectangle. Sew the long side. Fold one flap and sew up. Sew or stick the opposite piece of Velcro from the first boulder to one long side of the puppet boulder. Now you can pop this boulder on top of the first one and it will stick. Sew another piece of Velcro to the opposite side of the boulder puppet.



Continue making boulder puppets and attaching Velcro to them so you can tell the story and make a stack of boulders that sticks together to look like The Cheesewring.

If you are knitting this to help raise money for Children's Hospice South West, please bring your finished items to Stuart House.

We'll be packing up the first batch in early October.

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