

Stone the Gargoyle

from the Allie Beckstrom novels by Devon Monk



Pattern Details

Yarn:

For the little gargoyle, 1 skein worsted weight wool. (I used Patons Classic Wool Merino, dark gray)

For the big gargoyle, 1 & 1/2 skeins wool. (I used 3.5 oz/100 grms Universal Yarn Inc. Classic Chunky Impressions)

Small amount white yarn (for teeth)

Small amount black yarn (for mouth/eyes)

Needles:

For the little gargoyle: US #4 double pointed needles (3.5 mm)

For the big gargoyle: US #11 double pointed needles (8.0 mm)

Additional Materials:

Two buttons – optional (for eyes)

Yarn needle

Polyfill stuffing

Pipe cleaners or floral wires if you want his arms and legs bendy

Gauge:

Doesn't matter, but you want a tight stitch so stuffing doesn't show

Pattern Abbreviations:

BO: bind off

CO: cast on

K: knit

K2tog: knit two together

Kfb: knit into front and back of stitch

M1: make one stitch

P: purl

P2tog: purl two together

Pfb: purl into front and back of stitch

Ssk: slip two stitches as if to knit, then knit those two stitches together

Sl: slip one stitch

Pattern

Body and Head:

Cast on 10 stitches, join in the round careful not to twist stitches

Round 1: [kfb] in each st. 20 sts

Round 2: K all sts

Round 3: [k1, kfb] to end. 30 sts.

Round 4: K all sts.

Round 5: [k2, kfb] to end. 40 sts.

Rounds 6 -7: K all sts.

Round 8: [k3, kfb] to end. 50 sts.

Round 9: K all sts.

Round 10: K all sts.

Round 11: [k4, kfb] to end. 60 sts

Round 12-15: K all sts

Round 16: [k4, k2tog] to end

Rounds 17-18: K all sts

Round 19: [k3, k2tog] to end

Rounds 20-21: K to end

Round 22: [k2, k2tog] to end

Round 23-24: K all sts

Round 25: [k1, k2tog] to end

Round 26: [k2tog] to end. 10 sts

Round 27: [kfb] to end. 20 sts

Round 28: k to end

Round 29: [k1, kfb] to end

Round 30: K to end

Round 31: [k2, kfb] to end

Rounds 32-33: k all sts. 40 sts

Shape muzzle and nose. This is a little like turning the heel of a sock, and is worked on two needles:

Row 34: K6, kfb12 st, TURN

sl, p22, TURN

sl, k21, TURN

sl, p20, TURN

sl, k19, TURN

sl, p18, TURN

sl, k17, TURN

sl, p16, TURN

sl, [k2tog] 8 times

k55 to end (1 and a half rounds)

Working in the round again:

Round 35: K44 to end

Round 36: K9, [k2tog] six times, k23

Rounds 37- 43: K to end

Round 44: [k1, k2tog] to end (k2tog @ end)

Round 45: [k1, k2tog] to end (k1 @ end)

Round 46: [k2tog] (k1 @ end) Cut thread leaving long tail. Thread through stitches, but don't pull head closed yet.



Stuff body and head firmly, making sure to stuff snout. To make snout and nostrils, thread same color yarn on a needle and pinch nose and stitch it horizontally to make a “snout”. Then pinch nostrils, (I used my thumb to make a half circle) and stitch along the curve of those until you have his snout looking how you want it too. You can also skip this step and just have a round-nosed gargoyle.



For mouth, use black yarn in yarn needle. Stitch from “nose” to bottom edge of chin, then from bottom of chin to side of head. Repeat on the other side. This creates Stone's wide mouth. For teeth, use white yarn in yarn needle and stitch single stitches from black “mouth” yarn.

Ears:

Knit flat, make two

Cast on 10 sts.

Row 1: K all sts.

Row 2: P. all sts.

Row 3: K all sts.

Row 4: P all sts

Row 5: K2tog, k6, k2tog

Row 6: P all sts

Row 7: K2tog, k4, k2tog

Row 8: P all sts

Row 9: K2tog, k2, k2tog

Row 10: P all sts

Row 11: K2tog, k2tog

Row 12: P all sts

Row 13: K2tog, bind off

Legs:

Make two.

Cast on 18. Join careful not to twist, and knit in the round:

Round 1-2: K all sts

Round 3: K12, ssk, k4

Round 4: K12, k2tog, k3

Round 5: K11, ssk, k3

Round 6: K11, k2tog, k2

Round 7: K10, ssk, k2

Round 8: K10, k2tog, k1

Round 9: K9, ssk, k1

Round 10: K9, k2tog

Round 11: K8, ssk (9 sts remain)

Round 12: K7, kfb, k1 (increase should be at the back of the “knee”)

Round 13: K all sts

Round 14: Kfb, k5, kfb, k3

Rounds 15-20: K all sts

Round 21: Kfb, k7, kfb, k3

Round 22-30: K all sts

Round 31: K3, rearrange stitches onto two needles, 7 on each and work flat.

The next part is like making the heel of a sock. Work heel flap above the increases below the knee.

Row 1: Sl, K6

Row 2: S1, p6, TURN

Row 3: S1, k6, TURN

Row 4: S1, p6, TURN

Turning the heel:

Row 1: Sl, k6, TURN

Row 2: Sl, p6, TURN

Row 3: Sl, k5, TURN

Row 4: Sl, p4, TURN

Row 5: Sl k3, TURN

Row 6: Sl, p2, TURN

Row 7: Sl, k1, sl

Instep decreases: (begin working in the round again)

Round 1: K2 pick up 3 sts from left side of heel flap, k7, pick up 3 sts from right side of heel flap

Round 2: K8, k2tog, k7, ssk, k1

Round 3: K7, k2tog, k7, ssk

Round 4: K6, k2tog, k6, ssk

Feet:

Rounds 1-8: K all sts

Round 9: Divide sts evenly between 2 needles, 7 sts on each. Begin working flat.

Row 10: [K1 st from front needle and k1 st from back needle together] three times, K1 from back needle, K1 from front needle, [K1 st from front needle and k1 st from back needle together] three times.

Rows 9-14: K2, p2

BO using Picot edge bind off:

[Cast on 3sts, bind off 5sts] to end

Insert pipe cleaner or floral wire (fold over & twist ends of pipe cleaner so it doesn't poke out and scratch) stuff feet and legs leaving room at the knee so leg can bend. Weave in thread at "toe" end.



Feet:

Right Arm:

CO 9 sts, join in the round careful not to twist.

Rounds 1-10: K all sts

Round 11: K6, TURN, sl, p5, TURN, sl, k4, TURN, sl, p3, TURN, sl, k2, TURN, sl, p1, Turn sl, k6

Rounds 12-26: K all sts

Round 27: k2tog, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k2tog.

Move all sts to one needle and begin to knit flat:

Row 28: p5

Row 29: k5

Row 30: p1, ml (I do this as pfb) kfb, p2, kfb

Row 31: [p2, k2] across

Row 32: [p2, k2] across

Row 33: [p2, k2] across

Row 34: [p2, k2] across

BO using Picot edge bind off:

[Cast on 3st, bind off 5sts] to end

Left Arm:

CO 9 sts, join in the round, careful not to twist.

Rounds 1-10: K all sts

Round 11: TURN, sl, p5,TURN, sl, k4, TURN, sl, p3, TURN, sl, K2, TURN, sl, p1, TURN, sl, k5 to end of round.

Rounds 12-26: K all sts

Round 27: k2tog, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k2tog.

Move all sts to one needle and begin to knit flat:

Row 28: p5

Row 29: k5

Row 30: p1, ml (I do this as pfb) kfb, p2, kfb

Row 31: [p2, k2] across

Row 32: [p2, k2] across

Row 33: [p2, k2] across

Row 34: [p2, k2] across

BO using Picot edge bind off:

[Cast on 3st, bind off 5sts] to end

Insert pipe cleaner or floral wire, (fold and twist ends so it doesn't poke out or scratch) stuff, sew closed wrists, weave in thread at "finger" ends.

Wings:

Work flat.

Right Wing:

CO 35 st

Row 1: K15, p1, k9, p1, k9

Row 2: P9, k1, p9, k1, p15

Row 3: K2tog, k13, p1, k9, p1, k9

Row 4: P9, k1, p9, k1, p14

Row 5: K2tog, k12, p1, k9, p1, k9

Row 6: P9, k1, p9, k1, p13

Row 7: K2tog, k11, p1, k9, p1, k9

Row 8: P9, k1, p9, k1, p12

Row 9: K2tog, k10, p1, k9, p1, k9

Row 10: P9, k1, p9, k1, p11

Row 11: K2tog, k9, p1, k9, p1, k9

Row 12: P9, k1, p9, k1, p10

Row 13: K2tog, k8, p1, k9, p1, k9

Row 14: P9, k1, p9, k1, p9

Cut yarn, leaving 16 inch tail. Thread tail in yarn needle and pull thread through remaining stitches on needle. Pull tight (this puts the curl in the wing) bind off. You can weave pipe cleaner or wire through the outer edge of his wings if you want them to stand up a little better on their own.

Left Wing:

CO 35 sts

Row 1: P15, k1, p9, k1, p9

Row 2: K9, p1, k9, p1, k15

Row 3: P2tog, p13, k1, p9, k1, p9

Row 4: K9, p1, k9, p1, k14

Row 5: P2tog, p12, k1, p9, k1, p9

Row 6: K9, p1, k9, p1, k13

Row 7: P2tog, p11, k1, p9, k1, p9

Row 8: k9, p1, k9, p1, k12

Row 9: P2tog, p10, k1, p9, k1, p9

Row 10: k9, p1, k9, p1, k11

Row 11: P2tog, p9, k1, p9, k1, p9

Row 12: K9, p1, k9, p1, k10

Row 13: P2tog, p8, k1, p9, k1, p9

Row 14: K9, p1, k9, p1, k9

Cut yarn, leaving 16 inch tail. Thread tail in yarn needle and pull thread through remaining stitches on needle. Pull tight (this puts the curl in the wing) bind off. Weave in pipe cleaner if desired.



Assembling Your Gargoyle:

Ears—sew on sides of head facing “outward” with knit stitches facing inward. I think crooked is cuter.

Arms—sew at join of neck and body, making sure elbows bend outward and there is room for legs beneath.

Legs—sew on sides toward back of body, making sure “knee” is facing upward (so knee can bend) and feet are facing the front.

Wings—sew flat edge touching on back with knit stitches facing upward. You want the purl stitches to show facing forward (when you’re looking at his face) so that the lines of his “wing bones” (row of knit stitches) shows.

Eyes—with black yarn, knit eyes above snout or sew on buttons.

Weave in all ends.

And there you have it!
Your very own Stone the Gargoyle, your buddy and protector against evil spirits and other spooky things that go bump in the night.

If you find errors in this pattern, please contact me at www.devonmonk.com and I will make corrections. I’d like to thank wingedkamui, whose “More Than a Fish, More Than a Man” pattern gave me the basis for the modified arms and legs for Stone.

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