

Terry Pratchett's Discworld: Flynn The Swamp Dragon

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Flynn is a swamp dragon. When not eating armor polish, the kettle, charcoal biscuits, or the good silverware... swamp dragons gamble with exploding. Their basic defense against predators is exploding. Their basic reaction to indigestion is exploding. Their basic mating rituals with the males competing with one another leads to exploding. Generally, with Swap Dragons, there's a good bit of exploding, chances to explode, and ample opportunities to explode. So, a creative Igor installed a zipper in the belly of the beast so that often ate items may be retrieved, that is of course if you are not bothered by your retrieved item being covered in dragon bile.

Flynn is intended as a basic swamp dragon pattern, with many opportunities to customize and be creative. If you do not like the spike ridge down his back, flip the spine pattern so that the WS shows out, omit the spikes, make him fatter, make his neck longer, make it shorter, lengthen his ears. Just as there are many breed of dog with different physical attributes, so are there different kinds of dragon attributes... only dogs explode less than dragons.... well, hopefully anyway.

Materials Needed:

Worsted Weight Yarn (I used recycled sweater yarn from my stash)
US5 DPNs
US5 Circular needle (optional, straights can also be used)
Darice brand 15mm Plastic Toy Eyes w/ washer (I used the 4 pk, brown eyes)
Polyfill or equivalent toy stuffing
7" zipper in color that matches your yarn
Thread that matches zipper and yarn
Tapestry needle and sewing needle
Stitch Markers

Spine Pattern:

3 stitches to start
1. Kfb, Kfb twice in same stitch, Kfb
2. Purl all stitches
3. Kfb ea st
4. Purl all stitches
5. K3tog x 2, K2tog x 2, K3tog x 2
6. P2tog x 3

Flynn is worked from the head back to the tail. Then stitches are picked up around the "nose" to make the snout. Ears, and legs, are added later along with the zipper. Directions where actions are designated to specific needles, needles will be classified as "a", "b", and "c".

On DPNs, CO 21, joining in the round

R1 - R3: K all

R4: a) K b) Kfb, K to last stitch, Kfb c) K

R5: a) K b) K4, Kfb, K4 c) K (you will no longer be working in the round at this point)

R6: P all

R7: a) K b) Kfb, K to last st, Kfb c) K

R8: P all

R9: a) K b) Kfb, K5, Kfb, K5, Kfb c) K

R10: P all

R11: a) K b) Kfb, K6, Kfb, Kfb, K6, Kfb c) K

R12: P all

R13: a) K b) Kfb all st c) K

Rearrange stitches to be even on needles with needle B holding most

R14: P all

R15: a) K7, Kfb, K b) Kfb every st c) K until 8 sts remain, Kfb, K7

R16: P all

R17: K all

R18: P all

R19: K all

R20: P all

R21: K all

R22: P all

R23: a) K b) K2tog all c) K

Rejoin in the round

R24: K all

R25: K all

R26: a) K7, K2tog, K7, K2tog b) K4, K2tog x 2, K2, K2tog x 2, K4 c) K2tog, K7, K2tog, K7

R27: a) K7, K2tog x 4, K1 b) K2tog, K4, K2tog, K4, K2tog c) K1, K2tog x 4, K7

R28: a) K7, K2tog, K1, K2tog b) K2tog x 2, K3, K2tog x 2 c) K2tog, K1, K2tog, K7

R29: a) K8, K2tog b) K2tog, K3, K2tog c) K2tog, K8

R30: a) K7, K2tog b) K5 c) K2tog, K7

Take a stitch from both needles A and C and put on needle B so that each needle has 7 stitches, 21 stitches in total.

R31- R46: K all- These rows make Flynn's neck

R47: a) K6, Kfb b) K1, Kfb, K1, Kfb, K1, Kfb, K1 c) Kfb, K6

R48: a) K6, Kfb x 2 b) K1, Kfb, K1, Kfb, K2, Kfb, K1, Kfb, K1 c) Kfb x 2, K6

R49: a) K8, Kfb x 2 b) K1, Kfb, K1, Kfb, K1, Kfb, K2, Kfb, K1, Kfb, K1, Kfb, K1 c) Kfb x 2, K8

Stop knitting in the round here, and start knitting back and forth. You may want to switch to circulars or the larger straights from the DPNs. You will also need to make your stitch markers handy. Additional Note: The first 7 stitches and last 7 stitches will always be in stockinette and untouched. These stitches are where the zipper will attach to on the belly.

R50: P all

R51: K7 (place marker) K to last 7 stitches (place marker) K7

R52: P all

R53: K7 (m) K1, Kfb, K3, Kfb x 2, K1, Kfb x 2, K3, Kfb, K1 (place marker) M1 (place marker) K1, Kfb, K3, Kfb x 2, K1, Kfb x 2, K3, Kfb, K1 (m) K7

R54: P all

R55: K7 (m) Kfb, K19, Kfb (m) Kfb twice in same stitch (m) Kfb, K10, Kfb (m) K7

R56: P all

R57: K7 (m) Kfb x 2, knit to last 2 stitches before marker, Kfb x 2 (m)*Kfb x 4* (m) Kfb x 2, Knit to last 2 stitches before marker, Kfb x 2 (m) K7

[note, the stitches between the asterisks in the middle are the setup for the spine. The stitches between these two markers will always be the spine stitches.]

R58: P all

R59: K all sts to 2nd marker (m) Kfb ea st until next marker (m) K all sts to end

R60: P all

R61: K to 2nd marker (m) K3tog x 2, K2tog x 2, K3tog x 2 (m) K to end

R62: P to 2nd marker (m) P2tog x 3 (m) P to end

R63: K to 2nd marker (m) Kfb, Kfb twice in same st, Kfb (m) K to end

R64: P all

R65: K to 2nd marker (m) Kfb ea st to next marker (m) k to end

R66: P all

R67: K to 1st marker (m) K22, Kfb x 3 sts, K2 (m) K3tog x 2, K2tog x 2, K3tog x 2 (m) K2, Kfb x 3 sts, K22 (m) K7

R68: P to 2nd marker (m) P2tog x 3 (m) P to end

R69: K to 2nd marker (m) Kfb, Kfb twice in same st, Kfb (m) K to end

R70: P all

R71: K to 2nd marker (m) Kfb ea st (m) K to end

R72: P all

R73: K to 2nd marker (m) K3tog x 2, K2tog x 2, K3tog x 2 (m) K to end

R74: P to 2nd marker (m) P2tog x 3 (m) P to end

R75: K to 2nd marker (m) Kfb, Kfb twice in same st, Kfb (m) K to end

R76: P all

R77: K to 2nd marker (m) Kfb ea st to next marker (m) K to end

R78: P all

R79: K to 2nd marker (m) K3tog x 2, K2tog x 2, K3tog x 2 (m) K to end

R80: P to 2nd marker (m) P2tog x 3 (m) P to end

R81: K7 (m) K2tog, K24, K2tog x 2 (m) Kfb, Kfb twice in same st, Kfb (m) K2tog x 2, K24, k2tog (m) K7

R82: P all

R83: K to 2nd marker (m) Kfb ea st until next marker (m) K to end

R84: P all

R85: K7 (m) K2tog, K21, K2tog x 2 (m) K3tog x 2, K2tog x 2, K3tog x 2 (m) K2tog x 2, K21, K2tog (m) K7

R86: P to 2nd marker (m) P2tog x 3 (m) P to end

Return to DPNs [a] 21 sts b) 23 sts for the back c) 21 sts] rejoin for knitting in the round

R87: a) K7 (m) K2tog, K10, K2tog b) K2tog, K6, K2tog (m) Kfb, Kfb twice in same st, Kfb (m) K2tog, K6, K2tog c) K2tog, k10, K2tog (m) K7

R88: K all

R89: a) K7 (m) K2tog, K8, K2tog b) K2tog, K4, K2tog (m) Kfb ea st to next marker (m) K2tog, K4, K2tog c) K2tog, K8, K2tog (m) K7

R90: K all

R91: a) K7 (m) K2tog x 5 b) K2tog x 3 (m) K3tog x 2, K2tog x 2, K3tog x 2 (m) K2tog x 3 c) K2tog x 5 (m) K7

R92: a) K all b) K3 (m) K2tog x3 (m) K3 c) K all

R93: a) K5, K2tog (remove marker) K2tog x 2, move last stitch to beginning of needle b) K2tog x 2 (m) Kfb, Kfb twice in same st, Kfb (m) K2tog, slip first stitch from needle c) purl wise to needle b then K2tog c) K2tog x 2 (remove marker) K2tog, K5

R94: a) K4, K2tog x 2 b) K2tog (m) Kfb ea st to next marker (m) K2tog c) K2tog x 2, K4

R95: a) K4, K2tog b) K2tog, K14, K2tog (remove markers) c) K2tog, K4

R96: a) K3, K2tog b) K3tog x 2, K2tog x 2, K3tog x 2 c) K2tog, K3

R97: a) K4 b) K2tog x 3 c) K4

R98 - R107: K all

R108: a) K2, K2tog b) K c) K

R109 - R117: K all
R118: a) K b) K c) K2tog, K2
R119- R143: K all
R144: On ea needle Kfb, Kfb twice in same st, Kfb
R145: K all
R146: Kfb ea st
R147: K all
R148: on each needle K3tog x 2, K2tog x 2, K3tog x 2
R149: K2tog all
R150: K2tog, K1 * repeat for all stitches
R151: K2tog all sts
R152: K all
Break yarn and pull thru remaining stitches

For Flynn's Snout

PU 21 sts around the nose for knitting in the round , arrange 7 sts per needle, with needle b's stitches being on the 'top' for the bridge of his snout.

R1: K all

R2: a) K2tog, K3, K2tog b) K7 c) K2tog, K3, K2tog

R3: a) K1, K2tog, K2 b) Kfb, Kfb twice in same st, Kfb, Kfb, Kfb, Kfb, Kfb twice in same st, Kfb c) K2, K2tog, K1

R4: a) K2tog, K2 b) K all c) K2, K2tog

R5: a) K3 b) Kfb x 8, K2, Kfb x 8 c) K3

R6: K all

R7: a) K3 b) K3tog x 2, K2tog x 2, K3tog x 2, K2, K3tog x 2, K2tog x 2, K3tog x 2 c) K3

R8: a) K3tog b) K2tog x 3, K2, K2tog x 3 C) K3tog

Break yarn and draw thru remaining stitches. Bend down point and secure to "chin" to create Flynn's nostrils.

Legs (make 4)

CO 12, Join to knit in round

R1 - R20: K all

R21: Kfb ea st

R22 - R27: K all

R28: K2tog all

R29: Arrange stitches on to 2 needles and kitchener.

Ears (make 2)

CO 2

R1: K

R2: P

R3: Kfb ea st

R4: P

R5: K

R6: P

R7: K

R8: P

R9: K2tog

R10: P2tog

Break yarn and pull thru remaining stitch. Use CO edge to sew to sides of head. Ears are supposed to curl.

Add eyes to the head, you can manipulate the folds to make eyelids, horn ridges, etc. Sew hole in chin closed and stuff head with polyfill. Stuff legs and sew on to the body using ladder stitch. Using needle and thread sew zipper into the belly hole on Flynn's tummy. If you like you can first use fabric and make a zippered pouch, then sew the pouch in. Weave in all ends. I took a very small amount of polyfill and stuffed the base of Flynn's tail... but you don't have to.

Remember, there can be different breeds of dragon, as well as different breeds of dragon with different assorted dragon diseases. You can add stripped feathers for "hair", beads, sequins, a collar. You can have a Lancastrian Short Snout (and omit the snout directions, sewing the nose shut), an Uberwaldian Ridge Back (by turning the spine stitches so that the WS faces out), or a Klatchian Krick Neck (omit a few rows of neck rounds). He's really easy to customize, so get creative!