

Kuda-kitsune; "Pipe Fox"

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What is a "Pipe Fox"?

Kuda-kitsune is a mythical Japanese creature, employed by Kitsune-tsukai (those possessed by foxes). The phrase Kuda-kitsune, literally translates as "Pipe Fox", and refers to supernatural spirit familiars, that are kept by their owners, within bamboo pipes and flutes. Those who keep Kuda-kitsune, can train them to answer any question they seek answers to. This enables the master to see into both the past and future.



Equipment;

6mm crochet hook
1.25mm crochet hook (for final detailing)
9mm safety eyes
Sewing needle
Polyester toy filler
Elle Lussuria yarn; white

Bars;

Round 1; ch7
Round 2; sc in 2nd ch from hook
Round 3; sc in each st across (6sc) turn
Round 4; ch1, sc in first 4 st, sl st in next st (4sc)
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing

Body;

Working loosely, throughout;

Round 1; ch6, sl st in first ch to form ring

Round 2; 2sc in each st around (12sc)

Round 3-6; sc in each st around (12sc)

Round 7; *sc in first st, 2sc in next st; repeat from *, around (18sc)

Round 8-110; sc in each st around (18sc)

Round 111; 2sc in each st around (36sc)

Round 112; *sc in first st, 2 sc in next st; repeat from *, around (54sc)

Round 113-115; sc in each st around (54sc)

Round 116; *sc in first 2 st, sc decrease; repeat from *, around (36sc)

Round 117; *sc in first 2 st, sc decrease; repeat from *, around (27sc)

Round 118; *sc in first 2 st, sc decrease; repeat from *, around (21sc)

Round 119-120; sc in each st around (21sc)

Attach safety eyes

Sew the short side of the ears directly behind the eyes, on the back of the head

Lightly stuff head

Round 121-123; sc in each st around (21sc)

Round 124; *sc in first 2 st, sc decrease; repeat from *, around (15sc)

Round 125; sc decrease in each st around, until hole is almost closed

Finish stuffing

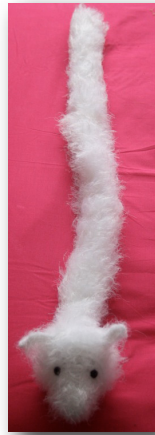
Close hole with needle and remaining yarn, fasten off

Finishing;

Using the 1.25mm crochet hook, begin picking around the stitches, to pull through the fluffy part of the yarn. This will create the faux fur effect.

Once you have picked all of the fluff from the stitches on both the head and body, trim any sections that may need it; the head, particularly around the eyes, and anywhere else you think needs a little grooming or a good tidy.

Additional Information;



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