

Flying Golden Ball with Silver Wings



Materials Needed:

- 1 skein Vanna's Glamour in Moonstone
- 1 skein Vanna's Glamour in Gold
- Size 1.5 Circular Needles (or DPN's if you're so inclined)
- Small amount of polyester stuffing
- Darning needle
- (1) 12" piece of wire, or a long pipe cleaner

Cast-ons and Bind-off

Estonian Cast-on	https://youtu.be/Frc5_9AIVy0
Emily Ocker's Circular Cast-on	http://newstitchaday.com/emily-ockers-cast-on-knitting/
Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind-off	http://www.knitty.com/ISSUEfall09/FEATjssbo.php

Stitches used:

k1tbl	Knit through the back loop
p1tbl	Purl through the back loop
w/t	Wrap and Turn
kfsb	Knit through the front loop, slip through the back (like a kfb, but slipping instead of knitting)

Notes:

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Gauge is not important for this. Knit tighter than you normally would for the ball, so the stuffing doesn't peek out. If you opt to use worsted yarn, add more wire for the expanded wing length. You'll be able to make a lot of balls out of two skeins of yarn. But unless you can find someone willing to part with a little bit of it, you're stuck buying two full skeins. Add a third in red, and you can make a Holy Hand Grenade of Antioch, too, if you feel like mixing fandoms. When working a wrapped stitch, you can work the wrap or ignore it. At such a small scale, and given the structure of the wings, I prefer to leave it unwrapped. The tiny hole is better than wrestling the tiny yarn in pattern. You may be more compulsive about it than I am, and that's fine, too. You do you!

Silver Wings (make 2):

Cast on 41 stitches - you'll be working flat.

Slip the first stitch of each row purl-wise.

Row 1: k1tbl, p1tbl until **3** stitches from end, slip, w/t (**2** stitches left unworked)

Row 2: k1tbl, p1tbl until end

Row 3: k1tbl, p1tbl until **9** stitches from end, slip, w/t (**8** stitches left unworked)

Row 4: k1tbl, p1tbl until **3** stitches from end, slip, w/t (**2** stitches left unworked)

Row 5: k1tbl, p1tbl until **15** stitches from end, slip, w/t (**14** stitches left unworked)

Row 6: k1tbl, p1tbl until **9** stitches from end, slip, w/t (**8** stitches left unworked)

Row 7: k1tbl, p1tbl until **19** stitches from end, slip, w/t (**18** stitches left unworked)

Row 8: k1tbl, p1tbl until **12** stitches from end, slip, w/t (**11** stitches left unworked)

Row 9: k1tbl, p1tbl until **17** stitches from end, slip, w/t (**16** stitches left unworked)

Row 10: Work in pattern until end (**24** stitches), turn

Row 11: Work in pattern until end

Bind off, using Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind-off.

Golden Ball:

Cast on 8 - you'll be working in the round.

Row 1: **kfsb** around (**16** stitches total)

Row 2: knit around

Row 3: *k**1**, kfsb Repeat from *. (**24** stitches total)

Row 4: knit around

Row 5: *k**2**, kfsb Repeat from *. (**32** stitches total)

Row 6: knit around

Row 7: *k**3**, kfsb Repeat from *. (**40** stitches total)

Row 8: Knit around

Row 9: *k**4**, kfsb Repeat from *. (**48** stitches total)

Row 10: Knit around

Row 11: *k**4**, k2tog Repeat from *. (**40** stitches total)

Row 12: Knit around

Row 13: *k**3**, k2tog Repeat from *. (**32** stitches total)

Row 14: Knit around

Row 15: *k**2**, k2tog Repeat from *. (**24** stitches total)

Row 16: Knit around

Row 17: *k**1**, k2tog Repeat from *. (**16** stitches total)

Row 18: Knit around

Row 19: **k2tog** around (**8** stitches total)

Stuff Golden Ball firmly with fiberfill.

Cut yarn, and pull through remaining 8 stitches. Fasten off tightly.

Assembling the Golden Ball with Silver Wings

- Thread wire through the center of the ball, leaving equal ends.
- Slide one wing onto each wire, weaving the wire through the yarn-overs caused by the bind-off.
- Bend the very tip of the wire over the tip of each wing, and pinch it tightly in place.
- Using gold yarn, attach the end of a wing to the ball. Make two or three stitches through, then wind the yarn around the entire end of the wing. Pull yarn down through the wraps, and secure. Repeat for the other wing.
- Using silver yarn, whip-stitch over the threaded wire; I did at least one whipstitch per knit stitch, more in one or two spots for added coverage.
- Bend the wings to suit – with the long wire running through, you can have both wings up, down, or individually tilted to simulate the not-Snitch in flight.
- Crochet a small chain (or make an icord, or use an ornament hanger) and attach to the center top of the ball.

