Ghost Fungus knitting pattern

Using 6mm needles with knitlon nylon crochet ribbon

This pattern can be used with any thickness of yarn, with finer needles than you would usually use, to produce a dense fabric that won't droop.

Wire can be added to the finished fungi for shaping.

Cast on 5 st

Work 8 rows stocking stitch.

Row 9: K1, M1, K2, M1, K2 (7 sts)

Work 3 rows stocking stitch

Row 13: K1, M1, K2, M1, K2, M1, K2 (10 sts)

Work 3 rows stocking stitch

 Row 17: K1, M1, K2, M1,K2, M1, K2, M1, K2, M1, K1 (15 sts)

Row 18: purl

Row 19: K1 P1 to end

Row 20: work in rib as Row 19

Row 21: K1 P1, M1 knit wise in loop before next st, twisting the stitch so there is no hole, K1* repeat [*_**] to last st, K1

row 22: knit the purl sts, and purl the knit sts from previous row

Next 6 rows work in rib (it's a K2, P1 rib at the moment)

Row 29: K1, P1, K1, then M1 purl-wise by picking up the loop before the next st, and twisting so as not to make a hole* repeat [*~**] to last st. K1

Next 3 rows, work in K1 P1 rib Row 33: increase in the same manner as Row 21

Next 3 rows: work in K2 P1 rib Row 37: increase in same manner as row 29 Next 3 rows: work in K1 P1 rib You can continue in the 4 row pattern as long as you like, bearing mind the edge may need wiring if it's heavy.

Last rows: For a smooth edge, cast off in rib. Or for a lettuce edge, K1 M1 into every stitch for one row. Then turn your work and cast off purlwise.

Can be sewn up into a tube if desired. Feel free to add your own interpretations - edging, beads, stripes etc. These can be made large or small according to amount of yarn available and the thickness of the yarn. Finer yarn requires fine needles to avoid floppiness.