

Bunny Pattern

Wool required: Approx 25g double knitting wool in colour of choice for rabbit. Oddments in colours of choice to make tights, shoes, jumper, dress etc.

Knitting needles: 1 pair 2.75mm knitting needles

Head

Cast on 7 stitches (starting with a long thread for sewing up later)

P1 row

K1 [M1, K1] to last stitch, K1 (12 st)

P1 row

K1 [M1, K1] to end (23 st)

St-st for 3 rows, inc. 1 stitch at each end of 2nd row

K1 [M1, K3] to end (33 st)

Work 15 rows st-st

K1, [K2tog] 7 times, K3, [K2tog] 7 times, K1

Work 7 rows in st-st, dec 1 stitch at each end of 2nd row (17 st)

K1, K2tog to end (9 st)

P1 row

Break yarn and thread through stitches, gather stitches and secure thread.

Body

Starting at neck edge cast on 12 stitches (starting with

a long thread for sewing up later)

P1 row

K1, [M1, K1] to end (23 st)

St-st 3 rows

K1 [M1, K3] to last stitch, M1, K1 (31 st)

P1 row

K10, M1, K11, M1, K10 (33 st)

P1 row

K1 row, M1 at each end

St-st 13 rows

K1 row, K2tog at each end

P1 row

Rpt last 2 rows once (31 st)

St-st 2 rows

Cast off

Arms (make 2)

Cast on 7 stitches (starting with a long thread for sewing up later)

P1 row

K1, inc. in next 5 st, K1

St-st 3 rows

K3, inc. in next st, K4, inc. in next st, K3 (14 st)

Start with a purl row and st-st for 19 rows

K1, K2tog, K8, K2tog, K1

P1 row

K2tog to end

Break yarn and thread through stitches, gather stitches and secure thread.





Ears (make 2)

Cast on 12 St and knit 18 rows

Dec 1 stitch (K2tog) each end of next and every 4th row until 2 st remain

K2tog and fasten off

Alternative ears (make 2 and 2)

Using pattern above but knitting in stocking stitch make two white and two pale pink pieces

Legs (make 2)

If knitting a rabbit wearing shoes and tights cast on using the shoe colour, otherwise cast on using the rabbit colour.

Cast on 19 stitches (starting with a long thread for sewing up later)

P1 row

K1, inc. knit wise into each stitch to last stitch, K1 (36 st)

Start with a purl row and st-st for 11 rows

K9, [K2tog] 9 times, K9

If knitting a rabbit coloured leg

St –st 3 rows

If knitting a rabbit wearing tights

Knit 1 row (for shoe edge definition) then stocking stitch two rows using the first colour of the tights. Continue the rest of the leg alternating the two tight colours every two rows to create stripes.

Continue leg:

K8, [K2tog] 5 times, K9

P1 row

K8 [K2tog] 3 times, K8 (19 st)

St-st 15 rows dec 1 stitch each end of 2nd ROW (alternating colours every 2 rows if

making tights)

K1, K2 tog, K11, K2tog, K1

Purl 1 row

Cast off

Dress

Cast on 55 st (starting with a long thread for sewing up later)

Knit 3 rows

St-st for 21 rows

[K3, K2tog] 5 times, K2tog, K4, K2tog, [K2tog, K3] 5 times (44 st)

Work 2 rows rib

Rib 11, cast off next 3 st, rib to last 14 st, cast off next 3 st, rib 11

Rib 11 st and turn

Working the back of dress on these 11 stitches

Rib 1 row

K2tog, rib to end

Rpt last 2 rows once more

Rib 1 row

Break yarn and join on wrong side to centre section of the dress (the front)

Working front of the dress on the centre section of stitches

Rib 1 row (to next armhole)

Turn and rib 1 row, dec 1 st at each end

Rib 3 rows

Break yarn and join to the last section of the dress (back)

Working back of dress on these 11 stitches

Rib 1 row

Rib to last 2 st, K2 tog

Rpt last 2 rows once more

Rib 1 row

Work the neck of the dress

Rib 2 rows across all stitches, at the gap at the top of the armholes on the first row pick up the 'broken/hanging' thread end and knit one stitch using both working thread and thread end.

Remember to knit as one stitch on the 2nd ROW.

Cast off loosely. Sew row ends together at back to form centre seam of dress.

Jumper

Knitted in one piece starting at front bottom edge and finished at back bottom edge.

Cast On 28 Stitches

K2, P2 rib for 21 rows

Next Row

Rib 10, cast off 8 stitches, rib 10

Turn and work 3 rows on first side maintaining rib pattern. At end of 3rd row turn and cast on 8 stitches using the thumb method.

Break yarn and join to the 10 stitches you have not yet worked.

Rib for 3 rows

Continue by working across all stitches and rib for a further 21 rows.

To Make Up

Head -The gathered stitches form the nose and the cast on edge is at the back of the head.

Use Mattress stitch to sew the head seam until about an inch gap is left at the back of the head. Stuff the head shaping the head as desired and making sure the finished piece feels firm close gap in seam.

Face -Work stitches in black to make eyes and sew Y shaped nose over the top of the gathered stitches to finish the face.

Body -Starting at the neck edge join the cast on edges together and from the centre join row ends at the back of the body. Stuff the body firmly. Sew along the bottom to 'seal' the bottom of the body in a straight line making sure the seam is going up the centre back.

Legs -Sew from the top of the leg down the back seam, stuff and sew the bottom of the foot closed keeping it flat.

Ears - Fold in half at the base and sew in place on top of the head. Sew on the first ear and then thread through the head to the other ear and pull firmly sew the second ear into place this creates more definition between the ears.

Alternative ears -Stitch white and pink piece together on reverse side. Turn right side out and join bottom seam. With pink side facing stitch in position as above.

Shoes -Cast on and then cast off enough stitches to stretch across the foot of the rabbit (approx 12) and stitch in place like a pair of Mary-Jane shoes. Over sew two or three stitches to create buckle

Putting it all together

Sew the head to the body pull the stitches through the stuffing for added security. Sew the arms in place. Sew the legs flat across the top and then attach to the lower edge of the body using a whipstitch so that the join is flat and the legs can move around.