



BUNNY LOVEY

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FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Blanket: 16 (18)" square

Bunny Head: approx. 3.5" high x 11" around when stuffed

YARN

Knit Picks Snuggle Puff (Aran/Heavy Worsted Weight, 70% Cotton, 30% Nylon; 142yards/50g): Lamb 27823, 2 balls

NEEDLES

US 5 (3.75mm) DPNs or two 24" circular needles for two circulars technique, or one 32" or longer circular needle for Magic Loop technique, or size to obtain gauge

US 10 (6mm) 24" circular needle or size to obtain gauge

NOTIONS

Yarn Needle

Stitch Markers

Scrap Pink and Black Yarn for Face Embroidery

Stuffing such as Poly-Fil

GAUGE

Bunny Head: 22 sts and 26 rows = 4" in Stockinette Stitch in the round on smaller needles

Blanket: 16 sts and 24 rows = 4" in Double Seed Stitch on larger needles

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Bunny Lovey

Notes:

Part soft toy, part security blanket, a handknit lovey is a perfect gift for a special baby. This floppy-eared bunny version is worked with Snuggle Puff yarn which makes it very soft for newborns. The face is embroidered on, so there are no dangerous safety eyes.

The Double Seed Stitch blanket and bunny head are worked separately then sewn together.

Double Seed Stitch (worked flat)

Row 1: (K2, P2) across.

Row 2-3: (P2, K2) across.

Row 4: (K2, P2) across.

DIRECTIONS

Bunny Head

The bunny head is worked in the round from the bottom up. The face is embroidered on before stuffing. Stitches are picked up and worked for the ears.

Head

With smaller needles, CO 6 sts. Join in the rnd being careful not to twist sts. PM for the beginning of the rnd.

Rnd 1: KFB into each st. 12 sts.

Rnd 2: K across.

Rnd 3: KFB into each st. 24 sts.

Rnd 4: K across.

Rnd 5: KFB into each st. 48 sts.

Rnd 6: K across.

Rnd 7: (KFB, K6) 2 times, KFB, K12, (KFB, K6) 3 times. 54 sts.

Rnd 8-9: K across.

Rnd 10: (KFB, K7) 2 times, KFB, K14, (KFB, K7) 2 times, KFB, K6. 60 sts.

Rnd 11-17: K across.

Rnd 18: (SSK, K7) 2 times, SSK, K14, (K2tog, K7) 2 times, K2tog, K6. 54 sts.

Rnd 19-20: K across.

Rnd 21: (SSK, K6) 2 times, SSK, K12, (K2tog, K6) 2 times, K2tog, K6. 48 sts.

Rnd 22-23: K across.

Rnd 24: (SSK, K5) 2 times, SSK, K10, (K2tog, K5) 2 times, K2tog, K6. 42 sts.

Rnd 25: K across.

Embroider the face using straight sts for the nose and French knots for the eyes. The front of the bunny head is the larger K section, the back of the bunny head is the K6 section. Pull tight and weave in the end.

Rnd 26: (SSK, K4) 2 times, SSK, K8, (K2tog, K4) 2 times, K2tog, K6. 36 sts.

Rnd 27: K across.

Rnd 28: (SSK, K3) 2 times, SSK, K6, (K2tog, K3) 2 times, K2tog, K6. 30 sts.

Rnd 29: K across.

Rnd 30: (SSK, K2) 2 times, SSK, K4, (K2tog, K2) 2 times, K2tog, K6. 24 sts.

Rnd 31: (SSK, K1) 2 times, SSK, K2, (K2tog, K1) 2 times, K2tog, K6. 18 sts.

Stuff the head. It should hold its shape without distorting the sts and still be soft.

Rnd 32: (SSK) 3 times, (K2tog) 3 times, K6. 12 sts.

Rnd 32: (SSK) 3 times, (K2tog) 3 times. 6 sts.

Add more stuffing if needed. Cut yarn leaving about an 8" tail.

Using the yarn needle, thread the tail through the remaining 6 sts. Pull tight to close hole and weave in ends.

Ears

Sts for the ears are picked up on either side of the head and worked flat.

PU and K 6 sts for the first ear.

Row 1 (right side): K across.

Row 2 (wrong side): P across.

Row 3-4: Repeat rows 1 and 2.

Row 5: K1, M1R, K4, M1L, K1. 8 sts.

Row 6: P across.

Row 7: K across.

Row 8-9: Repeat rows 6 and 7.

Row 10: P across.

Row 11: K1, M1R, K6, M1L, K1. 10 sts.

Row 12-17: Repeat rows 6 and 7.

Row 18: P across.

Row 19: SSK, K6, K2tog. 8 sts.

Row 20: P across.

Row 21: SSK, K4, K2tog. 6 sts.

Row 22: P across.

Row 23: SSK, K2, K2tog. 4 sts.

Row 24: P across.

Row 25: SSK, K2tog. 1 sts.

Row 26: P2tog.

Weave ends. Repeat on the other side of the head for the second ear.

Blanket

The blanket is worked flat in Double Seed Stitch. The first st of every row is slipped K-wise for a neat edge. The blanket can be made either 16" or 18".

With larger needles, CO 66 (74) sts.

Row 1: Sl1, (K2, P2) until last st, P1.

Row 2-3: Sl1, (P2, K2) until last st, P1.

Row 4: Sl1, (K2, P2) until last st, P1.

Work until blanket measures 16 (18)". Bind off loosely.

Finishing

Weave in ends. Block blanket. Securely sew the bunny head to the center of the blanket.



Glossary

Common Stitches & Techniques

Stockinette Stitch (St st, worked flat over any number of sts)

Row 1 (RS): Knit all sts.
 Row 2 (WS): Purl all sts.
 Rep Rows 1 and 2 for pattern.
St st in the rnd: K every rnd.

Garter Stitch (in the rnd over any number of sts)

Rnd 1: Purl all sts.
 Rnd 2: Knit all sts.
 Rep Rnds 1 and 2 for pattern.
Garter Stitch flat: K every row.
 (One Garter ridge is comprised of two rows/rnds.)

1x1 Rib (worked flat or in the rnd, over an even number of sts)

All Rows/Rnds: *K1, P1; rep from * to end of row/rnd.

2x2 Rib (worked flat over multiples of 4 sts plus 2)

Row 1 (RS): K2, *P2, K2; rep from * to end.
Row 2 (WS): P2, *K2, P2; rep from * to end.
 Rep Rows 1-2 for pattern.

2x2 Rib (in the rnd over multiples of 4 sts)

Rnd 1: *K2, P2; rep from * to end.
 Rep Rnd 1 for pattern.

Make 1 Left-leaning st (M1L)

Inserting LH needle from front to back, PU the horizontal strand between the st just worked and the next st, and K TBL.

Make 1 Right-leaning st (M1R)

Inserting LH needle from back to front, PU the horizontal strand between the st just worked and the next st, and K TFL.

Backward Loop Cast On

A tutorial for the Backward Loop Cast On can be found at <https://tutorials.knitpicks.com/loop-cast-on/>.

Long Tail Cast On

You may also see it referred to as the slingshot cast on. A tutorial for the Long Tail Cast On can be found at <https://tutorials.knitpicks.com/long-tail-cast-on/>.

3-Needle Bind Off

Used to seam two rows of live stitches together. A tutorial for the 3-Needle Bind Off can be found at <https://tutorials.knitpicks.com/3-needle-bind-off/>.

Short Rows (Wrap & Turn)

There are several options for how to handle short rows, so you may see different suggestions/instructions in a pattern; a tutorial for the standard wrap & turn can be found at <https://tutorials.knitpicks.com/short-rows-wrap-and-turn-or-wt/>.

Kitchener Stitch (also called Grafting)

With an equal number of sts on two needles, break yarn leaving a tail approx four times as long as the row of sts, and thread through a blunt yarn needle. Hold needles parallel, with WSs facing in, and both needles pointing to the right. Perform Step 2 on the first front st, and Step 4 on the first back st, then continue from Step 1, always pulling yarn tightly so the grafted row tension matches knitted fabric:
Step 1: Pull yarn needle K-wise through front st and drop st from knitting needle.
Step 2: Pull yarn needle P-wise through next front st, leaving st on knitting needle.
Step 3: Pull yarn needle P-wise through first back st and drop st from knitting needle.
Step 4: Pull yarn needle K-wise through next back st, leaving st on knitting needle.
 Rep Steps 1-4 until all sts have been grafted together, finishing by working Step 1 through the last remaining front st, then Step 3 through the last remaining back st. A visual tutorial for the Kitchener Stitch can be found at <https://tutorials.knitpicks.com/kitchener-stitch/>

Abbreviations

approx	approximately	K-wise	knitwise	rep	repeat	SSP	slip, slip, purl these
BO	bind off	LH	left hand	Rev St st	reverse stockinette stitch		2 stitches together
BOR	beginning of round	M	marker	RH	right hand	SSSK	through back loop
CN	cable needle	M1	make one stitch	rnd(s)	round(s)		slip, slip, slip, knit
C (1, 2...)	color (1, 2...)	M1L	make one left-leaning stitch	RS	right side		these 3 stitches
CC	contrast color	M1R	make one right-leaning stitch	Sk	skip	St st	stockinette stitch
CDD	centered double decrease	MC	main color	SK2P	slip 1, knit two stitches together, pass slipped stitch over the knit two together stitch	st(s)	stitch(es)
CO	cast on	P	purl			TBL	through back loop
cont	continue	P2tog	purl 2 stitches together	SKP	slip, knit, pass slipped stitch over	TFL	through front loop
dec	decrease(es)	PM	place marker	SI	slip	tog	together
DPN(s)	double pointed needle(s)	PFB	purl into the front and back of stitch	SM	slip marker	W&T	wrap & turn (see specific instructions in pattern)
inc	increase	PSSO	pass slipped stitch over	SSK	slip, slip, knit these 2 stitches together	WE	work even
K	knit	PU	pick up			WS	wrong side
K2tog	knit two stitches together	P-wise	purlwise			WYIB	with yarn in back
KFB	knit into the front and back of stitch					WYIF	with yarn in front
						YO	yarn over