

TOY RABBIT

 Easy Knitting



MEASUREMENTS

Height (approx) cm 17

SHEPHERD COLOUR 4 ME 8 PLY 50g balls

Main Colour (**M**) 1
1st Contrast (**C1**) 1
2nd Contrast (**C2**) 1

Quantities are approximate as they can vary between knitters.
Check the ball bands to ensure all yarn is from the same dye lot.

NEEDLES AND EXTRAS

- 1 pair 3.00mm (UK 11) knitting needles.
- polyester fibre filling.
- wool needle for sewing seams.

TENSION

Correct tension is not essential for this toy.

Note – We recommend parental supervision for children under 3 years as this toy has small parts which may present a choking hazard.

For abbreviations and more information on knitting techniques, please see our web site.

RABBIT

LEGS AND BODY (make 2 pieces)

Using 3.00mm needles and **M**, cast on 12 sts.
Knit 2 rows garter st.

3rd row – * Inc in next st, K1, rep from * to end ... 18 sts.
Work in garter st until work measures 5cm from beg.
Tie a marker at each end of last row to indicate end of leg.
Cont in garter st until work measures 11cm from beg.
Next row – * K1, K2tog, rep from * to end ... 12 sts.
Cast off.

Fold each piece in half lengthways. Join cast on edges tog (foot seam), then join seams to markers. Join front and back seams. Fill lightly.

HEAD (make 2 pieces)

Using 3.00mm needles and **M**, cast on 11 sts.

1st row – Knit.

2nd row – * K2, inc in next st, rep from * to last 2 sts, K2 ... 14 sts.

Cont in garter st, inc one st at beg of every foll alt row until there are 18 sts.

Knit 1 row.

Dec one st at beg of next row, then in every foll alt row until 14 sts rem.

Dec one st at each end of every row until 10 sts rem.

Cast off.

Join head pieces tog, leaving cast on edge open. Fill lightly, then sew to top of body.

EARS (make 2)

Using 3.00mm needles and **M**, cast on 8 sts.

Knit in garter st until work measures 5cm from beg.

Dec one st at each end of next row, then in every foll alt row until 2 sts rem.

Knit 1 row. K2tog. Fasten off.

Gather up cast on edge and attach to top of head as illustrated.

ARMS (make 2)

Using 3.00mm needles and **M**, cast on 10 sts.

Knit 2 rows garter st.

3rd row – * Inc in next st, K1, rep from * to end ... 15 sts.

Knit in garter st until work measures 4cm from beg.

Next row – K1, * K2tog, rep from * to end ... 8 sts.

Knit 1 row. Cast off.

Fold in half lengthways. Join seam, leaving cast off edge open.

Fill lightly and sew to body.

TAIL

Using 3.00mm needles and **M**, cast on 4 sts.

Working in garter st, inc one st at each end of every foll alt row until there are 10 sts.

Knit 5 rows garter st.

Dec one st at each end of next row, then in every foll alt row until 4 sts rem.

Cast off.

Run a gathering thread around edge, draw up firmly and fasten securely. Sew to body.

JACKET

Using 3.00mm needles and **C1**, cast on 20 sts.

Knit 3 rows.

Work 6 rows stocking st, beg with a knit row.

Shape For Sleeves –

1st row – Cast on 12 sts, knit to end.

2nd row – Cast on 12 sts, K3, purl to last 3 sts, K3 ... 44 sts.

3rd row – Knit.

4th row – K3, purl to last 3 sts, K3.

Rep last 2 rows twice, then 3rd row once.

10th row – K3, P8, K22, P8, K3.

11th row – Knit.

12th row – As 10th row.

13th row – K14, cast off 16 sts, knit to end.

Cont on these last 14 sts for Left Front.

1st row – K3, P8, K3.

2nd row – Knit.

3rd row – As 1st row.

4th row – Cast on 8 sts, knit to end ... 22 sts.

5th row – K3, P8, knit to end.

6th row – Knit.

Rep last 2 rows once.

9th row – K3, purl to last 3 sts, K3.

10th row – Knit.

Rep last 2 rows once.

13th row – Cast off 12 sts, purl to last 3 sts, K3 ... 10 sts.

14th row – Knit.

15th row – Purl to last 3 sts, K3

Rep last 2 rows once.

Knit 3 rows. Cast off.

With wrong side facing, join yarn to rem 14 sts for Right Front.

1st row – K3, P8, K3.

2nd row – Knit.

Rep last 2 rows once.

5th row – Cast on 8 sts, K11, P8, K3 ... 22 sts.

6th row – Knit.

7th row – K11, P8, K3.

8th row – Knit.

9th row – K3, purl to last 3 sts, K3.

10th row – Knit.

11th row – As 9th row.

12th row – Cast off 12 sts, knit to end ... 10 sts.

13th row – K3, purl to end.

14th row – Knit.

Rep last 2 rows twice.

Knit 2 rows.

Cast off.

KNITTED BUTTON

Using 3.00mm needles and **C1**, cast on one st.

1st row – (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1) into st ... 6 sts.

Work 4 rows stocking st.

6th row – Sl 3, K3tog, p3sso ... one st.

Fasten off, leaving a 15cm length of yarn. Run yarn around edge and draw up to form a button.

MAKE UP

DO NOT PRESS. Join side and sleeve seams. Attach knitted button to top of jacket. A 'self-buttonhole' is made by pushing button through fabric on other front. Using **C1** and French knots, embroider eyes as illustrated. Using **C2** and Straight St, embroider nose and mouth as illustrated. Sew in all ends.



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