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# Easter Bunny



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I hope you have fun knitting this delightful Easter Bunny, which has been designed to have many uses. It could be made into a soft and cuddly toy or a finger puppet. It could be filled with a chocolate egg and given as an Easter gift or it could be used for an Easter egg hunt. It is also ideal for charity fundraising.

Happy knitting!

*Sarah*

## Materials

Double knitting wool (various colours)  
Knitting needles size 3¼mm (UK size 10)  
Sewing needle  
Good quality washable toy stuffing



## Abbreviations

- K** Knit  
**P** Purl  
**st(s)** Stitch(es)  
**beg** Beginning  
**tog** Together  
**inc** Increase by knitting into the front and back of the stitch  
**dec** Decrease by knitting two stitches together  
**K2tog** Knit two stitches together  
**P2tog** Purl two stitches together  
**sl** Slip 1 stitch (stitch is passed from the left needle to the right needle without being knitted, slip purl-wise)  
**pssso** Pass slip stitch over (pass the slipped stitch over the knit stitch and off the needle)  
**yrn** Yarn round needle (take yarn under and over tip of right hand needle to make a stitch)  
**st-st** Stocking stitch (1 row knit, 1 row purl)  
**B & T** Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through remaining stitches on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.



## Casting off

Always cast off knit wise unless otherwise stated.

## Embroidered stitches



Thread sewing needle with yarn and knot end of yarn. Take needle through the stuffed toy and bring it out at the position required. Pull yarn to draw the knotted end right inside the stuffing. Now work the embroidered stitches. Insert the needle back into the toy at the same place and bring the needle point back up at the opposite end of the stitch. Loop the yarn around the needle and pull the needle through. Repeat the procedure to make a row of chain stitches.

## Twisted cords

To make a twisted cord from a single length of yarn, cut a strand of yarn four times as long as the measurement required. Knot one end round a door knob, chair leg or hook and knot a loop in the other end to fit around the index finger of your right hand. Now keeping the yarn taught, twist your finger round and round in a clockwise direction. Keep twisting until when relaxed, the strand of yarn begins to curl back on itself. Fold cord at centre, bringing ends together. Allow yarn to twist tightly, knot ends and trim to length.



## Rows worked in double yarn

There may be occasions where one or more rows are worked using double yarn, changing back to a single strand of yarn for subsequent rows. When changing from double to single yarn, treat the two loops on each stitch on the previous row as one stitch when working the next row.

## Toy safety

These characters have been designed for young children, so please ensure that attached pieces are sewn on very securely and seams are tightly finished off. If a twisted cord is tied in a bow, sew through bow so that it can not be undone if pulled. Use only new, hygienic, washable stuffing that conforms to current safety standards.

## Size

Finished height:  
Approximately 12cm



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Children's Therapy  
Centre Wales and  
Marie Curie Cancer Care

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## Body and head

With white cast on 22 sts

**Row 1** K4, (inc, K3) 4 times, K2 (26 sts)

**Row 2** Purl

**Row 3** K3, (inc, K5) 3 times, inc, K4 (30 sts)

**Rows 4 - 20** Beg with a P row, st-st 17 rows

**Row 21** K6, K2tog, K14, K2tog, K6 (28 sts)

**Row 22** Purl

**Row 23** K6, K2tog, K12, K2tog, K6 (26 sts)

**Row 24** Purl

**Row 25** *Shape head row*

K3, (inc, K5) 3 times, inc, K4 (30 sts)

**Rows 26 - 34** Beg with a P row, st-st 9 rows

**Row 35** K6, K2tog, K14, K2tog, K6 (28 sts)

**Row 36** Purl

**Row 37** K5, K2tog (2 times), K10, K2tog (2 times), K5 (24 sts)

**Row 38** Purl

**Row 39** K4, K2tog (2 times), K8, K2tog (2 times), K4 (20 sts)

**Row 40** Purl

**Row 41** K3, K2tog (2 times), K6, K2tog (2 times), K3 (16 sts)

**Row 42** Purl

**Row 43** K2tog to end (8 sts) B & T

## Arms (make two)

With white cast on 7 sts

**Row 1** Inc, K4, inc, K1 (9 sts)

**Rows 2 - 8** Beg with a P row, st-st 7 rows

**Row 9** K2tog, K5, sl1, K1, pssso (7 sts)

**Rows 10 - 14** Beg with a P row, st-st 5 rows

**Row 15** K2tog, K3, sl1, K1, pssso (5 sts)

**Row 16** Purl B & T



## Snout

With white cast on 5 sts

**Row 1** Purl

**Row 2** Inc, K2, inc, K1 (7 sts)

**Rows 3 - 7** Beg with a P row, st-st 5 rows

**Row 8** K2tog, K3, K2tog (5 sts) B & T

## Tail

With white cast on 3 sts

**Row 1** Purl **Row 2** Inc, inc, K1 (5 sts)

**Row 3** Purl **Row 4** Knit

**Row 5** P2tog, P1, P2tog (3 sts)

**Row 6** Sl1, K2tog, pssso B & T

Make into a ball.

## Ears (make two)

With white cast on 4 sts

**Row 1** Knit

**Row 2** Purl

**Row 3** K1, inc, K2 (5 sts)

**Row 4** Purl

**Row 5** K1, inc, K3 (6 sts)

**Rows 6 - 10** Beg with a P row, st-st 5 rows

**Row 11** K2, K2tog, K2 (5 sts)

**Row 12** Purl

**Row 13** K2tog, K1, K2tog (3 sts)

**Rows 14 - 16** Beg with a P row, st-st 3 rows

**Row 17** Inc, inc, K1 (5 sts)

**Row 18** In white P1, in pink P3, in white P1

**Row 19** In white K1, in pink K3, in white K1

**Rows 20 - 23** Repeat rows 18 and 19,  
2 times

**Row 24** In white P1, in pink P3, in white P1

**Row 25** In white K1, in pink K2 tog, K1, in  
white K1 (4 sts)

**Row 26** Purl B & T

With right side of st-st outside, fold ears  
in half and over sew cast on and cast off  
edges together. Over sew row ends together.

## To Make Up

Join the side edges of the Easter bunny, working down from gathered top of head. Leave cast on edge open and turn right side out. To make the head, work a gathering thread through every stitch on *shape head row*, draw up and stuff head. Sew the ears onto the head as illustrated. Position and sew on the snout and using pink yarn embroider a small nose and using black yarn embroider eyes. Sew the top edges of the arms to body sides, position the egg between the paws and sew in place. Sew on tail.

## Egg

With blue cast on 8 sts

**Row 1** Inc (7 times), K1 (15 sts)

**Row 2** Purl

**Row 3** Change to green, Knit

**Row 4** Purl

**Row 5** Change to pink, Knit

**Row 6** (In pink P1, in blue P1)  
repeat to end

**Row 7** (In blue K1, in pink K1)  
repeat to end

**Row 8** In pink, Purl

**Row 9** Change to green, Knit

**Row 10** Purl

**Row 11** Change to blue (K2, K2tog) 3  
times, K3 (12 sts)

**Row 12** Purl

**Row 13** (K2tog, K1) 4 times (8 sts)  
B & T

With right side of st-st outside, stuff egg  
and over sew row ends.

