

# Bea the Bunny



## Measurements

Approximately 20 cm/8 in high, excluding ears.

## Materials

- 100g ball of DK Wool in Cream (or any other colour).
- Oddments of Light Brown for embroidery.
- Pair of 3mm knitting needles.
- Washable toy stuffing.
- Length of ribbon (any colour).

## Tension

28 stitches and 38 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 3mm needles.

## Abbreviations

K – knit

P – purl

St – stitch

Tog – together

P2togb – p2tog through back of sts

Inc – increase (by working twice into same st)

Dec – decrease (by taking 2 sts

tog)

Ss – stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side)

Skpo – slip 1, k1, pass slip st over

Wrap1 – slip next st onto right-hand needle, take yarn between needles to front of work after k st or back of work after p st, place the slipped st back onto left hand needle

Nil – meaning nothing is worked here for this size

Up1 – pick up loop lying between needles and work into the back of it.

## Note

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. Instructions in square brackets are worked as

## LEGS

(make 2)

**Sole:** With 3mm needles and Cream, cast on 5 sts. K 1 row. Continue in ss and inc 1 st at each end of next 3 rows – 11 sts. Ss 10 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 1 following 4th row, then 2 following 2nd rows – 3 sts. Work 1 row. Cast off.

**Foot and leg:** With 3mm needles and Cream, cast on 40 sts. K 1 row. Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.

**1st dec row:** K17, skpo, k2, k2tog, k17 – 38 sts.

**2nd dec row:** P16, p2tog, p2, p2togb, p16 – 36 sts.

**3rd dec row:** K15, skpo, k2, k2tog, k15 – 34 sts.

**4th dec row:** P14, p2tog, p2, p2togb, p14 – 32 sts.

**Shape instep: Next row:** K 10 sts, decreasing 1 st at each side of centre 2 sts as before, cast off next 12 sts including dec sts, k 9 sts more – 20 sts. Ss 5 rows.

**1st inc row:** K1, inc in next st, [k5, inc in next st] twice, k6 – 23 sts. Ss 3 rows.

**2nd inc row:** K1, inc in next st, [k6, inc in next st] twice, k7 – 26 sts. Ss 3 rows. Cast off.

Fold foot and leg in half and join cast-off sts on top of instep together. Join back seam. With cast-on edge of sole at centre of back leg seam, sew in sole. Stuff foot firmly and leg lightly. With back seam at centre back, oversew cast-off edge.

## ARMS

(make 2)

With 3mm needles and Cream, cast on 27 sts.

**1st row:** K12, wrap1, turn.

**2nd row:** P10, wrap1, turn.

**3rd row:** K9, wrap1, turn.

**4th row:** P8, wrap1, turn.

**5th row:** K7, wrap1, turn.

**6th row:** P6, wrap1, turn.

**7th row:** K5, wrap1, turn.

**8th row:** P4, wrap1, turn.

**Next row:** K20, wrap1, turn.

Work 2nd to 8th rows.

**Next row:** K to end.

P 1 row across all sts.

**Next row:** K1, [k2tog, k8,

skpo, k1] twice – 23 sts. Ss 3 rows.

**1st dec row:** K9, skpo, k1, k2tog, k9 – 21 sts.

Ss 3 rows.

**2nd dec row:** K8, skpo, k1, k2tog, k8 – 19 sts. Ss

3 rows.

**3rd dec row:** K7, skpo, k1, k2tog, k7 – 17 sts. Ss

3 rows.

**4th dec row:** K6, skpo, k1, k2tog, k6 – 15 sts. Ss

3 rows.

**5th dec row:** K5, skpo, k1, k2tog, k5 – 13 sts. Ss

5 rows. Cast off.

Join row-ends, then cast-on edge together.

Stuff lower part of arm firmly and upper part lightly. With this seam at centre back, oversew cast-off edge.

## BODY

With 3mm needles and Cream, cast on 14 sts. P 1 row.

**1st inc row:** K2, k twice in each of next 4 sts, k2, k twice in each of next 4 sts, k2 – 22 sts. P 1 row.

**2nd inc row:** K3, inc in next st, [k 1, inc in next st] 3 times, k3, inc in next st, [k 1, inc in next st] 3 times, k2 – 30 sts. P 1 row.

**3rd inc row:** K4, inc in next st, [k1, inc in next st] 3 times, k7, inc in next st, [k1, inc in next st] 3 times, k5 – 38 sts. P 1 row.

**4th inc row:** K5, [inc in next st, k2] three times, inc in next st, k8, [inc in next st, k2], three times, inc in next st, k5 – 46 sts. P 1 row.

**5th inc row:** K7, [inc in next st, k2] three times, inc in next st, k12, [inc in next st, k2,] three times, inc in next st, k7 – 54 sts. P 1 row.

**6th inc row:** K7, inc in next st, [k3, inc in next st] 3 times, k13, inc in next st, [k3, inc in next

## BODY [...cont]

st] 3 times, k8 – 62 sts. P 1 row.

**7th inc row:** K9, inc in next st, [k3, inc in next st] 3 times, k17, inc in next st, [k3, inc in next st] 3 times, k10 – 70 sts.

P 1 row.

**Next row:** K22, place top of one leg in front of next 12 sts, [inserting needle through top of leg and in next st, k1] 12 times, k2, place top of second leg in front of next 12 sts, [inserting needle through top of leg and next st, k1] 12 times, k22 – 70 sts. Ss 3 rows.

**1st dec row:** K1, k2tog, [k9, k3tog, k9, k2tog] twice, k9, k2tog, k 10 – 62 sts. Ss 5 rows.

**2nd dec row:** K1, k2tog, [k8, k2tog] 5 times, k9 – 56 sts. Ss 5 rows.

**3rd dec row:** K1, k2tog, [k7, k2tog] 5 times, k8 – 50 sts. Ss 5 rows.

**4th dec row:** K1, k2tog, [k6, k2tog] 5 times, k7 – 44 sts. Ss 5 rows.

**5th dec row:** K1, k2tog, [k5, k2tog] 5 times, k6 – 38 sts. Ss 3 row(s).

**6th dec row:** K1, k2tog, [k4, k2tog] 5 times, k5 – 32 sts. P 1 row.

**Next row:** K6, place top of one arm in front of next 6 sts, [inserting needle through top of arm and next st, k1] 6 times, k8, place top of second arm in front of next 6 sts, [inserting needle through top of arm and next st, k1] 6 times, k6. P 1 row.

**Next dec row:** K1, k2tog, [k3, k2tog] 5 times, k4 – 26 sts.

Cast off, but do not break off the yarn.

## HEAD

With right side facing and using 3mm needles and Cream, pick up and k26 sts along cast off edge of body. P 1 row.

**1st inc row:** K1, up1, [k3, up1] 7 times, k4 – 34 sts. P 1 row.

**2nd inc row:** K1, up1, [k4, up1] 7 times, k5 – 42 sts. P 1 row.

**3rd inc row:** K1, up1, [k5, up1] 7 times, k6 – 50 sts. P 1 row.

**Next inc row:** K1, up1, [k6, up1] 7 times, k7 – 58 sts. P 1 row.

**Next inc row:** K22, up1, k4, up1, [k3, up1] twice, k4, up1, k22 – 63 sts. Ss 7 rows.

**1st dec row:** K29, skpo, k 1, k2tog, k29 – 61 sts.

**2nd dec row:** P27, p2togb, p3, p2tog, p27 – 59 sts.

**3rd dec row:** K25, skpo, k5, k2tog, k25 – 57 sts.

### HEAD [...cont]

**4th dec row:** P23, p2tog, p7, p2tog, p23 – 55 sts.

**5th dec row:** K21, skpo, k9, k2tog, k21 – 53 sts. P 1 row.

**6th dec row:** K19, skpo, k11, k2tog, k19 – 51 sts. P 1 row.

**7th dec row:** K18, skpo, k11, k2tog, k18 – 49 sts.

Ss 3 rows.

**Next dec row:** K1, k2tog, [k3, k2tog] 3 times, k13, k2tog, [k3, k2tog] 3 times, k1 – 41 sts. P 1 row.

**Next dec row:** K2tog, [k2, k2tog] 3 times, k13, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] 3 times – 33 sts. P 1 row.

**Next dec row:** [k2tog, k1] 11 times – 22 sts.

**Next dec row:** [P2tog] 11 times – 11 sts. Cast off.

Fold cast-off edge on top of head in half and join together, then join back seam of body and base, leaving an opening. Stuff head and body firmly and close opening.

### EARS

(make 4)

With 3mm needles and Cream, cast on 7 sts for base edge.

Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.

Inc 1 st at each end of next row and 3 following 4<sup>th</sup> rows – 15 sts.

Ss 17 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 2 following 4th rows, then on 3 following alternate rows – 3 sts. P 1 row. Cast off.

Join ear pieces together and sew to top of head.

### TAIL

With 3mm needles and Cream, cast on 12 sts. P 1 row.

**1st inc row:** K1, up1, [k2, up1] 5 times, k1 – 18 sts. P 1 row.

**2nd inc row:** K1, up1, [k3, up1] 5 times, k2 – 24 sts. Ss 5 rows.

**1st dec row:** K1, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] 5 times, k1 – 18 sts. P 1 row.

**2nd dec row:** K nil, [k2tog, k1] to end – 12 sts. P 1 row.

**3rd dec row:** [K2tog] to end – 6 sts.

### TAIL [...cont]

Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Join row-ends together. Stuff tail and sew cast-on edge to lower back of body.

### OR

Make a Pom-Pom with wool and sew on to lower back.

### TO COMPLETE

Mark position of eyes. Take length of Cream from seam at back of neck through head to first eye position and make a small stitch, then through to second eye position and make a small stitch. Return to back neck seam, pull ends to indent for eye sockets and secure ends. With Light Brown, embroider eyes at markers, then mouth and nose. Tie ribbon round neck.

