

Fisher & Paykel Bunny

Size 4mm needles throughout

Yarn – Chunky knit – 50g ball of each colour

Tension – 6 sts garter stitch and 12 rows to 1 inch square

Legs and Body – Make 2 pieces

With grey cast on 11 sts and work 72 rows gst. Leave sts on a spare needle while you knit a second piece the same.

Next row – Knit across both sets of 11 sts (22sts).

Work 5 row gst.

Swap to body colour

Next row – knit

Work 5 rows k1p1 rib

Patt row – Knit a row alternating body colour and grey every stitch. Carry the yarn across the back without twisting – carry body colour across the top and grey across the bottom. Do this the same on both sides. The pattern should be of lines of colour and should be the same on the front as on the back.

Repeat this row 5 more times

Next – with main body colour work 18 rows stst, beg with a knit row increasing 1 st at each end of the 18th row.

Next – knit the pattern row 10 times

Change to head colour – Work 6 rows gst

Cont in gst casting of 3 sts at the beg of the next 4 rows

Cast off the last 12 sts

Head – Make 2 alike

Use head colour – Cast on 11 sts

K 2 rows

3rd row – Inc into 1st st, k to end, inc into last st

4th row – K to last st, inc into last st

5th row – Inc into 1st st, K to end

6th row – Knit

Repeat last 4 rows twice more (23 sts)

Knit 8 rows

Dec 1 st at the beg of next and at the same edge of following 4 rows (18 sts)

Next row – K 2 tog, K to last 2 sts, K 2 tog

Dec 1 sts at beg of next and at same edge of following 3 rows (12 sts)

Dec 1 st each end of next 2 rows (8 sts)

Cast off

Ears – Make 2 alike

Using body colour cast on 3 sts – use gst throughout

Inc 1 sts at each end of 2nd and every 4th row until there are 17sts

Knit 12 rows straight

Next row – K 2 tog, K 5, K 3 tog, K 5, K 2 tog

Next row – K 2 tog, K 3, K 3 tog, K 3, K 2 tog

Next row – Knit

Cast off

Arms – Make 2 alike

Using head colour cast on 14 sts

K 1 row

Next row – (Inc into next st, K 5, inc into next st) twice

Next row – K 8, inc into 2 sts, K 8

Knit 4 rows straight

Next row – K 8, K 2 tog twice, K 8 (14 sts)

Next row – K 2 tog, K 5, K 2 tog, K 5, K 2 tog

Knit 2 rows

Change to body colour – Knit 1 row

Work 3 rows of single K 1 P 1 rib

Pattern 6 rows as for body

With main body colour stst 4 rows beg with a knit row
Next row – Inc into 1st st, knit to end, inc into last st (16 sts)
Work 19 rows stst, increasing into the beg and end of the last row (18 sts)
Pattern 8 rows as for body
Work 4 more rows in stst with body colour
Cast off

Feet – Make 4 pieces alike

Using head colour cast on 10 sts

K 5 rows
Next row – K 4, inc in next 2 sts, K 4
K 8 rows – decreasing 1 st at each end of the 4th and 8th rows
Cast off

Tail – Make 1 piece

Using head colour cast on 8 sts – use gst throughout

Knit 1 row
2nd and 3rd rows – Inc into the 1st and last st (12 sts)
K 6 rows
Next 2 rows – K 2 tog, Knit to end, K 2 tog (8 sts)
K 4 rows
Repeat row 2 to row 11 again
K 1 row
Cast off

Making Up

Body - Join the 2 body pieces together leaving cast on edges and neck cast off edges open. Stuff lightly.

Head - Join 2 head pieces tog leaving cast off edges open. Stuff.

Face – with black yarn work a face as shown. Tie the ends up and stuff into the base of the

neck. Add a bit more stuffing to hide the black threads. Sew the head to the open neck stitches of the body.

Ears – fold in half and sew to head as shown

Arms – fold in half; sew across the hand and up the side seam. Leave the cast on edge open – stuff lightly and sew to sides of body

Feet – sew 2 pieces together, stuff lightly and sew to the bottom open edges of the trouser legs

Tail – fold the tail in half and join the edges. Stuff then sew up the opening. Sew to the top of the trousers on the back of the bunny

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