

# Rabbit Toy

## by Patons

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### Finished Size

Rabbit's height approx. (excluding ears) is 36cm / 14in

### MATERIALS

Patons 100% Cotton 4 Ply

100g balls

**1st Colour (C1)** 1

**2nd Colour (C2)** 1

### Colours used:-

**1st Colour** - Limestone (1716)

**2nd Colour** - Cream (1692)

### You will also need

1 Pair of 2.25mm (UK13 - USA1) Knitting Needles

Needle for sewing seams

Polyester toy stuffing

Small amount of black yarn for embroidery

### TENSION

35 sts and 45 rows to 10cm over stocking stitch **using 2.25mm (UK13 - USA1) knitting needles** or the size required to give the correct tension.

### STITCH PATTERN 1 (multiple of 6 sts + 5)

**Note** - When slipping sts, always ensure yarn is carried loosely across on wrong side of work.

Cast on using **C1**.

Using **C1**, **1st row (right side)**: Knit.

**2nd row**: K1, \* P3, K3, rep from \* to last 4 sts, P3, K1.

Using **C2**, **3rd row**: K1, \* sl 3 purlways, K3, rep from \* to last 4 sts, sl 3 purlways, K1.

**4th row**: P2, \* sl 1 purlways, P5, rep from \* to last 3 sts, sl 1 purlways, P2.

**5th row**: Knit.

**6th row**: K4, \* P3, K3, rep from \* to last st, K1.

Using **C1**, **7th row**: K4, \* sl 3 purlways, K3, rep from \* to last st, K1.

**8th row**: P5, \* sl 1 purlways, P5, rep from \* to end.

Rows 1 to 8 incl form Stitch Pattern 1.

### STITCH PATTERN 2 (multiple of 6 sts + 5)

Cast on using **C1**.

**1st row (right side)**: Knit.

**2nd row**: Purl.

**3rd row**: K2, \* P1, K5, rep from \* to last 3 sts, P1, K2.

**4th row**: Purl.

**5th row**: Knit.

**6th row**: Purl.

**7th row**: K5, \* P1, K5, rep from \* to end.

**8th row**: Purl.

Rows 1 to 8 incl form Stitch Pattern 2.

### NOTES

Use only the yarn specified - other yarns may give different results. Quantities are approximate as they can vary between knitters.

These instruction has been written specifically for the stitch patterns given. Using any other stitch may result in a toy that is the wrong shape or size. Shaping is worked along side edges of body pieces. When working in stitch patterns, incorporate new sts into pattern as they become available.



## LEGS (make 2, beg at hip)

Using **2.25mm Needles** and **C1**, cast on 35 sts.

Work in **Stitch Pattern 1** until leg measures 9 cm from beg, working last row on wrong side.

Keeping patt correct, cast on 12 sts at beg of next 2 rows. *59 sts.*

Cont in patt, inc one st at each end of every row until there are 69 sts, then in every foll alt row until there are 77 sts.

Cont in patt without shaping until leg measures 14 cm from beg, working last row on wrong side.

Cast off.

## FOOTPAD (make 2)

Using **2.25mm Needles** and **C2**, cast on 6 sts.

Working in stocking st throughout, inc one st at each end of next row, then in every foll alt row until there are 16 sts, then in every foll 4th row until there are 22 sts.

Cont without shaping until footpad measures 7 cm from beg, ending with a purl row.

Dec one st at each end of every row until 12 sts rem.

Cast off.

## ARMS (make 2, beg at shoulder)

Using **2.25mm Needles** and **C1**, cast on 29 sts.

Work in **Stitch Pattern 1** until arm measures approx 10 cm from beg, ending with a 2nd row thus completing patt.

Using **C1**, **Next row:** K4, \* inc in next st, K3, rep from \* to last st, K1. *35 sts.* Break off **C1**.

Using **C2** for rem, **Next row:** Purl.

**Next row:** \* K4, inc in next st, rep from \* to end ... *42 sts.*

Cont in stocking st without shaping (beg with a purl row) until arm measures 14 cm from beg, ending with a purl row.

**Next row:** \* K4, K2tog, rep from \* to end. *35 sts.*

**Next row:** Purl.

**Next row:** \* K3, K2tog, rep from \* to end. *28 sts.*

**Next row:** Purl.

**Next row:** \* K2, K2tog, rep from \* to end. *21 sts.*

**Next row:** Purl.

**Next row:** \* K1, K2tog, rep from \* to end. *14 sts.*

**Next row:** \* P2tog, rep from \* to end. *7 sts.*

Break off yarn leaving a long end. Run end through rem sts, draw up tightly and fasten off securely.

## LEFT SIDE BODY (beg at base)

Using **2.25mm Needles** and **C1**, cast on 14 sts.

**Note:** Work in **Stitch Pattern 2** throughout.

**1st row:** Inc in first st, patt to last st, inc in last st. *16 sts.*

**2nd row:** Inc in first st, patt to last st, inc in last st. *18 sts.*

**3rd row:** Cast on 2 sts, patt to last st, inc in last st. *21 sts.*

Rep 2nd and 3rd rows 5 more times. *46 sts.*

Cont in patt without shaping until left side body measures 9 cm from beg, working last row on wrong side.

Keeping patt correct, dec one st at each end of next row, then in every foll 4th row until 28 sts rem.

Cont in patt without shaping until left side body measures 17 cm from beg, working last row on wrong side.

Cast off.

## RIGHT SIDE BODY (beg at base)

Work to correspond with Left Side Body, noting to reverse all shapings.

## FRONT BODY GUSSET (beg at base)

Using **2.25mm Needles** and **C1**, cast on 3 sts.

Working in **Stitch Pattern 2** throughout, inc one st at each end of next row, then in every foll 4th row until there are 15 sts, then in every foll alt row until there are 27 sts.

Cont in patt without shaping until gusset measures 12 cm from beg, working last row on wrong side.

Keeping patt correct, dec one st at each end of next row, then in every foll 3rd row until 7 sts rem.

Cont in patt without shaping until gusset measures 20.5 cm from beg, working last row on wrong side.

Cast off.

## HEAD SIDE (make 4 pieces, beg at neck)

Using **2.25mm Needles** and **C1**, cast on 16 sts.

Working in **Stitch Pattern 2** throughout, inc one st at each end of next row, then in every foll alt row until there are 26 sts.

Cont in patt without shaping until head measures 7 cm from beg, working last row on wrong side.

Keeping patt correct, dec one st at each end of next row and foll 4th row,

then in every foll alt row until 14 sts rem, then in every row until 2 sts rem.

**Next row:** Work 2tog. Fasten off.

## EARS

Make 2 pieces using **C2** and working in stocking st.

Make 2 pieces working in **Stitch Pattern 1**.

Using **2.25mm Needles**, cast on 16 sts.

Work in stocking st or patt throughout, inc one st at each end of 7th row, then in every foll 8th row until there are 22 sts.

Cont without shaping until ear measures 9 cm from beg, working last row on wrong side.

Dec one st at each end of every row until 8 sts rem.

Cast off.

## TAIL

Using **2.25mm Needles** and **C2**, cast on 30 sts.

Work in stocking st until tail measures 2 cm from beg, ending with a purl row.

**Next row:** \* K3, K2tog, rep from \* to end. *24 sts.*

**Next row:** Purl.

**Next row:** \* K2, K2tog, rep from \* to end. *18 sts.*

**Next row:** Purl.

**Next row:** \* K1, K2tog, rep from \* to end. *12 sts.*

**Next row:** \* P2tog, rep from \* to end. *6 sts.*

Break off yarn leaving a long end. Run end through rem sts, draw up tightly and fasten off securely.

## MAKE UP

**Mattress Stitch is recommended, unless otherwise stated.**

Fold legs in half and join side edges together to form front

leg and upper foot seam, leaving top and bottom edges open. Sew footpad to cast off edge of leg, matching cast off end of footpad to front seam. Fill leg carefully and oversew cast on edge closed.

Fold arms in half and join side edges together, leaving cast on edge open. Fill arms carefully and oversew opening closed.

Sew ears together in pairs of **C2** and **Stitch Pattern 1**, noting that **C2** side are inner ears. Oversew cast on edges together. Fold cast on corners of ears to centre front over inner ears and oversew in position.



Join side edges of tail together, leaving cast on edge open.

Mark the side edges of the side body pieces where the cast on sts are to indicate the front edge to be sewn to the front body gusset. Sew side body pieces together along unmarked side edges from cast on to cast off edges. Matching cast off edge of front body gusset to cast off edge of side body pieces at front sides, sew gusset in place, noting that cast on edge of body gusset will end approx. halfway along cast on edge of side body pieces. Sew rem section of cast on edge of side body pieces together. Fill body and set aside.

Join side edges of head pieces together, leaving cast on edge open. Fill head and sew head to body at neck using ladder stitch, matching a seam on the head to the back seam on the body and adding filling as necessary to prevent neck from being weak.

Using black yarn, embroider nose using satin stitch. Using black yarn, embroider mouth under nose using straight sts and pulling as you sew to indent face, forming muzzle. Using 4 strands of black yarn, embroider french knots for eyes on face.

Oversew ears in position on top of head so that inner ears face forwards. Oversew arms to side of body, just below neck. Oversew legs to bottom of body, checking that rabbit will sit before securing legs in place. Fill tail and sew tail in place on back of body using ladder stitch, checking tail position does not impede rabbit's ability to sit before securing.

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