

Knitting pattern for

Rabbit and Bear

plus 5 items of clothing

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General Instructions

****A note about yarn and needles.** Almost any type of yarn can be used to make these animals. The type of yarn you use will directly affect the look and size of the animal. To ensure proper fit of clothing to animal use the same type of yarn and size of needles used to make animal. The yarn and needles suggested are the ones I used to create this pattern. If you choose another type of yarn make sure you use appropriate sized needles with it. It is better however to have your stitches a little snug than a too loose. If your stitches are too loose you may be able to see your stuffing inside, so adjust your needles until you have snug even stitches.

Materials

Yarn: Worsted weight Royal Llama Silk by Plymouth Yarn. One 50g skein was enough for each item of clothing or animal.

Needles: Size 4

DMC Floss: In desired color for mouth and nose

6mm Eyes: I used safety eyes that I found at Joanne's. (optional)

Small Buttons: You'll need 3 for each jacket and two if you'd like to add them to the overalls.

Stitch Holder: I used a large safety pin.

Yarn needle

Stuffing

Abbreviations

Approx. – Approximately

P - Purl

Sts - Stitches

Inc - Increase

Dec - Decrease

{ } - Repeat instructions inside as directed

K - Knit

Skpo - Slip stitch, knit, pass slipped stitch over

Tog - Together

St st - Stockinette stitch

G st - Garter stitch

Stitches Used

Decrease: Knit or Purl 2 sts together as directed in pattern.

Garter stitch: Knit every row

Increase: Add to the number of stitches in a row. Do this by knitting in the front and back of st(s) indicated.

Moss stitch: Row 1: Knit 1, Purl 1, Knit 1, Purl 1...(continue across as directed)
Row 2: Knit the Purl sts, Purl the Knit sts.

Single Rib: Row 1: Knit 1, Purl 1, Knit 1, Purl 1...(continue across as directed)
Row 2: Knit the Knit sts, Purl the Purl sts.

Slip Stitch: Pass a stitch from the left-hand to the right-hand needle as if to purl without working it.

Stockinette stitch: Knit right-side and purl wrong-side.

Pressing and pinning

It is best to press all pieces after they have been knitted. Yarns with a high wool content tend to curl at the edge making them difficult to sew together.

Pinning your pieces together helps to ensure a nice even seam.

Sewing the Nose and Mouth

Rabbit - The rabbit nose and mouth is only 5 sts. Take a long piece of floss, fold it in half and insert needle. With needle closer to the two ends of floss, insert the needle at tip of nose and bring it out about a 1/4 in. along gusset seam. Insert needle at fold of floss and pull until you have a nice strait line. At same position at other side of gusset seam insert the needle in a downward direction and bring it out at tip of nose going threw same fold and pull to make nice straight line. Nose completed.

To make Mouth, continue with same piece of floss and insert the needle at the front seam of head about 1/2 in. down along the seam, bring the needle out about 1/4 in. down and to the left, pulling to make a nice line along seam. Insert needle at base of line and bring needle out about 1/4 in. down and to the right. Insert needle at base of center seam line again and secure. Pull remaining floss through head and snip at rear.

Bear - The nose for the bear uses the satin stitch with threads running in a horizontal direction at tip of the nose. You can make the nose as full as you want. The mouth is best stitched separately. Stitch mouth in the same manner as the rabbit starting with a fresh piece of floss.

Eye Indents and Adding Eyes

To make indents for eyes, take a long piece of yarn and start at bottom of head towards the back. Insert yarn through head and out one of the eye positions. Insert yarn very close to where you came out at eye position and go back through head to starting point. Repeat with other eye. Pull slightly to give shape. Secure.

If you want to give rabbit\bear to a small child I suggest making eyes with French knots. Just sew in French knots at eye indents making sure to secure them. If you want to use safety eyes, push posts through stitches right where eye indents are and then add safety plastic rings to the posts on the inside of the head. A bit of stuffing may need to be removed to make room for your fingers to fit inside.

Sewing on Arms and Legs

To add arms, attach yarn at seam about 1\2 in. below top of one arm on the underside, thread yarn through body at shoulder position, then attach to other arm on under side in same position as first arm, pull yarn snugly and thread through body and arms twice more in same place, then attach yarn to first arm and fasten off. Attach legs at hip position in the same manner as arms.

Rabbit and Bear

* Note

These adorable creatures have the same instructions. The only exception is the ears and the face.



Head

Side A

Cast on 12 sts. (start with a K row)

Row

- 1 Inc 1 st at each end of row. (14 sts)
- 2 P across.
- 3 Inc 1 st at beginning of row. (15 sts)
- 4 P across.
- 5-10 Repeat rows 3 and 4 three times more. (18 sts)
- 11 Cast off 8 sts at beginning of row. K to end. (10 sts)

Place marker at last cast off st.

12 P across.

13 K across.

14-15 Dec 1 st at each end. (6 sts)

Cast off *P2tog at each end of row as you cast off.

Side B

Cast on 12 sts. (start with a P row)

Row

- 1 Inc 1 st at each end of row. (14 sts)
- 2 K across.
- 3 Inc 1 st at beginning of row. (15 sts)
- 4 K across.
- 5-10 Repeat rows {3 and 4} three times more. (18 sts)
- 11 Cast off 8 sts at beginning of row. K to end. (10 sts)

Place marker at last cast off st.

12 K across.

13 P across.

14-15 Dec 1 st at each end. (6 sts)

Cast off *K2tog at each end of row as you cast off.

Head Gusset (start at back of neck)

Cast on 3 sts.

Row

- 1** P across.
2 Inc 1 st on each end. (5 sts)
3-5 Work in st st. Begin and end with a purl row.
6-9 Repeat rows 2 thru 5 one time more. (7 sts)
10 Inc 1 st at each end. (9 sts)
11-23 Work in st st. Begin and end with a P row.
24-25 Dec 1 st each end. (5 sts)

Place marker at each end of this row.

- 26-32** Work in st st. Begin and end with a knit row.

Cast off *P2tog at each end of row as you cast off.

To Make up Head

Sew up head side pieces from tip of nose to chin. Insert head gusset, matching markers (this is approximate eye positions) and stuff head. Gather neck edge adding extra stuffing if needed and secure. Make indents for eyes and add eyes. (See General Instructions) Then make nose and mouth. (See General Instructions)

Ears (make 2)

Rabbit (work in G st) Cast on 5 sts.

Row

- 1** K across.
2 K1, inc 1 in each following st to end. (9 sts)
3 K across.
4 K3, inc 1 in next st, K1, inc 1 in next st, K3. (11 sts)
5-17 K across.
18 K4, K2tog, K5. (10 sts)
19-21 K across.
22 K4, K2tog, K4. (9 sts)
23-30 K across.
31 K2tog at each end of row. (7 sts)
32 K across.
33-36 Repeat rows 31 and 32 two times more. (3 sts)
37 K last 3 sts tog.

(If ears are too twisty, steam slightly until flat.)
 Fold cast on edge in half and stitch outside edges tog.

Bear (work in G st)

Cast on 8 sts leaving a long tail to sew to head.

Row

- 1-4** K across.
5 Dec 1 st at each end of row. (6 sts)
6 K across.

Cast off.

Body

Cast on 15 sts. (begin at neck edge)

Row

- 1** K1, inc 1 in each following st to end. (29 sts)
2-6 Work in st st. Begin and end with a purl row.
7 {K6, inc 1}twice, K1, {inc 1, K6}twice. (33 sts)
8-10 Work in st st. Begin and end with a purl row.
11 K15, inc 1, K1, inc 1, K15. (35 sts)
12-16 Work in st st. Begin and end with a purl row.
17 K15, skpo, K1, K2tog, K15. (33 sts)
18-20 Work in st st. Begin and end with a purl row.
21 K14, skpo, K1, K2tog, K14. (31 sts)
22-24 Work in st st. Begin and end with a purl row.
25 K1, {K2tog} to end. (16 sts)
26 P across.

Cast off remaining 16 sts.

Fold sides of body together, then sew cast off edge. Gather neck edge by weaving yarn around neck edge than pull close and secure. Sew back seam leaving an opening. Stuff and close opening.

Legs (make 2)

Cast on 12 sts.

Row

- 1** K1, inc 1 in each following st to end. (23 sts)
2 P across.
3 K1, inc 1, K7, inc 1 in next 6 sts, K6, inc 1, K1. (31 sts)

4-6 Work in st st. Begin and end with a purl row.

7 K13, K2tog, K1, skpo, K13. (29 sts)

8 P across.

9 K12, K2tog, K1, skpo, K12. (27 sts)

10 P across.

11 K7, cast off next 13 sts, K to end. (14 sts)

12 P across.

13 Inc one st at each end. (16 sts)

14-20 Work in st st. Begin and end with a purl row.

21 {K1, skpo, K3, K2tog} twice. (12 sts)

22 P across.

23 {K1, skpo, K1, K2tog} twice. (8 sts)

Cast off *{P2tog} to end casting off as you go.

Sew instep, sole, back of leg and top seam, leaving an opening. Stuff and close opening.

Arms (make 2)

Cast on 6 sts.

Row

1 K1, inc 1 in each following st to end. (11 sts)

2 P across.

3 K1, {inc 1, K2, inc 1, K1} twice. (15 sts)

4-14 Work in st st. Begin and end with purl row.

15 K1, skpo, K9, K2tog, K1. (13 sts)

16-24 Work in st st. Begin and end with purl row.

25 K1, {skpo, K1, K2tog, K1} twice. (9 sts)

26 P across.

Cast off *K1, {K2tog} to end casting off as you go.

Sew arm seam leaving an opening. Stuff and close opening

To Make Up

Sew head in position. It is a good idea to experiment with the ears before you sew them on. I usually place them almost at the back of the head on the seam of the gusset and side of head. Find a good place for them and sew them on. For bear ears: Sew cast on edge of ear to head. After sewing on, weave yarn along outer edge of ear starting at head on one side and ending on other side of ear at head. Pull slightly to give ear a nice rounded shape. Secure. Sew on arms and legs. (See General Instructions) Weave in all loose ends.

Clothing

Each item of clothing can be enjoyed by both rabbit and bear



Jacket

Back

Cast on 25 sts.

Row

1-3 Work in moss st.

4-10 Work in st st. Begin and end with a purl row.

11-12 Cast off 3 sts at beginning of each row. (19 sts)

Place marker at last cast off st of each row.

13 K, Skpo, K to last 3, K2tog, K1. (17 sts)

14-22 Work in st st. Begin and end with a purl row.

23 Cast off 3 sts, K11 (place these sts on a st holder), Cast off remaining 3 sts.

Front Right

Cast on 14 sts.

Row

1-3 Work in moss st.

4 P11, K1, P1, K1.

5 K1, P1, K12.

6-11 Repeat rows 4 and 5 three times more.

12 Cast off 3 sts, P to last 3 sts, K1, P1, K1. (11 sts)

Place marker at last cast off st.

13 K1, P1, K6, K2tog, K1. (10 sts)

14 P7, K1, P1, K1.

15 K1, P1, K8.

16-18 Repeat 14 and 15 once, than 14 once more.

19 Cast off 3 sts, K to end. (7 sts)

20 P3, {P2tog} twice. (5 sts)

21 Cast off 2 sts, K3. (3 sts)

22 P across.

Cast off remaining 3 sts.

Front Left

Cast on 14 sts.

Row

1-3 Work in moss st.

4 K12, P1, K1.

5 K1, P1, K1, P11.

6-11 Repeat rows 4 and 5 three times more.

12 Cast off 3 sts, K to last 2 sts, P1, K1. (11 sts)

Place marker at last cast off st.

13 K1, P1, K1, P8.

14 K1, Skpo, K6, P1, K1. (10 sts)

15 K1, P1, K1, P7.

16 K8, P1, K1.

17-18 Repeat rows 15 and 16 once.

19 Cast off 3 sts, P to end of row. (7 sts)

20 K3, {K2tog} twice. (5 sts)

21 Cast off 2 sts, P3. (3 sts)

22 K across.

Cast off remaining 3 sts.

Sleeves (make 2)

Cast on 25 sts.

Row

1-13 Follow instructions for Jacket Back, rows 1-13.

14 P across.

Cast off remaining 17 sts

Sew shoulder of front left to back at shoulders. Repeat with front right. Lay work flat with right side facing. Match top of sleeves to row ends of front and back arm-holes, with center of sleeve top at shoulder seam and markers matching at armpit, then sew up. Sew up side seams. Sew buttons onto jacket and weave in all loose ends.

**Note - I did not include button holes. To button jacket simply push button through opposite side of jacket between second and third st from edge in appropriate spot.

Collar/Hood

Pick up 10 sts on left front at neck edge, K11 sts on st holder, pick up 10 sts on right front at neck edge. (31 sts)

Collar

Row

1-6 Work in moss st.

Cast off all 31 sts.

Hood

Row

1 K1, P1, K1, P25, K1, P1, K1.

2 K1, P1, K27, P1, K1.

3-17 Repeat rows 1 and 2 seven times and then row 1 once more.

18 K1, P1, K5, Cast off 2 sts, K13, Cast off 2 sts, K to last 2 sts, P1, K1.

19 K1, P1, K1, P4, Cast on 2 sts, P13, Cast on 2 sts, P4, K1, P1, K1.

20-22 Repeat rows 2 and 1, than row 2 again.

Cast off in pattern.

Fold top of hood in half, sew across. Define ear holes by stitching around them with whip st. Weave all loose ends.

Hat

Cast on 38 sts.

Row

1-3 Work in moss st.

4-7 Work in st st. Begin with knit row.

8 K8, K2tog, {K7, K2tog} twice, K8 K2tog. (34 sts)

9 P across.

10 K6, K2tog, Cast off 2 sts, K6, K2tog, K6, Cast off 2 sts, K6, K2tog.

11 P7, Cast on 2 sts, P13, Cast on 2 sts, P7. (31 sts)

12 {K4, K2tog}to last st, K1. (26 sts)

13 P1, {P2tog, P3}to end of row. (21 sts)

14 K1, {K2tog}to end of row. (11 sts)

Break off yarn leaving a tail, thread through remaining 11 sts, pull up and secure. Sew up seam. Define ear holes by stitching around them with whip st. Allow brim to roll and tack down in back. Weave in all loose ends.

Eyelet Dress

Cast on 68

Row

1-2 K across.

3-4 Work in st st, begin with knit row.

5 K2, {Yo, K2tog, K1} repeat to end.

6-8 Work in st st, begin and end with a purl row.

9 K2, {Yo, K2tog, K4}to end.

10 P across.

11 K1, {Yo, K2tog, Yo, K2tog, K2} repeat to last st. K1

12-17 Work in st st, begin with a purl row.

18 P1, {P2tog} 11 times, {P1, P2tog} twice, {P2tog} 5times, {P1, P2tog} twice, {P2tog} 11 times, P1. (37 sts)

19-21 Work single rib for 12 sts, work st st for 13 sts, work single rib for 12 sts.

22 Cast off 12 sts in pattern, P13, Cast off 12 sts in pattern. Break yarn and attach again at left side for row 23.

23 K across. (13 sts)

24 K2, P9, K2.

25 K6, Yo, K2tog, K5.

26 K2, P9, K2.

27 K5, {Yo, K2tog}, twice. K4

28 K2, P9, K2.

29 K13 across.

30-31 K2, P9, K2.

32 K3, Cast off 7, K3.

Working on right strap, work in G st for 19 rows or as many as needed to fit over shoulder and attach to back of dress. Cast off 3 st of right strap leaving a tail long enough to sew to back of dress.

Repeat with left strap.

Sew up back seam of dress skirt. Cross straps across back and sew ends to waistband about 1/2 in on either side of skirt seam. Weave in all loose ends.

Overalls

Legs

Leg 1

Cast on 36 sts.

Row

1-2 Knit across.

3-7 Work in st st. Begin and end with purl row

8-9 Cast off 2 sts at beg of each row. (32 sts)

Break yarn and place all 32 sts on a st holder.

Leg 2

Follow instructions for Leg 1

Place both legs on left needle side by side with right sides facing.

Body (work both legs at same time as if one piece)

Start with new piece of yarn.

Row

1 Skpo, K28, K2tog, Skpo, K28, K2tog. (60 sts)

2 P across.

3-11 Repeat rows 1 and 2 four times more and than row 1 once more. (40 sts)

* Note - The number of K sts between Skpo and K2tog on row 1 will decrease 1 st each time you do row 1.

12-14 Single rib 11 sts, St st 18sts, Single rib 11sts.

15 Cast off 11 sts in pattern, K18, Cast off 11 sts in pattern, break yarn. (18 sts)

Attach yarn to begin working on the wrong side.

16 {K2tog} twice, P10, {K2tog} twice. (14 sts)

17 K across.

18 K2tog, K1, P across to last 3, K1, K2tog. (12 sts)

19-20 Repeat rows 17 and 18 once more. (10 sts)

21-22 K across.

Cast off remaining 10 sts.

Sew edge of Leg 1 tog, (not cast off sts) then sew edge of Leg 2 tog. With front of overalls facing you sew the cast off sts of Leg 1 and 2 tog, than continue to sew the cast off sts of Leg 1 and 2 on backside tog and continue up the back until back seam is closed.

Straps (make 2)

Cast on 3 sts (work in G st).

K 24 rows (or as many rows as is needed to fit from bib, over shoulders, and cross over back to waist edge.)

Cast off and leave a tail long enough to sew to overalls.

Repeat with second strap.

Sew one end of each strap to waistband about 1/2 in from back seam. Cross straps and attach to top of bib near left and right side edges on the wrong side. Sew buttons on right side of bib where straps are connected.

Now get them dressed and send them out to play!



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