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Cottontail Rabbit

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A rabbit shaped toy knitted in simple garter stitch using easy decreasing and increasing and finished with an embroidered face, pom pom tail and tied with a ribbon bow.

materials

erika knight gossypium cotton 100% cotton
approx. 100m/109yds – 50g/1½oz ball
2 balls
3.25mm/US 3 needles
spare needle
toy stuffing
length of ribbon to tie around rabbit's neck
small amount of yarn for embroidery
small amount of contrast colour yarn for the
pompom tail
large eyed blunt tipped sewing needle
Note: Yarn amounts given are based on
average requirements and are approximate.

measurements

approx. 36cm/14¼in in height.

tension/gauge

23 sts and 40 rows to 10cm/4in meas over
g st using 3.25mm/US 3 needles.
Change needle size if necessary to ensure
the correct tension.

abbreviations

[] work instructions within square brackets
as many times as directed; () work
instructions within round brackets for your
chosen size; **cm(s)** centimetre(s); **dec**
decrease; **g** gram(s); **g st** garter stitch –
every row knit; **K** knit; **K2tog** knit 2 sts
together; **m** metre(s); **meas** measures;
P purl; **st(s)** stitch(es); **yd** yard(s)

make

back

leg one

Using 3.25mm/US 3 needles, cast on 12 sts
and work 36 rows in g st.

Leave the sts on a spare needle

leg two

Cast on 12 sts and work 36 rows in g st.

Row 37: K across leg 2, cast on 2 sts,

K across leg 1. 26 sts

Work 79 rows g st, or until the work meas
29cm/11½in.

shape ears

K12 sts, cast/bind off next 2 sts,

K to end of row.

Work each ear separately.

K 10 rows.

Next row: K2, K2tog, K4, K2tog, K2. 10 sts.

K 8 rows.

Next row: K2, K2tog, K2, K2tog, K2. 8 sts.

K 6 rows.

Next row: K2, K2tog, K2tog, K2. 6 sts.

K 2 rows.

Next row: K2, K2tog, K2. 5 sts

Cast/bind off.

Rejoin yarn to rem 12 sts and work other ear
to match.

front

make as back

gossypium cotton

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arms (make 2 the same)

Cast on 22 sts.

K 25 rows.

Next row: *K3, K2tog, rep from * to last 2 sts, K2. 18 sts.

K 4 rows.

Next row: *K2, K2tog, rep from * to last 2 sts, K2. 14 sts

K 4 rows.

Next row: *K2, K2tog, rep from * to last 2 sts, K2. 11 sts

K 2 rows.

Cast/bind off.

Sew cast on edge to cast/bind off edge and shaped end of paws.

finish

Weave in all ends.

Lay work out flat and gently steam each piece.

Place the back and front of the rabbit together.

Sew all round, leaving a gap large enough for stuffing. Insert the stuffing, taking care to push it right to the ends of the legs and ears.

Then close the gap. Stuff the arms.

Sew across the end. Sew arms to body approx. 19cm/7½in from tip of ear.

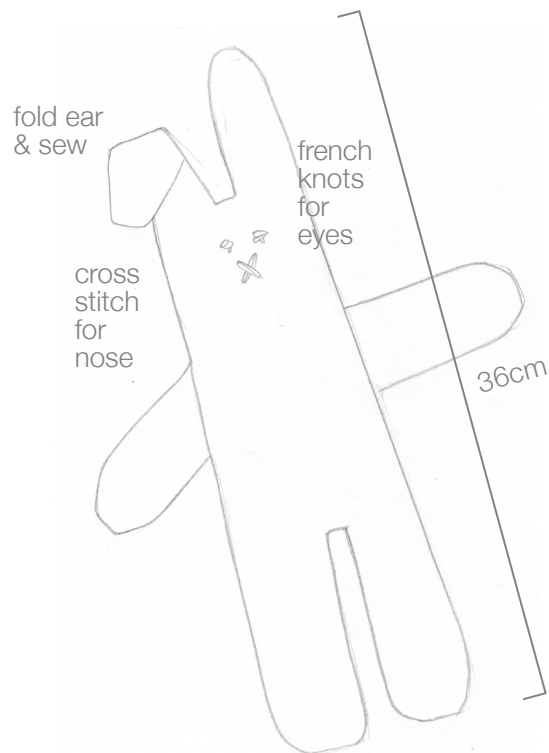
Embroider the nose with a simple cross stitch and eyes each with a french knot, in a contrasting yarn used double.

Fold down one ear and stitch into position, if desired. Complete with a ribbon bow tied around the neck.

pompom tail

Make a little pompom for the tail from a contrasting colour yarn. Cut out two cardboard circles approx. 3cm/1¼in in diameter and cut identical holes in the centre of each. Hold the two circles together and using the same colour yarn wound into a ball small enough to pass through the centre of the hole, pull the ball through the hole, winding the yarn over the circles, keeping the strands close together. Work as many layers as you can before the centre hole becomes too small for the ball to pass through.

Using sharp scissors, slip one of the blades between the two outer layers of card and cut around the circumference of the circle. Slip a length of yarn between the two layers and around the centre of what will become the pompom. Pull tightly and knot the yarn. Cut away the card. Stitch the completed pompom to the back of the rabbit, just above the legs.



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