



### Small Bunny Pattern by Katie Aaberg

Size: approximately 7" tall

Yarn: Plymouth Encore – less than one skein of green, small amounts of pink and black

Tools & accessories: US size 5 double-pointed needles, fiberfill, safety eyes (optional)

Gauge: 6 sts x 8 rows = 1" square on size 5 needles

#### Body:

CO 9 sts with MC, distribute evenly over three needles, and knit one round.

Next round: k2, kfb, k3, kfb, k2 (11 sts)

Next round: k2, (kfb)x2, k3, (kfb)x2, k2 (15 sts)

Next round: k2, (kfb)x3, k5, (kfb)x3, k2 (21 sts)

Knit one round

Next round: kfb in each st (42 sts) – mark 1<sup>st</sup> st in this round (center back)

Close bottom by drawing long tail through each st in cast on round and pulling tight.

Rearrange sts so there are 14 on each needle, and knit 35 rounds.

If using safety eyes, attach them to the 30<sup>th</sup> round (do this before decreasing).

PM after every 7<sup>th</sup> st.

Decrease by repeating the following two rounds until only 12 sts remain:

1: k to 2 sts before marker, k2tog

2. knit

Stuff body and then k2tog around (6 sts).

Break yarn leaving long tail, thread through live sts and close.

#### Limbs (make 4):

CO 18 sts with MC, distribute evenly over three needles, and knit 11 rounds.

Next round: (k1, k2tog) around (12 sts)

Next round: knit

Next round: k2tog around (6 sts)

Break yarn leaving long tail, thread through live sts and close.

Ears (make 2):

Note: ears are knit flat and then seamed.

CO 14 sts with MC, purl one row.

Next row: work st st as follows: 5 sts MC, 4 sts CC, 5 sts MC

Work in established pattern for a total of 12 rows, ending with a purl row.

Next row: k6 sts MC, k2sts CC, k6 sts MC.

Break CC, continue in MC only.

Purl one row.

Next row: k1, (k1, k2tog)x4, k1 (10 sts)

Purl one row.

Next row: k1, (k2tog)x4, k1 (6 sts)

Break yarn leaving long tail, thread through live sts and seam back of ear.

Finishing:

Embroider face using small pieces of yarn. Stuff limbs and ears and sew in place (refer to photo, or choose your own placement – you can make the bunny seated by sewing the legs on facing forward instead of pointing down). Make small pom-pom with CC yarn and sew in place for tail.

Abbreviations:

CO = cast on (using long tail method)

k = knit

k2tog = knit 2 together

kfb = knit in front and back loop of st

CC = contrast color

MC = main color

p = purl

PM = place marker

st(s) = stitch(es)

st st = stockinette stitch (knit on the right side, purl on the wrong side)

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