

MADMONKEYKNITS PROUDLY PRESENTS:



FREE MEERKAT FAMILY KNITTING PATTERN

MADMONKEYKNITS PATTERN NO 1

ADULT MEERKAT KNITTING PATTERN

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

FOR LARGE ADULT MEERKAT

ROBIN DOUBLE KNIT 100g or any other double knitting yarn.

1 BALL CREAM (enough for many meerkats)

1 BALL BEIGE (enough for many meerkats)

SMALL AMOUNT DARK BROWN

1PAIR 12mm BROWN SAFETY EYES

1 PAIR 3mm KNITTING NEEDLES

100g WHITE TOY STUFFING

3 BROWN and 2 CREAM PIPECLEANERS (optional)

MEASUREMENTS: 26cm high (approx 10 ins)

FOR MEDIUM ADULT MEERKAT

ROBIN DOUBLE KNIT 100g or any other double knitting yarn.

1 BALL CREAM (enough for many)

1 BALL BEIGE (enough for many)

SMALL AMOUNT DARK BROWN

1 PAIR BROWN 10mm SAFETY EYES

1 PAIR 2mm KNITTING NEEDLES

50g WHITE TOY STUFFING

3 BROWN and 2 CREAM PIPECLEANERS (optional)

MEASUREMENTS: 17cm high (approx 7 ins)

ABBREVIATIONS

K=knit P=purl inc=increase i.e knit in both front and back of stitch dec=decrease i.e knit or purl 2 stitches together sl=slip st=stitch tog=together ,sts=stitches SKPO=slip stitch, K1, pass slip stitch over, st.st= stocking stitch (1row knit, 1 row purl) T= turn C=Cream, B=Beige, DB=Dark Brown

N.B. If making large adult use 3.00mm needles throughout and if making medium adult use 2.00mm needles throughout.

HEAD

With Beige cast on 14 sts.

Row1-K.

Row2-P but inc each end. (16sts)

Row3-K but inc each end. (18sts)
 Row4-Join in Cream (C), p3 C, p12 B, p3 C.
 Row5-[Inc1,k2,inc1] C,k10 B,[inc1,k2inc1] C. (22sts)
 Row6-P 7 C,p8 B,p7 C.
 Row7-Cast on 6 sts at beg of row,k14 C,k6 B,k8 C. (28sts)
 Row8-Cast on 6 sts at beg of row,p14 C,p6 B,p14 C. (34sts)
 Row9-[Inc1, k7, inc1 five times,k1] C, k6 B, [k1 inc1 five times, k7, inc1]C. (46sts)
 Row10-P20 C, [inc1,p4,inc1] B, p20C. (48sts)
 Place marker thread at each end of row.
 Row11-Cast off 6 sts at beg of row,[k2,k2tog,k10] C, k8 B, [k16,k2tog,k2] C. (40sts)
 Row12-Cast off 6 sts at beg of row, p13 C, p8 B, p13 C. (34sts)
 RIGHT SIDE
 Row13-[K2,k2tog,K8, inc1] C, T.(13sts)
 Row14-P13 C, T.
 Row15-[K2tog,k2,k2tog four times,k1] C, T. (8sts)
 Row16-[P6,p2tog] C, T. (7sts)
 Row17-{K2tog,k5] C, T. (6sts)
 Row18-P6 C, T.
 Cast off.
 GUSSET
 Row13-[Inc1,k6,inc1] B, T. (10sts)
 Row14-P10 B, T.
 Row15-K10 B, T.
 Row16-[P2tog,p6,p2tog] B, T.(8sts)
 Join in Cream (C) at both ends.
 Row17-K1 C, k6 B, k1 C, T.
 Row18-P1 C,p6 B,p1 C, T.
 Row19-K2 C,k4 B,k2 C, T.
 Row20-P2 C,p4 B,p2 C, T.
 Row21-K3 C,k2 B,k3 C, T.
 Row22-P3 C,p2B,p3 C,T
 Row23-K3 C,k2tog B,k3 C.T. (7sts)
 Row24-P3 C, p1 B,p3 C. T.
 Row25 [K2tog,k3,k2tog] C,T. (5sts)
 Row26-30 Starting with a p row st.st for 5 rows in C on these 5 sts.
 Row31-[K2tog,k1,k2tog] C. T. (3sts)
 Row32-34Starting with a p row st.st for 3 rows in C on these 3 sts.
 Cast off.
 LEFT SIDE
 Row13-[Inc1,k8,k2tog,k2] C. (13sts)

Row14-P13 C.
Row15-[K1,k2tog four times,k2,k2tog]C. (8sts)
Row16-[P2tog,p6] C. (7sts)
Row17-[K2tog,k5] C. (6sts)
Row18-P6C.
Cast off.

BODY

With Brown (B) cast on 14sts.

Row1-K

Row2-Join in Cream(C). P5 B,p4 C,p5 B.

Row3-K5 B,k4 C,k5 B.

Row4-P5 B,p4 C,p5 B.

Row5-K4 B,k6 C,k4 B.

Row6-P4 B,p6 C,p4 B.

Row7-[Inc1,k3] B, k6 C,[k3,inc1] B.(16sts)

Row8-P5 B,p6 C,p5 B.

Row9-[Inc1,k4] B, k6 C[k4,inc1] B. (18sts)

Row10-P6 B,p6 C,p6 B.

Row11-[Inc1,k5]B, k6 C,[k5,inc1] B. (20sts)

Row12-[Inc1,p6] B,[inc1,p4,inc1] C,[p6,inc1] B. (24sts)

Row13-[Inc1,K7] B,[inc1,k6,inc1] C,[k7,inc1] B. (28sts)

Row14-P9 B,[inc1,p8,inc1]C,p9 B.(30sts)

Row15-K9 B,[inc1,k10,inc1] C,k9 B. (32sts)

Row16-P9 B,p14 C,p9 B.

Row17-[Inc1,k8] B,[inc1,k12,inc1] C,[k8,inc1] B. (36sts)

Row18-P10 B,p16 C,p10 B.

Row19-[Inc1,k9] B,[inc1,K14,inc1] C,[k9,inc1] B. (40sts)

Row20-P11 B, p18 C, p 11B.

Row21-K11 B, k18 C, k 11B

Row22-25 Repeat Rows20-21 twice.

Row26-As Row20.

Row27-[K2tog,k9] B,[k2tog,k14,k2tog] C,[k9,k2tog] B. (36sts)

Row28-P10 B,[p2tog,p12,p2tog] C,p10 B. (34sts)

Row29-[K2tog,k8] B,[k2tog,k10,k2tog]C,[k8,k2tog] B. (30sts)

Row30-P9 B,[p2tog,p8,P2tog] C,p9 B. (28sts)

Row31-K9 B,[k2tog,k6,k2tog] C,k9 B. (26sts)

Row32-[P2tog,p7] B,p8 C,[p7,p2tog] B. (24sts)

Row33-K8 B,k8 C,k8 B.

Row34-P8 B,p8 C,p8 B.

LEFT LEG

Row35-[Inc1,k7] B,[inc1,k3] C, T. (14sts)

Row36-[P4,inc1] C, [p8,inc1] B, T. (16sts)

Row37-[Inc1,k9] B,[inc1,k5] C, T. (18sts)

Row38-P7 C, p11 B, T.

Row39-[K9,k2tog] B,[k2tog,k5] C, T.(16sts)

Row40-P6 C, p10 B, T.

Row41-[K8,k2tog]B,[k2tog,k4] C, T. (14sts)

Row42-P5 C, p9 B, T.

Row43-K9 B, k5 C, T.

Row44-As Row42.

Row45-[K7,K2tog] B,[k2tog,k3] C, T. (12sts)

Row46-[P2tog,p2] C, [p2tog,p6] B, T. (10sts)

Row47-K7 B,[k2tog k1] C, T. (9sts)

Row48-P2tog C,[p2tog,P5] B, T. (7sts)

Row49-K6 B,k1 C,.T.

Row50-P1 C,[p2tog,p4] B. T. (6sts)

Continue in Brown (B) only.

Row51-K6, T.

Row52-P6, T.

Row53-58 Repeat Rows51-52 three times.

LEFT FOOT

Row59-K.

Row60-P.

Row61-Inc1,k4,inc1. (8sts)

Row62-P.

Row63- K6,YF,sl1,YB, T.

Row64-Sl1,p4,Yb,sl1,YF,T.

Row65-Sl1,k3,YF,sl1,YB,T.

Row66-Sl1,p2,YB.sl1,YF,T.

Row67-Sl1,k to end of row.

Row68-P across all 8 sts.

Row69-[K2,k2tog] twice. (6sts)

Row70-P.

Row71-[K1,k2tog] twice. (4sts)

Row72-P.

Cast Off.

RIGHT LEG

Row35-[K3,inc1] C,[k7,inc1]B, T. (14sts)

Row36-[Inc1,p8] B,[inc1,p4] C, T. (16sts)

Row37-[K5,inc1] C,[k9,inc1] B. (18sts)
 Row38-P11 B,p7 C, T.
 Row39-[K5,k2tog] C,[k2tog,k9] B. (16sts)
 Row40-P10 C,p6 B.
 Row41-[K4,k2tog,] C,[k2tog,k8] B. (14sts)
 Row42-P9 B,p5 C.
 Row43-K5 C,k9 B.
 Row44-As Row40.
 Row45-[K3,k2tog] C,[k2tog,k7] B. (12sts)
 Row46-[P6,p2tog] B,[p2,p2tog] C. (10sts)
 Row47-[K1,k2tog] c,k7 B. (9sts)
 Row48-[P5,p2tog] B,p2tog C. (7sts)
 Row49-K1 C,k6 B.
 Row50-[P4,p2tog] B,p1 c. (6sts)
 Continue in Brown only.
 Row51-K6.
 Row52-P6.
 Row53-58 Repeat Rows51-52 three times.
 RIGHT FOOT
 Row59-K.
 Row60-P.
 Row61-Inc1,k4,inc1. (8sts)
 Row62-P.
 Row63- K6,YF,sl1,YB, T.
 Row64-Sl1,p4,Yb,sl1,YF,T.
 Row65-Sl1,k3,YF,sl1,YB,T.
 Row66-Sl1,p2,YB.sl1,YF,T.
 Row67-Sl1,k to end of row.
 Row68-P across all 8 sts.
 Row69-[K2,k2tog] twice. (6sts)
 Row70-P.
 Row71-[K1,k2tog] twice. (4sts)
 Row72-P.
 Cast Off.

TAIL

With Brown(B) cast on 9 sts.
 Row1-12 Starting with a k row st.st for 12 rows
 Row13-K but dec1 at each end of row. (7st)
 Row14-26 Starting with a p row st.st for 13 rows.
 Row27- K but dec1 at each end of row. (5sts)
 Row28-40 Starting with a p row st.st for 13 rows.

Cast off.

ARMS

With Cream(C) cast on 9 sts.

Row1-8 Starting with a K row st.st for 8 rows.

Row9- K but dec1 at each end of row. (7sts)

Row10-18 Starting with a P row st.st for 9 rows.

Row19- K5,YF,sl1,YB, T.

Row20-Sl1,P3,Yb,sl1,YF,T.

Row21-Sl1,K2,YF,sl1,YB,T.

Row22-Sl1,P1,YB.sl1,YF,T.

Row23-Sl1,K to end of row.

Row24-P across all 7 sts.

Row25-26-Starting with a K row st.st for 2 rows.

Row27-K but dec 1 at each end of row. (5sts)

Row28-P.

Row29-K but dec1 at each end of row. (3sts)

Row30-P.

Cast off. Make another piece the same.

EARS

With Dark Brown(DB) cast on 9sts

Row1-K.

Row2-P but dec 1 at each end of row. (7sts)

Row3-K but dec1 at each end of row. (5sts)

Row4-P.

Cast off. Make another piece the same.

NOSE

With Dark Brown(DB) cast on 4sts.

Row1-K.

Row2-P but inc1 at each end of row. (6sts)

Row3-K.

Row4-P.

Cast off.

EYE PATCHES

With Dark Brown(DB) cast on 6 sts.

Row1- K but inc1 at each end of row. (8sts)

Row2-P but inc1 at each end of row. (10sts)

Row3-K.

Row4-P but dec1 at each end of row. (8sts)
Row5-K but dec1 at each end of row. (6sts)
Row6-P.
Cast off. Make another piece the same.



YOUNG AND BABY MEERKAT KNITTING PATTERN

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

FOR YOUNG MEERKAT

PATONS DOUBLE KNIT 100g or any other double knitting yarn
1 BALL GREY (enough for many)
SMALL AMOUNT any BLACK double knit yarn
1 PAIR 3mm KNITTING NEEDLES
50g WHITE TOY STUFFING
1 PAIR BLACK 12mm TOY SAFETY EYES
3 GREY PIPECLEANERS (optional)
MEASUREMENTS: 16cm high (approx 6 ins)

FOR THE BABY MEERKAT

PATONS WHISPER DOUBLE KNIT(50g) or any other short eyelash double knit yarn

1 BALL BEIGE (enough for two)

SMALL AMOUNT any BLACK double knit yarn

1 PAIR 2mm KNITTING NEEDLES

30g WHITE TOY STUFFING

1 PAIR BLACK 6mm TOY SAFETY EYES

3 CREAM PIPECLEANERS (optional)

MEASUREMENTS: 12cm high (approx 4 ins)

ABBREVIATIONS

K=knit P=purl inc=increase i.e knit in both front and back of stitch dec=decrease i.e knit or purl 2 stitches together sl=slip st=stitch tog=together sts=stitches SKPO=slip stitch, K1, pass slip stitch over, st.st= stocking stitch (1row knit, 1 row purl) T= turn C=Cream, B=Beige, DB=Dark Brown

HEAD

With 3mm needles and Grey for young meerkat or 2mm needles and Beige for baby meerkat cast on 10 sts.

Row1-K.

Row2-P but inc each end. (12sts)

Row3-K but inc each end. (14sts)

Row4-P.

Row5-K but inc in first and last st. (16sts)

Row6-P.

Row7-Cast on 4sts at beg of row, k20. (20sts)

Row8-Cast on 4 sts at beg of row,p24. (24sts)

Row9-K but inc at each end of row. (26sts)

Row10-P but inc at each end of row.(28sts)

Place marker thread at each end of row.

Row11-Cast off 6 sts at beg of row,k22. (22sts)

Row12-Cast off 6 sts at beg of row, p16. (16sts)

RIGHT SIDE

Row13- Inc1,k4,inc1, T.(8sts)

Row14-P8, T.

Row15-K8, T.

Row16-P6,p2tog, T. (7sts)

Row17-K2tog,k5, T. (6sts)

Row18-P2tog,p2,p2tog, T. (4sts)

Cast off.

GUSSET

Row13-Inc1,k2,inc1, T. (6sts)
Row14-P6, T.
Row15-Inc1,k4,inc1, T.(8sts)
Row16-P8, T.
Row17-K8, T.
Row18-As Row16.
Row19-K2tog,k4,k2tog, T. (6sts)
Row20-P6, T.
Row21-K6, T.
Row22-P2tog,p2,p2tog, T. (4sts)
Row23-30 Starting with a k row st.st for 8 rows on these 4 sts.
Row31-K2tog,k2tog, T. (2sts)
Row32-P2,T.
Row33-K2,T.
Row34-As Row32.

Cast off.

LEFT SIDE

Row13-Inc1,k4,inc1. (8sts)
Row14-P8.
Row15-K8.
Row16-P2tog,p6. (7sts)
Row15-K5,k2tog. (6sts)
Row16-P2tog,p2,p2tog. (4sts)
Cast off.

BODY

With 3mm needles Grey for young, or 2mm needles and Beige for baby cast on 10sts.

Row1-K.
Row2-P.
Row3-4 as Row1-2.
Row5-Inc1,k8,inc1. (12sts)
Row6-P.
Row7-K but inc at each end of row. (14sts)
Row8-P but inc at each end of row. (16sts)
Row9-K5,[inc1,k1] three times,k5. (19sts)
Row10-P but inc at each end of row. (21sts)
Row11-K5,[inc1,k1] five times,inc1,k5. (27sts)
Row12-P but inc in at each end of row. (29sts)
Row13-K7,[inc1,k1] seven times,inc1,k7. (37sts)
Row14-16 Starting with a p row st.st for 3 rows.
Row17-K7,[k2tog,k1] seven times,k2tog,k7. (29sts)

Row18-P.
 Row19-K7,[k2tog,k1] five times,k7. (24sts)
 Row20-P but dec at each end of row. (22sts).
 LEFT LEG
 Row21-Inc1,k9,inc1, T. (13sts)
 Row22-Inc1,p11,inc1, T. (15sts)
 Row23-Inc1,k13,inc1, T. (17sts)
 Row24-P17, T.
 Row25-K17, T.
 Row26-P2tog,p13,p2tog, T. (15sts)
 Row27-K2tog,k11,k2tog, T. (13sts)
 Row28-P13, T.
 Row29-K2tog,k9,k2tog, T. (11sts)
 Row30-P11, T.
 Row31-K2tog,k7,k2tog, T. (9sts)
 Row32-P9, T.
 Row33-K7,k2tog,T. (8sts)
 Row34-40B Working on these 8 sts and starting with a p row st.st
 for7 rows.
 Row41-K2tog,k4,k2tog,T. (6sts)
 Row42-46 Working on these 6 sts and starting with a p row st.st for 5
 rows.
 Cast off.
 RIGHT LEG
 Row21-Inc1,k9,inc1. (13sts)
 Row22-Inc1,p11,inc1. (15sts)
 Row23-Inc1,k13,inc1. (17sts)
 Row24-P17.
 Row25-K17.
 Row26-P2tog,p13,2tog. (15sts)
 Row27-K2tog,k11,k2tog, T. (13sts)
 Row28-P13.
 Row29-K2tog,k9,k2tog. (11sts)
 Row30-P11.
 Row31-K2tog,k7,k2tog, T. (9sts)
 Row32-P9.
 Row33-K2tog,k7,T. (8sts)
 Row34-40B Working on these 8 sts and starting with a p row st.st
 for7 rows.
 Row41-K2tog,k4,k2tog. (6sts)
 Row42-46 Working on these 6 sts and starting with a p row st.st for 5
 rows.

Cast off.

TAIL

With 3mm needles Grey for young, or 2mm needles and Beige for baby cast on 8sts.

Row1-8 Starting with a K row st.st for 8 rows

Row9-K but dec1 at each end. (6sts)

Row10-16 Starting with a P row st.st for 7 rows.

Row17- K but dec1 at each end of row. (4sts)

Row18-20 Starting with a P row st.st for 5 rows.

Cast off.

ARMS

With 3mm needles Grey for young, or 2mm needles and Beige for baby cast on 8sts.

Row1-6 Starting with a K row st.st for 6 rows.

Row9- K but dec1 at each end of row. (6sts)

Row10-26 Starting with a P row st.st for 17 rows.

Row27- K but dec at each end of row. (4sts)

Cast off. Make another piece the same.

EARS

With 3mm needles for young meerkat and 2 mm needles for baby and Black cast on 5sts

Row1-K.

Row2-P but dec 1 at each end of row. (3sts)

Row3-K but dec1 at each end of row. (1st)

Cast off. Make another piece the same.

NOSE

With 3mm needles for young meerkat and 2 mm needles for baby and Black cast on 2sts

Row1-K.

Row2-P.

Cast off.

EYE PATCHES

With 3mm needles for young meerkat and 2 mm needles for baby and
Black cast on 3sts

Row1- K but inc1 at each end of row. (5sts)

Row2-P but inc1 at each end of row. (7sts)

Row3-K but dec1 at each end of row. (5sts)

Row4-P but dec1 at each end of row. (3sts)

Cast off. Make another piece the same.

TO MAKE UP:

NOTE: To make legs, tail and arms extra bendy I use pipecleaners but they are not at all necessary and may be omitted.. I always cut a length slightly longer than required and turn sharp edges over. I then bind first with stuffing twisting it round and round the pipecleaner to required shape and then over bind with thread. This is to ensure that toy is safe from sharp edges, but if knitting for very young DO NOT USE PIPECLEANERS.

HEAD

Join seam from cast on edge to markers. Sew in gusset with cast off edge meeting markers. Remove markers and sew in any loose threads. Stuff very lightly as this is only temporary. Lightly run cast on edge thread of ear to cast off edge then up other side and draw up. This forms ear shape. Oversew round outer ear edge to look more realistic. Sew in place nose, ears and eye patches. Remove stuffing and attach safety eyes in centre of eye patches. Stuff firmly and sew up cast on edge. Embroider mouth.

BODY

Sew seam from cast on edge (i.e. neck edge) to just before body splits for legs. Stuff this part of body very lightly. Join seam from cast off edge of each leg to top of leg leaving small gap, insert bound pipecleaners if using and stuff firmly. Stuff body firmly then sew up.

ARMS

Sew seams from cast off edge leaving gap at top for stuffing. Insert bound pipecleaners or stuff firmly with just stuffing. Close gap and attach to body.

TAIL

Join seam from cast off edge, insert bound pipecleaner if using or just stuff firmly. Attach to body making sure that position allows meerkat to stand straight using tail as balance.

TO FINISH

Embroider hands and feet as per photo.

If you are using Whisper, Gipsy or any other eyelash or furry yarn remove excess furriness as follows:

Using scissors give the meerkat a haircut by carefully clipping the eyelash strands to about a third of original length. This enhances the shape as it gets lost if the yarn is too hairy. Do this job over a bin or in the garden because despite being great fun it is quite messy. When finished give meerkat a brush with a very soft brush to fluff up remaining "fur" and remove any loose strands.



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