

Easter Bunny



Materials:

Oddments of cream, light blue, black and pink dk knitting yarn. Some oddments in pretty colours for the egg.

Polyester stuffing

2.75mm knitting needles

Darning needle

Gauge:

7 sts and 10 rows to 1 inch

Glossary:

st(s) - stitch(es); k - knit; p - purl; st-st - stocking stitch (alternate rows k and p); g-st - garter stitch (every row k); k2tog - decrease by knitting next two sts together; m1 - increase by picking up and knitting the bar lying before the next st; Inc1 - increase by knitting into front and back of next st; k3tog - decrease 2 sts by knitting the next 3 sts together.

Body:

Using cream or light blue, cast on 10 sts.

First row: Inc1 into every st to end - 20 sts.

G-st 5 rows.

Next row: (K2, m1) 4 times, K4, (m1, K2) 4 times - 28 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 9 rows.

Next row: (K2, k2tog) to end - 21 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 5 rows.

Next row: (k1, k2tog) to end - 14 sts.

P 1 row.

Increase for head: Inc1 into every st - 28 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 11 rows.

Next row: (k1, k2tog) to last st, k1 - 19 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (k2tog) to last st, k1 - 10 sts.

Break off a long length of yarn, thread through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Join row ends. Stuff body well, taking care not to overstuff. Gather around cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Gather around neck to better define the shape.

Face:

Use pink yarn to work 3 backstitches over the centre stitch of the face.

Use black yarn to work 2 backstitches vertically over 1 stitch to either side and above the nose.

Ears (make 2):

Using body colour, cast on 6 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (k1, m1) twice, k2, (m1, k1) twice - 10 sts.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 7 rows.

Next row: k2tog, k1, (k2tog) twice, k1, k2tog - 6 sts.

P 1 row.

Break off a long length of yarn, thread through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Join row ends. Oversew across cast on sts with seam to side of ear. Position ears on top of head, using photo as a guide, and sew in position.

Arms (make 2):

Using body colour, cast on 8 sts.

Beginning with k row, st-st 10 rows.

Break off a long length of yarn, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Join row ends. Oversew across cast on sts with seam to one side. Position arms to the side of the body and sew in place.

Feet (make 2):

Using body colour, cast on 8 sts.

Beginning with a k row, st-st 4 rows.

Break off a long length of yarn, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Join row ends. Oversew across cast on sts with seam to centre back. Position feet to base of the body, using the photo as a guide. Sew in place.

Tail:

Using cream, cast on 12 sts.

G-st 4 rows.

Next row: (k2tog) to end - 6 sts.

Break off a long length of yarn, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Join row ends. Gather around cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Sew to base of body at the back.

Easter Egg:

Egg is made using three colours; mc - main colour, cc1 - contrast colour 1, cc2 - contrast colour 2.

Have fun with the egg and use any colours you wish to make a cute colourful egg.

Using mc cast on 9 sts.

Row 1: p

Row 2: Inc1 into every st - 18 sts.

Row 3: p

Row 4: (k1 in mc, k1 in cc1) to end

Row 5: (p1 in cc2, p1 in cc1) to end

Row 6: (k1 in cc2, k1 in cc1) to end

Row 7: (p1 in mc, p1 in cc1) to end

Row 8: continue in mc from now to end of egg; (k4, k2tog) to end - 15 sts.

Rows 9-11: st-st

Row 12: (k3, k2tog) to end - 12 sts.

Row 13: p

Row 14: (k2tog) to end - 6 sts.

Break off a long length of yarn, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Join row edges. Stuff egg lightly. Gather around cast on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Sew egg to bunny's arms.

