BUTTERFLY

Hello!

Thanks for choosing to knit one of my patterns, I really do hope you enjoy the knitting process and experience!

I try to make my patterns as straight forward as possible and sometimes include little videos on my Instagram account **@dotpebbles_knits** to support the projects.

That said, sometimes, it's not so understandable and there are still questions that need to be asked, in which case I also offer pattern support via email: **claire.garland@btopenworld.com**

... or you may find your answers here:

FAQs:

Q. Can I sell what I make from your patterns:

A. Yes - I encourage it, please see the Instagram shop **@imadethisrabbit_shop** where I'll even promote for you if that's what you want?

Q. Are your patterns suitable for beginners?

A. Yes, some are for sure, because, I also link to a how to video within the pattern - try these two: **Knitted Bunny** and **Itty Bitty Kitty**
   And here's a **1-10 List**, (number 1 being the easiest)

Q. Where can I get the similar yarn listed in the pattern? (*NOTE: It's best try to source similar yarn-types to the ones listed for the best results*)

A. I nearly always choose Drops Yarn as a favourite brand which you can buy from **KnittedHome.com**. **Drops Garnstudio** also have a stockists list and failing that try this amazing site **yarnsub.com** for perfect substitution ideas

Q. Where can I get the similar eyes from?

A. I've bought mine from these places: **Rainbow Craft Eyes**; **Cello Expresss** (noses too); **Suncatchercrafteyes.com**; Etsy

Q. What is uncarded stuffing?

A. It's a dense toy filling, which I prefer to the lofty fibre fill stuffing, I buy mine from Ebay.co.uk - I also use all my yarn snippings

MATERIALS

YARN

For this particular project I just used yarn from my stash: using an alpaca 4-ply together with a kid-silk mohair for the wings and a brushed alpaca (aran weight) for the body

KNITTING NEEDLES

Pair of 3.50 mm/ US 4 straight knitting needles

EXTRAS

Scissors, yarn sewing needle and black yarn or thread for the legs, antennae and eyes

This blue butterfly was knitted with just a 4-ply wool yarn and 3mm needles

PATTERN NOTES

. Use **Cable Cast-on** throughout

GENERAL ABBREVIATIONS

k = knit

p = purl

inc = increase

dec = decrease

k2tog/ k3tog = knit two together/ knit three together

p2tog/ p3tog = purl two together/ purl three together

RH/LH = right hand/ left hand   RS/WS = right side/ wrong side
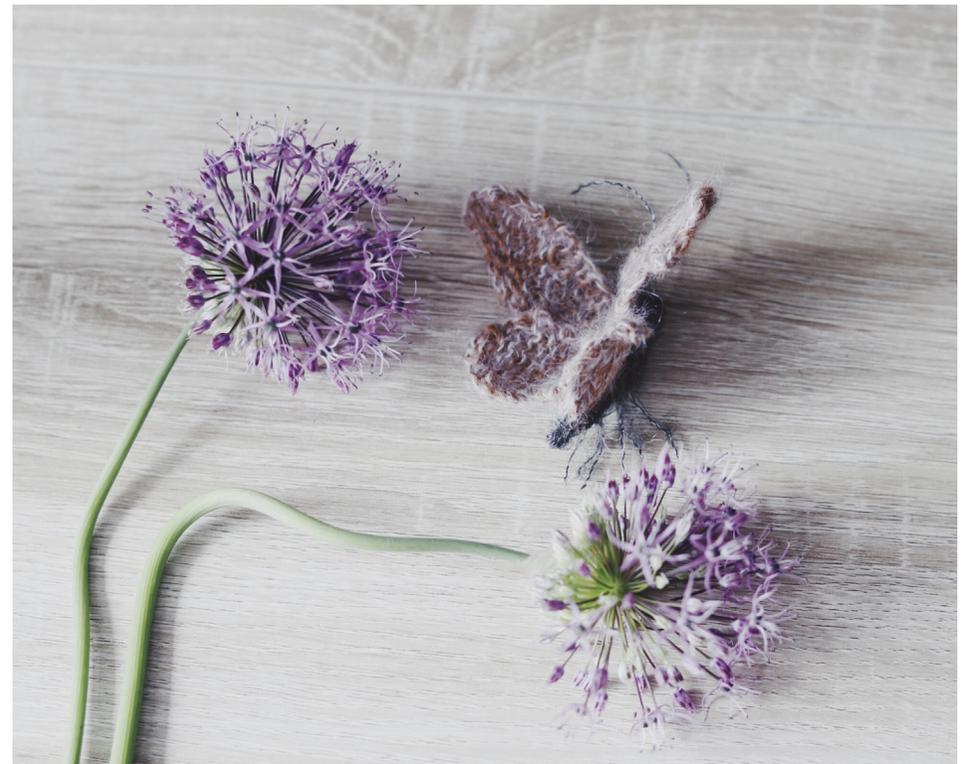
st/ sts =stitch/ stitches   M1

kfb = knit into front then into back of stitch to increase by one stitch

pfb = Purl into front then knit into back of stitch to increase by one stitch

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

W+TK bring working yarn to the front of the work, slip next stitch purl-wise onto the RH needle, take working yarn to the back, slip the slipped stitch back onto the LH needle, turn the knitting = W+Tk (wrap and turn knit)

W+Tp take working yarn to the back of the work, slip next stitch knit-wise onto the RH needle, bring working yarn to the front, slip the slipped stitch back onto the LH needle, turn the knitting = W+Tp (wrap and turn purl)

Beginning with the Body

With yarn **A** (or yarns A&B if using two strands held together) leave a longish tail end, cast on 20 sts, work the lower part of the abdomen and then work each wing in turn as follows:

Rows 1-2 Beginning with a purl row work 2 rows stocking stitch

Row 3 dec) Cast off 1 stitch purl-wise, purl to the last st, cast off and fasten off the last stitch, cut yarn.

Left Lower Wing

Row 4 inc) Cast off 1 stitch, kfb, k3, Turn (flip work over so purl-side faces) - 6 Left Lower Wing sts

Row 5 P6

Row 6 inc) Kfb, k5, Turn - 7sts

Row 7 P7

Row 8 inc) Kfb, k5, kfb, Turn - 9sts

Row 9 P9

Row 10 dec) K2tog, k5, k2tog, Turn - 7sts

Row 11 dec) P2tog, p3, p2tog - 5sts

Row 12 dec) K2tog, k1, k2tog, Turn - 3sts

Row 13 dec) P2tog, p1 - 2sts

Row 14 dec) K2tog, fasten off, leaving a longish tail end.

Left Upper Wing

RF facing, rejoin yarn **A** (or AB)

Row 4 inc) K3, Turn (flip work over so purl-side faces)

Row 5 inc) Pfb, p2 - 4 Left Upper Wing sts

Row 6 inc) Kfb, k3, Turn - 5sts

Row 7 inc) Pfb, p4 - 6sts

Row 8 K6, Turn

Row 9 inc) Pfb, p5 - 7sts

Row 10 inc) K6, kfb, Turn - 8sts

Row 11 Purl

Row 12 inc) K7, kfb, Turn - 9sts

Work short rows to shape Left Upper Wing

Short Row 1 P5, W+Tp

Short Row 2 K5

Short Row 3 P4, W+Tp

Short Row 4 K4

Short Row 5 P3, W+Tp

Short Row 6 K3

Short Row 7 P2, W+Tp

Short Row 8 K2

Row 13 dec) P2tog, p5, p2tog - 7sts

Row 14 dec) K2tog, k3, k2tog - 5sts

Row 15 dec) P2tog, p1, p2tog - 3sts

Row 16 dec) K2tog, k1 - 2sts

Row 17 dec) P2tog, fasten off, leaving a longish tail end.

Head

RS facing, rejoin yarn **A** (or AB)

Row 4 Cast off 2 sts, k2, Turn (flip work over so purl-side faces) - 3

Right Upper Wing sts

Right Upper Wing

Row 5 inc) P2, pfb - 4 Right Upper Wing sts

Row 6 inc) K3, kfb, Turn - 5sts

Row 7 inc) P4, pfb - 6sts

Row 8 K6, Turn

Row 9 inc) P5, pfb - 7sts

Row 10 inc) Kfb, k6, Turn - 8sts

Row 11 P8

Row 12 inc) Kfb, k7, Turn - 9sts

Row 13 P9

Work short rows to shape Right Upper Wing

Short Row 1 K5, W+Tk

Short Row 2 P5

Short Row 3 K4, W+Tk

Short Row 4 P4

Short Row 5 K3, W+Tk

Short Row 6 P3

Short Row 7 K2, W+Tk

Short Row 8 P2

Row 14 dec) K2tog, k5, k2tog - 7sts

Row 15 dec) P2tog, p3, p2tog - 5sts

Row 16 dec) K2tog, k1, k2tog, Turn - 3sts

Row 17 dec) P1, p2tog - 2sts

Row 18 dec) K2tog, fasten off, leaving a longish tail end

RS facing, rejoin yarn **A** (or AB)

Right Lower Wing

RS facing, rejoin yarn **A** (or AB)

Row 4 inc) K4, kfb - 6 Right Lower Wing sts

Row 5 P6

Row 6 inc) K5, kfb - 7sts

Row 7 P7

Row 8 inc) Kfb, k5, kfb - 9sts

Row 9 P9

Row 10 dec) K2tog, k5, k2tog - 7sts

Row 11 dec) P2tog, p3, p2tog - 5sts

Row 12 dec) K2tog, k1, k2tog - 3sts

Row 13 dec) P1, p2tog - 2sts

Row 14 dec) K2tog, fasten off, leaving a longish tail end.

NOTE:

The next step is made easier if you can press the pieces with a warm iron to flatten them out (see Fig. 1), but, *if you do please take care and check first that your yarn is suitable for ironing.*

I placed mine beneath a clean tea towel before steam pressing.

Weave all the tail ends along wing ends in towards the cast-on edge from the beginning of the pattern (*see Fig. 1, weave in as arrow show*).
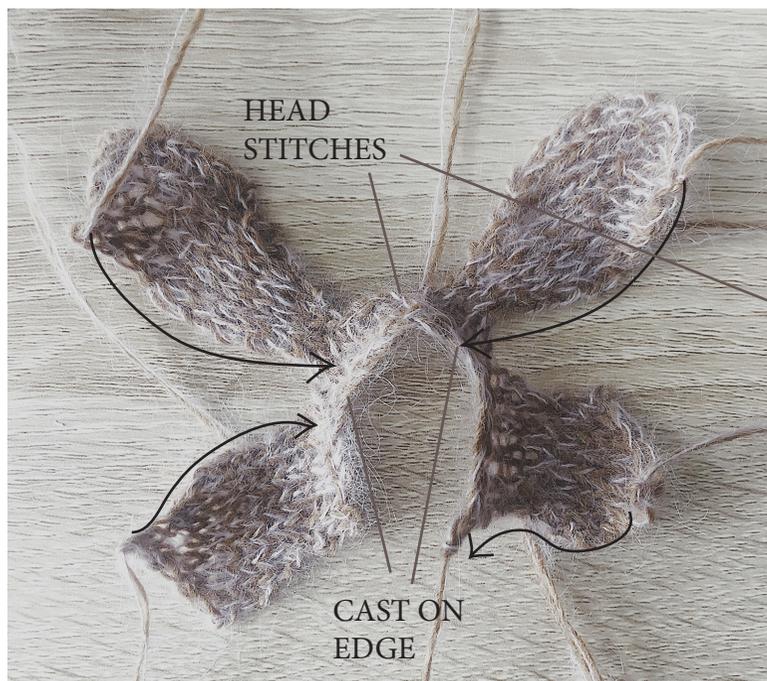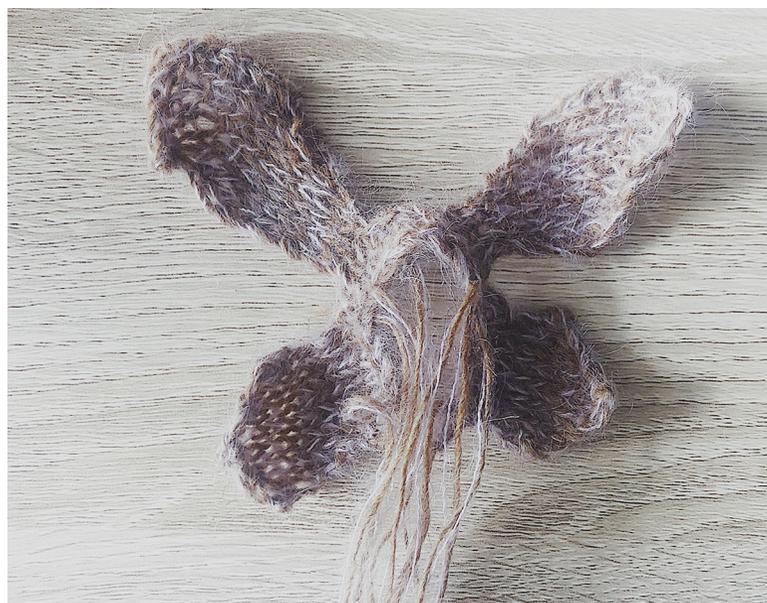

HEAD
STITCHES

CAST ON
EDGE

fig. 1

fig. 2

Join the Body Seam

Pile the yarn endings onto the top of the butterfly and have the cut ends coming out at the lower abdomen end (*see Fig. 2*).

Fold the Body Cast-On edge from the beginning of the pattern in half and mattress stitch the two halves together working over the pile of tail ends as you do so, you can use one of your yarn endings for this (*see Fig. 3, join dotted lines A to B*).
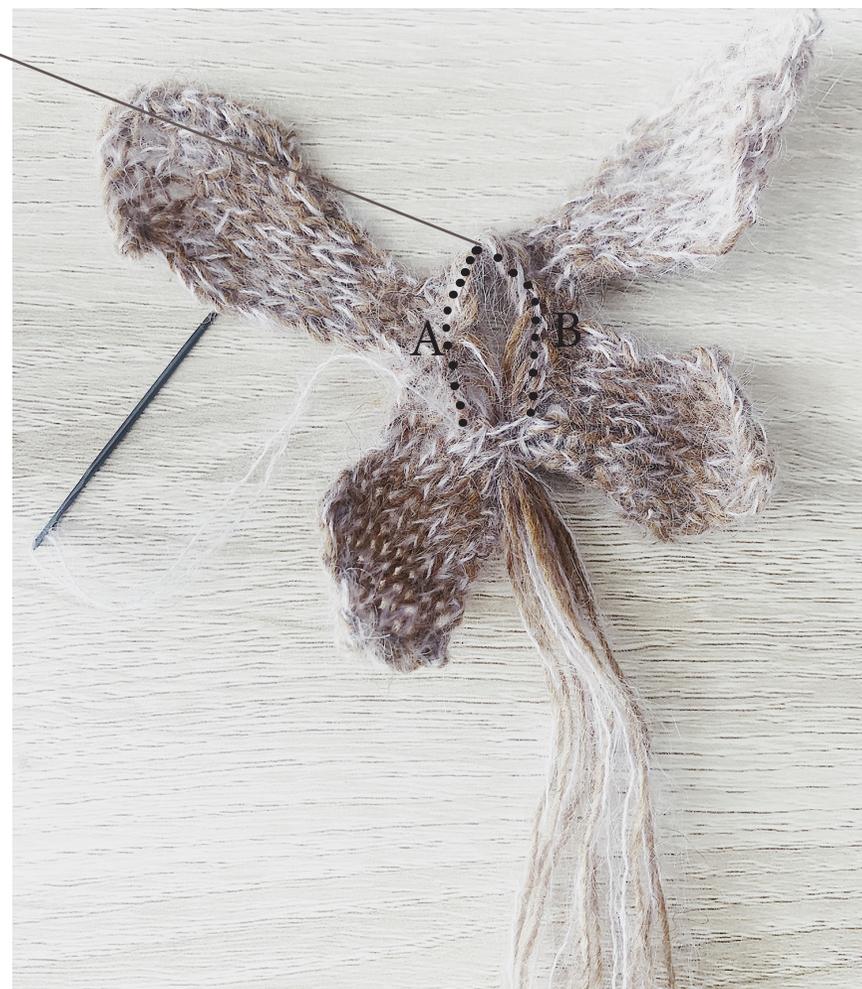

A   B

fig. 3

Join the Upper to Lower Wings

Working on one side at a time, carefully and neatly mattress stitch the Upper and Lower wings partially along each wing (*see Fig. 4, the seam is sewn as dotted lines show*).

HEAD STITCHES

fig. 4

Body

With WS/ purl-side facing, fold the body in half (*see Fig. 5*).

Take a strand of body coloured yarn (a mohair of fluffy/ fuzzy yarn is really good here), fold and thread up a yarn sewing needle so you have a double strand to work with.

Secure the threaded-up yarn into the cast-on edge and starting at the bottom of the butterfly, work over and over all along the folded cast-on edge to create the body and the head, making the thorax thicker than the abdomen (*see Figs. 6 & 7*), weave the ends back into the body to hide and secure them

Trim your yarn ends (*see Fig. 8*).

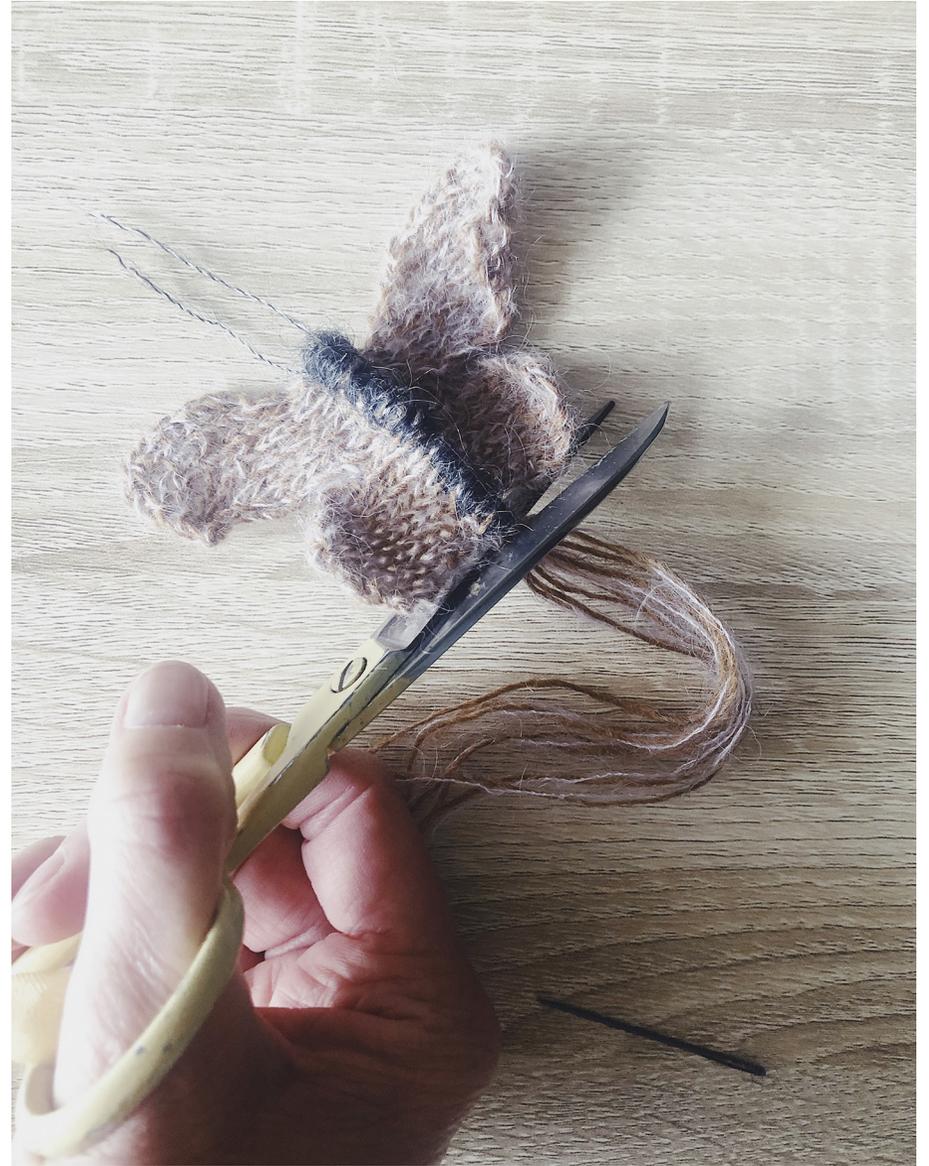*fig. 5*

fig. 6

fig. 7

fig. 8

Flip the butterfly over to WS and work over and over a few times to continue the body beneath the wings. Secure the end (*see Fig. 9*).

fig. 9

NOTE:

You can also embroider eyes with black thread if you think it needs it (see Fig. 11).

NOTE:

It's quite a nice idea to have a few individual loose strands of the body yarn for the 6 legs and antennae (see Fig. 10).

fig. 10

Remember to get in touch if you need a little extra advice

And of course, there is more, much more, to learn, create and

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