

# Henry's Bunny



## Materials Required

Worsted weight yarn – about 80 yards  
Size 4 double pointed needles  
Darning needle  
Stuffing

## Abbreviations

CO	cast on
dpn	double pointed needle
K	knit
P	purl
st	stitch
sts	stitches
M1	make one stitch (see special note below)
K2tog	knit two stitches together
P2tog	purl two stitches together
PU	pick up (create) a new stitch from existing work
WT	wrap and turn (see special note below)

## Special Notes

- M1 = make one stitch: Lift the right “leg” of the next stitch (the right side of the stitch directly below the next stitch on your left needle), place it on the left needle, then knit it as you would any other stitch.
- WT = wrap and turn: After knitting the specified number of stitches, bring yarn to the front of work, slip the next st on the left dpn to the right one, move yarn to the back of your work, and slip the stitch back to the left needle. This “wraps” the stitch. Turn your work and purl the number of stitches indicated. Bring yarn to the back of work, slip the next st on the left dpn to the right one, move yarn to the front of your work, and slip the stitch back to the left needle. This wraps the second stitch. Turn your work and knit the number of stitches indicated.

## Work begins at neckline

CO 24 sts onto 3 dpns and work the following rounds:

- 1) K all sts
- 2) K12, M1, K1, M1, K11
- 3) K all sts
- 4) K13, M1, K1, M1, K12
- 5) K all sts
- 6) K14, M1, K1, M1, K13
- 7) K all sts
- 8) K15, M1, K1, M1, K14
- 9) K all sts
- 10) K16, M1, K1, M1, K15 (34 sts)
- 11-17) K all sts
- 18) K2, (K3, K2tog) repeat to last 2 sts, K2
- 19) K all sts
- 20) K2, (K2, K2tog) repeat to last 2 sts, K2
- 21) K all sts
- 22) K2, (K1, K2tog) repeat to last 2 sts, K2
- 23) K all sts
- 24) K2, (K2tog) repeat to last 2 sts, K2
- 25) K all sts
- 26) (K2tog) repeat to end of round
- 27) K all sts
- 28) K2tog, K1, K2tog (3 sts)
- 29) K all sts

Cut yarn, insert end into a darning needle, and thread through remaining live sts. Pull closed and secure.

## Head

Beginning one st to the right of the first CO st, PU 1 st in every CO st (24 sts), and then work the following short rows. These rows will form the bottom of the bunny's head from neck to nose:

- 1) K all sts
- 2) K7, WT, P14, WT, K7
- 3) K6, WT, P12, WT, K6
- 4) K5, WT, P10, WT, K5
- 5) K4, WT, P8, WT, K4
- 6) K3, WT, P6, WT, K3
- 7) K2, WT, P4, WT, K2
- 8) K1, WT, P2, WT, K1
- 9) K all sts

The following 5 short rows will form the top of the head, from the nose to the ears:

- 10) K1, K2tog, K3, WT, P6, P2tog, P3, WT, K5
- 11) K1, K2tog, K1, WT, P4, P2tog, P1, WT, K3
- 12) K1, K2tog, K2, WT, P5, P2tog, P2, WT, K4
- 13) K1, K2tog, K2, WT, P5, P2tog, P2, WT, K4
- 14) K1, K2tog, WT, P3, P2tog, WT, K2 (14 sts)
- 15) K all sts

## Ears

The ears are now formed from the remaining 14 sts. Knit the first 7 sts, and place the next 7 sts on a piece of scrap yarn for working later. CO 5 new sts to the end of the sts on your needles, join in the round, and work the following rounds:

- 1-5) K all sts (12 sts)
- 6) (K2, K2tog) repeat to end of round
- 7) K all sts
- 8) K1, K2tog, K3, K2tog, K1 (7 sts)
- 9-11) K all sts

Cut yarn, insert end into a darning needle, and thread through remaining live sts. Pull closed and secure. Place the 7 sts from scrap yarn back onto 2 dpns. CO 5 new sts to the end, and work rounds 1-11 above.

Stuff your bunny through the hole between his ears. Be sure to stuff his head and body firmly, but be careful not to overstuff beyond his natural shape. Accentuate the curves in his back and top of head. Do not stuff the ears.

- When you're finished stuffing, he'll look like this (1).
- To seam the hole between his ears, pinch it together from front to back (2).



(1)



(2)

- Seam closed (3).
- Fold the inner flap of the ear over the outer part, and pinch closed at the bottom (4).



(3)



(4)

- Take a stitch or two to hold it together; repeat for other ear (5).
- After knitting legs, position them and seam to the bottom of your bunny like this (6).



(5)



(6)

### Legs

CO 6 sts onto 3 dpns and K all sts for 1½ inches. Cut yarn, thread through live sts, but do not pull closed yet. Using the tail from the cast on, sew beginning closed. Push a tiny bit of stuffing down into the bottom half of leg. Pull closed. Seam to bottom of bunny.

### Eyes

Your bunny's eyes can be embroidered on, or made with buttons. A nose and whiskers can also be embroidered, if desired.