# RABBIT BREEDS
## Grey Holland Lop

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FINISHED SIZE 20cm/ 8in nose to tail (approx)

YARN DK/ sport weight, however to create the multi-layering of colour I used groupings of the following shades, i.e two of three strands at a time (the actual mixes are written within the pattern and the actual shade written in parenthesis):

**Yarns A - light grey 4-ply** (Drops Alpaca shade 0501); **B - dusky grey/pink** (Drops Alpaca shade 4010); **C - fawn mohair** (ITO Sensai shade 343 Angora); **D - pink mohair** (Habu Silk Mohair shade 32); **E - black mohair** (Drops Kid-silk shade 02); **F - white 4-ply** (Drops Flors shade 01); **G - white mohair** (Drops Kid-silk shade 01)

NEEDLES Pair 3.75mm/ US 5 knitting needles plus one spare

TENSION 15 rows and 11 stitches over 5cm

EXTRAS Toy filling or scraps fabric or yarn for stuffing, large safety pin or stitch holder, stitch markers, 15mm brown toy safety/ or black amigurami safety eyes - however if the toy is intended for a very young child then please embroider the eyes instead!

Beginning at the muzzle and working one side at a time

RIGHT MUZZLE

With yarns A, B and C (grey and dusky grey/pink 4-ply and fawn mohair) held together cast on 4 sts

**Row 1** inc) Kfb, k to end - 5sts

**Row 2** P

**Row 3-6** inc) Rep last 2 rows twice - 7sts

Place marker (PM) at end of last row for **Nose Marker**

**Rows 7-9** Work 3 rows st st

**… short rows to create the Right Cheek**

Short row 1 P6, take yarn to the back of the work, slip next st purl-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) - and

cont. to work short rows as foll:

Short row 2 K6

Short row 3 P5, W+Tp

Short row 4 K5

**Row 10** P. PM at beg. of last row for **Jaw Marker**

**Rows 11-14** Work 4 rows st st.

Cut yarns and leave these **right cheek** sts on a safety pin or spare for now.

LEFT MUZZLE

With needles and yarns as before cast on 4 sts

**Row 1** inc) K to last st, kfb - 5sts

**Row 2** P

**Row 3-6** inc) Rep last 2 rows twice - 7sts

PM at beg. of last row for **Left Nose Marker**

**Rows 7-8** Work 2 rows st st

**... short rows to create the left cheek**

Short row 1 K6, bring yarn to the front of the work, slip next st 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) -

and cont. to work short rows as foll:

Short row 2 P6

Short row 3 K5, W+Tk

Short row 4 P5

**Rows 9-10** Work 2 rows st st. PM at end of last row for Jaw Marker

**Rows 11-14** Work 4 rows st st.

Cut yarns and leave these **left cheek** sts on a safety pin or spare yarn for now.

**RS (k-side) facing, align the cast on edges, matching the row end shaping,**

**back-sew to join both cast on edges only. Turn out to RS.**

NOSE

RS facing, with yarns A, B and D (grey and dusky grey/pink 4-ply and pink

mohair) beg. at left 'nose marker' pick up and knit 3 sts either side of the seam

that you just created - 6sts

**Row 1** dec) P2, p2 tog, p2 - 5sts

**Rows 2-3** Work 2 rows st st

Cut pink mohair, join on fawn mohair and cont. with front of face as foll:

FACE

**Row 1** inc) Kfb, k3, kfb - 7sts

**Row 2** P

**Row 3** inc) K1, kfb, k3, kfb, k1 - 9sts

**Row 4** inc) Pfb, p to last st, pfb - 11sts

**Row 5** inc) K3, kfb, k3, kfb, k to end - 13sts

**Rows 6, 8 & 10** P

**Row 7** inc) K4, kfb, k3, kfb, k to end - 15sts

**Row 9** inc) K5, kfb, k3, kfb, k to end - 17sts

Cut yarns after last p row and leave these **face** sts on the spare needle.

## FOREHEAD

Slip 7 sts from left cheek onto a knitting needle ready to knit across, with

yarn A, B and C cont. as foll:

**Row 1** K across 7 sts from left cheek, k across 17 sts face sts, slip 7 sts from

right cheek onto a knitting needle and k across - 31sts

**Rows 2, 4 & 6** P

**Row 3** inc) K6, kfb, k17, kfb, k to end - 33sts

**Row 5** inc) K7, kfb, k17, kfb, k to end - 35sts

**… short rows to create the top of the forehead**

Short row 1 K29, W+Tk

Short row 2 P23, W+Tp

Short row 3 K22, W+Tk

Short row 4 P21, W+Tp

Short row 5 K20, W+Tk

Short row 6 P19, W+Tp

Short row 7 K27 across to end of row

## EARS

**Row 7** dec) Cast off 5 sts p-wise, p8, slip the rem. 21sts onto a stitch holder

whilst you work on 9 sts for **right ear** as foll:

## RIGHT EAR

**Row 1** RS facing, cast on 9 sts, k across all 18 sts

**Row 2** dec) P2 tog, p6, p2 tog, p to last 2 sts, p2 tog - 15sts

PM at each end of last row for **Right Ear Marker**

**Row 3** inc) Kfb, k to last st, kfb - 17sts

**Row 4** P

**Rows 5-10** inc) Rep last 2 rows three times - 23sts

**Rows 11-14** Work 4 rows st st

**Row 15** dec) K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2 tog, k1 - 21sts

**Row 16** P

**Rows 17-22** dec) Rep last 2 rows three times - 15sts

**Row 23** dec) K1, skpo, k3, k3 tog, k3, k2 tog, k1 - 11sts

**Row 24** P

**Row 25** dec) K1, skpo, k1, k3 tog, k1, k2 tog, k1 - 7sts

Cast off p-wise.

## LEFT EAR

Slip all rem. sts off the holder and onto a knitting needle ready to purl across,

with yarn A, B and C cont. as foll:

**Row 1** P

**Row 2** dec) Cast off 5 sts, k8, Turn with WS facing to work on 9 sts for **left ear**

as foll, (slipping the 7 head back sts onto spare yarn if it's easier):

**Row 3** WS facing, cast on 9 sts, p across all 18 sts

**Row 4** dec) Skpo, k6, k2 tog, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 15sts

PM at each end of last row for **Left Ear Marker**

**Row 5** inc) Pfb, p to last st, pfb - 17sts

**Row 6** K

**Rows 7-12** inc) Rep last 2 rows three times - 23sts

**Rows 13-16**  Work 4 rows st st

**Row 17** dec) P1, p2 tog, p to last 3 sts, p2 tog, p1 - 21sts

**Row 18** K

**Rows 19** dec)-**24** Rep last 2 rows three times - 15sts

**Row 25** dec) P1, p2 tog, p3, p3 tog, p3, p2 tog, p1 - 11sts

**Row 26** K

**Row 27** dec) P1, p2 tog, p1, p3 tog, p1, p2 tog, p1 - 7sts

Cast off.

EAR BACK AND HEAD BACK

With yarn A, B and C, beg. left ear marker #2 (*See Fig. 1*) i.e the one furthest away from the face, pick up and knit 10 sts across cast on sts from left ear, k across 7 head back sts, pick up and knit 10 sts across cast on sts from right ear to the right ear marker that's furthest away from the face- 27sts

**Row 1** dec) P10, p2 tog, p3, p2 tog, p to end - 25sts

**Row 2** dec) K10, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k to end - 23sts

**Rows 3 & 5** P

**Row 4** dec) K9, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k to end - 21sts

Cast off for **neck edge.** (*See Fig. 2*)

*Fig 1*



*Fig 2*

**RS facing, back-sew along the side seam either side of the nose to join row ends.** (*See Fig. 2*)

**Turn out to RS then with a length black yarn work a "Y" shape either side of the nose and down the nose seam to enhance the mouth and nose.** (*See Fig. 3*)

INNER EARS - Work both inner ears similarly -

**Side 1**

RS facing, with yarns C & D (fawn and pink mohair) starting at the ear marker, pick up and knit 14 stitches evenly up to the nearest corner of the ear's cast off edge

**Row 1** P

**Row 2** dec) K to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 13sts

**Rows 3-8** dec) Rep last 2 rows three times - 10sts

**Row 9** P

Cast off.

**Side 2**

RS facing, with yarns C & D (fawn and pink mohair) starting at the corner of the ear's cast off edge of the ear, pick up and knit 14 stitches down to the ear marker

**Row 1** P

**Row 2** dec) K1, skpo, k to end - 13sts
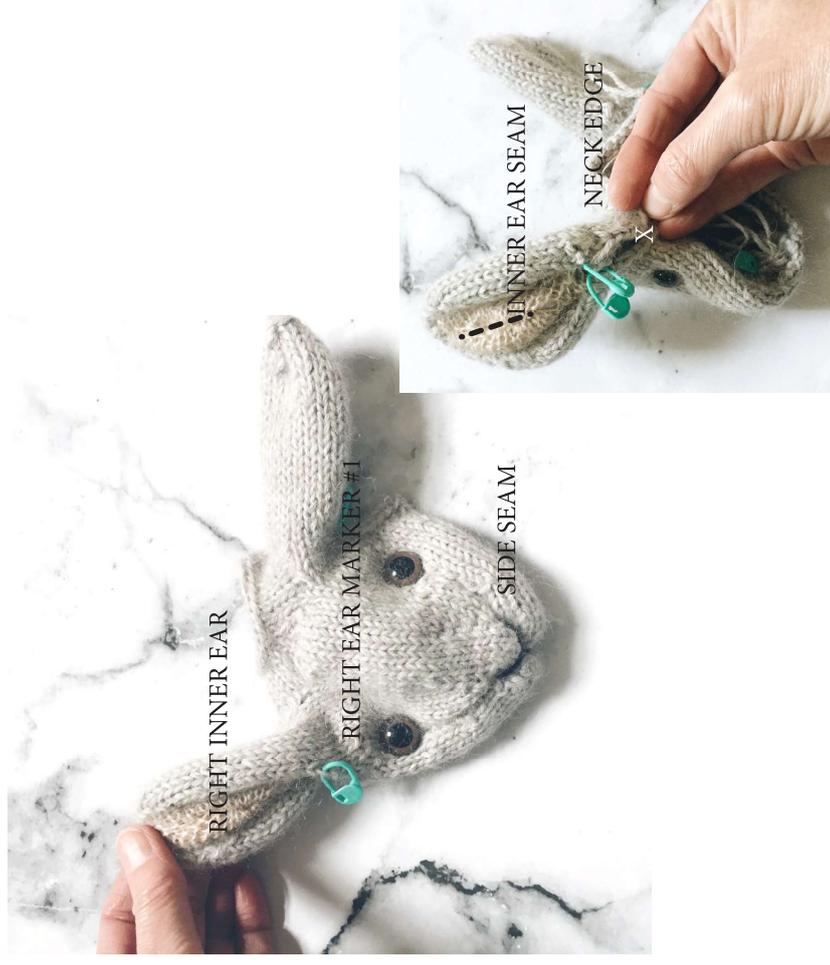
**Rows 3-8** dec) Rep last 2 rows three times - 10sts

**Row 9** P

Cast off.

Fit in the eyes at the end of the side seam and as shown in the photo.

(See Fig. 3)

*Fig 3*



RIGHT INNER EAR • RIGHT EAR MARKER #1 • SIDE SEAM • INNER EAR SEAM • NECK EDGE • X

**Working on one ear inner at a time, RS facing, match both cast off edges and back-sew to join cast off edges and the diagonal row ends that run from the cast off edge up to the ear cast off edge, join along cast off edge.**

**Leave the straight edges at the base of the ear inner open for turning through.**

**Turn out to RS and trim the tail ends (it's best not to have any stuffing for inside the ears).**

**Fold the ear in half so that markers meet and mattress sew to join the base of each ear from markers to cast off edge corners from neck back and head side at 'X'. (See Fig. 3). Remove the ear markers.**

BACK & NECK

With yarns A, B and C, beg. left chin marker, pick up and knit 23 sts evenly

across to right chin marker (so picking up sts under left ear, along neck edge,

under right ear and along head side to marker)

**Rows 1, 3, 5 & 7** P

**Row 2** inc) K8, kfb, k5, kfb, k to end - 25sts

**Row 4** inc) K8, kfb, k7, kfb, k to end - 27sts

**Row 6** inc) K8, kfb, k9, kfb, k to end - 29sts

FORELEGS

**Row 8** inc) Cast on 9 sts, k18, kfb, k9, kfb, k to end - 40sts

**Row 9** inc) Cast on 9 sts, p to end - 49sts

**Row 10** inc) K19, kfb, k9, kfb, k to end - 51sts

**Row 11** P

**Row 12** inc) K20, kfb, k9, kfb, k to end - 53sts

**Rows 13-17** Work 5 rows st st

**Rows 18-19** dec) Cast off 7 sts at beg. of next 2 rows - 39sts

BACK

**Row 20** dec) Skpo, k to last 2sts, k2 tog - 37sts

**Row 21** dec) P1, p2 tog, p to last 3sts, p2 tog, p1 - 35sts

**Row 22** inc) K15, Kfb, k3, kfb, k to end - 37sts

**Rows 23, 25, 27 & 29** P

**Row 24** inc) K16, Kfb, k3, kfb, k to end - 39sts

**Row 26** inc) K17, Kfb, k3, kfb, k to end - 41sts

**Row 28** inc) K18, Kfb, k3, kfb, k to end - 43sts

**Row 30** Join on yarn E (black kid-silk) - **K18, skpo, k3, k2 tog, k to end - 41sts**

**Row 31** P. PM at each end for **Outer Thigh Marker**

HIND LEGS - **Left Leg**

Cast on 6 sts - 47sts, then cont with short rows as foll:

**... short rows to create the top of the left leg**

Short row 1 K7, W+Tk

Short row 2 P1, W+Tp

Short row 3 K2, W+Tk

Short row 4 P3, W+Tp

Short row 5 K4, W+Tk

Short row 6 P5, W+Tp

Short row 7 K6, W+Tk

Short row 8 P7, W+Tp

Short row 9 K8, W+Tk

Short row 10 P9, W+Tp

Short row 11 K10, W+Tk

Short row 12 P11, W+Tp

**Right Leg**

**Row 32** K23, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k to end. Turn so purl-side is facing,

cast on 6 sts - (51sts) then cont with short rows as foll:

**... short rows to create the top of the right leg**

Short row 1 P7, W+Tp

Short row 2 K1, W+Tk

Short row 3 P2, W+Tp

Short row 4 K3, W+Tk

Short row 5 P4, W+Tp

Short rows 6-12 Cont. to work longer rows until Short row 12 reads:

K11, W+Tk

**Row 33** P 50 sts across to the other side of the body

**Row 34** dec) K23, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k to end - 49sts

**Rows 35, 37 & 39** P

**Row 36** dec) K22 , skpo, k1, k2 tog, k to end - 47sts

**Row 38** dec) K21 , skpo, k1, k2 tog, k to end - 45sts

**Row 40** dec) K20, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k to end - 43sts

**... separate lower back from hind legs**

**Row 41** P34. Turn, so knit-side is facing

**Row 42** dec) K10, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k10. Turn, so purl-side is facing

LOWER BACK

Work on 23 sts for **Lower Back** as foll:

**Row 43** P23. Turn

**Row 44** dec) K10, k3 tog, k10. Turn - 21 lower back sts

**Rows 45, 47, 49, 51 & 53** P just the lower back sts. Turn

**Row 46** dec) K9, k3 tog, k9. Turn - 19 back sts

**Row 48** dec) K8, k3 tog, k8. Turn - 17 back sts

**Row 50** dec) K7, k3 tog, k7. Turn - 15 back sts

**Row 52** dec) K6, k3 tog, k6. Turn - 13 back sts

TAIL

Cut all yarn, join 2 strands yarn F and G (white 4-ply, white mohair)

**Row 54** K13

**Rows 55, 57, 59 & 61** P just the tail sts. Turn

**Row 56** inc) K3, kfb, k5, kfb, k3. Turn - 15sts

**Row 58** inc) K4, kfb, k5, kfb, k4. Turn - 17sts

**Row 60** inc) [K5, kfb] twice, k5. Turn - 19sts

**Row 62** dec) K3, skpo, k9, k2 tog, k3. Turn - 17sts

**Rows 63, 65, 67** dec) P2 tog, p to last 2 tail sts, p2 tog - 15sts, 11sts, 7sts

**Row 64** dec) K3, skpo, k5, k2 tog, k3. Turn - 13sts

**Row 66** dec) K3, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k3. Turn - 9sts

Cast off 7 tail sts leaving a long tail end to sew the seam with.

HIND LEGS

**First hind leg**

Working with one leg at a time, rejoin yarns A, B, C and E (grey and

dusky pink/grey 4-ply and fawn and black mohair) to one set of the 9 sts

that were separated from Back in Row 41 - (slip other 9 sts onto a safety

pin if it's easier) cont. as foll:

**Rows 1-9** Work 9 rows st st.

Cast off set.

**Second hind leg**

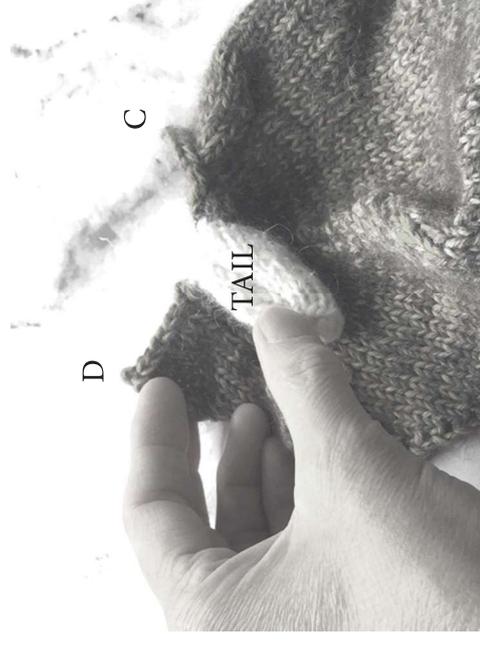Rejoin all three yarns and work Rows 1-9 similarly.

**RS facing, fold tail in half across the cast off edge, matching row ends, and back-sew across the cast off edge and along row ends to join the tail, seam lies under the tail. Turn out to RS. Weave yarn ends back in through the tail as stuffing.**

**Working on one side at a time, with RS facing, ease together then back stitch along row ends from hind leg/ body separation up to beginning of white tail to join leg to back - so joining A to B.** (*See Fig. 4*)

*Fig 4*

*Fig 5*



### FRONT

With yarns 2 strands yarn C, F and G (fawn mohair, white 4-ply, white mohair), RS facing, starting at the corner of the cast off edge from left leg (*See Fig. 5, C*) pick up and knit 6 sts evenly along the cast off edge, pick up and knit 1 st at tail seam and pick up and knit 6 sts evenly across cast off edge of right leg to D - 13sts

**Row 1 dec)** P5, p3 tog, p to end - 11sts

**Row 2 dec)** K3, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k to end - 9sts

**Rows 3 & 5** P

**Row 4 dec)** K2, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k to end - 7sts

**Row 6 inc)** K1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 - 9sts

**Rows 7** P

**Rows 8-13 inc)** Rep last 2 rows three times - 15sts

**... short rows to shape belly**

Short row 1 K13, W+Tk

Short row 2 P11, W+Tp

Short row 3 K10, W+Tk

Short row 4 P9, W+Tp

Short row 5 K8, W+Tk

Short row 6 P7, W+Tp

Short row 7 K11 sts across

**Row 14** P

**Row 15** inc) K1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 - 17sts

**Rows 16-19** inc) Rep last 2 rows twice - 21sts

**Rows 20-26** Work 7 rows st st. PM at each end last row for **Inner Thigh Marker**

**Row 27** dec) Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 19sts

**Row 28** P

**Rows 29-36** dec) Rep last 2 rows four times - 11sts. PM at each end last row for

**Inner Foreleg Marker #1**

**Rows 37-40** Work 4 rows st st

**Row 41** inc) K1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 - 13sts

**Row 42** P

**Rows 43-46** dec) Rep last 2 rows twice - 17sts. PM at each end last row for Inner

Foreleg Marker #2

**Rows 47-52** Work 6 rows st st. PM at each end last row for **Chin Marker**

CHIN

**Row 53** inc) K1, kfb, k6, kfb (marks **chin centre**), k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 - 20sts

**Row 54** P

**Row 55** dec) K8, k2 tog, Turn so purl-side faces and work on just left side sts as

foll:

**Left side**

**Row 56** dec) P7, p2 tog

**Row 57** dec) K6, k2 tog

**Row 58** dec) P5, p2 tog

**Row 59** dec) K4, k2 tog

Cast off 5 left chin sts p-wise.

**Right side**

RS facing, rejoin white yarns and fawn to rem. 10sts

**Row 55** dec) Skpo, k8 - 9sts

**Row 56** dec) P2 tog, p to end - 8sts

**Row 57** dec) Skpo, k to end - 7sts

**Rows 58-59** dec) Rep last 2 rows once - 5sts

Cast off 5 left chin sts p-wise.

FORELEGS **make 2 alike**

Working on one leg at a time, RS facing, with yarns A, B and C, beg. at

inner foreleg marker pick up and knit 6 sts along to the other inner foreleg

marker

**Rows 1-15** Beg. with a p-row, work 15 rows st st

**Row 16** inc) k1, kfb, k2, kfb, k1 - 8sts

**Rows 17, 19 & 21** P

**Row 18** inc) [K2, kfb] twice, k2 - 10sts

**Row 20** dec) k1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2 tog, k1 - 8sts

Cast off after last purl row.

RS facing back-sew to join cast off edge with row ends at foreleg - this creates the 'paw' seam.

Turn out to RS then mattress sew joining cast on/ cast off edges from outer foreleg with row ends from inner foreleg - you will note that the paw seam starts about a third of the way along the leg.

The forelegs are only stuffed with yarn endings.

Embroider black sts for toes.



PAW SEAM

BODY - *For a guide as to which markers are which see Fig. 6*

Working on one side at a time, join inner thigh marker to outer thigh marker then mattress-sew from here down towards tail end - easing row ends together - you may find it easier to pin in place first.

Join seam with mattress stitch from inner foreleg to inner thigh, easing row ends together. As mentioned - you may find it easier to pin in place first.

Stuff the rabbit into the head and body via the neck, making sure you ease stuffing into the shaping created at the cheeks, hind legs and back - though don't over stuff - you still want an element of floppiness.

Match the 'chin centre' (see Row 53) with the seam that runs beneath the nose then mattress-sew to join each side of the muzzle with each side of the chin, easing and matching shaping - the jaw markers and chin markers should also match.

**Finally:**

FACE - to make the face squish up a little, bend a length of yarn in half and pass the cut ends through a yarn sewing needle.

Pass the threaded needle through one side of the head - halfway between the ears and chin - and out the other side of the head then back in to emerge back out where you started - pull up to squish the face and secure the thread.

Also I like to pull up the chin a little by applying the same process, the stitch emerges behind the ears.

TAIL - sew the tip of the tail up onto the body to create that 'bob' tail.



JAW AND CHIN MARKERS

INNER FORELEG MARKER

INNER FORELEG MARKER

INNER AND OUTER THIGH MARKERS

*Fig 6*

HIND LEG FEET **make 2 alike**

With yarns A, B, C and E (grey and dusky pink/grey 4-ply, black and fawn mohair) cast on 9 sts leaving a long tail end to join foot to leg

**Rows 1-6** Work 6 rows st st

**Row 7** inc) K3, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end - 11sts

**Rows 8, 10, 12, 14 & 16** P

**Row 9** inc) K4, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end - 13sts

**Row 11** inc) K5, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end - 15sts

**Row 13** inc) K6, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end - 17sts

**Row 15** inc) K7, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end - 19sts

**Row 17** inc) K8, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end - 21sts

**Rows 18-24** Work 7 rows st st

**Row 25** dec) K5, skpo, k7, k2 tog, k5 - 19sts

**Rows 26, 28, 30 & 32** dec) P2 tog, p to last 2 sts, p2 tog - 17sts; 13sts; 9sts; 5sts

**Row 29** dec) K4, skpo, k5, k2 tog, k4 - 15sts

**Row 31** dec) K3, skpo, k3, k2 tog, k3 - 11sts

**Row 33** dec) K2, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k2 - 7sts

**Row 35** dec) K1, k3 tog, k1 - 3sts

Cut yarn leaving a long tail end with which to join seam, thread end through all sts.

**Fold in half across the cast on edge with WS facing matching the row ends and mattress sew, and stuff fairly well, all along the row ends across the bottom of each foot and up to the cast on edge - the cast on edge at the ankle is over-sewn to the body back - just behind the front seam.**

(See Figs. 7 & 8)

**Embroider black sts for toes.**



*Fig 7*



*Fig 8*

## Abbreviations

**K** = knit; **P** = purl; **inc** = increase; **dec** = decrease;

**M1** = make one; **foll** = follows; **K2 tog** = knit two together;

**Rep** = repeat; **RH/LH** = right hand/ left hand; **RS/WS** = right side/ wrong side; **st/ sts** =stitch/ stitches; **cont** = continue;

**Skpo** = slip one stitch, knit next stitch , pass slipped stitch over knit stitch; **Kfb** = knit into front then into back of stitch to increase by one stitch; **Pfb** = purl into front then into back of stitch to increase by one stitch; **Beg** = beginning; **rem** = remaining

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