



FINISHED SIZE 20cm/ 8in long - from tail to nose

YARN DK/ sport weight, however to create the multi-layering of colour I used two shades 4-ply yarn at a time in these shades:- **Drops Flora** shades 08 (brown) and 21 (pink), **Drops Alpaca** shades 4010 (fawn) and 0100 (off-white) - in all you'll need about 400 metres doubled up yarn

NEEDLES Pair 3.25mm/ US 3 knitting needles

TENSION 14 rows and 12 stitches over 5cm

EXTRAS Toy filling or scraps fabric or yarn for stuffing, two lengths black or grey black yarn, 16mm toy safety/ black amigurami safety eyes - however if the toy is intended for a very young child then embroider eyes instead

This pattern comes with a link to a 'how to make up' video tutorial - details on last page

Sitting Bunny

Begin at the nose

As mentioned in the contents, unless stated in the pattern, I have used two strands of yarn held together throughout and mostly with two different shades at once - in which case: with fawn and brown yarn cast on 13 sts

Rows 1-2 St st 2 rows

Row 3 inc) K5, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end - 15sts

Rows 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 & 14 P

Row 5 inc) K6, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end - 17sts

Row 7 inc) K7, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end - 19sts

Row 9 inc) K8, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end - 21sts

Row 11 inc) [K2, kfb] twice, k3, kfb, k1, kfb, k3, [kfb, k2] twice - 27sts

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- Row 13 inc)** K11, kfb, k3, kfb, k to end - 29sts
- Row 15 inc)** K2, kfb, k9, kfb, k3, kfb, k9, kfb, k2 - 33sts. Place marker at each end for **Neck**
- Rows 16-20** St st 5 rows
... decreases for head back
- Row 21 dec)** Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 31sts
- Row 22 dec)** P1, p2 tog, p to last 3 sts, p2 tog, p1 - 29sts
- Rows 23 dec)-24 dec)** Rep last 2 rows once - 25sts
- Row 25 dec)** Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 23sts
- Row 26 dec)** P1, p2 tog, p7, p3 tog, p to last 3 sts, p2 tog, p1 - 19sts. Place marker at each end for **Head back**
- Row 27 dec)** Skpo, k5, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 15sts.
- Row 28 dec)** P6, p3 tog, p6 - 13sts. Place marker at each end for **Ear** -

NOTE: Maybe use a different type of marker or different colour so that you don't confuse head back marker with ear marker

- Row 29 dec)** Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 11sts
- Row 30 P**
- Rows 31 dec)-34 Rep** last 2 rows twice - 7sts
- Rows 35-36 Work** 2 rows st st
- Row 37 inc)** K1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 - 9sts
- Row 38 P.** Place marker at each end for **Ear** (see NOTE above)
... head back
- Rows 39-40 Work** 2 rows st st
- Row 41 inc)** K1, kfb, k2, kfb, k2, kfb, k1 - 12sts

Row 42 P. Cast off.

EARS work both ears similarly

NOTE: I found it easiest to press the knitting first - but take care if you do and read the yarn manufacturer's guidance about pressing.

Working on one side at a time, RS facing and with fawn and pink yarns held together, pick up and knit 8 sts between 'ear' markers at the top of the head

Row 1 inc) Pfb (purl into front and knit into back of stitch to increase), p to last 2 sts, pfb - 10sts

Row 2 inc) K4, kfb twice, k4 - 12sts

Rows 3 & 5 P

Row 4 inc) K5, kfb twice, k5 - 14sts

Row 6 inc) K6, kfb twice, k6 - 16sts

Rows 7-15 Work 9 rows st st

Row 16 dec) K5, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k5 - 14sts

Rows 17, 19, 21 & 23 P

Row 18 dec) K4, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k4 - 12sts

Row 20 dec) K3, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k3 - 10sts

Row 22 dec) K2, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k2 - 8sts

Row 24 dec) K1, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k1 - 6sts

Row 25 dec) P2 tog, cast off 2sts, p2 tog, slip first st over 2nd.

Fasten off. Weave the tail ends in along one side of the ear.

TO MAKE UP THE HEAD

WS facing, fold ear in half along its length and join the very bottom - about 6mm/ .25in up from the base of the ear - leaving the rest of the ear open.

Then mattress join the few rows from the front of head to the back, from base of ear to where the cast off edge at head back meets the head back marker. (*)

Join nose - RS facing, fold the cast on edge at the nose in half and back stitch to join - but leave about 5mm (about 3 stitches) un-sewn at the top/ bend so that when the nose is turned out it creates a tiny nose. NOTE: All this can be seen on my YouTube video.

BACK

With RS facing and brown and fawn yarns held together, pick up and knit 6 sts evenly across the cast off edge at the head back and in between the seams at the sides of the head (*)

Row 1 inc) Cast on 8 sts, p14. Turn, cast on 8 sts - 22sts. Place marker at each end for **Body/Neck**

Row 2 inc) Kfb, k5, [kfb, k2] three times, kfb, k to last st, kfb - 28sts

Rows 3 & 5 P

Row 4 inc) Kfb, k8, [kfb, k2] three times, kfb, k to last st, kfb - 34sts

Row 6 inc) Kfb, 11, [kfb, k2] three times, kfb, k to last st, kfb - 40sts

Rows 7-13 Work 7 rows st st

Row 14 dec) Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 38sts

Rows 15, 17, 19 & 21 P

Row 16 dec) Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 36sts

Row 18 Skpo, k14, kfb, k2, kfb, k to last st sts, k2 tog. Place marker at each end of last row for leg creases

Row 20 Skpo, k14, kfb, k2, kfb, k to last st sts, k2 tog.

Row 22 dec) Skpo, k to last 2 sts k2 tog - 34sts

Row 23 P

Rows 24 dec) -35 Rep last 2 rows six times - 22sts

Row 36 inc) Cast on 10 sts, k18, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k8. Turn, cast on 10 sts - 40sts

Row 37 P

HIND LEGS

Row 38 inc) Short row 1 Cast on 7 sts, k8, W+Tk and cont. to work short rows as foll:

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

Short row 2 P1, 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) W+Tp. **Place stitch marker here for left leg crease**

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
 Short row 13 K12, W+Tk
 Short row 14 P13, W+Tp
 Short row 15 K across to the other side of the body
Row 39 inc) Short row 1 Cast on 7 sts, p8, W+Tp - 50sts
... short rows to create the top of the right leg
 Short row 2 K1, W+Tk - 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). **Place stitch marker here for right leg crease**
 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 R14 reads: K13, W+Tk
 Short row 13 P across to the other side of the body - 54sts
Row 40 dec) K24, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k to end - 52sts
Rows 41 & 43 P
Row 42 dec) K23, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k to end - 50sts
 ... separate legs from back
Row 44 dec) K22, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k13. Turn - 48sts
Row 45 dec) P2 tog, p26, p2 tog. Turn - 46sts

LOWER BACK
 Working on 28 sts for Back as foll:
Row 46 dec) K11, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k11. Turn - 26 back sts
Row 47 P 26 sts. Turn
Row 48 dec) K10, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k10. Turn - 24 back sts,
Rows 49, 51, 53, 55 & 57 P the back sts. Turn
Row 50 dec) K9, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k9. Turn - 22 back sts
Row 52 dec) K8, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k8. Turn - 20 back sts
Row 54 dec) K7, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k7. Turn - 18 back sts
Row 56 dec) K6, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k6. Turn - 16 back sts
 TAIL
 Cut brown and fawn yarn, join on 2 strands white yarn held together
Row 58 dec) Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 14sts
... short rows to create the bobtail
 Short row 1 P13, W+Tp
 Short row 2 K12, W+Tk
 Short row 3 P11, W+Tp
 Short row 4 K10, W+Tk
 Short row 5 P9, W+Tp
 Short row 6 K8, W+Tk
 Short row 7 P7, W+Tp
 Short row 8 K6, W+Tk
 Short row 9 P5, W+Tp
 Short row 10 K4, W+Tk

Short row 11 P3, W+Tp

Short row 12 K8 sts across

Cast off tail sts p-wise leaving a long tail end to sew the seam with.

WS facing, fold tail in half across the cast off edge and mattress sew to join cast off edge and white row ends. Weave yarn ends back in through the tail as stuffing.

HIND LEGS

Working with one leg at a time, rejoin brown and fawn yarn to one set of the 9 sts that were separated from Back in Row 44 - slip other 9 sts from the other leg on a safety pin if it's easier.

Rows 1-9 Work 9 rows st st

Cast off as set.

Rejoin brown and fawn yarn to the other set of 9 sts and work similarly.

Working on one side at a time, with RS facing, ease together then back stitch along row ends from leg/ body separation (see Row 44) across to beginning of white tail to join leg to back - so joining A to B. (see fig 1)
Join leg crease (Z) (see fig 1) - working on one side at a time and with RS facing, match the leg crease row end marker with the stitch marker (from Hind Leg Short Row 2) ease together and back stitch along to join the decreases row ends with the edge created by the short rows. Turn out to RS.



Fig 1

Before working on the Front join neck to body: -

Working on one side at a time, with RS facing, match the neck marker (see Row 15 at the beginning of the pattern) with the head back marker (see Back

Row 1) ease together then back stitch to join neck row with back cast on edge - in other words from neck to the seam before the base of the ear or visa vera - so joining C to D.

Picture below shows seam already sewn - side D is the cast on edge from Back - Row 1 and it has been joined from the base of the ear to the marker/ side C as shown...



FRONT

Using fawn and white yarn held together, RS facing and starting at the corner of the cast off edge from left leg (A), pick up and knit 5 sts along the cast off edge, pick up and knit 2 sts evenly under and across the base of the tail (*) and pick up and knit 5 sts across cast off edge of right leg to B - 12sts

Rows 1, 3, 5 & 7 P

Row 2 inc) K3, kfb, k4, kfb, k3 - 14sts

Row 4 inc) K4, kfb, k4, kfb, k4 - 16sts

Row 6 inc) K5, kfb, k4, kfb, k5 - 18sts

... short rows to shape belly

Short row 1 K15, W+Tk

Short row 2 P12, W+Tp

Short row 3 K11, W+Tk

Short row 4 P10, W+Tp

Short row 5 K9, W+Tk

Short row 6 P8, W+Tp

Short row 7 K13 sts across to end

Rows 8-20 Work 13 rows st st. Place marker at each end for **Leg seam**

matching

Row 21 dec) Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 16sts

Rows 22-24 Work 3 rows st st

... add foreleg markers

Row 25 K2, place marker for foreleg #1, k4, PM, k4, PM for foreleg#2, k4,

PM, k1

Rows 26 & 28 P

Row 27 dec) K7, k2 tog, k to end - 15sts

Rows 29-33 Work 5 rows st st

Row 34 dec) K6, k3 tog, k to end - 13sts

Rows 35-39 Work 5 rows st st

Row 40 dec) K5, k3 tog, k to end - 11sts

Row 41 P

Cut fawn yarn, join on a second strand of white yarn so working with two strands white

CHIN

Row 42 inc) Kfb, k to last st, kfb - 13sts

Row 43 P

Row 44 inc)- 45 Rep last 2 rows once - 15sts

Rows 46-49 Work 4 rows st st

Row 50 dec) K1, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k3, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k1 - 11sts

Rows 51 & 53 P

Row 52 dec) Skpo, k1, k2 tog, k1, skpo, k1, k2 tog - 7sts

Row 54 dec) K2, k3 tog, k2 - 5sts

Row 55 dec) P1, p3 tog, p1 - 3sts

Row 56 dec) K3 tog.

Fasten off.



FORELEGS work both similarly

With fawn and brown yarn held together, RS facing and working towards the chin, pick up and knit 4 sts in 4 sts that separate foreleg markers.

Row 1 inc) Cast on 2sts, p6. Turn, cast on 2sts - 8sts

Row 2 inc) [K2, kfb] twice, k2 - 10sts

Rows 3-14 Work 12 rows st st

... short rows to create the foreleg feet

Short row 1 P9, W+Tp

Short row 2 K8, W+Tk

Short row 3 P7, W+Tp

Short row 4 K6, W+Tk

Short row 5 P5, W+Tp

Short row 6 K4, W+Tk

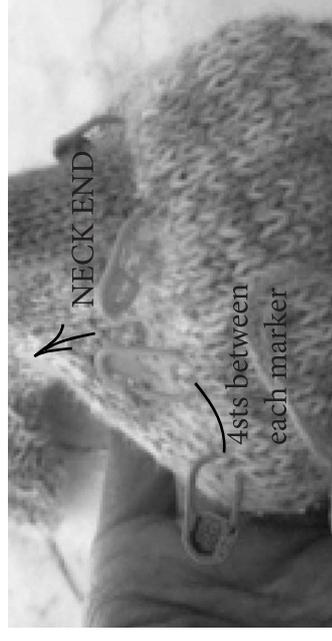
Short row 7 P3, W+Tp

Short row 8 K2, W+Tk

Short row 9 P6 sts across

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

Join the seam that runs under each foreleg with mattress stitch, stuff lightly and then sew around the cast off edge so joining it to the breast.



TO JOIN FRONT TO BACK

Working on just one side for the moment, match Leg Seam

Matching marker (see Row 56 from Front row 21) with end of the leg crease seam (see 'Z' Fig 1 on page 8). Ease the row ends from front and back together all the way up to where the seam starts at the side of the neck - you may wish to pin in place before sewing.

Ease the chin row ends to fit around the nose - the fastened off point at the chin (see Row 56 from Chin) should join with the centre seam at the nose cast on.

HIND LEG FEET make 2 alike

With brown and fawn yarn held together cast on 9 sts leaving a long tail end for which to join foot to leg with

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 18-26 Work 9 rows st st

Row 27 dec) K5, skpo, k7, k2 tog, k5 - 19sts

Rows 28, 30, 32 & 34 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.

Mattress sew, and stuff, along the row ends across the bottom and along the 'ankle' of each foot. Oversew the cast on edge.

Embroider black stitches for toes.

TO FINISH THE FACE AND HEAD

1. Stuff the head, making sure that the stuffing aids with the shaping of the cheeks and nose.

2. 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.

3. Pass the threaded needle through one side of the head - halfway

between the ears and chin - and out the other side of the head - about one inch away - then back in to emerge back out where you started - pull up to squish the face and secure the thread.

4. Insert the eyes into the dents and fasten securely.

5. Using a length of dark grey/ black yarn, embroider straight lines for the nose and the mouth over the mouth shaping as follows:

... secure thread and bring out at A - in at B - out at C, working over the 'a to b' stitch so creating the 'V'.

Work a stitch down to D and secure the yarn.



TO FINISH THE BODY

1. Working on one side at a time align the rear leg foot with the hind leg shaping - you will note that the edge of the hind leg naturally curls over a little - it's just beneath this 'curled' edge that you want to join with the centre and top of the foot - the ankle is sewn just behind the hind leg. (see Fig 1 & 2) - **NOTE** - the inside of the hind leg foot is left open for stuffing for the time being (see Fig 3)
2. Stuff the body into the shaping - at the haunches and back - before completing the sewing of the seam that will join belly to the inside of the hind leg foot. (See Fig 3)
3. Sew the feet of the forelegs together by making a couple of the stitches so that they sit just beneath the chin.



Fig 1



Fig 2



Fig 3



The link to the YouTube 'How to Make up' visual tutorial is here

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGyghHBvGvjPW5NSHXc0UA>

Abbreviations

K = knit P = purl

inc = increase dec = decrease

M1 = make one, with the tip of the right hand needle, pick up the horizontal bar

that lies in-between stitches and lift it onto the left hand needle, knit as usual - one

stitch increased 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

NOTE: If there is any part of this pattern that you don't understand then please

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