

Pom-Pom Blanket and Toy

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Materials

6 x Baby Cotton Dk (106m / 115yds) - Yarn A
4mm needles
4mm circular needles (used for the borders which are worked in rows)
Black embroidery thread
Optional toy safety eyes (use black yarn for under 3's)
Small stitch holder or safety pin
Toy Filling

Abbreviations

K = knit
P = purl
K2tog = knit next 2 sts together (to decrease 1 stitch - right slanting)
Kfb = knit into the front and back of next stitch (to increase 1 stitch)
M1 = Make 1 stitch by picking up the horizontal loop between the 2 needles and knitting into the back of the stitch
Rep = repeat
Skpo = slip next stitch, knit next stitch, pass slipped stitch over knitted stitch (to decrease 1 stitch - left slanting)
St st = stocking stitch (one row knit, one row purl, repeated)
Yrn = yarn around needle (to make a stitch)

Finished Size

60cm x 60cm

Blanket

Using Yarn A and 4mm needles, cast on 124 sts.
Foundation Row: P2,*K3, P2; rep from * to the last 2 sts, K1, P1.

Now start pattern:

Row 1: K1, K2tog, yrn *K3, K2tog, yrn; rep from * to the last 6 sts, K6.

Row 2: P3, *K3, P2; rep from * to the last st, P1.

Row 3: K5, K2tog, yrn *K3, K2tog, yrn; rep from * to the last 2 sts, K2.

Row 4: P1, K1, P2, *K3, P2; rep from * to the end.

Row 5: K4, K2tog, yrn, *K3, K2tog, yrn; rep from * to last 3 sts, K3.

Row 6: P1, K2, P2, *K3, P2; rep from * to the last 4 sts, K3, P1.

Row 7: K3, * K2tog, yrn, K3; rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 8: P1, *K3, P2; rep from * to the last 3 sts, K2, P1.

Row 9: K2, K2tog, yrn, *K3, K2tog, yrn; rep from * to last 5 sts, K5.

Row 10: P2,*K3, P2; rep from * to the last 2 sts, K1, P1.

Rows 1-10 form the pattern. Rep Rows 1-10 18 times more. Cast off loosely.

Borders

Lay blanket flat with cast off edge at the top and right side uppermost . Using 4mm circular needles, pick up and knit 130 sts along the right side of the blanket (row ends). Work 8 rows in garter stitch (every row knit). Cast off knitwise (wrong side is facing). Rep for left side of blanket.

Pick up and knit 130 sts along the cast on edge. Work 8 rows in garter stitch (every row knit). Cast off knitwise (wrong side is facing). Rep for cast off edge of blanket. Weave all ends into WS and trim.

Pom-poms (make 4):

Take a 30cm length of Yarn A and split the yarn into 2 strands. Lay one strand on a flat surface. Wrap Yarn A around 3 fingers 60 times. Remove wrapped yarn from fingers and place centrally on top of the strand of yarn. Carefully tie the strand of yarn around the middle of the

wrapped yarn. Tie tightly in knot. Do not cut the strand of yarn as you will need this to attach the pom-pom to the blanket later. Cut the wrapped ends of yarn then trim the pom-pom into a neat round ball. Make 4 pom-poms in total and attach each pom-pom to a corner of the blanket.

Toy

Body:

Using Yarn A and 4mm needles, cast on 14 sts.

Row 1: K.

Row 2: Kfb, K to last st, Kfb. (16 sts).

Row 3: K.

Rows 4-15: Rep Rows 2 & 3 six times. (28 sts).

Rows 16-25: Work 10 rows in garter stitch (every row knit).

Row 26: K2tog, K to last 2 sts, K2tog. (26 sts).

Row 27: K.

Rows 28-29: Rep Rows 26 & 27. (24 sts).

Rows 30-34: Rep Row 26 five times. (14 sts).

Rows 35-36: K 2 rows (fold lines).

Rows 37-41: Rep Row 2 five times (24 sts)

Row 42: K.

Row 43: Rep Row 2. (26 sts).

Rows 44-45: Rep Rows 42 & 43. (28 sts).

Rows 46-56: Work 11 rows in garter stitch (every row knit).

Row 57: Rep Row 26. (26 sts).

Row 58: K.

Rows 59-70: Rep Rows 57 & 58 six times. (14 sts).

Ears:

Next, K7, turn and work on these 7 sts only.

Place remaining 7 sts onto a stitch holder or safety pin. *Starting with P row, st st 9 rows.

Next Row: K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1. (11 sts).

Starting with a P row, st st 3 rows.

Next Row: K1, Skpo, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1. (9 sts).

Next Row: P.

Rep last 2 rows once then cast off**.

Place remaining 7 sts back onto needle. Using Yarn A, K all sts then rep from *to ** for second ear.

With RS facing you and cast on edge at the top, pick up and knit 7 sts from one half of cast on edge, using Yarn A. Rep from * to ** for back of first ear.

With RS facing you and cast on edge at the top, pick up and knit 7 sts from remaining half of cast on edge, using Yarn A. Rep from * to ** for back of second ear.

Fold knitted piece in half along fold line (with wrong sides together) and stitch the main body together using mattress stitch and matching yarn, leaving a space big enough to fill with toy filling. Next, Stitch the ears together (to make 2 ears) using mattress stitch and matching yarn. Fill lightly with toy filling so that the bunny is flat rather than round then stitch the remaining seam closed. Add eyes (use yarn eyes for under 3's) and stitch a "Y" for a nose/mouth.

