

# Baby Merino Floppy Bunny Toy INTERMEDIATE KNIT

Quick to knit up, these cuddly Floppy Bunnies are suitable for newborns to older babies. Knitted up in our super soft Baby 8Ply Merino they make the perfect blanket buddy and are easy for little hands to grab. The pattern is worked in one piece using garter stitch and finished off with a cute embroidered face.

## **MEASUREMENTS**

Width (approx)	cm	23
Length (approx)	cm	27
Yarn Required: Lincraft Baby 8ply Merino	50g balls	1
<b>OR</b> Lincraft Grasslands 8ply	50g balls	1
OR Makr Babysoft 8ply	100g balls	1

Please use only the yarn specified. Another yarn is likely to yield different results. Quantities are approximate as knitting styles may vary between knitters. Check the ball bands to ensure all yarn is from the same dye lot.

#### **DIFFICULTY** •••

## **NEEDLES:**

A pair of 4.00mm knitting needles. Wool needle for sewing in ends. Small amount of brown embroidery floss for face. Small amount of polyester stuffing.

## **TENSION:**

Tension is not important for this project.

## **KNITTING ABBREVIATIONS:**

K: Knit

**Kfb:** K1 into the fr of the next stitch on the needle but do not slide

the stitch off, K1 into the bk of the same stitch on the needle

and slide the stitch off the needle

**Inc:** Increase

M1: Make one by picking up the loop between two sts and

knitting into the back of it

**NOTE:** The Bunny is worked in one piece. The head should be worked tightly enough so that stuffing cannot be seen through it. The back and front of the head are knitted at the same time and the ears are knitted sideways.

## **BUNNY**

#### Base:

Cast on 1 st.

Row 1: KFB... 2 sts.

**Row 2:** Inc in first st, K1 ... 3 sts.

**Row 3:** Inc in first st, knit to end ... 4 sts.

Rep 3rd row 3 times... 7 sts.

Row 7: K3, M1, knit to end ... 8 sts.

Rep 7th row until there are 40 sts.

Cast on 12 sts at beg of next 2 rows (for "paws") ... 64 sts.

Knit 6 rows garter st.

Cast off 12 sts at beg of next 2 rows ... 40 sts.

Dec one st at beg of every row until 28 sts rem.

#### **Shape Head:**

**Row 1:** \* K2tog, rep from \* to end ... 14 sts.

Row 2: Inc once in each st ... 28 sts.

**Row 3:** \*P1, sl 1, rep from \* to end (this is knitting the front and back of the head at the same time).

Rep 3rd row until head measures 6cm.

## **Shape Ears:**

**Row 1:** P3tog, return st to left hand needle, cast on 17 sts, then P3tog, P15, [you now have 16 sts on right hand needle and 25 sts on left hand needle], turn.

Row 2: P14, P2tog, turn.

Row 3: P16, turn.

Row 4: P12, turn.

Row 5: P14, turn.

Row 6: P16, P2tog, turn.

Row 7: P18, turn.

Row 8: P16, P2tog, turn.

**Row 9:** Cast off 18 sts, P1, \* sl 1, P1, rep from \* to end, turn ... 20 sts.

## **Beg 2nd Ear:**

Row 1: P3tog, return st to left hand needle, cast on 17 sts, then P3tog, P15, [you now have 16 sts on right hand needle and 17 sts on left hand needle], turn.

Work 2nd to 9th rows as for 1st ear ... 12 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a 30cm length for sewing up.

## **FINISHING:**

With wool needle, thread yarn through every other st on needle, then back through rem sts. Remove knitting needle and stuff head with stuffing. Pull yarn tightly to close top of head and secure, embroider face.

Weave in ends. Tie a knot in each paw.

ITEM A: Flatlay of floppy bunny toys

