



KNIT
SKILL LEVEL
EASY

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft Essentials Baby™: 1 ball each 6624 Sweet Mint **A** and 6001 Cotton **B**

Susan Bates® Knitting
Needles: 3.25mm [US 3]

Black embroidery thread, yarn needle, fiberfill, 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ " (85mm) pompom maker

GAUGE: 21 sts = 4" [10 cm]; 35 rows = 4" [10 cm]. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size needles to obtain the gauge given.



RED HEART® Soft Essentials Baby™, Art E879 available in solid color 5 oz (141 g), 256 yd (234 m) and prints 4 oz (113 g), 204 yd (187 m) balls



Simple Bunny Toy

If you know anyone who loves bunnies, this huggable toy is a perfect gift! Simple shaping keeps this project easy to make and it's just too cute!

Bunny measures 11" (28 cm) tall and 12" (30.5 cm) long at base.

Special Abbreviations

M1L (Make One Left) = Pick up the bar between the last stitch you knit and the one you're about to knit, bringing the needle from front to back. Knit into the back of the stitch.

M1R (Make One Right) = Pick up the bar between the last stitch you knit and the one you're about to knit, bringing the needle from back to front. Knit into the front of the stitch.

BUNNY

Body (make 2)

With **A**, cast on 45 sts.

Rows 1-6: Knit across.

Row 7: K1, M1R, k to last st, M1L, k1 – 47 sts.

Rows 8-11: Repeat Row 7 – 55 sts.

Row 12: K to last st, M1L, k1 – 56 sts.

Row 13: K across.

Rows 14-21: Repeat Rows 12-13 – 60 sts.

Row 22: K1, M1R, k to last st, M1L, k1 – 62 sts.

Row 23: K across.

Rows 24-33: Repeat Rows 22-23 – 72 sts.

Rows 34-43: K across.

Row 44: K to last 2 sts, k2tog – 71 sts.

Row 45: K across.

Rows 46-49: Repeat Rows 44-45 – 69 sts.

Row 50: Cast on 7 sts for Head, k to end of row – 76 sts.

Row 51: K across.

Row 52: K1, M1R, k to last 2 sts, k2tog – 76 sts.

Row 53: K across.

Row 54: K1, M1R, k to end – 77 sts.

Row 55: K across.

Rows 56-71: Repeat Rows 52-55 – 81 sts.

Row 72: K1, M1R, k to last 2 sts, k2tog – 81 sts.

Row 73: K1, K2tog, k to last st, M1R, k1 – 81 sts.

Row 74: K across.

Row 75: Bind off 5 sts, k to end – 76 sts.

Row 76: K across.

Row 77: Bind off 5 sts, k to end – 71 sts.

Row 78: K across.

Row 79: Bind off 8 sts, k to end – 63 sts.

Row 80: K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog – 61 sts.

Row 81: Bind off 23 sts, k to end – 38 sts.

Row 82: K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog – 36 sts.

Rows 83-86: Repeat Row 82 – 28 sts.

Row 87: Bind off 3 sts, k to last 2 sts, k2tog – 24 sts.

Row 88: K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog – 22 sts.

Row 89: Bind off 2 sts, k to last 2 sts, k2tog – 19 sts.

Row 90: K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog – 17 sts.

Row 91: K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog – 15 sts.

Rows 92-95: Repeat Row 91 – 7 sts. Bind off, leaving a long tail for seaming later.

Outer Ears (make 2)

With **A**, cast on 12 sts.

Rows 1-24: K across.

Row 25: K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog – 10 sts.

Rows 26-27: K across.

Rows 28-36: Repeat Rows 25-27 – 4 sts. Bind off, leaving a long tail for seaming later.

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SHOP KIT

Inner Ears (make 2)

With **B**, cast on 10 sts.

Row 1: K across.

Row 2: P across.

Rows 3-18: Repeat Rows 1-2.

Row 19: K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog – 8 sts.

Row 20: P across.

Rows 21-24: Repeat Rows 19-20 – 4 sts.

Bind off, leaving a long tail for seaming later.

Belly

With **B**, cast on 51 sts.

Row 1: K across.

Row 2: P across.

Row 3: Cast on 1 st, k to end – 52 sts.

Row 4: P across.

Row 5: Cast on 1 st, k to end – 53 sts.

Row 6: P across.

Row 7: Cast on 1 st, k to end – 54 sts.

Row 8: P across.

Row 9: K across.

Row 10: P across.

Row 11: K2tog, k to end – 53 sts.

Row 12: P across.

Row 13: K2tog, k to end – 52 sts.

Row 14: P across.

Row 15: K2tog, k to end – 51 sts.

Bind off, leaving a long tail for seaming later.

FINISHING

With yarn needle and Right Side facing out, seam Inner Ear to Outer Ear. (Outer ear will curl over slightly.) Repeat for opposite ear.

Seam two Body pieces together from nose to back.

With black embroidery thread and yarn needle and using photo as a guide, embroider eyes and nose.

Fold bottom of assembled ears in half, then seam to top of head using photo as a guide.

Stuff bunny with fiberfill, adding extra to head and tail to give a round appearance.

Seam Body together from nose to base. Seam Belly piece between both sides of the base, placing the rounded edge close to where the tail will be and folding base pieces around to create a flat bottom.

Seam any remaining open Body sections together.

With **B**, make a 3¾" (85mm) pompom. Sew onto tail of bunny.

With yarn needle, weave in all loose ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

K = knit; **k2tog** = knit the next 2 stitches together; **mm** = millimeters; **p** = purl; **st(s)** = stitch(es).

