Little Bunny Toy

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
Height: 6½" (not including ears)

MATERIALS
Premier® Yarns *Little Bunny* (100% Polyester; 3.5oz/100 g, 109yds/100m)
- 2079-01 White – 1 skein

Needle: US Size 8 (5 mm) dpns, *or size needed to obtain gauge*
Notions: Tapestry needle, stitch marker, safety eyes or smooth black yarn for embroidering, smooth pink yarn for nose, polyester stuffing

GAUGE
14 sts x 20 rnds = 4" in St st
Save time, check your gauge.

Skills/techniques used in this pattern:
- Knit and purl stitches.
- Knit front and back increases.
- Knit 2 together and slip, slip knit decreases.
- Small circumference knitting in the round.
- Picking up stitches.
- Embroidering and attaching safety eyes.
- Working with textured yarns.

PATTERN NOTES
This toy is worked from the bottom up in the round. For safety purposes, it is recommended to embroider the eyes instead of using safety eyes for young children and babies that may chew on the toy.

TOY
Base
Cast on 4 sts, pm and join for working in the rnd, careful not to twist sts.
Rnd 1: [Kfb] 4 times – 4 sts inc'd, 8 sts total.
Even Rnds 2-8: Knit.
Rnd 3: [Kfb] 8 times – 8 sts inc'd, 16 sts total.
Rnd 5: *Kfb, k1; rep from * to end – 8 sts inc'd, 24 sts total.
Rnd 7: *Kfb, k2; rep from * to end – 8 sts inc'd, 32 sts total.
Rnd 9: *Kfb, k3; rep from * to end – 8 sts inc'd, 40 sts total.
Rnd 10: Purl.

Body
Work even in St st until piece measures 5" from Rnd 10 from previous section.

Shape Head
Rnd 1: *K3, k2tog; rep from * to end – 8 sts dec'd, 32 sts rem.
Even Rnds 2-6: Knit.
Rnd 3: *K2, k2tog; rep from * to end – 8 sts dec'd, 24 sts rem.
At this point, partially stuff Toy and using photos as a guide, add eyes 4" up from Rnd 10 of Base and 1½" apart and embroider nose, centered 1" below eyes.
Rnd 5: *K1, k2tog; rep from * to end – 8 sts dec'd, 16 sts rem.
Rnd 7: *K2tog; rep from * to end – 8 sts dec'd, 8 sts rem.
Rnd 8: Rep Rnd 7 – 4 sts rem.
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, finish stuffing Toy. Thread tail onto tapestry needle and draw through remaining sts, pull tight to close.

FINISHING

Ears

On top/side of Head, 1½" up diagonally from eye (use picture as a guide), pick up and knit 6 sts. Work even in Garter st for 2½".

Row 1: Ssk, k2, k2tog – 2 sts dec'd.

Even Rows 2-4: Knit.

Row 3: Ssk, k2tog – 2 sts dec'd.

Row 5: K2tog, cut yarn and pull end through to bind off last st.

Rep for other Ear.

Weave in ends.

Abbreviations

dec('d)	decrease(d)
Garter st	Knit every row.
inc('d)	increase(d)
k	knit
kfb	knit into the front and back of the next st (1 st inc'd)
k2tog	knit 2 sts together (1 st dec'd)
rem	remain(ing)
rep	repeat(ing)
rnd(s)	round(s)
RS	right side
pm	place marker
ssk	slip slip knit (1 st dec'd)
st(s)	stitch(es)
St st	Stockinette stitch: knit every rnd.

Note: Shown with Bunny Hop Blanket on previous page, pattern available at PremierYarns.com.