

Bunny Draft Stopper



Materials:

12 ply yarn OR 8ply yarn (enough 8ply to knit 2 strands as one)

size 5mm knitting needles

size 3.25mm needles and orange 8ply for the carrot

darning needle

Polyfil

Head:

Using 12 ply yarn OR 2 strands of 8ply GREY yarn and 5mm needles cast on 10 sts for back of head and stocking stitch 2 rows.

Next row: inc into every stitch – 20 sts.

P 1 row.

Next Row: (inc, K1) to end – 30 sts.

Beg with a P row st st 13 rows. Marking the centre st on the 11th row with a coloured thread.

Shape Face

Next Row: (K2, K2tog, K1) to end – 24 sts.

P 1 row.

Next Row: (K1, K2tog, K1) to end – 18 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, K2tog) to end – 12 sts.

P 1 row.

Next Row: (K2tog) to end – 6 sts. Break off yarn leaving an end, thread through remaining stitches, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Gather around cast on stitches, pull up tightly and fasten off. Join row ends leaving a gap in centre of seam for turning and stuffing. This seam will run underneath. Turn right side out and stuff firmly. Join gap in seam.

EARS:

Using size 5mm needles and 12 ply GREY yarn (or 2 strands of 8ply), cast on 11 stitches, leaving a long cast-on tail to secure ears to head. Work 8 rows in garter stitch. Working in garter stitch, decrease one stitch at each end of next and every following fourth row until you have three stitches left; decrease one stitch each row until you have one stitch left, pull yarn through and secure. Fold ears in half. Sew cast on edge together. Flatten this seam to open the ear up and position on the head. Sew securely to the head along your seam using a back stitch.

BODY:



Using 12 ply yarn OR 2 strands of 8ply GREY yarn and 5mm needles, cast on 11 stitches

Beginning with a knit row, increase into every stitch = 22 stitches

Next: Purl

Next: Increase into every stitch = 44 stitches.

Continue in stocking stitch for 26 rows.

Shape shoulders:

Row 1: K5, K 2 tog 6 times, K 10, K 2 tog 6 times, K5 = 32 stitches

Row 2: P5, P 2 tog 3 times, P 10, P 2 tog 3 times, K5 = 26 stitches

Stocking stitch 4 rows.

Cast off leaving a long tail for sewing up.

To Make up: Using your tail sew a gathering stitch around your cast off row and pull tight. Sew row edges together. Stuff body firmly and sew cast on edge together to close.

Arms: Beginning at shoulder.

Using 12 ply yarn OR 2 strands of 8ply GREY yarn and 5mm needles, cast on 4 stitches.

Knit one row.

Increase at each end of following 5 rows = 14 stitches.

Beginning with a knit row stocking stitch 26 rows.

Next: K2 tog to end = 7 stitches

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread this tail through the 7 stitches and pull tight. Sew row edges together. Stuff firmly.

Attach to the body aligning the shoulder decreases on the body with the cast on edge of the arm. The increase edges of the arm should come down 8 rows from the shoulder. Pin in place. Sew to the body stuffing the shoulder of the arm firmly as you close it.



Attaching head to body

Pin head to top of body matching seams. Sew as pinned.

Work face detail

Using pins mark position for eyes leaving 4 clear knitted sts either side of coloured marker on head. Using a length of yarn to match head colour work a few stitches from each pin through the head to indent for eye sockets. Using a length of black yarn work a large French knot for each eye.

Mark the mouth and nose with pins, then using black yarn work small straight stitches into a 'Y' shape, as shown in photo.

SHOES:

Upper: make 2

With 2 strands of GREEN 8ply yarn and size 5mm needles cast on 40 stitches.

Starting with a knit row, work 6 rows in stocking stitch.

Row 7: (K1, SKPO) twice, K28, (K2 tog, K1) twice.

Row 8: Purl

Row 9 - Row 12: Cast off 2 stitches at beginning of row, stocking stitch to end. 28 stitches.

Row 10 + Row 11: Knit.

Cast off.

Sole: make 2

Starting at the back of foot,

With 2 strands of BLACK 8ply yarn and size 5mm needles cast on 6 stitches.

Beginning with a knit row, stocking stitch 2 rows.

Next: Increase 1 stitch each end of next and following 2 4th rows.

Next: Beginning with a Purl row, stocking stitch 7 rows.

Next: Decrease 1 stitch each end of next and following 2 alternate rows = 6 stitches

Next: Purl

Cast off.

To make up:

Using back stitch and starting at ankle edge, sew decrease edge of upper together. Back stitch the edges of the sole to the cast on edge of the upper. Turn right side out.

WAISTCOAT:

Back: Using LIME 12 ply (or 2 strands of 8ply) and 5mm needles cast on 24 stitches.

K one row.

Beginning with a K row, work 16 rows in stocking stitch.

Shape armholes: Cast off 3 stitches beginning of next 2 rows = 18 stitches.

Cast off 1 stitch at the beginning of next 4 rows.

Stocking stitch 4 rows.

Cast off 3 stitches beginning of next 2 rows = 7 stitches.

K one row

Cast off knit wise.

Left Front: Cast on 2 stitches.

Row 1: knit

Row 2: Purl to last stitch, increase 1

Row 3: Cast on 2 stitches, knit to last stitch, increase 1 = 6 stitches

Repeat row 2 and 3 twice more = 15 stitches.

Stocking stitch 14 rows.

Shape armhole: Cast off 3 stitches beginning of row, knit to end.

Next row: purl

Next row: knit 2 tog, knit to end

Next row: Purl 2 tog, purl to end

Next row: knit

Repeat last 2 rows until 7 stitches remain.

Cast off 3 stitches, knit to end

Next row: purl

Cast off

Right Front:

Knit as for Left front but purl where it says knit, and knit where it says purl (to make a reverse shaping)

To Make up:

Starting at neck edge of left front, pick up 28 stitches down to the point. Knit one row. Cast off knitwise. Pick up 10 stitches from point to side. Knit one row. Cast off knitwise. Do the same for the right front starting at the side edge to the point and then from the point up the front edge. Sew shoulder seams together. Pick up 26 stitches along armhole edge. Knit one row. Cast off knitwise. Sew side seams together.

Place on your bunny and sew the front edges together. Sew buttons for decoration if you wish.

Bow Tie:

Using 2 strands of GREEN 8ply yarn and 5mm needles cast on 12 stitches.

Work in garter stitch for 8 rows.

Cast off.

Sew in loose threads. Using 2 strands of green wind yarn 4 times around the centre of the bow tie to gather it in. Knot securely. Using the tail of the knot, back stitch through the centre of the tie to just under the bunny's chin.

Legs: Measure your door.

Using 12 ply yarn OR 2 strands of 8ply yarn and 5mm needles, cast on 24 stitches. Work in garter stitch (knit both rows) until your piece measure 14cm **LESS** than the width of your door. (Your shoes will make up the difference)

Cast off.

To sew to your body: Find the centre of your body and mark with pins. Find the centre of your legs and match to the pins on the body. Counting 8 rows from the bottom of the body up - pin leg edge here. Turn your pinned legs inside out and sew together as far as you can towards the body. Turn legs right side out and stuff firmly. There should be a gap between the bottom of the bunny body and the leg fold - stuff this firmly, add stuffing around the body and the legs on either side of the body and sew the seam shut.

Attach a shoe to each end of the leg: Stuff each shoe and sew the cast off edge of the shoe to the 4th row of the beginning of the pants using a back stitch and the same colour yarn as the shoe, add extra stuffing if required.



CARROT:

With 3.25mm needles and orange 8ply yarn cast on 25 stitches. Stocking stitch 4 rows.

Next: K2 tog, knit 11, K2 tog, K to end

Stocking stitch 3 rows

Next: K2 tog, knit 10, K2 tog, K to end

Stocking stitch 3 rows

Next: K2 tog, Knit 9, K2 tog, K to end

Stocking stitch 3 rows

Next: K2 tog, Knit 8, K2 tog, K to end

Stocking stitch 3 rows

Next: K2 tog, Knit 7, K2 tog, K to end

Stocking stitch 3 rows

Next: K2 tog, Knit 6, K2 tog, K to end

Stocking stitch 3 rows

Next: K2 tog, Knit 5, K2 tog, K to end

Stocking stitch 7 rows

Next: K2 tog to last stitch, K1

Break of yarn leaving a long tail and thread through remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight. Leaving the top (cast on edge) open sew side edges together using a back stitch. Turn right side out. Stuff firmly with polyfil. Using a gathering stitch run around the open cast-on edge of the carrot and pull tightly. Bind off.

To make fronds: Using 3.25mm needles and green cast on 14 stitches. Cast off. Make 3. Sew together at one end. Sew in all loose threads. Sew firmly to the top of your carrot.