

Knitted Bunny

Make a bunny out of a square piece of knitting - -
it's almost as clever as pulling a rabbit out of hat!



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Yarn and Needles

Any slightly fuzzy, smoothly twisted yarn in your choice of bunny color. You will not need much yarn. Enough for about a 6 inch square plus a little more for the ears and sewing makes a nice size bunny.

Needles to knit your yarn to a gauge firm enough so stuffing won't show through unpleasantly, but not so firm as to reduce the "cuddly soft" feel and fuzziness. If there is a recommended needle size on your yarn label, usually this or a size smaller is fine (larger may be too loose).

Example: 35 yards sport weight yarn on size 5 needles.

Other supplies

- Tapestry needle
- Straight pins
- Stuffing

Instructions

Step 1: Knit the body

Cast on enough stitches for about 6 inches. [Example, in sportweight yarn on size 5 needles, cast on 35 stitches.]

Work plain in stockinette (knit 1 row, purl 1 row) until length is same as width. Bind off. Decide whether you want to use the knit (smooth) or purl (bumpy) side for the outside of your bunny.

Step 2: Sew the head

Using schematic at right as a guide, mark points A, A' and H with pins. Thread tapestry needle with a length of yarn about 24 inches. Leaving tail about 8 inches, start at A and sew with long stitches in a semicircle through point H, and back down to point A'. Gather this seam and tie ends in a square knot. Stuff head. Using ends of the gathering thread, sew chin closed.

Step 3: Sew front legs

Mark points B, B', C and C'. With ends of gathering thread in Step 2, sew edge AB to edge BC; and A'B' to B'C'.

Step 4: Sew back legs

Mark points D, E, F, D' E'. Thread tapestry needle with a length of yarn about 24 inches. Leaving tail of 12 inches, start at F and sew edge FE to edge ED. Then rethread needle with tail and sew edge FE' to edge E'D'.

Step 5: Complete the body

Firmly stuff the legs and body. Sew tummy seam closed. Bring the legs forward on the sides and sew the ends to either side of the bunny's tummy. Work in remaining ends invisibly.

Step 6: Make ears

Cast on 5 or 6 stitches. Knit in garter stitch (knit every row) 10 or 12 rows. Now, decrease a stitch every other row to form a long triangle. When only 2 stitches remain, knit one more row, then knit the 2 stitches together. Cut yarn and thread through remaining loop. Thread tapestry needle with cut end, and weave down through ear. Make another ear. With yarn ends, sew ears to each side of bunny's head, then fasten off invisibly.

Step 7: Tuft a tail

Take a small ball of stuffing and sew securely in place at bunny's rear. (Alternatively, you may pull a small amount of stuffing through with a fine crochet hook or similar.)

