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Edmund the Easter Bunny

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Yarn

Rowan Revive 1 x 50g (photographed in shade 461, Pumice)

Needles

1 pair 3.25mm (no 10) (US 3) needles

Extras

Washable toy stuffing, oddment of brown yarn for eyes and nose, 10cm strip of fabric for ear lining and paw pads (shown using Amy Butler 'Sun Spots'), Popcorn kernels or plastic beads.

Tension

24 sts and 32 rows to 10 cm measured over st st using 3.25mm (US 3) needles

Finished Size

Completed bunny sits approx 13cm (7ins) tall

Special Abbreviations

M1= make 1 by working into the front and back of next st

Body and head

Using 3.25mm (US 3) needles cast on 3 sts

Row 1: Purl

Row 2: K1, *M1, rep from * to end (5sts) **Row 3:** P1, *M1, rep from * to end (9sts) **Row 4:** K1, *M1, rep from * to end (17sts)

Row 5: Purl

Row 6: K1, *M1, K2, rep from * to last st, K1 (22sts)

Beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st st.

Row 10: K1, *M1, K2, rep from * to end (29sts)

Beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st st.

Row 14: K4, *M1, K4, rep from * to end (34sts)

Beg with a P row, work 5 rows in st st.

Row 20: As row 14 (40sts)

Beg with a P row, work 7 rows in st st.

Row 28: K15, K2tog, K6, sl1, K1, psso, K15 (38sts)

Purl next and every foll alt row

Row 30: K10, sl1, K1, psso, K2, K2tog, K6, sl1, K1, psso, K2,

K2tog, K10 (34sts)

Row 32: K9, sl1, K1, psso, K2, K2tog, K4, sl1, K1, psso, K2,

K2tog, K9 (30sts)

Row 34: *K2tog, K3, rep from * to end (24sts)

Row 36: *K2tog, K1, rep from * to end (16 sts)

Row 38: Knit

Row 39: Purl

Row 40: K13, wrap next st (by slipping next st on left needle onto right needle, taking yarn to opposite side of work between needles and then slipping same st back onto left needle – when working across wrapped sts work the wrapped st and the wrapping loop tog) and turn.

Row 41: P10, wrap next st and turn

Row 42: K8, M1, wrap next st and turn

Row 43: P8, M1, wrap next st and turn

Rep rows 42 and 43 seven times (32sts)

Row 58: Knit to end

Purl next and every foll alt row

Row 60: Knit

Row 62: K13, K2tog, K2, sl1, K1, psso, K13 (30sts)





Row 64: K12, K2tog, K2, sl1, K1, psso, K12 (28sts) Row 66: K10, K2tog, K4, sl1, K1, psso, K10 (26sts) Row 68: K8, K2tog, K6, sl1, K1, psso, K8 (24sts) Row 70: K6, K2tog, K8, sl1, K1, psso, K6 (22sts) Row 72: K1, *K2tog, K1, rep from * to end (15sts) Row 74: K1, *K2tog, rep from * to end (8sts) Row 75: *P2tog, rep from * to end (4sts) Thread yarn through rem 4 sts and fasten off.

Ears (make 2)

Using 3.25mm (US 3) needles cast on 5 sts

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: K2, P to last 2 sts, K2

These 2 rows form patt, cont in pattern for 2 rows

Row 5: K1, M1, K to last 2 sts, M1, K1 (7sts)

Beg with row 2 cont in patt, inc 1 st at each end of 6th and foll 4th row as set by row 5 (11sts)

Cont in pattern for a further 17 rows

Row 33: K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts, sl1, K1, psso, K1 (9sts) Cont in patt, dec 1 st at each end of 4th and foll alt row as set by row 33 (5sts)

Row 40: K2tog, P1, s11, K1, psso (3sts) Row 41: s11, K2tog tbl, psso and fasten off

Feet (make 2)

Using 3.25mm (US 3) needles cast on 5 sts

Beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st st

Row 4: K1, M1, K to the last 2 sts, M1, K1 (7sts)

Beg with a P row, work 5 rows in st st

Row 10: As row 4 (9sts)

Beg with a P row, work 7 rows in st st.

Row 18: K5, K2tog tbl, wrap next st (by slipping next st on left needle onto right needle, taking yarn to opposite side of work between needles and then slipping same st back onto left needle – when working across wrapped sts work the wrapped st and the wrapping loop tog and turn

Row 19: P2, P2tog tbl, wrap next st and turn

Row 20: K3tog, K to end (5sts)

Row 21: Purl

Row 22: K2tog, K1, K2tog tbl (3sts)

Thread yarn through rem 3 sts and fasten off.

Arms (make 2)

Using 3.25mm (US 3) needles cast on 8 sts

Row 1: Purl

Row 2: K2, M1, K2, M1, K2 (10sts)

Row 3: Purl

Row 4: K3, M1, K2, M1, K3 (12sts) Beg with a P row, work 7 rows in st st.

Row 12: K2, K2tog, K to the last 4 sts, K2tog tbl, K2 (10sts)

Row 13: Purl

Row 14: As row 12 (8sts)

Row 15: Purl

Row 16: *K2tog, rep from * to end (4sts)
Thread yarn through rem 4 sts and fasten off.

Making up

Sew up the back seam of the body to just before the neck. Stuff with toy filling until desired firmness is achieved.

Continue to sew up the back seam along back of neck and head, leaving a gap big enough for stuffing. Stuff the head and then sew up the remainder of head seam.

Pin ear pieces to fabric and cut out ear lining pieces allowing an extra 1cm all the way round. Zig zag stitch around the edge of the fabric to avoid fraying. With right sides facing, sew each ear to the ear lining leaving a gap at the top. Turn inside out, so that the correct sides of ear and lining are facing out. Sew up the gap on the right side, press, and then sew to head, using picture as a guide.

Pin feet pieces to fabric and cut out paw pad pieces allowing an extra 1cm all the way round. Zig zag stitch around the edge of the fabric to avoid fraying. With right sides facing, sew each foot to the paw pad leaving a gap at the top. Turn inside out, so that the correct sides of the feet and pad are facing out. Fill the feet with popcorn kernels or plastic beads. Sew up the gap on the right side and then sew to base, using picture as a guide.

Sew up arm seams leaving a gap at the cast on edge. Stuff lightly then sew to body, along cast on edge, using the picture as a guide.

Using oddment of brown yarn, stitch on a nose and eyes.

