

Toy Rabbit

(ILLUSTRATED AT LEFT)

MATERIALS:-

PATONS BEEHIVE Fingering, 3-ply.

"Patonised" Shrink-Resist Finish.

Quantities.-

Tan 3 ozs. White 1 oz.

Small Quantity of Black.

"Parfrey" Knitting Needles . . 1 pair No. 11 measured on a Beehive Needle Gauge.

Two Shoe Buttons.

Stuffing.

A few Broom Hairs for Whiskers.

ABBREVIATIONS:-See page 26.

TENSION:—Work at a tension to produce 5 stitches to the inch in width. Check tension—see page 26.

Use three strands of wool throughout when knitting.

BODY AND HEAD.—With Tan Wool, cast on 40 sts. and work 10 rows in moss-stitch.

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11th row.—Cast off 12 sts. for leg, work to end. Work one row moss. Now decrease 1 st. at front edge on next and every alternate row, until 25 sts. remain.

Work 2 inches straight. Now shape back by decreasing 1 st. at end of next and every 4th row, keeping front edge straight, until 18 sts. remain, then decrease 1 st. at same edge on every alternate row, until 13 sts. remain.

Now shape for head.—With right side of work facing, i.e., back edge to left, cast on 2 sts., moss to end. Repeat this row once.

Next row.—Increase 1 st. at beginning of row, moss to end.

Next row.—Moss. Repeat these two rows once. Work 2 rows in moss.

Next row.—Increase 1 st. at each end of row (21 sts.). Moss 1 row.

Next row.—Decrease 1 st. at beginning, moss to end. Work 3 rows straight. Now decrease 1 st. at each end of every alternate row, until 12 sts. remain. Cast off.

Work another Piece the same.

FRONT GUSSET.—With White Wool, cast on 60 sts., and work one row in moss.

Next row.—Moss 28, P.2 tog., K.2 tog., Moss 28. Next row.—Moss.

Next row.--Moss 27, K.2 tog., P.2 tog., moss 27.

Continue thus, decreasing 2 sts. at centre in every alternate row, until 50 sts. remain. Now carry on decreasing 2 sts. at centre in every 4th row instead of every alternate row and at the same time shape legs by casting off 12 sts. at beginning of next 2 rows, then decrease 1 st. at each end of next 3 alternate rows (16 sts.). Work straight for 2 inches.

Next row.—Moss 6, P.2 tog., K.2 tog., moss 6. Work 1 inch straight, then decrease 2 sts. at centre in next and every 6th row, until 6 sts. remain. Work 4 rows in moss and cast off by taking 2 sts. together.

HEAD GUSSET.—With Tan Wool, cast on 3 sts. and work in moss-stitch, increasing 1 st. at each end of every 4th row, until 11 sts. remain. Work straight for 2 inches, then decrease 1 st. at each end of every 4th row, until 3 sts. remain. Work 3 rows straight. Cast off.

EAR.—With Tan Wool, cast on 3 sts. and work in moss-stitch, increasing 1 st. at each end of 2nd and every following 8th row, until there are 11 sts. on needle. Work straight, until work measures 6 inches. Cast off.

Work another Piece the same.

FRONT LEGS.—With Tan Wool, cast on 20 sts. and work in moss-stitch for 2 inches. Cast off. Work another Piece the same.

TO MAKE UP.—Join back seams. Insert front gusset, leaving opening for stuffing at base. Sew front seams of head together. Insert head gusset. Stuff whole body from base and stitch opening. Fold front legs in half lengthways and stitch edges together, gathering the long seam slightly, to shape the leg, then stuff and sew to body. Line ears with canvas, using an old stocking as outer lining, and sew against head.

Tail consists of a White Wool ball made by winding wool over a circular piece of cardboard. Eyes are made with two shoe buttons. Embroider nose and mouth in Black Wool. Stitch on whiskers.

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