

## PETER RABBIT TOY PATTERN

- Toys can be made with any colour combination - the brighter the toy, the more the kids like them.

### Materials

- Small amounts of 8 ply yarn
- Synthetic fill
- 3.75 mm needles



### Feet and legs (make 2)

With foot colour, cast on 12 stitches  
 Knit 1 row  
 Increase in each stitch to end - (24 stitches)  
 Knit 9 more rows in Garter Stitch

### Change Colour for Legs/Pants

Knit 1 row  
 Knit 19 rows in Moss Stitch  
 Do not break off yarn from 2nd leg

### Body

Working across both legs - (48 sts)  
 Place coloured markers at each end of 1st row, and work 16 more rows moss stitch for pants

### Change colour or pattern for shirt

Knit 18 rows stocking stitch  
**19th row:** K10, K2tog four times, K12, K2tog four times, K10. - (40 sts)  
**20th row:** Purl  
**21st row:** K8, K2tog four times, K8, K2tog four times, K8. - (32 sts)  
**22nd row:** Change to head colour. Purl.

### Shape head and neck:

**1st row:** K7, inc in 2 sts, K14, inc in 2 sts, K7 - (36 sts)  
**2nd row:** P8, inc in 2 sts, P16, inc in 2 sts, P8 - (40 sts)  
**3rd row:** K9, inc in 2 sts, K18, inc in 2 sts, K9 - (44 sts)

**4th and alternate rows to row 26:** Purl

**5th row:** K10, inc in 2 sts, K20, inc in 2 sts, K10 - (48 sts)  
**7th row:** K11, inc in 2 sts, K22, inc in 2 sts, K11 - (52 sts)  
**9th row:** K12, inc in 2 sts, K24, inc in 2 sts, K12 - (56 sts)

Stocking Stitch 7 rows placing a coloured marker in the centre of 7th row.

**17th row:** K12, K2tog twice, K24, K2tog twice, K12 - (52 sts)  
**19th row:** K11, K2tog twice, K22, K2tog twice, K11 - (48 sts)  
**21st row:** K10, K2tog twice, K20, K2tog twice, K10 - (44 sts)  
**23rd row:** K9, K2tog twice, K18, K2tog twice, K9 - (40 sts)  
**25th row:** K8, K2tog twice, K16, K2tog twice, K8 - (36 sts)  
**27th row:** K7, K2tog twice, K14, K2tog twice, K7 - (32 sts)  
**28th row:** P6, P2tog twice, P12, P2tog twice, P6 - (28 sts)  
**29th row:** K5, K2tog twice, K10, K2tog twice, K5 - (24 sts)

Place coloured markers at dec sts of previous row to mark position of ears.

**30th row:** P4, P2tog twice, P8, P2tog twice, P4 - (20 sts)

**31st row:** Knit.

Cast off.

### To make up legs, body and head:

With right side of work facing, join (backstitch) back seam from top of head down to coloured markers at top of legs. Fold top of head so that back seam is in line with centre of cast off row, and oversew this seam closed. Fold leg so that row ends are level, and join seam of foot, oversew cast on row to become underfoot seam. Repeat with other leg. Do not sew the seams of legs at this stage. Turn the rabbit right side out and stuff through legs opening. Stuff feet and legs and close seam. Put a running stitch around neck at first row of head and pull up firmly to shape neck, tie ends of yarn securely and run excess ends into body.

### Arms (make 2)

Cast on 12 sts in paw colour.

Knit 1 row.

Inc in every st to end - 24 sts.

Knit 7 rows Garter Stitch

Change to sleeve colour and stockin stitch 12 rows.

Dec at each end of every row until 12 sts.

**Next row:** (K2tog) to end - 6 sts.

Cast off.

### To make up arms:

With right side facing, join row ends to beginning of upper arm shaping. Oversew cast on row closed. Stuff lightly (do not stretch stitches open). Place top of arm two rows below neck-line and level with shoulder shaping. Slip stitch into position.

### Ears (make 2)

Cast on 10 stitches

Purl 1 row.

**Next row:** Inc in every st to end - 20 sts.

Knit 23 rows Garter Stitch

**Next row:** K3, K2tog twice, K6, K2tog twice, K3.

**Next row:** Knit 1 row.

**Next row:** K2, K2tog twice, K4, K2tog twice, K2.

**Next row:** Knit 1 row.

**Next row:** K2tog to end - 6 sts. B & T tightly.

- Oversee row ends and cast-on stitches.
- Pinch cast-on edge in half to form ear fold
- Place on head at coloured markers and sew **securely** in position (remember that a small child will probably carry the rabbit by the ears!)
- Using a red coloured pencil lightly shade the lining of the ears.

## Tail

Cast on 14 sts.

Knit 1 row.

**Next row:** Inc in every st to end - 28 sts.  
Knit 11 rows stocking stitch, with K1 at each end of purl rows.

**Next row:** K2tog to end - 14 sts.  
B & T tightly

- Note: wrong side of stocking stitch is right side of tail
- Join row ends
- Stuff tail, then gather cast on row and draw up tightly
- Sew to centre of body just above the legs

## Face

Top of eyes will be level with the coloured marker in centre of face at 16th row.

## Eyes

2 rows deep, 6 sts apart (i.e. - 3 stitches either side of the marker) (make 1 backstitch surrounded by a chain stitch)

## Nose

1 row below eyes, 2 stitches wide, 3 rows deep, making 2 backstitches in each of the 3 rows.

## Lip and Mouth

Make 2 small backstitches down from centre of nose, and backstitch an inverted V for mouth

## Whiskers

Using black embroidery thread work 3 whiskers on each side of face, beginning 1 stitch out from the lower corners of nose and radiating out 3 stitches, 4 stitches, and 3 stitches.