TIME RABBIT KNITTING PATTERN

MEASUREMENT

Approx 16-17 cm from tip of feet to the top of the head (excluding ears)

EQUIPMENT

Pair 3.25mm knitting needles Needle to sew up rabbit Large-eyed embroidery needle

MATERIALS

25g Double Knitting yarn in bright yellow (eg King Cold Dollymix in Gold) Small amount of polyester toy stuffing Small amounts of red and black dk or 4ply yarn (or you could use embroidery thread)



ABBREVIATIONS

Inc 1 – Increase by knitting into front and back of next stitch K – Knit K2tog – knit next 2 sts together M1 – make one by picking up loop between st on needle and next st and knitting into back P – Purl Psso – pass slip stitch over (knit st) P2tog – purl the next 2 stitches together P2tog tbl – purl the next 2 stitches together through the back of loops St/sts – stitch/stitches St st – stocking stitch – alternate rows of knit and purl Sl1 – slip next st without knitting it

RABBIT

BODY AND HEAD - knitted in one piece from base of body to top of head

Cast on 20 sts R1 – K3, inc1, K1, inc1, K7, inc1, K1, inc1, K4 (24 sts) R2 – P R3 – K5, M1, K2, M1, K10, M1, K2, M1, K5 (28 sts) R4 – P R5 – K6, M1, K2, M1, K12, M1, K2, M1, K6 (32 sts) R6 – P

Work 10 rows in st st beginning with a K row.

R17 – *K1, [K2tog] 3 times, K2, [sl1, K1, psso]3 times, K1. Repeat from * (20 sts) R18 – P1, P2tog, P2tog tbl, P1, P2tog, P2tog, P2tog tbl, P2tog tbl, P1, P2tog, P2tog, P1 (12 sts) R19 – K R20 – P R21 – [K1, M1] 5 times, K2, [M1, K1] 5 times (22 sts) R22 – P R23 – [K2, M1] twice, K3, M1, K2, M1, K4, M1, K2, M1, K3 [M1, K2] twice (30 sts) Work 7 rows st st beginning with P row

R31 – K2, [K2tog, K1] twice, K1, [S1, K1, psso, K1] twice, K1, [K1, K2tog] twice, [K1, S1, K1, psso] twice, K2 (22 sts)
R32 – [P1, P2tog] repeat to last st, P1 (15 sts)

Cast off

LEGS (knitted from top of thigh to tip of foot) Make 2 Cast on 10 sts Work 6 rows in st st beginning with a k row R7 – K2, M1, K3, M1, K3, M1, K2 (13 sts) Work 7 rows in st st beginning with a p row R15 – [Sl1, K1, psso] 3 times, K1, [K2tog] 3 times (6 sts) Break yarn, thread it through remaining sts, pull up and fasten securely

ARMS (knitted from top of arm to tip of hand) Make 2 Cast on 9 sts Work 12 rows in st st beginning with a k row R13 – [sl1, K1, psso] twice, K1 [K2tog] twice (5 sts) Break yarn, thread it through remaining sts, pull up and fasten securely

EARS (knitted from base to tip)

Make 2 Cast on 4 sts Knit 14 rows R15 – Sl1, K1, psso, K2tog (2 sts) R16 – P2tog Fasten off

MAKING UP

Sew edges of body and head together (centre back seam). Close seam at top of head. Stuff head and body, sew up seam at base of body.

Sew back seams of arms and legs, leaving top edges open. Stuff fairly lightly. Sew arms in place, just to the front rather than exactly on the sides. Sew legs in place. Sew ears in place.

Use black yarn (or embroidery thread) to embroider 2 French knots for eyes and one French knot for nose. Embroider a straight st for the mouth.

Use red yarn (or embroidery thread) to embroider a circle in chain st on the rabbits tummy for a clock face. Add French knots for the eyes and work a flattened 'v' in straight st for the smiley mouth or an upside-down flattened 'v' for the sad mouth.