

# Jelly Bunnies

Here is a pattern designed for the novice knitter or for children who have just learned to knit. These cute little bunnies with expressions to match your mood are so quick and simple to knit. They have very little sewing up to do and can be made in just a couple of evenings.

## Materials

50g (1¾oz) neon pink, green and yellow DK (8-ply) yarn  
Safety stuffing  
Embroidery cotton for features  
Butterfly motifs if desired

## Needles

4.0mm (UK 8, US 6)  
3.25mm (UK 10, US 3)

## Tension (gauge)

22 sts x 30 rows measures 10 x 10cm (4 x 4in)  
using 4.0mm (UK 8, US 6) needles over st st

## Size

12cm (4¾in) wide, 18cm (7in) tall

## Body, head and legs

Using 4.0mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and colour of your choice cast on 30 sts.

Rows 1–4: work in garter stitch.

Rows 5–40: beginning with a knit row, work in st st.

## Shape top of head

Row 1: \* k3, k2tog, rep from \* to end (24 sts).

Row 2: purl.

Row 3: \* k2, k2tog, rep from \* to end (18 sts).

Row 4: purl.

Row 5: \* k1, k2tog, rep from \* to end (12 sts).

Row 6: (p2tog) across row (6 sts).

Break yarn and run through sts on needle, draw up tight and fasten off.

## Arms

Make two, worked in st st.

Using 4.0mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and colour of your choice cast on 4 sts.

Row 1: purl.

Row 2: inc in every st to end (8 sts).

Row 3: purl.

Row 4: inc every st to end (16 sts).

Rows 5–15: beginning with a purl row, work in st st.



Row 16: (k2tog) across row (8 sts).

Row 17: purl.

Row 18: (k2tog) across row (4 sts).

Break yarn and run thread through sts on needle, draw thread through and secure.

## Ears

Make two alike, worked in garter stitch.

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and colour of your choice cast on 4 sts.

Row 1: knit.

Row 2: inc in first and last st (6 sts).

Row 3: knit.

Rep last 2 rows to 10 sts.

Rows 8–23: work in garter stitch.

This is the base of the ear.

Cast off.

## Making up

Partly sew up the head and body piece along the seam. This will run down the back of the bunny. Stuff quite firmly, then sew closed. Count 14 rows down from the first row of head shaping, and mark this row for the neckline. Take a blunt-ended needle and thread it with matching yarn. Secure the yarn to the back seam at the marked row. Now run the yarn through each stitch all around the neckline to the back seam where you began. Pull the yarn firmly and you will see the head begin to take shape. Continue pulling until the head forms a nice rounded ball shape. Don't over-tighten. Secure the yarn at the back seam.

To define the legs, begin at the centre base of the rabbit. You will now sew through the whole thickness of the body from back to front. Sew backwards and forwards, drawing the stitches tight as you do. Continue working along the first 12 rows then secure the thread and fasten off.

Take the ears and make a pleat at the base of each one by folding each side into the centre and catching together with a few stitches. Sew the ears to the top of the bunny's head. Make a small pom-pom from matching yarn and attach it to the body. Embroider the facial features with dark yarn of your choice. Attach a butterfly motif, or similar, if desired.

