Free Knitting Pattern
Lion Brand® Fun Fur®
Pocket Pet: Calico Kitten

Pattern Number: BK4K-0509003

This tiny stuffed animal is fun to play with or to use to decorate a backpack. Learn intarsia knitting when you make it, too! This is lesson 5 from our series of 'learn to knit' pocket pet projects

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SKILL LEVEL: Easy (Level 2)

SIZE: One Size
11 inches long, including tail [approximately 28 cm]
CORRECTIONS: None as of Aug 16, 2016. To check for later updates, click here.

MATERIALS
- 320-100 Lion Brand Fun Fur Yarn: White
    1 Ball (A)
- 320-133 Lion Brand Fun Fur Yarn: Tangerine
    1 Ball
- 320-153 Lion Brand Fun Fur Yarn: Black
    1 Ball
- Lion Brand Knitting Needles- Size 8 [5 mm]
- Lion Brand Large-Eye Blunt Needles (Set of 6)
- Additional Materials
    Scrap of smooth black yarn for eyes and nose, approximately 12 inches [30 cm]
    Scrap of smooth black yellow for eyes, approximately 12 inches [30 cm]
    Sewing needle and white sewing thread
    1 oz polyester stuffing
    small quantity black felt
    4 spring-style clothespins (used as bobbins)
    10-12 4 inch [10 cm] Soft black broom bristles (ours were clipped from a whisk broom.)
    Note: If it is not your broom, be SURE to check with the broom's owner to make sure it is ok before you start cutting on it!

*Fun Fur (Article #320). 100% Polyester; package size: **Solids:** 1.75 oz/50g; 64 yd/58m balls
Prints: 1.5 oz/40g; 57 yd/52m balls
Exotics: 1.75 oz/50g; 55 yd/50m balls
(**Note:** Exotics shades are lay flat to dry)

GAUGE:

24 stitches x 24 rows = 4 inches (10 cm) When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. The needle or hook size called for in the pattern is based on what the designer used, but it is not unusual for gauge to vary from person to person. If it takes you fewer stitches and rows to make your swatch, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

Making a Gauge Swatch

KITTEN

Note: When changing between colors, it is very important to twist the two strands over each other each time you change from one color to the other If you do not, there will be holes in your work!
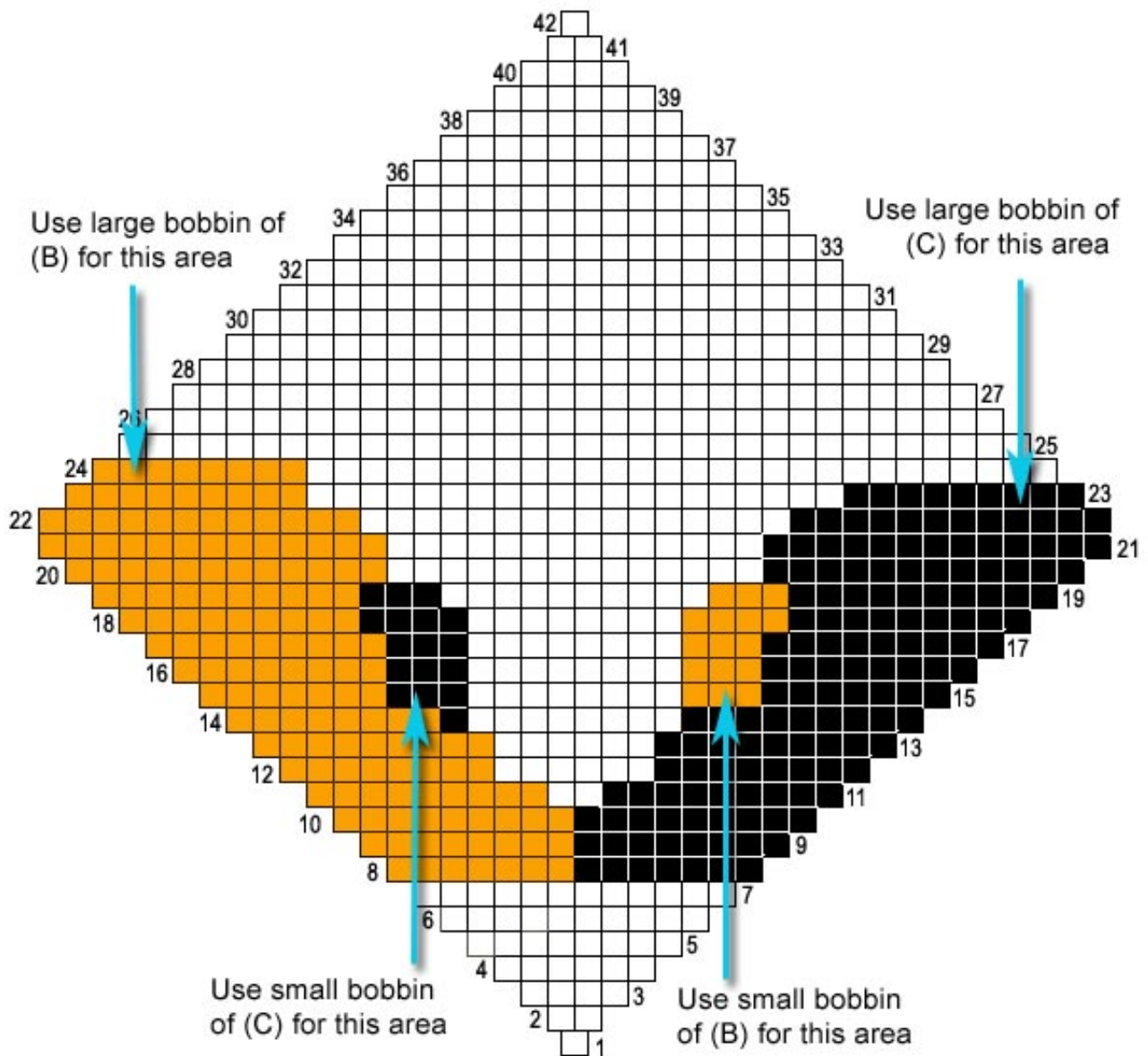
The diagram below shows how the stitches are placed in this pocket pet (you'll be starting at row 1 on the bottom. There are several rows where you will be using all three colors of yarn. To keep from getting all tangled up, we are going to wind the quantity of yarn that we will need on around wooden spring-type clothespins. The clothespin can be closed on the yarn to keep it from unwinding. In this

type of knitting, small holders like this are called 'bobbins'. If your bobbins get tangled when you are knitting, you can just hold the piece up so the bobbins hang down and they will generally just untangle themselves!

Cut two lengths of B; one about 2 yards [approximately 2 m] in length, and one about 10 yards [approximately 3.5 m]. Prepare a separate bobbin for each. The bobbin with the most yarn is called the 'large bobbin' in this project.

Cut two lengths of C; one about 2 yards [approximately 2 m] in length, and one about 10 yards [approximately 3.5 m]. Prepare a separate bobbin for each.

Use large bobbin of (B) for this area

Use large bobbin of (C) for this area

Use small bobbin of (C) for this area

Use small bobbin of (B) for this area

Row 1: With A, cast on 1 stitch.
Row 2: Knit in front and back of first stitch. You now have 2 stitches on your needle!

> Note: Knitting twice into a stitch (once in front and once in back) is one way to do an increase and make more stitches.

- Knit into the front loop of the next stitch on your left-hand needle as you would normally, pull the loop of the new stitch through but don't remove the stitch from the left needle.
- Then knit into the back loop of the same stitch so you have two stitches.
- Finally, slide the original stitch off the left needle.

Row 3: Knit in front and back of first stitch, knit in front and back of last stitch. You now have 4 stitches on your needle.

Rows 4-6: Knit in front and back of first stitch, knit to last stitch, knit in front and back of last stitch. In each row, you are adding one stitch at the beginning of the row and one at the end of the row.

Row 7: Knit in front and back of first stitch, knit to last stitch, knit in front and back of last stitch. Cut yarn, leaving short tail; weave end in when knitting next row.

Row 8: With the large bobbin of B, knit into front and back of first stitch; knit for a total of 7 stitches. Using the large bobbin of C, change to C and knit to last stitch, knit in front and back of last stitch. Note: when changing, do not cut B -- leave the bobbin attached to the work.

Row 9: Knit into front and back of first stitch; knit for a total of 8 stitches. Change to B (don't forget to twist the yarns together), and knit to last stitch, knit in front and back of last stitch.

Row 10: Knit into front and back of first stitch; knit for a total of 9 stitches. Change to C (remember to twist!), and knit to last stitch, knit in front and back of last stitch.

Row 11: Knit into front and back of first stitch; knit for a total of 9 stitches. Change to A (don't forget to twist!), knit 2 stitches. Change to B, and knit to last stitch, knit in front and back of last stitch.

Row 12: Knit into front and back of first stitch; knit for a total of 8 stitches. Change to A (twist!), knit 6 stitches. Change to C (twist!), and knit to last stitch, knit in front and back of last stitch.

Row 13: Knit into front and back of first stitch; knit for a total of 9 stitches. Change to A (what are you supposed to remember to do?), knit 6 stitches. Change to B, and knit to last stitch, knit in front and back of last stitch.

Row 14: Knit into front and back of first stitch; knit for a total of 8 stitches. Using the small bobbin of C, change to C and knit one stitch (don't forget to twist!) Change to A, knit 8 stitches. Using the small bobbin of B, change to B and knit one stitch. Change to the large bobbin of C, and knit to last stitch, knit in front and back of last stitch.

Row 15: Knit into front and back of first stitch; knit for a total of 7 stitches. Using the small bobbin of B, change to B and knit 3 stitches. Change to A, knit 8 stitches. Change to the small bobbin of C and knit 3 stitches. Change to the large bobbin of B, and knit to last stitch, knit in front and back of last stitch.

Row 16: Knit into front and back of first stitch; knit for a total of 8 stitches. Change to the small bobbin of C and knit 3 stitches. Change to A, knit 8 stitches. Change to the small bobbin of B and knit 3 stitches. Change to the large bobbin of C, and knit to last stitch, knit in front and back of last stitch.

Row 17: Knit into front and back of first stitch; knit for a total of 9 stitches. Change to the small bobbin of B and knit 3 stitches. Change to A, knit 8 stitches. Change to the small bobbin of C and knit 3 stitches. Change to the large bobbin of B, and knit to last stitch, knit in front and back of last stitch.

Row 18: Knit into front and back of first stitch; knit for a total of 9 stitches. Change to the small bobbin of C and knit 4 stitches. Change to A, knit 8 stitches. Change to the small bobbin of B and knit 4 stitches. Change to the large bobbin of C, and knit to last stitch, knit in front and back of last stitch

Row 19: Knit into front and back of first stitch; knit for a total of 10 stitches. Change to the small bobbin of B and knit 3 stitches. Change to A, knit 10 stitches. Change to the small bobbin of C and knit 3 stitches. Cut yarn on small bobbin, leaving short tail. Change to the large bobbin of B, and, holding B and the cut tail of C together, knit to last stitch, knit in front and back of last stitch.

Row 20: Knit into front and back of first stitch; knit for a total of 12 stitches. Change to A, knit 14 stitches. Cut the small bobbin of B, leaving a short tail. Change to the large bobbin of C. Holding C and the cut tail together, knit to last stitch, knit in front and back of last stitch

Row 21: Knit into front and back of first stitch; knit for a total of 13 stitches. Change to A, knit 14 stitches. Change to B, knit to last stitch, knit in front and back of last stitch.

Row 22: Knit 13 stitches. Change to A, knit 14 stitches. Change to C, knit to last stitch, knit in front and back of last stitch

Row 23 Knit the first two stitches together and knit 8 more stitches, for a total of 9. Change to A, knit 20 stitches. Change to B, knit until there are two stitches remaining on your needle, knit these two stitches together.
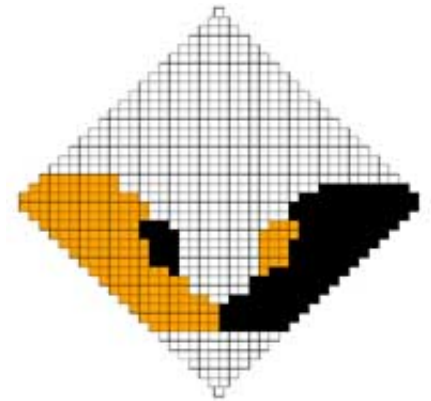
Row 24: Knit 8 stitches. Change to A, knit 20 stitches. Cut the bobbin of C, leaving a short tail. With A and the tail of C held together, knit to last stitch, knit in front and back of last stitch.

Row 25 Knit the first two stitches together and knit 26 more stitches, for a total of 27. Cut the bobbin of B, leaving a short tail. With A and the tail of B held together, knit until there are two stitches remaining on your needle, knit these two stitches together.
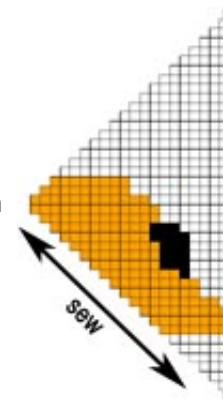
Rows 27-41 Knit the first two stitches together, knit until there are two stitches remaining on your needle, knit these two stitches together.

Row 42 Knit the last two stitches together. Cut the yarn, leaving a 6 inch tail. Pull the tail through the last loop and trim the tail
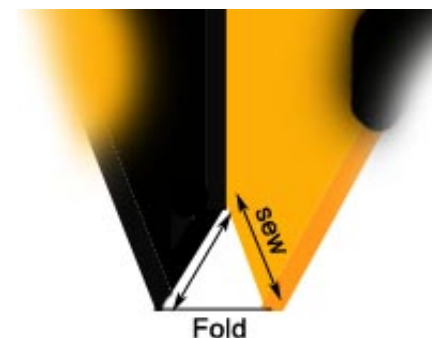
The piece will be square, about 4 inches [approximately 10 cm] as shown.

Fold the piece in half as shown and stitch, stopping about 1 inch [2.5 cm] from the end.

Fold the point up to create a triangle of white for the kitten's face. Stitch shut.

Turn the fabric and open it -- it will be a cone. Put the stuffing into it. Position stuffing with your finger to make the Kitten the shape you'd like (you can always adjust this later, as well). You do not want to put a lot of stuffing into his head because foxes have long, thin noses!

Hold like a cone, fill with stuffing

Fold, sew top shut

Fold down the flap at the top of the cone, Sew the open edges closed.

We are going to knit the tail directly onto the kitten. You can pick up one stitch at a time.

TAIL
Using one strand of A pick up and knit 6 stitches where the point of the triangle was.
Rows 1-4 knit
Row 5: Knit in front and back of first stitch, knit to last stitch, knit in front and back of last stitch. You now have 8 stitches on your needle.
Row 6 Change to C, knit.
Rows 7-26 knit
Row 27 Knit the first two stitches together, knit until there are two stitches remaining on your needle, knit these two stitches together. You will have 4 stitches.
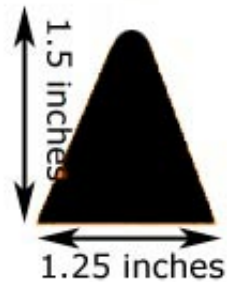**Row 28** Knit
Row 29 Knit the first two stitches together, knit until there are two stitches remaining on your needle, knit these two stitches together. You will have 2 stitches.
Row 30-31 Knit
Row 32 Knit the last two stitches together. Cut the yarn, leaving a short tail. Pull the tail through the last loop and trim.

Cut ears from black felt. Position ears and sew to the head as shown in picture.

1.5 inches

1.25 inches

Ear pattern

To add the face, thread the smooth black yarn into the large-eyed yarn needle. Stitch the eyes as a single vertical stitch and the nose and mouth as shown.

Thread the smooth yellow yarn into the large-eyed yarn needle. Stitch a shorter vertical stitch on either side of the black stitch for the eyes.

Insert the bristles from the broom through the nose for the whiskers.

ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES
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k = knit   st(s) = stitch(es)

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