



# SWEET AND SIMPLE BUNNIES

Pattern: M23222 TCDK

Skill level: EASY

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## SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- LION BRAND® 24/7 COTTON® DK (Art. #769)
- #300 Truffle 1 ball (A)
- #143 Desert Lily 1 ball (B)
- #100 Sugarcane 1 ball (C)
- #303 Pink Diamond 1 ball (D)
- LION BRAND® stitch markers
- LION BRAND® stitch holders
- LION BRAND® large-eyed blunt needle
- Double pointed knitting needles size 4 (3.5 mm), set of 5
- Knitting needles size 4 (3.5 mm)
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Embroidery needle and embroidery floss in pink and black (for facial features)
- Pom-pom maker (optional - we've included instructions to make a pom-pom by hand).

## MATERIALS NOTE:

Yarn amounts are sufficient to make both Bunnies.

## ABBREVIATIONS:

beg = begin(ning)  
k = knit  
k2tog = knit 2 stitches together  
p = purl  
rem = remain(ing)  
rep = repeat  
rnd(s) = roun(s)  
RS = right side  
sl = slip  
st(s) = stitch(es)  
St st = Stockinette stitch  
WS = wrong side

## SIZING:

**Finished Height** About 20 in. (51 cm)

## GAUGE:

28 sts + 36 rnds = about 4 in. (10 cm) over St st worked in rnds (k every st of every rnd).  
**BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.**

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## NOTES:

1. Bunnies are knit in the round on double pointed needles (dpns).
2. Legs are worked first, then joined to begin the Body. Body is worked up to armholes, then divided and Front and Back worked separately to shoulders. Work is again joined to work the Head is worked in rnds.
3. Sts are picked up around armholes for arms.
4. Pieces are stuffed as work progresses.
5. Ears and Cardigan are worked separately.
6. Smaller details are embroidered.
7. To place sts "on hold", you can place the indicated sts on stitch holder(s) or leave them on the dpns. If you hold sts on dpns, you will need 2 sets of dpns, one set to hold the sts and another set to continue knitting.
8. When you see 'as established' in the instructions, this means to continue in the current pattern st. For example, to continue in a Seed st pattern, p the knit sts and k the purl sts.
9. When you see work 'even' in the instructions, this means to continue on without changing the st count by increasing, decreasing, or binding off.

## STITCH EXPLANATION

**kfb (knit in front and back)** Knit next st without removing it from left needle, then knit through back of same st - 1 st increased.

## PATTERN STITCH

**Seed st (worked over an even number of sts)**

**Row 1:** Sl 1, p1, \* k1, p1; rep from \* to end of row.

**Row 2:** Sl 1, k the purl sts and p the knit sts.  
Rep Row 2 for Seed st pattern.

## STRIPED SWEATER BUNNY

### LEGS

Beg at foot, with 2 double pointed needles (dpns) and A, cast on 1 st.  
Work back and forth in rows.

**Row 1:** (K1, p1, k1) in st - you will have 3 sts in this row.

**Row 2:** Purl.

**Row 3:** (Kfb) 3 times - 6 sts.

**Row 4:** Purl.

**Row 5:** (Kfb) 6 times - 12 sts.

### Beg Working in Rnds

Divide the 12 sts evenly onto dpns, placing 4 sts on each of 3 dpns.

Place marker for beg of rnd. Join by working the first st on left needle with the working yarn from the right needle and being careful not to twist sts.

**Rnd 1:** Knit.

**Rnd 2:** \* Kfb, k1; rep from \* to end of rnd - 18 sts.

**Rnd 3:** Knit.

**Rnd 4:** \* Kfb, k2; rep from \* to end of rnd - 24 sts.

Stuff Leg every few inches as you work.

Work even in St st worked in rnds (k every st of every rnd) until piece measures about 2 in. (5 cm) from beg.

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Cut A.

With B, work even in St st worked in rnds until piece measures about 6 in. (15 cm) from beg.

Cut B.

Sew foot closed.

Set first Leg sts on hold. **Note:** If you hold the first Leg sts on dpns, you will need a 2nd set of dpns to make the second Leg.

Make a second Leg, but do not cut yarn.

## Join Legs

You will now work in rnds, with sts divided over 4 dpns.

**Rnd 1:** With B and needle 1, k first 12 sts of first Leg, cast on 6 sts; with needle 2, cast on 6 sts, k first 12 sts of second Leg; with needle 3, k rem 12 sts of second Leg, cast on 6 sts; with needle 4, cast on 6 sts, k rem 12 sts of first Leg - 72 sts (18 sts on each of 4 needles).

Place marker for beg of rnd. Join by working the first st on left needle with the working yarn from the right needle and being careful not to twist sts.

Work even in St st worked in rnds for about 1 in. (2.5 cm).

## Body

### Lower Band of Sweater

With B, beg with a purl rnd, work in Garter st worked in rnds (purl 1 rnd, knit 1 rnd) for 5 rnds.

### Stripes

**Note:** When changing yarn color to make stripes, do not cut old yarn color. Carry color

not in use carefully up WS (inside) of piece.

With C, knit 4 rnds.

With B, knit 4 rnds.

Rep last 8 rnds 3 more times for a total of 8 stripes.

## Divide for Armholes

### Front

**Row 1 (RS):** With straight needles and C, k36 sts (from first 2 dpns) for Front, place rem 36 sts on hold for Back - 36 sts.

**Rows 2-4:** With C, work in St st worked in rows (k on RS, p on WS) for 3 rows.

**Rows 5-8:** With B, work in St st for 4 rows.

**Rows 9-12:** With C, work in St st for 4 rows. Place Front sts on hold and cut yarn.

### Back

**Row 1 (RS):** From RS with straight needles and C, k36 Back sts.

Rep Rows 2-12 of Front.

Cut C.

## Join Back and Front

With B, and working 18 sts onto each of 4 dpns, knit all Back sts then knit all Front sts - 72 sts (18 sts on each of 4 needles). Place marker for beg of rnd and join.

## Neckband

With B, purl 1 rnd.

## Decrease Rnd:

**Needle 1:** K1, k2tog, k to end of needle 1.

**Needle 2:** K to last 3 sts of needle 2, k2tog, k1.

**Needle 3:** K1, k2tog, k to end of needle 3.

**Needle 4:** K to last 3 sts of needle 4, k2tog, k1- 68 sts (17 sts on each of 4 needles).

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## **Next Rnd:** Purl.

Rep last 2 rnds - 64 sts (16 sts on each of 4 needles).

Cut B.

## **Head**

With A, work in St st worked in rnds until Head measures about 2 1/2 in. (6.5 cm) from color change.

## **Decrease Rnd:**

**Needle 1:** K1, k2tog, k to end of needle 1.

**Needle 2:** K to last 3 sts of needle 2, k2tog, k1.

**Needle 3:** K1, k2tog, k to end of needle 3.

**Needle 4:** K to last 3 sts of needle 4, k2tog, k1- 60 sts (15 sts on each of 4 needles).

Bind off.

## **Arms**

With dpns and B, pick up and k24 sts evenly spaced around one armhole, placing 8 sts on each of 3 dpns.

With B, knit 3 rnds.

Stuff Arm every few inches as you work.

With C, knit 4 rnds.

With B, knit 4 rnds.

With C, knit 4 rnds.

Rep last 8 rnds for a total of 6 stripes.

Cut C.

## **Cuff Band**

With B, work in Garter st worked in rnds for 4 rnds.

Cut B.

## **Paw**

With A, work in St st worked in rnds for about 1 in. (2.5 cm).

**Rnd 1:** \* K2tog, k2; rep from \* around - 18 sts.

**Rnd 2:** Knit.

**Rnd 3:** \* K2tog, k1; rep from \* around - 12 sts.

**Rnd 4:** \* K2tog; rep from \* around - 6 sts.

Cut A, leaving a long yarn tail. Thread tail through rem sts. Pull tail to close opening. Knot securely.

Rep around second armhole for second Arm.

## **EARS (make 2)**

With dpns and A, cast on 24 sts, placing 8 sts on each of 3 dpns.

Place marker for beg of rnd. Join by working the first st on left needle with the working yarn from the right needle and being careful not to twist sts.

Knit 30 rnds.

**Rnd 1 (Decrease Rnd):** \* K2tog, k4; rep from \* around - 20 sts.

**Rnd 2:** Knit.

**Rnd 3 (Decrease Rnd):** \* K2tog, k3; rep from \* around - 16 sts.

**Rnds 4 and 6:** Knit.

**Rnd 5 (Decrease Rnd):** \* K2tog, k2; rep from \* around - 12 sts.

**Rnd 7 (Decrease Rnd):** \* K2tog, k1; rep from \* around - 8 sts.

Cut A, leaving a long yarn tail. Thread tail through rem sts and pull to close opening. Knot securely.

## **FINISHING STRIPED SWEATER BUNNY**

Sew opening between Legs closed.

Stuff Body and Head softly then sew bind-off edges at top of Head closed.

Fold lower corners of Ears towards center and sew Ears to top of Head.

With A, embroider French Knot buttons in

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center of each B-colored stripe and neck and lower bands on front of Sweater.

Using photograph as a guide -  
With pink embroidery floss, embroider straight stitch nose and mouth.  
With black embroidery floss, embroider eyes.

## Tail

With A, make a Pom-Pom using whichever method you prefer -

## Pom-Pom with a Pom-Pom Maker

Follow package instructions to make a pom-pom.

## Pom-Pom by Hand

Cut a strand of yarn, about 12 in. (30.5 cm) long, fold strand in half and set aside. Spread two fingers of one hand then wrap yarn around fingers - the more wraps, the fuller the pom-pom. Cut working yarn. Thread doubled set-aside strand of yarn between fingers and around center of wraps and knot tightly. Cut ends of wraps, fluff pom-pom and trim ends evenly. Tie pom-pom to back of Bunny.

Weave in ends.

## BUNNY WITH CARDIGAN

### LEGS

Using C only (do not change yarn color between foot and leg), make same as Legs for Striped Sweater Bunny to Join Legs. Cut C.

## Join Legs

You will now work in rnds, with sts divided over 4 dpns.

**Rnd 1:** With B and needle 1, k first 12 sts of first Leg, cast on 6 sts; with needle 2, cast on 6 sts, k first 12 sts of second Leg; with needle 3, k rem 12 sts of second Leg, cast on 6 sts; with needle 4, cast on 6 sts, k rem 12 sts of first Leg - 72 sts (18 sts on each of 4 needles).

Place marker for beg of rnd. Join by working the first st on left needle with the working yarn from the right needle and being careful not to twist sts.

## Body

### Lower Band of Dress

With B, beg with a purl rnd, work in Garter st worked in rnds (purl 1 rnd, knit 1 rnd) for 5 rnds.

Work in St st worked in rnds until Body measures about 5 in. (12.5 cm) from Join Legs.

## Divide for Armholes

### Front

**Row 1 (RS):** With straight needles and B, k36 sts (from the first 2 dpns) for Front, place rem 36 sts (from the last 2 dpns) onto a holder for Back - 36 sts.

Work in St st worked in rows (k on RS, p on WS) for 11 rows.

Place Front sts on hold and cut B.

### Back

**Row 1 (RS):** From RS with straight needles and B, k36 Back sts.

Work in St st worked in rows for 11 rows.

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## Join Back and Front

With B, working 18 sts onto each of 4 dpns, knit all Back sts then knit all Front sts - 72 sts (18 sts on each of 4 needles). Place marker for beg of rnd and join!

## Neckband

With B, make same as Neckband for Striped Sweater Bunny.

## Head

With C, make same as Head for Striped Sweater Bunny.

## Arms

With dpns and B, pick up and k24 sts evenly spaced around one armhole, placing 8 sts on each of 3 dpns.

Stuff Arm every few inches as you work.  
Knit 24 rnds.

## Cuff Band

Beg with a purl rnd, work in Garter st worked in rnds for 5 rnds.  
Cut B.

## Paw

With C, make same as paw for Striped Sweater Bunny.

Rep around second armhole for second Arm.

## EARS (make 2)

With C, make same as Ears for Striped Sweater Bunny.

## CARDIGAN

With straight needles and D, beg at neck edge, cast on 80 sts.

**Rows 1-3:** Beg with Row 1 of pattern, work in Seed st pattern for 3 rows.

**Row 4:** Work in Seed st as established over next 18 sts, (kfb) twice, work in Seed st over next 38 sts, (kfb) twice, work in Seed st to end of row - 84 sts.

**Row 5:** Work even in Seed st as established.

**Row 6:** Work in Seed st as established over next 18 sts, place marker (pm), (kfb) 4 times, pm, work in Seed st over next 38 sts, pm, (kfb) 4 times, pm, work in Seed st over last 19 sts - 92 sts.

**Row 7:** Work in Seed st as established, slipping markers as you come to them.

**Row 8 (Increase Row):** Work in Seed st as established to first marker, slip marker (sm), (kfb) twice, work in Seed st to 2 sts before next marker, (kfb) twice, sm, work in Seed st to next marker, sm, (kfb) twice, work in Seed st to 2 sts before next marker, (kfb) twice, sm, work in Seed st to end of row - 100 sts.

**Rows 9-16:** Rep Rows 7 and 8 for 4 more times - 132 sts when all increases have been completed.

**Rows 17-19:** Work even in Seed st as established, slipping markers as you come to them.

## Divide for Armholes

**Row 20:** Work in Seed st as established to first marker (for left front), bind off next 28 sts between markers, work in Seed st to next marker (for back), bind off next 28 sts between markers, work in Seed st to end of row (for right front) - 76 sts.

Remove markers.

Work in Seed st as established until piece measures about 5 in. (12.5 cm) from beg.  
Bind off.

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## **SAFETY NOTE**

If Bunny is intended for a baby or child, omit the ties on the Cardigan.

## **Ties (make 2)**

With C, cast on 30 sts.

Without knitting any rows, bind off.

Sew ties to front corners of neck edge.

## **FINISHING BUNNY WITH CARDIGAN**

Sew opening between Legs closed.

Stuff Body and Head softly then sew bind-off edges at top of Head closed.

Fold lower corners of Ears towards center and sew Ears to top of Head.

Using photograph as a guide -

With pink embroidery floss, embroider straight stitch nose and mouth.

With black embroidery floss, embroider eyes and eye lashes.

## **Tail**

With C, make a pom-pom tail same as for Striped Sweater Bunny.

Tie pom-pom to back of Bunny.

Weave in ends.

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