



# WEIGHTED BUNNY

Skill Level: **EASY**

Pattern: **M25200 CV**



## LION BRAND® COVER STORY WEIGHTED BUNNY

### EASY

### SIZE

**Finished Height** About 28 in. (71 cm), not including ears

### MATERIALS

- LION BRAND® COVER STORY (Art. #533) #177 Celadon 1 cake
- LION BRAND® stitch markers
- LION BRAND® large-eyed blunt needle

### MATERIALS NOTE

Yarn amount is sufficient to make 2 Bunnies.

### ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Circular knitting needle size 13 (9 mm), 24 in. (60 cm) long

1 pair black safety eyes, 20mm diameter

Small amounts of pink and black worsted weight yarn (for facial features)

Fiberfill stuffing

Poly pellets

Child's sock or just the foot of an adult sock

Sewing needle and thread

Pom-pom maker, OR 4 in. (10 cm) piece of heavy cardboard

### GAUGE

7 sts = about 4 in. (10 cm) over St st worked in rows (k on RS, p on WS) and St st worked in rnds (k every st of every rnd).

EXACT GAUGE IS NOT ESSENTIAL FOR THIS PROJECT.

### 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.

### NOTES

1. Bunny is made in 7 pieces: Body (including head), 2 Legs, 2 Arms, and 2 Ears.
2. Body is worked in rnds of St st (k every st of every rnd).
3. Legs, Arms, and Ears are worked in rows of St st (k on RS, p on WS) then seamed and sewn to Body.

### SAFETY NOTE

The small pieces can present a choking hazard. Never leave a baby or child unattended with this project!

### BODY

Beg at bottom of Body, cast on 52 sts.

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 in St st worked in rnds (k every st of every rnd) until piece measures about 10 in. (25.5 cm) from beg.

**Decrease Rnd:** K1, k2tog, k24, place marker (pm), k2tog, k23 – 50 sts.

Work in St st until piece measures about 12 in. (30.5 cm) from beg.

**Decrease Rnd:** K1, k2tog, k to marker, slip marker (sm), k2tog, k to end of rnd – 48 sts. Work in St st until piece measures about 14 in. (35.5 cm) from beg.

**Decrease Rnd:** K1, k2tog, k to marker, sm, k2tog, k to end of rnd – 46 sts. Work in St st until piece measures about 18 in. (45.5 cm) from beg. Bind off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

### Note

The Legs, Arms and Ears are worked back and forth in rows on the circular needle.

## LEGS (make 2)

Beg at top of Leg, cast on 16 sts.

Work in St st worked in rows (k on RS, p on WS) until piece measures about 8 in. (20.5 cm) from beg, end with a WS (purl) row as the last row you work.

### Shape Foot

**Row 1 (RS):** K6, kfb, k2, kfb, k6 – 18 sts.

**Row 2 and all WS Rows:** Purl.

**Row 3:** K8, (kfb) twice, k8 – 20 sts.

**Row 5:** K6, (kfb, k6) twice – 22 sts.

**Row 7:** K8, kfb, k4, kfb, k8 – 24 sts.

**Row 9:** K9, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k9 – 22 sts.

**Row 11:** K8, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k8 – 20 sts.

**Row 13:** K8, (k2tog) twice, k8 – 18 sts.

**Row 14:** Purl.

Bind off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.

## ARMS (make 2)

Beg at top of Arm, cast on 16 sts.

Work in St st worked in rows until piece measures about 6 1/2 in. (16.5 cm) from beg, end with a WS (purl) row as the last row you work.

### Shape Paw

**Row 1 (RS):** K1, kfb, k3, kfb, k4, kfb, k3, kfb, k1 – 20 sts.

**Rows 2, 4, 6 and 8:** Purl.

**Row 3:** (K3, kfb) 4 times, k4 – 24 sts.

**Row 5:** K2, (k2tog, k4) 3 times, k2tog, k2 – 20 sts.

**Row 7:** \* K2, k2tog; rep from \* to end of row – 15 sts.

**Row 9:** \* K2tog; rep from \* to last st, k1 – 8 sts.

**Row 10:** Purl.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through rem sts. Pull tail to close opening at end of Arm. Knot securely but do not trim yarn tail, it will be used later to sew side edges together.

## EARS (make 2)

Beg at base of Ear, cast on 12 sts.

Beg with a RS (knit) row, work in St st worked in rows for 6 rows.

**Row 1 (RS):** K1, (kfb, k2) 3 times, kfb, k1 – 16 sts.

**Rows 2-13:** Work in St st for 12 rows.

**Row 15:** K1, (k2tog, k2) 3 times, k2tog, k1 – 12 sts.

**Rows 16, 18 and 20:** Purl.

**Row 17:** K2, (k2tog) 4 times, k2 – 8 sts.

**Row 19:** K2tog, k4, k2tog – 6 sts.

**Row 21:** (K2tog) 3 times – 3 sts.

**Row 22:** Purl.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through rem sts. Pull tail to close opening at tip of Ear. Knot securely but do not trim yarn tail, it will be used later to sew side edges together.

## FINISHING

Using photograph as a guide and yarn tails still attached to pieces whenever possible, assemble Bunny as follows:

1. Sew bind-off edges of Body together for top of Bunny.
2. Attach safety eyes to face, about 4 1/2 in. (11.5 cm) below top edge and about 4 in. (10 cm) apart.
3. With black worsted weight yarn embroider slightly slanted straight st eyebrows above the eyes. With pink worsted weight yarn, embroider a triangular nose and a straight st mouth centered below the eyes.
4. Fold Ears lengthwise, bringing the side edges together at the back of the Ear. Sew the side edges together. Sew Ears close to the top corners of Body.
5. Stuff Body lightly, stuffing just about halfway.
6. Fill the sock about 3/4 full with pellets, then sew sock closed.
7. Place sock inside Bunny and surround it with stuffing.
8. Finish stuffing the Body, then sew cast-on edges of Body together.
9. Sew side edges of Arms together and stuff lightly.
10. Sew side edges and bind-off edges of Legs together and stuff lightly.
11. Sew Arms to sides of Body and Legs to lower edge of Body.

## **Pom-Pom**

Make a Pom-Pom using whichever method you prefer -

### **Pom-Pom with Pom-Pom Maker**

With B, follow package instructions to make a pom-pom.

### **Pom-Pom with Cardboard**

Cut a strand of B, about 12 in. (30.5 cm) long, fold in half and set aside for tying strand.

Cut a piece of cardboard about 4 in. (10 cm) long. Wrap B around cardboard – the more wraps, the fuller the pom-pom. Cut working yarn.

Slide tying strand under the wraps and knot tightly.

Cut wraps open at opposite end and remove cardboard.

Fluff pom-pom and trim ends evenly.

Tie Pom-Pom to back of Bunny.

Weave in ends.

## **ABBREVIATIONS**

beg = begin(ning)

k = knit

k2tog = knit 2 sts together.

p = purl

rem = remain(ing)

rep = repeat

RS = right side

st(s) = stitch(es)

St st = Stockinette stitch

WS = wrong side

Every effort has been made to produce accurate and complete instructions. We cannot be responsible for variance of individual makers, human error, or typographical mistakes.

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