

Loom Knitting

Bunny Pattern



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Introduction

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This pattern assumes you have some experience using single rake looms, including how to cast on, make e-wrap and purl stitches, and knitting a flat piece on a loom. If you need help with these, please refer to our Getting Started and Additional Stitches e-books.

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Wishing you much success and pleasure with your loom knitting,
Anne Bipes

Overview:

This pattern is made using an e-wrap stitch to knit a flat piece in the shape of a square. Ears are made using a combination of flat and purl stitches. The tail is made using a figure 8 to make an I-cord. The sample bunny was made using two strands of worsted weight yarn (approx. 2 oz.) on the blue Knifty Knitter loom. Any slightly fuzzy yarn, such as mohair or mohair-like yarn would work well.

Materials Needed:

- Knitting loom, either round or straight
- Hook tool
- 1 skein yarn
- Fiberfill (approx 2 oz.)
- Tapestry Needle
- Scissors
- Pins or yarn markers

Knowledge Required:

- Knitting a flat piece on a round loom, i.e. knitting back and forth
- E-wrap stitch
- Purl stitch
- Decreasing stitches
- Knitting selvage edges (instructions given)
- Flat removal method (instructions given)

Notes:

- The bunny body is made with a knit piece approximately 6" square. A larger or smaller square can be used.
- The end pegs on each side of the knitting are knit to make a selvage edge. To accomplish this, e-wrap all pegs in the row and knit off. The yarn is between the last and second to last pegs. (diagram 1) Bring the yarn in front of the last peg, then wrap around to the inside of the loom. (diagram 2) E-wrap the second to last peg, and continue for the rest of the row.



diagram 1



diagram 2

Directions:

Note: Use two strands of yarn as one throughout.

Body:

Cast on: Make a slip knot, leaving a 6" tail. Put the slip knot onto peg 1. E-wrap pegs 2-14. Bring the yarn to the front of peg 15, then around to the inside of the loom. E-wrap pegs 14 – 1. Knit off peg 1 to anchor the yarn. Knit off pegs 2 – 14.

Rows 1 – 24: E-wrap all pegs and knit off.

Bind off: The knit piece should be a square. All loops on the pegs need to be very loose. If necessary, pull additional working yarn to the last loop to make it larger, and distribute the excess to all the loops on the pegs. The loops should be large enough to touch the adjacent peg when stretched with the hook tool.

The working yarn should be at peg 1. Move the loop on peg 14 to peg 15. Knit off peg 15. Move the loop on peg 15 to peg 14.

Move the loop on peg 13 to peg 14. Knit off peg 14. Move the loop on peg 14 to peg 13.

Continue in this manner until there is one loop left. E-wrap the peg and knit off. Cut the working yarn, leaving a 6" tail. E-wrap the peg again and knit off. Pull on the loop until the cut end of the yarn comes through. Pull until the loop knots against the knit piece.

Ears (make 2):

Cast on: Make a slip knot, leaving a 6" tail. Put the slip knot onto peg 1. E-wrap pegs 2-4. Bring the yarn to the front of peg 5, then around to the inside of the loom. E-wrap pegs 4 – 1. Knit off peg 1 to anchor the yarn. Knit off pegs 2 – 4.

Row 1: E-wrap pegs 1 – 2 and knit off. Purl peg 3. E-wrap pegs 4 – 5 and knit off.

Row 2: E-wrap pegs 5 – 1 and knit off.

Rows 3 – 12: Repeat rows 1 – 2 five times.

Row 13: Move the loop on peg 5 to peg 4. E-wrap pegs 1 – 2 and knit off. Purl peg 3. E-wrap peg 4 and knit off 2-over-1.

Row 14: Move the loop on peg 1 to peg 2. E-wrap pegs 4 – 2 and knit off. Peg 2 is knit off 2-over-1.

Row 15: Move the loop on peg 4 to peg 3. Move the loop on peg 2 to peg 3. E-wrap and knit off 3-over-1.

Bind off: E-wrap peg 3 and knit off. Cut the working yarn, leaving a 12” tail. E-wrap the peg again and knit off. Pull on the loop until the cut end of the yarn comes through. Pull until the loop knots against the knit piece. Put the tail on a tapestry needle and thread the tail through the purl bumps to the base of the tail. Pull on the tail a little to create the desired bend in the ear.

Thread the beginning tail onto a tapestry needle, and weave the tail in along the selvage edge of the side of the ear.

Tail:

Cast on: Make a slip knot, leaving a 6” tail. Put the slip knot onto peg 1. Wrap the yarn around peg 2. Wrap the yarn around peg 1, making a figure 8 with the working yarn. Knit off peg 1.

Rows 1-20: Wrap the yarn around peg 2 and peg 1 in a figure 8. Knit off. Continue until tail is 4-5” long.

Bind off: Move the loop on peg 2 to peg 1. Knit off. E-wrap peg 1 and knit off. Cut the working yarn, leaving a 12” tail. E-wrap the peg again and knit off. Pull on the loop until the cut end of the yarn comes through. Pull until the loop knots against the knit piece.

Let the bunny tail curl into a ball. Tie beginning and ending tails together. Thread the long yarn tail onto a tapestry needle and sew through the layers of the bunny tail so it holds a ball shape. Bring yarn tail to bottom of bunny tail.

Assembly:

Decide if you’d like the knit or purl side of the knit square to be the right side of the bunny. On the right side, mark the following points with pins or yarn markers according to the template below.

Head:

Thread a tapestry needle with a 24” piece of yarn. Leave an 8” tail, and sew a semi-circle with a running stitch from point A through point H to point A’. Pull on both yarn tails to gather this seam. Tie the ends in a square knot. Stuff the head. With the tapestry needle on the longer tail, bring the yarn to the nose of the bunny. Sew the chin closed with the yarn tail. Tie the yarn ends in a square knot to secure.

Front legs:

Fold point C to point A (where the knot at the chin is), with a corner at point B. Use a yarn tail from the chin to sew the seam from the chin to the corner. Knot the yarn tail at the end of the seam and bring the yarn tail to the inside of the leg.

Fold point C' to point A' (where the knot at the chin is), with a corner at point B'. Use the other yarn tail from the chin to sew the seam from the chin to the corner. Knot the yarn tail at the end of the seam and bring the yarn tail to the inside of the leg.

Back legs:

Cut a 24" length of yarn and thread it onto a tapestry needle. Fold point D to point F, with a corner at point E. Make a stitch where D and F meet, and tie a square knot in the middle of the yarn, leaving two 12" lengths. Sew from D and F to the corner point E. Knot the yarn tail at the end of the seam and bring the yarn tail to the inside of the leg.

Fold point D' to point F, with a corner at point E'. Using the other 12" yarn tail, sew to the corner point E'. Knot the yarn tail at the end of the seam and bring the yarn tail to the inside of the leg.

Body:

Stuff the legs and body. Sew the center seam closed, leaving the beginning yarn tail on the inside of the bunny. Bring the tapestry needle through the body to the back of the bunny and pull snug. Snip the yarn tail near the body so when the snugness is released, the yarn tail is hidden inside the body.

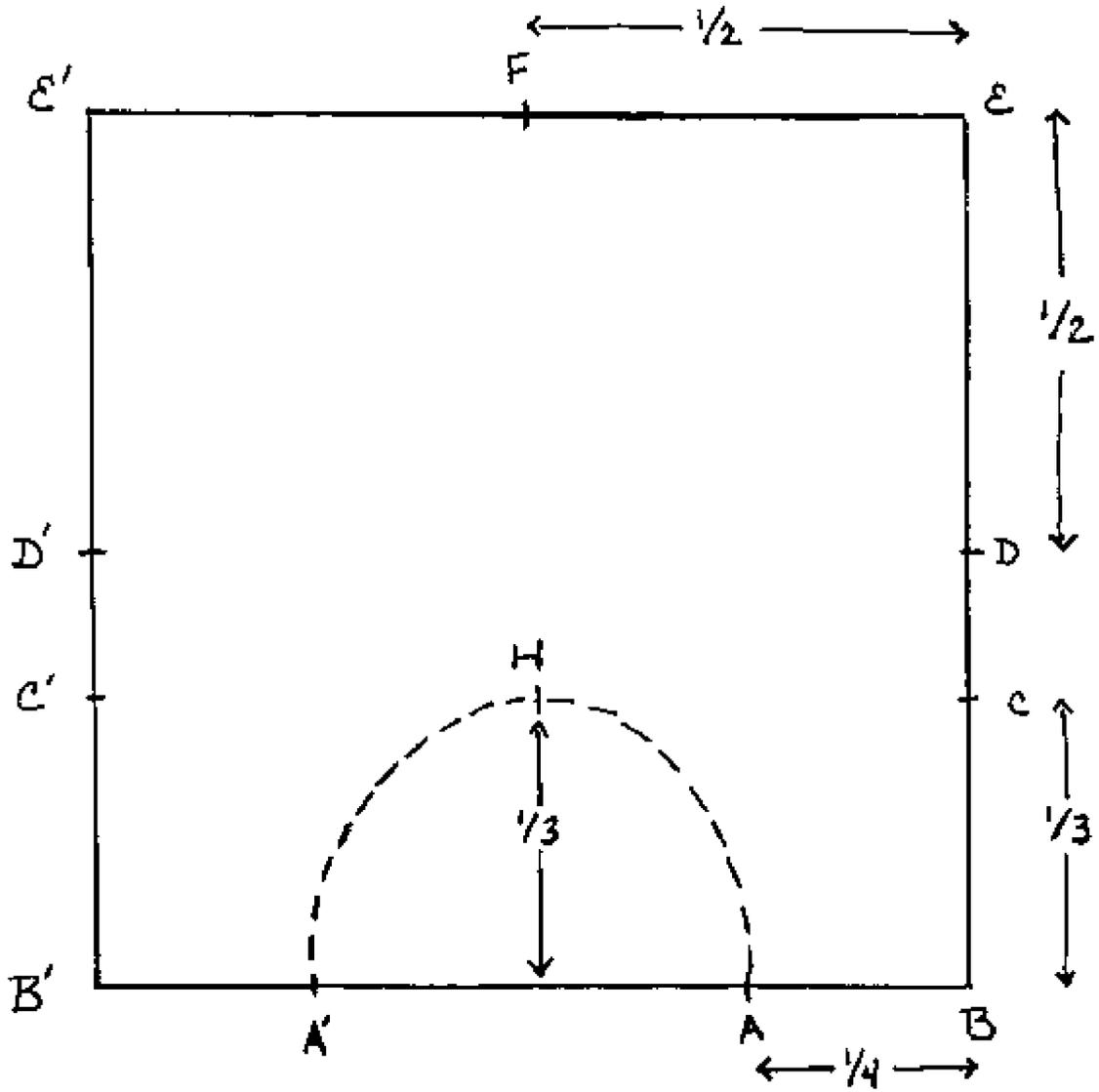
Bring the back legs along the sides of the body and sew in place. Hide the yarn tails inside the body.

Ears:

Thread the long yarn tail coming from the center of the ear onto the tapestry needle. Weave it through the base of the ear to the outside edge. Place the ear along the gathered seam at the back of the neck and sew in place from the outside edge to the center. Knot yarn and hide yarn tail in the body of the bunny. Repeat with the other ear.

Tail:

Thread the long yarn tail coming from the bunny tail onto the tapestry needle. Sew bunny tail to the back of the bunny. Hide the yarn tail in the body of the bunny.



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