

## Reggie Rabbit

What could be nicer than Reggie Rabbit? He will be a lovely present for your best friend if you can bear to part with such a cuddly bunny when you have finished him. He is easy to knit and you can use wools in other colours if you think you can improve his looks, but it will take you longer to finish him than anything you have knitted before. Follow the instructions carefully and do not try to be too quick. As you will see we are starting to use abbreviations now. Check what they mean on page 8.

## You will need



Two no. 12 needles.



3 oz. Double Knitting Wool in white.



Oddments of black and blue wool for marking mouth, eyes, feet, etc.



Kapok for stuffing.

Remember to test your tension (see page 6).

The whole of the rabbit is worked in garter stitch which means that every row is **knitted**. First of all you knit the back legs and body.

This is how to knit the **First Back Leg.** Cast on 14 sts. and K. 7 rows.

Next row – Inc. in first st., K. to last st., inc. in last st.

K. 7 rows.

Next row – Inc. in first st., K. to last st., inc. in last st.

K. 10 rows. Break off wool.

Using the same needle, cast on 14 sts. and work another leg exactly the same but do not break off wool.

Now knit across both sets of stitches (36 in all) as follows:—

1st and 2nd rows - K.

3rd row – K. 2 tog., K. to last 2 sts., K. 2 tog.

4th to 6th rows - K.

7th to 14th rows - Rep. 3rd-6th rows twice more.

**Next row** – \*K. 2 tog., K. 2, rep. from \* to last 2 sts., K. 2 tog.

**Next row** – K. 2 tog., K. to last 2 sts., K. 2 tog. K. 16 rows.

Cast off 3 stitches at the beginning of the next 2 rows, and 2 stitches at the beginning of the following 2 rows.

Cast off.

Knit another piece exactly the same, then flat stitch (see page 13) the two pieces together, leaving the neck open. Turn inside out and stuff.

This is how to knit the **Head**.

Cast on 12 stitches and proceed as follows:—

1st row – K.

2nd row - Inc. in first st., K. to end.

3rd and 4th rows - K.

5th row - Inc. in first st., K. to end.

6th row - K. to last st., inc. in last st.

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7th row - Inc. in first st., K. to last st., inc. in last st.

8th row - K. to last st., inc. in last st.

9th row - Inc. in first st., K. to end.

10th and 11th rows - as 8th and 9th.

12th-18th rows - K.

19th row - K. 2 tog., K. to end.

20th row - K. to last 2 sts., K. 2 tog.

21st-30th rows - Rep. 19th and 20th rows 5 times.

31st row - K. 2 tog., K. to last 2 sts., K. 2 tog. Cast off.

Knit another piece exactly the same then flat stitch (see page 13) the two pieces together leaving the neck open. Turn inside out and stuff. Mark the features with black and blue wool as shown in picture and stitch head on body.

This is how to knit the Ears.

Cast on 3 sts., and K. 1 row.

Proceed as follows:-

1st row - Inc. in first st., K. to last st., inc. in last st.

2nd, 3rd and 4th rows - K.

Rep. rows 1-4 until there are 17 sts. on the needle.

K. 17 rows.

Next row - K. 1, (K. 2 tog.) 8 times. Now 9 stitches are left on the needle.

Cast off tightly.

Knit three more pieces exactly the same, then flat stitch (see page 13) two of the pieces together leaving an opening at cast off edge. Turn inside out and stitch in position to head. Make up second ear to match.

This is how to knit the Tail.

Cast on 9 sts.

1st row - K.

2nd row - Inc. in first st., K. to last st., inc. in last st.

3rd and 4th rows - Rep. 1st and 2nd rows. K. 9 rows.

Next row – K. 2 tog., K. to last 2 sts., K. 2 tog. Next row – K.

Rep. the last 2 rows twice more.

Cast off.

Knit another piece exactly the same, then stitch the two pieces together leaving an opening for the stuffing. Turn the tail inside out, and after stuffing, stitch it to the lower end of the body. This is how to knit the Feet.

Cast on 11 sts.

1st row - K.

2nd row – Inc. in first st., K. to last st., inc. in last st.

3rd and 4th rows - as 1st and 2nd.

K. 12 rows.

Next row - K. 2 tog., K. to last 2 sts., K. 2 tog.

Next row - K.

Rep. last 2 rows once more.

Next row - K. 2 tog., K. to last 2 sts., K. 2 tog. Cast off.

Knit three more pieces exactly the same and then stitch each pair together leaving an opening for stuffing. Turn them inside out and stuff. Stitch up the opening and stitch the feet to the legs. Mark the feet with black wool.

This is how to knit the Front Legs.

Cast on 24 sts.

1st row - K.

2nd row – Inc. in first st., K. 10, inc. in next 2 sts., K. 10, inc. in last st. (28 sts. on needle). K. 7 rows.

**Next row** – K. 2 tog., K. 10, (K. 2 tog.) twice, K. 10, K. 2 tog.

**Next row** – K. 2 tog., K. 8, (K. 2 tog.) twice, K. 8, K. 2 tog.

K. 15 rows.

Next row - Inc. in first st., K. to last st., inc. in last st.

K. 1 row.

**Next row** – K. 2 tog., K. to last 2 sts., K. 2 tog. Rep. last row twice more.

Cast off.

Knit another piece exactly the same.

## To make up

Fold each piece in half lengthwise and stitch, leaving the top open. Turn inside out, stuff, and stitch up the opening. Stitch the front legs to the shoulders and mark the feet with black wool.