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knitted chinchilla



[blackic](#)'s knitted chinchilla pattern...



I've never written a pattern before, so be gentle with me... :)



Materials:

Fun fur/eyelash yarn of your choice (uses about 2/3 of a 50g ball)
Base colour DK or aran yarn (same as above)
Pink DK yarn for ears (not much)

2 soft toy eyes, or buttons
Stuffing

A jumbo pipecleaner

Set of 4 6mm DPNs
4mm straight needles

Body

Knitting with the fun fur and base colour together (this makes the fluffy stuff a lot easier to knit) **CO 3sts** (I used long tail cast on, but if you use another method just add another knit row after the cast on row). Put one stitch on each needle and start working in the round.

All odd numbered rounds - Knit

Round 2 - Kfb every stitch (6sts)

Round 4 - Kfb every stitch (12sts)

Round 6 - Kfb every stitch (24sts)

Round 8 - Kfb every stitch (48sts)

Round 10-14 - Knit

Round 16 - [K2tog, K14] three times (45sts)

Round 18 - [K2tog, K13] three times (42sts)

Round 20 - [K2tog, K12] three times (39sts)

Round 22 - [K2tog, K11] three times (36sts)

Round 24 - [K2tog, K10] three times (33sts)

Round 26 - [K2tog, K9] three times (30 sts)

Round 28 - Knit

Round 30 - K2tog x 15 (15sts)

Round 32 - K2tog x 7, k1 (8sts)

Stuff body firmly. Draw wool through remaining stitches.

Ears

Make 2 in pink yarn. I used two strands at once to ensure the ears would stand up on their own (although my wool was quite thin). Slip the first stitch of every row for a tidy edge.

CO 12sts on 4mm straight needles.

(add an extra k row here if you're not using long tail cast on)

Row 1 - Sl1, Kfb, K to last 2 sts, Kfb, K1. (14sts)

Row 2-5 - repeat row 1.(22 sts)

Row 6-9 - Knit.

Row 10 - Sl1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1. (20sts)

Row 11 - Knit.

Row 12 - K2tog x10 (10sts)

Row 13 - Knit.

Row 14 - K2tog x5 (5 sts)

Row 15 - BO.

Tail

Use same yarn as body.

CO 7sts on DPNs. The tail is worked in i-cord.

Row 1-10 - Knit.

Row 11-15 - Increase 1 every row to 12 sts

Row 16-17 - Knit two rows.
Row 18 - K2tog x6 (6sts)
Row 19 - Knit.
Row 20 - K2tog x3 (3sts)
Row 21 - BO.

Assembly

Tail - Fold your pipecleaner in half and stuff it into the tail, poking the pointy ends into the body to anchor it (ow!). You don't need to put stuffing in the tail. Stitch in place.

Ears - Now the ears are very important. The placement and shape of them is important to stop the chinchilla looking like a Furby. I used a real chinchilla for reference, but if you don't have one to hand then I recommend either looking at the picture below or looking at some pictures of chinchillas to figure out where their ears should be :) Attach ears to body.

Eyes and nose - Either embroider, or attach soft toy eyes or buttons (I'm rubbish at embroidery, so I did the latter). Again, have a look at pictures of some real chins for reference.

And you're done!

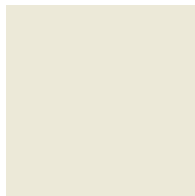


Where to attach the ears and tail...



Nibbler refuses to play nice.

If you like my pattern, please consider donating a little bit of money to my Paypal account. I'm unemployed and impoverished :)



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Do let me know if you have any suggestions or amendments that you think I should make. I'd love to see pictures of your finished chinchillas! X [Link](#)