BEGINNER'S KITTEN

YARN 1/2 50g ball any type DK, Sport or Light-Worsted yarn:

Yarn A Nose and Belly colour yarn

Yarn B Head, Ears Back and legs colour yarn

I used my stash of Drops Alpaca 4-ply and kid-silk knitted together

NEEDLES Pair straight 3.75mm/ US size 5 knitting needles

TENSION As a generality the gauge for a DK yarn on 3.75mm/ US size 5 needles tends to be around 15 stitches and 17 rows over a 5cm square of stocking stitch

NOTE: If you're making the outfits to go with your kitten please use a similar weight yarn to the yarn you've used for the kitten's body and work to a similar gauge

EXTRAS Toy filling; 3 pairs locking type stitch markers (see colour guide on page 3); black and pink sewing thread or fine black/ pink yarn and sewing needle for nose and whiskers; 15mm toy cat eyes with plastic or metal washer backs

PLEASE NOTE: It is suggested that toy eyes make any knitted toy **NOT SUITABLE** for very young children, however there is a crochet tutorial on my #Imadethisrabbit Facebook page - here's the link Crochet Eyes

EXTRA NOTE: If you need extra help with this pattern then you will find similarities with this free pattern and tutorial - https://dotpebbles.blogspot.com

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

W+Tk bring working yarn to the front of the work, slip next stitch knit-wise onto the RH needle, take working yarn to the back, slip the slipped stitch back onto the LH needle, turn the knitting = W+Tk (wrap and turn knit)

W+Tp take working yarn to the back of the work, slip next stitch purl-wise onto the RH needle, bring working yarn to the front, slip the slipped stitch back onto the LH needle, turn the knitting = W+Tp (wrap and turn purl)

PATTERN NOTES:

. Use Cable Cast-on throughout

GENERAL ABBREVIATIONS:

K = knit **P** = purl

inc = increase **dec** = decrease

K2tog/ K3tog = knit two together/ knit three together

P2tog/ P3tog = purl two together/ purl three together

RH/LH = right hand/ left hand **RS/WS** = right side/ wrong side

st/ sts =stitch/ stitches

Skpo = slip one stitch, knit next stitch, pass slipped stitch over knit stitch to decrease by one stitch

Kfb = knit into front then into back of stitch to increase by one stitch

Pfb = Purl into front then knit into back of stitch to increase by one stitch

COLOURED MARKER GUIDE:

This guide is here to pull out and use together with the pattern should to wish to use similar coloured guides to mine for ease of following, especially at the making-up stage:

FACE AND HEAD

PALE TURQUOISE CHIN

BABY PINK NECK

BABY PINK BELLY

WINTER SUIT

RED HOOD

PALE TURQUOISE FRONT

TURQUOISE BACK

HEAD

Beginning at the Nose with yarn **A** cast on 3 sts

Row 1 inc) Kfb three times - 6sts

Rows 2 & 4 Purl

Row 3 inc) Kfb six times - 12sts

Row 5 inc) Kfb 12 times - 24sts

Row 6 Purl

Work short rows to create Bridge of Nose

Short row 1 K14, W+Tk

Short row 2 P4, W+Tp

Short row 3 K14 to the end of the row

Cut yarn **A,** join on yarn **B**, continue as follows:

Row 7 Purl

Row 8 inc) K10, kfb, k2, kfb, k to end - 26sts

Rows 9 & 11 Purl

Row 10 inc) K10, kfb, k4, kfb, k to end - 28sts

Row 12 inc) [Kfb, k3] seven times - 35sts

Row 13 Purl

PM (place marker) at each end of last (purl) row for left and right **Chin Markers**

Row 14 inc) [Kfb, k4] seven times - 42sts

Row 15 Purl

Row 16 inc) K18, kfb six times, k18 - 48sts

Row 17 Purl

Row 18 inc) K9, kfb, k1, kfb, k24, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end - 52sts

Row 19-20 Beginning with a purl row work two rows stocking stitch

Row 21 dec) P2tog, p to last 2 sts, p2tog - 50sts

Row 22 dec) K21, skpo, k4, k2tog, k to end - 48sts

Row 23 dec) P2tog, p to last 2 sts, p2tog - 46sts

Row 24 dec) K19, skpo, k4, k2tog, k to end - 44sts

Row 25 dec) P2tog, p to last 2 sts, p2tog - 42sts

PM at each end of last row for left and right **Neck Markers**

Row 26 dec) K17, skpo, k4, k2tog, k to end - 40sts

Row 27 dec) P2tog, p to last 2 sts, p2tog - 38sts

Row 28 dec) K15, skpo, k4, k2tog, k to end - 36sts

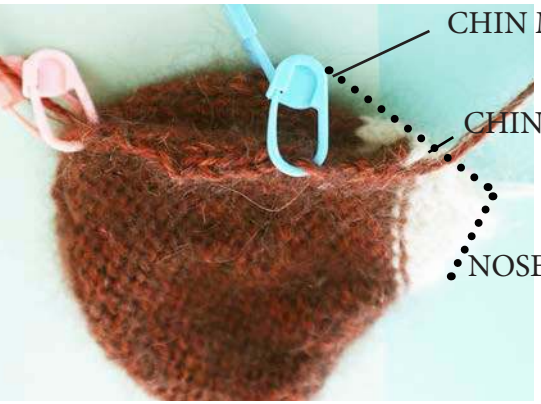
Row 29 dec) P2tog, p to last 2 sts, p2tog - 34sts

Row 30 dec) K13, skpo, k4, k2tog, k to end - 32sts

Row 31 dec) P2tog all across - 16sts

Cast off all 16 Head Back sts.

Fig. 1



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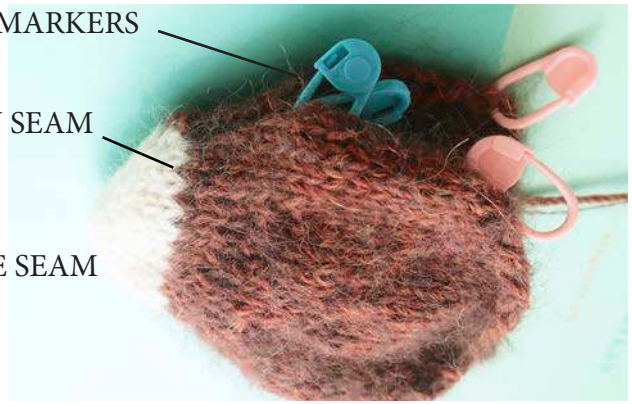


Fig. 3

Join Nose Seam

Fold the cast-on edge for Nose Seam in half, RS (knit-side) together, and back stitch to join both halves of the cast-on edge from the corners to the fold, then work back stitch to join the row ends to create the Chin Seam. Then, from that seam, back stitch along row ends to the Chin Markers. Turn out to RS and remove both chin markers (*see Figs. 1, 2 and 3*).
To shape the nose seam, with your thumb on the wrong side of the nose, behind the seam, rub and smooth out the seam to create a rounded nose.

Join Head Back Seam

Fold the cast-off edge for Head Back Seam in half, RS (knit-side) together, and back stitch to join both halves of the cast-off edge from the corners to the fold. Turn out to RS (*see Figs. 4 & 5*).

Stuff the head a little with either spare yarn or toy filling, you can add more stuffing later when you've completed the body.

Thread up a sewing needle with doubled-up black sewing thread or a length black yarn and work a 'Y' then an upside-down 'V' over and either side of the nose seam to create the nose detail (*see Fig. 6*).
Fill in with pink yarn to create a little triangle.

If using - insert and secure the eyes in place at each side of the head taking care to make sure the (cat) eyes are up the right way before adding the washer back (*see Fig. 7*).

Fig. 4

Fig. 5

Fig. 6

Fig. 7

BACK

With back of head facing you, knit-side up, beginning at kitten's left (your right) Neck Marker, with yarn **B** pick up and knit 8 sts from left neck marker to kitten's right Neck Marker across the Head Back Seam (*see Fig 8, pick up from A to B*).

Remove neck markers.

Row 1 inc) Cast on 8 sts for Chin Edge, purl to the end - 16sts

Row 2 inc) Cast on 8 sts for Chin Edge, knit to the end - 24sts

Row 3 Purl (*see Fig 9*).

Row 4 inc) Kfb, k9, kfb, k2, kfb, k9, kfb - 28sts

Rows 5-7 Beginning with a purl row work three rows stocking stitch

Row 8 inc) Kfb, k11, kfb, k2, kfb, k11, kfb - 32sts

Rows 9-19 Beginning with a purl row work eleven rows stocking stitch

Row 20 inc) K14, kfb, k2, kfb, knit to end - 34sts

Row 21 Purl

Work short rows to create Kitten's Left Hind Leg

Short row 1 K9, W+Tk (Wrap and Turn knit, see page 2)

Short row 2 P2, W+Tp (Wrap and Turn purl)

Short row 3 K3, W+Tk

Short row 4 P4, W+Tp

Short row 5 K5, W+Tk

Short row 6 P6, W+Tp

Short row 7 Knit to the end of the row

Work short rows to create Kitten's Right Hind Leg

Short row 1 P9, W+Tp

Short row 2 K2, W+Tk

Short row 3 P3, W+Tp

Short row 4 K4, W+Tk

Short row 5 P5, W+Tp

Short row 6 K6, W+Tk

Short row 7 Purl to the end of the row

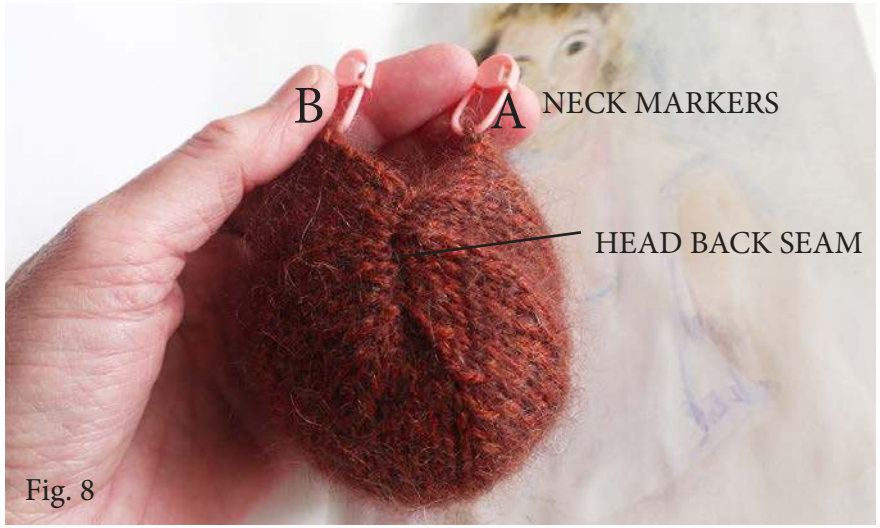


Fig. 8

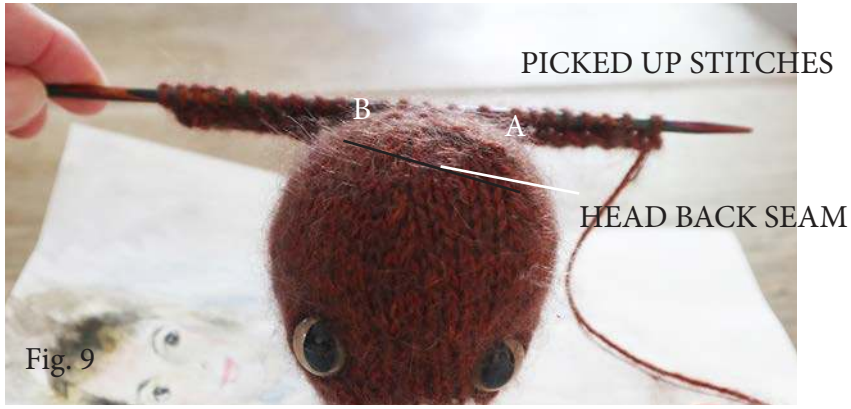


Fig. 9

Shape Back and Belly

Row 22 inc) Kfb, k14, kfb, k2, kfb, knit to last st, kfb - 38sts

Rows 23-25 Beginning with a purl row work three rows stocking stitch

Row 26 inc) Kfb, k16, kfb, k2, kfb, knit to last st, kfb - 42sts

Rows 27-29 Beginning with a purl row work three rows stocking stitch

Row 30 dec) K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog - 40sts

Rows 31, 33 & 35 Purl

Row 32 dec) K2tog, k2, k2tog, k7, skpo, k10, k2tog, k7, k2tog, k2, k2tog - 34sts

Row 34 dec) K2tog, k2, k2tog, k5, skpo, k8, k2tog, k5, k2tog, k2, k2tog - 28sts

Row 36 dec) Cast off 6 sts, **PM** in front of the stitch on the RH needle for **Left Belly Marker,** continue to cast off 4 more sts (10 sts all together) for Bottom Seam left side, knit next 7 sts, cast off next 4 sts, **PM** in front of the stitch on the RH needle for **Right Belly Marker**, cast off all remaining 6 sts for Bottom Seam right side

TAIL

WS facing rejoin yarn (if you like you can alternate colours on each pair of rows to create a striped tail) to the 8 remaining stitches, these are your tail stitches, continue as follows:

Rows 1-3 Beginning with a purl row work three rows stocking stitch

Row 4 inc) Cast on 3 sts for left Tail Underside, k11

Row 5 inc) Cast on 3 sts for left Tail Underside, p14

Rows 6-15 Work ten rows stocking stitch

Row 16 dec) K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog - 12sts

Row 17 Purl

Rows 18-27 dec) Repeat last 2 rows five times - 2sts

Cut yarn and thread end through both Tail sts, pull up to close up the stitches to a point for Tail Point.

Join Tail Seam

WS (wrong side/ purl side) facing fold tail so that the row ends from either side of the fastened-off Tail Point match. Mattress stitch along the tail row ends from the tail point to the beginning of the tail, match the Belly Markers and carry on mattress stitching from the beginning of the tail along to the markers for Bottom Seam (*see Fig. 10, matching dotted lines*) - add stuffing if you like - I just used yarn endings. Remove ONE of the belly markers.

Fig. 10

BELLY

RS facing you, tail toward you, with yarn **A**, start at the kitten's left at the corner of the cast-off edge pick up and knit 3 sts along to the bottom seam at the remaining Belly Marker, then from the marker pick up and knit 3 sts across to the right-side corner of the cast-off edge (*see. Fig. 11 dotted line from A to B then B to C*) - 6sts

Remove belly marker.

Row 1 Purl

Row 2 inc) Kfb, k to last st, kfb - 8sts

Rows 3-6 inc) Repeat last 2 rows twice - 12sts (*see. Fig. 12*)

Rows 7-19 Beginning with a purl row work 13 rows stocking stitch

Row 20 inc) Kfb, k to last st, kfb - 14sts

Row 21 Purl

Rows 22-25 inc) Repeat last 2 rows twice - 18sts

Rows 26-27 Work two rows stocking stitch

Row 28 dec) K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog - 16sts

Row 29 Purl

Rows 30-31 dec) Repeat last 2 rows once - 14sts

Work short rows to create Kitten's Breast

Short row 1 K13, W+Tk

Short row 2 P12, W+Tp

Short row 3 K11, W+Tk

Short row 4 P10, W+Tp

Fig. 11

Fig. 12

Short row 5 K9, W+Tk

Short row 6 P8, W+TP

Short row 7 K7, W+Tk

Short row 8 P6, W+Tp

Short row 9 K10 to end

Cast off all 14 Breast sts purlwise.

Join Breast to Back

Find the centre of the cast-off edge from Breast and mark with a pin.

WS together match the corner of the cast-off edge from Back with the pin.

Working on one side at a time, mattress stitch to join the cast-off edge from Breast to the row ends from Back (*see Fig. 13 join dotted lines so joining left side of breast from pin along cast-off edge to left side of back row ends*)

NOTE: You are not joining the cast-off edge at the chin at ths point - you'll need that edge open for the forelegs later.

Fig. 13

Join Belly to Neck

Once you have joined both sides Belly to Back match the pin with Nose Seam and work a couple of stitches to join (*see Fig. 14, joining A to B*).

Leave spaces at the chin edges so that you can place the forelegs (*see Fig. 15*).

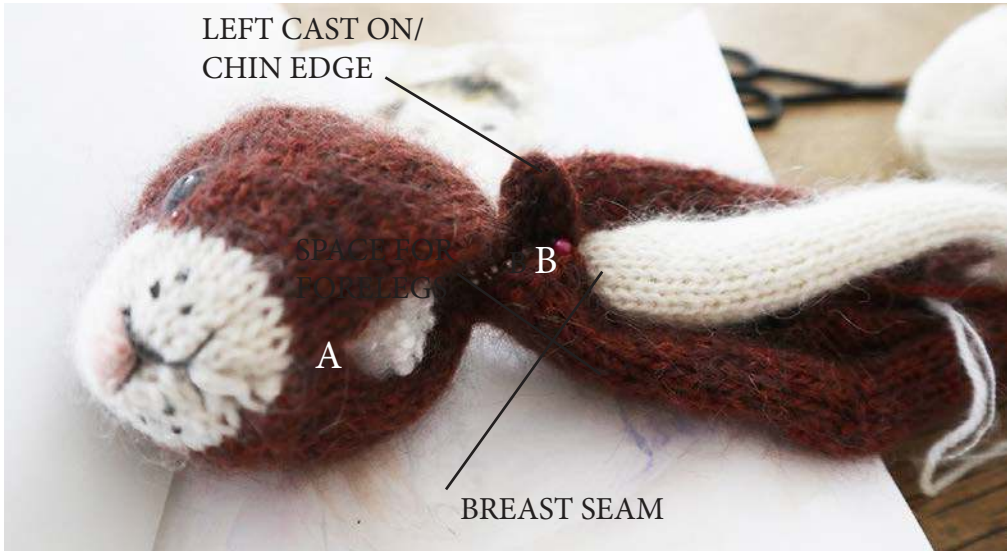


Fig. 14

Fig. 15

Now work mattress stitch to join the side seams working on one side at a time and carefully matching the row ends - pin if helps, joining from the breast to back seam all along to the beginning of the belly seam at the picked-up sts at the tail end (*see Fig. 16, joining from C to D*) at the same time stuffing the body (*see Fig. 17*).

Fig. 16

Fig. 17

EARS make 2 alike

With yarn **B** cast on 8 sts

Work short rows to shape kitten's ear

Short row 1 K7, W+Tk

Short row 2 P6, W+Tp

Short row 3 K5, W+Tk

Short row 4 P4, W+Tp

Short row 5 K3, W+Tk

Short row 6 P2, W+Tp

Short row 7 Knit to the end of the row

Row 1 dec) P2tog, p to last 2 sts, p2tog - 6sts

Row 2 dec) K2tog three times - 3sts

Cut yarn, thread end through all 3 Ear Point sts pull up to gather the sts.

Join Ear to Head

Weave tail end from cast-off along the side of the ear.

Join the cast-on edge onto the head creating a slight curve so the inside of the ear becomes concave (*refer to the photos, fig. 18 a, b & c, for placement*) - the RS of the knitting is the ear back.

Figs. 18 a, b & c

FORELEGS make 2 alike

With yarn **B** cast on 10 sts

Rows 1-18 Work 18 rows stocking stitch

Row 19 dec) K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog - 8sts

Row 20 Purl

Rows 21-24 dec) Repeat last 2 rows twice - 4sts

Cut yarn and thread end through all 4 sts, pull up to close up the stitches at paw end.

Join Foreleg Seam

WS facing, mattress stitch along the row ends to join the under-foreleg seam at the same time stuff the foreleg with some spare yarn before closing the seam at the top/ cast-on edge completely with mattress stitch (*see Fig. 19*).

Shape the foreleg with your fingers to sculpt into the desired 'paw' shape then slip the top of the foreleg into the gap at the neck between the side of the body and chin edge and carefully whip stitch or oversew to join the foreleg and close the gap, adding more stuffing to the head and body if needs be before completing the sewing in place of the second foreleg (*see Fig. 20, matching dotted lines and Fig. 21 shows the closing up of the gap at the chin after the foreleg*).

The foreleg seam lies under the foreleg.

Fig. 19

Fig. 20

Fig. 21

HIND LEGS

Left Hind Leg

With yarn **B** cast on 3 sts for the Left Leg Top

Row 1 inc) Kfb, k1, kfb - 5sts

Row 2 Purl

Row 3 inc) Kfb, k to last st, kfb - 7sts

Rows 4-5 inc) Repeat last 2 rows once - 9sts

Row 6 Purl

Row 7 inc) Cast on 9 sts for Leg Back, k18

Rows 8-24 Beginning with a purl row work 17 rows stocking stitch

Row 25 dec) K8, k2tog, knit to end - 17sts

***Change colour here if you want a different colour paw**

Work short rows to shape the top of the foot

Short row 1 P16, W+Tp

Short row 2 K15, W+Tk

Short row 3 P14, W+Tp

Short row 4 K13, W+Tk

Short row 5 P12, W+Tp

Short row 6 K11, W+Tk

Short row 7 P10, W+Tp

Short row 8 K9, W+Tk

Short row 9 P8, W+Tp

Short row 10 K7, W+Tk

Short row 11 Purl to the end of the row

Row 26 dec) K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog - 15sts

Cast off all 15 Bottom of Paw sts purlwis**

Right Hind Leg

With yarn **B** cast on 3 sts for the Right Leg Top

Row 1 inc) Kfb, k1, kfb - 5sts

Row 2 Purl

Row 3 inc) Kfb, k to last st, kfb - 7sts

Rows 4-5 inc) Repeat last 2 rows once - 9sts

Row 6 inc) Cast on 9 sts for Leg Back, p18

Rows 7-24 Work 18 rows stocking stitch

Row 25 dec) K8, k2tog, k to end - 17sts

Continue as Left Leg from * to **.

Join hind Leg Seam

WS facing, fold the leg in half across the cast-off edge. Mattress stitch along the row ends to join back of the leg seam then mattress stitch the cast-off edge for the foot sole (*see Fig. 22*).

Shape the foot with your fingers to sculpt into desired shape (*see Fig. 22*).

Fig. 22

To Finish

Working on one leg at a time -

The leg seam should be at the back of the leg, so with this in mind, place the triangular shape created by the increases at the top of the leg over the short row shaping at kitten's back and whip stitch in place (*see Fig. 23 - the dotted lines refer to the short row shaping - the dashed lines represent the top of the leg. Match the dashed line to the dotted lines and whipstitch around so joining the hind leg to the side of the body*)

Fig. 23

When you've joined the dashed lines to the dotted lines stuff the top of the leg a little before closing the leg seam by whip stitching under the leg so joining Hind Leg Back cast-on edge to the side of the body (*see Fig. 24*)

Fig. 24

To Finish

To make the face squish up a little, bend a length of yarn in half and pass the cut ends through a yarn sewing needle.
Pass the threaded needle through one side of the head, just under the eye, and out the other side of the head, at the other eye, then back in to emerge back out where you started - pull up to squish the face a little and secure the thread (see *Fig. 23*).

Optional - With black sewing thread work 4 straight stitches over each each claw end of hind leg foot and/or paw end of foreleg.

Apron

SIZE Designed to fit the Beginner's Kitten

YARN small amount 4-ply/ fingering-weight yarn - I used Drops Flora shade 01

POCKET LINING

Cast on 8sts with white 4-ply and 3.75mm needles

Rows 1-10 Work 10 rows st st. Cut yarn, leave sts on a safety pin.

FRONT

Cast on 54sts

Row 1 RS) [P2, k4] nine times

Row 2 [P4, k2] nine times

Row 3 (dec) [P2tog, k4] nine times - 45sts

Row 4 (dec) [P1, skpo, k2tog] nine times - 27sts

Rows 5-14 Work ten rows stocking stitch

Add pocket

Row 15 dec) K9, cast off next 9sts, knit to end - 18sts

Row 16 P9, with WS of Pocket Lining sts facing you, slip all 8sts onto the LH needle ready to purl across, purl across all Pocket Lining sts, purl to end - 26sts

Rows 17-22 Work six rows stocking stitch

Apron waist ties

Row 23 (inc) Cast on 30sts, knit to end - 56

Row 24 (inc) Cast on 30sts, purl to end - 86

Row 25 (dec) Cast off 30sts, knit to end - 56

Row 26 (dec) Cast off 30sts purlwise, purl to end - 26sts

Row 27 (dec) K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog - 24sts

Row 28 (dec) P2tog, p to last 2 sts, p2tog - 22sts

Rows 29-32 dec) Repeat last 2 rows twice - 14sts

NECK TIES

Row 33 (dec) K5, cast off next 4sts, knit to end

Row 34 (dec) P3, p2tog, turn so knit side faces

Row 35 (dec) Skpo, k2 - 3sts for Right Shoulder Tie

Right Shoulder Tie

Rows 36-65 Work 30 rows stocking stitch on these 3 Right Shoulder Tie sts (*You can work i-cord here if you like, in other words dont turn, keep knit side facing at all times, slipping the stitches from you right needle to your left - the working yarn lying vertically across the back as you knit*)

Cast off.

Left Shoulder Tie

WS facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 5 sts

Row 34 (dec) P2tog, p to end - 4sts

Row 35 (dec) K2tog, k2 - 3sts

Work to match Right Shoulder Tie.

Cast off.

To make up

Loop each cast-off edge at the neck ties around your little finger and use the tail ends to secure the loop. These ends then loop over the waist ties.

Sew around down the sides and along the bottom of the pocket lining to join.

KITTEN SOFT CARDI

SIZE Designed to fit the Beginner's Kitten

YARN small amount 4-ply/ fingering-weight yarn

I used Solitaires Fing 20g ball, shade 8E03 'Searching For Glaciers' from loopknittingshop.com

KNITTING NEEDLES Pair 3.75mm straight knitting needles

EXTRAS Silk thread and button for button fastenings

Beginning with the Back

Cast on 28sts.

Row 1 (WS) *P1, k1, repeat from * across.

Row 2 *P1, k1, repeat from * across.

Rows 3-18 Beginning on a WS row, work 16 rows garter stitch (all rows knit)

Sleeves

Row 19 (inc) (WS) Cast on 20 sts, p3, knit to end - 48sts

Row 20 (inc) Cast on 20 sts, knit to end - 68sts

Row 21 P3, knit to last 3 sts, p3.

Row 22 Knit

Rows 23-32 Repeat last 2 rows five times

Neck

Row 33 (inc) (WS) P3, k21, cast off next 20 sts for Neck, knit to last 3, p3 - 48sts

Right Front and Right Sleeve

Row 34 K24 Right Front sts

Row 35 K21, p3 at right sleeve edge

Row 36 inc) K21, kfb, k2 - 25 Right Front sts

Rows 37, 39, 41, 43, 45 & 47 Knit to last 3 sts, p3 at right sleeve edge

Row 38 inc) K22, kfb, k2 - 26 Right Front sts

Row 40 inc) K23, kfb, k2 - 27 Right Front sts

Row 42 inc) K24, kfb, k2 - 28 Right Front sts

Row 44 inc) K25, kfb, k2 - 29 Right Front sts

Row 46 inc) K26, kfb, k2 – 30 Right Front sts

Row 48 inc) K27, kfb, k2 – 31 Right Front sts

Row 49 K28, p3 at right sleeve edge

Row 50 dec) Cast off 20 sts, k to last 3 sts (Right Front), kfb, k2 - 12 Right Front sts

Rows 51 & 53 Knit

Row 52 inc) K9, kfb, k2 - 13 Right Front sts

Row 54 inc) K10, kfb, k2 - 14 Right Front sts

Rows 55-63 Beginning on a WS row, work 9 rows garter stitch

Row 64 (RS) *K1, p1, repeat from * across

Row 65 Repeat last row once

Cast off in k1, p1 rib.

Left Front and Left Sleeve

RS facing you with 24 left front/ sleeve stitches on your left-hand needle ready to knit, continue as follows:

Row 1 Knit

Row 2 WS) P3 at left sleeve edge, knit to end

Row 3 inc) K2, kfb, knit to end - 25 Left Front sts

Rows 4-15 Repeat last 2 rows six times – 31 Left Front Sts

Row 16 dec) Cast off 3 sts purl-wise, cast off 17 sts knit-wise (totalling 20), knit to end - 11 Left Front sts

Row 17 inc) K2, kfb, knit to end - 12 Left Front sts

Row 18 Knit

Rows 19-22 inc) Repeat last 2 rows twice – 14 Left Front sts

Rows 23-30 Beginning on a RS row, work 8 rows garter stitch

Row 31 (RS) *K1, p1, repeat from * across

Row 32 Repeat last row once

Cast off in k1, p1 rib.

Join Seams

With WS together, fold at the Neck (see below, fold at the dotted line).

Match the Underarm Seam and mattress stitch along the underarm seams working one sleeve at a time.

Mattress stitch along the side seams.

Attach a length of silk thread, make it into a double-thread loop then take a small stitch to hold the loop in place.

Work buttonhole stitches in and out all around the loop to complete the buttonhole.

Securely sew a button in place that's the right size for your loop to complete the cardigan

WINTER SUIT

SIZE Designed to fit the Beginner's Kitten

YARN 1/2 ball DK/ light-worsted weight yarn

I used Drops Flora shade 15 together with Drops Brushed Alpaca Silk shade 11

KNITTING NEEDLES Pair 3.75mm straight knitting needles

EXTRAS Pair large safety pins (*optional*); stitch holder; coloured row markers (see colour guide on page 3)

TENSION Use a yarn that has a similar gauge to your kitten

Beginning at the Neck

Cast on 28sts.

Row 1 (RS) *K1, p1, repeat from * across

PM (place marker) on 10th and 18th stitches of last row for **Hood Markers**

Rows 2-4 Repeat last row three times

Row 5 Knit

Divide Front from Back

Row 6 P21, Turn so that knit side faces

Row 7 K14, Turn so that purl side faces

Continue to work on 14 sts for Front as follows (if it's easier slip the remaining two sets of 7 sts off the needles and onto the safety pins for now):

FRONT

Row 8 P14

Row 9 inc) [K2, kfb] four times, k2 - 18sts

Rows 10, 12, 14, 16 & 18 Purl (just the Front sts)

Row 11 inc) [K3, kfb] twice, k2, [kfb, k3] twice - 22sts

Row 13 inc) [K4, kfb] twice, k2, [kfb, k4] twice - 26sts

Row 15 inc) [K5, kfb] twice, k2, [kfb, k5] twice - 30sts

Row 17 inc) [K6, kfb] twice, k2, [kfb, k6] twice - 34sts

Row 19 inc) [K7, kfb] twice, k2, [kfb, k7] twice - 38sts

Row 20 Purl

Cut yarn and leave all 38 Front sts on a stitch holder for now.

RIGHT BACK

WS (purl side) facing, return to 7 sts for Right Back (slip off the safety pin if using and onto a knitting needle ready to purl across), rejoin yarn, continue as follows:

Row 6, 8, 10 & 12 Purl

Row 7 inc) Kfb, k5, kfb - 9sts

Row 9 inc) Kfb, k7, kfb - 11sts

Row 11 inc) Kfb, k9, kfb - 13sts

Row 13 inc) Kfb, k11, kfb - 15sts

Rows 14-20 Beginning with a purl row work seven rows stocking stitch

Cut yarn and leave all 15 Right Back sts on a safety pin for now.

LEFT BACK

RS facing, return to the remaining 7 sts for Left Back (slip off the safety pin if using and onto a knitting needle ready to knit across), rejoin yarn, continue as follows:

Row 7 inc) Kfb, k5, kfb - 9sts

Row 8, 10 & 12 Purl

Row 9 inc) Kfb, k7, kfb - 11sts

Row 11 inc) Kfb, k9, kfb - 13sts

Row 13 inc) Kfb, k11, kfb - 15sts

Rows 14-20 Beginning with a purl row work seven rows stocking stitch.

Cut yarn and leave all 15 Left Back sts on a safety pin for now.

Joining Right Back to Front & Front to Left Back

Row 21 Slip all 15 Right Front sts off the safety pin onto a knitting needle ready to knit across, rejoin yarn, k15; slip all Front 38 sts off the stitch holder onto a knitting needle ready to knit across, k38; slip all 15 Left Front sts off the safety pin onto a knitting needle ready to knit across, k15 (*see Fig 1, from A to B, B to C, C to D*) - 68sts

Row 22 Purl

Row 23 dec) K14, k2tog, k36, k2tog, knit to end - 66sts

Rows 24-26 Beginning with a purl row work three rows stocking stitch

Row 27 dec) K13, k2tog, k34, k2tog, knit to end - 64sts

Row 28 Purl

Divide Front from Legs and Back

Row 29 K43, Turn so that purl side faces

Row 30 P22, Turn so that knit side faces

Continue to work on 22 sts for Front as follows (if it's easier slip the remaining two sets of 21 sts off the needles and onto safety pins for now):

FRONT

Row 31 dec) K5, skpo, k8, k2tog, k5 - 20sts

Rows 32, 34, 36 & 38 Purl

Row 33 dec) K4, skpo, k8, k2tog, k4 - 18sts

Row 35 dec) K3, skpo, k8, k2tog, k3 - 16sts

Row 37 dec) K2, skpo, k8, k2tog, k2 - 14sts

Row 39 dec) K1, skpo, k8, k2tog, k1 - 12sts

Rows 40-46 Beginning with a purl row work seven rows stocking stitch

Cast off all 12 Front sts.

PM at each end of cast-off edge for left and right **Front Markers**.

LEFT BACK

RS facing, return to 21 sts for kitten's Left Back (slip off the safety pin if using and onto a knitting needle ready to knit across), rejoin yarn, continue as follows:

Row 29 dec) K2tog, knit to end - 20sts

Row 30 Purl

Rows 31-34 dec) Repeat last 2 rows twice - 17sts

Row 35 dec) K2tog, knit to end - 16sts

Make a Tail Space

Row 36 dec) Cast off 4 sts purl-wise for Tail Space, purl to end - 12sts

Row 37 dec) K2tog, knit to end - 11sts

Row 38 inc) Pfb twice, purl to end - 13sts

Row 39 dec) K2tog, knit to end - 12sts

Row 40 Purl

Rows 41-48 dec) Repeat last 2 rows four times - 8sts

Row 49 dec) K2tog, knit to end - 7sts

Cast off all 7 Left Back sts purl-wise.

PM for **Left Back Marker** at the end of the cast-off.

RIGHT BACK

WS facing, return to remaining 21 sts for kitten's Right Back (slip off the safety pin if using and onto a knitting needle ready to knit across), rejoin yarn, continue as follows:

Row 30 dec) P2tog, purl to end - 20sts

Row 31 Knit

Rows 32-35 dec) Repeat last 2 rows three times- 17sts

Row 36 dec) P2tog, purl to end - 16sts

Make a Tail Space

Row 37 dec) Cast off 4 sts for Tail Space, knit to end - 12sts

Row 38 dec) P2tog, purl to end - 11sts

Row 39 inc) Kfb twice, knit to end - 13sts

Row 40 dec) P2tog, purl to end - 12sts

Row 41 Knit

Rows 42-47 dec) Repeat last 2 rows three times - 9sts

Row 48 dec) P2tog, purl to end - 8sts

Row 49 dec) Knit to last 2 sts, k2tog - 7sts

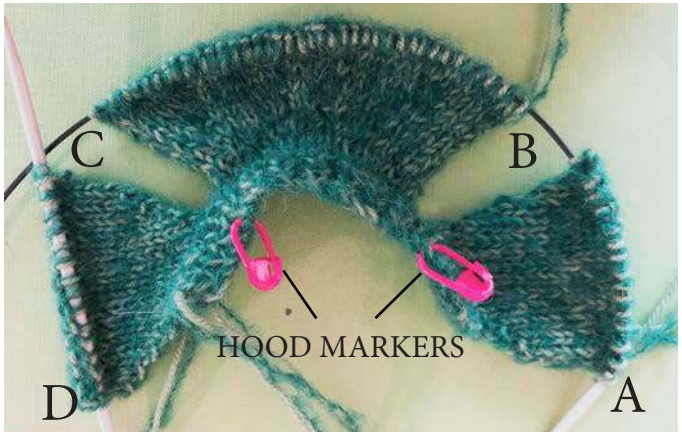
PM for **Right Back Marker** at the end of the last row.

Cast off all 7 Right Back sts purl-wise.

Join Back Seam

WS together, match the row ends from Left and Right Back sections and mattress stitch all along joining rows ends from the Neck cast-on edge to the corners of the cast-off edges at the Tail Space.

Then mattress stitch from row end beneath the Tail Space cast-off edges to the Left and Right Back Cast off, leaving the gap open for the tail space (*see Fig 2. from A to B, then from C to D also showing Tail Space gap*).



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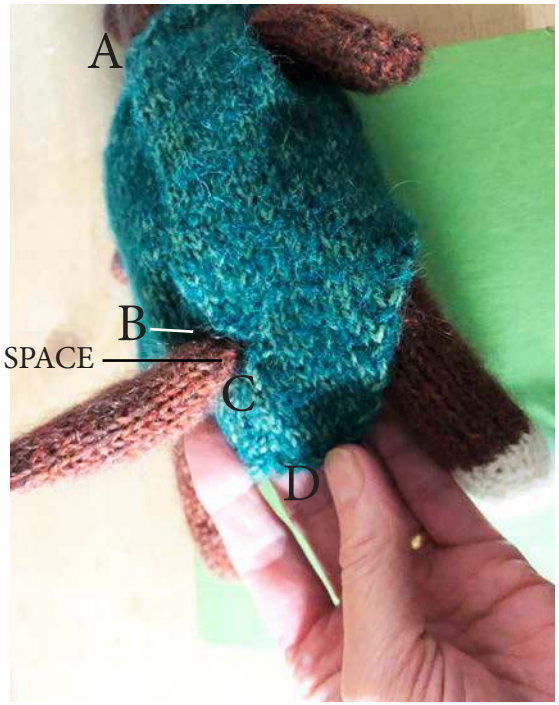


FIG. 2

LEGS - **Left Leg**

RS facing, beginning at Left Front Marker, pick up and knit 12 sts along row ends from left front marker to the leg split; then pick up and knit 16 sts from the leg split along row ends to Left Back Marker (*see Fig. 3, from A to B, B to C*) - 28sts

*__Row 1__ Purl

Row 2 Kfb, k10, skpo, k2, k2tog, knit to last st, kfb

Rows 3-18 Repeat last 2 rows eight times

Row 19 Purl*

Work short rows to shape the Left Foot

Short row 1 K13, W+Tp

Short row 2 P12, W+Tk

Short row 3 K11, W+Tp

Short row 4 P10, W+Tk

Short row 5 K9, W+Tp

Short row 6 P8, W+Tk

Short row 7 K7, W+Tp

Short row 8 P6, W+Tk

Short row 9 K5, W+Tp

Short row 10 P4, W+Tk

Short row 11 K3, W+Tp

Short row 12 P2, W+Tk

Short row 13 Knit to end

Rows 20, 22 & 24 Purl

Row 21 dec) [K2, k2tog] seven times - 21sts

Row 23 dec) [K1, k2tog] seven times - 14sts

Row 25 dec) K2tog seven times - 7sts

Cut yarn leasving a long tail end, thread end through all 7 Sole sts, pull up and fasten off.

Use the Tail end to **join the Leg Seam** as follows:

WS together, match the Left Front and Left Back Markers, mattress stitch from the fastened-off point along to the makers for Inside Leg.

Remove markers.**

Right Leg

RS facing, beginning at Right Back Marker pick up and knit 16 sts along row ends from right back marker to the leg split; then pick up and knit 12 sts from the leg split along row ends to Right Front Marker (*see Fig. 4, from A to B, B to C*) - 28sts

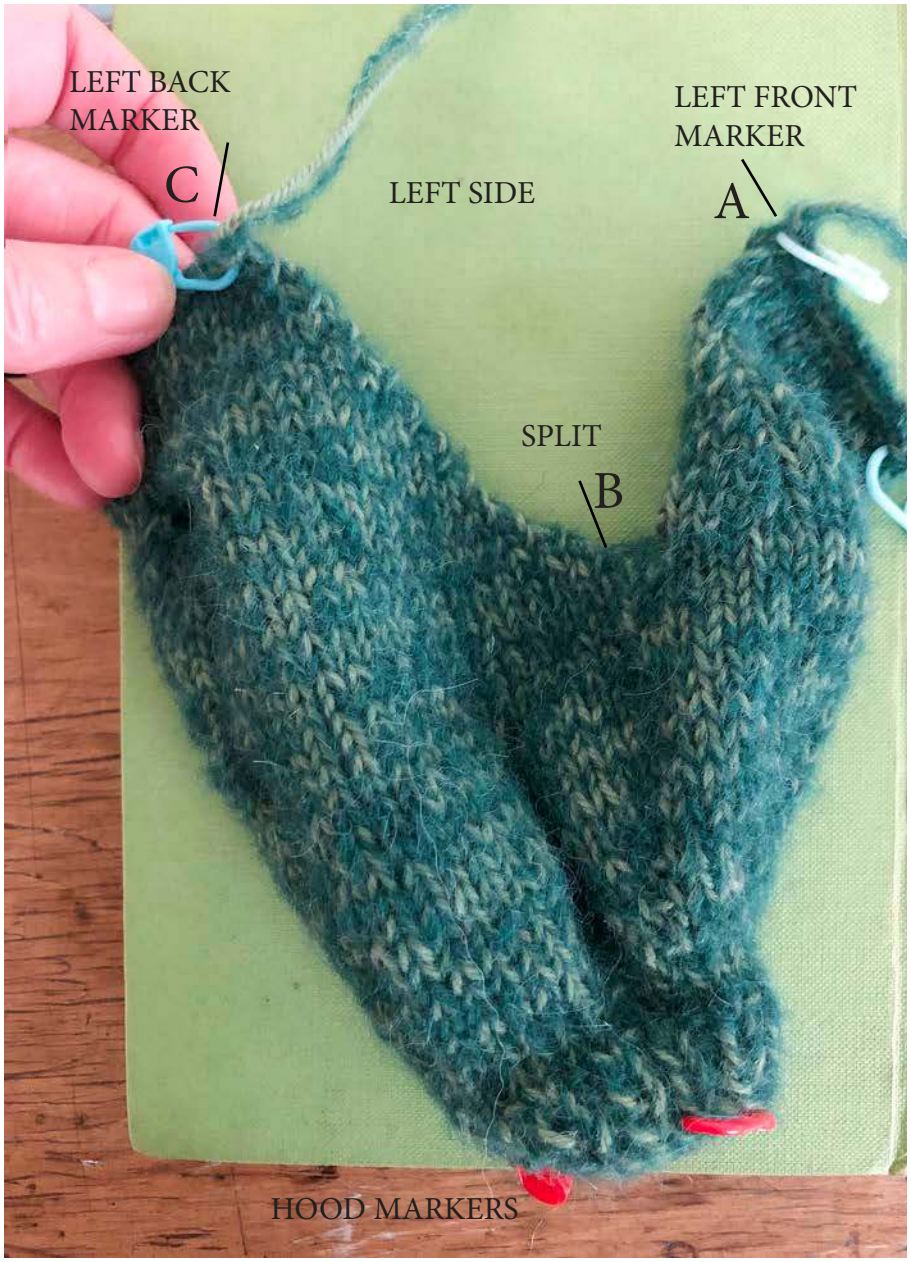
Continue as Left Leg from * to *

Work short rows to shape the Right Foot

Short row 1 K27, W+Tp

Continue as Left Foot from * to **.

Join the seam that joins the crotch by mattress stitching along cast-off edges between Left Front/Left Back Markers and Right Front/ Right Back Markers (*see Fig. 5*). Remove markers.


LEFT BACK
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HOOD MARKERS

FIG. 3

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SPLIT

FIG. 3

FIG. 5

HOOD

Starting at kitten's Right Hood Marker pick up and knit 20 sts across rib cast-on edge to Left Hood Marker (10 sts either side of the Back Seam) (*see Fig. 6, from A to B*)

Rows 1-19 Beginning with a purl row work 19 rows stocking stitch

Make Ear Spaces

Row 20 dec) K4, cast off 4 sts, knit next 3sts, cast off next 4 sts, knit to end - 16sts

Row 21 inc) P4, Turn so knit side faces, cast 4 sts, Turn so purl side faces, purl next 4 sts, Turn so knit side faces, cast 4 sts, Turn so purl side faces, purl 4 sts to end - 20sts

Row 20 dec) K9, k2tog, knit to end - 19sts

Rows 21-23 Beginning with a purl row work three rows stocking stitch

Row 24 dec) K8, k3tog, knit to end - 17sts

Rows 25 Purl

Row 26 dec) K7, k3tog, knit to end - 15sts

Row 27 dec) [P2tog, p1] five times - 10sts

Cut yarn and leave all 10 Hood Top sts on a safety pin for now.

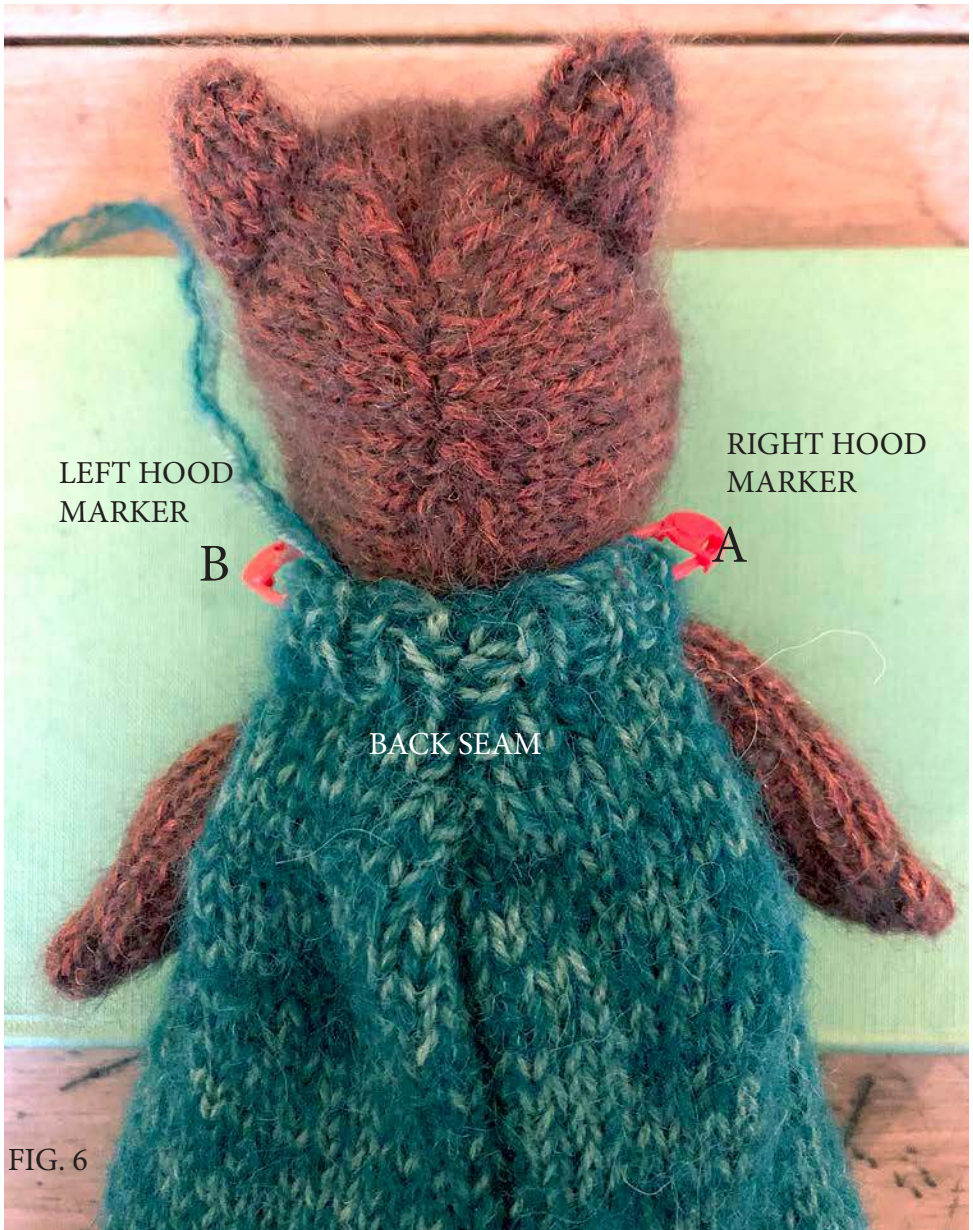

FIG. 6

Hood Trim

Starting from kitten's Right Hood Marker pick up and knit 13 sts across row ends to Hood Top sts that are on the safety pin; slip all 10 hood top sts off the safety pin and on to the left hand needle and k2tog five times; from here pick up and knit 13 sts along row ends to Left Hood Marker (*see Fig. 7, from A to B, B to C, C to D*) - 31sts

Row 1 [P1, k1] 15 times, p1

Row 2 Repeat last row three times.

Cast off in k1, p1 rib for Hood Rim.

Whip stitch the Hood Rim row ends down against the Neck Edge then weave in the ends.

Remove hood markers.

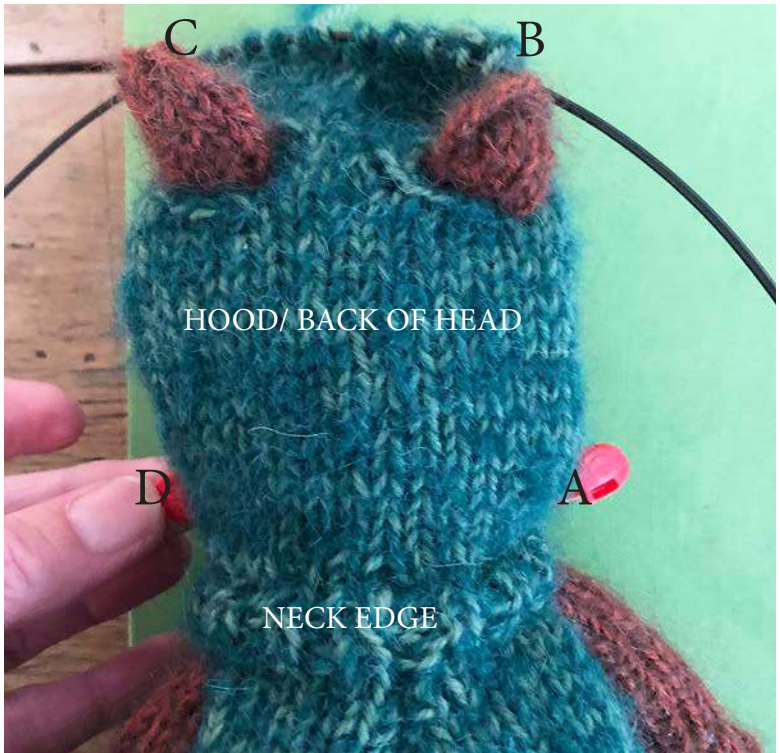

FIG. 7

NOTE:

For the CHRISTMAS SWEATER (*see below*) follow the directions for Winter Suit up to Row 28, Page 4.

Then Cast off all 64sts for the Hem.

Join Back Seam with mattress stitch.

You can also add the hood as before if you wish.

FYI - The fur trim is 2 rows reversed stocking stitch (purl on knit row) not ribbing.

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