

KOALA

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FINISHED SIZE approx. 20cm/ 8in tall

NEEDLES Pair 3.75mm/ size 5 needles

YARN Unless otherwise stated, multiple strands of yarn are used together throughout this pattern. The exact combinations of yarn to be used are indicated by multiple letters:

You'll need 1 ball of each of the colours listed:

A off-white mohair Drops Kid-silk shade 01 Off-white

B grey DK mohair Drops Brushed Alpaca silk shade 03 Grey

C ochre mohair Drops Kid-silk shade 30 Curry

D off-white DK mohair Drops Brushed Alpaca silk shade 01 Off-white

E small amount dark brown mohair Drops Kid-silk shade 15 Dark Brown

F small amount dark grey 4-ply Drops Alpaca shade 0506 Dark Grey Mix

G small amount pink mohair Drops Kid-silk shade 03 Light Pink

EYES Pair brown 12 mm toy eyes either with metal or plastic backs

EXTRAS Toy filling, locking type stitch markers and stitch holders or large safety pins for holding stitches when not in use

Pattern notes:

- Use Cable Cast-on throughout
- Abbreviations can be found at the end of the pattern
- An alternative to the yarn choices can be found at the end of the pattern

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)

MUZZLE

With yarn **AB** (mohairs 4-ply and DK held together) cast on 22 sts
PM (place marker) on 7th and 16th sts for **Nose Position Guides** and
PM at each end for left and right **Muzzle Markers**

Rows 1-2 Work two rows stocking stitch

Row 3 inc) Cast on 5 sts, k to end - 27sts

Row 4 inc) Cast on 5 sts, p to end - 32sts

Row 5 inc) K12, kfb, k5, kfb, k to end - 34sts

Row 6 Purl

Row 7 inc) K13, kfb, k5, kfb, k to end - 36sts

Row 8 Purl

PM (place marker) at each end for left and right **Chin Markers**

Divide for Left Cheek

Row 9 K11, **PM** for left **Eye Corner Marker**, **turn** so purl-side faces, continue to work on Left Cheek sts as follows:

LEFT CHEEK

Row 1 P11

Row 2 dec) K2tog, k9 - 10 left cheek sts

Row 3 P10

Row 4 dec) K2tog, k8 - 9 left cheek sts

Row 5 P9

Row 6 dec) K2tog, k7 - 8 left cheek sts

Row 7 P8

Cut yarn, leave 8 Left Cheek sts on a stitch holder.

RS facing rejoin yarn **AB** to sts on left hand needle, continue as follows:

Divide for Forehead

Row 1 inc) K4, kfb, k4, kfb, k4, **turn** so purl-side faces continue to work on Forehead sts as follows:

FOREHEAD

Row 1 P16

Row 2 inc) K1, kfb, k12, kfb, k1 - 18 forehead sts

Row 3 P18

Row 4 inc) K1, kfb, k14, kfb, k1 - 20 forehead sts

Row 5 P20

Row 6 inc) K1, kfb, k16, kfb, k1 - 22 forehead sts

Row 7 P22

Cut yarn, leave 22 Forehead sts on a stitch holder.

RIGHT CHEEK

RS facing rejoin yarn **AB** to 11 remaining sts, continue as follows:

Row 1 PM for left **Eye Corner Marker**, k to end

Row 2 Purl

Row 3 dec) K to last 2 sts, k2tog - 10sts

Rows 4-7 Repeat last 2 rows twice - 8sts

Row 8 Purl

Cut yarn, leave 8 Right Cheek sts on a stitch holder.



FIG 1

FIG 1 SHOWS MARKER POSITIONS FOR FACE

TOP AND SIDES OF HEAD

Continue working with yarn **AB**

Row 1 (RS) facing slip the 8 Left Cheek sts from the stitch holder onto LH needle with RS facing you, K8; slip the 22 forehead sts from the stitch holder onto LH needle with RS facing you, k1, kfb, k18, kfb, k1; slip 8 right cheek sts from the stitch holder onto LH needle with RS facing you, k8 - 40sts

Row 2 Purl

Row 3 K2tog, k8, kfb, k18, kfb, k to last 2 sts, k2tog

Row 4 Purl

Row 5 dec) K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog - 38sts

Rows 6-9 Repeat last 2 rows twice - 34sts

Row 10 Purl.

PM at each end of the last row for left and right **Upper Jaw Markers**

Cast off for ear gaps as follows:

Row 11 dec) K3, cast off next 8 sts for Left Ear Space, k11, cast off next 8 sts for Right Ear Space, k3 to end – 18sts

Row 12 inc) P3, **turn**, cast on 9 sts for Right Ear Back, **turn**, p12, **turn**, cast on 9 sts for Left Ear Back, **turn**, p3 to end – 36sts

Row 13 dec) K11, skpo, k10, k2tog, k to end - 34sts

Row 14 Purl

Row 15 dec) K10, skpo, k10, k2tog, k to end - 32sts

Row 16 Purl

Row 17 dec) K9, skpo, k10, k2tog, k to end - 30sts

Row 18 Purl

PM at each end of the last row for left and right **Lower Jaw Markers**

Row 19 dec) K8, skpo, k10, k2tog, k to end - 28sts

Row 20 Purl

FRONT

Row 21 inc) Cast on 9 sts, k16, skpo, k10, k2tog, k to end - 35sts

Row 22 inc) Cast on 9 sts, p to end - 44sts

Row 23 dec) K16, skpo, k8, k2tog, k to end - 42sts

Row 24 Purl

Row 25 dec) K15, skpo, k8, k2tog, k to end - 40sts

Row 26 Purl

Row 27 dec) K14, skpo, k8, k2tog, k to end - 38sts

Row 28 Purl

FORELEGS

Row 29 inc) Cast on 18 sts for koala's Left Foreleg, k31, skpo, k8, k2tog, k to end - 54sts

Row 30 inc) Cast on 18 sts for koala's Right Foreleg, p to end - 72sts

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

Work short rows for Koala's Left 'Shoulder' as follows:

Short Row 1 K27, W+Tk

Short Row 2 P27

Short Row 3 K26, W+Tk

Short Row 4 P26

Short Row 5 K25, W+Tk

Short Row 6 P25

Short Row 7 K24, W+Tk

Short Row 8 P24

Short Row 9 K23, W+Tk

Short Row 10 P23

Short Row 11 K22, W+Tk

Short Row 12 P22

Short Row 13 K21, W+Tk

Short Row 14 P21

Short Row 15 K20, W+Tk

Short Row 16 P20

Short Row 17 dec) Cast off 8 sts, k10, W+Tk

Short Row 18 P11

Short Row 19 dec) Cast off 4 sts, k5, W+Tk

Short Row 20 P6

Row 31 dec) Cast off 4 sts, k to end - 56sts

Work short rows for Koala's Right 'Shoulder' as follows:

Short Row 1 P27, W+Tp

Short Row 2 K27

Short Row 3 P26, W+Tp

Short Row 4 K26

Short Row 5 P25, W+Tp

Short Row 6 K25

Short Row 7 P24, W+Tp

Short Row 8 K24

Short Row 9 P23, W+Tp

Short Row 10 K23

Short Row 11 P22, W+Tp

Short Row 12 K22

Short Row 13 P21, W+Tp

Short Row 14 K21

Short Row 15 P20, W+Tp

Short Row 16 K20

Short Row 17 dec) Cast off 8 sts purl-wise, p10, W+Tp

Short Row 18 K11

Short Row 19 dec) Cast off 4 sts purl-wise, p5, W+Tp

Short Row 20 K6

Row 32 dec) Cast off 4 sts purl-wise, p to end - 40sts

Foreleg seams

Row 33 dec) Cast off 6 sts for koala's Left Foreleg Seam, knit next 27sts, cast off last 6 sts for Right Foreleg Seam - 28sts

WS facing rejoin yarn **ABC** to 28sts, continue as follows:

Row 34 inc) Working into the first st on LH needle cast on 5 sts for koala's Right Foreleg Seam, p to end – 33sts

Row 35 inc) Working into the first st on LH needle cast on 5 sts for Left Foreleg Seam, k to end – 38sts

Rows 36-40 Beginning with a purl row work five rows stocking stitch
PM at each end of the last row for left and right **Thigh Markers**

Row 41 dec) K2tog k to last 2 sts, k2tog - 36sts

Row 42 Purl

Rows 43-50 Repeat last 2 rows four times - 28sts

Row 51 dec) K8, skpo, k8, k2tog, k to end - 26sts

Row 52 Purl

Row 53 dec) K8, skpo, k6, k2tog, k to end - 24sts

Row 54 Purl

Row 55 dec) K8, skpo, k4, k2tog, k to end - 22sts

Row 56 Purl

Row 57 dec) K7, skpo, k4, k2tog, k to end - 20sts

Row 58 Purl

Row 59 dec) K6, skpo, k4, k2tog, k to end - 18sts

Row 60 Purl

Row 61 dec) K5, skpo, k4, k2tog, k to end - 16sts

Row 62 Purl

Row 63 dec) K4, skpo, k4, k2tog, k to end - 14sts

Row 64 Purl

Row 65 dec) K3, skpo, k4, k2tog, k to end - 12sts

PM at each end last purl row for left and right **Rear End Markers**

Rows 66-70 Beginning with a purl row work five rows stocking stitch

PM at each end last purl row for left and right **Inner Belly Markers**

Cut yarn **B**, join yarn **D** to work with yarn **ACD** as follows:

Rows 71-72 Work two rows stocking stitch

BELLY

Work short rows to shape the belly as follows:

Short Row 1 K11, W+Tk

Short Row 2 P10, W+Tp

Short Row 3 K9, W+Tk

Short Row 4 P8, W+Tp

Short Row 5 K7, W+Tk

Short Row 6 P6, W+Tp

Short Row 7 K5, W+Tk

Short Row 8 P4, W+Tp

Short Row 9 K8 to end

Rows 73-77 Beginning with a purl row work five rows stocking stitch.

Row 78 inc) K3, kfb, k4, kfb k to end - 14sts

Row 79 Purl

Row 80 inc) K4, kfb, k4, kfb k to end - 16sts

Row 81 Purl

Row 82 inc) K5, kfb, k4, kfb k to end - 18sts

Row 83 Purl

Row 84 inc) K6, kfb, k4, kfb k to end - 20sts

Row 85 Purl

PM at each end last purl row for left and right **Thigh Top Markers**

Cut yarn **C**, join yarn **A** (use other end of the ball) work with yarn **AAD** as follows:

Rows 86-87 Work two rows stocking stitch

BREAST

Row 88 inc) K8, kfb, k2, kfb, k to end - 22sts

Row 89 Purl

Row 90 inc) K9, kfb, k2, kfb, k to end - 24sts

Row 91 Purl

PM at each end last row for left and right **Foreleg Seam Markers**

Rows 92-105 Work 14 rows stocking stitch

PM at each end last purl row for left and right **Foreleg Top Markers**

Row 106 inc) Kfb, k to last st, kfb - 26sts

Row 107 Purl

Rows 108-111 Repeat last 2 rows twice - 30sts

Work short rows to shape the neck side, left side, as follows:

Short Row 1 K5, W+Tk

Short Row 2 P5

Short Row 3 K4, W+Tk

Short Row 4 P4

Short Row 5 K3, W+Tk

Short Row 6 P3

Short Row 7 K2, W+Tk

Short Row 8 P2

Short Row 9 K1, W+Tk

Short Row 10 P1

Row 112 Knit across

Work short rows to shape the neck side, left side, as follows:

Short Row 1 P5, W+Tp

Short Row 2 K5

Short Row 3 P4, W+Tp

Short Row 4 K4

Short Row 5 P3, W+Tp

Short Row 6 K3

Short Row 7 P2, W+Tp

Short Row 8 K2

Short Row 9 P1, W+Tp

Short Row 10 K1

Cast off purl-wise for Neck Edge.

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

FIG. 2

MARKERS GUIDE/ BACK



FIG. 3

MARKERS GUIDE/ BELLY

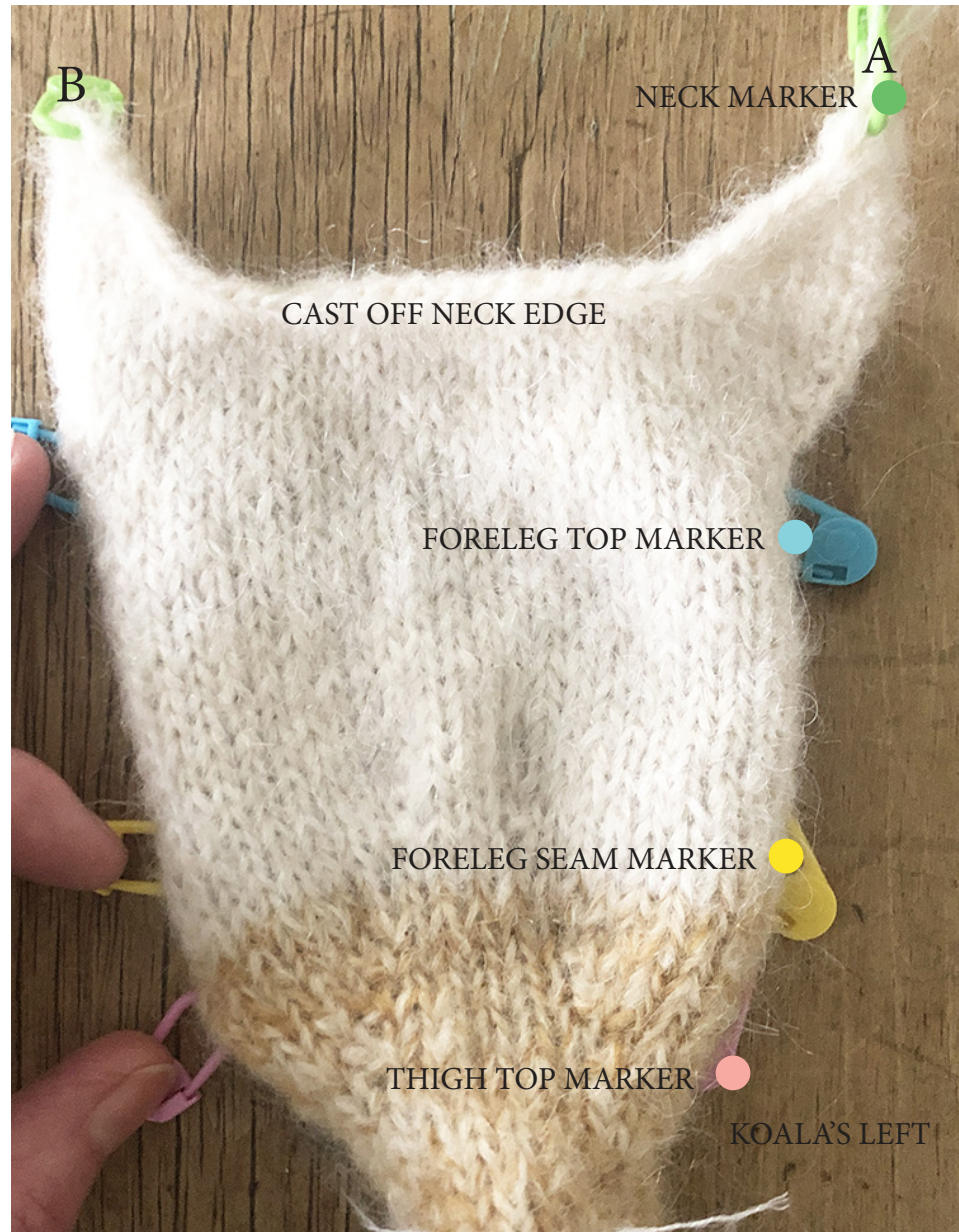


FIG 2 SHOWS MARKER POSITIONS FOR BACK

FIG 3 SHOWS MARKER POSITIONS FOR BELLY

Working on one side at a time, RS (knit-side) facing, match the cast-on edge with cast-off edge from Foreleg Seam, back stitch along those edges to the split to create the Foreleg Seam (see Fig. 2 and Fig. 4, joining dotted diagonal lines).

Turn out right side facing toward you.



FIG. 4

LEFT HIND LEG

RS facing, with yarn **ABB** (use other end of the ball), starting at Left Thigh Marker, pick up and knit 14 sts along to Left Rear End Marker (see Fig. 5, A to B).

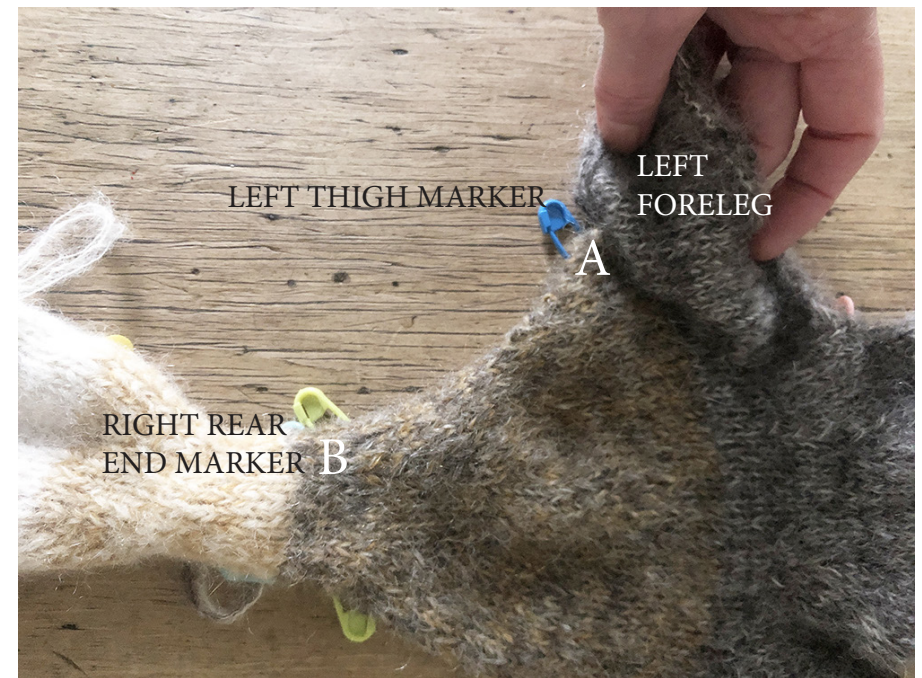


FIG. 5

Row 1 Purl

Cut yarn **B**, continue to work with yarn **AB** as follows:

Row 2 inc) Kfb, k to last st, kfb -16sts

Row 3 Purl

Rows 4-5 inc) Repeat last two rows once - 18sts

Work short rows to shape the left thigh front as follows:

Short Row 1 K14, W+Tk

Short Row 2 P14

Short Row 3 K13, W+Tk

Short Row 4 P13

Short Row 5 K12, W+Tk

Short Row 6 P12

Short Row 7 K11, W+Tk

Short Row 8 P11

Short Row 9 K10, W+Tk

Short Row 10 P10

PM at end of last row for **Inner Thigh Top Markers**

Row 6 Knit all 18 Left Thigh sts

Row 7 P18, pick up and knit 10 sts purlwise across row ends from top of Thigh Short Rows to Thigh Marker - 28sts (see Fig. 6, A to B).

Row 8 Knit

Cut yarn **B**, join yarn **AD**, continue with yarn **AAD**

Row 9 dec) P2tog all across - 14sts

Cast off all 14 Left Thigh sts.

PM at end cast off row for **Inner Thigh Marker**.

Remove left thigh marker.

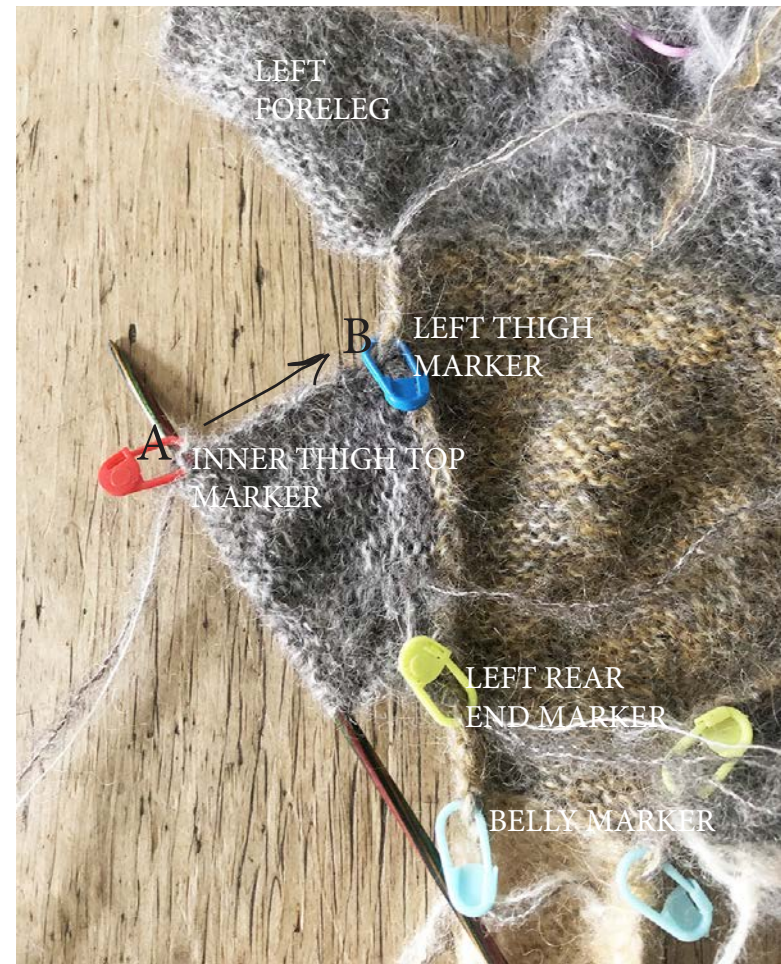


FIG. 6

RIGHT HIND LEG

RS facing, with yarn **ABB**, starting at Right Rear End Marker, pick up and knit 14 sts along to Right Thigh Marker, (see Fig. 7, A to B).



FIG. 7

Row 1 Purl

Cut yarn **B**, continue to work with yarn **AB** as follows:

Row 2 inc) Kfb, k to last st, kfb -16sts**Row 3** Purl**Row 4-5** inc) Repeat last two rows once - 18sts**Row 6** Knit

Work short rows to shape the right thigh front as follows:

Short Row 1 P14, W+Tp**Short Row 2** K14**Short Row 3** P13, W+Tp**Short Row 4** K13**Short Row 5** P12, W+Tp**Short Row 6** K12**Short Row 7** P11, W+Tp**Short Row 8** K11**Short Row 9** P10, W+Tp**Short Row 10** K10

PM at end of last row for **Inner Thigh Top Markers**

Row 7 Purl all 18 Right Thigh sts

Row 8 K18, pick up and knit 10 sts across row ends from top of Thigh Short Rows to Thigh Marker - 28sts

Cut yarn **B**, join yarn **AD**, continue with yarn **AAD**

Row 9 dec) P2tog all across - 14sts

Cast off all 14 Right Inner Thigh sts.

PM at beginning of cast-off row for **Inner Thigh Marker**.

Remove right thigh marker.

JOIN HIND LEGS

Working on one side at a time, WS facing, match the Belly Marker with Rear End Marker, then match Thigh Top Marker with Inner Thigh Marker, ease cast-off edge together with belly row ends and mattress stitch to join belly seam from marker to marker (*see Fig. 8, joining dotted lines*).

Remove belly and inner thigh markers.



FIG. 8

JOIN BELLY

Working on one side at a time, WS facing, match the Foreleg Seam Marker with Foreleg Seam, mattress sew the belly row ends to back row ends from top of the thigh at thigh top marker to foreleg seam (*see Fig. 9, dotted line showing ready sewn seam*).

Remove thigh top marker.



FIG. 9

JOIN TOP OF BREAST

Working on one side at a time, WS facing, match the Foreleg Marker with Foreleg Top Marker, then match Neck Marker with Lower Jaw Marker, mattress stitch the breast row ends to 'shoulder' row ends from markers to markers (see Fig. 10, join dotted lines).

Remove neck marker.



FIG. 10

JOIN SIDE OF THE NECK

Working on one side at a time, RS facing, match the Lower Jaw Marker with Upper Jaw Marker, back stitch the small seam from markers to the split (see Fig. 11, join dotted lines). Turn out to RS. Remove lower jaw marker.



FIG. 11



FIG. 12

CHIN AND MOUTH

RS facing, with yarn **AD**, beginning at koala's Left Upper Jaw Marker pick up and knit 21 sts along Neck Edge to Right Upper Jaw Marker (see Fig 12, A to B)

Row 1 Purl

Row 2 inc) K7, kfb, k5, kfb, k to end - 23sts

Row 3 Purl

Row 4 K2tog, k6, kfb, k5, kfb, k to last 2 sts, k2tog

Rows 5-6 Repeat last two rows once

Row 7 dec) Cast off 8 sts purlwise, p6, cast off last 8 sts purlwise,
PM at each end remaining 7 sts for left and right **Mouth Markers**

RS facing, rejoin yarn **AG**, continue with Mouth as follows:

Rows 8-9 Work two rows stocking stitch

Work short rows to shape the mouth as follows:

Short Row 1 K6, W+Tk

Short Row 2 P5, W+Tp

Short Row 3 K4, W+Tk

Short Row 4 P3, W+Tp

Short Row 5 K2, W+Tk

Short Row 6 P1, W+Tp

Short Row 7 K to end

Row 10 dec) P2tog, cast off 3sts, p2tog, cast off last 2 sts.

NOSE

With yarn **EF** cast on 9 sts

Rows 1-8 Beginning with a purl row work 8 rows stocking stitch

PM at each end for left and right **Nose Markers**

Work short rows to shape nose tip:

Short Row 1 P8, W+Tp

Short Row 2 K7, W+Tk

Short Row 3 P6, W+Tp

Short Row 4 K5, W+Tk

Short Row 5 P4, W+Tp

Short Row 6 K3, W+Tk

Short Row 7 P2, W+Tp

Short Row 8 K1, W+Tk

Short Row 9 P5 sts to end

Row 9 Knit

Row 10 dec) P2tog, p1, p3tog, p1, p2tog - 5sts

Row 11 dec) K2tog, k1, k2tog - 3sts

Row 12 dec) P3tog

Fasten off for Nose Tip.

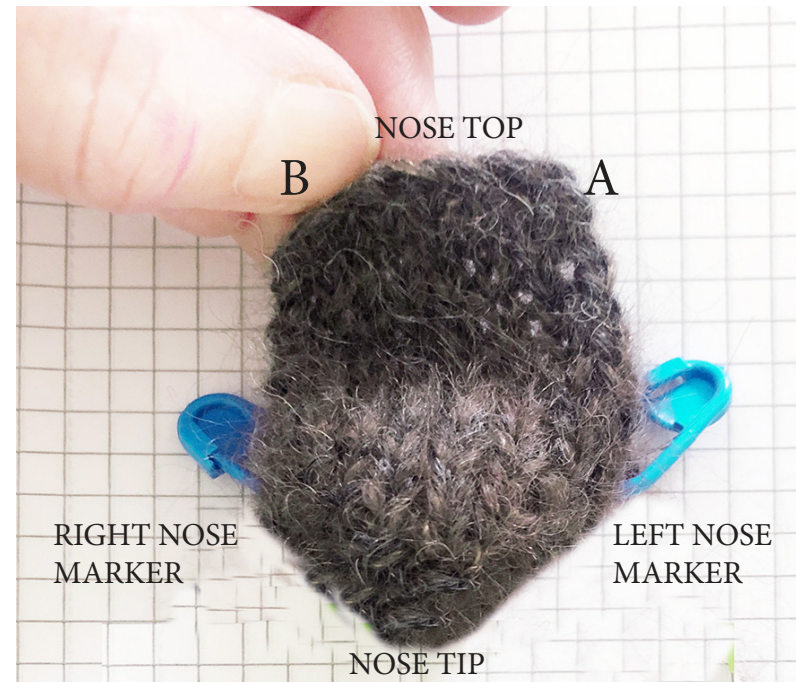


FIG 13

TO JOIN NOSE TO FACE

RS facing, match Nose Position Guides from Muzzle to Corners from Cast-On Edge from Nose (*See fig. 13, A & B*) - backstitch to join nose cast on edge to cast on Edge from muzzle in between the markers.

Then, RS facing, working on one side at a time match the Muzzle Marker with the Nose Marker and back stitch to join the cast on edge from muzzle with the nose row ends from Position guide to nose/ muzzle marker. (*See fig. 14, dotted line*).

Remove position guide markers and nose markers.



FIG 14

JOIN SIDE OF THE JAW

Working on one side at a time, WS facing, match the Chin Marker with Mouth Marker, ease together then mattress stitch the seam at the side of the jaw from chin/ mouth markers to the upper jaw marker/ seam at the side of neck (*see Fig. 15, dotted line*).

Remove upper jaw markers and mouth markers.



FIG 15

MARKINGS AROUND THE MUZZLE

In this section you are working with two different yarn combinations in the same rows. The yarn not in use should be carried across the back on the work to the next place it is needed.

With RS toward you and beginning at koala's right Chin Marker, with yarn **FG**, pick up and knit 6 sts from the Chin Marker to right Nose Marker; with yarn **AD** pick up and knit 4 sts around the nose cast-off edge to the Nose Point then from nose point pick up and knit 4 sts around to left Nose Marker; with yarn **FG** pick up and knit 6 sts from the left Nose Marker to left Chin Marker (*see fig. 16, dotted line*) - 20sts

Row 1 (WS): P6 in FG; p8 in AD; p6 in FG

Cast off 6 sts in FG; 8sts in AD; 6 sts in FG

Mattress stitch to join edges of the mouth to the markings around the muzzle trying to get the mouth as symmetrical as possible (*see fig. 17*).

As a detail - pull the very tip of the nose over the mouth and work a few securing stitches in place - you can see this effect in Fig. 22, p.42.

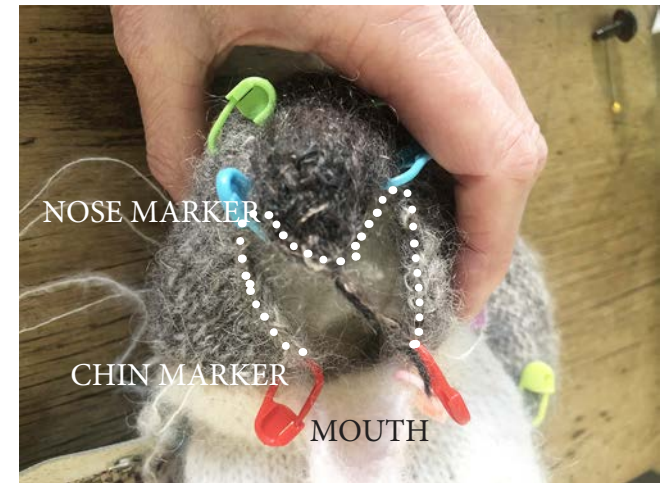


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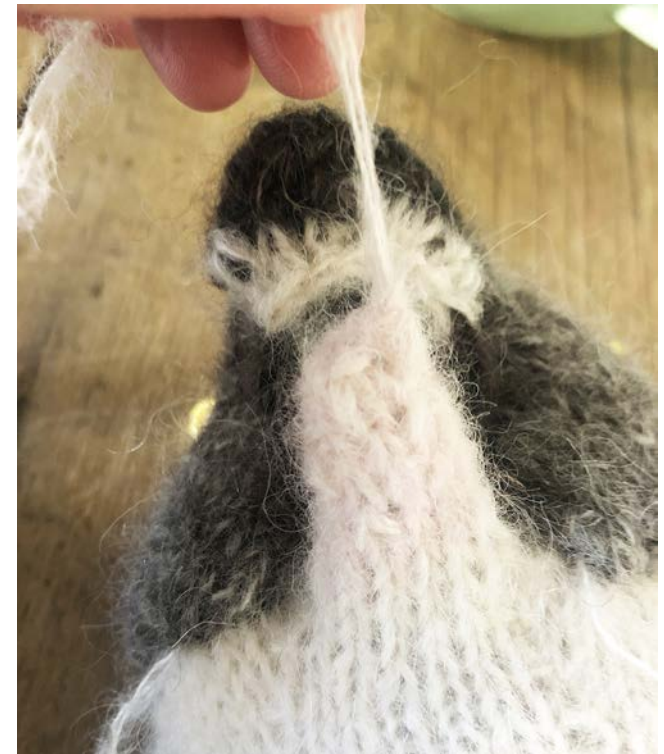


FIG 17

EYES

Working on one eye at a time, RS facing you, with yarn **AG** (pink and white), pick up and knit 5 sts evenly along the edge at eye space working from eye corner to corner opposite or visa-versa along lower edge (*see fig. 18, A to B for left eye and fig. 19, A to B for right eye*), continue as follows:

Row 1-5 Beginning with a purl row work five rows stocking stitch
Cast off.

Push the knitted eye into the eye space, with yarn **B** carefully whip stitch the knitted eye into the space (*see fig. 20*).

Push the toy eye into the centre of the knitted eye and secure the eye in place with the washer (*see fig. 21*).



FIG 18

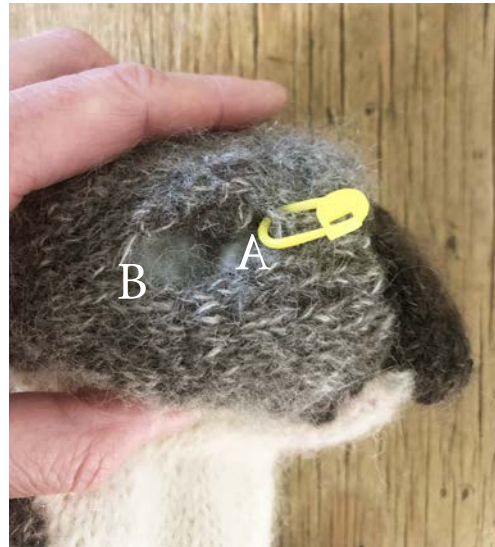


FIG 19



FIG 20



FIG 21

LEFT OUTER EAR

With yarn **ADG** cast on 12 sts for top edge of Left Outer Ear

Row 1 inc) Kfb, k to last st, kfb – 14sts

Short rows to shape the left outer ear

Short row 1 P13, W+Tk

Short row 2 K13

Short row 3 P12, W+Tk

Short row 4 K12

Short row 5 P11, W+Tk

Short row 6 K11

Short row 7 Purl to end of the row to add shaping to the edge

Resume short rows as follows:

Short row 8 K14

Short row 9 P10, W+Tk

Short row 10 K10

Short row 11 P9, W+Tk

Short row 12 K9

Row 2 Purl

Row 3 dec) K to last 2 sts, k2tog – 13sts

Row 4 dec) P to last 2 sts, p2tog – 12sts

Row 5 Repeat last 2 rows once – 10sts

Cast off 10 st for Left Outer Ear Base.

LEFT INNER EAR

RS facing, with yarn **AE** beginning at the corner of the cast-off edge at the base of the outer ear, pick up and knit 25 sts evenly around the three edges of the ear, leave the cast-off edge (*see. fig 22 , A to B to C to D*)

***Row 1** inc) [P7, pfb] three times, p1 - 28sts

Row 2 Knit

Row 3 inc) [P3, pfb] seven times - 35sts

Row 4 Knit

Join on yarn **B** to work with **ABE** continue as follows:

Row 5 Purl

Row 6 dec) [K3, k2tog] seven times - 28sts

Row 7 Purl

Row 8 dec) [K2, k2tog] seven times - 21sts

Row 7 Purl

Row 8 dec) K6, k2tog, k1, k3tog, k1, k2tog, k to end - 17sts

Cast off purlwise.**

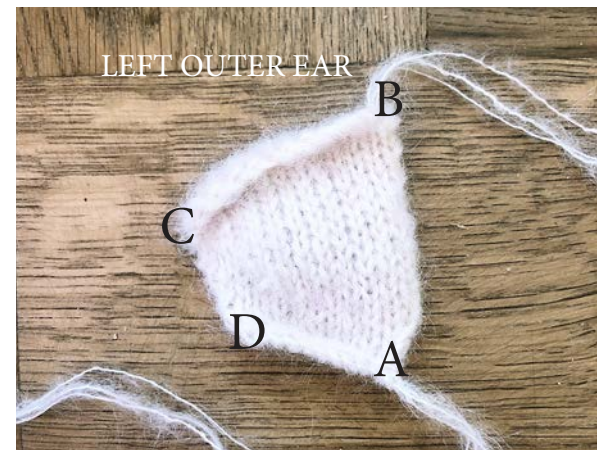


FIG. 22

RIGHT OUTER EAR

With yarn **ADG** cast on 12 sts for top edge of Right Outer Ear

Row 1 inc) Kfb, k to last st, kfb – 14sts

Row 2 Purl

Short rows to shape the right outer ear

Short row 1 K13, W+Tk

Short row 2 P13

Short row 3 K12, W+Tk

Short row 4 P12

Short row 5 K11, W+Tk

Short row 6 P11

Short row 7 Knit to end of the row to add shaping to the edge

Resume short rows as follows:

Short row 8 P14

Short row 9 K10, W+Tk

Short row 10 P10

Short row 11 K9, W+Tk

Short row 12 P9

Row 3 dec) K to last 2 sts, k2tog – 13sts

Row 4 dec) P to last 2 sts, p2tog – 12sts

Row 5 Repeat last 2 rows once – 10sts

Cast off 10 st for Right Outer Ear Base.

RIGHT INNER EAR

RS facing, with yarn **AE** beginning at the corner of the cast-off edge at the base of the outer ear, pick up and knit 25 sts all around the three edges of the ear, leave the cast-off edge

Continue as Left Inner Ear from * to **

WS facing, fold the cast-off edge for inner ear and mattress stitch to join (*see. fig 23, join dotted lines*).

Tuck in the loose ends and lightly stuff.



FIG. 23

KOALA'S LEFT FORELEG

RS facing you, with yarn **ADD** pick up and knit 12 sts evenly along the belly row ends from Foreleg Seam Marker to Foreleg Top Marker (*see fig.*

24, A to B), continue as follows:

Row 1 inc) P to last st, pfb - 13sts

Rows 2-5 Work four rows stocking stitch

Row 6 inc) Kfb, k to end - 14sts

Rows 7-11 Beginning with a purl row work five rows stocking stitch

Row 12 dec) K2tog, k to end - 13sts

Rows 13-15 Beginning with a purl row work three rows stocking stitch

Row 16 dec) K2tog, k to end - 12sts

Rows 17-19 Beginning with a purl row work three rows stocking stitch

Row 20 dec) K2tog, k to end - 11sts

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

Cast off.

Match the straight edges from inner and outer foreleg - the edges that will become the top of the foreleg, ease together and mattress stitch to create the Foreleg Seam (*see fig. 25*).



FIG 24



FIG 25

KOALA'S LEFT FORELEG PAW

RS facing you, with yarn **AB** pick up and knit 13 sts evenly along from corner of cast-off edge of Foreleg Inner to Foreleg Seam and across row ends of Foreleg Outer (*see fig. 25, A to B*), continue as follows:

***Row 1** inc) Pfb, p5, pfb, p5, pfb - 16sts

Rows 2-3 Work two rows stocking stitch

Divide for digits as follows:

Row 4 inc) K6, **turn** so purlside faces

Row 5 P6

Row 6 K6

Row 7 P6

Cast off 6 sts.

RS facing rejoin yarn **AB** to sts on LH needle, continue as follows:

Row 4 K4, **turn** so purlside faces

Row 5 Cast on 4 sts, p8

Row 6 K8

Row 7 P8

Row 8 K8

Cast off purlwise.

RS facing rejoin yarn **AB** to remaining 6 sts, continue as follows:

Rows 4-7 Work four rows stocking stitch

Cast off 6 sts.

WS facing, fold the cast-off edge from the 8 sts digit in half matching the row ends, mattress stitch to join across the folded cast-off edge and along the row ends to the split (*see fig. 26, joining white dotted lines*).

WS facing, match the two lots of 6 sts digits and mattress stitch around the three edges. Try to round the square edges with a well worked stitch or two.

Stuff the digits well with spare yarn before joining the 'thumb-looking' digit to the 'fingers-looking' digit at the join (*see fig. 27, joining dotted lines*).

Work a couple of straight stitches for the claws in yarn **F** then with yarn **E** work longer single straight stitches to enhance the four 'finger' digits (*see fig. 28*). **



KOALA'S RIGHT FORELEG

RS facing you, with yarn **ADD** pick up and knit 12 sts evenly along the belly row ends from Foreleg Top Marker to Foreleg Seam Marker, continue as follows:

Row 1 inc) Pfb, p to end - 13sts

Rows 2-5 Work four rows stocking stitch

Row 6 inc) K to last st, kfb - 14sts

Rows 7-11 Beginning with a purl row work five rows stocking stitch

Row 12 dec) K to last 2 sts, k2tog - 13sts

Rows 13-15 Beginning with a purl row work three rows stocking stitch

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

Rows 17-19 Beginning with a purl row work three rows stocking stitch

Row 20 dec) K to last 2 sts, k2tog - 11sts

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

Cast off.

Match the straight edges from inner and outer foreleg - the edges that will become the top of the foreleg, ease together and mattress stitch to create the Foreleg Seam.

KOALA'S RIGHT FORELEG PAW

RS facing you, with yarn **AB** pick up and knit 13 sts evenly along from corner of row end edge of Foreleg Outer to Foreleg Seam and across cast-off edge of Foreleg Inner, continue as follows:

Work as Left Foreleg Paw from * to **.

JOIN UNDER FORELEG SEAM

Working on one side at a time, WS facing, ease together then mattress stitch the seam from paw to where the foreleg joins the body.

Before completing the second side, tuck in yarn ends and stuff the koala carefully - not too much, not too little - what you are looking for is gently shaping with an element of firmness but not fatness. You'll notice that around the neck is not stuffed too firmly neither are the forelegs or belly.

I like to work a stitch from inside each foreleg across the belly from one side to the other and pull up a little to create a gentle shaping across the belly and to bring the arms in - 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 belly - halfway across inner forelegs - and out the other side of the belly - then back in to emerge back out where you started - pull up to squish the belly and secure the thread.

Remove all remaining markers.

Fit the ears into the ear spaces at the side of the head and mattress stitch or whipstitch (whichever is easiest) in place.

You can brush the ears with a wire brush (similar to a cat fur brush) if you want to create extra fluffiness.

Before sewing in the second ear, tuck in yarn ends and stuff the koala's head carefully - not too much, not too little - what you are looking for is gently shaping with an element of firmness (especially in the nose, but not fatness).

You may also want to run a stitch through the head at the eyes from one side to the other and pull up to create a gentle shaping (similar to the way you pulled in the belly).



FIG 29

HIND LEG FEET

Make 2 alike

With yarn **ABE** cast on 12 sts for top of foot (ankle)

Rows 1-10 Work ten rows stocking stitch

Row 11 inc) Kfb, k3, kfb, k2, kfb, k to last st, kfb - 16sts

Rows 12-14 Beginning with a purl row work three rows stocking stitch

Row 15 inc) Kfb, k5, kfb, k2, kfb, k to last st, kfb - 20sts

Rows 16-18 Beginning with a purl row work three rows stocking stitch

Row 19 inc) Kfb, k7, kfb, k2, kfb, k to last st, kfb - 24sts

Rows 20-22 Beginning with a purl row work three rows stocking stitch

Row 23 inc) K10, k2tog twice, k to end - 22sts

Row 24 Purl

Row 25 inc) K9, k2tog twice, k to end - 20sts

Row 26 Purl

Row 27 inc) K8, k2tog twice, k to end - 18sts

Row 28 Purl

Work short rows to shape the 'toe' end as follows:

Short Row 1 K14, W+Tk

Short Row 2 P10, W+Tp

Short Row 3 K9, W+Tk

Short Row 4 P8, W+Tp

Short Row 5 Knit to end

Cast off.

Fold cast-off edge in half with RS facing and back stitch to join cast-off edge.

Turn out to RS.

Mattress stitch across the row ends up to the cast on edge.

Stuff the toe end of the foot fairly firmly, the ankle end is barely stuffed.

Whipstitch across the cast on edge to close the gap.

Flatten the foot at the toe end.

Position the foot against the hind leg and whipstitch securely in place (*see fig. 29*).

Work a couple of straight stitches for the claws in yarn **F** then with yarn **E** work longer single straight stitches to enhance the five 'toe' digits (*see fig. 28*).

A NOTE ABOUT THE YARN

I have listed here an alternative to the yarn that I suggested that is similar in weight, shade and, I think, final effect.

Alternative shades:

A Rowan Kid Silk Haze shade 634 Cream

B Rowan Alpaca Classic shade 102 Charcoal Melange

C Rowan Kid Silk Haze shade 686 Lustre

D Rowan Alpaca Classic shade 115 Snowflake White

E Rowan Kid Silk Haze shade 674 Bark

F Rowan Baby Cashsoft Merino shade 120 Anthracite

G Rowan Kid Silk Haze shade 580 Grace



ABBREVIATIONS

K = knit; **P** = purl; **inc** = increase; **dec** = decrease;

K2tog = knit two together;

Rep = repeat; **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; **Kfb** = knit into front then into back of stitch to increase by one stitch; **Pfb** = Purl into front then into back of stitch to increase by one stitch

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