FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
Blanket: 16 (18)” square
Bunny Head: approx. 3.5” high x 11” around when stuffed

YARN
Knit Picks Snuggle Puff (Aran/Heavy Worsted Weight, 70% Cotton, 30% Nylon; 142yards/50g): Lamb 27823, 2 balls

NEEDLES
US 5 (3.75mm) DPNs or two 24” circular needles for two circulars technique, or one 32” or longer circular needle for Magic Loop technique, or size to obtain gauge
US 10 (6mm) 24” circular needle or size to obtain gauge

NOTIONS
Yarn Needle
Stitch Markers
Scrap Pink and Black Yarn for Face Embroidery
Stuffing such as Poly-Fil

GAUGE
Bunny Head: 22 sts and 26 rows = 4” in Stockinette Stitch in the round on smaller needles
Blanket: 16 sts and 24 rows = 4” in Double Seed Stitch on larger needles
Bunny Lovey

Notes:
Part soft toy, part security blanket, a handknit lovey is a perfect gift for a special baby. This floppy-eared bunny version is worked with Snuggle Puff yarn which makes it very soft for newborns. The face is embroidered on, so there are no dangerous safety eyes.

The Double Seed Stitch blanket and bunny head are worked separately then sewn together.

Double Seed Stitch (worked flat)
Row 1: (K2, P2) across.
Row 2-3: (P2, K2) across.
Row 4: (K2, P2) across.

DIRECTIONS

Bunny Head
The bunny head is worked in the round from the bottom up. The face is embroidered on before stuffing. Stitches are picked up and worked for the ears.

Head
With smaller needles, CO 6 sts. Join in the rnd being careful not to twist sts. PM for the beginning of the rnd.
Rnd 1: KFB into each st. 12 sts.
Rnd 2: K across.
Rnd 3: KFB into each st. 24 sts.
Rnd 4: K across.
Rnd 5: KFB into each st. 48 sts.
Rnd 6: K across.
Rnd 7: (KFB, K6) 2 times, KFB, K12, (KFB, K6) 3 times. 54 sts.
Rnd 8-9: K across.
Rnd 10: (KFB, K7) 2 times, KFB, K14, (KFB, K7) 2 times, KFB, K6. 60 sts.
Rnd 11-17: K across.
Rnd 18: (SSK, K7) 2 times, SSK, K14, (K2tog, K7) 2 times, K2tog, K6. 54 sts.
Rnd 19-20: K across.
Rnd 21: (SSK, K6) 2 times, SSK, K12, (K2tog, K6) 2 times, K2tog, K6. 48 sts.
Rnd 22-23: K across.
Rnd 24: (SSK, K5) 2 times, SSK, K10, (K2tog, K5) 2 times, K2tog, K6. 42 sts.
Rnd 25: K across.

Embroider the face using straight sts for the nose and French knots for the eyes. The front of the bunny head is the larger K section, the back of the bunny head is the K6 section. Pull tight and weave in the end.

Rnd 26: (SSK, K4) 2 times, SSK, K8, (K2tog, K4) 2 times, K2tog, K6. 36 sts.
Rnd 27: K across.
Rnd 28: (SSK, K3) 2 times, SSK, K6, (K2tog, K3) 2 times, K2tog, K6. 30 sts.
Rnd 29: K across.

Blanket
The blanket is worked flat in Double Seed Stitch. The first st of every row is slipped K-wise for a neat edge. The blanket can be made either 16” or 18”.

With larger needles, CO 66 (74) sts.
Row 1: Sl1, (K2, P2) until last st, Pl.
Row 2-3: Sl1, (P2, K2) until last st, Pl.
Row 4: Sl1, (K2, P2) until last st, Pl.

Work until blanket measures 16 (18)”. Bind off loosely.

Finishing
Weave in ends. Block blanket. Securely sew the bunny head to the center of the blanket.
Glossary

Common Stitches & Techniques

Stockinette Stitch (St st, worked flat over any number of sts)
Row 1 (RS): Knit all sts.
Row 2 (WS): Purl all sts.
Rep Rows 1 and 2 for pattern.
St st in the rnd: K every rnd.

Garter Stitch (in the rnd over any number of sts)
Rnd 1: Purl all sts.
Rnd 2: Knit all sts.
Rep Rnds 1 and 2 for pattern.
Garter Stitch flat: K every row.
(One Garter ridge is comprised of two rows/rnds.)

1x1 Rib (worked flat or in the rnd, over an even number of sts)
All Rows/Rnds: *K1, P1; rep from * to end of row/rnd.

2x2 Rib (worked flat over multiples of 4 sts plus 2)
Row 1 (RS): K2, *P2, K2; rep from * to end.
Row 2 (WS): P2, *K2, P2; rep from * to end.
Rep Rows 1-2 for pattern.

2x2 Rib (in the rnd over multiples of 4 sts)
Rnd 1: *K2, P2; rep from * to end.
Rep Rnd 1 for pattern.

Make 1 Left-leaning st (MIL)
Inserting LH needle from front to back, PU the horizontal strand between the st just worked and the next st, and K TBL.

Make 1 Right-leaning st (MIR)
Inserting LH needle from back to front, PU the horizontal strand between the st just worked and the next st, and K TFL.

Backward Loop Cast On
A tutorial for the Backward Loop Cast On can be found at https://tutorials.knitpicks.com/loop-cast-on/.

Long Tail Cast On
You may also see it referred to as the slingshot cast on.
A tutorial for the Long Tail Cast On can be found at https://tutorials.knitpicks.com/long-tail-cast-on/.

3-Needle Bind Off
Used to seam two rows of live stitches together.
A tutorial for the 3-Needle Bind Off can be found at https://tutorials.knitpicks.com/3-needle-bind-off/.

Short Rows (Wrap & Turn)
There are several options for how to handle short rows, so you may see different suggestions/instructions in a pattern; a tutorial for the standard wrap & turn can be found at https://tutorials.knitpicks.com/short-rows-wrap-and-turn-or-wt/.

Kitchener Stitch (also called Grafting)
With an equal number of sts on two needles, break yarn leaving a tail approx four times as long as the row of sts, and thread through a blunt yarn needle.
Hold needles parallel, with WSs facing in, and both needles pointing to the right.
Perform Step 2 on the first front st, and Step 4 on the first back st, then continue from Step 1, always pulling yarn tightly so the grafted row tension matches knitted fabric:
Step 1: Pull yarn needle K-wise through front st and drop st from knitting needle.
Step 2: Pull yarn needle P-wise through next front st, leaving st on knitting needle.
Step 3: Pull yarn needle P-wise through first back st and drop st from knitting needle.
Step 4: Pull yarn needle K-wise through next back st, leaving st on knitting needle.
Rep Steps 1-4 until all sts have been grafted together, finishing by working Step 1 through the last remaining front st, then Step 3 through the last remaining back st.
A visual tutorial for the Kitchener Stitch can be found at https://tutorials.knitpicks.com/kitchener-stitch/