FREE PATTERN

Numbat

A complete free knitting pattern from AlandTina



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One of 12 Aussie baby animal knitting patterns

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Materials

DK weight (8-ply) yarn in the colors given per pattern (about 20–30 g of the main color per animal); 3.25 mm (US 3) double-pointed needles (set of 4) or an 80 cm circular needle for magic loop; polyester fiberfill stuffing; 6 mm black safety eyes (or black embroidery thread); tapestry needle; stitch markers; scissors; embroidery thread for faces.

Gauge

22 sts x 28 rows = 10 cm / 4 in in stockinette stitch. Exact gauge is not critical for toys — knit tightly enough that stuffing does not show through.

Abbreviations

CO cast on • k knit • p purl • kfb knit front and back • k2tog knit 2 together • ssk slip, slip, knit • st(s) stitch(es) • rnd round • rep repeat • BO bind off • dpn double-pointed needle(s) • pm place marker.

Reading these patterns

No two babies in this book are knitted the same way. Every body and head is shaped individually — different cast-ons, increase ladders and decrease rhythms — so follow the counts given in each pattern rather than the one before it. Every round states its stitch count; if yours differs, recount that round before you go on.

Assembly order

Knit all pieces first, leaving long tails. Stuff closed pieces firmly before their final decrease rounds. Sew head to body first, then ears, limbs, wings and tails (pin to check placement), the face next, accessories last, and the hanging loop to finish: a 10 cm twisted cord sewn to the top of the head. For babies and toddlers, embroider the eyes instead of using safety eyes.



Pattern 7: Baby Numbat

Finished baby — photo for reference

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Striped baby with a pointy snout

Yarn	Rust-red DK, approx 25 g; cream (eye band/stripes); dark brown (snout tip).
Pieces	Body, head, snout, 2 ears, 2 arms, bushy tail.

Finished size	About 3.5 in (9 cm) tall
Difficulty	Confident beginner

A rust-red numbat baby with the famous white eye band and a long pointy snout for sniffing out termites (and cuddles).

BODY (rust-red)

CO 8 sts, join in the round, pm (8 sts)

R1: kfb in each st **(16 sts)**

R2: (k3, kfb) x4 **(20 sts)**

R3: (k4, kfb) x4 **(24 sts)**

R4: (k5, kfb) x4 **(28 sts)**

R5: (k6, kfb) x4 **(32 sts)**

R6: k **(32 sts)**

R7: k **(32 sts)**

R8: k **(32 sts)**

R9: k **(32 sts)**

R10: k **(32 sts)**

R11: (k6, k2tog) x4 **(28 sts)**

R12: (k5, k2tog) x4 **(24 sts)**

R13: (k4, k2tog) x4 **(20 sts)**

R14: (k3, k2tog) x4 — stuff firmly now **(16 sts)**

R15: (k2tog) x8 **(8 sts)**

Cut yarn, thread tail through rem 8 sts, pull tight (8 sts)

HEAD (rust-red)

CO 6 sts, join in the round, pm (6 sts)

R1: kfb in each st **(12 sts)**

R2: (k1, kfb) x6 **(18 sts)**

R3: (k2, kfb) x6 **(24 sts)**

R4: (k3, kfb) x6 **(30 sts)**

R5: k **(30 sts)**

R6: (k3, k2tog) x6 **(24 sts)**

R7: (k2, k2tog) x6 **(18 sts)**

R8: (k1, k2tog) x6 — stuff firmly now **(12 sts)**

R9: (k2tog) x6 **(6 sts)**

Cut yarn, thread tail through rem 6 sts, pull tight (6 sts)

SNOUT (rust-red)

CO 9 sts, join in the round, pm (9 sts)

R1: k **(9 sts)**

R2: k2tog, k7 **(8 sts)**

R3: k **(8 sts)**

R4: k3, k2tog, k3 **(7 sts)**

Cut yarn, thread tail through rem 7 sts, pull tight (7 sts)

EARS — make 2 (rust-red, flat)

CO 6 sts (worked flat) (6 sts)

Row 1: k **(6 sts)**

Row 2: p **(6 sts)**

Row 3: k **(6 sts)**

Row 4: p **(6 sts)**

Row 5: k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog **(4 sts)**

Row 6: p **(4 sts)**

Cut yarn, thread tail through rem sts, pull tight (4 sts)

ARMS — make 2 (rust-red)

CO 6 sts, join in the round, pm (6 sts)

R1: k **(6 sts)**

R2: k **(6 sts)**

R3: k4, k2tog **(5 sts)**

R4: k **(5 sts)**

Cut yarn, thread tail through rem 5 sts, pull tight (5 sts)

TAIL (rust-red)

CO 6 sts, join in the round, pm (6 sts)

R1: k2, kfb, k3 **(7 sts)**

R2: k **(7 sts)**

R3: k **(7 sts)**

R4: k3, kfb, k3 **(8 sts)**

R5: k **(8 sts)**

BO all sts

Assembly

1. Assemble head, snout, ears and arms; sew the tail upright at the back.
2. Embroider the cream eye band and two or three cream back stripes in duplicate stitch.
3. Add a dark snout tip; add the hanging loop.

One down, 11 to go!

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