



CEDAR THE COZY PONY

Free Knitting Pattern

A round-bodied knitted pony with a cream blaze and muzzle, soft pink inner ears, dark hooves, and a looped I-cord mane and tail.



Skill level: Confident Beginner to Intermediate

Worked mainly in the round, with small flat pieces, duplicate stitch, simple embroidery, and I-cord finishing.

1. Pattern Overview

This pattern makes a softly rounded standing pony with a large head, oval muzzle, upright ears, short forelegs and hind legs, contrasting hooves, and a full looped mane and tail. The head, body and legs are knitted in the round; the muzzle and ear pieces are knitted flat. The cream forehead blaze is added with duplicate stitch so the face remains smooth and easy to position.

Finished Size

- Overall standing height: approximately 25-27 cm / 9.8-10.6 in.
- Overall width across forelegs: approximately 17-19 cm / 6.75-7.5 in.
- Head: approximately 10-11 cm / 3.9-4.3 in wide and 9.5-10.5 cm / 3.7-4.1 in tall.
- Body: approximately 9-10 cm / 3.5-3.9 in wide and 8.5-9.5 cm / 3.3-3.7 in tall.
- Muzzle: approximately 8 x 6 cm / 3.1 x 2.4 in.
- Outer ear: approximately 4.7 x 3.6 cm / 1.85 x 1.4 in before assembly.
- Foreleg: approximately 6.5-7 cm / 2.6-2.75 in long.
- Hind leg: approximately 6 cm / 2.4 in long.
- Tail: approximately 8-10 cm / 3.1-4 in from the attachment point, depending on loop length.

Finished size may vary depending on yarn, needle size, tension, stuffing and individual technique.

Materials and Tools

- DK / light-worsted (#3) smooth yarn in warm tan: approximately 90 g / 200 m.
- DK / light-worsted (#3) smooth yarn in cream: approximately 20 g / 45 m.
- DK / light-worsted (#3) smooth yarn in dark brown: approximately 35 g / 80 m.
- DK / light-worsted (#3) smooth yarn in dusty pink: approximately 5 g / 12 m.
- 3.25 mm knitting needles for small-circumference knitting: DPNs or an 80 cm / 32 in circular needle for magic loop.
- A pair of DPNs in the same size for I-cord.
- Two 12 mm black safety eyes, or dark yarn for embroidered eyes.
- Polyester toy stuffing, approximately 100-120 g.
- Tapestry needle, locking stitch markers, removable markers or contrasting waste yarn, pins, scissors and measuring tape.

Safety Note

Safety eyes and other small or rigid components may not be suitable for projects intended for children under three years. Embroidered eyes can be used instead.

Gauge and Tension

22 sts x 30 rnds = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4 in in stockinette stitch worked in the round with 3.25 mm needles. Use firm, dense tension so stuffing does not show between stitches. Flat stockinette pieces should match the same stitch and row scale as closely as possible.

2. Abbreviations and Method

Abbreviation	Meaning
BO	bind off
BOR	beginning of round
CO	cast on
k	knit
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together; 1 stitch decreased
kfb	knit into front and back of the same stitch; 1 stitch increased
p	purl
rnd / rnds	round / rounds
RS	right side
ssk	slip 1 knitwise, slip 1 knitwise, return both stitches to the left needle and knit together through the back loops; 1 stitch decreased
st / sts	stitch / stitches
WS	wrong side

Method and Orientation

- Head, body and legs are worked in continuous circular knitting. Knit every round unless another instruction is given.
- Muzzle and ear pieces are worked flat in stockinette stitch: knit RS rows and purl WS rows.
- The BOR is kept at center back on the head and body. It remains the center-back landmark throughout shaping.
- Right and left are described from the finished pony's point of view unless stated otherwise.
- After Head Rnd 16, the head has 72 sts. Center front is the gap between sts 36 and 37; the side axes are the gaps between sts 18/19 and 54/55.
- After Body Rnd 10, the body has 64 sts. Center front is the gap between sts 32 and 33; the side axes are the gaps between sts 16/17 and 48/49.
- Keep removable markers at center front and the side axes while placing features. Remove them before final finishing.

Construction Overview

Piece	Make	Stuffing / Finish
Head	1	Stuff firmly; leave the lower 24-st opening open for the neck join.
Muzzle	1	Sew on as a shallow pocket and stuff lightly.
Outer ear pieces	4	Pair into 2 double-layer ears; unstuffed; bases open.
Inner ear panels	2	Sew one to the front of each ear.
Body	1	Stuff firmly; gather base closed; keep neck opening open.
Forelegs	2	Stuff moderately; upper 3 rnds soft; flatten top rim.

Piece	Make	Stuffing / Finish
Hind legs	2	Stuff moderately; upper 2 rnds soft; flatten top rim.
Mane I-cord loops	17	Unstuffed; fold each cord into a loop and attach by both ends.
Tail I-cord loops	6	Unstuffed; fold each cord into a long loop and attach as a cluster.

Recommended order: knit all pieces; close the small cast-on openings at the head crown and hoof tips; add the blaze and install safety eyes, or mark the embroidered-eye positions; assemble the ears; sew and lightly stuff the muzzle; embroider nostrils; attach ears and mane; stuff head and body; if using embroidered eyes, embroider them now; join head to body; attach forelegs, hind legs and tail; complete the final alignment checks.

3. Head

With tan yarn, CO 8 sts. Distribute evenly for circular knitting and place the BOR marker at center back. Leave a 20 cm / 8 in cast-on tail for closing the crown.

Rnd	Instruction	Count
1	Knit all sts.	8
2	Kfb in every st.	16
3	Knit all sts.	16
4	(K1, kfb) 8 times.	24
5	Knit all sts.	24
6	(K2, kfb) 8 times.	32
7	Knit all sts.	32
8	(K3, kfb) 8 times.	40
9	Knit all sts.	40
10	(K4, kfb) 8 times.	48
11	Knit all sts.	48
12	(K5, kfb) 8 times.	56
13	Knit all sts.	56
14	(K6, kfb) 8 times.	64
15	Knit all sts.	64
16	(K7, kfb) 8 times.	72
17	Knit all sts.	72
18	Knit all sts.	72
19	Knit all sts.	72
20	Knit all sts.	72
21	Knit all sts.	72
22	Knit all sts.	72
23	Knit all sts.	72
24	Knit all sts.	72

Rnd	Instruction	Count
25	Knit all sts.	72
26	Knit all sts.	72
27	Knit all sts.	72
28	Knit all sts.	72
29	Knit all sts.	72
30	Knit all sts.	72
31	Knit all sts.	72
32	Knit all sts.	72
33	(K7, k2tog) 8 times.	64
34	Knit all sts.	64
35	(K6, k2tog) 8 times.	56
36	Knit all sts.	56
37	(K5, k2tog) 8 times.	48
38	Knit all sts.	48
39	(K4, k2tog) 8 times.	40
40	Knit all sts.	40
41	(K3, k2tog) 8 times.	32
42	Knit all sts.	32
43	(K2, k2tog) 8 times.	24

BO all 24 sts loosely, leaving a 70 cm / 28 in tail for the neck seam. The lower opening remains open for stuffing and attachment.

Close the Crown

Before stuffing, thread the original cast-on tail onto a tapestry needle. From the inside, pass the needle once through the 8 cast-on loops, pull firmly until the crown hole closes, secure the yarn on the inside, and bury the tail. Do not leave the 8-st cast-on opening unresolved.

4. Blaze, Eyes and Muzzle

Cream Forehead Blaze

Work the blaze with cream yarn in duplicate stitch on the finished tan head. Lay the empty head with BOR at center back and mark the directly opposite vertical line as center front from crown toward the lower opening. Keep the blaze centered on this line and follow the V-shaped knit stitches rather than pulling the embroidery tightly. The muzzle will cover the lower end.

Head rnds	Blaze width	Placement
7-14	2 sts	Cover 1 st immediately to each side of center front.
15-27	4 sts	Cover 2 sts immediately to each side of center front.

At the transitions, add the new stitch width at the outside edges so the stripe widens evenly. End all cream yarn tails on the inside of the head.

Eyes

On Head Rnd 24, place one eye through st 30 and the other through st 43. The eye centers are 13 sts apart across the front, with the cream blaze centered between them. Before fastening the washers, check that both eyes sit at the same height and are equally distant from center front. If using embroidered eyes, mark these same positions and embroider after the head is stuffed.

Muzzle - make 1 in cream

Worked flat. CO 10 sts. Leave a 60 cm / 24 in tail at the cast-on edge for sewing.

Row	Instruction	Count
1	WS: P10.	10
2	RS: Kfb, k8, kfb.	12
3	WS: P12.	12
4	RS: Kfb, k10, kfb.	14
5	WS: P14.	14
6	RS: Kfb, k12, kfb.	16
7	WS: P16.	16
8	RS: Kfb, k14, kfb.	18
9	WS: P18.	18
10	RS: K18.	18
11	WS: P18.	18
12	RS: K2tog, k14, ssk.	16
13	WS: P16.	16
14	RS: K2tog, k12, ssk.	14
15	WS: P14.	14

Row	Instruction	Count
16	RS: K2tog, k10, ssk.	12
17	WS: P12.	12
18	RS: K2tog, k8, ssk.	10
19	WS: P10.	10
20	RS: BO all sts knitwise.	0

Muzzle Placement and Stuffing

Pin the muzzle horizontally over the lower face, centered on center front. Place its upper edge near Head Rnd 25 and its lower edge near Head Rnd 38. The widest part should sit level, with approximately 4 cm / 1.6 in extending to each side of center front. Use ladder stitch or small whip stitches through the outermost muzzle edge and the head fabric. Sew around most of the perimeter, leaving a 3 cm / 1.2 in opening along the lower edge. Add a small amount of stuffing so the muzzle is softly rounded rather than firm, then close the remaining opening.

Nostrils

With dark brown yarn, embroider two short vertical satin-stitch nostrils on the front of the muzzle. Place them approximately 3.2-3.5 cm / 1.25-1.4 in apart, each about 8-10 mm / 0.3-0.4 in tall, and approximately 1.5 cm / 0.6 in above the lower edge. Check that they mirror each other before securing the yarn inside the head.

5. Ears

Outer Ear Pieces - make 4 in tan

Each finished ear uses two matching outer pieces. Work flat in stockinette stitch.

Row	Instruction	Count
CO	CO 4 sts.	4
1	WS: P4.	4
2	RS: Kfb, k2, kfb.	6
3	WS: P6.	6
4	RS: Kfb, k4, kfb.	8
5	WS: P8.	8
6	RS: K8.	8
7	WS: P8.	8
8	RS: K2tog, k4, ssk.	6
9	WS: P6.	6
10	RS: K2tog, k2, ssk.	4
11	WS: P4.	4
12	RS: K2tog, ssk.	2
13	WS: P2.	2
14	RS: BO 2 sts knitwise.	0

Inner Ear Panels - make 2 in dusty pink

Work flat in stockinette stitch.

Row	Instruction	Count
CO	CO 2 sts.	2
1	WS: P2.	2
2	RS: Kfb in every st.	4
3	WS: P4.	4
4	RS: Kfb, k2, kfb.	6
5	WS: P6.	6
6	RS: K6.	6
7	WS: P6.	6
8	RS: K2tog, k2, ssk.	4
9	WS: P4.	4
10	RS: K2tog, ssk.	2
11	WS: P2.	2
12	RS: BO 2 sts knitwise.	0

Assemble Each Ear

1. Choose one tan outer piece as the front. Center one pink inner panel on its RS, leaving an even tan border around the sides and tip and keeping the pink lower edge about 0.4 cm / 0.15 in above the tan cast-on edge. Sew the pink panel down with small whip stitches, catching only enough tan fabric to hold it flat.
2. Place the second tan outer piece behind the first with RS facing outward. Mattress stitch the two tan layers together along both side edges and around the pointed tip. Leave the 4-st cast-on base open. Do not stuff.
3. At the base, flatten the two tan layers together. When the ear is later attached, every sewing stitch must pass through both ear layers before entering the head so the ear cannot twist.

Ear Placement

Pin each 4-st ear base mainly along Head Rnd 12. Place one base over sts 17-20 and the other over sts 37-40; these positions mirror each other around center front. Let the inner end of each base dip by no more than 1 round if needed to follow the head curve. Angle the ear tips outward by approximately 15-20 degrees.

Sew through both ear layers and the head with firm whip stitches, then check equal height and angle from the front, top and back before securing the yarn.

6. Body

With tan yarn, CO 24 sts. Join for circular knitting without twisting and place the BOR marker at center back. The 24-st cast-on edge forms the neck opening and remains open for the head join.

Rnd	Instruction	Count
1	Knit all sts.	24
2	(K2, kfb) 8 times.	32
3	Knit all sts.	32
4	(K3, kfb) 8 times.	40
5	Knit all sts.	40
6	(K4, kfb) 8 times.	48
7	Knit all sts.	48
8	(K5, kfb) 8 times.	56
9	Knit all sts.	56
10	(K6, kfb) 8 times.	64
11	Knit all sts.	64
12	Knit all sts.	64
13	Knit all sts.	64
14	Knit all sts.	64
15	Knit all sts.	64
16	Knit all sts.	64
17	Knit all sts.	64
18	Knit all sts.	64
19	Knit all sts.	64
20	Knit all sts.	64
21	Knit all sts.	64
22	Knit all sts.	64
23	Knit all sts.	64
24	Knit all sts.	64
25	Knit all sts.	64
26	Knit all sts.	64
27	(K6, k2tog) 8 times.	56
28	Knit all sts.	56
29	(K5, k2tog) 8 times.	48
30	Knit all sts.	48
31	(K4, k2tog) 8 times.	40
32	Knit all sts.	40
33	(K3, k2tog) 8 times.	32
34	Knit all sts.	32

Rnd	Instruction	Count
35	(K2, k2tog) 8 times.	24
36	Knit all sts.	24
37	(K1, k2tog) 8 times.	16
38	K2tog 8 times.	8

Stuff and Close the Body

Pause after Rnd 37 and stuff the body firmly through the neck opening. Keep the neck edge slightly softer so the head can sit flat against it. Shape the belly into a rounded oval and press the lower front slightly flatter than the back so the hind legs can support the pony. After Rnd 38, cut the yarn leaving a 25 cm / 10 in tail. Thread the tail through the remaining 8 sts, pull the base closed, secure on the inside and bury the yarn. Add final stuffing through the neck opening if needed.

7. Forelegs and Hind Legs

Forelegs - make 2

Begin at the hoof tip with dark brown yarn. CO 8 sts, join for circular knitting and leave a 20 cm / 8 in cast-on tail.

Rnd	Instruction	Count
1	Knit all sts in dark brown.	8
2	Kfb in every st in dark brown.	16
3	(K1, kfb) 8 times in dark brown.	24
4	Knit all sts in dark brown.	24
5	Knit all sts in dark brown.	24
6	Knit all sts in dark brown.	24
7	Knit all sts in dark brown.	24
8	Change to tan at BOR; knit all sts. Cut dark brown and secure the yarn tail on the inside.	24
9	Knit all sts in tan.	24
10	Knit all sts in tan.	24
11	Knit all sts in tan.	24
12	Knit all sts in tan.	24
13	Knit all sts in tan.	24
14	Knit all sts in tan.	24
15	Knit all sts in tan.	24
16	Knit all sts in tan.	24
17	(K4, k2tog) 4 times in tan.	20
18	Knit all sts in tan.	20
19	Knit all sts in tan.	20
20	Knit all sts in tan.	20

BO all 20 sts loosely and leave a 55 cm / 22 in tan tail for attachment. Before stuffing, thread the original dark-brown cast-on tail through the 8 cast-on loops, pull the hoof tip closed, secure inside and bury the yarn. Stuff the hoof and lower leg moderately. Keep the upper 3 rnds soft enough to flatten without a bulky ridge. Flatten the bound-off rim so the BOR sits at the center underside of the foreleg.

Hind Legs - make 2

Begin at the hoof tip with dark brown yarn. CO 8 sts, join for circular knitting and leave a 20 cm / 8 in cast-on tail.

Rnd	Instruction	Count
1	Knit all sts in dark brown.	8
2	Kfb in every st in dark brown.	16
3	(K1, kfb) 8 times in dark brown.	24
4	Knit all sts in dark brown.	24

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Rnd	Instruction	Count
5	Knit all sts in dark brown.	24
6	Knit all sts in dark brown.	24
7	Knit all sts in dark brown.	24
8	Knit all sts in dark brown.	24
9	Change to tan at BOR; knit all sts. Cut dark brown and secure the yarn tail on the inside.	24
10	Knit all sts in tan.	24
11	Knit all sts in tan.	24
12	Knit all sts in tan.	24
13	Knit all sts in tan.	24
14	Knit all sts in tan.	24
15	Knit all sts in tan.	24
16	(K4, k2tog) 4 times in tan.	20
17	Knit all sts in tan.	20
18	Knit all sts in tan.	20

BO all 20 sts loosely and leave a 55 cm / 22 in tan tail. Close the 8-st dark-brown cast-on opening exactly as for the forelegs. Stuff moderately, keeping the upper 2 rnds soft. Flatten the top rim so the hoof faces forward and the BOR sits on the underside/back edge.

8. Looped I-cord Mane and Tail

3-st I-cord Method

1. CO 3 sts onto one DPN.
2. K3. Do not turn the work.
3. Slide the 3 sts to the opposite end of the needle. Bring the working yarn firmly across the back of the sts and K3 again.
4. Continue sliding without turning and knitting all 3 sts. After every few rows, tug the cord lengthwise so the back ladders close into a round cord.
5. When the required number of rows is complete, BO 3 sts and leave a 20 cm / 8 in tail. The cast-on and bind-off ends will be brought together during attachment.

Use dark brown yarn for all mane and tail cords. The row counts below are intentionally varied so the finished loops overlap rather than forming a straight fringe.

Forelock Loops - make 5

Cord	I-cord rows	Finished use
1	24	short outer forelock loop
2	28	medium forelock loop
3	32	long center forelock loop
4	28	medium forelock loop
5	24	short outer forelock loop

Top and Back Mane Loops - make 12

Cord	I-cord rows	Placement zone
1	28	upper crown
2	30	upper crown
3	32	between ears
4	34	between ears
5	36	back of crown
6	38	upper back of head
7	40	upper back of head
8	42	middle back of head
9	44	middle back of head
10	42	lower back of head
11	40	lower back of head
12	38	lower back of head

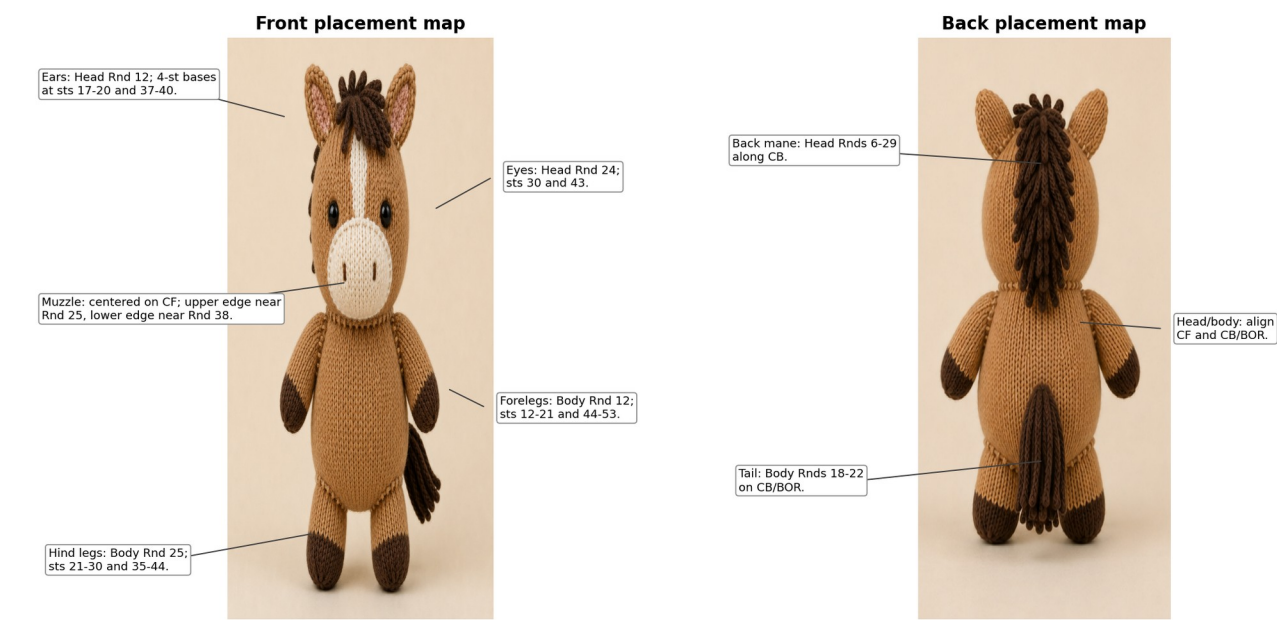
Tail Loops - make 6

Cord	I-cord rows	Finished use
1	46	short outer tail loop
2	50	medium tail loop
3	54	long tail loop
4	54	long tail loop
5	50	medium tail loop
6	46	short outer tail loop

Form the Loops

For each cord, bring the cast-on and bind-off ends together without twisting the cord. Sew the two ends together side by side with the bind-off tail. The folded end becomes the smooth visible end of the loop. Do not sew the length of the loop closed.

9. Placement Guide



Placement Landmarks

Feature	Placement
Eyes	Head Rnd 24 at sts 30 and 43.
Blaze	Centered on CF: 2 sts wide on Rnds 7-14; 4 sts wide on Rnds 15-27.
Muzzle	Centered on CF; upper edge near Head Rnd 25, lower edge near Head Rnd 38.
Ears	Head Rnd 12: one 4-st base over sts 17-20 and the other over sts 37-40; angle tips outward.
Forelock	Five loops across the upper forehead/crown, attached around Head Rnds 4-10. Keep the longest loop centered.
Back mane	Twelve loops staggered along CB from Head Rnds 6-29, alternating slightly to each side of the CB line.
Forelegs	Main seam on Body Rnd 12: one flattened rim over sts 12-21 and the other over sts 44-53. Keep both seams horizontal.
Hind legs	Main seam on Body Rnd 25: one flattened rim over sts 21-30 and the other over sts 35-44. Keep both seams horizontal.
Tail	Center the 6-loop cluster on CB/BOR across Body Rnds 18-22.

10. Mane and Tail Attachment

Forelock

1. Pin the five forelock loops across Head Rnds 4-10, with the 32-row loop at center front and the two 28-row loops beside it. Place the two 24-row loops at the outer edges.
2. Angle the loops slightly outward so they overlap the top of the blaze but do not cover the eyes. The joined cord ends should be hidden near the crown.
3. Whip stitch both joined ends of each loop securely to the head. Pass the sewing needle through the I-cord end, then through a full knit stitch on the head, then back through the I-cord. Repeat several times for each loop and bury the yarn inside the head.

Back Mane

1. Arrange the twelve mane loops down the center-back line from Head Rnd 6 to Head Rnd 29. Place one loop every 1-2 rounds, alternating the joined ends slightly to the right and left of center back so the loops overlap naturally.
2. Use shorter loops near the crown and the longest loops through the middle section. Return to slightly shorter loops near the lower back of the head.
3. Sew both joined ends of every loop firmly to the head. Keep all attachment points on or immediately beside center back. Check from both sides that the mane falls evenly and does not pull the head out of shape.

Tail

1. Stack the six tail loops into a compact bundle, placing the two 54-row loops in the middle, the 50-row loops beside them and the 46-row loops at the outside.
2. Pin the joined ends of the bundle over body center back across Rnds 18-22. The loop ends should hang downward and slightly to one side rather than pointing upward.
3. Using dark brown yarn, stitch through both ends of every loop and through the body fabric several times. Spread the attachment over approximately 3 cm / 1.2 in so the tail does not pivot from a single point. Secure the yarn inside the body.

11. Main Assembly

Pin every major piece before sewing. Check the pony from the front, both sides, the top and the back after each placement step. Use the yarn tails left on the pieces whenever possible.

1. Complete the face details that require interior access before stuffing: finish the cream duplicate-stitch blaze; install safety eyes, or mark the embroidered-eye positions; sew and lightly stuff the muzzle; and embroider the two nostrils.
2. Assemble the two ears and attach their 4-st bases mainly along Head Rnd 12, one over sts 17-20 and the other over sts 37-40. Confirm equal height and outward angle from the front and top views.
3. Attach all forelock and back-mane loops. Make sure no mane attachment covers an eye or pulls the cream blaze off center.
4. Stuff the head firmly through the 24-st lower opening. Keep the last 2 rnds slightly softer. Shape the forehead rounded, keep the face broad, and avoid overstuffing behind the muzzle. If using embroidered eyes, work them now at the marked positions before joining the head to the body.
5. Stuff the body firmly through its 24-st neck opening. Keep the body neck slightly softer and keep the lower front surface a little flatter than the back for stable leg placement.
6. Join head to body: align the head center front with body center front and align both center backs/BOR landmarks. Pin the 24-st head bound-off rim to the 24-st body cast-on edge one-to-one. Using the long tan head tail, whip stitch through one head edge stitch and one body cast-on loop at a time around the full neck. Before the final 4-5 stitches, add or remove a small amount of stuffing so the head stands straight, then complete the seam and bury the yarn inside.
7. Attach the forelegs with their main seam lines on Body Rnd 12. Place one flattened top rim over sts 12-21 and the other over sts 44-53. Keep each seam approximately horizontal. Every sewing stitch must pass through the front and back layers of the flattened leg rim before entering the body. Angle the legs slightly downward and forward. Sew with small firm whip stitches without cinching the body fabric.
8. Attach the hind legs with their main seam lines on Body Rnd 25. Place one flattened top rim over sts 21-30 and the other over sts 35-44. These ranges mirror each other around center front and leave a small central gap. Keep both seams horizontal and set the feet pointing forward. Stitch through both layers of each flattened rim before entering the body.
9. Before finishing each hind-leg seam, stand the pony upright on a flat surface. Adjust the leg angle until both hoof bottoms touch the surface evenly. Add a small amount of stuffing to the upper leg if needed, then complete the seam.
10. Attach the tail cluster across Body Rnds 18-22 at center back. Check that it hangs behind the body and clears the hind legs.
11. Remove all placement markers. Secure and bury every yarn tail inside a stuffed section or between the ear layers.

Sewing Methods

Join	Method	Needle path
Muzzle to head	Ladder or small whip stitch	Alternate between the muzzle edge and a shallow bite of one head stitch.
Ear layers	Mattress stitch	Join matching tan edge bars; leave the 4-st base open.
Ears to head	Two-layer whip stitch	Pass through both ear-base layers, then one full head stitch.
Head to body	Whip stitch 1:1	Join one head edge stitch to one body cast-on loop.
Legs to body	Flattened two-layer seam	Pass through both rim layers, then into the body.
Mane and tail	Surface whip attachment	Pass through joined I-cord ends and a full knit stitch several times.

12. Finishing and Final Checks

Final Visual Checklist

- Face is centered on the head and the cream blaze runs straight toward the muzzle.
- Eyes are level and equally spaced from center front.
- Muzzle is level, softly rounded and centered under the eyes.
- Nostrils match in height, length and distance from center front.
- Ears are the same height and angle outward evenly.
- Head sits straight on the body with center front and center back aligned.
- Forelegs hang at matching angles and their dark-brown hoof sections are level.
- Hind legs are symmetrical, point forward and both hoof bottoms touch a flat surface.
- Tail sits at center back and clears both hind legs.
- Mane loops are secure and balanced from side to side.
- No stuffing is visible through the fabric or seams.
- All cast-on openings, stuffing openings and seams are fully closed.
- No removable markers remain in the work.
- All yarn tails are secured and buried.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Practical correction
Stuffing shows between stitches	Use a smaller needle or firmer tension. If the pony is already assembled, remove a little stuffing rather than stretching the fabric further.
Head looks too narrow or too wide	Check the 22-st gauge before changing shaping. A tighter stitch gauge makes the head smaller; a looser gauge makes it larger.
Head leans	Open a short section of the neck seam, redistribute stuffing at the neck, realign CF and CB, and resew the opened section without pulling one side tighter.
Muzzle looks off-center	Unpick only the section that is too high or too far sideways, repin the oval with its midpoint on CF, and resew while checking the two eye-to-muzzle distances.

Problem	Practical correction
Ears do not match	Compare the 4-st base lines first. Reposition the higher ear so both bases cross the same head rounds; then match the outward angle from the top view.
Forelegs twist	Make sure the flattened top rim is horizontal and that each attachment stitch captures both layers. Reopen the seam and rotate the BOR to the underside before reattaching.
Pony tips backward	Move the upper hind-leg seams slightly forward, flatten the lower front of the body, or add a small amount of firm stuffing at the front of each hind leg.
One hoof sits higher	Loosen the upper seam of the higher leg and rotate or lower it by 1-2 body rows, then stand the pony on a flat surface before sewing closed.
I-cord looks laddered	Pull the working yarn firmly across the back on every I-cord row and tug the finished cord lengthwise every few rows.
Mane looks too bulky	Remove one or two of the longest back-mane loops or attach adjacent loops one round farther apart.
Tail swings loosely	Spread the attachment stitches across a wider body area and stitch through both ends of every tail loop several times rather than fastening the bundle at one point.
Finished pony is too large or too small	Check both stitch and round gauge. Needle size, yarn thickness and stuffing density all affect the finished dimensions.

Careful Final Shape

Roll the stuffed head and body gently between your hands to smooth any firm spots. Shape the muzzle with your fingertips, fan the mane and tail loops into an even arrangement, and stand the pony on a flat surface for a final balance check. The finished plush should feel firm enough to hold its rounded shape while the muzzle, upper legs and neck seam remain slightly softer.

13. Quick Piece and Placement Summary

Part	Count	Key finish
Head	1	72-st maximum; 24-st neck; crown opening closed.
Body	1	64-st maximum; 24-st neck; base gathered closed.
Muzzle	1	18-st maximum; lightly stuffed after sewing.
Outer ear pieces	4	Pair into 2 double-layer tan ears; 4-st cast-on bases.
Inner ear panels	2	One pink panel per ear.
Forelegs	2	24-st maximum; dark-brown hoof Rnds 1-7.
Hind legs	2	24-st maximum; dark-brown hoof Rnds 1-8.
Forelock loops	5	Dark-brown 3-st I-cord loops.
Back mane loops	12	Dark-brown 3-st I-cord loops.
Tail loops	6	Dark-brown long 3-st I-cord loops.

Before You Finish

- Confirm head CF aligns with body CF and both BOR markers align at center back.
- Confirm every small circular cast-on opening at the head crown and four hoof tips has been gathered closed.
- Confirm both leg attachment seams capture both layers of each flattened top rim.
- Confirm the muzzle is stuffed only lightly and the body and head are firm without visible stuffing.
- Confirm all six tail loops and all seventeen mane loops are firmly anchored.
- Remove all temporary markers and bury all remaining yarn tails.

Your Cedar the Cozy Pony is complete when the face is centered, the ears and legs are symmetrical, the body stands evenly on both hind hooves, and every opening and seam is secure.

Finished Pony



Cedar the Cozy Pony - finished front view