



BISCUIT THE PATCH-EYED PUPPY

Free Knitting Pattern

A softly stuffed seated puppy with floppy caramel ears, a rounded muzzle, and a playful tan eye patch.



Skill level: Confident Beginner to Intermediate

Techniques: knitting in the round, kfb increases, decreases, simple flat knitting, seaming, stuffing, and facial embroidery.

1. About This Pattern

Biscuit is a seated stockinette puppy worked as separate knitted pieces and assembled after shaping. The head and body are knitted in the round for a smooth finish; the eye patch is knitted flat; the floppy ears are knitted as unstuffed tubes and flattened before sewing. The rounded muzzle, long front legs, small hind legs, and tapered tail give the puppy a soft, balanced seated shape.

The pattern is easiest for makers who are comfortable knitting small circumferences with double-pointed needles or Magic Loop. All shaping is written round by round, and the placement section gives fixed round and stitch guidance for the face, ears, limbs, and tail.

2. Finished Size

Measurement	Approximate finished size
Seated height	about 24-26 cm / 9.5-10.25 in
Overall width across ears	24-26 cm / 9.5-10.25 in
Head	about 13 cm wide x 12.5-14 cm high / 5.1 x 4.9-5.5 in
Body	about 11-12 cm high x 10-11 cm wide / 4.3-4.7 x 3.9-4.3 in
Front leg, each	about 9-10 cm / 3.5-3.9 in
Hind leg, each	about 6.5-7.5 cm / 2.6-3 in
Ear, each	about 10-10.5 cm long x 5.5-6 cm wide / 3.9-4.1 x 2.2-2.4 in
Muzzle	about 6 cm wide x 4-4.5 cm high / 2.4 x 1.6-1.8 in
Tail	about 7-8 cm / 2.75-3.1 in

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

3. Materials and Tools

Item	Details
Yarn A - warm cream	DK / light worsted yarn, about 125-140 g / 300-350 m / 328-383 yd
Yarn B - caramel tan	DK / light worsted yarn, about 40-50 g / 95-120 m / 104-131 yd
Black	Small amount of black embroidery floss or thin black yarn for the mouth; optional for embroidered eyes and nose
Brown embroidery	About 1 m / 1 yd dark brown embroidery floss for the eyebrows, or a thin separated strand from Yarn B if suitable
Needles	3.25 mm / US 3 circular needle with a long cable for Magic Loop, or a set of 3.25 mm / US 3 double-pointed needles
Eyes	2 x 12 mm black safety eyes, or black embroidery floss for embroidered eyes
Nose	1 x 15-18 mm black safety nose, or black embroidery floss/yarn for an embroidered nose
Stuffing	Approximately 120-160 g polyester toy stuffing
Other tools	Tapestry needle, removable stitch markers, pins, scissors, measuring tape

Safety note: Safety eyes, safety noses, and other small rigid components may not be suitable for projects intended for children under three years. Embroidered eyes and an embroidered nose can be used instead.

4. Gauge and Tension

23 sts x 32 rnds = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4 in in stockinette stitch worked in the round with 3.25 mm / US 3 needles.

Use a firm, dense toy tension so the stuffing does not show between stitches. If your fabric is loose, move down a needle size. If it is extremely stiff and difficult to knit, move up slightly while keeping the fabric dense enough to contain stuffing.

For the flat eye patch, use the same needles and aim for approximately 23 sts x 32 rows = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4 in in flat stockinette stitch.

5. Abbreviations

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 the front and back of the same stitch; 1 stitch increased
p	purl
rnd / rnds	round / rounds
row / rows	row / rows
RS	right side
ssk	slip 1 knitwise, slip 1 knitwise, return both stitches to the left needle and knit them together through the back loops; 1 stitch decreased
st / sts	stitch / stitches
WS	wrong side

6. Method and Orientation

- All circular pieces are worked in continuous stockinette rounds. Knit every round and slip the BOR marker as you come to it.
- Use Magic Loop or double-pointed needles for small circumferences. Keep the work untwisted when joining the cast-on edge.
- For the head and body, the BOR is treated as centre back (CB). The gap exactly halfway around from BOR is centre front (CF). Mark CF with a removable marker once the piece is large enough to handle comfortably.
- Right and left are described from the finished puppy's point of view unless stated otherwise. When you look at the puppy from the front, the puppy's left appears on your right.
- The eye patch is worked flat in stockinette: knit RS rows and purl WS rows unless another instruction is given.
- When a circular piece begins with a small cast-on ring, use the cast-on tail to gather the centre closed after a few rounds are complete.
- Keep attachment areas soft. Overstuffing the final 3-5 rounds of limbs makes flattened seams bulky and can change the direction of the limbs.

7. Construction Overview

Piece	Make	Before assembly
Head	1	Stuff firmly but not hard; leave neck opening open until joining to body

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Eye patch	1	Unstuffed; sew to puppy-left side before installing eyes
Muzzle	1	Lightly stuffed; add nose and mouth before sewing to head
Body	1	Stuff moderately; bottom gathered closed; neck edge stays open
Front legs	2	Stuff paws firmly, upper legs lightly; flatten top openings
Hind legs	2	Stuff feet moderately, upper 3-4 rnds lightly; flatten top openings
Ears	2	Unstuffed; flatten completely before attachment
Tail	1	Lightly stuffed; flatten top opening

Recommended assembly order: complete the facial patch and eyes, prepare the muzzle, stuff and shape the head, attach muzzle and eyebrows, attach ears, stuff and finish the body, attach arms, hind legs, and tail to the body, then join the head to the body. This keeps every attachment area accessible and easy to check from multiple angles.

8. Head - Yarn A

CO 8 sts, distribute for working in the round, place BOR marker, and join without twisting. Leave a 20 cm / 8 in cast-on tail. The BOR is CB.

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Count
1	Knit.	8
2	Kfb in every st around.	16
3	(K1, kfb) 8 times.	24
4	(K2, kfb) 8 times.	32
5	(K3, kfb) 8 times.	40
6	Knit.	40
7	(K4, kfb) 8 times.	48
8	Knit.	48
9	(K5, kfb) 8 times.	56
10	Knit.	56
11	(K6, kfb) 8 times.	64
12	Knit.	64
13	(K7, kfb) 8 times.	72
14	Knit.	72
15	(K8, kfb) 8 times.	80
16	Knit.	80
17	(K9, kfb) 8 times.	88
18	Knit.	88
19	Knit.	88
20	Knit.	88

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Count
21	Knit.	88
22	Knit.	88
23	Knit.	88
24	Knit.	88
25	Knit.	88
26	Knit.	88
27	Knit.	88
28	(K9, k2tog) 8 times.	80
29	Knit.	80
30	Knit.	80
31	Knit.	80
32	(K8, k2tog) 8 times.	72
33	Knit.	72
34	Knit.	72
35	Knit.	72
36	(K7, k2tog) 8 times.	64
37	Knit.	64
38	Knit.	64
39	Knit.	64
40	(K6, k2tog) 8 times.	56
41	Knit.	56
42	Knit.	56
43	(K5, k2tog) 8 times.	48
44	Knit.	48
45	(K4, k2tog) 8 times.	40
46	Knit.	40

BO all 40 sts loosely. Leave a 60 cm / 24 in tail for joining the head to the body. Use the original cast-on tail to gather the 8-st crown opening closed and secure the tail inside.

Before stuffing: Sew on the eye patch and install the eyes while the neck opening is still open. The exact positions are given in Section 16.

9. Tan Eye Patch - Yarn B

Work flat. CO 4 sts. The patch is a small vertical oval that sits around the puppy-left eye.

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Count
1	WS: Purl.	4
2	RS: Kfb, k2, kfb.	6
3	WS: Purl.	6

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Count
4	RS: Kfb, k4, kfb.	8
5	WS: Purl.	8
6	RS: Kfb, k6, kfb.	10
7	WS: Purl.	10
8	RS: Knit.	10
9	WS: Purl.	10
10	RS: Ssk, k6, k2tog.	8
11	WS: Purl.	8
12	RS: Ssk, k4, k2tog.	6
13	WS: Purl.	6
14	RS: Ssk, k2, k2tog.	4
15	WS: Purl.	4
16	RS: BO all 4 sts knitwise.	0

Gently dampen and press the patch flat under a towel. Do not stretch it wider. Leave a 45 cm / 18 in tail for sewing.

10. Muzzle - Yarn A

CO 8 sts, distribute for working in the round, and join without twisting. Leave a 25 cm / 10 in cast-on tail. This small cast-on ring becomes the centre front around the nose.

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Count
1	Knit.	8
2	Kfb in every st around.	16
3	(K1, kfb) 8 times.	24
4	Knit.	24
5	(K2, kfb) 8 times.	32
6	Knit.	32
7	(K3, kfb) 8 times.	40
8	Knit.	40
9	Knit.	40
10	Knit.	40
11	(K8, k2tog) 4 times.	36
12	Knit.	36

BO all 36 sts loosely, leaving a 60 cm / 24 in sewing tail. Keep the 36-st edge open.

Nose and mouth on the muzzle

1. Pull the cast-on tail through the 8 cast-on stitches, but leave the centre just open enough for the safety-nose stem.
2. From the outside, insert the safety nose through the centre of the cast-on ring. Fit the washer securely inside the muzzle. Then snug the 8 cast-on stitches around the stem and secure the cast-on tail. For an embroidered nose, gather the opening closed and embroider a compact rounded triangle about 18 mm / 3/4 in wide over the centre front.

3. With black embroidery floss, bring the needle out immediately below the nose. Make a vertical line about 1.5 cm / 5/8 in long.
4. From the lower end of that line, embroider one shallow curve toward the puppy-right side and a matching curve toward the puppy-left side to form the soft W-shaped smile. Keep the curves about 1.5-1.8 cm / 5/8-3/4 in wide on each side.
5. Secure all embroidery ends inside the open muzzle. Add a small amount of stuffing, keeping the back edge flexible for sewing.

11. Body - Yarn A

CO 40 sts, distribute for working in the round, place BOR marker, and join without twisting. The cast-on edge is the neck opening and remains open. Treat BOR as CB and mark the opposite gap as CF.

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Count
1	Knit.	40
2	(K4, kfb) 8 times.	48
3	Knit.	48
4	(K5, kfb) 8 times.	56
5	Knit.	56
6	(K6, kfb) 8 times.	64
7	Knit.	64
8	Knit.	64
9	Knit.	64
10	Knit.	64
11	Knit.	64
12	Knit.	64
13	Knit.	64
14	Knit.	64
15	(K7, kfb) 8 times.	72
16	Knit.	72
17	Knit.	72
18	Knit.	72
19	Knit.	72
20	Knit.	72
21	Knit.	72
22	Knit.	72
23	Knit.	72
24	Knit.	72
25	(K7, k2tog) 8 times.	64
26	Knit.	64
27	Knit.	64
28	Knit.	64
29	(K6, k2tog) 8 times.	56
30	Knit.	56

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Count
31	(K5, k2tog) 8 times.	48
32	Knit.	48
33	(K4, k2tog) 8 times.	40
34	(K3, k2tog) 8 times.	32
35	(K2, k2tog) 8 times.	24
36	(K1, k2tog) 8 times.	16
37	K2tog 8 times.	8

Before Rnd 36, stuff the body moderately firmly, keeping the upper 3-4 rnds slightly softer so the neck join stays flexible. Add final stuffing after Rnd 36 if needed. After Rnd 37, cut yarn leaving 25 cm / 10 in, thread through the remaining 8 sts, pull closed, secure, and bury the tail inside the body.

12. Front Legs - Make 2 in Yarn A

CO 8 sts, distribute for working in the round, and join. Leave a 20 cm / 8 in cast-on tail to close the paw tip.

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Count
1	Knit.	8
2	Kfb in every st around.	16
3	(K1, kfb) 8 times.	24
4	Knit.	24
5	Knit.	24
6	Knit.	24
7	Knit.	24
8	Knit.	24
9	Knit.	24
10	Knit.	24
11	(K4, k2tog) 4 times.	20
12	Knit.	20
13	Knit.	20
14	Knit.	20
15	Knit.	20
16	Knit.	20
17	Knit.	20
18	Knit.	20
19	Knit.	20
20	Knit.	20
21	Knit.	20
22	Knit.	20
23	Knit.	20
24	(K3, k2tog) 4 times.	16

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Count
25	Knit.	16
26	Knit.	16
27	Knit.	16
28	Knit.	16
29	Knit.	16
30	Knit.	16

BO all 16 sts loosely, leaving a 45 cm / 18 in sewing tail. Use the cast-on tail to gather the paw tip closed. Stuff Rnds 1-10 firmly enough to form a rounded paw, Rnds 11-24 lightly, and the final 5-6 rnds very lightly. Flatten the top opening so 8 sts lie on the front layer and 8 sts on the back layer.

Attachment shape: The arm top is sewn as a short horizontal 8-position seam. Each sewing stitch must pass through both flattened arm layers before entering the body. This keeps the arms hanging downward instead of rotating sideways.

13. Hind Legs - Make 2 in Yarn A

CO 8 sts, distribute for working in the round, and join. Leave a 20 cm / 8 in cast-on tail.

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Count
1	Knit.	8
2	Kfb in every st around.	16
3	(K1, kfb) 8 times.	24
4	(K2, kfb) 8 times.	32
5	Knit.	32
6	Knit.	32
7	Knit.	32
8	Knit.	32
9	Knit.	32
10	Knit.	32
11	(K6, k2tog) 4 times.	28
12	Knit.	28
13	Knit.	28
14	Knit.	28
15	Knit.	28
16	(K5, k2tog) 4 times.	24
17	Knit.	24
18	(K4, k2tog) 4 times.	20
19	Knit.	20
20	(K3, k2tog) 4 times.	16
21	Knit.	16
22	Knit.	16

BO all 16 sts loosely, leaving a 45 cm / 18 in sewing tail. Gather the cast-on tip closed. Stuff the rounded foot area through about Rnd 12 moderately firmly, then reduce the stuffing toward the top. Keep Rnds 19-22 soft enough to flatten. Flatten the opening into 8 paired positions.

14. Floppy Ears - Make 2 in Yarn B

CO 8 sts, distribute for working in the round, and join. Leave a 20 cm / 8 in cast-on tail. The ears are not stuffed.

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Count
1	Knit.	8
2	Kfb in every st around.	16
3	(K1, kfb) 8 times.	24
4	(K5, kfb) 4 times.	28
5	Knit.	28
6	Knit.	28
7	Knit.	28
8	Knit.	28
9	Knit.	28
10	Knit.	28
11	Knit.	28
12	Knit.	28
13	Knit.	28
14	Knit.	28
15	Knit.	28
16	Knit.	28
17	Knit.	28
18	Knit.	28
19	Knit.	28
20	Knit.	28
21	(K5, k2tog) 4 times.	24
22	Knit.	24
23	(K4, k2tog) 4 times.	20
24	Knit.	20
25	Knit.	20
26	Knit.	20
27	Knit.	20
28	Knit.	20
29	Knit.	20
30	Knit.	20
31	Knit.	20
32	Knit.	20

BO all 20 sts loosely, leaving a 45 cm / 18 in sewing tail. Gather the 8-st cast-on tip closed. Flatten the ear completely, smooth the side edges, and lightly press under a damp towel if needed. At the top opening, align the 10 front stitches with the 10 back stitches so there are 10 paired sewing positions.

15. Tail - Yarn B

CO 8 sts, distribute for working in the round, and join. Leave a 20 cm / 8 in cast-on tail.

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Count
1	Knit.	8
2	(K1, kfb) 4 times.	12
3	Knit.	12
4	(K2, kfb) 4 times.	16
5	Knit.	16
6	Knit.	16
7	Knit.	16
8	Knit.	16
9	Knit.	16
10	Knit.	16
11	Knit.	16
12	Knit.	16
13	Knit.	16
14	Knit.	16
15	Knit.	16
16	Knit.	16
17	Knit.	16
18	Knit.	16
19	Knit.	16
20	Knit.	16
21	Knit.	16
22	Knit.	16
23	Knit.	16
24	Knit.	16

BO all 16 sts loosely, leaving a 45 cm / 18 in sewing tail. Gather the cast-on tip closed. Stuff the tail lightly so it stays flexible. Keep the final 3-4 rnds nearly unstuffed and flatten the opening into 8 paired positions.

16. Face and Head Placement

Work with the head upright, crown at the top, BOR at CB, and the marked midpoint opposite BOR as CF. All round positions below are counted from the crown.

Eye patch and eyes

1. Pin the tan patch on the puppy-left side of the face with its long axis vertical. Place its top near Rnd 19 and its lower end near Rnd 33. The patch centre should lie on the planned puppy-left eye position.
2. At the eye level between Rnds 26 and 27, mark one eye centre 6 sts to the puppy-right side of the CF gap and the other eye centre 6 sts to the puppy-left side. The eye centres are 12 sts apart.

3. Adjust the patch so the puppy-left eye marker passes through its centre. The patch inner edge should sit close to CF without crossing it; the outer edge should extend toward the side of the head.
4. Sew the patch edge to the head with small whip stitches in Yarn B. Keep the patch flat and do not pull the edge tight enough to pucker the head.
5. Install the two safety eyes at the marked positions. The puppy-left eye passes through both the patch and the head fabric. Fit the washers inside the head before stuffing. For embroidered eyes, work compact black circles about 10-12 mm / 3/8-1/2 in wide at the same positions.

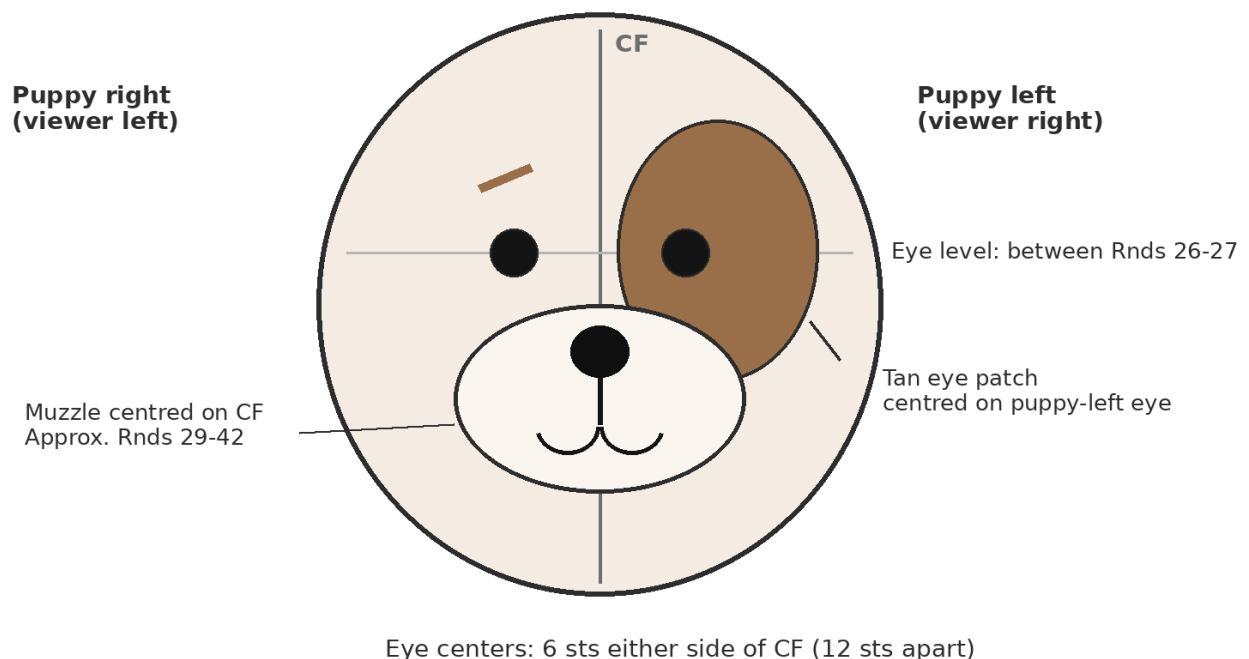
Muzzle placement

1. Lightly stuff the head first so the face shape is visible, leaving the neck opening accessible.
2. Centre the muzzle on CF. Shape the open 36-st edge into a horizontal oval about 14 head stitches wide and about 13 head rounds tall. The upper edge sits around Rnd 29 and the lower edge around Rnd 42.
3. Pin at top, bottom, puppy right, and puppy left. Check that the safety nose sits on CF and that the eye spacing looks balanced above the muzzle.
4. Whip stitch the muzzle edge to the head using the long Yarn A tail. When about 2 cm / 3/4 in remains open, add or redistribute a small amount of stuffing so the muzzle is softly rounded but not overfilled. Finish the seam and bury the tail inside the head.

Eyebrows

Using dark brown embroidery floss, embroider one short eyebrow about 3-4 stitches long, 2 rounds above each eye. Angle each eyebrow slightly upward toward the outer side of the face. Mirror the two angles. On the puppy-left side, embroider through the eye patch; on the puppy-right side, embroider through the cream head fabric. Secure the ends inside the head.

HEAD PLACEMENT MAP - FRONT



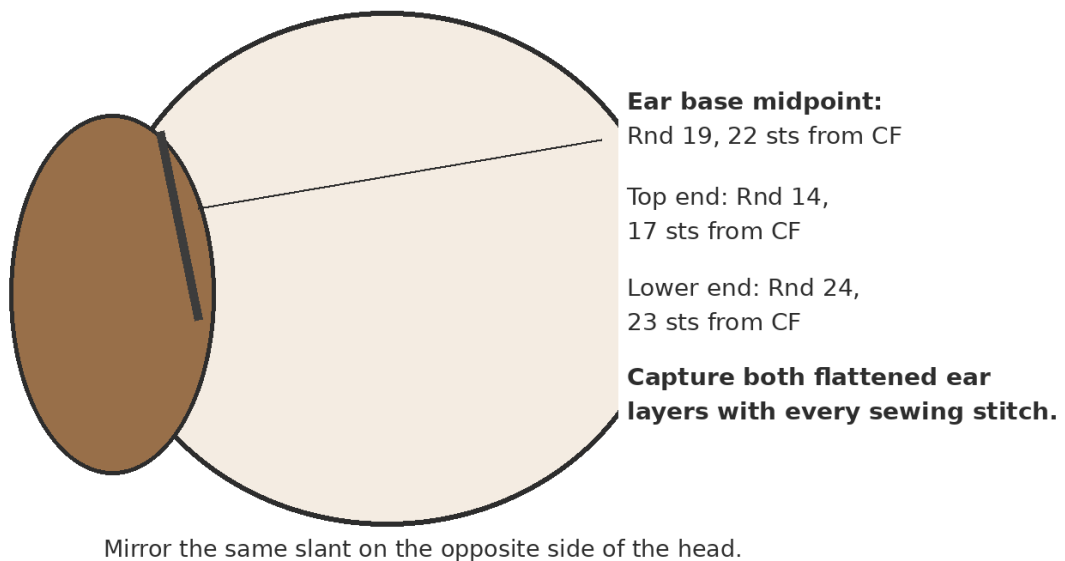
Front placement map. CF is the vertical centre line. The tan patch is on the puppy-left side, which appears on the viewer-right when the puppy faces you.

17. Ear Placement

Stuff the head until it is smoothly rounded and firm enough to hold its shape without stretching the stitches. Keep the neck edge flexible. The ears remain completely unstuffed.

1. Use the local side axis of each head round. On Rnd 14, which has 72 sts, the side axis is 18 sts from CF on either side. On Rnds 19-24, which have 88 sts, the side axis is 22 sts from CF.
2. Place the midpoint of each flattened 10-position ear base on Rnd 19, 22 sts from CF toward that side of the head.
3. Angle each base slightly backward. Place the upper end at Rnd 14, 17 sts from CF, which is 1 st toward CF from the local side axis. Place the lower end at Rnd 24, 23 sts from CF, which is 1 st toward CB from the local side axis. Mirror these coordinates on the opposite side.
4. Mirror the same angle on the opposite side. From the front, the upper ear attachments should be level. From the side, both ears should hang downward rather than projecting upward or backward.
5. Using Yarn B and the long ear tail, whip stitch the base to the head. At each sewing position, pass through both flattened ear layers before entering the head fabric. Sew back across the base a second time only if extra firmness is needed. Bury the tail inside the head.

EAR ATTACHMENT - SIDE GUIDE



18. Limb and Tail Placement

Work with the stuffed body upright, neck opening at the top, BOR at CB, and CF marked opposite BOR. Pin all pieces before sewing. Check the body from the front, sides, and back after every pair of attachments.

Front legs

1. On Body Rnd 7, mark an attachment centre 11 sts to the puppy-right side of the CF gap and a matching attachment centre 11 sts to the puppy-left side.
2. Flatten each 16-st leg opening into 8 paired positions. Place each top edge horizontally across 8 body stitches on Rnd 7, with 4 body stitches on each side of the marked attachment centre.
3. Rotate each leg so the rounded paw points forward and the long leg hangs downward. Keep the top 5-6 rounds only lightly stuffed.
4. Whip stitch each 8-position opening to the body. Every sewing stitch must capture both flattened leg layers before entering the body. Do not turn the seam into a vertical line; the short horizontal attachment is what lets the arm fall naturally.

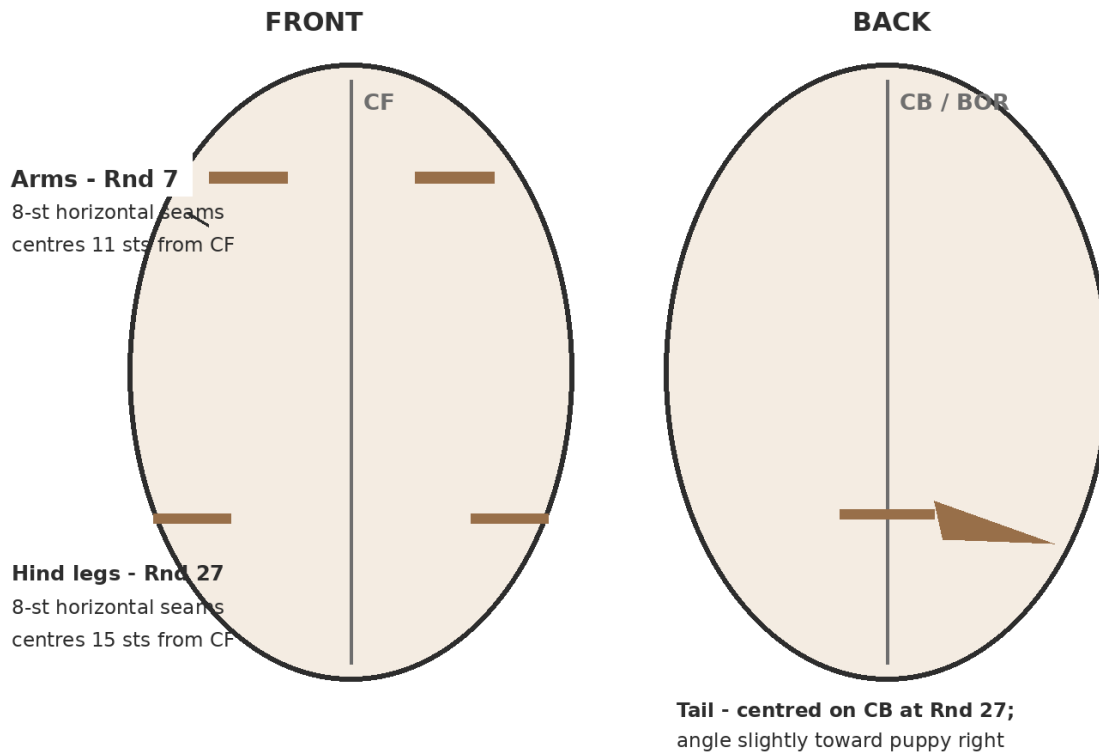
Hind legs

1. On Body Rnd 27, mark a centre point 15 sts to each side of CF. These positions sit close to the body side axes.
2. Flatten each 16-st hind-leg opening into 8 paired positions. Attach each top edge along 8 body stitches on Rnd 27, centred on its marker.
3. Before sewing, rotate each rounded foot so the fuller toe end points forward. The feet should rest on the same level and support the seated body without forcing it backward.
4. Whip stitch through both flattened leg layers and the body at each position. Keep the seam snug but not tight enough to dent the body.

Tail

1. On Body Rnd 27 at CB, centre the flattened 8-position tail opening across 8 body stitches.
2. Angle the tail slightly toward the puppy-right side so the tip rests naturally behind the seated body.
3. Whip stitch through both tail layers and the body at each position. Keep the base secure while leaving the stuffed length flexible.

BODY PLACEMENT MAP - FRONT AND BACK



19. Final Assembly

1. Complete the tan eye patch and install both eyes as described in Section 16.
2. Install the nose and embroider the mouth on the muzzle while its back edge is still open.
3. Stuff the head, then pin and sew the muzzle in place. Adjust stuffing so the cheeks remain rounded and the muzzle projects gently rather than sharply.
4. Embroider the two mirrored eyebrows 2 rounds above the eyes.
5. Pin both ears, compare their height and angle from the front and back, then sew the flattened bases through both layers to the head.
6. Finish stuffing the body. Keep the neck edge soft and circular.
7. Pin both front legs on Body Rnd 7. Check that the 8-position attachment lines are horizontal and the paws hang straight down. Sew both legs.
8. Pin both hind legs on Body Rnd 27. Set the body on a flat surface and check that both feet point forward and reach the surface evenly. Sew both legs.
9. Pin and sew the tail at CB on Body Rnd 27, angled slightly toward puppy right.
10. Place the head on the body with the head BOR and body BOR aligned at CB and both CF markers aligned at the front. The head 40-st bound-off edge and body 40-st cast-on edge match one-for-one.
11. Using the long cream head tail, join one head edge stitch to one body edge stitch all the way around with small whip stitches or a neat mattress-style edge seam. Keep the seam even so the head does not tilt. Before closing the final 2 cm / 3/4 in, add a small amount of stuffing if the neck feels hollow, then finish the seam.
12. Remove all temporary markers. Secure and bury every yarn and embroidery tail inside the nearest stuffed piece. Gently shape the head, paws, hind feet, muzzle, and body with your hands.

Final posture check: Set Biscuit on a flat surface before burying the last few tails. The body should sit upright, the hind feet should touch the surface evenly, the arms should hang straight down, and the tail should rest behind the body without lifting it.

20. Final Visual Checklist

- ☐ Face is centred on CF.
- ☐ Eyes are level and 12 sts apart at the stated eye level.
- ☐ Tan patch is flat, smooth, and centred around the puppy-left eye.
- ☐ Eyebrows are present, similar in length, and mirrored in angle.
- ☐ Nose is centred on the muzzle and the mouth drops straight down from it before curving to both sides.
- ☐ Muzzle is level and softly rounded without pulling the lower face out of shape.
- ☐ Ears are attached at matching heights and hang in the same direction.
- ☐ Head sits straight over the body with CF and CB aligned.
- ☐ Front-leg attachment lines are short and horizontal; both paws hang downward.
- ☐ Hind feet point forward and rest evenly on a flat surface.
- ☐ Tail is secure at centre back and angles slightly toward puppy right.
- ☐ No stuffing is visible through the knitted fabric.
- ☐ No stuffing openings or seam gaps remain.
- ☐ All markers have been removed.
- ☐ All yarn and embroidery tails are securely buried inside the work.

21. Troubleshooting

Problem	Practical correction
Stuffing shows between stitches	Your fabric is too loose or the piece is overstuffed. Use a smaller needle for future pieces, or remove a little stuffing and redistribute it evenly.
Finished puppy is noticeably larger or smaller	Check both stitch and round gauge. A different yarn, needle size, or tension changes the scale of every piece.
Head looks flat on top	Work the crown increases without pulling the first few rounds tight, then distribute stuffing into the upper sides of the head rather than packing only the centre.
Head leans after joining	Open a short section of the neck seam, realign CF and CB, even out neck stuffing, and re sew one head stitch to one body stitch.
Eye patch curls or puckers	Dampen and press it flat before sewing. Use small edge stitches and avoid pulling the sewing yarn tight.
Muzzle is off-centre	Remove enough of the seam to repin the top and bottom of the muzzle on CF. Recheck the nose position before sewing the sides.
One ear sits higher	Compare the top and lower ends of both ear seams against Head Rnds 14 and 24. Repin before permanently resewing.
Arms point outward	The upper arm is probably overstuffed or the attachment line is too vertical. Remove some upper-arm stuffing and re sew the 8-position top edge horizontally on Body Rnd 7.
Hind feet point sideways	Rotate the hind leg before sewing so the fullest rounded toe faces forward. Keep the flattened top seam horizontal on Body Rnd 27.
Body rocks instead of sitting flat	Redistribute lower-body stuffing away from the centre base and into the sides. Check that the hind feet reach the same level.
Tail lifts the body	Reduce tail stuffing near the base and lower its angle slightly before resewing.
Seam gaps appear	Use smaller, closer whip stitches and catch full edge loops. Add stuffing only after a seam is mostly closed so fibres do not sit in the join.

Biscuit is complete when the seated shape is balanced, the face is centred, every attachment is secure, and the knitted fabric remains smooth without exposed stuffing.