LILAC THE FLOPPY-EAR BUNNY

Complete Digital Knitting Pattern

Worked flat on straight needles - confident beginner / intermediate



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1. Digital Download Notice

This file is a knitting pattern for making a floppy-ear bunny plushie. It is not a finished plushie, and no physical item will be shipped.

All finished measurements below are calculated design targets. Your result can vary with yarn choice, needle size, tension, seaming, stuffing and blocking.

The design is worked flat. All stitch counts include the edge stitches used for seaming - do not add extra selvage stitches.

2. Finished Measurements

Measurement	Design target
Seated height, base to crown	approx. 26-28 cm / 10.25-11 in
Overall width across feet	approx. 21-23 cm / 8.25-9 in
Front-to-back depth	approx. 13-15 cm / 5-6 in
Head width after stuffing	approx. 10.5-11.5 cm / 4.1-4.5 in
Body height, base to neck	approx. 13.5-15 cm / 5.3-5.9 in
Ear length	approx. 13-14 cm / 5.1-5.5 in
Arm length	approx. 8-9 cm / 3.1-3.5 in
Foot length	approx. 9-10 cm / 3.5-3.9 in
Tail diameter	approx. 3.5-4.5 cm / 1.4-1.8 in

The proportions are intended to match the reference: a rounded head, pear-shaped seated body, long drooping ears, large forward feet, cream muzzle and tummy patch, small cream tail, and a narrow lilac collar.

3. Materials and Tools

Item	Suggested specification / amount
Yarn A - oatmeal beige	Worsted / aran weight, approx. 170-190 m (185-208 yd)
Yarn B - soft cream	Worsted / aran weight, approx. 45-60 m (49-66 yd)
Yarn C - dusty lilac	Worsted / aran weight, approx. 10-15 m (11-16 yd)
Embroidery yarn	Dark brown, approx. 1-2 m for nose and mouth
Needles	4.0 mm straight needles, or size needed to obtain gauge
Eyes	2 x 12 mm black safety eyes, or embroidered-eye alternative
Stuffing	Approx. 120-160 g polyester fiberfill
Notions	Tapestry needle, stitch markers or scrap yarn, pins, scissors, measuring tape

Safety: for items intended for children under 3, use an embroidered-eye alternative without detachable safety-eye components and follow the product-safety requirements that apply in your location.

4. Gauge

Stockinette stitch, worked flat: 20 sts and 28 rows = 10 cm / 4 in before stuffing.

Exact gauge matters because every piece is dimensioned from the stitch and row counts. If your gauge is looser, the plushie will be larger and the fabric may show stuffing. If it is tighter, the plushie will be smaller and firmer.

For a dense plush fabric, use a needle size that prevents the filling from showing through when the fabric is gently stretched.

5. Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Meaning
BO	Bind off
CO	Cast on
K	Knit
P	Purl
RS	Right side of fabric
WS	Wrong side of fabric
st / sts	stitch / stitches
kfb	Knit into front and back of the same stitch; 1 stitch increased
k2tog	Knit 2 stitches together; right-leaning decrease
ssk	Slip 1 knitwise, slip 1 knitwise, return both to left needle and knit together through back loops; left-leaning decrease
st st	Stockinette stitch worked flat: knit RS rows, purl WS rows
rep	Repeat

6. Construction Overview

- All pieces are knitted flat. The head and body long edges are joined at centre back (CB).
- The head is knitted from the neck opening upward and gathered at the crown. The cast-on edge remains open for the neck join.
- The body is knitted from the base upward. The cast-on edge is gathered at the base; the 24-stitch top edge forms the neck opening.
- The muzzle and tummy patch are sewn on as separate cream pieces. The ears are flat and unstuffed. Arms, feet and tail are lightly to moderately stuffed.
- Right and left always mean the bunny's own right and left.
- With a head/body panel lying RS up and the cast-on edge at the bottom, the midpoint of each row is centre front (CF). The two side edges meet at CB. The fabric half on your left becomes the bunny's right side; the half on your right becomes the bunny's left side.

Access order matters: install safety-eye washers and secure the face embroidery while the head is still flat and open. Sew the tummy patch while the body is still flat. Stuff the head through its neck opening before attaching it to the body.

7. Complete Written Pattern

HEAD - make 1 in Yarn A

The cast-on edge is the neck opening. The final 12 stitches form the crown. Work with a normal, even edge tension so the CB mattress seam closes neatly.

Row(s)	Instruction	Sts
CO	CO 24 sts.	**24**
1 (WS)	P24.	**24**
2 (RS)	(K1, kfb) 12 times.	**36**
3 (WS)	P36.	**36**
4 (RS)	(K2, kfb) 12 times.	**48**
5 (WS)	P48.	**48**
6 (RS)	(K3, kfb) 12 times.	**60**
7-23	Odd-numbered rows: P60. Even-numbered rows: K60. Keep 60 sts at the end of every row.	**60**
24 (RS)	(K3, k2tog) 12 times.	**48**
25 (WS)	P48.	**48**
26 (RS)	(K2, k2tog) 12 times.	**36**
27 (WS)	P36.	**36**
28 (RS)	(K1, k2tog) 12 times.	**24**
29 (WS)	P24.	**24**
30 (RS)	K2tog across.	**12**
31 (WS)	P12. Cut yarn, leaving a 25 cm tail. Thread tail through the 12 live sts and draw the crown closed.	**12 gathered**

Face preparation before seaming

- Lay the head flat RS up. Mark CF between stitches 30 and 31 on the 60-stitch section.
- Safety eyes: place the bunny's right eye at approximately stitch column 25 and the bunny's left eye at approximately stitch column 36, both on the line of head Row 17. The centres are about 11 stitch columns apart. Install washers now, from the WS.
- If using embroidered eyes, work them after the muzzle is pinned so their height and spacing can be judged against the muzzle.
- Do not close the CB seam until the muzzle has been attached and all internal face knots or eye washers are secured.

MUZZLE - make 1 in Yarn B

Row(s)	Instruction	Sts
CO	CO 6 sts.	**6**
1 (WS)	P6.	**6**
2 (RS)	Kfb, K4, kfb.	**8**
3 (WS)	P8.	**8**
4 (RS)	(K1, kfb) 4 times.	**12**
5 (WS)	P12.	**12**
6 (RS)	Kfb, K10, kfb.	**14**
7 (WS)	P14.	**14**
8 (RS)	K14.	**14**
9 (WS)	P14.	**14**
10 (RS)	K2tog, K10, ssk.	**12**
11 (WS)	P12.	**12**
12 (RS)	(K1, k2tog) 4 times.	**8**
13 (WS)	P8.	**8**
14 (RS)	BO 8 sts.	**8 bound off**

Muzzle placement and shaping

- Centre the muzzle on CF. Aim for its lower edge near Head Row 3 and its upper edge near Head Row 16, with the widest part directly under the eyes.

- Sew around the edge with small matching stitches, leaving a 2 cm opening at the lower edge. Add only a small amount of stuffing so the muzzle domes gently rather than becoming round. Close the opening.

- With dark brown yarn, embroider a small inverted triangular nose near the upper-middle of the muzzle. Bring a short vertical line down from the nose, then form two shallow curved mouth arms. Secure all knots on the WS before the head is seamed.

EARS - make 2 in Yarn A

Row(s)	Instruction	Sts
CO	CO 4 sts.	**4**
1 (WS)	P4.	**4**
2 (RS)	Kfb in each stitch.	**8**
3 (WS)	P8.	**8**
4 (RS)	(K1, kfb) 4 times.	**12**
5 (WS)	P12.	**12**
6 (RS)	Kfb, K10, kfb.	**14**
7-33	Odd-numbered rows: P14. Even-numbered rows: K14.	**14**
34 (RS)	K1, k2tog, K8, ssk, K1.	**12**
35 (WS)	P12.	**12**
36 (RS)	K1, k2tog, K6, ssk, K1.	**10**
37 (WS)	P10.	**10**
38 (RS)	BO 10 sts. Leave a long sewing tail.	**10 bound off**

- Fold each ear lengthwise with RS together. Whipstitch the long edge. Using a short separate strand of Yarn A, whipstitch the 4-stitch cast-on tip edge closed, leaving only the 10-stitch bound-off base open. Turn RS out and flatten with the long seam facing the back/inside edge.

- Do not stuff. The closed 4-stitch cast-on end is the ear tip. The 10-stitch bound-off edge remains open and is the ear base; keep the long sewing tail for attachment. The pair is knitted identically; mirror the attachment angle during assembly.

BODY - make 1 in Yarn A

Row(s)	Instruction	Sts
CO	CO 24 sts.	**24**
1 (WS)	P24.	**24**
2 (RS)	(K1, kfb) 12 times.	**36**
3 (WS)	P36.	**36**
4 (RS)	(K2, kfb) 12 times.	**48**
5 (WS)	P48.	**48**
6 (RS)	(K7, kfb) 6 times.	**54**
7-17	Odd-numbered rows: P54. Even-numbered rows: K54.	**54**
18 (RS)	(K7, k2tog) 6 times.	**48**
19 (WS)	P48.	**48**
20-23	Even-numbered rows: K48. Odd-numbered rows: P48.	**48**
24 (RS)	(K6, k2tog) 6 times.	**42**
25 (WS)	P42.	**42**
26-29	Even-numbered rows: K42. Odd-numbered rows: P42.	**42**
30 (RS)	(K5, k2tog) 6 times.	**36**
31 (WS)	P36.	**36**
32-35	Even-numbered rows: K36. Odd-numbered rows: P36.	**36**
36 (RS)	(K4, k2tog) 6 times.	**30**
37 (WS)	P30.	**30**
38-41	Even-numbered rows: K30. Odd-numbered rows: P30.	**30**
42 (RS)	(K3, k2tog) 6 times.	**24**
43 (WS)	P24.	**24**
44 (RS)	BO 24 sts loosely. This edge is the neck opening.	**24 bound off**

TUMMY PATCH - make 1 in Yarn B

Row(s)	Instruction	Sts
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)	Kfb, K6, kfb.	**10**
7 (WS)	P10.	**10**
8 (RS)	Kfb, K8, kfb.	**12**
9 (WS)	P12.	**12**
10-21	Even-numbered rows: K12. Odd-numbered rows: P12.	**12**

Row(s)	Instruction	Sts
22 (RS)	K2tog, K8, ssk.	**10**
23 (WS)	P10.	**10**
24 (RS)	K2tog, K6, ssk.	**8**
25 (WS)	P8.	**8**
26 (RS)	K2tog, K4, ssk.	**6**
27 (WS)	P6.	**6**
28 (RS)	K2tog, K2, ssk.	**4**
29 (WS)	P4.	**4**
30 (RS)	BO 4 sts.	**4 bound off**

Attach the tummy patch before body seaming

- Lay the body RS up. Its two long side edges will become CB, so CF is the midpoint of each row.
- Centre the tummy patch on CF with its lower tip around body Row 8 and upper tip around body Row 37. Pin the long axis exactly on CF.
- Sew the patch flat with small cream stitches just inside its edge. Do not stuff the patch. Secure yarn tails on the WS.

ARMS - make 2 in Yarn A

Row(s)	Instruction	Sts
CO	CO 6 sts.	**6**
1 (WS)	P6.	**6**
2 (RS)	Kfb in each stitch.	**12**
3 (WS)	P12.	**12**
4 (RS)	(K1, kfb) 6 times.	**18**
5-17	Odd-numbered rows: P18. Even-numbered rows: K18.	**18**
18 (RS)	(K1, k2tog) 6 times.	**12**
19 (WS)	P12.	**12**
20-24	Even-numbered rows: K12. Odd-numbered rows: P12.	**12**
25 (WS)	BO 12 sts purlwise. Leave a long sewing tail.	**12 bound off**

- Use the cast-on tail to gather the 6-stitch hand end closed.
- Seam the long edge, leaving a 2 cm opening near the bound-off shoulder edge. Stuff moderately in the rounded lower half and lightly near the shoulder so the arm can lie against the body. Close the opening.

FEET / SEATED LEGS - make 2 in Yarn A

Row(s)	Instruction	Sts
CO	CO 6 sts.	**6**
1 (WS)	P6.	**6**
2 (RS)	Kfb in each stitch.	**12**
3 (WS)	P12.	**12**

Row(s)	Instruction	Sts
4 (RS)	(K1, kfb) 6 times.	**18**
5 (WS)	P18.	**18**
6 (RS)	(K2, kfb) 6 times.	**24**
7 (WS)	P24.	**24**
8 (RS)	(K3, kfb) 6 times.	**30**
9-19	Odd-numbered rows: P30. Even-numbered rows: K30.	**30**
20 (RS)	(K3, k2tog) 6 times.	**24**
21 (WS)	P24.	**24**
22 (RS)	(K2, k2tog) 6 times.	**18**
23 (WS)	P18.	**18**
24 (RS)	(K1, k2tog) 6 times.	**12**
25 (WS)	P12.	**12**
26 (RS)	K2tog across.	**6**
27 (WS)	P6. Cut yarn, thread through the 6 live sts and gather closed.	**6 gathered**

- Gather the 6-stitch cast-on edge with the starting tail.
- Seam the long edge, leaving a 3 cm opening along the inner/back side. Stuff firmly enough to hold an oval foot shape but keep the attachment area slightly softer. Close the opening.
- Flatten each finished foot gently so its seam can sit toward the underside/inner side when attached.

TAIL - make 1 in Yarn B

Row(s)	Instruction	Sts
CO	CO 6 sts.	**6**
1 (WS)	P6.	**6**
2 (RS)	Kfb in each stitch.	**12**
3 (WS)	P12.	**12**
4 (RS)	(K1, kfb) 6 times.	**18**
5-9	Odd-numbered rows: P18. Even-numbered rows: K18.	**18**
10 (RS)	(K1, k2tog) 6 times.	**12**
11 (WS)	P12.	**12**
12 (RS)	K2tog across.	**6**
13 (WS)	P6. Cut yarn, thread through the 6 live sts and gather closed.	**6 gathered**

- Gather the cast-on edge with the starting tail. Seam the long edge, leaving a small opening, stuff moderately to form a round pom-shaped tail, then close the opening.

COLLAR - make 1 in Yarn C

Row(s)	Instruction	Sts
CO	CO 34 sts.	**34**
1 (RS)	K34.	**34**

Row(s)	Instruction	Sts
2 (WS)	K34.	**34**
3 (RS)	K34.	**34**
4 (WS)	K34.	**34**
5 (RS)	K34.	**34**
6 (WS)	K34.	**34**
7 (RS)	BO 34 sts knitwise. Leave a long sewing tail.	**34 bound off**

- The band should measure about 17 cm long and about 2 cm high at the stated gauge. Wrap it around the neck join without stretching hard; overlap the short ends by about 5-8 mm at CB and sew securely.

Piece inventory before assembly

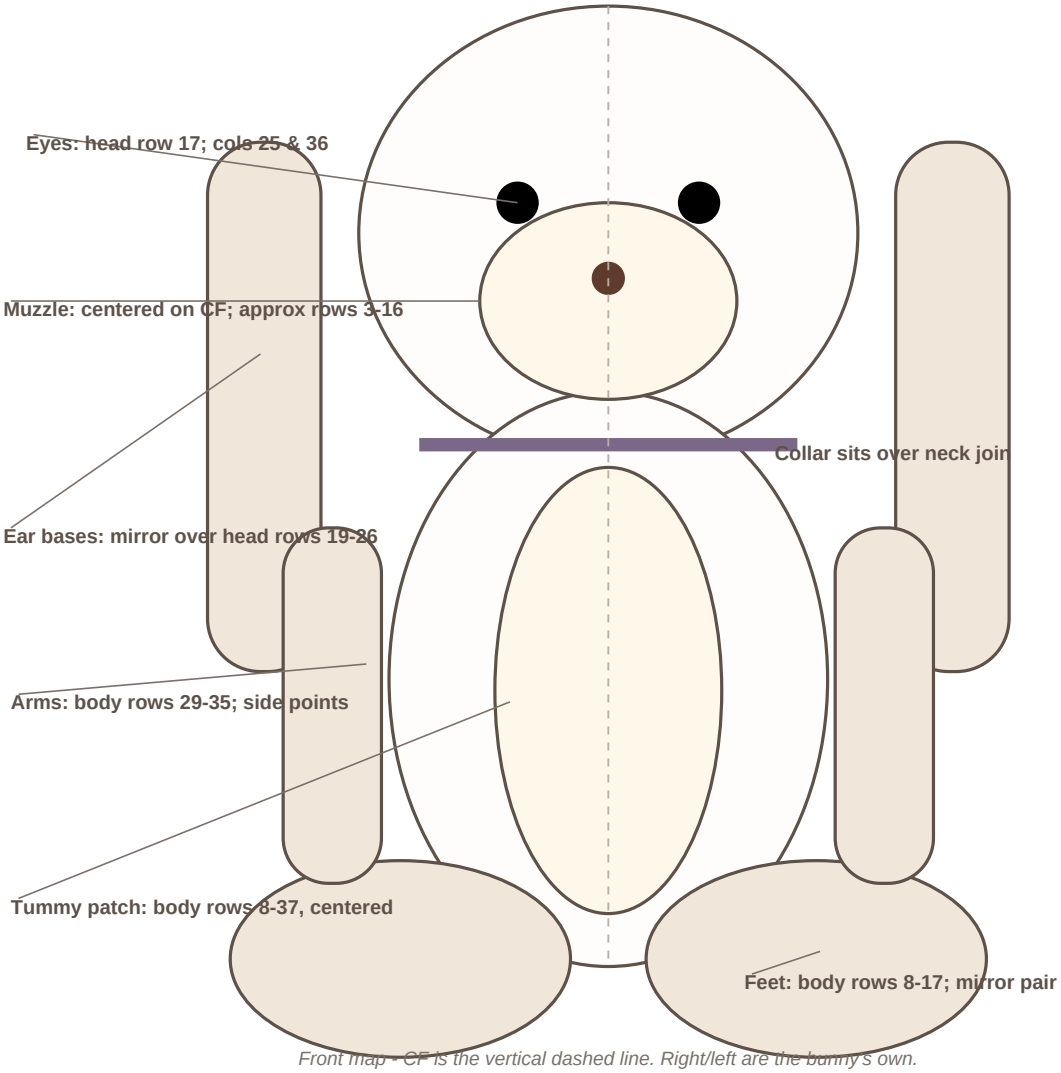
Piece	Quantity	Status
Head	1	Face completed, crown gathered, neck open
Muzzle	1	Sewn and lightly stuffed on head
Ears	2	Long seam and cast-on tip closed; 10-st base open; unstuffed
Body	1	Tummy patch attached before CB seam
Arms	2	Seamed and stuffed
Feet	2	Seamed and stuffed
Tail	1	Seamed and stuffed
Collar	1	Flat band, ends open until final wrap

Pre-join landmark check - perform after Assembly Steps 1-4 and before Step 5

- Confirm the head and body CB seams are centered and the 24-st neck edges are still open.
- Place the two ears, arms and feet side by side; matching row counts should give matching finished sizes.
- Mark CF on the stuffed body with a removable yarn marker at the lower edge of the tummy patch.
- Mark the quarter-side points on head and body before pinning paired pieces; this makes mirrored placement much easier.
- Keep the collar, tail and all sewing tails accessible until the head/body join and paired limb placement have been checked.

8. Placement Maps

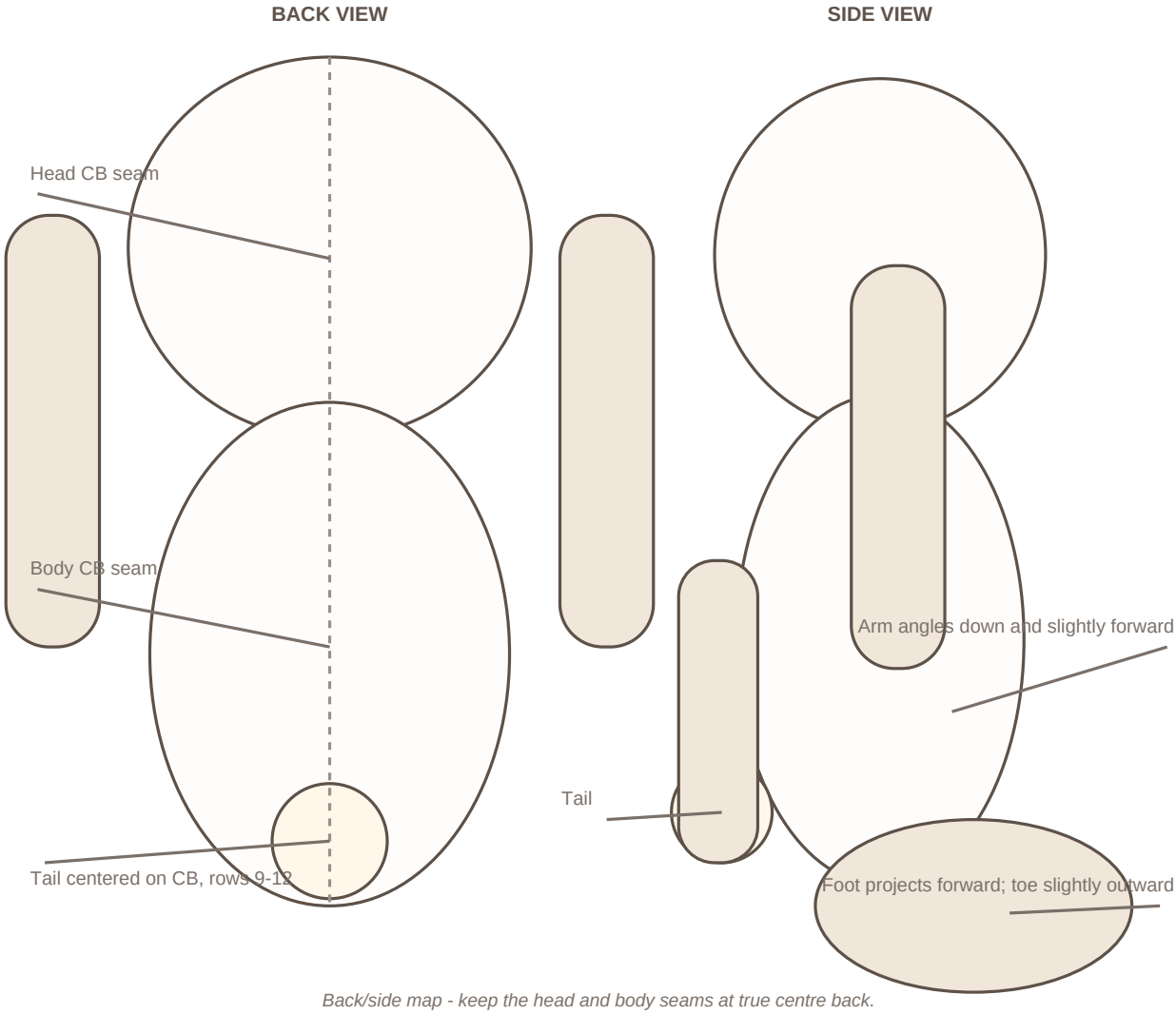
Use the row/stitch references below as the primary guide, then pin all paired pieces and compare them from the front and side before sewing. Stuffing can shift the fabric slightly, so matching the left/right pair visually is more important than forcing a distorted piece to a number.



Front map - CF is the vertical dashed line. Right/left are the bunny's own.

Eye columns are counted across the 60-stitch head section with the flat piece RS up. The bunny's right eye is on the left half of the flat piece; the bunny's left eye is on the right half.

Placement Map - Back and Side



Back/side map - keep the head and body seams at true centre back.

Detailed placement points

- **Ears:** after the head is stuffed, pin each 10-st base as a curved/diagonal 4-5 cm line on the upper side of the head. Place the base midpoint around head Row 22 at the quarter-circumference side point; let the two ends fall roughly between Rows 19 and 26. Mirror the angle so both ears fall beside the cheeks rather than toward the face or CB seam.
- **Arms:** pin each shoulder edge at the side point of body Rows 29-35. Angle the lower arm about 15-25 degrees forward/down so the hands rest beside the tummy patch.
- **Feet:** attach across the lower front/sides of body Rows 8-17. Keep the inner edges about 1.5-2.5 cm apart and the centres about 8-10 cm apart. Toes project forward and turn only slightly outward.
- **Tail:** centre the tail over the body CB seam around Rows 9-12. The tail should sit low enough to be visible from behind without pushing the body forward.
- **Collar:** cover the head/body neck join evenly. Place the overlap at CB.

9. Stuffing and Shaping

Head

- After the face is complete, mattress seam the head CB edges from crown to neck. Keep the crown fully gathered and the neck opening unobstructed.
- Stuff through the neck opening. Use moderate-firm stuffing at the crown and sides, then add smaller tufts behind the cheeks. Keep the neck zone slightly softer so the 24-st neck edges can be joined without a hard ridge.
- Check the eyes remain level and the muzzle remains centered before the final neck join.

Body

- With the tummy patch already attached, mattress seam the body CB edges. Gather the 24-st cast-on base securely and bury the tail inside.
- Stuff through the 24-st neck opening. Fill the lower body firmly enough to create a stable seated base, but keep the upper chest moderately stuffed so the neck join remains flexible.
- Before attaching the head, set the body on a flat surface and press the lower body gently into a broad pear shape.

Limbs and tail

- Arms: moderate fill in the lower half, light fill at the shoulder.
- Feet: firm but compressible fill; distribute evenly so the pair has matching length and thickness.
- Tail: moderate fill so it stays round but can sit flat against the body.

Ears and collar

- Ears are unstuffed. Smooth them flat by hand. If your yarn permits, a very light steam hover can relax the fabric; do not press the knit flat with the iron.
- The collar is not stuffed. Keep it snug enough to hide the neck seam but not tight enough to distort the head or body.

10. Assembly Instructions

Follow this order so no internal operation is trapped behind a closed seam.

Step	Assembly action
1	Head while flat: mark CF; install safety eyes/washers or prepare embroidered eyes; sew and lightly stuff muzzle; embroider nose and mouth; secure all face tails on WS.
2	Head: gather crown, sew CB seam, then stuff through the open 24-st neck edge. Leave neck open.
3	Body while flat: sew tummy patch centered on CF and secure tails on WS.
4	Body: gather base, sew CB seam, then stuff through the open 24-st neck edge. Leave neck open.
5	Join head to body: align both 24-st neck edges with CF matched to CF and CB matched to CB. Pin at four quarter points. Whipstitch or mattress stitch one head edge stitch to one body edge stitch all the way around. Add or redistribute a final small amount of stuffing before the last 3-4 cm is closed.
6	Ears: pin both bases across head Rows 19-26 at mirrored side positions. View from front/back; sew twice through the base edge for a firm, drooping attachment.
7	Feet: pin to body Rows 8-17, mirror the spacing and toe angle. Sew the upper/back third of each foot firmly to the body, leaving the toe free to project forward.
8	Arms: pin shoulder edges at body Rows 29-35. Mirror the angle. Sew around the shoulder edge and tack one extra point on the inner upper arm only if needed to keep it close to the body.
9	Tail: centre on body CB around Rows 9-12 and sew around its base.
10	Collar: wrap around the finished neck seam, overlap 5-8 mm at CB, and sew the short ends together. Add 2-3 tiny hidden tacking stitches to the neck seam so the collar cannot rotate.
11	Final finishing: remove all temporary markers, check paired placements, bury every yarn tail inside the plushie, and gently redistribute stuffing by hand.

Before closing any final seam, confirm that no safety-eye washer, embroidery knot, stuffing opening or temporary marker still needs access.

11. Final Visual Checklist

- Face is balanced: both eyes sit on the same row and at equal distance from CF.
- Muzzle is centered under the eyes and the nose/mouth sits on the muzzle centreline.
- Ears are attached at matching height and angle, with seams facing the back/inside.
- Head CB seam and body CB seam line up at true centre back.
- Tummy patch is centered and lies flat without puckering.
- Arms are symmetrical and rest beside the tummy rather than twisting backward.
- Feet are equal in size, toes project forward, and the bunny sits without tipping.
- Tail is centered on the lower back and does not push the body forward.
- Collar is level, hides the neck join, and closes at CB.
- No visible stuffing, large gaps, loose tails, unsecured openings or trapped markers remain.

12. Troubleshooting

Issue	Practical fix
Loose or lumpy stuffing	Before the neck seam is fully closed, add small tufts rather than one large wad. Massage from outside to distribute evenly.
Eyes look uneven	Check both eye centres against head Row 17 and CF before the head seam is closed. If using safety eyes, correct placement before the washers become inaccessible.
CB seam twists to one side	Pin matching row ends at several points before mattress seaming. Keep the seam centered as you stuff.
Arms or feet look uneven	Compare both attachment row ranges and distances from CF. Unpick only the attachment seam and re-pin; the pieces themselves do not need to be remade if their row counts match.
One ear falls differently	Make sure both ear seams face backward and the 10-st bases are pinned across matching head rows. Mirror the slant before sewing.
Muzzle looks off-centre	Use CF as the reference and compare the distance from each muzzle side to its nearest eye. Re-pin before the final edge stitches are completed.
Visible holes between stitches	Use a slightly smaller needle for future pieces or add less stuffing. For a tiny isolated gap, work a discreet duplicate stitch with matching yarn.
Bunny tips forward	Set the feet a little farther forward and keep their upper/back attachment area flat against the lower body. Redistribute lower-body stuffing toward the base.
Collar rotates	Keep the overlap at CB and add 2-3 tiny hidden tacks through the collar and neck seam.

13. Printing and Customer Notes

- This is a digital knitting pattern, not a finished item. No physical item will be shipped.
- Print at 100% / actual size for the most predictable page layout. No printed templates are required for construction.
- Measurements are design targets and may vary with yarn, tension, stuffing and blocking.
- The written pattern is intended for personal handmade creation unless separate commercial permission is provided by the pattern seller.
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Quick make summary

Order	What to do
A	Knit head, muzzle, 2 ears, body, tummy patch, 2 arms, 2 feet, tail and collar.
B	Complete eyes, muzzle and face while head is flat/open.
C	Attach tummy patch while body is flat/open.
D	Seam and stuff head/body, keeping both 24-st neck edges open.
E	Join 24-st neck edges one-to-one.
F	Attach ears, feet, arms, tail, then collar.
G	Run the final visual checklist and bury all tails.

Finished design target: a soft oatmeal bunny with long drooping ears, cream oval muzzle and tummy, dark eyes and embroidered brown face, large seated feet, cream tail, and a narrow dusty-lilac collar.

End of pattern