MINTY THE ELEPHANT

Complete Digital Knitting Pattern

Worked flat with simple seaming + a small crochet ear-edge finish



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Confident beginner / intermediate | Seated elephant plushie | Approx. 25-27 cm tall

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PLEASE NOTE: This file contains instructions for making the knitted plushie. It is not a finished toy, and no physical item will be shipped.

All finished measurements in this pattern are calculated design targets. Your finished size can vary with yarn choice, needle size, tension, stuffing density and finishing technique.

The pattern uses detachable safety eyes in the pictured-style option. For children under 3, use the embroidered-eye alternative instead of detachable safety-eye components and follow your local toy-safety requirements.

Pattern at a Glance

Item	Details
Craft	Knitting, worked flat; simple crochet slip-stitch edging on the ears
Skill level	Confident beginner / intermediate
Construction	Seamed head and body panels; separate trunk, ears, limbs, foot pads, tail and bow
Main stitch	Stockinette stitch
Orientation	Right and left are always from the elephant's own point of view
Seam style	Structural mattress/whip seams with visible ivory running-stitch accents for the reference look

Finished Measurements

Targets below assume the stated gauge and moderate stuffing. Measure the plushie in its natural seated position.

Measurement	Design target
Seated height, seat to crown	25-27 cm / 9.8-10.6 in
Head width	13-14 cm / 5.1-5.5 in
Head depth	11-12 cm / 4.3-4.7 in
Body width	12-13 cm / 4.7-5.1 in
Ear span, tip to tip	32-34 cm / 12.6-13.4 in
Each ear	about 10 x 9 cm / 3.9 x 3.5 in
Trunk length	9-10 cm / 3.5-3.9 in
Arm length	about 9 cm / 3.5 in
Leg length	10-11 cm / 3.9-4.3 in
Foot pad	about 6 x 6.5 cm / 2.4 x 2.6 in
Bow	about 8 x 3.5 cm / 3.1 x 1.4 in

Materials and Tools

Yarn

Use a smooth medium/aran (#4 / 10-ply) yarn that gives a dense fabric at gauge. Cotton, cotton-blend or low-fuzz acrylic works well.

Colour	Approximate amount
A - Mint sage	150-170 g / approx. 270-310 m
B - Warm ivory/cream	35-45 g / approx. 60-80 m
C - Dusty peach	10-15 g / approx. 18-28 m
D - Black	small amount for mouth embroidery if not using floss

Tools and notions

- 4.0 mm straight knitting needles (US 6), or size needed to obtain gauge.
- 3.5 mm crochet hook (US E/4) for the ear-edge slip-stitch trim.
- Two 12 mm black safety eyes, OR black yarn/floss for embroidered eyes.
- Polyester toy stuffing, approximately 120-160 g.
- Tapestry needle, sewing pins/clips, scissors, measuring tape and row counter.
- Optional stitch markers or waste yarn for marking centre-front (CF) and centre-back (CB) edges.

SAFETY-EYE NOTE: Install safety-eye washers before the head is seamed closed. If the finished item is intended for a child under 3, use embroidered eyes instead and follow local safety requirements.

Gauge

19 sts x 26 rows = 10 cm / 4 in in stockinette stitch, measured relaxed and unstretched.

Gauge is important because it controls both the finished proportions and how well the fabric contains stuffing. If your fabric is loose enough for stuffing to show, move down a needle size and re-check gauge.

Abbreviations and Techniques

Abbreviation	Meaning
BO	bind off
CO	cast on
k	knit
p	purl
RS	right side
WS	wrong side
st(s)	stitch(es)
St st	stockinette stitch: knit RS rows, purl WS rows
kfb	knit into front and back of the same stitch; increases 1 st

Abbreviation	Meaning
k2tog	knit 2 together; decreases 1 st with right lean
ssk	slip 1 knitwise twice, insert left needle through fronts and knit together; decreases 1 st with left lean
sl st	crochet slip stitch
CF	centre front
CB	centre back

Shaping language used in this pattern

- Increase 4 sts: kfb in each of the first 2 sts, knit to the last 2 sts, kfb in each of the last 2 sts.
- Decrease 4 sts: k2tog twice, knit to the last 4 sts, ssk twice.
- Increase 2 sts: kfb, knit to the last st, kfb.
- Decrease 2 sts: k2tog, knit to the last 2 sts, ssk.

SEAM COUNT NOTE: All cast-on and row stitch counts include the edge stitches used for seaming. Do not add extra selvedge stitches.

Construction Overview

The plushie is knitted mostly flat. The head and body each use two shaped side panels. One long shaped edge on every panel is designated CF and the opposite edge CB. Joining the two CF edges creates the fixed centre-front seam; joining the two CB edges creates the fixed centre-back seam. This keeps all placement instructions consistent.

Piece	Quantity
Head panels	2 in A
Body panels	2 in A
Trunk	1 in A
Outer ears	2 in A
Inner ear panels	2 in B
Arms	2 in A
Legs	2 in A
Foot pads	2 in B
Tail cord	1 in A
Bow band + centre wrap	1 each in C

Assembly order: prepare face and ears -> seam head -> attach ears and trunk -> stuff head -> seam/stuff body -> make and attach legs, arms and tail -> join head to body -> add bow and decorative seam accents -> final shaping.

Complete Written Pattern

BEFORE YOU START: For all paired panels, place a removable marker on the long edge you choose as CF immediately after knitting. The opposite long edge is CB. Because the panel shape is symmetrical, either long edge may be chosen, but the same chosen edge must remain CF throughout finishing.

Head Panels - Make 2

Worked from neck opening to crown. The cast-on edge remains open for neck attachment; the bind-off edge is closed at the crown.

With Yarn A unless another colour is stated. Cast on 14 sts. Row 1 is an RS row.

Row	Instructions	Sts
1 (RS)	K 14.	14
2 (WS)	P 14.	14
3 (RS)	kfb in each of next 2 sts, k to last 2 sts, kfb in each of last 2 sts.	18
4 (WS)	P 18.	18
5 (RS)	kfb in each of next 2 sts, k to last 2 sts, kfb in each of last 2 sts.	22
6 (WS)	P 22.	22
7 (RS)	kfb in each of next 2 sts, k to last 2 sts, kfb in each of last 2 sts.	26
8 (WS)	P 26.	26
9 (RS)	kfb in each of next 2 sts, k to last 2 sts, kfb in each of last 2 sts.	30
10 (WS)	P 30.	30
11 (RS)	kfb in each of next 2 sts, k to last 2 sts, kfb in each of last 2 sts.	34
12 (WS)	P 34.	34
13 (RS)	kfb in each of next 2 sts, k to last 2 sts, kfb in each of last 2 sts.	38
14 (WS)	P 38.	38
15 (RS)	K 38.	38
16 (WS)	P 38.	38
17 (RS)	K 38.	38
18 (WS)	P 38.	38
19 (RS)	K 38.	38
20 (WS)	P 38.	38
21 (RS)	K 38.	38
22 (WS)	P 38.	38
23 (RS)	K 38.	38
24 (WS)	P 38.	38
25 (RS)	k2tog twice, k to last 4 sts, ssk twice.	34
26 (WS)	P 34.	34
27 (RS)	k2tog twice, k to last 4 sts, ssk twice.	30

Row	Instructions	Sts
28 (WS)	P 30.	30
29 (RS)	k2tog twice, k to last 4 sts, ssk twice.	26
30 (WS)	P 26.	26
31 (RS)	k2tog twice, k to last 4 sts, ssk twice.	22
32 (WS)	P 22.	22
33 (RS)	k2tog twice, k to last 4 sts, ssk twice.	18
34 (WS)	P 18.	18
35 (RS)	k2tog twice, k to last 4 sts, ssk twice.	14
36 (WS)	P 14.	14

Bind off 14 sts after Row 36, leaving a long tail on one panel for closing the crown. Mark one shaped long edge CF and the opposite shaped long edge CB on each panel.

Face placement before head assembly

- Safety eyes: on each head panel, place the eye at Row 19, between stitches 6 and 7 measured in from the marked CF edge. Install washer on the WS now. The two eyes will be mirrored when the CF edges are joined.
- Embroidered-eye alternative: after assembly, embroider two black circles about 1.2 cm / 1/2 in wide at the same Row-19 positions.
- Cheeks: with Yarn C, duplicate-stitch a soft oval over Rows 16-17, centred about 9 sts in from the CF edge on each panel. Keep each cheek about 3 sts wide.

Body Panels - Make 2

Worked from the seated base upward to the neck. The widest section forms the rounded lower belly.

With Yarn A unless another colour is stated. Cast on 22 sts. Row 1 is an RS row.

Row	Instructions	Sts
1 (RS)	K 22.	22
2 (WS)	P 22.	22
3 (RS)	kfb in each of next 2 sts, k to last 2 sts, kfb in each of last 2 sts.	26
4 (WS)	P 26.	26
5 (RS)	kfb in each of next 2 sts, k to last 2 sts, kfb in each of last 2 sts.	30
6 (WS)	P 30.	30
7 (RS)	kfb in each of next 2 sts, k to last 2 sts, kfb in each of last 2 sts.	34
8 (WS)	P 34.	34
9 (RS)	kfb in each of next 2 sts, k to last 2 sts, kfb in each of last 2 sts.	38
10 (WS)	P 38.	38
11 (RS)	K 38.	38
12 (WS)	P 38.	38
13 (RS)	K 38.	38
14 (WS)	P 38.	38
15 (RS)	K 38.	38
16 (WS)	P 38.	38
17 (RS)	K 38.	38
18 (WS)	P 38.	38

Row	Instructions	Sts
19 (RS)	k2tog twice, k to last 4 sts, ssk twice.	34
20 (WS)	P 34.	34
21 (RS)	K 34.	34
22 (WS)	P 34.	34
23 (RS)	k2tog twice, k to last 4 sts, ssk twice.	30
24 (WS)	P 30.	30
25 (RS)	K 30.	30
26 (WS)	P 30.	30
27 (RS)	k2tog twice, k to last 4 sts, ssk twice.	26
28 (WS)	P 26.	26
29 (RS)	K 26.	26
30 (WS)	P 26.	26
31 (RS)	k2tog twice, k to last 4 sts, ssk twice.	22
32 (WS)	P 22.	22
33 (RS)	K 22.	22
34 (WS)	P 22.	22
35 (RS)	k2tog twice, k to last 4 sts, ssk twice.	18
36 (WS)	P 18.	18
37 (RS)	k2tog twice, k to last 4 sts, ssk twice.	14
38 (WS)	P 14.	14

Bind off 14 sts after Row 38. Mark one shaped long edge CF and the opposite shaped long edge CB on each panel. The neck opening matches the head opening stitch-for-stitch.

Trunk - Make 1

Worked from the wide face attachment at the cast-on edge to the narrow tip.

With Yarn A unless another colour is stated. Cast on 18 sts. Row 1 is an RS row.

Row	Instructions	Sts
1 (RS)	K 18.	18
2 (WS)	P 18.	18
3 (RS)	K 18.	18
4 (WS)	P 18.	18
5 (RS)	K 18.	18
6 (WS)	P 18.	18
7 (RS)	k2tog, k to last 2 sts, ssk.	16
8 (WS)	P 16.	16
9 (RS)	K 16.	16
10 (WS)	P 16.	16
11 (RS)	k2tog, k to last 2 sts, ssk.	14
12 (WS)	P 14.	14
13 (RS)	K 14.	14
14 (WS)	P 14.	14
15 (RS)	k2tog, k to last 2 sts, ssk.	12
16 (WS)	P 12.	12
17 (RS)	K 12.	12

Row	Instructions	Sts
18 (WS)	P 12.	12
19 (RS)	k2tog, k to last 2 sts, ssk.	10
20 (WS)	P 10.	10
21 (RS)	K 10.	10
22 (WS)	P 10.	10
23 (RS)	k2tog, k to last 2 sts, ssk.	8
24 (WS)	P 8.	8

Bind off 8 sts after Row 24. Fold lengthwise with RS outside. Mattress-stitch the long edges together, leaving the 18-st cast-on edge open. Close the 8-st tip neatly, stuff moderately at the base and lightly toward the tip. The long seam becomes the underside of the trunk.

Outer Ears - Make 2

Worked in Yarn A. These are flat, unstuffed ovals.

With Yarn A unless another colour is stated. Cast on 8 sts. Row 1 is an RS row.

Row	Instructions	Sts
1 (RS)	K 8.	8
2 (WS)	P 8.	8
3 (RS)	kfb in each of next 2 sts, k to last 2 sts, kfb in each of last 2 sts.	12
4 (WS)	P 12.	12
5 (RS)	kfb in each of next 2 sts, k to last 2 sts, kfb in each of last 2 sts.	16
6 (WS)	P 16.	16
7 (RS)	kfb in each of next 2 sts, k to last 2 sts, kfb in each of last 2 sts.	20
8 (WS)	P 20.	20
9 (RS)	K 20.	20
10 (WS)	P 20.	20
11 (RS)	K 20.	20
12 (WS)	P 20.	20
13 (RS)	K 20.	20
14 (WS)	P 20.	20
15 (RS)	K 20.	20
16 (WS)	P 20.	20
17 (RS)	K 20.	20
18 (WS)	P 20.	20
19 (RS)	k2tog twice, k to last 4 sts, ssk twice.	16
20 (WS)	P 16.	16
21 (RS)	k2tog twice, k to last 4 sts, ssk twice.	12
22 (WS)	P 12.	12
23 (RS)	k2tog twice, k to last 4 sts, ssk twice.	8
24 (WS)	P 8.	8

Bind off 8 sts after Row 24. Do not seam the ear; block gently into a rounded oval without stretching.

Inner Ear Panels - Make 2

Worked in Yarn B. These smaller ovals sit on the front of the mint ears.

With Yarn B, cast on 6 sts. Row 1 is an RS row.

Row	Instructions	Sts
1 (RS)	K 6.	6
2 (WS)	P 6.	6
3 (RS)	kfb in each of next 2 sts, k to last 2 sts, kfb in each of last 2 sts.	10
4 (WS)	P 10.	10
5 (RS)	kfb in each of next 2 sts, k to last 2 sts, kfb in each of last 2 sts.	14
6 (WS)	P 14.	14
7 (RS)	kfb, k to last st, kfb.	16
8 (WS)	P 16.	16
9 (RS)	K 16.	16
10 (WS)	P 16.	16
11 (RS)	K 16.	16
12 (WS)	P 16.	16
13 (RS)	K 16.	16
14 (WS)	P 16.	16
15 (RS)	k2tog, k to last 2 sts, ssk.	14
16 (WS)	P 14.	14
17 (RS)	k2tog twice, k to last 4 sts, ssk twice.	10
18 (WS)	P 10.	10
19 (RS)	k2tog twice, k to last 4 sts, ssk twice.	6
20 (WS)	P 6.	6

Bind off 6 sts after Row 20. Centre one cream panel on the RS of each mint ear, leaving an even mint border. Sew down with small whipstitches in Yarn B.

Ear edge trim - work on each ear

With the 3.5 mm crochet hook and Yarn A, RS facing, join at the lower inner edge. Work 18 sl sts evenly up the first side edge, 8 sl sts across the bind-off edge, 18 sl sts evenly down the second side edge, and 8 sl sts across the cast-on edge. Join to the first sl st. 52 sl sts total. Fasten off and bury the tail on the back of the ear.

This trim creates the slightly raised braided-looking mint border seen around the ear silhouette. Keep the slip stitches relaxed so the ear remains flat.

Arms - Make 2

Worked from the open shoulder toward the rounded paw.

With Yarn A unless another colour is stated. Cast on 14 sts. Row 1 is an RS row.

Row	Instructions	Sts
1 (RS)	K 14.	14
2 (WS)	P 14.	14
3 (RS)	kfb in each of next 2 sts, k to last 2 sts, kfb in each of last 2 sts.	18
4 (WS)	P 18.	18
5 (RS)	kfb, k to last st, kfb.	20
6 (WS)	P 20.	20
7 (RS)	K 20.	20

Row	Instructions	Sts
8 (WS)	P 20.	20
9 (RS)	K 20.	20
10 (WS)	P 20.	20
11 (RS)	K 20.	20
12 (WS)	P 20.	20
13 (RS)	K 20.	20
14 (WS)	P 20.	20
15 (RS)	K 20.	20
16 (WS)	P 20.	20
17 (RS)	k2tog, k to last 2 sts, ssk.	18
18 (WS)	P 18.	18
19 (RS)	k2tog twice, k to last 4 sts, ssk twice.	14
20 (WS)	P 14.	14
21 (RS)	k2tog twice, k to last 4 sts, ssk twice.	10
22 (WS)	P 10.	10
23 (RS)	k2tog twice, k to last 4 sts, ssk twice.	6
24 (WS)	P 6.	6

After Row 24, do not bind off. Cut Yarn A leaving a 25 cm / 10 in tail, thread through the 6 live sts and pull closed for the paw tip. Seam the long edges from paw toward shoulder. Stuff lightly to moderately, keeping the upper 2 cm / 3/4 in relatively soft for easy attachment. Leave the 14-st cast-on shoulder open.

Legs - Make 2

Worked from the open hip toward the rounded toe. These are more firmly stuffed than the arms so the elephant sits securely.

With Yarn A unless another colour is stated. Cast on 20 sts. Row 1 is an RS row.

Row	Instructions	Sts
1 (RS)	K 20.	20
2 (WS)	P 20.	20
3 (RS)	kfb in each of next 2 sts, k to last 2 sts, kfb in each of last 2 sts.	24
4 (WS)	P 24.	24
5 (RS)	kfb in each of next 2 sts, k to last 2 sts, kfb in each of last 2 sts.	28
6 (WS)	P 28.	28
7 (RS)	kfb in each of next 2 sts, k to last 2 sts, kfb in each of last 2 sts.	32
8 (WS)	P 32.	32
9 (RS)	K 32.	32
10 (WS)	P 32.	32
11 (RS)	K 32.	32
12 (WS)	P 32.	32
13 (RS)	K 32.	32
14 (WS)	P 32.	32
15 (RS)	K 32.	32
16 (WS)	P 32.	32

Row	Instructions	Sts
17 (RS)	k2tog twice, k to last 4 sts, ssk twice.	28
18 (WS)	P 28.	28
19 (RS)	k2tog twice, k to last 4 sts, ssk twice.	24
20 (WS)	P 24.	24
21 (RS)	k2tog twice, k to last 4 sts, ssk twice.	20
22 (WS)	P 20.	20
23 (RS)	k2tog twice, k to last 4 sts, ssk twice.	16
24 (WS)	P 16.	16
25 (RS)	k2tog twice, k to last 4 sts, ssk twice.	12
26 (WS)	P 12.	12
27 (RS)	k2tog twice, k to last 4 sts, ssk twice.	8
28 (WS)	P 8.	8

After Row 28, do not bind off. Cut Yarn A leaving a 30 cm / 12 in tail, thread through the 8 live sts and pull closed. Seam the long edge with the seam positioned on the underside. Stuff firmly at the toe and moderately toward the hip. Leave the 20-st cast-on hip open.

Cream Foot Pads - Make 2

Worked in Yarn B. These are surface patches sewn onto the front of the stuffed legs.

With Yarn B, cast on 6 sts. Row 1 is an RS row.

Row	Instructions	Sts
1 (RS)	K 6.	6
2 (WS)	P 6.	6
3 (RS)	kfb, k to last st, kfb.	8
4 (WS)	P 8.	8
5 (RS)	kfb, k to last st, kfb.	10
6 (WS)	P 10.	10
7 (RS)	kfb, k to last st, kfb.	12
8 (WS)	P 12.	12
9 (RS)	K 12.	12
10 (WS)	P 12.	12
11 (RS)	K 12.	12
12 (WS)	P 12.	12
13 (RS)	k2tog, k to last 2 sts, ssk.	10
14 (WS)	P 10.	10
15 (RS)	k2tog, k to last 2 sts, ssk.	8
16 (WS)	P 8.	8
17 (RS)	k2tog, k to last 2 sts, ssk.	6
18 (WS)	P 6.	6

Bind off 6 sts after Row 18. Weave in tails. Pin each pad centred on the front/toe surface of a leg, with its lower tip about 1 row above the gathered toe point. Sew all around with small Yarn-B whipstitches.

Tail Cord - Make 1

Worked in garter stitch for a compact cord that does not curl.

With Yarn A, cast on 4 sts. Row 1 is an RS row.

Row	Instructions	Sts
1 (RS)	K 4.	4
2 (WS)	K 4.	4
3 (RS)	K 4.	4
4 (WS)	K 4.	4
5 (RS)	K 4.	4
6 (WS)	K 4.	4
7 (RS)	K 4.	4
8 (WS)	K 4.	4
9 (RS)	K 4.	4
10 (WS)	K 4.	4
11 (RS)	K 4.	4
12 (WS)	K 4.	4

Bind off 4 sts. Fold the strip lengthwise, seam the long edges together, and lightly roll between your fingers to round it. Add a tiny tuft at the free end using four 7 cm / 2 3/4 in strands of Yarn A folded through the tip; trim the tuft to about 1.5 cm / 5/8 in.

Bow Band - Make 1

Worked in Yarn C in stockinette stitch.

With Yarn C, cast on 28 sts. Row 1 is an RS row.

Row	Instructions	Sts
1 (RS)	K 28.	28
2 (WS)	P 28.	28
3 (RS)	K 28.	28
4 (WS)	P 28.	28
5 (RS)	K 28.	28
6 (WS)	P 28.	28
7 (RS)	K 28.	28
8 (WS)	P 28.	28

Bind off 28 sts. Bring the two short ends together at centre back and seam them to form a flat loop. Pinch the loop at its centre to create two bow lobes.

Bow Centre Wrap - Make 1

Worked in Yarn C in stockinette stitch.

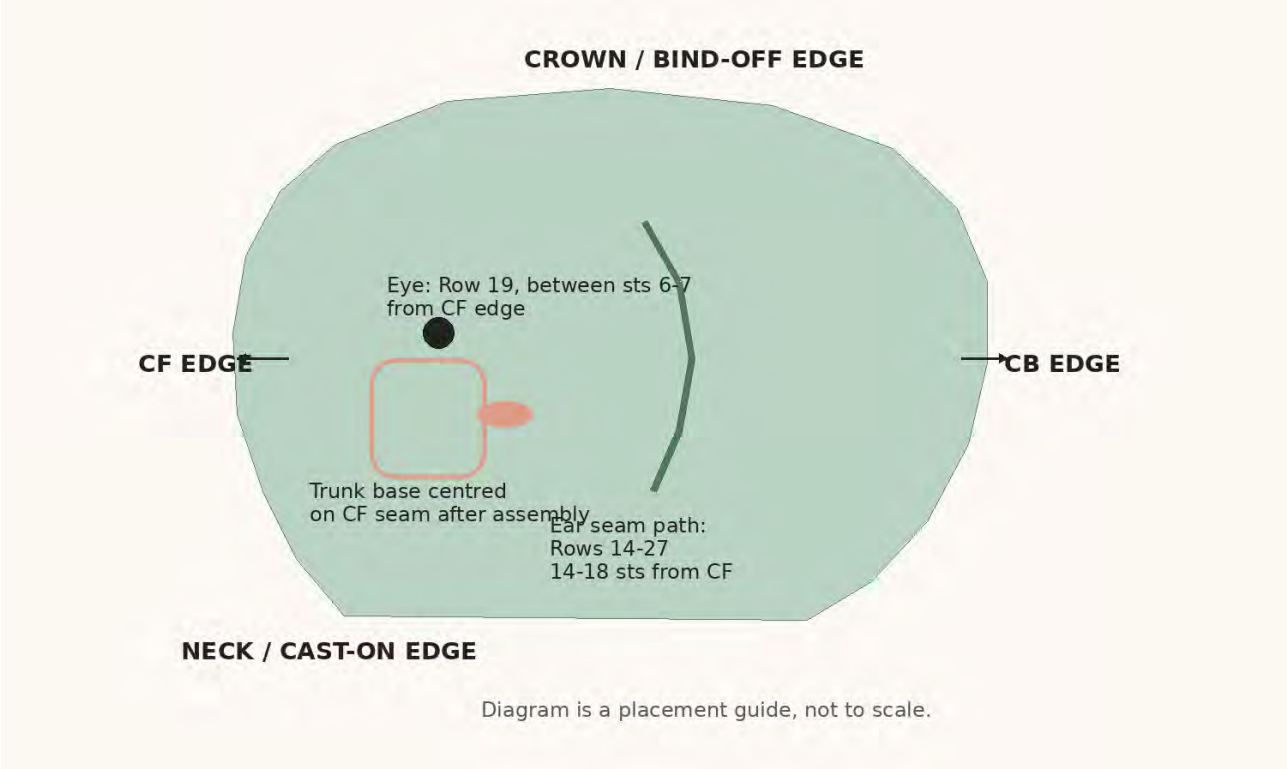
With Yarn C, cast on 4 sts. Row 1 is an RS row.

Row	Instructions	Sts
1 (RS)	K 4.	4
2 (WS)	P 4.	4
3 (RS)	K 4.	4
4 (WS)	P 4.	4
5 (RS)	K 4.	4
6 (WS)	P 4.	4
7 (RS)	K 4.	4
8 (WS)	P 4.	4
9 (RS)	K 4.	4
10 (WS)	P 4.	4

Bind off 4 sts. Wrap around the pinched centre of the bow band, seam at the back, and leave a long tail for attaching the bow beneath the head.

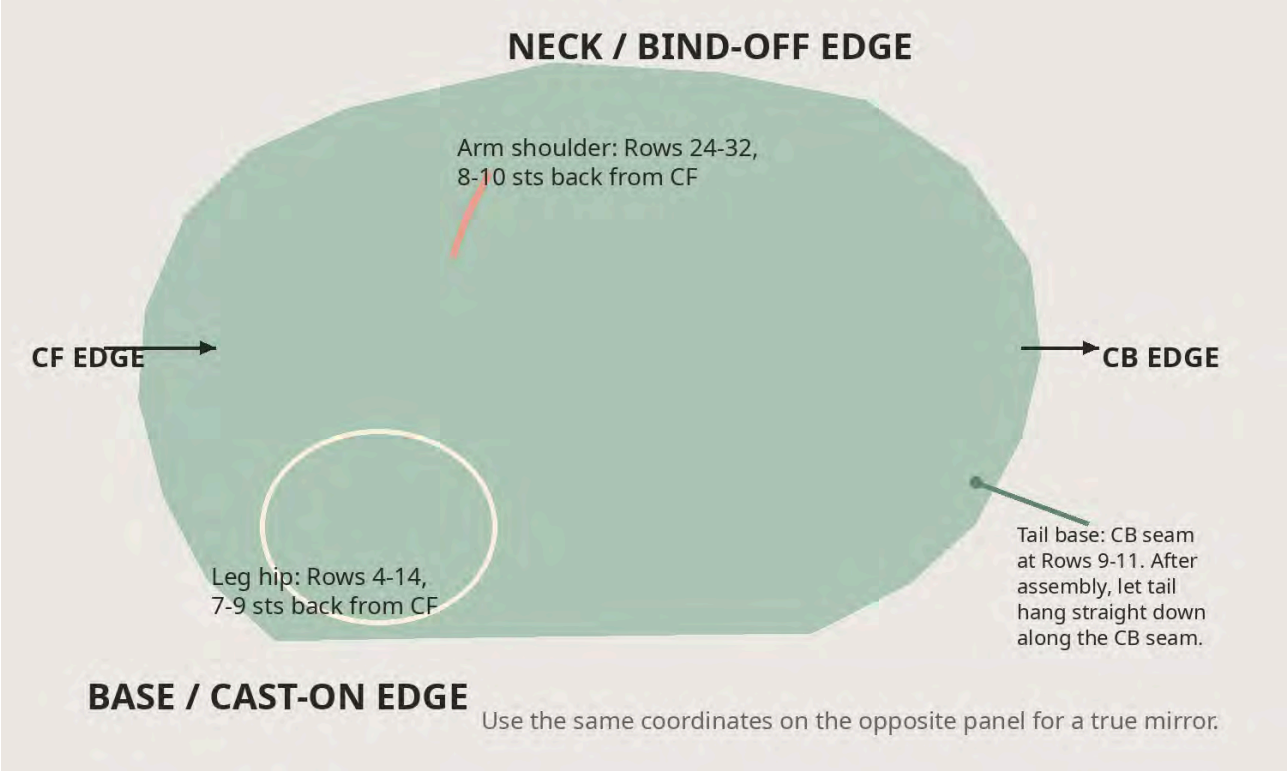
Placement Maps

These maps use the fixed CF/CB edge system established on the knitted panels. Right and left are from the elephant's point of view.



Head feature placement

- Eyes: Row 19, between stitches 6 and 7 from CF on each panel; mirrored across the finished CF seam.
- Ears: on each head side, pin the inner ear edge along a gentle curve from about Row 14 / 14 sts back from CF, through Row 21 / 18 sts back from CF, to about Row 27 / 16 sts back from CF. Sew a 6.5-7 cm / 2.5-2.75 in attachment segment; the rest of the ear remains free.
- Trunk: centre the open 18-st trunk base over the head CF seam. Pin as a vertical oval from about Row 13 to Row 22, with equal fabric on both sides of CF. The underside trunk seam points down.
- Mouth: after the trunk is attached, embroider a shallow 1.5-2 cm / 5/8-3/4 in curved smile with Yarn D immediately below and slightly to the elephant's right of the trunk base, around Rows 10-12.



Body feature placement

- Arms: on each body side, pin the open shoulder edge as a shallow crescent. Upper attachment point: about Row 32, 8 sts back from CF. Lower attachment point: about Row 24, 10 sts back from CF. Angle each arm down and slightly forward; mirror the angle on the opposite side.
- Legs: on each body side/front, pin the open hip edge with the lower point near Row 4, 7 sts back from CF, midpoint near Row 9, 8 sts back from CF, and upper point near Row 14, 9 sts back from CF. The gathered toe points forward and slightly outward; cream foot pad faces the viewer/front.
- Tail: sew the tail base directly over the body CB seam at Rows 9-11. Let the cord hang straight down along the CB seam so the tuft remains centred in the back view.
- Bow: centre beneath the head over the body CF seam, with the bow centre around Body Rows 34-37. Keep it clear of the trunk tip.

Stuffing and Shaping

Part	Stuffing level and shaping
Head	Moderately firm. Add small amounts evenly, especially around the eyes and crown. Do not over-pack the cheeks or the face will become too narrow.
Trunk	Moderate at the base, light at the tip. After stuffing, use 2-3 hidden tacking stitches on the underside between about Trunk Rows 16 and 22 to lift the tip into a gentle upward curve.
Body	Moderately firm in the lower belly and base; medium near the neck so the head joint can be sewn cleanly.
Arms	Light to moderate. Keep the shoulder end soft.

Part	Stuffing level and shaping
Legs	Firm at the toe/foot, moderate at the hip. Match both legs for equal volume.
Ears / bow / foot pads / tail	Do not stuff.

Assembly Instructions

1. Prepare the face panels Install the safety eye on each head panel at the Row-19 mark before any head seams are closed. Add the duplicate-stitch cheek patches now. If using embroidered eyes, skip the washers and add eyes after the head is stuffed.

2. Build each ear Sew one cream inner panel to the RS of each mint outer ear. Work the 52-slip-stitch mint edge trim. Weave in all ear tails.

3. Seam the head shell Place the two head panels RS out. Match the marked CF edges row-for-row and mattress-stitch from the neck opening to the crown. Match and seam the CB edges the same way. Close the bind-off crown edges together with a neat whipstitch. Leave the cast-on neck opening fully open.

4. Attach ears while the neck is open Pin both ears using the placement map. The cream inner panels face forward. Fold the first 0.5-0.8 cm / 1/4 in of each inner attachment edge slightly backward to give the ear a soft cupped shape. Sew securely; bury knots through the open neck.

5. Attach and shape the trunk With the trunk lightly stuffed and its underside seam facing down, pin the 18-st cast-on base around the CF seam from Head Rows 13-22. Sew the entire open base to the head. Add the hidden underside tacks to curve the tip upward.

6. Stuff and finish the face Stuff the head moderately firm through the neck opening. Check eye level and ear symmetry before adding the last stuffing. Add the embroidered eye alternative now if used. Embroider the small curved mouth beneath the trunk.

7. Seam and stuff the body Join the two body CF edges row-for-row, then the CB edges. Close the two cast-on base edges together. Leave the 14-st-per-panel neck opening open. Stuff the body as described.

8. Prepare legs Seam, stuff and close each leg as directed. Sew one cream foot pad to each toe/front. Match the pair for size and pad height before attaching.

9. Attach legs Pin both hips to the body using the placement map. Sit the body on a flat surface while pinning so both feet land at the same level. Sew the entire 20-st hip opening of each leg securely to the body. Mirror the outward angle.

10. Prepare and attach arms Seam and stuff the arms. Pin shoulders at Body Rows 24-32. Angle both arms down and forward so the paws rest visually near the knees. Sew the full shoulder opening to the body.

11. Attach tail Sew the tail base over the CB seam at Body Rows 9-11. Let the cord hang straight down along the CB seam, with the tuft centred in the back view. Bury the yarn tail inside the body.

12. Join head to body Align head CF seam with body CF seam and head CB seam with body CB seam. The head and body openings each contain 28 sts total: 14 sts from each panel. Match them evenly and whipstitch around the neck. Before closing the final 3 cm / 1 1/4 in, add a small amount of stuffing if needed for a firm upright neck, then finish the seam.

13. Add bow Form the bow and wrap the centre strip. Centre it over the body CF seam directly beneath the head and sew through the centre wrap and the inner edges of both lobes so it stays level.

14. Add visible seam accents For the handcrafted reference look, use Yarn B to work a loose running stitch along the head CF and CB seams and the body CF and CB seams, placing one small stitch about every 2 rows. Add 2–3 tiny Yarn-B accent stitches on the visible outer/front area of each arm paw and on the upper-front area of each leg toe, just above the

cream foot pad. These are decorative surface stitches and do not need to follow the structural limb seams. Keep these decorative stitches on the surface only; do not pull tightly enough to dent the stuffing.

15. Final shaping Massage stuffing away from seams, flatten the seated base, flare both ears evenly and position the feet so both cream pads face forward. Bury every remaining yarn tail inside the plushie.

Final Visual Checklist

- Head sits centred over the body; CF and CB seams align through the neck join.
- Eyes are level and evenly spaced from the CF seam.
- Trunk is centred between the eyes and curves gently upward at the tip.
- Cream ear panels face forward; ears are mirrored in height and angle.
- Arms hang at matching angles and do not twist backward.
- Legs are symmetrical, cream foot pads face forward, and the elephant sits stably on a flat surface.
- Tail exits from the CB seam and hangs straight down, with the tuft centred in the back view.
- Bow is centred and level beneath the chin/trunk.
- Decorative ivory seam stitches are relaxed and evenly spaced.
- No visible holes, exposed stuffing, loose eye hardware, loose knots or unburied tails remain.

Troubleshooting

Issue	Practical fix
Stuffing shows through	Use smaller stuffing pieces and distribute them; if the fabric itself is too open, remake with a smaller needle to obtain a denser gauge.
Eyes look uneven	Before final neck closure, redistribute stuffing around the eye backs. For embroidered eyes, remove and re-stitch using the Row-19 placement points.
Head/body seam twists	Re-open the neck section and realign CF-to-CF and CB-to-CB. Match the 28-st openings evenly.
Trunk hangs straight down	Tighten the hidden underside tacks between Trunk Rows 16-22 slightly. Do not over-tighten.
One ear sits higher	Check that both ear attachment midpoints are at Head Row 21. Re-pin the higher ear before resewing.
Feet do not sit level	Adjust hip angle before fully tightening the leg seam. Add or remove a small amount of stuffing from the toe if one foot projects farther.
Foot pad is off-centre	Unpick only the outer whipstitches, re-pin the oval with its lower point 1 row above the gathered toe, and resew.
Bow droops	Add one hidden tack through the upper edge of each bow lobe into the body just under the head.
Visible holes at seams	Use smaller mattress-stitch bites, then gently massage the fabric closed. Add a tiny duplicate stitch in Yarn A only if a gap remains.

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YOU ARE FINISHED: Give Minty one last symmetry check from the front, both sides and the back. The ears should frame the face, the trunk should stay centred, and both feet should support a stable seated pose.