PIP THE COZY PENGUIN

Complete Digital Knitting Pattern

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A cozy knitted penguin with cream face and belly panels, red scarf and earmuffs, orange feet, rosy cheeks, and a soft rounded silhouette.

1. Digital Download Notice

This file contains knitting instructions only. It is not a finished plushie, and no physical item will be shipped.

- All finished measurements in this pattern are calculated design targets. Your result may vary with yarn choice, needle size, tension, stuffing density, and finishing.
- Read the complete pattern before beginning, especially the face-panel and safety-eye access sequence.
- Skill level: adventurous beginner to intermediate. Helpful skills include knitting in the round, flat stockinette, simple increases/decreases, seaming, and basic I-cord.

Pattern at a Glance

Feature	Construction
Main shell	One continuous charcoal shell, bottom-up, worked in the round.
Belly + face	Cream flat-knit applique panels sewn to the open shell before crown closure.
Eyes	12 mm safety eyes installed before final closure, or black-yarn embroidered alternative.
Flippers	Two charcoal tapered tubes, lightly stuffed and sewn to the sides.
Feet	Six orange toe lobes arranged as two mirrored three-toe clusters.
Earmuffs	Two red pads plus a narrow red I-cord headband.
Scarf	Red flat-knit scarf with a stockinette centre, garter borders, and fringe; tail hangs on the plushie's left.

Reference Character Details Preserved

- Rounded charcoal penguin body and head.
- Two cream face ovals with a small charcoal V at the forehead.
- Cream oval belly panel.
- Black round eyes, orange beak, pink cheeks.
- Red earmuffs and over-the-crown band.
- Red scarf with a hanging fringed end.
- Short charcoal flippers and orange three-toe feet.

2. Finished Measurements

Measurement	Design target
Overall height	About 25-27 cm / 9.8-10.6 in, including feet.
Overall width	About 17-19 cm / 6.7-7.5 in, including earmuffs/flippers.
Body depth	About 13-14 cm / 5.1-5.5 in.
Cream belly panel	About 10-11 cm wide x 12-13 cm tall.
Each face panel	About 6-6.5 cm wide x 8.5-9.5 cm tall.
Earmuff pad	About 4.5-5 cm diameter, lightly flattened.
Scarf	About 4.5 cm wide x 50-55 cm long before fringe.

3. Materials and Tools

Item	Approximate amount / specification
Charcoal yarn	Worsted / medium #4 yarn, about 100 g / 180 m.
Cream yarn	About 50 g / 90 m.
Red yarn	About 50 g / 90 m.
Orange yarn	About 20 g / 35 m.
Pink yarn	About 5 g / 10 m.
Needles	3.5 mm circular needle for magic loop or DPNs; 3.5 mm needles for flat pieces.
Eyes	Two 12 mm black safety eyes with washers, or black yarn for an embroidered alternative.
Stuffing	About 100-130 g polyester fiberfill.
Tools	Tapestry needle, locking markers, removable yarn markers, pins, scissors, measuring tape.

Safety-eye note: Detachable components may not be suitable for children under 3. Use an embroidered-eye alternative when detachable eye components are not appropriate, and follow local safety requirements.

4. Gauge

- Stockinette in the round: 22 sts x 30 rnds = 10 cm / 4 in using 3.5 mm needles.
- Flat stockinette: 22 sts x 30 rows = 10 cm / 4 in using 3.5 mm needles.

For stuffed toys, use a firm fabric that does not show stuffing through the stitches. Exact gauge changes finished size.

5. Abbreviations

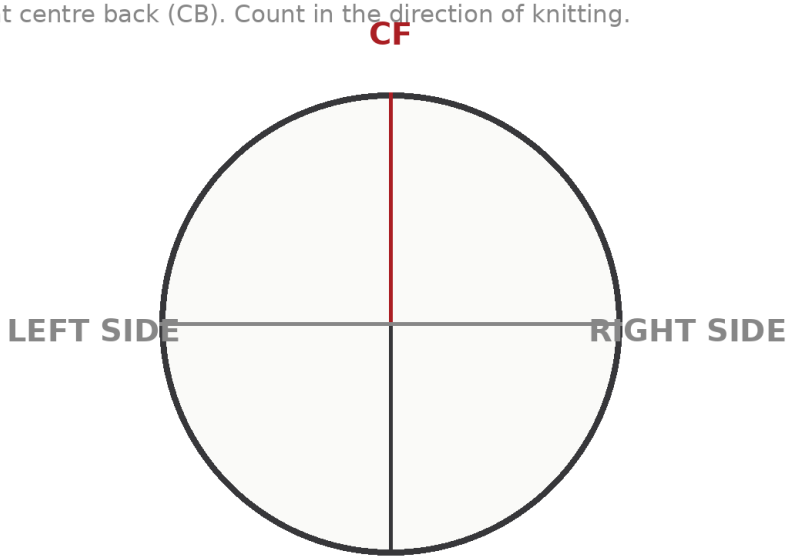
Abbreviation	Meaning
BO	Bind off.
BOR	Beginning of round.
CB	Centre back.
CF	Centre front.
CO	Cast on.
K	Knit.
P	Purl.
k2tog	Knit 2 stitches together; 1 stitch decreased.
kfb	Knit into front and back of the same stitch; 1 stitch increased.
M1L	Make 1 left: lift bar from front to back and knit through the back loop.
M1R	Make 1 right: lift bar from back to front and knit through the front loop.
psso	Pass slipped stitch over.
rnd(s)	Round(s).
RS / WS	Right side / wrong side.
sl1	Slip 1 stitch purlwise unless stated otherwise.
ssk	Slip 1 knitwise twice, return both to left needle, knit them together through back loops; 1 stitch decreased.
st(s)	Stitch(es).

6. Construction Overview and Orientation

- The main charcoal shell is worked bottom-up in the round. The neck is gently shaped, then the head increases slightly before the crown decreases.
- Belly and face panels are knit flat and sewn to the shell while the crown is still open. This keeps the inside accessible for safety-eye washers.
- Right and left always mean the plushie's own right and left.
- Set BOR at centre back. Count from BOR in the direction of knitting: the first quarter is the plushie's left side, halfway around is CF, and the third quarter is the plushie's right side.
- The flippers, toe lobes, earmuff pads, headband, beak, cheeks, and scarf are made separately and attached after the main shell is closed, except where noted.

Round Orientation Map

BOR is fixed at centre back (CB). Count in the direction of knitting.



96 sts	LS after 24 | CF after 48 | RS after 72
90 sts	LS approx 22/23 | CF after 45 | RS approx 67/68
84 sts	LS after 21 | CF after 42 | RS after 63
54 sts	LS approx 13/14 | CF after 27 | RS approx 40/41

7. Complete Written Pattern

7.1 Main Charcoal Shell - Make 1

Use charcoal. CO 12 sts, distribute for magic loop or DPNs, place BOR marker, and join without twisting. BOR is CB.

After Rnd 8, use the cast-on tail to gather the small CO opening closed from the inside. Secure the tail but keep the crown open until the face access step.

Rnd	Instruction	Sts
1	kfb in every st around.	24
2	(K1, kfb) x 12.	36
3	K all sts.	36
4	(K2, kfb) x 12.	48
5	K all sts.	48
6	(K3, kfb) x 12.	60
7	K all sts.	60
8	(K4, kfb) x 12.	72
9	K all sts.	72
10	(K5, kfb) x 12.	84
11	K all sts.	84
12	(K6, kfb) x 12.	96
13-34	K every rnd.	96 each rnd
35	(K14, k2tog) x 6.	90
36-38	K every rnd.	90 each rnd
39	(K13, k2tog) x 6.	84
40-42	K every rnd.	84 each rnd
43	(K13, kfb) x 6.	90
44-58	K every rnd.	90 each rnd

Do not begin final crown closure yet. The face panels and safety eyes are installed while a large crown opening remains.

7.1 Main Charcoal Shell - Crown Shaping

Rnd	Instruction	Sts
59	(K13, k2tog) x 6.	84
60	K all sts.	84
61	(K12, k2tog) x 6.	78
62	K all sts.	78
63	(K11, k2tog) x 6.	72
64	K all sts.	72
65	(K10, k2tog) x 6.	66
66	K all sts.	66
67	(K9, k2tog) x 6.	60
68	K all sts.	60
69	(K8, k2tog) x 6.	54
70	K all sts.	54
71	(K7, k2tog) x 6.	48
72	K all sts.	48

PAUSE AFTER RND 72. Sew the belly and face panels, then install safety eyes if using them. Do not continue to Rnd 73 until those internal-access steps are complete.

After the applique and eye-access steps are complete, begin stuffing before continuing. Add stuffing gradually while the opening gets smaller.

Rnd	Instruction	Sts
73	(K6, k2tog) x 6.	42
74	K all sts.	42
75	(K5, k2tog) x 6.	36
76	(K4, k2tog) x 6.	30
77	(K3, k2tog) x 6.	24
78	(K2, k2tog) x 6.	18
79	(K1, k2tog) x 6.	12
80	k2tog x 6. Cut yarn, thread through remaining sts, pull closed, and secure inside.	6 -> closed

7.2 Cream Belly Panel - Make 1

Worked flat in cream. CO 10 sts. Row 1 is RS.

Row	Instruction	Sts
1	K10.	10
2	P10.	10
3	K1, M1L, K8, M1R, K1.	12
4	P12.	12
5	K1, M1L, K10, M1R, K1.	14
6	P14.	14
7	K1, M1L, K12, M1R, K1.	16
8	P16.	16
9	K1, M1L, K14, M1R, K1.	18
10	P18.	18
11	K1, M1L, K16, M1R, K1.	20
12	P20.	20
13	K1, M1L, K18, M1R, K1.	22
14	P22.	22
15	K1, M1L, K20, M1R, K1.	24
16	P24.	24
17-24	Work stockinette: K on RS rows, P on WS rows.	24 each row
25	K1, ssk, K18, k2tog, K1.	22
26	P22.	22
27	K1, ssk, K16, k2tog, K1.	20
28	P20.	20
29	K1, ssk, K14, k2tog, K1.	18
30	P18.	18
31	K1, ssk, K12, k2tog, K1.	16
32	P16.	16
33	K1, ssk, K10, k2tog, K1.	14
34	P14.	14
35	K1, ssk, K8, k2tog, K1.	12
36	P12.	12
37	K1, ssk, K6, k2tog, K1.	10
38	P10.	10
39	BO all 10 sts knitwise.	0

7.3 Cream Face Panels - Make 2

Worked flat in cream. CO 6 sts. Row 1 is RS. Make two identical ovals; the mirroring is created by placement.

Row	Instruction	Sts
1	K6.	6
2	P6.	6
3	K1, M1L, K4, M1R, K1.	8
4	P8.	8
5	K1, M1L, K6, M1R, K1.	10
6	P10.	10
7	K1, M1L, K8, M1R, K1.	12
8	P12.	12
9	K1, M1L, K10, M1R, K1.	14
10	P14.	14
11-18	Work stockinette: K on RS rows, P on WS rows.	14 each row
19	K1, ssk, K8, k2tog, K1.	12
20	P12.	12
21	K1, ssk, K6, k2tog, K1.	10
22	P10.	10
23	K1, ssk, K4, k2tog, K1.	8
24	P8.	8
25	K1, ssk, K2, k2tog, K1.	6
26	P6.	6
27	K6.	6
28	BO all 6 sts purlwise.	0

7.4 Orange Beak - Make 2 Matching Halves

Worked flat in orange. CO 7 sts for each half. Row 1 is RS.

Row	Instruction	Sts
1	K7.	7
2	P7.	7
3	K1, ssk, K1, k2tog, K1.	5
4	P5.	5
5	ssk, K1, k2tog.	3
6	P3.	3
7	sl1, k2tog, psso. Fasten off.	1 -> closed

Finishing the beak: Place the two triangles RS out. Sew the two sloping sides together, leave the two CO edges open, add a tiny pinch of stuffing, then use the paired CO edges as the attachment base.

7.5 Pink Cheek Discs - Make 2

Worked in the round in pink. CO 6 sts, join, and keep the small CO ring as the attachment opening.

Rnd	Instruction	Sts
1	K all sts.	6
2	kfb in every st.	12
3-4	K every rnd.	12 each rnd
5	k2tog x 6. Cut yarn through remaining sts and close.	6 -> closed

7.6 Charcoal Flippers - Make 2

Worked in the round in charcoal. CO 16 sts, join, and leave the CO edge open for stuffing/attachment.

Rnd	Instruction	Sts
1-10	K every rnd.	16 each rnd
11	K1, ssk, K10, k2tog, K1.	14
12	K all sts.	14
13	K1, ssk, K8, k2tog, K1.	12
14	K all sts.	12
15	K1, ssk, K6, k2tog, K1.	10
16	K all sts.	10
17	K1, ssk, K4, k2tog, K1.	8
18	K all sts.	8
19	K1, ssk, K2, k2tog, K1.	6
20	K all sts.	6
21	K1, ssk, k2tog, K1.	4
22	K4. Cut yarn through all 4 sts and close the tip.	4 -> closed

Stuff each flipper lightly from the CO opening. Keep the tip soft and slightly flattened.

7.7 Orange Toe Lobes

Centre Toe - Make 2

CO 8 sts, join in the round, and keep the CO ring open for attachment.

Rnd	Instruction	Sts
1	K8.	8
2	kfb in every st.	16
3-6	K every rnd.	16 each rnd
7	(K2, k2tog) x 4.	12
8	K12.	12
9	k2tog x 6. Cut yarn through remaining sts and close.	6 -> closed

Side Toe - Make 4

CO 6 sts, join in the round, and keep the CO ring open for attachment.

Rnd	Instruction	Sts
1	K6.	6
2	kfb in every st.	12
3-5	K every rnd.	12 each rnd
6	(K1, k2tog) x 4.	8
7	k2tog x 4. Cut yarn through remaining sts and close.	4 -> closed

Stuff all toe lobes lightly. Each foot uses 1 centre toe and 2 side toes. Arrange the two feet as true mirror images.

7.8 Red Earmuff Pads - Make 2

CO 8 sts in red, join in the round, and keep the CO ring open for attachment.

Rnd	Instruction	Sts
1	K8.	8
2	kfb in every st.	16
3	(K1, kfb) x 8.	24
4	(K2, kfb) x 8.	32
5-7	K every rnd.	32 each rnd
8	(K2, k2tog) x 8.	24
9	(K1, k2tog) x 8.	16
10	k2tog x 8. Stuff lightly, cut yarn through remaining sts, and close.	8 -> closed

Flatten each pad gently into a soft puck before sewing it to the head.

7.9 Red Earmuff Headband - Make 1

CO 4 sts in red. Work a 4-st I-cord: K4, do not turn, slide all 4 sts back to the working end of the needle, pull the yarn snugly across the back, and knit again. Repeat until the relaxed I-cord measures approximately 21-23 cm. Pin it from one earmuff position over the centre of the crown to the opposite earmuff position before binding off; allow approximately 1 cm at each end to tuck beneath the pads. BO all 4 sts. Add or remove whole I-cord rows as needed to reach the measured length rather than using a fixed row count.

7.10 Red Scarf - Make 1

Worked flat in red with a stockinette centre and 2-st garter borders. CO 10 sts. Row 1 is RS.

Rows	Instruction	Sts
1-160	Odd / RS rows: K10. Even / WS rows: K2, P6, K2.	10 each row
161	BO all 10 sts knitwise and loosely.	0

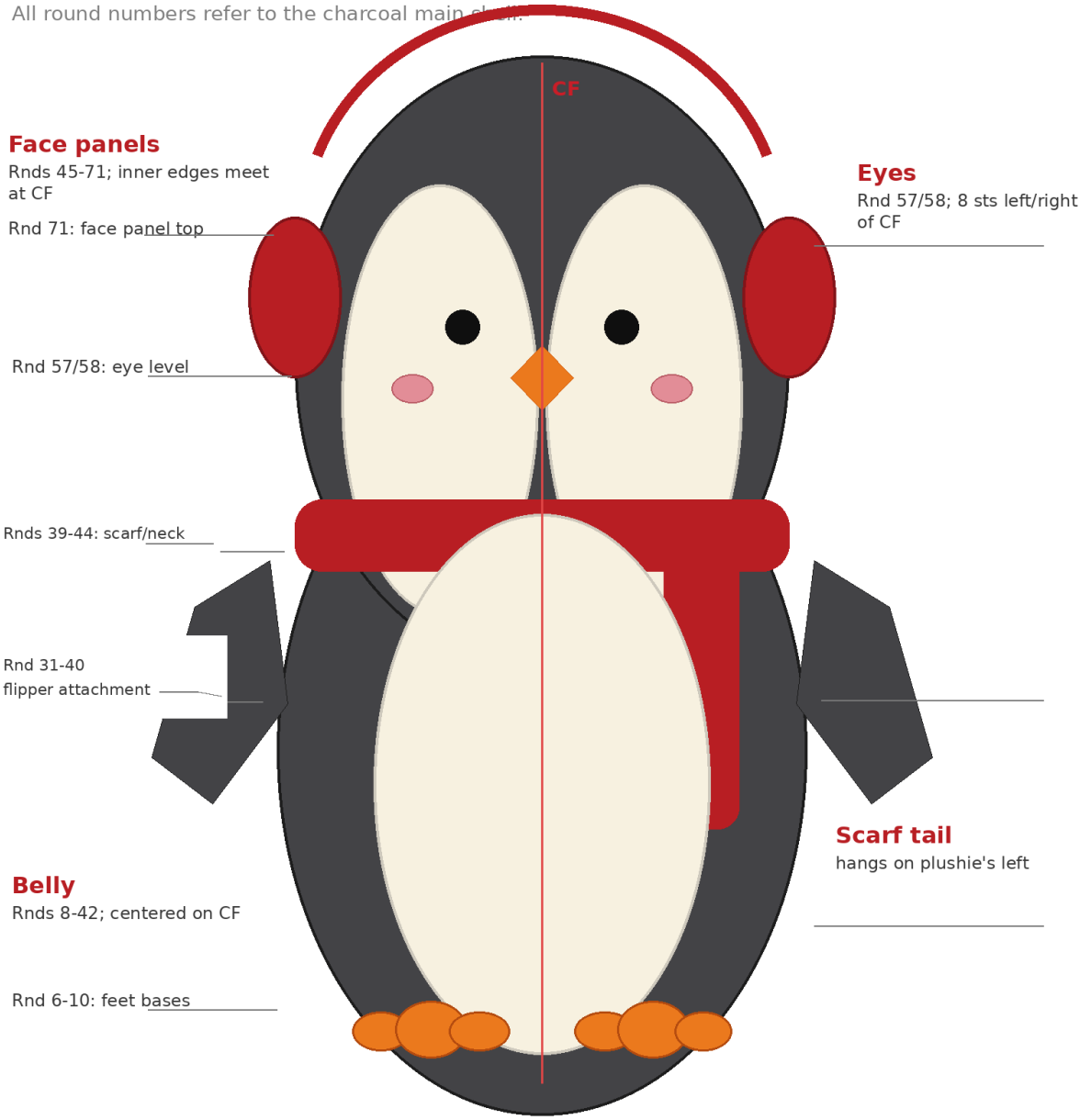
Fringe: Cut 16 red strands, each about 10 cm / 4 in. Attach 4 two-strand fringe bundles evenly across each short end, then trim evenly.

8. Placement Maps

Before sewing permanently, pin every major feature and check the plushie from the front, both 3/4 angles, both sides, and the back. Important placements below are measured on the main shell.

Front Placement Map

All round numbers refer to the charcoal main shell.



8.1 Consolidated Placement Guide

Feature	Placement	Visual check
Belly panel	Centre line on CF. Lower edge near Rnd 8; upper edge near Rnd 42. Widest area spans about 11-12 shell sts to each side of CF.	Keep the top edge hidden just under the scarf.
Left face panel	Rnds 45-71. Centre about 8 sts to the plushie's left of CF.	Angle slightly inward; inner lower edge approaches CF.
Right face panel	Rnds 45-71. Centre about 8 sts to the plushie's right of CF.	Mirror the left panel. Inner edges meet at CF without covering the small charcoal forehead V.
Safety eyes	Between shell Rnds 57-58. Left eye between sts 37-38; right eye between sts 53-54 on the 90-st head round.	About 16 sts centre-to-centre. Install through cream panel and charcoal shell.
Beak	Centred on CF, with the base across about Rnds 55-57.	Place between and slightly below the eyes; point faces directly forward.
Cheeks	Centres near Rnd 55-57, about 10 sts left/right of CF.	Keep each disc fully inside its cream face panel; mirror height and distance from the beak.
Flippers	CO opening sewn on the side line from about Rnds 31-40.	Tips angle down/back toward about Rnds 21-23. Mirror the angles.
Feet	Bases over about Rnds 6-10. On Rnd 10 (84 sts), centre the plushie's left cluster approximately 8 sts left of CF, around sts 34-35; centre the right cluster approximately 8 sts right of CF, around sts 50-51.	Centre toe points forward; side toes angle outward. Mirror the two clusters.
Earmuff pads	Centred on side landmarks around Rnds 56-60.	At 90 sts, side landmarks are near 22/23 and 67/68 counted from BOR.
Headband	Runs from left pad over crown to right pad.	Ends tuck underneath pads; band stays centred front-to-back over the crown.
Scarf	Wrap around neck over Rnds 39-44.	Let the hanging tail fall on the plushie's left front to match the reference.

8.2 Eye Installation / Embroidered Alternative

1. After Rnd 72, pin and sew both cream face panels in place while the crown is still open.

2. For safety eyes, push each eye shank through the cream panel and then through the charcoal shell at the eye positions above. Check level and spacing from the front and both 3/4 views.

3. Reach through the open crown and press the washers securely onto the shanks. Confirm both washers are seated before adding stuffing and closing the crown.

4. For an embroidered alternative, skip the safety-eye hardware. Complete stuffing/closure, then embroider two compact black round eyes over the same marked positions. Aim for about 12-14 mm finished diameter.

9. Stuffing and Shaping

Part	Stuffing level	Shaping target
Lower body	Firm	Rounded and stable, without stretching stitches open.
Head	Moderate to firm	Round crown; keep the face slightly softer so eye spacing is not distorted.
Flippers	Light	Soft, gently flattened fins with defined tapered tips.
Toe lobes	Light to moderate	Rounded toes that can sit flat against the surface.
Earmuff pads	Light	Soft pucks, not spherical balls.
Beak	Very light	Only enough to give a small forward projection.

- Add stuffing in small tufts. Large clumps create lumps and can distort the cream panels.
- Before closing the crown, rotate the body so CF stays aligned with the cream belly and face panels.
- For a stable seated position, shape the lower body slightly flatter at the base with your hands, then position the feet so all toe lobes touch the resting surface.
- Do not overfill the flippers, ear pads, or beak; those parts should remain soft and close to the reference silhouette.

10. Assembly Instructions

Assembly Order



1. Main shell access step: Knit the shell through Rnd 72 and leave the crown open. Do not stuff the head yet.

2. Belly panel: Centre the cream belly panel on CF, lower edge near Rnd 8 and upper edge near Rnd 42. Pin at top, bottom, and both widest points. Using cream yarn, sew around the full perimeter with small, evenly spaced visible whip stitches, leaving a pale dashed seam detail visible along the cream-to-charcoal boundary as shown in the reference. Ease evenly so no puckers form.

3. Face panels: Pin the two cream ovals over Rnds 45-71. The lower inner edges approach or lightly meet at CF; the upper inner edges angle apart enough to preserve a small charcoal V at the forehead. Sew both panels completely around their edges. Use cream yarn and keep small, evenly spaced pale stitches visibly defined along the cream-to-charcoal outer borders to match the reference. Mirror the visible stitching on both face panels.

4. Eyes: Install the two safety eyes through both fabric layers now, including washers inside the shell. If using embroidery, leave this step until after the body is closed.

5. Stuff and close: Stuff the lower body first, then the head. Continue Rnds 73-80, adding the last small tufts before the opening becomes too small. Draw Rnd 80 closed and bury the yarn tail inside.

6. Beak: Sew the lightly stuffed beak base to CF across approximately Rnds 55-57. Keep the point centred between the eyes and facing forward.

7. Cheeks: Sew one pink disc at each cheek position, matching height and distance from the beak.

8. Feet: Build each foot from one centre toe and two side toes. Pin the three open bases together as a cluster first. Sew the cluster to the lower front over Rnds 6-10. Mirror the second foot so the outer toes flare away from CF.

9. Flippers: Lightly stuff each flipper. Flatten the CO opening into an oval and sew it securely along the side line from about Rnds 31-40. Angle the left and right tips symmetrically down/back. After attachment, use cream yarn to work small, evenly spaced visible running stitches along each flipper attachment seam, matching the pale dashed detail in the reference.

10. Earmuff band: Centre the I-cord over the crown. Temporarily pin each end at the side landmarks. Check the band from the front and back; it should not drift toward the forehead or CB.

11. Earmuff pads: Flatten each pad and sew its open CO ring securely over a side landmark around Rnds 56-60, covering the headband end. Keep the pads level with one another. Using cream yarn, add small, evenly spaced visible running stitches around the outer visible perimeter of each pad to match the reference.

12. Scarf: Wrap the scarf around Rnds 39-44. Cross it at the front/left-front and allow one fringed end to hang on the plushie's left. If desired for display, tack the scarf at CB and beneath the crossing using red yarn so it does not rotate.

13. Final finishing: Remove all temporary pins and guide threads. Bury every yarn tail. Massage stuffing into smooth curves and re-check the face and accessory symmetry.

11. Final Visual Checklist

- Face is centred on CF and the two cream panels are balanced.
- Eyes are level and approximately 16 stitches centre-to-centre at the marked head round.
- The charcoal forehead V remains visible between the upper inner edges of the cream face panels.
- Beak points forward and is centred between the eyes.
- Cheeks are level and mirrored.
- Earmuff pads are level, and the red headband is centred over the crown.
- Flippers match in height and angle.
- Feet are true mirror images, with three visible toe lobes per foot and a stable seated stance.
- Belly panel remains centred and lies flat without puckering.
- Scarf sits at the neck and the hanging tail falls on the plushie's left.
- No visible stuffing, open holes, unsecured seams, temporary markers, or loose yarn tails remain.

12. Troubleshooting

Issue	Practical fix
Loose or lumpy stuffing	Open the crown only if necessary; otherwise use a blunt needle or fingers to redistribute small tufts. Add stuffing gradually rather than forcing in one large clump.
Uneven eyes	Before washers are attached, repin/relocate the eye shanks. If already locked, correct the visual balance with careful face-panel easing or use embroidered eyes on a future version.
Twisted join in main shell	Catch this before Rnd 2. If the cast-on is twisted after several rounds, restarting is the cleanest correction.
Uneven flippers	Measure both CO attachment spans from the same side landmark and same body rounds. Re-pin before sewing permanently.
Face panel off-centre	Use the CF line as the anchor. Pin top, bottom, and inner edge first, then ease the outer edge.
Belly panel puckers	Remove a short section of seam and resew with smaller, evenly spaced bites without pulling the yarn tight.
Visible holes / stuffing	Use a slightly smaller needle or firmer tension on the next version. On the finished plushie, redistribute stuffing away from the hole and duplicate-stitch discreetly if needed.
Earmuff band slides	Tack the band invisibly at the crown and under both pads after confirming alignment.
Scarf rotates	Add one small red tack at CB and one beneath the front crossing.

13. Printing and Customer Notes

- This is a digital knitting pattern, not a finished plushie. No physical item will be shipped.
- Print at 100% scale if printing the document. The written stitch counts, not printed diagram size, control construction.
- Measurements are design targets and can vary with yarn, tension, stuffing, and finishing.
- This pattern is intended for personal handmade creation unless the seller's listing terms explicitly grant additional permissions.
- Keep this file for your own use and refer back to the placement guide before permanently sewing major features.

Maker check before gifting or selling a finished item: confirm seams are secure, yarn tails are buried, any detachable components are appropriate for the intended recipient, and applicable local safety requirements are followed.

14. Quick Reference - Piece Inventory

Piece	Qty	Colour	Method
Main shell	1	Charcoal	In the round
Belly panel	1	Cream	Flat
Face panel	2	Cream	Flat
Beak half	2	Orange	Flat
Cheek disc	2	Pink	In the round
Flipper	2	Charcoal	In the round
Centre toe	2	Orange	In the round
Side toe	4	Orange	In the round
Earmuff pad	2	Red	In the round
Earmuff headband	1	Red	I-cord
Scarf	1	Red	Flat bordered stockinette

Final Assembly Sequence

- Shell to Rnd 72 -> belly panel -> face panels -> safety eyes -> stuffing -> crown closure.
- Beak -> cheeks -> feet -> flippers -> headband -> earmuff pads -> scarf -> complete visible cream seam detailing.
- Remove guides -> bury tails -> final symmetry/stability check.

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