PIPER THE PEPPERMINT CANDY CANE

Complete Digital Knitting Pattern

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Skill level: Confident beginner / intermediate

1. Digital Download Notice

This file is a digital knitting pattern for making Piper the Peppermint Candy Cane. 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, gauge, tension, stuffing, blocking and finishing.

The instructions are written for a stuffed knitted decoration/plushie. If you are making an item for a young child, use embroidered eyes instead of detachable safety-eye components and follow the toy-safety requirements that apply where you live.

2. Finished Measurements

Feature	Calculated finished target
Overall height after hook shaping	approximately 35-37 cm / 13.75-14.5 in
Main body width	7-8 cm / 2.75-3.25 in
Hook span, shaft to outer tip	12-14 cm / 4.75-5.5 in
Arm length	5-6 cm / 2-2.4 in
Foot size	about 6 x 3.5 cm / 2.4 x 1.4 in
Bow tie	about 7.5 x 3.5 cm / 3 x 1.4 in

Design Features Preserved

Piper has: a tall red-and-cream spiral-striped candy-cane body, a hook curving over the plushie's right side, black eyes, pink cheeks, a small smiling mouth, short side arms with cream hands, rounded feet with cream lower sections, and a green bow tie at the front.

Important: right and left always mean Piper's own right and left, not the viewer's.

3. Materials and Tools

Item	Recommended amount / size
Red worsted/Aran (#4) yarn	about 70 g / 140 m
Cream worsted/Aran (#4) yarn	about 55 g / 110 m
Green worsted/Aran (#4) yarn	about 10 g / 20 m
Pink yarn	small amount for cheeks
Black yarn or embroidery floss	small amount for smile / embroidered-eye option
Safety eyes	2 x 8 mm, or embroider eyes
Needles	4.0 mm circular needle for magic loop or matching DPNs; 4.0 mm straight/circular needle for bow
Stuffing	about 80-100 g polyester fibre fill
Other tools	tapestry needle, locking stitch markers, removable markers, pins, scissors, measuring tape

4. Gauge

20 sts x 28 rnds = 10 cm / 4 in in stockinette stitch worked in the round on 4.0 mm needles, measured without stretching. For the striped section, keep the floats relaxed so the body does not draw in.

Exact gauge is not mandatory for a decorative plushie, but a different gauge changes the finished size and yarn requirements.

5. Abbreviations and Terms

Abbreviation	Meaning
BO	bind off
BOR	beginning of round
C	cream yarn
CB	centre back
CF	centre front
CO	cast on
k	knit
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together; decreases 1 stitch
kfb	knit into front and back of the same stitch; increases 1 stitch
p	purl
R	red yarn
rnd(s)	round(s)
RS	right side
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	wrong side
x N	repeat the preceding bracketed instruction N times

6. Construction Overview

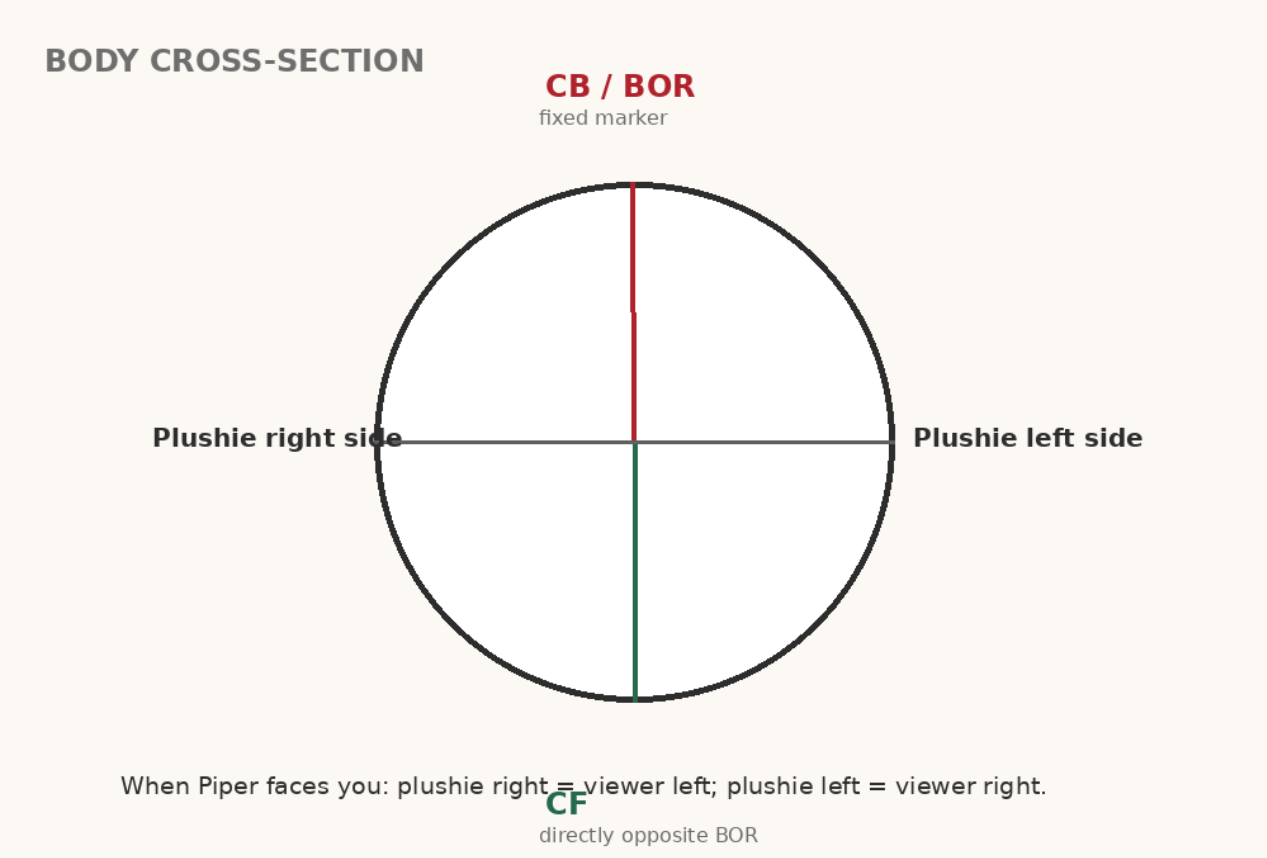
The main candy-cane body is worked from the bottom upward in the round. The lower base is increased to 48 sts, then a 16-round stranded-colourwork repeat creates the diagonal peppermint stripes.

The main tube stays at 48 sts until the top. Safety eyes are installed while the top opening is still accessible. The tip is then decreased closed and stuffed.

The hook is formed after stuffing by progressively gathering four consecutive shaping zones along Piper's right-side inner curve. These zones shorten the inner side while leaving the outer side at full knitted length, forming one continuous approximately 180-degree candy-cane arc without a wire insert.

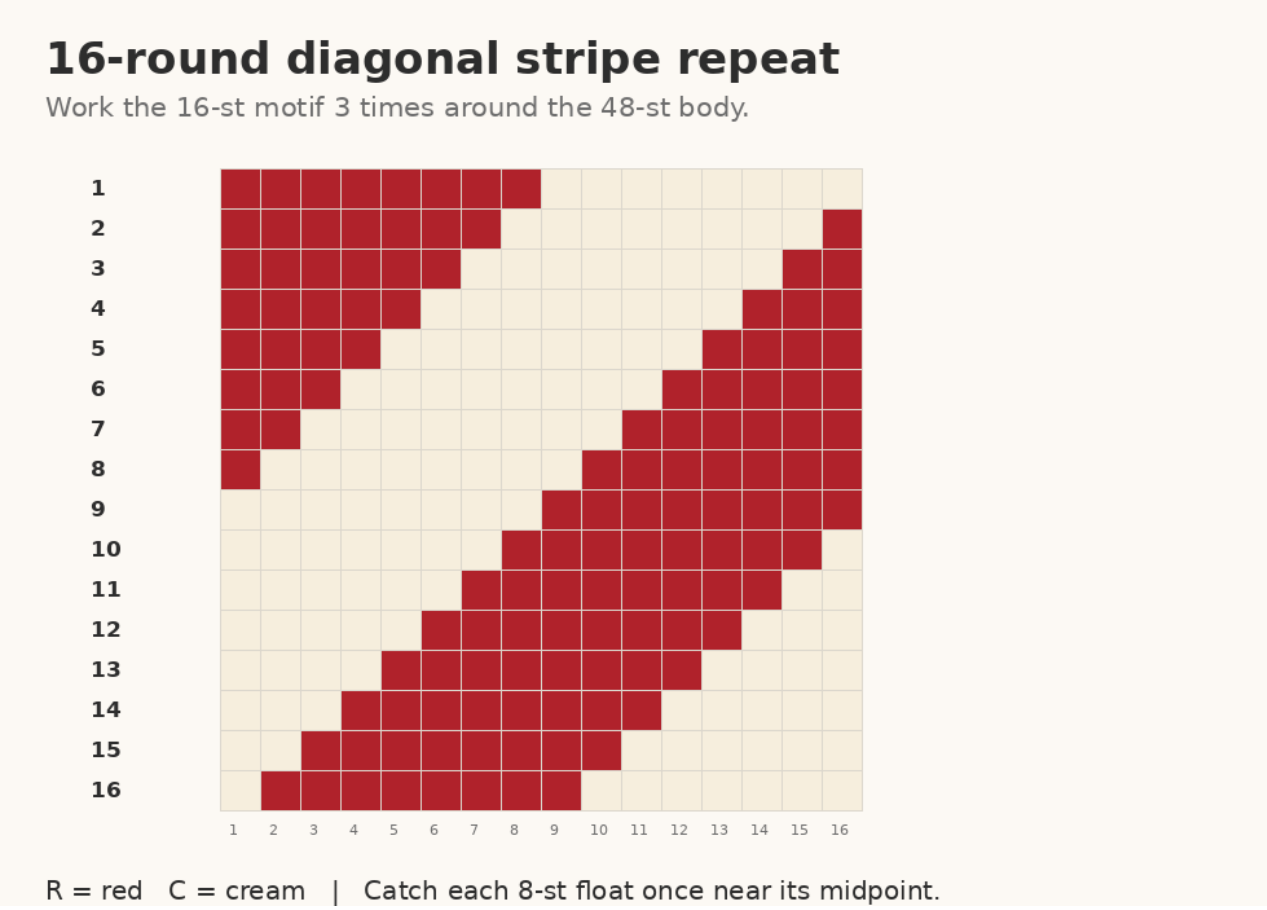
Two arms and two feet are worked separately in the round. The bow tie is worked flat. Face embroidery, hook shaping and assembly are completed after the body is closed.

Orientation - establish this before placement



The BOR marker remains fixed at CB throughout the body. CF is directly opposite the BOR. Once the face is established, place temporary side markers 12 sts to either side of CF. With Piper facing you, the viewer-left side marker is Piper's right side; the viewer-right marker is Piper's left side.

16-round stripe repeat



For each 8-st colour block, catch the unused yarn once after about 4 sts. Do not pull floats tight. At rounds where the same colour appears at both the start and end of the written round, those two groups meet across the BOR and form one continuous 8-st block.

7. Main Body - Rnds 1-39

Rnd	Instruction	Sts
1	With R, CO 8 sts. Join in the round, place BOR marker at CB. kfb in each st around.	16
2	With R: [k1, kfb] x 8.	24
3	With R: [k2, kfb] x 8.	32
4	With R: k32.	32
5	With R: [k3, kfb] x 8.	40
6	With R: k40.	40
7	With R: [k4, kfb] x 8.	48
Close the body base: Thread the red cast-on tail through the 8 original cast-on edge loops. Pull firmly to close the centre hole completely, secure the tail on the inside and bury it. Confirm that no opening remains before stuffing.		
8	Stripe row 1: R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8.	48
9	Stripe row 2: R 7, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 1.	48
10	Stripe row 3: R 6, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 2.	48
11	Stripe row 4: R 5, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 3.	48
12	Stripe row 5: R 4, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 4.	48
13	Stripe row 6: R 3, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 5.	48
14	Stripe row 7: R 2, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 6.	48
15	Stripe row 8: R 1, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 7.	48
16	Stripe row 9: C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8.	48
17	Stripe row 10: C 7, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 1.	48
18	Stripe row 11: C 6, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 2.	48
19	Stripe row 12: C 5, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 3.	48
20	Stripe row 13: C 4, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 4.	48
21	Stripe row 14: C 3, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 5.	48
22	Stripe row 15: C 2, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 6.	48
23	Stripe row 16: C 1, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 7.	48
24	Stripe row 1: R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8.	48
25	Stripe row 2: R 7, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 1.	48
26	Stripe row 3: R 6, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 2.	48
27	Stripe row 4: R 5, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 3.	48
28	Stripe row 5: R 4, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 4.	48
29	Stripe row 6: R 3, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 5.	48
30	Stripe row 7: R 2, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 6.	48
31	Stripe row 8: R 1, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 7.	48

Rnd	Instruction	Sts
32	Stripe row 9: C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8.	48
33	Stripe row 10: C 7, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 1.	48
34	Stripe row 11: C 6, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 2.	48
35	Stripe row 12: C 5, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 3.	48
36	Stripe row 13: C 4, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 4.	48
37	Stripe row 14: C 3, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 5.	48
38	Stripe row 15: C 2, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 6.	48
39	Stripe row 16: C 1, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 7.	48

Keep the BOR marker fixed. Do not move it to hide the colourwork jog; it is your centre-back reference for every later placement.

7. Main Body - Rnds 40-71

Rnd	Instruction	Sts
40	Stripe row 1: R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8.	48
41	Stripe row 2: R 7, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 1.	48
42	Stripe row 3: R 6, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 2.	48
43	Stripe row 4: R 5, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 3.	48
44	Stripe row 5: R 4, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 4.	48
45	Stripe row 6: R 3, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 5.	48
46	Stripe row 7: R 2, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 6.	48
47	Stripe row 8: R 1, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 7.	48
48	Stripe row 9: C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8.	48
49	Stripe row 10: C 7, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 1.	48
50	Stripe row 11: C 6, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 2.	48
51	Stripe row 12: C 5, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 3.	48
52	Stripe row 13: C 4, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 4.	48
53	Stripe row 14: C 3, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 5.	48
54	Stripe row 15: C 2, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 6.	48
55	Stripe row 16: C 1, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 7.	48
56	Stripe row 1: R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8.	48
57	Stripe row 2: R 7, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 1.	48
58	Stripe row 3: R 6, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 2.	48
59	Stripe row 4: R 5, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 3.	48
60	Stripe row 5: R 4, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 4.	48
61	Stripe row 6: R 3, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 5.	48
62	Stripe row 7: R 2, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 6.	48
63	Stripe row 8: R 1, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 7.	48
64	Stripe row 9: C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8.	48
65	Stripe row 10: C 7, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 1.	48
66	Stripe row 11: C 6, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 2.	48
67	Stripe row 12: C 5, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 3.	48
68	Stripe row 13: C 4, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 4.	48

Rnd	Instruction	Sts
69	Stripe row 14: C 3, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 5.	48
70	Stripe row 15: C 2, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 6.	48
71	Stripe row 16: C 1, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 7.	48

Face landmarks and mandatory safety-eye installation

After Rnd 71, temporarily flatten the lower straight shaft with BOR centred at the back. Mark CF directly opposite BOR. Place the two eye centres at Body Rnds 47-48, 6 sts to each side of CF. Check that they are level and about 12 sts centre-to-centre. If using safety eyes, insert the 8 mm eyes and fit the washers from inside now, before continuing to Rnd 72. Do not defer the washers to the top-closure stage. If using embroidered eyes, skip this installation step.

7. Main Body - Rnds 72-95

Rnd	Instruction	Sts
72	Stripe row 1: R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8.	48
73	Stripe row 2: R 7, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 1.	48
74	Stripe row 3: R 6, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 2.	48
75	Stripe row 4: R 5, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 3.	48
76	Stripe row 5: R 4, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 4.	48
77	Stripe row 6: R 3, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 5.	48
78	Stripe row 7: R 2, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 6.	48
79	Stripe row 8: R 1, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 7.	48
80	Stripe row 9: C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8.	48
81	Stripe row 10: C 7, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 1.	48
82	Stripe row 11: C 6, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 2.	48
83	Stripe row 12: C 5, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 3.	48
84	Stripe row 13: C 4, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 4.	48
85	Stripe row 14: C 3, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 5.	48
86	Stripe row 15: C 2, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 6.	48
87	Stripe row 16: C 1, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 7.	48
88	Stripe row 1: R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8.	48
89	Stripe row 2: R 7, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 1.	48
90	Stripe row 3: R 6, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 2.	48
91	Stripe row 4: R 5, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 3.	48
92	Stripe row 5: R 4, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 4.	48
93	Stripe row 6: R 3, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 5.	48
94	Stripe row 7: R 2, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 6.	48
95	Stripe row 8: R 1, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 8, C 8, R 7.	48

Stuffing pause - after Rnd 95 and before Rnd 96

Safety-eye washers, if used, must already have been installed after Rnd 71.

Firmly stuff the lower shaft through about Rnd 64. Use moderate to light stuffing from Rnds 65-95 so the future hook remains flexible. Continue adding small amounts of moderate/light stuffing as Rnds 96-159 are worked; do not pack the inner-curve side hard. Leave enough access to adjust stuffing before the top closure begins at Rnd 160.

Embroidered-eye option: Skip the safety eyes and work the extended hook section and top closure normally. Embroider the eyes after shaping the hook.

7. Main Body - Extended Hook Rnds 96-159

Rnds 96-159 - Extended hook section: Continue working the established 16-round diagonal stripe repeat at 48 sts for 64 more rounds. Begin Rnd 96 with stripe row 9 and continue the motif without resetting the colour sequence. Rnd 159 ends with stripe row 8. Keep BOR fixed at CB.

Rounds	Stripe rows	Sts
96-103	9-16	48 each rnd
104-111	1-8	48 each rnd
112-119	9-16	48 each rnd
120-127	1-8	48 each rnd
128-135	9-16	48 each rnd
136-143	1-8	48 each rnd
144-151	9-16	48 each rnd
152-159	1-8	48 each rnd

Stripe-row instructions are the same 16-row sequence already written for the Main Body. Maintain 48 sts throughout Rnds 96-159 and keep the diagonal colour sequence continuous across every round.

7. Main Body - Top Closure Rnds 160-167

Rnd	Instruction	Sts
160	Switch to R. k48.	48
161	With R: [k4, k2tog] x 8.	40
162	With R: k40.	40
163	Switch to C: [k3, k2tog] x 8.	32
164	With C: k32.	32
165	With C: [k2, k2tog] x 8.	24
166	With C: [k1, k2tog] x 8.	16
167	With C: k2tog x 8. Cut yarn, thread through remaining 8 sts and draw closed.	8

As the opening narrows, add small amounts of stuffing to keep the tip rounded. Do not overpack the final section; the upper hook must remain flexible enough for the shaping gathers.

8. Arms - Make 2

Both arms use the same knitted piece. Mirroring is created by placement: the shoulders are attached to opposite side landmarks at matching rounds and angles.

Arm pattern

Rnd	Instruction	Sts
1	With C, CO 8 sts, join. kfb in each st around.	16
2	With C: k16.	16
3	With C: k16.	16
4	With C: k16.	16
5	Switch to R: k16.	16
6	With R: k16.	16
7	With R: k16.	16
8	With R: k16.	16
9	With R: k16.	16
10	With R: k16.	16
11	With R: [k2, k2tog] x 4.	12
12	With R: k12.	12
13	With R: k12. BO 12 loosely, leaving the shoulder opening flat and sewable.	12

Arm stuffing and preparation

Close the hand tip: Using the cream cast-on tail, thread through the 8 original cast-on edge loops, pull the centre fully closed, secure and bury the tail inside the hand. Repeat for both arms before stuffing.

Stuff the cream hand moderately. Put only a thin layer of stuffing in the red upper arm so it hangs naturally. Leave the final 1 cm / 0.4 in nearest the shoulder opening nearly unstuffed for a neat attachment.

Arm placement

Pin each open shoulder edge at the body side landmark, centred over Body Rnds 32-36. Angle the arms downward about 20-30 degrees. With Piper facing you, the right arm is on the viewer-left side and the left arm is on the viewer-right side. Match the angles before sewing either arm permanently.

Sewing method

Whip stitch the 12-st open edge to the body, taking one arm edge stitch and a small bite of body fabric at each step. Keep the opening slightly oval rather than pinching the arm into a flat tab. Secure and bury the yarn tail inside the body fabric.

Decorative shoulder stitches

After each arm is securely attached, thread a tapestry needle with C. Embroider 2 small X-shaped stitches across the visible arm/body attachment seam, spacing them evenly over the red shoulder area. Repeat on the opposite arm in a mirrored position. Keep the stitches shallow and decorative so they do not distort the arm attachment.

9. Feet - Make 2

Foot pattern - make 2

Keep R on the upper half of the foot and C on the lower/sole half throughout. Carry the unused yarn loosely and catch the float once near the midpoint of the opposite colour section.

Rnd	Instruction	Sts
1	With R, CO 4 sts; with C, CO 4 sts onto the same needle - 8 sts total. Join in the round and place BOR at the side boundary immediately before the first R stitch. With R, kfb in next 4 sts; with C, kfb in next 4 sts. 16 sts: 8 R / 8 C.	16
2	With R, [k1, kfb] x 4; with C, [k1, kfb] x 4. 24 sts: 12 R / 12 C.	24
3	R k12; C k12. 24 sts.	24
4	R k12; C k12. 24 sts.	24
5	R k12; C k12. 24 sts.	24
6	R k12; C k12. 24 sts.	24
7	With R, [k4, k2tog] x 2; with C, [k4, k2tog] x 2. 20 sts: 10 R / 10 C.	20
8	R k10; C k10. 20 sts.	20
9	With R, [k3, k2tog] x 2; with C, [k3, k2tog] x 2. 16 sts: 8 R / 8 C.	16
10	R k8; C k8. BO all 16 sts loosely, maintaining the colour division at the attachment opening. 16 sts.	16

Close the toe: Leave both cast-on tails long. Use the R tail to snug the 4 red cast-on loops and the C tail to snug the 4 cream cast-on loops. Bring the two halves together at the centre, secure both tails on the inside and close any remaining centre gap. Stuff and shape the foot into a low oval with the red half uppermost and the cream half underneath.

Foot placement

With the body upright and CF facing you, orient each foot with the red half uppermost and the cream half forming the lower sole. Place the foot centres about 8 sts to each side of CF and pin the open edges over Body Rnds 3-8.

Decorative foot stitches:

After each foot is securely attached and level, thread a tapestry needle with C. Embroider 2 small X-shaped stitches across the visible foot/body attachment seam, spacing them evenly over the red upper edge of the foot. Repeat symmetrically on the second foot. Keep the stitches shallow so they do not alter the foot shape.

10. Green Bow Tie

Bow rectangle - make 1

With green, CO 15 sts. Work flat.

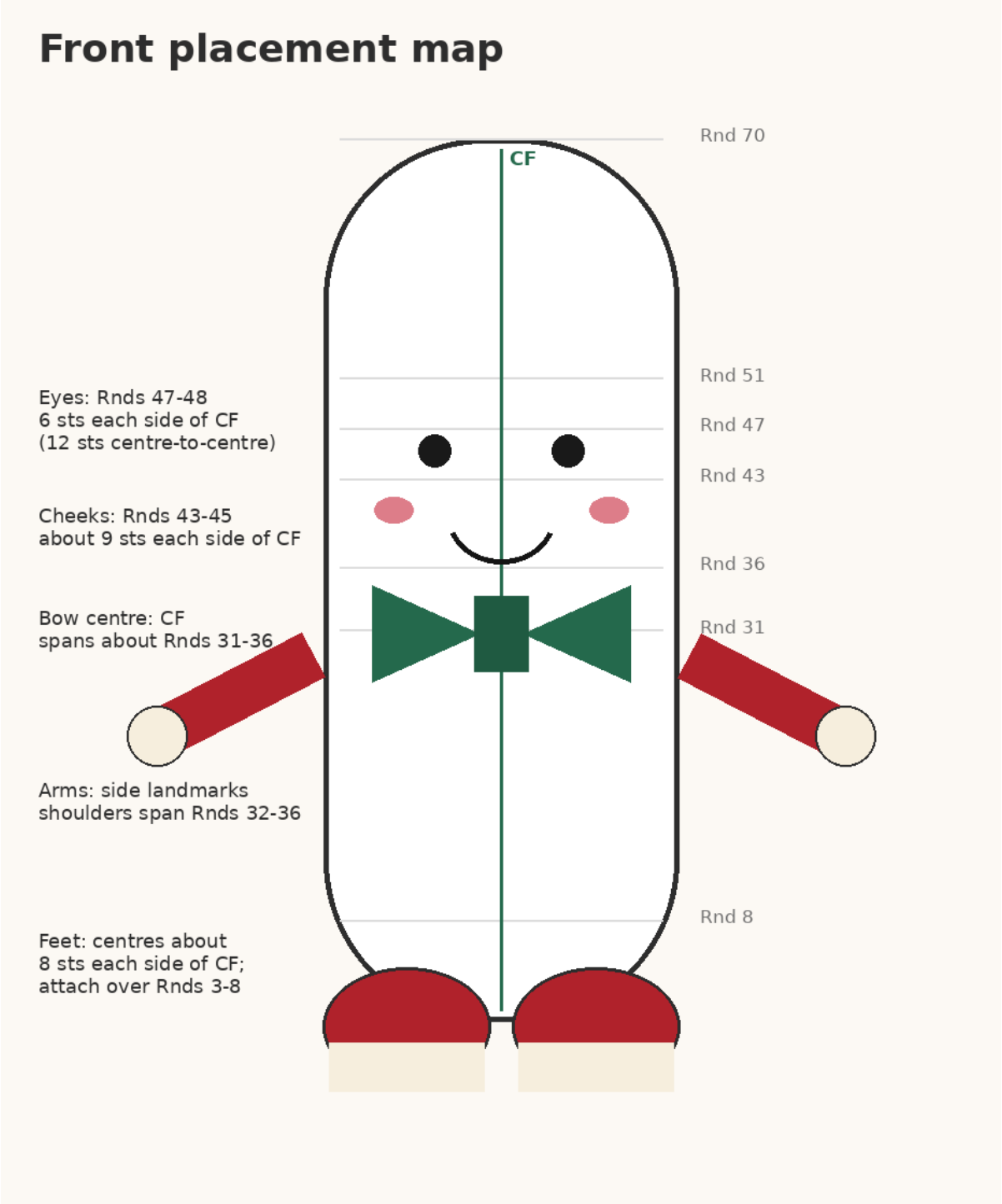
Row	Instruction	Sts
1	RS: knit all 15 sts.	15
2	WS: k1, p13, k1.	15
3	RS: knit all 15 sts.	15
4	WS: k1, p13, k1.	15
5	RS: knit all 15 sts.	15
6	WS: k1, p13, k1.	15
7	RS: knit all 15 sts.	15
8	WS: k1, p13, k1.	15
9	RS: knit all 15 sts.	15
10	WS: k1, p13, k1.	15

BO 15. Lightly block or finger-shape the rectangle to approximately 7.5 x 3.5 cm. Do not fold the short ends toward the centre. With the RS facing outward, accordion-pinch the rectangle at its centre across the 3.5 cm height and secure the pinch with several green stitches. This forms the two bow wings while preserving the full approximately 7.5 cm width.

Centre band - make 1

With green, CO 4 sts. Rows 1-12: knit all 4 sts (4 sts each row). BO 4. Wrap the band around the pinched bow centre, overlap the ends at the back and sew them together. Do not sew through the body yet.

11. Face Details and Placement Maps



Eyes

Safety-eye centres: Body Rnds 47-48, 6 sts to each side of CF. This gives about 12 sts centre-to-centre. Install the safety-eye washers immediately after Rnd 71. For embroidered eyes, make each eye about 2 sts wide x 2 rnds high in the same positions after stuffing.

Smile

With black yarn/floss, centre a shallow U-shaped smile on CF between Body Rnds 42-45. Make the smile about 5-6 sts wide. Anchor the two upper ends level with one another; keep the lowest point at CF. Bury the ends inside the knitted fabric.

Pink cheeks

With pink yarn, make two small satin-stitch or duplicate-stitch cheek ovals spanning about 2 sts x 2 rnds. Centre them around Body Rnds 43-45, approximately 9 sts to each side of CF. Keep both ovals level and equal in size.

Bow placement

Centre the finished green bow on CF with its middle band spanning approximately Body Rnds 31-36. The bow wings should sit horizontally and remain clear of the arm attachment seams. Sew only around the centre band and a few hidden points behind each wing so the bow stays dimensional.

Consolidated placement guide

Feature	Body position	Check
Eyes	Rnds 47-48; 6 sts each side of CF	Level; 12 sts centre-to-centre
Cheeks	Rnds 43-45; about 9 sts each side of CF	Equal size and height
Smile	CF, Rnds 42-45	Shallow U; 5-6 sts wide
Bow	CF, Rnds 31-36	Horizontal; centre band on CF
Arms	Side landmarks, Rnds 32-36	Mirrored downward angle; 2 cream X-stitches at each shoulder seam
Feet	Centres about 8 sts each side of CF; Rnds 3-8	Toes forward; level pair; red upper halves and cream lower soles; 2 cream X-stitches at each attachment seam

12. Stuffing and Hook Shaping

Stuffing density

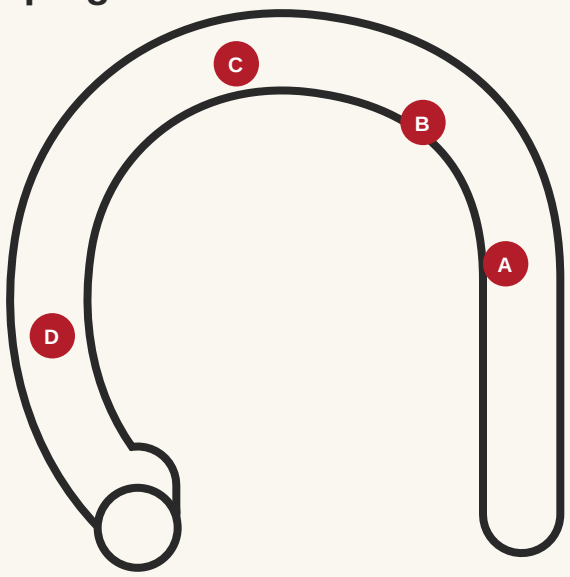
Lower body, Rnds 1-64: stuff firmly enough to hold the upright silhouette, but stop before the stitches stretch open.

Upper body / hook zone, Rnds 65-164: use moderate to light stuffing. The inner curve must stay flexible enough to gather smoothly.

Tip, Rnds 165-167: add only enough stuffing to round the tip. Do not pack the decrease closure hard.

Arms: cream hands moderate; red upper arms light. Feet: firm at toes, moderate at heels.

Hook shaping - one continuous 180-degree arc



A: Rnds 69-91

12 bites; inner side -> about 2.2 cm / 0.9 in

B: Rnds 92-114

12 bites; inner side -> about 2.2 cm / 0.9 in

C: Rnds 115-137

12 bites; inner side -> about 2.2 cm / 0.9 in

D: Rnds 138-159

11 bites; inner side -> about 1.9 cm / 0.75 in

Terminal Rnds 165-167 point downward; finished tip should end approximately level with Body Rnds 61-66.

Hook-shaping method

1. Lay Piper face-up. The hook must bend toward Piper's right side, which is the viewer-left side when the face points toward you.

2. Thread matching red or cream yarn on a tapestry needle. Work from the exterior along Piper's right-side landmark. Take small, shallow running-stitch bites through the knitted fabric so the shaping yarn sits just beneath the surface. If a gather zone crosses a strong colour boundary, change to matching yarn.

3. Zone A - Rnds 69-91: make approximately 12 shallow surface bites along Piper's right-side inner curve, spaced about every 2 rounds. Gather gradually until the inner side of this zone measures approximately 2.2 cm / 0.9 in.

4. Zone B - Rnds 92-114: repeat to about 2.2 cm / 0.9 in. Zone C - Rnds 115-137: repeat to about 2.2 cm / 0.9 in. Zone D - Rnds 138-159: make approximately 11 shallow surface bites and gather to about 1.9 cm / 0.75 in. Tighten progressively to form one continuous approximately 180-degree arc. Keep the hook opening about 5-6 cm / 2-2.4 in wide; do not form four separate corners.

5. Shape the cane into one smooth arc. The tip should hang down and finish approximately level with Body Rnds 61-66. The hook opening should remain about 5-6 cm / 2-2.4 in wide.

6. If the curve looks segmented, massage the stuffing outward on the long side and loosen one gather slightly. Secure all shaping ends and bury them inside the fabric.

Visual shaping check

From the front, the shaft should stay vertical below the bend. From the side, the hook should remain in the same front/back plane as the body instead of twisting toward the viewer or away from the viewer.

13. Complete Assembly Order

1. Finish the Main Body through Rnd 71. Confirm BOR at CB and CF opposite it. Install the safety eyes and washers now if using them; skip only for embroidered eyes.

2. Continue the Main Body through Rnd 95. Before adding body stuffing, confirm that the body-base cast-on centre has been fully cinched closed and secured. Firmly stuff the lower shaft through about Rnd 64, then use moderate to light stuffing from Rnds 65-95 so the future hook remains flexible.

3. Continue working Rnds 96-159 in the established stripe sequence. Add small amounts of moderate/light stuffing progressively as these rounds are worked; do not pack the inner-curve side hard. Leave enough access to adjust the stuffing before beginning the top closure.

4. Work Rnds 160-167, adding the final small amounts of stuffing as the opening narrows. Keep the upper hook flexible, then draw the final 8 sts closed.

5. Shape the hook with the four right-side gather zones: A (Rnds 69-91), B (92-114), C (115-137) and D (138-159). Tighten them progressively into one smooth approximately 180-degree arc. Confirm that the hook bends toward Piper's right, the 5-6 cm opening remains clear, the tip points downward around Body Rnds 61-66, and the shaft does not twist.

6. Embroider the smile and cheeks. If using embroidered eyes, add them now. Check the face from straight on before burying the final tails.

7. Prepare both feet. Before stuffing each foot, confirm that its red/cream cast-on toe centre is fully cinched closed and secured. Stuff each foot with the red half uppermost and the cream half underneath. Pin the feet over Body Rnds 3-8 with centres about 8 sts to either side of CF. Stand the body on a flat surface and adjust until both feet support the same height. Sew securely, then embroider 2 small cream X-shaped stitches across each visible foot/body attachment seam.

8. Prepare both arms. Before stuffing each arm, confirm that its cream hand-tip cast-on centre is fully cinched closed and secured. Pin the shoulder openings at the side landmarks over Body Rnds 32-36, matching the downward angles. Sew each shoulder around the full 12-st opening, then embroider 2 small cream X-shaped stitches across each visible shoulder/body attachment seam.

9. Assemble the green bow, centre it on CF over Body Rnds 31-36 and sew through the centre band plus a few hidden points behind the wings.

10. Check all joins. Add tiny amounts of stuffing through any still-open limb seam only if needed, then close that seam completely. Bury every yarn tail inside the nearest stuffed section.

11. Remove all temporary placement markers and pins. Massage the stuffing to restore a smooth cylindrical body and rounded feet.

Sewing notes for a clean finish

Use small bites of the body fabric rather than sewing through large visible columns of knit stitches. Match the sewing yarn to the attached piece whenever possible. Pin every paired feature before committing to the first seam; this makes symmetry much easier to judge.

Access check before any permanent closure

Safety-eye washers, if used, must already be installed immediately after Rnd 71. Before body stuffing, confirm that the body-base cast-on centre is fully cinched closed. Before stuffing each arm or foot, confirm that that limb's cast-on centre is fully cinched closed. Do not close a foot or arm attachment seam until its stuffing and orientation are correct.

14. Final Visual Checklist

- ☐ Face: both eyes are level; cheek ovals are balanced; smile is centred on CF.
- ☐ Stripe direction: diagonal red-and-cream bands wrap continuously around the shaft without tight puckered floats.
- ☐ Hook: curves smoothly toward Piper's right; tip hangs downward; hook does not twist toward front or back.
- ☐ Arms: equal height and mirrored downward angle; cream hands point naturally.
- ☐ Feet: equal size, same attachment height, toes face forward, body stands without a strong sideways lean.
- ☐ Bow: centre band sits on CF, wings are level and do not cover the arm seams.
- ☐ Limb seams: 2 cream X-shaped decorative stitches are visible at each arm/body and foot/body attachment seam, with paired details positioned symmetrically.
- ☐ Finish: no exposed stuffing, loose yarn tails, trapped temporary markers, open attachment gaps or visible safety-eye washers.

15. Troubleshooting

Issue	Practical fix
Body looks pinched in colourwork	Floats are too tight. Gently stretch the fabric sideways and redistribute the stranded yarn. On future rounds, spread the worked stitches along the right needle before carrying the unused colour.
Stuffing shows through	Reduce stuffing pressure at that spot and massage the fibres away from the gap. If needed, use a small matching-yarn duplicate stitch over the opening.
Eyes look uneven	Before finalizing washers, count from CF and from the same body round. For embroidered eyes, remove the shorter side and restitch to the same height.
Hook twists sideways	Loosen the gather zone causing the twist, realign the shaft and curve in one plane, then retighten gradually.
Hook is too shallow	Tighten Zones B and C a little more, then massage stuffing to the outer curve. Avoid over-tightening the tip zone.
Hook is too sharp or puckered	Loosen the tightest gather slightly and spread the shaping over the adjacent zone.
Arms look uneven	Re-pin both shoulders at the same body rounds and compare them from the front before resewing.
Feet do not sit level	Check that both openings are centred over the same rounds. Shift the higher foot down one round or redistribute heel stuffing.
Bow curls or tilts	Finger-block the bow rectangle, then add one hidden tack behind each wing in addition to the centre-band stitches.

16. Printing and Customer Notes

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