![WF3 Kindness logo] **WF3 Kindness**

Easter Bunny Knitting Pattern

1. Cast on 21 sts

2. Knit 1 row

3. Inc in 1st st k1, repeat to the last st, inc in last st (32sts)

4. Inc in 1st st, k14, inc in next 2 sts, k14, inc in last st (36sts)

5. Knit 10 rows

6. K2tog at beg of next 4 rows (32sts)

7. Cast off 6sts at beg of next 2 rows (20 sts)

8. Inc in 1st st at beg of next 4 rows (24st)

9. Knit 4 rows

10. K2, k2tog to last 2 sts, k2 (14sts)

11. Knit 4 rows

12. K2, k2tog to last 2 sts, k2 (9sts)

13. Draw wool through remaining sts and pull tight.

14. With that piece of wool, sew round the edge of work leaving the cast on edge open for the egg to be inserted. Be sure to stitch the first cast on stitch to the last stitch to complete the circle at the bottom

15. Check that the Creme Egg fits snuggly inside the bunny. It shouldn't fall out when you pick up the bunny by the head.

16. Stuff the head with toy filling, sew around neck and gather in tight, fasten off.

Ears

1. Cast on 8 sts (leave a long length of wool to sew the ear to the head)

2. Knit 12 rows

3. K3, K2tog, K3 (7 sts)

4. K3, K2tog, K2 (6 sts)

5. K2, K2tog , K2 (5 sts)

6. K2, K2tog, K1 (4 sts)

7. K1, K2tog, K1 (3 sts)

8. K1, K2tog (2 sts)

9. K2 tog

10. Fasten off, cut wool and sew in end of yarn.

11. Fold ears in half lengthways and using the length of wool attached, sew both ears on towards the back of the head starting about 3-4 rows from the top and meeting down centre back of head

TIP - Before cutting yarn from sewing on 2nd ear, sew a few stitches through both ears lengthways and pull tight. This helps to shape the bunny's head and hold ears together.

12. Embroider nose, mouth and eyes. Slightly pulling thread between the eyes helps to draw in and shape the head. Add a tail (lazy daisy flower with a French knot centre works well)

13. Tie a ribbon around the neck