



Free Knitting Pattern
Lion Brand® Fun Fur®
Pocket Pet: Fox
Pattern Number: BK4K-0508004



This tiny stuffed animal is fun to play with or use to decorate a backpack. It is lesson 4 from our series of 'learn to knit' pocket pet projects

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SKILL LEVEL: Beginner (Level 1)

SIZE: One Size

5 inches tall [approximately 12.5 cm], 8 inches tail to nose

CORRECTIONS: None as of Oct 4, 2016. To check for later updates, click [here](#).

MATERIALS

- 320-134 Lion Brand Fun Fur Yarn: Copper
1 Ball (A)
- 320-098 Lion Brand Fun Fur Yarn: Ivory
1 Ball (B)
- 320-133 Lion Brand Fun Fur Yarn: Tangerine
1 Ball (C)
- Lion Brand Knitting Needles- Size 8 [5 mm]
- Lion Brand Crochet Hook - Size F-5 (3.75 mm)
- Additional Materials
Scrap of smooth black yarn for eyes and nose, approximately 12 inches [30 cm]
Sewing needle and orange sewing thread
1 oz polyester stuffing
small quantity orange felt for ears
10-12 4 inch [10 cm] Soft black broom bristles (ours were clipped from a whisk broom.)
Note: If it is not your broom, be SURE to check with the broom's owner to make sure it is ok before you start cutting on it!

**Fun Fur (Article #320).
100% Polyester; package
size: **Solids:** 1.75 oz/50g;
64 yd/58m balls
Prints: 1.5 oz/40g; 57
yd/52m balls
Exotics: 1.75 oz/50g; 55
yd/50m balls (**Note:**
Exotics shades are lay flat to dry)*



GAUGE:

24 stitches x 24 rows = 4 inches (10 cm) When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. The needle or hook size called for in the pattern is based on what the designer used, but it is not unusual for gauge to vary from person to person. If it takes you fewer stitches and rows to make your swatch, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

Making a Gauge Swatch

FOX

Increasing - Knitting into the Front and Back of a Stitch

Row 1: With A, cast on 2 stitches.

Row 2: Knit in front and back of first stitch, knit to last stitch, knit in front and back of last stitch. You now have 4 stitches on your needle!

Note: Knitting twice into a stitch (once in front and once in back) of a stitch is a way to do an increase.

- Knit into the front loop of the next stitch on your left-hand needle as you would normally, pull the loop of the new stitch through but don't remove the stitch from the left needle.
- Then knit into the back loop of the same stitch so you have two stitches.
- Finally, slide the original stitch off the left needle.

Row 3: Knit in front and back of first stitch, knit to last stitch, knit in front and back of last stitch. You now have 6 stitches on your needle.

Rows 4-17: Repeat, adding one stitch at the beginning and each of each row as you did in the previous rows. When you reach row 17 you will have 34 stitches on your needle.

Row 18: Repeat for 15 stitches. In addition to A, add a strand of B, knit 6 stitches, holding both strands together and working the end of B in. After 6 stitches, drop B and continue with A for the rest of the row, knitting in front and back of last stitch. Cut B, leaving a 3-inch tail. You will have 36 stitches.

Row 19: Repeat for 10 stitches, change to B. Cut A, work in ends and continue in B for the rest of the row. When you reach the tail of B from the previous row, pick it up and work in. You will have 38 stitches at the end of the row.

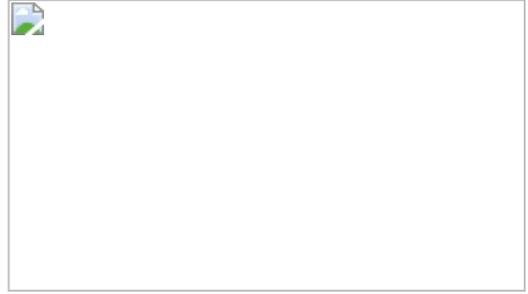
Row 20: Knit, adding one stitch at the beginning and end of the row. You will now have 40 stitches.

Rows 21-23: Knit.

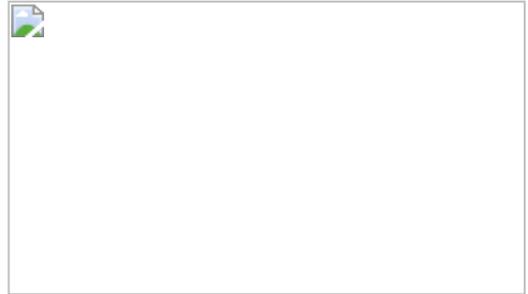
Row 24 Change to A. Knit the first two stitches together as shown; knit 8 stitches more for a total of 9 stitches. Change to B; knit until there are two stitches remaining on your needle, knit these two stitches together. You now have 38 stitches on your needle.

Row 25 Knit the first two stitches together and knit 20 more stitches, for a total of 21. stitches. Change to A, knit until there are two stitches remaining on your needle, knit these two stitches together. You now have 36 stitches on your needle.

Rows 26-42: Repeat, knitting two stitches together at the beginning and end of every row. Knit the last two stitches together. Cut the yarn, leaving a 6 inch tail. Pull the tail through the last loop and trim the tail.

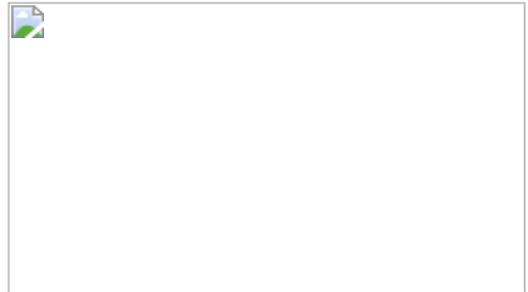


An easy way to add a stitch is to use an existing stitch. Insert the right needle into the stitch, wrap the yarn around the needle and pull through as for a normal knit stitch, elongating the loop slightly. Don't pull the stitch over the left needle yet.



Bring the top of the right needle around to the back and knit into the back loop of the stitch as shown (see the FAQ on knitting into the back loop for more detail). You now have two stitches on the right needle.

Decreasing - Knitting two stitches together



Work to the two stitches to be decreased and then knit the two stitches together as shown. The stitches slant to the right.

The piece will be square, about 4 inches [approximately 10 cm] as shown.



Pick up 20 stitches along one edge (as shown) and knit 3 rows with C, bind off.

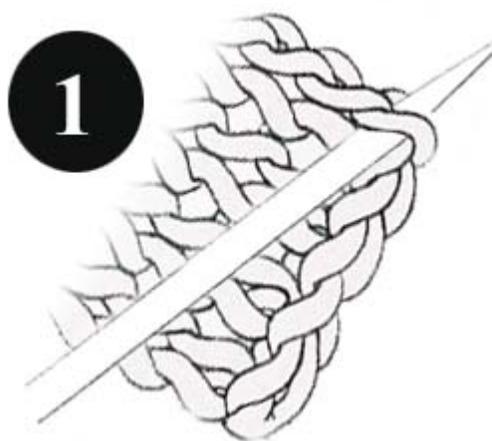
Pick up 24 stitches along an adjacent edge and knit 3 rows with C; bind off.

This forms the bright stripe that goes down the back of the fox.

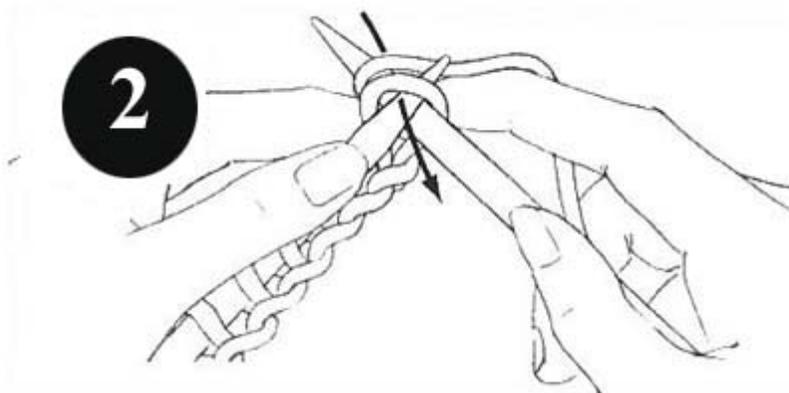


To pick up a stitch:

1. Slide one needle into an existing stitch



2. Slide your other needle underneath, into the stitch as to knit



3. Pull the stitch through as in in knitting



4. You now have a new stitch on your needle



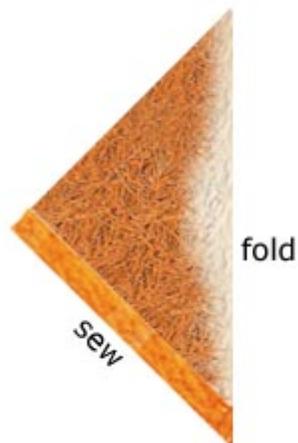
5. Pick up the next stitch.

Note: When picking up stitches you do not always have to pick up every stitch (your pattern will tell how many to pick up).

You do not have to pick up stitches on the same row (for instance, when you are doing the tail below). This allows you to start a new part of your knitting (a collar, or in our case, a tail) which is very firmly anchored in the other piece.



Fold the fox in half as shown and stitch one edge closed.



Turn the fabric and open it -- it will be a cone. Put the stuffing into it. Position stuffing with your finger to make the Fox the shape you'd like (you can always adjust this later, as well). You do not want to put a lot of stuffing into his head because foxes have long, thin noses!



Hold like a cone,
fill with stuffing

Fold down the flap at the top of the cone, Sew the open edges closed.

Fold, sew top shut



We are going to knit the tail directly onto the fox.
You can pick up one stitch at a time.

TAIL

Using one strand of A and one strand of C together, pick up and knit 8 stitches where the orange stripe and the white stripe meet.

Rows 1-24 knit

Row 25 Knit the first two stitches together, knit until there are two stitches remaining on your needle, knit these two stitches together. You will have 6 stitches.

Row 26 Knit

Row 27 Knit the first two stitches together, knit until there are two stitches remaining on your needle, knit these two stitches together. You will have 4 stitches.

Row 28 Knit

Row 29 Knit the first two stitches together, knit until there are two stitches remaining on your needle, knit these two stitches together. You will have 2 stitches.

Row 30-31 Knit

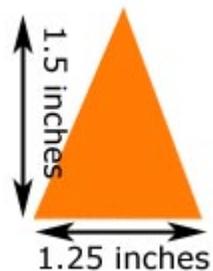
Row 32 Knit the last two stitches together. Cut the yarn, leaving a short. Pull the tail through the last loop and trim the tail

pick up 8 stitches
across bottom of
stripe to start tail



Cut ears from orange felt. Position ears and sew to the head as shown in picture.

Trim the fur on the fox's face (between the ears and the nose) so it is about 1/2 inch [1.25 cm] long.



Ear pattern

To add eyes, pull the crochet hook all the way through the 'head' and use it to pull the black yarn through. Tie a large knot (or several knots together) on one end. Pull the two yarns tight and tie off on the other end (use several knots). Trim closely.

To add the nose, pull the black yarn with crochet hook through the very tip of the nose (ouch!). Tie the ends together in a large knot and trim closely.

Insert the bristles from the broom through the nose for the whiskers.



ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES

Click for explanation and illustration

k = knit

st(s) = stitch(es)

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