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EASTER BUNNY
KNITTED IN TRUFFLE & BIG VALUE DK 50G

ABBREVIATIONS: beg begin(ning), **CDD** slip the next 2 sts together as if to knit, knit next st, pass both slipped stitches over last stitch worked. 2 sts decreased, **cm** centimetres, **in(s)** inch(es), **K** knit, **Kfb** Knit into front, then back of the same stitch. 1 st increased. **m1** make 1, pick up bar laying between last st just worked and next st, and K into back of loop (inc), **mm** millimetres, **P** purl, **PSSO** pass slipped st(s) over, **P3tog** purl next 3 sts together as one. 2 sts decreased, **rem** remain(ing), **RS** right side, **Sl** slip, **ssk** slip 1, slip 1, knit these 2 slipped stitches together through back loops. One stitch decreased. **st(s)** stitch(es), **st st** stocking stitch, **tog** together, **WS** wrong side

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MEASUREMENTS AND SIZES
Approx 25cm (10in) tall

MATERIALS REQUIRED
1x 100g ball of King Cole Truffle shade 4365 Coconut
1x 50g ball of King Cole Big Value DK 50g shade 4020 White
1x 50g ball of King Cole Big Value DK 50g shade 4027 Yellow
1x 50g ball of King Cole Big Value DK 50g shade 4046 Jade
1x 50g ball of King Cole Big Value DK 50g shade 4050 Emerald
1x 50g ball of King Cole Big Value DK 50g shade 4053 Black (oddment)
1x 50g ball of King Cole Big Value DK 50g shade 4056 Orchid

NEEDLES
Straight needles:
3.25mm (UK 10, US 3)
4mm (UK 8, US 5)

OTHER MATERIALS
Stuffing
Stitch holder
Stitch marker
Small button for back of Dress.
Pipe cleaner (optional)

BUNNY
Body (back)
Knitted from the Bottom up.
With 3.25mm needles and Coconut yarn, cast on 27 sts.
Row 1 (WS): Purl.
Row 2: K23, turn.
Row 3: Sl1, p18, turn.
Row 4: Sl1, k17, turn
Row 5: Sl1, p16, turn.
Rows 6-18: Continue as set working 1 less stitch each time.
Row 19: Sl1, p2, turn.
Row 20: Knit all stitches to end of row. 15 sts
Row 21: Purl. 27 sts
Rows 22-27: Beg with knit row, work in st st.
Row 28: K11, ssk, k1, k2tog, k11. 25 sts
Rows 29-31: Beg with purl row, work in st st.
Row 32: K10, ssk, k1, k2tog, k10. 23 sts
Rows 33-35: Beg with purl row, work in st st.
Row 36: K9, ssk, k1, k2tog, k9. 21 sts
Rows 37-39: Beg with purl row, work in st st.
Row 40: K8, ssk, k1, k2tog, k8. 19 sts
Rows 41-43: Beg with purl row, work in st st.
Row 44: (K1, k2tog) 6 times, k1. 13 sts
Row 45: Purl.
Row 46: K1, (k2tog) 6 times. 7 sts
Slip sts onto holder.

Body (front)
Knitted from the Bottom up.
With 3.25mm needles and Coconut yarn, cast on 20 sts.
Row 1 (WS): Purl.
Rows 2-11: Beg with knit row, work in st st.
Row 12: K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. 18 sts
Rows 13-15: Beg with purl row, work in st st.
Row 16: K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. 16 sts
Rows 17-19: Beg with purl row, work in st st.
Row 20: K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. 14 sts
Row 21: Purl.
Row 22: (K2tog, k1) 4 times, k2tog. 9 sts
Row 23: Purl.
Row 24: K1, (k2tog) 4 times. 5 sts
Slip sts onto same holder as Back sts.

Legs (make two)
Starting at foot.
With 3.25mm needles and Coconut yarn, cast on 12 sts.
Row 1: Knit.
Row 2: Kfb, k4, (kfb) twice, k4, kfb. 16 sts
Row 3: Knit.
Row 4: (Kfb) twice, k4, (kfb) 4 times, k4, (kfb) twice. 24 sts
Row 5: Knit.
Row 6: (Kfb) twice, k8, (kfb) 4 times, k8, (kfb) twice. 32 sts
Row 7: Knit.
Rows 8-13: Beg with knit row, work in st st.
Row 14: K10, (k3tog) 4 times, k10. 24 sts
Row 15: P6, (p3tog) 4 times, p6. 16 sts.
Rows 16-35: Beg with knit row, work in st st.
Cast off.

Sew up back seam of leg and foot, stuffing as you go, leaving top of leg open.

Head
Starting at Nose
With 3.25mm needles and Coconut yarn, cast on 7 sts.
Row 1 (WS): Purl.
Row 2: (Kfb) 7 times. 14 sts
Row 3: Purl.
Row 4: Kfb, knit to last st, kfb. 16 sts
Row 5: Purl.
Row 6: Kfb, knit to last st, kfb. 18 sts
Row 7: Purl.
Row 8: (K1, kfb) 9 times. 27 sts
Rows 9-11: Beg with purl row, work in st st.
Row 12: K1, (K2, kfb) 8 times, k2. 35 sts.
Rows 13-21: Beg with purl row, work in st st.
Row 22: K1, (k1, k2tog) 11 times, k1. 24 sts
Rows 23-25: Beg with purl row, work in st st.
Row 26: (K2tog) 12 times. 12 sts
Row 27: (P2tog) 6 times. 6 sts
Break yarn, thread through rem 6 sts and pull tight to close back of Head. Sew row ends together, stuffing as you go, work a running st around the nose cast-on sts and pull tight to close. The seam will run under the Bunny's chin. Fasten off

Arms (make two)
Starting at Paw
With 3.25mm needles and Coconut yarn, cast on 8 sts.
Row 1 (WS): Purl.
Row 2: (Kfb) 8 times. 16 sts

Rows 3-25: Beg with purl row, work in st st.
Row 26: (K2tog) 8 times. 8 sts
Break yarn, thread through rem 8 sts and pull tight to close top of Arm. Sew side seam stuffing as you go. Work a running st around the Paw cast-on sts, and pull tight to close. Fasten off.

Ears
Back (make two)
With 3.25mm needles and Coconut yarn, cast on 5 sts.
Row 1 (WS): Purl.
Row 2: Knit.
Row 3: Purl.
Row 4: Kfb, knit to last st, kfb. 7 sts
Rows 5-7: Beg with purl row, work in st st.
Row 8: Kfb, knit to last st, kfb. 9 sts
Rows 9-13: Beg with purl row, work in st st.
Row 14: SSK, knit to last 2 sts, K2tog. 7 sts
Row 15: Purl.
**Row 16: SSK, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 5 sts
Row 17: Purl.
Row 18: SSK, K1, k2tog. 3 sts
Row 19: Purl
Row 20: Sl1, k2tog, psso. 1 st
Fasten off.

Front (make two)
With 3.25mm needles and White DK yarn, cast on 3 sts.
Rows 1-3: Beg with purl row, work in st st.
Row 4: Kfb, knit to last st, kfb. 5 sts
Rows 5-7: Beg with purl row, work in st st.
Row 8: Kfb, knit to last st, kfb. 7 sts
Rows 9-13: Beg with purl row, work in st st.
Work as Back of Ear from ** to end. Sew sides of Back and Front Ears together. Sew cast on edges together and fold at base of Ear to shape, secure with stitches.

Tail
Using 3.25mm needles and Coconut yarn, cast on 6 sts.
Row 1: (Kfb) 6 times. 12 sts
Row 2: Purl.
Row 3: Kfb, (K1, kfb) 5 times, k1. 18 sts
Row 4: Purl.
Row 5: Kfb, (k2, kfb) 5 times, k2. 24 sts
Rows 6-10: Beg with purl row, work in st st.
Row 11: K1, k2tog, (k2, k2tog) 5 times, k1. 18 sts
Row 12: (P1, p2tog) 6 times. 12 sts
Row 13: (K2tog) 6 times. 6 sts
Break yarn, thread through rem 6 sts and pull tight.
Join side seam and stuff Tail lightly as you work, work running stitch around

cast on sts, pull tight and secure. Do no cut yarn yet, as you can use this to secure the tail to the Bunny's bottom later.

Making Up
Slide sts on holder onto thread, sew up the side seams of Back and Front. Draw up sts on thread and secure (leaving base open to insert Legs). Stuff Head and work running stitch around the nose cast on and pull tight to close. Stuff Legs and Arms, work running stitch around Arms cast on sts and sew up seams. Place seam of Legs to back. Using yarn held double, sew Arms to Body by inserting needle through one arm, then through Body and through second arm until arms feel secure and move freely to form joints. Place a marker at centre back and front of cast on edge of Body, these divide the Body and helps keep things even when inserting Legs. Sew up lower seam of Body inserting Legs. Sew Ears to Head. Using strand of Black DK yarn, embroider on nose and eyes. Sew Head to Body. Sew on Tail.

BONNET
With 3.25mm needles and Orchid yarn, cast on 40 sts.
Row 1: Knit.
Row 2: Purl.
Rows 3-4: Repeat rows 1 & 2 once more.
Row 5 (fold line): K2, (k2tog, yo) 18 times, k2.
Rows 6-18: Beg with a purl row, work in st st.
Row 19: K10, cast off next 6 sts, k8, cast off next 6 sts, k to end. 28 sts
Row 20: P10, cast on 6 sts, k8, cast on 6 sts, p10. 40 sts
Row 21: Knit.
Row 22: Purl.
Rows 23-24: Knit.
Shaping:
Row 25: K4, (k2tog, k4) six times. 34 sts
Row 26 and even number rows: Purl.
Row 27: K3, (k2tog, k3) six times, k1. 28 sts
Row 29: K3, (k2tog, k2) six times, k1. 22 sts
Row 31: K3, (k2tog, k1) six times, k1. 16 sts
Row 33: K3, (k2tog) six times, k1. 10 sts
Row 34: (P2tog) five times. 5 sts.
Cut yarn and thread through rem 5 sts, pull tight to close. Fold at the eyelet row to form a picot edge and sew the cast on edge to the inside of the Bonnet. Using Orchid yarn, make two 15cm cords, these can be

crochet chains or twisted cords. Sew to sides of Bonnet.

DRESS
Using 4mm needles and Orchid yarn, cast on 88 sts.
Row 1: Purl.
Row 2: Knit.
Row 3: Purl.
Row 4 (fold line): K2, (k2tog, yo) 42 times, k2.
Rows 5-9: Beg with a purl row, work in st st.
Change to White yarn
Rows 10-11: Knit.
Change to Orchid yarn
Rows 12-33: Beg with a knit row, work in st st.
Row 34: (K2tog) 44 times. 44 sts.
Place marker
Row 35: Purl.
Row 36: (K2, k2tog) ten times, k4. 34 sts
Rows 37-39: Beg with a purl row, work in st st.
Row 40: K8, cast off two sts, k13, cast off two sts, k to end. 30 sts (You will now have 3 blocks of sts on your needle, 8sts at each end and 14sts in the middle).
Turn and work on the first 8 sts only Beg with a purl row, work nine rows in st st.
Cast off.
With WS facing, rejoin Orchid yarn to centre 14 sts.
Beg with a purl row, work 9 rows in st st.
Cast off.
With WS facing, rejoin Orchid yarn to remaining 8 sts.
Beg with a purl row, work nine rows in st st.
Cast off.

Making Up
Join at shoulder to form armholes. Sew back seam from cast on edge to marker on Row 34. Fold at eyelet row to form picot edge and sew on inside to hold in place. Make a small loop at back of neck. Sew on Button on opposite side of neck opening to loop.

STRIPED EGG
Using 3.25mm needles and Turquoise yarn, cast on 6 sts.
Row 1: (Kfb) six times. 12 sts
Row 2: Purl.
Change to White yarn
Row 3: K2, m1, (k3, m1) three times, k1. 16 sts
Row 4: Purl.
Change to Turquoise yarn (continue to end in alternating White and Turquoise stripes as set to end).
Row 5: K2, m1 (k4, m1) three times, k2. 20 sts

Row 6 (and all WS rows): Purl.
Row 7: K3, m1, (k5, m1) three times, k2. 24 sts
Rows 8-16: Beg with a purl row, work in st st.
Row 17: K2, k2tog, (k4, k2tog) three times, k2. 20 sts
Row 19: K2, k2tog (k3, k2tog) three times, k1. 16 sts
Row 21: K1, k2tog, (k2, k2tog) three times, k1. 12 sts
Row 23: K2tog, (k1, k2tog) three times, k1. 8 sts
Row 24: (P2tog) four times. 4 sts.
Cut yarn, thread through rem 4 sts and pull tight to close.
Sew side seam, stuffing as you work.

SPOTTED EGG
Work as Striped Egg using Orchid yarn throughout. Using White yarn embroider on spots.

DAFFODIL
Trumpet
Using 3.25mm needles and Yellow yarn, cast on 12 sts.
Row 1: Knit.
Row 2: Purl.
Row 3: K2, (m1, k2) four times, m1, k2. 17 sts
Rows 4-6: Beg with a purl row, work in st st.
Row 7: K1, (k2tog, yo) seven times, k2.
Rows 8-10: Beg with a purl row, work in st st.
Row 11: K2, (k2tog, k1) five times. 12 sts
Rows 12-13: Beg with a purl row, work in st st.
Cast off.
With WS together, fold at eyelet row and join cast off and cast on edges together, sew side seam to form trumpet.

Petals (make six)
Using 3.25mm needles and Yellow

yarn, cast on 3 sts for base of petal.
Row 1 (WS): Purl.
Row 2: K1, m1, k1, m1, k1. 5 sts
Row 3 and all following WS rows: Purl.
Row 4: K2, m1, k1, m1, k2. 7 sts
Row 6: K3, m1, k1, m1, k3. 9 sts
Row 8: K3, CDD, k3. 7 sts
Row 10: K2, CDD, k2. 5 sts
Row 12: K1, CDD, k1. 3 sts
Row 14: p3tog.
Cut yarn and pull through rem st to finish. To make up Flower Head, arrange the Petals using the image as a guide and sew together, sew Trumpet on top of the Petals.

Stem
Using 3.25mm needles and Emerald yarn, cast on 25 sts.
Row 1: Purl.
Row 2: Knit.
Row 2: Purl.
Cast off.
Wrap the knitted piece around a pipe cleaner and sew sides together. Sew to back of Flower Head.
Row 17: K2, k2tog, (k4, k2tog) three times, k2. 20 sts
Row 19: K2, k2tog (k3, k2tog) three times, k1. 16 sts
Row 21: K1, k2tog, (k2, k2tog) three times, k1. 12 sts
Row 23: K2tog, (k1, k2tog) three times, k1. 8 sts
Row 24: (P2tog) four times. 4 sts.
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Row 7: K1, (k2tog, yo) seven times, k2.
Rows 8-10: Beg with a purl row, work in st st.
Row 11: K2, (k2tog, k1) five times. 12 sts
Rows 12-13: Beg with a purl row, work in st st.
Cast off.
With WS together, fold at eyelet row and join cast off and cast on edges together, sew side seam to form trumpet.

Petals (make six)
Using 3.25mm needles and Yellow yarn, cast on 3 sts for base of petal.
Row 1 (WS): Purl.
Row 2: K1, m1, k1, m1, k1. 5 sts
Row 3 and all following WS rows: Purl.
Row 4: K2, m1, k1, m1, k2. 7 sts
Row 6: K3, m1, k1, m1, k3. 9 sts
Row 8: K3, CDD, k3. 7 sts
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