

"CUTIE," THE KOALA, OR KOALA TEA COSY.

This cute little koala will do more than his share towards entertaining your friends at an afternoon tea-party.

He will be equally at home under a shady tree in the garden or beside a glowing fire indoors. He may also be made into a cuddlesome toy by filling with hygienic wool, and finishing underneath with a circle of knitting about five inches in diameter.

These knitted toys are easily washed and refilled. Cut the nose by small diagram using black kid such as is used for shoe tongues, or an out-of-use kid glove.

The eyes are oval shaped black beads (about half an inch long) sewn on with a slant towards the nose. It is a good plan to examine a picture of a koala when doing these important finishings.

The cosy is in plain knitting throughout.



MATERIALS REQUIRED.—3 skeins of Thick Brush Wool (such as sports), or 5 skeins will make two. No. 11 needles.

ABBREVIATIONS.—K.—knit plain. Inc.—Increase. Dec.—Decrease. Ch.—chain.

THE HEAD

Commencing at neck edge cast on 40 stitches.

1st and 3rd Rows.—Knit.

2nd and 4th Rows.—K. Inc. by knitting twice into 1st and last st.

5th Row.—K. 18, Inc. in 19th st., K. 6., Inc. in next st., K. 18 (46 sts.).

6th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 17th and 20th Rows.—Inc. by knitting twice into 1st and last st.

7th, 8th, 10th, 13th, 16th, 19th and 21st Rows.—Knit.

11th Row.—K. 21., Inc. in next, K. 6, Inc. in next, K. 21.

14th Row.—K. 23, Inc. in next, K. 6, Inc. in next, K. 23 (56 sts.).

18th Row.—K. 26, Inc. in next, K. 6, Inc. in next, K. 26.

22nd Row.—K. 27. (Place these 27 sts. on spare needle). K. 10 (Place remaining 27 on spare needle).

Return to centre 10 sts. and work gusset (which goes over top of head to nose point) as follows:—

Work 3 rows straight.

4th Row.—Inc. by working twice into 1st and last st. (12 sts.).

Work straight on these 12 sts. for 7 rows.

Next Row.—Dec. by working 2 tog. at each end of row.

Work straight on these 10 sts. for 12 rows.

Next Row.—Knit. Dec. once in centre of row (9 sts.).

Work straight on these 9 sts. for 10 rows.

Next Row.—Knit. Dec. once in centre of row (8 sts.).

Work straight on these 8 sts. for 12 rows.

Next Row.—Knit. Dec. once in centre of row (7 sts.).

Work straight on these 7 sts. for 2 rows.

In the following 4 rows, dec. by knitting 2 centre sts. tog.

Next Row.—K 2nd and 3rd sts. tog.

Next Row.—K. 2 tog. Cast off.

(This point goes under nose when sewing together)

Return to 27 sts. on spare needle and join in next to the centre gusset.

K. 3 rows plain.

* 4th Row.—(outer edge) K. 2 tog., K. remainder.

5th Row.—K. to 2nd last st., K. 2 tog. *

Repeat from * to * 7 times more. (19 rows.)

20th Row.—K. 2 tog. twice. Cast off.

Return to remaining 27 sts. and work to correspond with previous 20 rows.

THE EARS.

Cast on 11 stitches and K. 2 rows.

Next 2 Rows.—Inc. by K. twice into 1st (13 sts.), K. 7 rows, then cast off 1 st. at beginning of next 7 rows. Cast off. Work another ear to correspond. Work 1 row of double crochet round outer edge of ears to make firm.

THE BODY PART.

This is knitted in 2 halves, the knitted pieces being sewn together with rows perpendicular.

THE BACK.

Cast on 39 stitches and K. 4 rows.

5th Row.—K. to within 10 sts. of end. Turn.

6th Row.—K to end (this is lower edge of cosy).

Repeat these 6 rows 16 times (96 rows). Cast off.

THE FRONT.

It is worked as for back but slots are made in 31st and 66th rows. The paws being worked around these slots.

31st Row.—(Lower edge) K. 4. Cast off 7 sts., K. 10. Cast off 7 sts., K. 11 (neck edge.).

32nd Row.—Knit, casting on 7 sts. opposite the 7 cast-off sts. in previous row.

Work 66th and 67th rows as for 31st and 32nd.

THE PAWS.

These are worked perpendicularly and in two halves as follows:—

Pick up 11 sts. commencing at 3rd from lower edge and about 3 rows away from slot. Work one half of paw as follows:—

K. 7 rows.

8th and 9th Rows.—K. 2 tog. at beginning of rows, K. remainder.

10th Row.—K. 4, K. 2 tog., K. 3 (8 sts.).

11th Row.—Knit.

12th, 13th, 14th, 15th Rows.—Inc. by K. twice into 1st st.

16th, 17th, 18th, 19th Rows.—Dec. by K. 2 tog at beginning of rows. Cast off.

Pick up 11 sts. the other side of slot (about 3 rows the other side as before) and K. to correspond with 1st half of paw. Slipstitch the two halves together. There will be a space of about one inch where paws join body—sew these flat.

Work the remaining 3 paws in same manner. The 5 claws are picots of ch. st. in black wool.

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DIAGRAM OF KOALA'S NOSE.

