



Big and Little Nutbrown Hare

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This design is an adaptation of the Vintage Rabbit pattern by Sara E. Kellner which Sara has graciously allowed me to publish. *This pattern does not stand alone.* You will need a copy of Sara’s pattern for needles, stitch instructions, materials and assembly instructions. You can find the design at:

www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/vintage-rabbit

Big and Little Nutbrown Hare are characters in Sam McBratney’s charming book “*Guess How Much I Love You*”. I created this adaptation so I could give the book and the Hare family to a very special soon-to-be-big brother.

In this version, “Big Nutbrown Hare” is very true to Sara’s pattern. I changed the way the pattern was structured, changed the types and position of decreases and added an inner ear. But beyond that, it’s Sara’s baby.

Little Nutbrown Hare is my work—and boy did he turn out to be a cute little guy. Again, though, it could not have been done without Sara’s version as a guide.

So Sara, thank you for allowing me to make this available as a stand-alone design on Ravelry. You’re a class act lady!

BIG NUTBROWN HARE	LITTLE NUTBROWN HARE
<p><u>Body, make 2</u> Note: ODD numbered rows start at rabbit’s front.</p> <p><i>Outer Leg and Lower Body</i> With brown yarn CO 40 sts. Rows 1-10: Seed stitch Row 11: Cast off 12 sts for leg, seed st to end, 28 sts. Row 12: Seed Stitch. Row 13: K1, SSK, seed stitch to end. Row 14: Seed Stitch. Repeat rows 13 and 14 two more times, 25 sts. Work in seed stitch for 2 inches ending after an even row (ie, next row begins at the rabbit’s front). Continue to back without breaking yarn.</p> <p><i>Back</i> Row 1: Seed st to final 3 sts, k2tog, k1 Rows 2 to 4: Seed Stitch.</p>	<p><u>Body, make 2</u> Note: ODD numbered rows start at rabbit’s front.</p> <p><i>Outer Leg and Lower Body</i> With brown yarn CO 20 sts. Rows 1-6: Seed stitch Row 7: Cast off 6 sts for leg, seed st to end, 14 sts. Row 8: Seed Stitch. Row 9: K1, SSK, seed stitch to end, 13 sts. Row 10: Seed Stitch. Work in seed stitch for 1 inch ending after an even row (ie, next row begins at the rabbit’s front). Continue to back without breaking yarn.</p> <p><i>Back</i> Row 1: Seed st to final 3 sts, k2tog, k1 Rows 2 to 4: Seed Stitch. Rep Rows 1 through 4 three more times, 8 sts.</p>

<p>Rep Rows 1 through 4 six more times, 18 sts. Row 5: Rep row 1. Row 6: Seed Stitch Rep rows 5 and 6 four more times, 13 sts. Continue to head without breaking yarn.</p> <p><i>Head</i></p> <p>Rows 1 and 2: CO 2 sts, seed stitch to end of row. Row 3: KFB, seed st to end. Row 4: Seed Stitch Row 5 and 6: Rep rows 3 and 4. Rows 7 and 8: Seed Stitch. Row 9: KFB, seed stitch to final st, KFB, 21 sts. Row 10: Seed Stitch Row 11: K1, SSK, seed stitch to end. Rows 12 to 14: Seed Stitch. Row 15: K1, SSK, seed stitch to final 3 sts, K2tog, k1. Row 16: Seed Stitch Repeat rows 15 and 16 three times, 12 sts. Bind off.</p>	<p>Row 5: Rep row 1. Row 6: Seed Stitch, 7 sts. Continue to head without breaking yarn.</p> <p><i>Head</i></p> <p>Row 1: CO 2 sts, seed stitch to end of row. Row 2: CO 1 st, seed stitch to end of row. Row 3 to 6: Seed Stitch Row 7: KFB, seed stitch to final st, KFB, 12 sts. Row 8: Seed Stitch Row 9: K1, SSK, seed stitch to end. Rows 10: Seed Stitch. Row 11: K1, SSK, seed stitch to final 3 sts, K2tog, k1. Row 12: Seed Stitch Repeat rows 11 and 12, 7 sts. Bind off.</p>
<p><u>Inner Legs and Belly</u> NOTE: Odd numbered rows are wrong side. Cast on 60 sts Row 1[ws]: P30, pm, p30. Row 2[rs]: K to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, ssk, k to end. Row 3[ws]: Purl. Row 4[rs]: Rep row 2. Repeat rows 3 and 4 three more times, 50 sts. Row 5[ws]: Bind off 12 sts for leg, purl to end. Row 6[rs]: Bind off 12 sts for leg, knit to end, 26 sts. Row 7[ws]: P1, p2tog, purl to last 3 sts, sl1, p2tog tbl, p1. Row 8[rs]: Rep row 2. Row 9[ws]: Rep row 7. Row 10[rs]: Knit. Row 11 and 12[ws]: Rep row 7 and 8, 16 sts. Work in stockinette stitch for 2 inches ending after a wrong side row. Row 14[rs]: Rep row 2. Rows 15 to 21: Stockinette. Repeat rows 14 to 21 three more times. Row 22: Rep row 2, 6 sts. Rows 23 to 27: Stockinette. Bind off.</p>	<p><u>Inner Legs and Belly</u> NOTE: Odd numbered rows are wrong side. Cast on 30 sts Row 1[ws]: P15, pm, p15. Row 2[rs]: K to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, ssk, k to end. Row 3[ws]: Purl. Row 4[rs]: Rep row 2. Repeat rows 3 and 4, 24 sts. Row 5[ws]: Bind off 6 sts for leg, purl to end. Row 6[rs]: Bind off 6 sts for leg, knit to end, 12 sts. Row 7[ws]: P1, p2tog, purl to last 3 sts, sl1, p2tog tbl, p1. Row 8[rs]: Rep row 2, 8 sts. Work in stockinette stitch for 1 inch ending after a wrong side row. Row 10[rs]: Rep row 2. Rows 11 to 13: Stockinette. Repeat rows 10 to 13. Row 14 to 17: Stockinette. Bind off.</p>
<p><u>Head Gusset</u> With brown yarn cast on 3 sts. Rows 1 to 3: K1, p1, k1. Row 4: Kfb, p1, kfb Rows 5 to 7: seed stitch Row 8: Kfb, seed st to last st, kfb. Repeat rows 5 to 8 twice more, 11 sts. Work in seed st for 2 inches.</p>	<p><u>Head Gusset</u> With brown yarn cast on 3 sts. Rows 1 and 2: K1, p1, k1. Row 3: Kfb, p1, kfb Row 4 to 6: seed stitch Row 7: Kfb, seed st to last st, kfb, 7 sts. Work in seed st for 1 inch. Row 8: K1, ssk, seed st to 3 sts from end, k2tog, k1.</p>

<p>Row 9: K1, ssk, seed st to 3 sts from end, k2tog, k1. Rows 10 to 12: Seed Stitch. Repeat rows 9 to 12 twice more times, 5 sts. Row 13: P1, sl1, k2tog, pssso, p1. Rows 14-16: P1, k1, p1. Bind off.</p>	<p>Rows 9 to 11: Seed Stitch. Row 12: K1, sl1, k2tog, pssso, k1. Row 13 and 14: Rep rows 1 and 2. Bind off.</p>
<p>Arms (make 2) With brown yarn cast on 20 sts. Work in seed stitch for 2 inches. Bind off.</p> <p>Sew cast on row to bind off row, then sew the narrow end shut. Then gather the stitches along the seam to curve the arm slightly. Stuff lightly before sewing to the body.</p>	<p>Arms (make 2) With brown yarn, cast on 10 sts. Work in seed stitch for 1 inch. Bind off.</p> <p>Sew cast on row to bind off row, then sew the narrow end shut. Then gather the stitches along the seam to curve the arm slightly. It is not necessary to stuff arms for Little Nutbrown Hare.</p>
<p>Ears (make 2) <i>Outer Ear</i> With brown yarn cast on 3 sts. Row 1: Seed Stitch. Row 2: Kfb, k1, kfb. Rows 3 to 9: Seed Stitch Row 10: Kfb, seed st to last st, kfb. Rows 11 to 17: Seed Stitch Repeat rows 10 to 17. Row 18: Repeat row 10, 11 sts. Work 6 inches of Seed Stitch. Bind off.</p> <p><i>Inner Ear</i> Holding two strands of the white yarn cast on 9 sts. Work 6 inches in Stockinette Stitch. Row 1: K1, ssk, k to 3 sts from end, k2tog, k1. Rows 2 to 6: Stockinette stitch. Repeat rows 1 to 6 twice. Row 7: K1, SL2KP2, k1. Rows 8 to 12: Stockinette stitch.</p> <p>To assemble ear, pin inner ear flat onto outer ear. With brown yarn and using long stitches sew pieces together along inside perimeter of the inner ear.</p> <p>Stuff ear lightly. Sew to head. When both ears are in place sew them together for the first 1- 2 inches from the base.</p>	<p>Ears (make 2) <i>Outer Ear</i> With brown yarn cast on 3 sts. Rows 1 to 3: K1, p1, k1. Row 4: Kfb, p1, kfb. Rows 5 to 9: Seed Stitch Repeat rows 4 to 9 once. Row 10: Kfb, seed st to last st, kfb, 9 sts. Work 3 inches of Seed Stitch. Bind off.</p> <p><i>Inner Ear</i> Holding two strands of the white yarn cast on 7 sts. Work 3 inches in Stockinette Stitch. Row 1: K1, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1. Rows 2 to 8: Stockinette stitch. Row 9: K1, sl1, k2tog, pssso, k1. Rows 10 to 16: Stockinette stitch.</p> <p>To assemble ear, pin inner ear flat onto outer ear. With brown yarn and using long stitches sew pieces together along inside perimeter of the inner ear.</p> <p>Stuff ear lightly. Sew to head. When both ears are in place sew them together for the first 1- 2 inches from the base.</p>
<p><i>Finishing note:</i> I used sisal twine for whiskers, cute buttons for a nose, and purchased plastic eyes.</p>	