



Bunny hat for Blythe dolls

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This quick-to-make bunny hat is made from soft chenille yarn, giving it a beautiful fluffy look. It is knit flat in reversed stocking stitch but could easily be converted to circular knitting if preferred. The ears are knit separately and sewn on — giving you opportunity to be creative with their placement. Decorate with a bow or flowers and finish it off with a pom pom tail at the back.

MATERIALS

- One ball of bulky weight chenille yarn (I used Creative Basics brand) in white or colour of your choice
- One ball of fluffy novelty yarn for inner ears (I used Lincraft Entice) in pink or colour of your choice
- Small amount of 4 ply / Fingering weight yarn in a colour similar to hat yarn (this yarn is used to attach ears and make pompom)
- One pair of 6mm knitting needles
- One pair of 7mm knitting needles

- Pom pom maker (optional)
- 2 round black beads for eyes
- DMC stranded embroidery cotton in colour 761 for face embroidery
- Bows, flowers, trims to decorate
- Tapestry needle for attaching ears and weaving in ends
- Sewing cotton in a colour similar to hat yarn (used for attaching inner ears to ears)

GAUGE

Refer to the published gauge of the yarns used above to find suitable substitutes:

- Creative Basics chenille yarn: 10 stitches/20 rows per 10cm using 5mm needles
 - Possible alternatives are Lion Brand's Chenille Yarn, Velvetspun Yarn, Festive Fur and Luxe Fur or Louisa Harding's Nerissa – though you will need to check gauge and modify if necessary
- Lincraft Entice: 20 stitches/10 rows per 10cm using 6mm needles
 - Possible alternatives are Martha Stewart's Glitter Eyelash Yarn

SKILL LEVEL

Beginner

NOTE

The chenille yarn creates a very tight cast on row, that's why I used the larger needles for casting on. If you're using a different yarn you may not need to use larger needles.

INSTRUCTIONS

CO 52 sts **loosely** with 7mm needles and chenille yarn. Change to 6mm needles.

Row 1 (WS): k1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1

Row 2: p1, p2tog, purl to last 3 sts, p2tog, p1

Row 3: k1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1

Row 4: p1, p2tog, purl to last 3 sts, p2tog, p1

Row 5: *k6, k2tog; rep from * to last 4 sts, k4

Row 6: purl

Row 7: knit

Row 8: purl

Row 9: (k6, k2tog) four times then knit to end

Row 10: purl

Row 11: knit

Row 12: purl

Row 13: k2tog to last st, k1

Row 14: p2tog to end

Row 15: k2tog to end

Cut a long tail and weave through remaining stitches twice. Sew back seam but don't join the cast on row together (create a little 'V').

Ears

Make 2

CO 8sts with 6mm needles and chenille yarn.

Row 1 (WS) knit

Row 2: purl

Repeat these two rows until row 13.

Row 13: k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog

Row 14: purl

Row 15: k2tog, k2, k2tog

Row 16: purl

BO sts.

Inner ears

Make 2

CO 8sts with 6mm needles and fluffy yarn.

Row 1 (WS): knit

Row 2: purl

Repeat these two rows until row 9.

Row 9: k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog

Row 10: purl

Row 11: k2tog, k2, k2tog

Row 12: purl

BO sts.

Weave in ends and attach inner ears to ears using sewing cotton. Using fingering weight yarn to match hat colour, fold over the sides of the ears at the base and stitch in place. Then attach ears to hat.

EMBROIDERY

Using 4 strands of DMC stranded embroidery cotton in colour 761, sew a triangle where you want the nose to go. Use this as a guide to placing your straight stitches. Then work two straights to create the mouth. Work them loosely and manoeuvre them with the needle to create a curve. Attach two black beads for the eyes.

Make a pompom using the fingering weight yarn and attach to the back to create a tail.

Decorate as desired with bows or flowers.

BLOCKING

I didn't need to block my hat but if you want to, immerse it in cold water and squeeze gently. Then block over a short tumbler glass and let dry.

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ABBREVIATIONS

BO = Bind off. Knit two stitches as normal and lift the first stitch over the second. Continue until only one stitch remains on the RH needle. Cut thread and slip through remaining stitch.

CO = Cast on

K = Knit

K2tog = knit 2 stitches together

P = Purl

P2tog = purl 2 stitches together