

BY ROSEE WOODLAND

# Animal Magic

These hats are so cute, and so speedy to knit – you'll want to make all six adorable designs.



## Pattern Info

### You will need...

#### Sublime, Extra Fine Merino DK CHICK

MC Limone (203), 1 x 50g/116m ball  
CC Red Hot (167), 1 x 50g/116m ball

#### BEAR

MC Biscuit (006), 1 x 50g/116m ball  
CC Alabaster (003), 1 x 50g/116m ball

#### DINO

MC Red Hot (167), 1 x 50g/116m ball  
CC Blueberry Pie (229), 1 x 50g/116m ball

#### CAT

MC Black (013), 1 x 50g/116m ball  
CC Alabaster (003), 1 x 50g/116m ball

#### Sublime, Baby Cashmere Merino Silk DK BUNNY

MC Vanilla (003), 1 x 50g/116m ball  
CC Piglet (001), 1 x 50g/116m ball

#### PIGLET

MC Cheeky (048), 1 x 50g/116m ball  
CC Rosy (126), 1 x 50g/116m ball

A set of 4mm DPNs  
A set of 3½mm DPNs

A small amount of toy stuffing  
Two stitch markers

A darning needle

### Tension

#### Yarn used knits as DK to this tension:

24 sts and 30 rows to measure 4x4in (10x10cm) over stocking stitch using 4mm needles

### Sizing colour key

So you can re-use this pattern, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions. Simply follow our colour-coded measurements and you're off.

n0-3months n3-6 months

n6-12 months n1-2 years

**H**ow could you possibly resist making one of these gorgeous little hats for a tot you know? Make one and you probably won't be able to resist making all six. Designer Rosee Woodland says, "Although I think the rabbit is probably the cutest, the piglet is actually my favourite just because it makes me giggle."

The hats are knitted in the round so there are no seams to press against a child's head. Very young children often have very sensitive skin, so it's important to use a yarn like the Sublime ones Rosee chose that won't irritate them.

### Start knitting here

#### BASIC HAT

Cast on 68 (72: 80: 88) sts in MC on 3½mm needles and join to knit in the round. Place marker to indicate the beginning of the round.

#### SIZES 0-3 & 3-6 ONLY

**Rounds 1-4** (Knit 2, purl 2) to end.

**Round 5** Switch to CC and continue rib.

**Rounds 6-9** Switch back to MC and continue rib.

#### SIZES 6-12 & 1-2 ONLY

**Rounds 1-5** (Knit 2, purl 2) to end.

**Round 6** Switch to CC and continue rib.

**Rounds 7-1** Switch back to MC and continue rib.

#### ALL SIZES

Change to 4mm needles.  
Knit 14 (18: 21: 24) rounds.

#### SIZE 0-3 ONLY

**Round 24** [(K4, k2tog) twice, K3, k2tog] 4 times. [56 sts]



Soft yarns are best for sensitive baby skin.

**knit tip**  
Don't put too much stuffing the ears; a small amount gives them a bit of shape.

Knit 2 rounds.  
**Round 27** [(K3, k2tog) twice, K2, k2tog] 4 times. [44 sts]

Knit 2 rounds.  
**Round 30** [(K2, k2tog) twice, K1, k2tog] 4 times. [32 sts]

Knit 2 rounds.  
**Round 33** [(K1, k2tog) twice, k2tog] 4 times. [20 sts]

Knit 1 round.  
**Round 35** [(K2tog) twice, K1] 4 times. [12 sts]

Break off yarn, thread through sts and fasten off.

#### SIZE 3-6 ONLY

**Round 28** (K4, k2tog) 12 times. [60 sts]  
Knit 2 rounds.

**Round 31** (K3, k2tog) 12 times. [48 sts]  
Knit 2 rounds.

**Round 34** (K2, k2tog) 12 times. [36 sts]  
Knit 2 rounds.

**Round 37** (K1, k2tog) 12 times. [24 sts]  
Knit 1 round.

**Round 39** K2tog 12 times. [12 sts]  
Break off yarn, thread through stitches and fasten off.

#### SIZE 6-12 ONLY

**Round 33** (K6, k2tog) 10 times. [70 sts]  
Knit 2 rounds.

**Round 36** (K5, k2tog) 10 times. [60 sts]  
Knit 2 rounds.

**Round 39** (K4, k2tog) 10 times. [50 sts]  
Knit 2 rounds.

**Round 42** (K3, k2tog) 10 times. [40 sts]  
Knit 2 rounds.

**Round 45** (K2, k2tog) 10 times. [30 sts]  
Knit 2 rounds.

**Round 48** (K1, k2tog) 10 times. [20 sts]  
Knit 1 round.

**Round 50** K2tog 10 times. [10 sts]  
Break off yarn, thread through stitches and fasten off.

#### SIZE 1-2 ONLY

**Row 36** (K6, k2tog) 11 times. [77 sts]  
Knit 2 rounds

**Row 39** (K5, k2tog) 11 times. [66 sts]  
Knit 2 rounds

**Row 42** (K4, k2tog) 11 times. [55 sts]  
Knit 2 rounds

**Row 45** (K3, k2tog) 11 times. [44 sts]  
Knit 2 rounds.

**Row 48** (K2, k2tog) 11 times. [33 sts]  
Knit 2 rounds.

**Row 51** (K1, k2tog) 11 times. [22 sts]  
Knit 1 round.

Pin the ears on before sewing them in place.



## HOW TO... MAKE 1 INCREASE

This is one way to increase by a stitch and is usually abbreviated as m1.



**1** Knit the number of stitches the pattern requires you to do before the increase. Now insert the point of the right-hand needle under the loop or line of yarn that lies between the two stitches.



**2** Now wind the yarn around the point of the needle as you would for a knit stitch.



**3** Pull the point of the needle through the stitch, making sure to catch the yarn on the tip of the right-hand needle.



**4** Pull the stitch all the way through and you will now have an extra stitch on your right-hand needle. Keep knitting across the row until you need to increase again or reach the end.

# Pattern Info

## Abbreviations

- k2tog** knit two together
- M1** make one
- p2tog** purl two together
- PM** place marker
- PSSO** pass slipped stitch over
- sl1** slip one stitch knitwise
- sl1P** slip one stitch purlwise, picking up the back of the stitch to tighten it
- SSK** slip, slip, knit

Stuff the dino spikes firmly so they don't flop over.



Take time attaching the spikes – you want them to look neat.

Place the start/end of the round at the back of the head.



**Row 53** (K2tog) 11 times. [11 sts]  
Break off yarn, thread through sts and fasten off.

### BUNNY EARS

Make two in MC with 4mm needles.  
Make two in CC with 3½mm needles.

**Cast on** 9 sts.

**Row 1 and every alt row** Sl 1, purl to end.

**Row 2** Sl 1, knit to end

**Row 4** Sl 1, K3, M1, K1, M1, K4. [11 sts]

**Row 6** As row 2

**Row 8** Sl 1, K4, M1, K1, M1, K5. [13 sts]

**Row 10** As row 2.

**Row 12** As row 2.

**Row 14** As row 2.

**Row 16** Sl 1, K3, SSK, K1, K2tog, K4. [11 sts]

**Row 18** As row 2.

**Row 20** Sl 1, K2, SSK, K1, K2tog, K3. [9 sts]

**Row 22** As row 2.

**Row 24** Sl 1, K1, SSK, K1, K2tog, K2. [7 sts]

**Row 26** As row 2

**Row 28** Sl 1, SSK, K1, K2tog, K1. [5 sts]

**Row 30** SSK, K1, K2tog. [3 sts]

**Row 31** Sl 1, P2tog, PSSO.

Fasten off remaining stitch

### PIGLET EARS

Make two in MC with 4mm needles.  
Make two in CC with 3½mm needles.

**Cast on** 9 sts.

**Row 1 and every alt row** Sl 1, purl to end.

**Row 2** Sl 1, knit to end.

**Row 4** As row 2.

**Row 6** Sl 1, K3, M1, K1, M1, K4. [11 sts]

**Row 8** Sl 1, K4, M1, K1, M1, K5. [13 sts]

**Row 9** Sl 1, knit to end.

**Row 10** Sl 1, K3, SSK, K1, K2tog, K4. [11 sts]

**Row 12** Sl 1, K2, SSK, K1, K2tog, K3. [9 sts]

**Row 14** Sl 1, K1, SSK, K1, K2tog, K2. [7 sts]

**Row 16** Sl 1, SSK, K1, K2tog, K1. [5 sts]

**Row 18** SSK, K1, K2tog. [3 sts]

**Row 19** Sl 1, P2tog, PSSO.

Fasten off remaining stitch.

### BEAR EARS

Make two in MC with 4mm needles.  
Make two in CC with 3½mm needles.

**Cast on** 9 sts.

**Row 1 and every alt row** Sl 1, purl to end.

**Row 2** Sl 1, K3, M1, K1, M1, K4. [11 sts]

**Row 4** Sl 1, K4, M1, K1, M1, K5. [13 sts]

**Rows 6 & 8** Sl 1, knit to end

**Row 10** Sl 1, K3, SSK, K1, K2tog, K4. [11 sts]

**Row 12** Sl 1, K2, SSK, K1, K2tog, K3. [9 sts]

**Row 14** Sl 1, K1, SSK, K1, K2tog, K2. [7 sts]

**Row 15** Sl 1, cast off purlwise.

### TRIANGLE HEAD PIECES

**Chick** Using CC, make one in large size, and two small.

**Cat** Using MC, make two in large size.

**Dino** Using CC, make three in large size.

**Cast on** 20 (24) sts using 3½mm DPNs and join to knit in the round.

Knit 4 rounds, placing markers at sts 1 and 11 (13).

**Row 5** K1, SSK, K4 (6), k2tog, K2, SSK, K4 (6), k2tog, K1 [16 (20) sts]

**Row 6** Knit.

**Row 7** K1, SSK, K2 (4), k2tog, K2, SSK, K2 (4), k2tog, K1. [12 (16) sts]

**Row 8** Knit

### SMALL SIZE ONLY

**Row 9** K1, SSK, k2tog, K2, SSK, k2tog, K1 [8 sts]

### LARGE SIZE ONLY

**Row 9** K1, SSK, K2, k2tog, K2, SSK, K2, k2tog, K1 [12 sts]

**Row 10** Knit

**Row 11** K1, SSK, k2tog, K2, SSK, k2tog, K1. [8 sts]



If the family has a cat, knit the cat hat to match the pet!

Graft remaining 8 sts together to form a triangular shape.

### TO MAKE UP

Sew in ends of hat.

For Bunny, Bear and Piglet ears, sew wrong sides together using MC yarn. Turn right sides out and lightly stuff with toy stuffing. Block gently. Pin in place on hat using image as a guide. Sew front to hat using CC and back to hat using MC.

For Cat, Dino and Chick, block appendages gently and stuff firmly. Pin in place on hat using image as a guide. Sew to hat using CC.

## HOW TO... KNIT WITH 4 DPNS

Use this technique to knit the hat. You'll soon pick it up!



**1** Cast a third of the stitches onto each needle, leaving them hanging as you go.



**2** Your three needles will look like this.



**3** With needles in a triangle and base of sts facing the middle, place a marker after the last stitch and pull the yarn through it.



**4** Knit into the first stitch with the 4th needle holding the yarn taut. When 1st needle is empty, use it as your working needle.

The hats make great stashbusting projects.

