# Peter Rabbit Creme Egg Cover



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This Peter Rabbit holds a classic Creme Egg.

He makes a delightful little Easter gift or Springtime chocolate favour for bunny lovers everywhere.

Peter Rabbit measures 11cm (including ears).

Body space for chocolate egg measures 7cm.

# YOU WILL NEED:

A pair of 4mm knitting needles.

Oddments of double knitting yarn in brown, white, light blue and black.

Tiny amount of toy stuffing for head.

White felt crafting pompom, 10mm in size, for bunny bobtail.

Textile glue.

# PETER RABBIT COVER

Using 4mm needles and brown yarn, cast on 20 sts.

**1st Row** - With brown Knit 7, with white Knit 6, with a separate ball of brown Knit 7, twisting yarn when changing colours to avoid holes in your knitting.

Beginning with a Purl row, Stocking Stitch 15 rows, working centre 6 sts in white yarn for tummy.

Break off white and continue in brown.

Next Row - Knit 7, (Knit 2 tog) three times, Knit 7 - 17 sts.

Next Row - (Purl 2 tog) 8 times, Purl 1 - 9 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long loose end, thread through remaining 9 stitches, gather up tightly and fasten off.

# HEAD

Using brown yarn, cast on 16 sts.

Beginning with a Knit row, Stocking Stitch 7 rows.

Break off brown and join on white yarn.

Purl 1 row.

Next Row - Knit 1, (Knit 1, Knit 2 tog) to end - 11 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long loose end, thread through remaining 11 stitches, gather up tightly and fasten off.

#### EARS – Make 2

Using brown yarn, cast on 2 sts. Knit into the front and back of every stitch - 4 sts. Knit 8 rows in Garter Stitch. Cast off.

#### PAWS – Make 2

Using light blue yarn for arm, cast on 6 sts.

Beginning with a Knit row, Stocking Stitch 5 rows, so ending with a Knit row.

Knit 1 row.

Break off light blue and join on brown yarn for paw.

Beginning with a Knit row, Stocking Stitch 2 rows.

Next Row - (Knit 2 tog) to end - 3 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long loose end, thread through remaining 3 stitches, gather up tightly and fasten off.

#### JACKET

#### Beginning at collar;

Using light blue, cast on 16 sts, leaving a long length of yarn.

Knit 2 rows in Garter Stitch.

Row 3 - (Knit 1, Knit into the front and back of next stitch) to end - 24 sts.

Row 4 - Knit 2, Purl 20, Knit 2 - 24 sts.

Row 5 - Knit.

Row 6 - Knit 2, Purl 20, Knit 2 - 24 sts.

**Row 7 -** Knit.

Row 8 - Knit 2, Purl 20, Knit 2 - 24 sts.

**Row 9 -** Knit.

Row 10 - Knit 2, Purl 20, Knit 2 - 24 sts.

Knit 2 rows in Garter Stitch.

Cast off.

# TO MAKE UP

Over-sew row ends of rabbit cover, leaving cast-on edge open for chocolate egg, and turn right side out.

Join row ends of head and turn right side out. Stuff firmly, then over-sew caston edge closed. Securely sew head to top of body cover so cast-on seam is at back of head and row ends seam is hidden underneath.

Pinch cast-off edge of each ear together to create a tuck and secure with a stitch or two. Sew ears to top of head with tuck at the base.

Stretch cast-on edge of jacket around rabbit where head meets body and sew ends of collar together with a few stitches at row ends, using reserved length of yarn. Jacket should be a snug fit.

With wrong sides together, join row ends and cast-on edge of each paw. Do not stuff. Sew a paw to either side of jacket, stitching right through to body, with seam on the underside.

Using black yarn, embroider two eyes and a V-shaped nose onto rabbit face, as shown.

Stick a mini white pompom to rear of rabbit for tail, just beneath jacket edge, using suitable glue.

Insert Creme Egg pointed end first into opening left in Peter Rabbit.

