Bunny Pillow Pal

Kids will love having this stuffed bunny friend that can also be used as a pillow. Knit it in a child's favorite color. It's great for napping, to take on vacation or for visits to relatives.

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Pillow measures 21" high x 19" wide.

RED HEART® "Super Saver®": 2 skeins 373 Petal Pink **A**, 1 skein 722 Pretty 'N Pink **B**.

Knitting Needles: 8mm [US 11].
Double Pointed Knitting Needles: 8mm [US 11].
Circular Knitting Needle: 8mm [US 11] – 24".
Yarn needle, stitch marker, soft standard pillow, two 1½" buttons, stuffing, Velcro hook and loop fastener, sewing thread and needle.

GAUGE: 12 sts = 4"; 16 rows = 4" in St st using double strand of yarn. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.**

NOTE: Pillow insert used is a soft standard size pillow. Due to differences in pillow stuffing and size, check cover for fit before finishing off.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS
inc (increase) = Knit in front and back of next st.
dec (decrease) = K2tog.
ssk (slip, slip, knit) = slip next 2 sts knitwise, one at a time, to right needle, insert tip of left needle into these 2 sts from the front and knit together.

PILLOW PAL
Head
Using **A** held double and double pointed needles, cast on 6 sts; join to work in a circle being careful not to twist sts.
Round 1: [Inc] 6 times – 12 sts.
Round 2: [K1, inc] 6 times – 18 sts.
Round 3: [K2, inc] 6 times – 24 sts.
Round 4: [K3, inc] 6 times – 30 sts.
Round 5: [K4, inc] 6 times – 36 sts.
Round 6: [K5, inc] 6 times – 42 sts.
Round 7: [K6, inc] 6 times – 48 sts.
Round 8: [K7, inc] 6 times – 54 sts.
Round 9: [K8, inc] 6 times – 60 sts.
Rounds 10-18: Knit.
Round 19: [K8, dec] 6 times – 54 sts.
Round 20: [K7, dec] 6 times – 48 sts.
Round 21: [K6, dec] 6 times – 42 sts.
Rounds 22-37: Knit.
Round 38: [K5, dec] 6 times – 36 sts.
Round 39: [K4, dec] 6 times – 30 sts.
Round 40: [K3, dec] 6 times – 24 sts.
Round 41: [K2, dec] 6 times – 18 sts.
Stuff head firmly.
Round 41: [K1, dec] 6 times – 12 sts.
Finish stuffing. Bind off. Weave yarn tail through sts to close hole.

Ears (Make 2)
Using **A** held double and knitting needles, cast on 3 sts.
Rows 1, 3, 5: Purl.
Row 2: [Inc] 3 times – 6 sts.
Row 4: [Inc] twice, K2, [inc] twice – 10 sts.
Row 6: Inc, K8, inc – 12 sts.
Rows 7-13: Work even in St st, end Purl row.
Row 14: Ssk, K8, dec – 10 sts.

Rows 15-21: Work even in St st, end Purl row.
Row 22: Ssk, K6, dec – 8 sts.
Row 23: Purl.
Bind off, leaving long tail for sewing.

Inner Ear (Make 2)
Using **B** held double and knitting needles, cast on 2 sts.
Rows 1, 3, 5: Purl.
Row 2: [Inc] twice – 4 sts.
Row 4: [Inc] 4 times – 8 sts.
Row 6: Inc, K6, inc – 10 sts.
Rows 7-13: Work even in St st, end Purl row.
Row 14: Ssk, K6, dec – 8 sts.
Rows 15-21: Work even in St st, end Purl row.
Row 22: Ssk, K4, dec – 6 sts.
Row 23: Purl.
Bind off, leaving long tail for sewing.

Pillow Cover
Using **A** held double and circular knitting needle, cast on 92 sts. Join to work in the round taking care that sts are not twisted. Knit 82 rounds. Bind off.

Closing Strap
Using **A** held double and knitting needles, cast on 18 sts. Knit 10 rows. Bind off, leaving long tail for attaching to pillow cover.

FINISHING
With wrong sides together, pin inner ear to outer ear. Sew together. Sew ears to top of head as pictured, pinching together at the base to form fold in ear. This will help them stand upright.

Sew the buttons onto the face as pictured. Using **B**, embroider nose with Satin stitch.

Sew end seam of pillow cover closed. Insert pillow and close opposite seam.

Working along the short sides of the rectangular pillow, locate the midpoint. Pin the closing strap at this midpoint and attach securely by sewing using yarn tail. On the opposite side sew a 2" wide piece of loop side of the Velcro to the pillow cover using matching sewing thread and a sharp needle. Sew hook part of the Velcro along the end of the strap.

Working along the longer side of the rectangular pillow, locate the midpoint of the pillow and attach the head securely using yarn and yarn needle.

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ABBREVIATIONS: A, **B** = color A, B; **K** = knit; **mm** = millimeters; **P** = purl; **St st** = Stockinette stitch (Knit on right side rows; Purl on wrong side rows.); **st(s)** = stitch (es); **tog** = together; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.