darling panda

The panda hat, mittens, and booties are straightforward to knit and look incredibly cute. You'll knit the eyes and ears and use embroidery for the nose and pupils.

COVERALL HAT, MITTENS, AND BOOTIES LEVEL: intermediate

6-12 months (12-24 months, 2-3 years)
Finished measurements

From "cheek to cheek" around the hat:

14 (14.5, 15)in. (36 [37, 38]cm)

Mitten circumference: 51/2 (6, 61/2)in. (13.75 [15, 16.25]cm)

Mitten length: 5½ (6½, 7)in. (14 [16.5, 18]cm)

Booties heel to toe:

3 (3 3/5, 4)in. (7.5 [9, 11]cm)

MATERIALS

HAT Yarn:

Color A: 1 x 3oz (85g) ball (135yd/123m) Lion Brand Jiffy Yarn, 100% acrylic,

Color B: 1 x 3oz (85g) ball (135yd/123m) Lion Brand Jiffy Yarn, 100% acrylic,

Needles:

- •1 pair of US 3 (3.25mm) needles
- •US 3 (3.25mm) circular needles
- Stitch marker
- •US C-2 (2.75mm) crochet hook
- Yarn needle

MITTENS Main yarn:

Color A: 1 x 3oz (85g) ball (135yd/123m) Lion Brand Jiffy Yarn, 100% acrylic, Black

Small amount:

Color B: Lion Brand Jiffy Yarn, 100% acrylic,

Needles:

- •4 x US 0 (2mm) double-pointed needles
- ullet 4 x US 3 (3.25mm) double-pointed needles
- •US C-2 (2.75mm) crochet hook
- Yarn needle

BOOTIES

Main yarn:

Color A:1x 3oz (85g) ball (135yd/123m) Lion Brand Jiffy Yarn, 100% acrylic, Black Small amount:

Color B: Lion Brand Jiffy Yarn, 100% acrylic,

Needles:

- •4 x US 3 (3.25mm) double-pointed needles
- •US C-2 (2.75mm) crochet hook
- Yarn needle

GAUGE

16 sts and 25 rows. 4in./10cm square in stockinette stitch worked with US 3 (3.25mm) needles.

19 sts and 28 rows. 4in./10cm square in k1, p1 rib worked with US 3 (3.25mm) needles.

The long cuffs on the mittens keep hands and wrists warm.

HAT

Using a pair of US 3 (3.25mm) needles and A, cast on 57 (61, 65) sts.

Rows 1-6 (6, 6): K1, p1 rib.

Rows 7- 30 (30, 32): Work in stockinette stitch, starting with a k row.

Row 31 (31, 33): K18 (19, 21), k2tog, k17 (19, 19), k2tog, turn. 55 (59, 63) sts.

Row 32 (32, 34): SI, p17 (19, 19), p2tog, turn. 54 (58, 62) sts.

Row 33 (33, 35): SI, k17 (19, 19), k2tog, turn. 53

Rep. rows 32 (32, 34) and 33 (33, 35) to row 54 (56, 62), 32 (34, 34) sts.

Row 55 (57, 63): SI, *p1, k1* rep. from * to * 8 (9, 9) times, p1, k2tog, turn. 31 (33, 33) sts.

Row 56 (58, 64): SI, *k1, p1* rep. from * to * 8 (9, 9) times, k1, p2tog, turn. 30 (32, 32) sts. Rep. rows 55 (57, 63) and 56 (58, 64) to row 66 (68, 74), 20 (22, 22) sts.

Neck ruff

Switch to US 3 (3.25mm) circular needles and B. Place a marker at the beginning of the round. Round 67 (69, 75): SI, *p1, kI* rep. from * to * 8 (9, 9) times, p1, k2tog, pick up 13 (12, 12) sts on one side of the hat, cast on 7 (7, 7) sts, join to work in the round, being careful not to twist, pick up 13 (12, 12) sts on the other side of the hat. 52 (52, 52) sts.

Rounds 68-77 (70-81, 76-89): K1, p1 rib. Round 78 (82, 90): K2 (3, 3), yo, k2, yo, k11 (11, 11), yo, k2, yo, k11 (11, 11), yo, k2, yo, k11 (11, 11), yo, k2, yo, k9 (8, 8), 60 (60, 60) sts.

Round 79 (83, 91): K3 (4, 4), yo, k2, yo, k13 (13, 13), yo, k2, yo, k10 (9, 9). 68 (68, 68) sts.

Round 80 (84, 92): K4 (5, 5), yo, k2, yo, k15 (15, 15), yo, k2, yo, k11 (10, 10). 76 (76, 76) sts.

Round 81 (85, 93): K5 (6, 6), yo, k2, yo, k17 (17, 17), yo, k2, yo, k17 (17, 17), yo, k2, yo, k17 (17, 17), yo, k2, yo, k12 (11, 11). 84 (84, 84) sts.

Round 82 (86, 94): K6 (7, 7), yo, k2, yo, k19 (19, 19), yo, k2, yo, k19 (19, 19), yo, k2, yo, k19 (19, 19), yo, k2, yo, k13 (12, 12), 92 (92, 92) sts.

Round 83 (87, 95): K7 (8, 8), yo, k2, yo, k21 (21, 21), yo, k2, yo, k21 (21, 21), yo, k2, yo, k21 (21, 21), yo, k2, yo, k14 (13, 13). 100 (100, 100) sts.

Round (88, 96) (two larger sizes only): K (9, 9), yo, k2, yo, k (23, 23), yo, k2, yo, k (14, 14). (108, 108) sts.



The two-tone mittens complement the hat beautifully.



Round (89, 97) (two larger sizes only): K (10, 10), vo. k2, vo. k (25, 25), vo. k2, vo. k (25, 25), vo. k2, yo, k (25, 25), yo, k2, yo, k (15, 15). (116, 116) sts. Round (98) (largest size only): K (11), yo, k2, yo, k (27), yo, k2, yo, k (27), yo, k2, yo, k (27), yo, k2, vo. k (16), (124) sts.

Round (99) (largest size only): K (12), yo, k2, yo, k (29), yo, k2, yo, k (29), yo, k2, yo, k (29), yo, k2, yo, k (17). (132) sts.

Rounds 84-89 (90-95, 100-105) (all sizes): K1, p1 rib.

Bind off. Weave in ends.

Ears (make 2)

Using a pair of US 3 (3.25mm) needles and B, cast on 23 sts, leaving an 8in./20cm tail for sewing the ears in place.

Rows 1-5: K1, p1 rib.

Cut tail long enough to weave in. Pull through all 23 stitches and remove them from needle. Pull the tail tightly and secure. Make a strong knot.

Eyes (make 2)

With a US C-2 (2.75mm) crochet hook and B, ch4. Join with sI st to form ring.

Row 1: Ch3, 13dc in ring, join with sl st on top of the first 3ch stitches. 14dc.

Finish off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

FINISHING

1 Using B, embroider the nose in the middle of the hat's rib, at approximately the third and fourth rows. The nose is made of three straight lines: long, medium, and short.

2 Sew the ears to the hat in the position shown. 3 Sew the eyes to the hat as shown and embroider two small pupils in satin stitch, one

for each eye, using A.

4 Weave in ends.

MITTENS

(MAKE 2)

Cuff

Using US 0 (2mm) double-pointed needles and B. cast on 22 (24, 26) sts and divide evenly among 3 needles. Join to work in the round, being careful not to twist. Place a marker at the beginning of the round

Rounds 1-10 (1-12, 1-14): Work in k1, p1 rib.

Thumb gusset

Switch to US 3 (3.25mm) double-pointed needles to work rest of mitten.

Round 1: M1R, knit to end of round. 23 (25, 27) sts.

Round 2: Knit

Round 3: M1R, k1, M1L, knit to end of round, 25 (27, 29) sts.

Round 4: Knit

Round 5: M1R, k3, M1L, knit to end of round. 27 (29, 31) sts.

Round 6: Knit.

Round 7: M1R, k5, M1L, knit to end of round. 29 (31, 33) sts.

Round 8: Knit

Round 9 (two larger sizes only): M1R. k7. M1L. knit to end of round. (33, 35) sts.

Round 9 (9, 9) (10, 10): K1, place 7 (9, 9) thumb stitches on waste yarn. Rejoin to work hand stitches in the round, k21 (23, 25). 22 (24, 26) sts. Switch to A.

Rounds 10-22 (11-26, 11-28): Knit.

Closing up the top

Round 23 (27, 29): K2tog to end of round. 11 (12,

Round 24 (28, 30): Knit.

Round 25 (29, 31): K2tog to end of round. (If you

get to the end of the round with only one stitch left, knit it.) 6 (6, 7) sts.

Cut a tail long enough to weave in. Pull it through all the stitches and remove them from the needles. Pull the tail tightly and secure. Weave in ends.

Thumb

Switch to B.

Place 7 (9, 9) stitches from waste yarn onto US 3 (3.25mm) double-pointed needles. Rejoin yarn and pick up one extra stitch in the corner where the mitten meets the gusset. Place a marker at the beginning of the round. 8 (10, 10) sts.

Rounds 1-6 (1-6, 1-8): Knit.

Round 7 (7, 9): K2tog to end of round. 4 (5, 5) sts. Finish as for mitten Closing up the top.

Eyes and ears (make 8)

With a US C-2 (2.75mm) crochet hook and B: ch4. Join with sl st to form ring.

Round 1: 7sc into ring.

End with sl st in next st to join.

Fasten off, leaving a tail long enough for sewing.

FINISHING

1 Sew the eyes onto the mittens.

2 With A embroider two small pupils (highlights) in satin stitch.

3 Sew the ears onto the mittens.

4 With B embroider the nose in satin stitch.

5 Weave in ends.

BOOTTES

(MAKE 2)

Using US 3 (3.25mm) double-pointed needles and B, cast on 24 (26, 28) sts and divide evenly among 3 double-pointed needles. Join to work in the round, being careful not to twist. Place a marker at the beginning of the round.

Rounds 1-10 (1-12, 1-14): Work in k1, p1 rib. Rounds 11-13 (13-15, 15-17): Knit.

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Row 14 (16, 18): K12 (13, 14), turn. Row 15 (17, 19): P12 (13, 14), turn.

Rep. rows 14 (16, 18) and 15 (17, 19) to row 19 (21 23)

Row 20 (22, 24): K2, k2tog, k4 (5, 6), k2tog, turn. 22 (24, 26) sts.

Row 21 (23, 25): SI, p4 (5, 6), p2tog, turn. 21 (23, 25) sts.

Row 22 (24, 26): SI, k4 (5, 6), k2tog, turn. 20 (22, 24) sts.

Row 23 (25, 27): SI, p4 (5, 6), p2tog, turn. 19 (21, 23) sts.

Work in rounds from now on.

Row 24 (26, 28): Sl. k4 (5, 6), k2tog, pick up 3 sts down side of heel, k12 (13, 14). 21 (23, 25) sts. Row 25 (27, 29): Pick up 3 sts up side of heel, k21 (23, 25), 24 (26, 28) sts.

Rounds 26-28 (28-34, 30-40): Knit. Switch to A. Rounds 29-40 (35-46, 41-52): Knit.

Closing up the toe

Round 41 (47, 53): K2tog to end of round. 12 (13, 14) sts.

Round 42 (48, 54): Knit.

Round 43 (49, 55): K2tog to end of round. (If you get to the end of the round with only one stitch left, knit it.) 6 (7, 7) sts.

Cut a tail long enough to weave in. Pull through all stitches and remove them from the needles. Pull the tail tightly and secure.

Eyes and ears (make 8)

Make the same as for the Mittens.

FINISHING

1 Sew the eves onto the booties.

2 With A embroider two small pupils (highlights) in satin stitch.

3 Sew the ears onto the booties.

4 With B embroider the nose in satin stitch.

5 Weave in ends.



Perfect for winter evenings at home, the little booties complete the outfit.