Bodacious Bunny Baby Set

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Sheila, a leading sweater designer and owner of One World Button Supply Co., cites her inspiration for this sweater: “It just seemed natural to me that the soft and fuzzy angora/lambswool blend felt like a bunny rabbit, and what baby wouldn’t want one?”

**Skill Level**
Easy

**Sizes**
Instructions are for infant size 3-6 months. Changes for 9 and 18 months are in parentheses. Shown in size 9 months.

**Finished Measurements**
- **Chest** 21 (22 1/2, 24)/53.5 (57, 61)cm
- **Length** 11 1/2 (12 1/2, 14)/29 (31.5, 35.5)cm

**Yarn**
ANGEL by Lorna’s Laces Hand-Dye Yarns, 1/2oz/14.25g skeins, each approx 50yd/44cm (70% angora/30% lambswool) or a medium weight yarn

**Needles & Notions**

**Sweater**
- One pair each sizes 5 and 7 (3.75 and 4.5mm) needles or needed to obtain gauge
- Size 7 (4.5mm) circular needle, 16”/40cm long
- Tapestry needle

**Bunny**
- One set (4) size 4 (3.5mm) double-pointed needles (dpns) for bunny (Note: Short wooden ones work best with the small number of stitches.)
- Two large safety pins for stitch holders
- Stitch marker
- Washable stuffing
- Tapestry needle

**Gauge**
22 sts and 28 rows = 4”/10cm over St st using larger needles. Adjust the needle size as necessary to obtain correct gauge.
INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SWEATER

Back
With smaller needles and MC, CO 58 (62, 66) sts. Work in k2, p2 rib for 1 1/2/7 cm, end with a WS row. Change to larger needles and knit across row, inc 0 (2, 4) sts evenly spaced—58 (64, 70) sts. Cont in St st until piece measures 11/12 (12), 1 1/2/7 28.5 (31, 34) cm, end with a WS row.

Neck shaping
Next row (RS) Work across first 15 (18, 21) sts, join a 2nd half of MC and BO center 28 sts for back neck, work to end. Working both sides at the same time, dec 1 st from each neck edge once—14 (17, 20) sts each side. Work even until piece measures 11/12 (1 1/2, 1 4/7) 29 (31.5, 35.5) cm from beg. BO all sts each side.

Front
Work as for back until piece measures 9 (10 1/2, 12 1/2) /20 cm, end with a WS row.

Neck shaping
Next row (RS) Work across first 19 (22, 25) sts, join a 2nd skinn of MC and BO center 20 sts for front neck, work to end. Working both sides at the same time, dec 1 st from each neck edge once—14 (17, 20) sts each side. Work even until piece measures 11/12 (1 1/2, 1 4/7) 29 (31.5, 35.5) cm from beg. BO all sts each side.

Sleeves
With smaller needles and MC, CO 26 (30, 38) sts. Work in k2, p2 rib for 1 3/4/5 cm. Change to larger needles. Cont in St st and inc 1 st each side every 4th row 4 (4, 8) times, then every 6th row 4 (4, 5) times—42 (46, 64) sts. Work even until piece measures 7/8 (8/10, 10/3) 29 (21.5, 25.5) cm from beg or desired length. BO all sts.

Pocket
With larger needles and MC, CO 22 sts. Work in St st for 3 1/4/5.5 cm. BO all sts.

FINISHING
Block pieces gently to avoid felting the angora. Sew shoulder seams.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE BUNNY

Neckband
With RS facing, circular needle and MC, pick up and k 86 (86, 90) sts evenly spaced around neck edge. Work around in k2, p2 rib for 1 7/8/2 cm. BO all sts loosely in rib.

Ears
With dpns, CO 6 sts (2 sts on each needle). Join and pm to indicate beg of rnd. Knit 10 rnds. Bind off all sts.

FINISHING
Close small opening between legs with tail. Stuff legs, body, head and arms. Sew each “hand” opening closed, then sew open end of arms to armpits. Sew on ears approx. 1 7/8/2 cm below top of head. With a tapestry needle, run loose yarn tails inside body.

Embroidery
With MC, embroider face, then duplicate stitch or overcast stitch. Embroider y legs, body, head and arms. Sew each “hand” opening closed, then sew open end of arms to armpits. Sew on ears approx. 1 7/8/2 cm below top of head. With a tapestry needle, run loose yarn tails inside body.

FINISHING
Block pieces gently to avoid felting the angora. Sew shoulder seams.