

Koala



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When I first drew this design, as with all my designs, I didn't follow a picture or do any research on actual koalas. Big mistake, as it turns out that koalas don't have tails! When I tried to check this out, I couldn't find any pictures of koalas that showed their backsides, however, Maria, who lives in Australia, assures me that they don't. I guess I just assumed that such a cute creature would have a cute tail. In any event, I have performed a "tail-ectomy" and you can now either decide if you want to knit my "New England" version of a koala, as shown in the picture, or an anatomically correct one!

Size: approximately 8" X 8 ¼ ".

Materials: One skein of worsted weight cotton in a solid color. Approximately 98 yards. The cloth pictured was done in Peaches & Crème in Silver Gray.

Needles: U.S. Size 6/4.0mm or 5/3.75mm Because this is a "picture" cloth, you want your fabric to be fairly dense so the design will pop out. If you are a loose knitter, then you might want to drop down a needle size.

Gauge: 4.5 sts. per inch, not critical.

Abbreviations:

k = knit

p = purl
sts. = stitches

Pattern:

Cast on 37 stitches

Rows 1 – 7: (k1, p1) across row.

*Row 8: (wrong side) (k1, p1) x4; k1; p19; k1; (p1, k1) x4.

Row 9: (k1, p1) x4; k21; (p1, k1) x4.

Row 10: (k1, p1) x3; k1; p23; k1; (p1, k1) x3.

Row 11: (k1, p1) x3; k7; p7; k1; p5; k5; (p1, k1) x3.

Row 12: (k1, p1) x2; k1; (p5, k1) x2; (p7, k1) x2; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 13: (k1, p1) x2; k7; p1; k15; p1; k5; (p1, k1) x2.

PLEASE NOTE: If you want to knit my “New England” version of a koala complete with a tail, and as pictured, knit the following Rows 14 – 20:

Row 14: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p3; k1; p16; k4; p3; k1; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 15: (k1, p1) x2; (k3, p1) x2; k16; p1; k4; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 16: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p3; k1; p16; k1; p6; k1; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 17: (k1, p1) x2; (k3, p1) x2; k8; p3; k5; p1; k4; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 18: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p3; k1; p2; k3; p11; k1; p6; k1; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 19: (k1, p1) x2; k3; p1; k2; p2; k11; p1; k1; p3; k5; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 20: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p8; k1; p11; k1; p1; k2; p3; k1; (p1, k1) x2.

If you want to knit an anatomically correct Koala, knit the following Rows 14 – 20 that are highlighted in red:

Row 14: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p3; k1; p16; k1; p6; k1; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 15: $(k_1, p_1) x_2; k_7; p_1; k_{16}; p_1; k_4; (p_1, k_1) x_2.$

Row 16: $(k_1, p_1) x_2; k_1; p_3; k_1; p_{16}; k_1; p_6; k_1; (p_1, k_1) x_2.$

Row 17: $(k_1, p_1) x_2; k_7; p_1; k_8; p_3; k_5; p_1; k_4; (p_1, k_1) x_2.$

Row 18: $(k_1, p_1) x_2; k_1; p_3; k_1; p_2; k_3; p_{11}; k_1; p_6; k_1; (p_1, k_1) x_2.$

Row 19: $(k_1, p_1) x_2; k_7; p_1; k_{11}; p_1; k_1; p_3; k_5; (p_1, k_1) x_2.$

Row 20: $(k_1, p_1) x_2; k_1; p_8; k_1; p_{11}; k_1; p_6; k_1; (p_1, k_1) x_2.$

Row 21: $(k_1, p_1) x_2; k_7; p_1; k_{11}; p_1; k_9; (p_1, k_1) x_2.$

Row 22: $(k_1, p_1) x_2; k_1; p_8; k_1; p_{11}; k_1; p_6; k_1; (p_1, k_1) x_2.$

Row 23: $(k_1, p_1) x_2; k_7; (p_1, k_{10}) x_2; (p_1, k_1) x_2.$

Row 24: $(k_1, p_1) x_2; k_1; p_6; k_6; p_8; k_1; p_6; k_1; (p_1, k_1) x_2.$

Row 25: $(k_1, p_1) x_2; k_8; p_1; k_{13}; p_1; k_6; (p_1, k_1) x_2.$

Row 26: $(k_1, p_1) x_2; k_1; p_4; k_1; p_{14}; k_1; p_7; k_1; (p_1, k_1) x_2.$

Row 27: $(k_1, p_1) x_2; k_8; p_1; k_{14}; p_1; k_5; (p_1, k_1) x_2.$

Row 28: $(k_1, p_1) x_2; k_1; p_4; k_1; p_3; k_2; (p_8, k_1) x_2; (p_1, k_1) x_2.$

Row 29: $(k_1, p_1) x_2; k_{10}; p_1; k_6; p_1; k_2; p_3; k_6; (p_1, k_1) x_2.$

Row 30: $(k_1, p_1) x_2; k_1; p_{10}; k_7; p_{10}; k_1; (p_1, k_1) x_2.$

Row 31: $(k_1, p_1) x_2; k_{10}; p_1; k_7; p_1; k_{10}; (p_1, k_1) x_2.$

Row 32: $(k_1, p_1) x_2; k_1; p_8; k_1; p_9; k_1; p_8; k_1; (p_1, k_1) x_2.$

Row 33: $(k_1, p_1) x_2; k_8; p_1; k_{10}; p_1; k_9; (p_1, k_1) x_2.$

Row 34: $(k_1, p_1) x_2; k_1; p_8; k_1; p_4; k_3; p_3; k_1; p_7; k_1; (p_1, k_1) x_2.$

Row 35: $(k_1, p_1) x_2; k_8; p_1; k_{10}; p_1; k_9; (p_1, k_1) x_2.$

Row 36: $(k_1, p_1) x_2; k_1; p_4; k_5; p_4; k_3; p_3; k_3; p_5; k_1; (p_1, k_1) x_2.$

Row 37: $(k_1, p_1) x_2; k_4; p_2; k_2; p_1; k_{10}; p_1; k_9; (p_1, k_1) x_2.$

Row 38: $(k_1, p_1) x_2; k_1; p_4; k_1; p_3; k_1; p_5; k_1; p_4; (k_1, p_3) x_2; k_1; (p_1, k_1) x_2.$

Row 39: $(k_1, p_1) x_2; k_4; p_1; k_3; p_1; k_{10}; p_1; k_9; (p_1, k_1) x_2.$

Row 40: $(k_1, p_1) x_2; k_1; (p_4, k_1) x_2; p_2; k_1; p_3; k_1; p_2; k_1; p_7; k_1; (p_1, k_1) x_2.$

Row 41: (k1, p1) x2; k4; p1; k3; p1; k9; p1; k3; p1; k6; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 42: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p9; k1; p8; k1; p3; k1; p4; k1; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 43: (k1, p1) x2; k10; p1; k6; p1; k4; p1; k6; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 44: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p4; k1; p5; k1; p6; (k1, p4) x2; k1; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 45: (k1, p1) x2; k4; p1; k5; p2; k4; p1; k1; p1; k10; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 46: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p4; k5; p3; k4; p2; k1; p8; k1; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 47: (k1, p1) x2; k4; p5; k20; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 48: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p27; k1; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 49: (k1, p1) x3; k25; (p1, k1) x3.

Row 50: (k1, p1) x3; k1; p23; k1; (p1, k1) x3.

Row 51: (k1, p1) x4; k21; (p1, k1) x4.

Rows 52 - 58: (k1, p1) across row.

Bind off in k1, p1 and weave in ends.

58	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	57
56	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	55
54	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	53
52	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	51
50	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	49
48	x	x	x														x	x	x	x	47
46	x	x	x		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	x	x	x	45
44	x	x	x		0		0			0		0		0		0	x	x	x	x	43
42	x	x	x			0					0			0		0	x	x	x	x	41
40	x	x	x		0		0		0		0		0		0		x	x	x	x	39
38	x	x	x		0		0			x		0		0		0	x	x	x	x	37
36	x	x	x		0	0	0	0	0	x	x	x		0	0	0	x	x	x	x	35
34	x	x	x			0		x	x	x			0		0	x	x	x	x	x	33
32	x	x	x		0						0			0		x	x	x	x	x	31
30	x	x	x				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	x	x	x	x	29
28	x	x	x		0		0	0				0			0	x	x	x	x	x	27
26	x	x	x		0							0			0	x	x	x	x	x	25
24	x	x	x			0	0	0	0	0	0			0		x	x	x	x	x	23
22	x	x	x				0					0			0	x	x	x	x	x	21
20	x	x	x					0					0	0	0	x	x	x	x	x	19
18	x	x	x		0		0	0					0		0	x	x	x	x	x	17
16	x	x	x		0				0				0		0	x	x	x	x	x	15
14	x	x	x		0					0			0	0	0	x	x	x	x	x	13
12	x	x	x			0		0			0			0		x	x	x	x	x	11
10	x	x	x	x				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	x	x	x	x	9
8	x	x	x	x	x										x	x	x	x	x	x	

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Note: This chart shows only Rows 8 – 58. Please refer to written pattern for additional rows.

58	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
56	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	57
54	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	55
52	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	53
50	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	51
48	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	49
46	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	47
44	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	45
42	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	43
40	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	41
38	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	39
36	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	35
34	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	33
32	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	31
30	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	29
28	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	27
26	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	25
24	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	23
22	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	21
20	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	19
18	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	17
16	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	15
14	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	13
12	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	11
10	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
8	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	

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