Koala

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.

(k1, p1) x2; k7; p1; 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; k7; p1; 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; k7; p1; k11; p1; k1; p3; k5; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 20: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p8; k1; p11; k1; p6; k1; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 21: (k1, p1) x2; k7; p1; k11; p1; k9; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 22: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p8; k1; p11; k1; p6; k1; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 23: (k1, p1) x2; k7; (p1, k10) x2; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 24: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p6; k6; p8; k1; p6; k1; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 25: (k1, p1) x2; k8; p1; k13; p1; k6; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 26: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p4; k1; p14; k1; p7; k1; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 27: (k1, p1) x2; k8; p1; k14; p1; k5; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 28: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p4; k1; p3; k2; (p8, k1) x2; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 29: (k1, p1) x2; k10; p1; k6; p1; k2; p3; k6; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 30: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p10; k7; p10; k1; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 31: (k1, p1) x2; k10; p1; k7; p1; k10; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 32: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p8; k1; p9; k1; p8; k1; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 33: (k1, p1) x2; k8; p1; k10; p1; k9; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 34: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p8; k1; p4; k3; p3; k1; p7; k1; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 35: (k1, p1) x2; k8; p1; k10; p1; k9; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 36: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p4; k5; p4; k3; p3; k3; p5; k1; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 37: (k1, p1) x2; k4; p2; k2; p1; k10; p1; k9; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 38: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p4; k1; p3; k1; p5; k1; p4; (k1, p3) x2; k1; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 39: (k1, p1) x2; k4; p1; k3; p1; k10; p1; k9; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 40: (k1, p1) x2; k1; (p4, k1) x2; p2; k1; p3; k1; p2; k1; p7; k1; (p1, k1) x2.

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.

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