

## Teddy Knitting Pattern

### **MATERIALS:**

**Yarn:** Double knitting or knitting worsted weight. If using finer yarns, use 2 or 3 strands.

Use small quantities of each for bear head, paws and feet; sweater, trousers and scarf. The brighter the colours, the livelier the bear will look. Using scraps, and left over or half skeins of materials are ideal for this project. Make them as colourful or as plain as you like - each bear you make will be one of a kind.

**Needles:** 8 or 9 inches long and the size you need to make the bear to the finished height.

**Stuffing:** Use only new, clean polyester fiberfill for stuffing the bears.

**Gauge:** The knitting must be tight enough that the stuffing will not come through. Make a little swatch and check for closeness of stitches. Change needles if necessary.

### **Finished measurements:**

Height of finished bear should be no larger than 25.5cm [10 inches] maximum.

### **VERY IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- **DO NOT USE BUTTONS, PINS OR OTHER LOOSE MATERIAL TO MAKE THE FACE.**
- **DO NOT USE FOAM RUBBER FOR STUFFING AS THE CHILD MAY CHEW IT.**

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Note: The entire bear is made in garter stitch unless specified otherwise.

Work begins at the bottom of the feet on the front (or back) and proceeds upward, over the head and down the back (or front) to the bottom of the feet.

**1st leg:** With bear colour, cast on 10 stitches and work for 10 rows (5 ribs).

Attach trouser colour and knit 30 rows (15 ribs). Put these stitches on a holder.

**2nd leg:** make as 1st leg; then knit across all 20 stitches for 16 rows for the pants.

Attach sweater colour and work for 16 rows. Attach bear colour and work in stocking stitch for approx. 16-18 rows (head).

**Body:** Continue down the back of the bear in reverse order, beginning with the sweater. With the right side of the stocking stitch out, fold the bear at the top of the head to form a front and back.

Sew diagonal at the top of each side of the head to form ears - do not stuff.

Embroider a "happy" face on side of the head making sure that teddy's "smile" is above the tied scarf. Use embroidery thread or yam for the face.

**1st sleeve:** With sweater colour and right side of bear facing you, pick up and knit 8 stitches on front of the sweater from about midpoint to the shoulder, then pick up 8 stitches on the back (16 stitches). Work 20 rows in sweater colour, then 10 rows in bear colour.

Work **2nd sleeve** as first, beginning at back.

**Scarf:** With scarf colour, cast on 75 stitches and knit 4 rows. Bind off.

### **Finishing:**

Turn the bear inside out and sew it up, leaving a small opening at the crotch for stuffing. Use clean padding such as cotton batting to stuff teddy. Please use a generous amount of stuffing. Draw a thread around the neck. Tie scarf around teddy's neck and tack it to the back of the neck.

We hope you enjoyed making a teddy.