

TEDDY BEAR PATTERN By Carol Levesque

Size: approx. 8 1/2 in.

Materials: Any soft worsted weight yarn. Takes approx. 3-4 oz
Size 8 straight knitting needles
Polyester fill
Tapestry needle

Gauge: gauge is not an issue for the teddy bear.

FRONT

Legs: with needle cast on 2sts. With 2nd ball of yarn cas on 2 more stitches. (both legs are worked at once) Working in garter stitch (knit every row) Inc. 1st . At each end of the nest 3 rows. - 8 sts. Work 15 rows even, end on WS.

Join Legs: Next row (RS) knit 8sts with first ball, cut second ball and knit the last 8sts with first ball - 16sts. Work even on 16sts for 5 rows end on WS. Dec. 1st at each end of next row. Knit 3 rows. Dec 1st at each end of next row - 12sts. Work even for 3 rows, end on WS.

Shape Arms: Cast on 6 sts at beg of next 2 rows - 24 stst. Inc. 1st at each end of next row. Knit 1 row. Inc 1st at each end of next row - 28 sts. Work 3 rows. Dec. 1 st at each end of next row. Knit 1 row. Dec. 1 st at each end of next row - 24sts. Knit 1 row. Bind off 8 sts at beg of next 2 rows - 8 sts.

Shape Head: Inc 1 st at each end of the next 5 rows - 18 sts. Work even for 10 rows. Dec 1st at each end of the next 5 rows - 8sts. Bind off remaining stitches.

Ears: Place markers at each end of the last group of sts bound off at top of head. Place second set or markers on each side of head 1" from first set.

Left Ear: with RS facing you, pick up 8sts between markers. Knit 4 rows. Next Row: K2tog K4 K2tog - 6 sts. Bind off all stitches. Work right ear.

Back: Same as front.

Finishing: with right sides together, overcast around bear leaving small opening between legs. Turn and stuff. Do not overfill. Overcast remaining area.

Scarf: with size 8 needles cast on 60 sts. Work 3 rows. Cast off loosely. If you want a wider scarf, knit more rows. Tack scarf at back of neck. If knitting for babies, tack back and front.

Note: Carol does not put faces on her bears. She's found that some children are afraid of them.



