



Large Teddy Pattern

Materials:

8 ply acrylic yarn, preferably a shade of brown or stone (acrylic is usually preferred in the Special Care Nurseries in case of allergy); size 3.75 knitting needles; polyester toy stuffing, black acrylic 8 ply yarn for face embroidery.

Pattern:

The bear is worked in stocking stitch and is knitted in one piece from the feet up, over the top of the head and down the other side to the feet again. A separate muzzle is added after the rest of the teddy is made up. The teddy will be approximately 34 centimetres tall.

Legs: Cast on 16 stitches and work 30 rows. Break off yarn and leave stitches on needle.

Next leg: Cast on another 16 stitches on the same needle and work another 30 rows.

Body: Knit across both legs (32 stitches) then work 23 more rows, a total of 24 rows.

Arms: Cast on 20 stitches at the beginning of next 2 rows (72 stitches). Work 16 more rows, then cast off 20 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows.

Head: Work 56 rows on remaining 32 stitches.

Second side of body: To make second side arms, cast on 20 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows (72 stitches). Work 16 more rows, then cast off 20 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows.

To make second side body, work 24 rows on remaining 32 stitches.

Second side legs: Work first 16 stitches, then work 29 more rows on these stitches, a total of 30 rows. Cast off. Return to remaining 16 stitches and work 30 rows on them. Cast off.



Muzzle: Cast on 24 stitches loosely. Work 4 rows. Next row knit 2 together across row. Break yarn, thread end through stitches and take off knitting needle. Pull tightly and sew side seam.

Making up: Fold knitting in half, right sides together, lining up sides. Sew around bear, leaving opening at lower side of head. When sewing top corners of head, round the corners slightly to form ears. Also round ends of each limb slightly. Turn inside out.

Form ears by stitching lines of small running stitches diagonally across top corners of head.

Stuff legs only. Sew diagonal lines of small running stitches from crotch to side of body at the top of both legs.

Stuff rest of body and head, making a rounded tummy, then sew up seam on side of head. Sew a line of gathering stitches in same yarn around the neck. Pull up tightly and secure.

Position muzzle on head just above neck. Stuff lightly and stitch in place.

Face: Using black wool make eyes just above muzzle. Make nose just above pulled up stitches of muzzle, with mouth underneath.

(The teddy will be completed with an orange and white Life's Little Treasures Foundation ribbon around the neck, at our office.)