



Knitted Bear designed by Sarah Bradberry

I designed this bear as my Christmas gift to the knitlist for 1998. You can kit him/her with any yarn you like, using needles that give you a very firm gauge so that the filling does not show through the fabric.

Materials

I used 60gm 8 ply (DK) @ approx 95m (110 yards) per 50gm ball and 3.25mm needles. My tension was 26sts and 52 rows to 4 inches over garter st on 3.25mm needles.

You can make this bear out of any yarn using needles 2 - 3 sizes smaller than those you would normally use for your chosen yarn

Pattern

Bear is knit entirely in garter stitch.

Legs, Body and Head: Make 1

Beginning at the top of the head, cast on 40sts and knit 32 rows.

Place a coloured thread in the middle (approximately) of the last row to show where the neck is.

Knit a further 34 rows (total 66 rows)

Put a coloured thread at each end of the last row to show where the body stops and the legs start.

Next row: Knit 20, turn

Knit a further 39 rows on these 20 sts. Cast off.

With right side facing, rejoin yarn to the other 20sts and knit 40 rows. Cast off

Arms: Make 2

Cast on 20sts and knit 40 rows. Cast off

Making Up

Fold the body in half and sew the back seam from the cast on edge to the row where you placed markers for the top of the legs.

Refold the body so that the seam you just sewed runs down the centre of the back and sew the inside leg and foot seams.

Stuff your teddy lightly and sew the top of the head closed, rounding the corners very slightly.

Sew across the corners of your teddy's head so that the corner points form ears. If you want your ears to stand out like those in the picture, gather around the bottom of each ear and pull slightly.

Gather around the neck on the row where you placed the marker for the neck.

Fold the arm pieces in half and sew the side and one end closed. Stuff very lightly, sew the remaining side closed and sew the arm to the body, just below the neck.

Put a ribbon around the neck and embroider face.

Pussy Cat Variation

When sewing ears, do not round off the corners.

Knit a length of i-cord and sew to the back of the toy, just above the top of the legs, for a tail.

Embroider the face as for the bear, but add whiskers.

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