

Knitted Bear Pattern

Materials

Size 7 needles
 4ply yarn (use worsted weight),
 machine washable, about 2-3 oz
 each of 3 colors
 MC=Main Color
 TC=Trouser Color
 SC=Sweater Color

Leg & trousers

Cast on 10 stitches in MC, knit 10 rows, change to TC and knit 20 rows, or knit 1 row, purl 1 row to get a stockinette trouser. Keeping first leg on the needles, knit a second leg in the same manner and then knit across all 20 stitches (both legs) and continue 16 rows for the trouser crotch.

Sweater

Change to SC and knit 20 rows (use your creativity here and experiment with stitch patterns).

Head

Change to MC and knit for 5½ inches. Stockinette stitch (knit 1 row, purl 1 row) makes a nice fabric for detailed faces, and garter (knit every row) makes a cute furry look. Now change to SC and reverse the steps to complete the rest of the teddy bear. (fig. 1)

Scarf

Cast on 60 stitches in SC or a contrasting color and knit for 3 rows. Bind off.

Putting it together and adding arms

Fold in half along the middle of the head section. Stitch together the sides of the head. With SC, pick up 8 stitches along the edge A&B (fig. 2) front and back for a total of 16 stitches. Knit 16 rows in your sweater color and pattern. Change to MC and knit 10 rows, bind off. Now sew up the side seams, leaving an opening at the crotch for stuffing. Use polyfill stuffing. Don't make them too fat or too stiff. Sew opening shut. Sew a running stitch around the neck and draw it up to shape the neck.

Face, scarf, tag

Embroider a face with yarn or embroidery floss. (See face ideas.) Sew diagonally across top corners of head and "pinch" ears for a rounded ear. Tie scarf around neck and anchor securely to back of neck.

Skirt options

Hold the bear with the feet facing away from you and pick up and knit 28 stitches evenly across the waist. Purl 1 row. Now K1, Inc. 1 all the way across the row. Purl 1 row. Now knit 14 more rows or to desired length.

Hem

Change to contrasting color and knit across. Knit next row (will form ridges on the right side). Purl 1 row. Continue until 3 ridges have been made. Bind off as if to knit on a purl row. This will make the hem curl under. Add the skirt on the other side in the same manner.

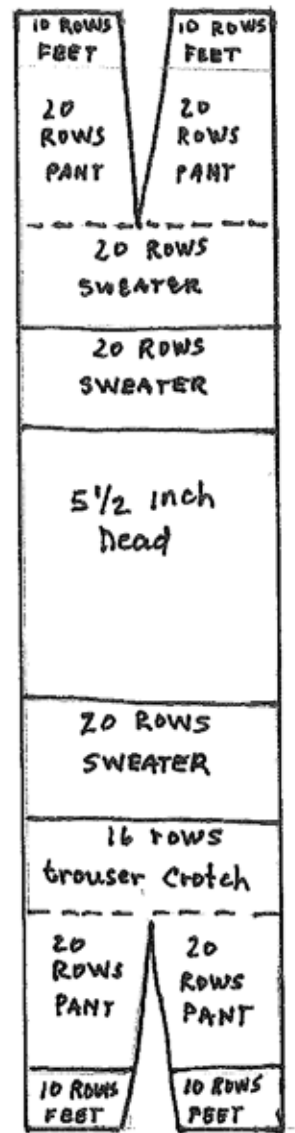
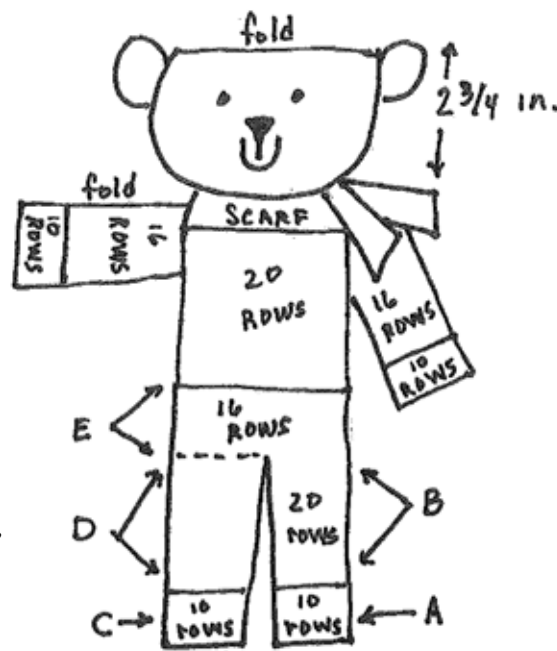


fig. 1

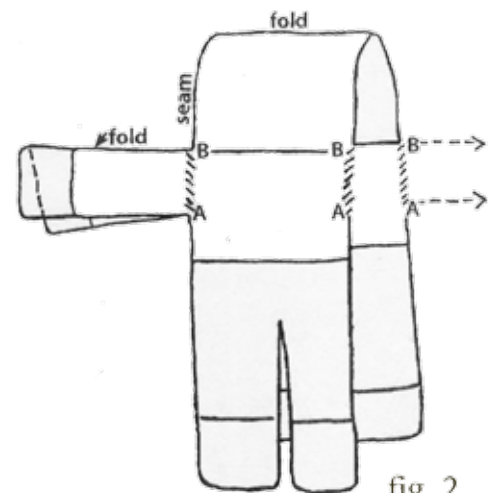


fig. 2



Other face ideas