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Any Yarn Quick Knit Teddy Bear

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The bear can be made with any yarn you like using needles that give you a firm gauge so that the filling does not show through the fabric. Bright colours may be used for a non-traditional look, or change colours to resemble a sweater and pants, leaving head and ends of arms and legs in main body colour.

MATERIALS

The sample bear used 8 ply (DK) Patons Fireside at approx 95m (110 yards) per 50gm ball and 3.25mm needles. Tension was 26 sts and 52 rows to 4 inches over garter st on 3.25mm needles.

Patons Canadiana yarn or similar weight in other brands works well also. One 50 gm ball makes a bear about 10½ ins tall. Be sure to work with smaller needles than the yarn label indicates. Thinner yarns, such as Patons Astra, may be used but the bear will of course be smaller.

PATTERN

Bear is knit entirely in garter st, i.e. 2 knit rows equal one ridge.

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 20 sts and knit 32 rows. Cast off.



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MAKING UP

- It will be much easier to work the face on the bear if it is done before sewing up the seams. Mark the centre point halfway between cast on edge and thread marking the neck. Eyes will be centred here about $\frac{3}{4}$ -1 in. apart and can be embroidered in approx. $\frac{1}{2}$ in. circles. Or cut eyes from felt and sew in place, or make small circles with thin crochet thread. It is not recommended that features be glued in place.
- If eyes are purchased, they must be the kind that can be firmly sewn in place and anchored on the inside of the bear's face with a small button to prevent choking hazard.
- The nose may also be cut from felt and sewn on or embroidered using yarn. Use stem-stitch to create a smile about $\frac{1}{2}$ in. above the neck thread line.
- Now fold the body in half with right side inside and sew the back seam from the cast on edge to the row where you placed markers for start 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. Turn right side out.
- Stuff the teddy lightly but enough to hold shape and sew the top of the head closed, rounding the corners very slightly.
- Sew across the corners of your teddy's head about $\frac{3}{4}$ in. from the end so that the corner points form ears. If you want the ears to stand out like those in the picture, gather around the bottom of each ear and pull slightly, then work a few small stitches to hold in place.

- Run a gathering thread around the neck on the row where you placed the marker for the neck, tie it off firmly and hide ends in the stuffing.
- Fold the arm pieces in half and sew the side and one end closed. Stuff lightly, then sew the remaining side closed and sew the arms to the sides of the body, just below the neck. A bow can be tied around the neck.

BEAR WITH SWEATER AND PANTS

The bear is made the same way as above but change colours as follows:

- At the 32 row mark for neck, change to chosen sweater colour and work a further 28 rows. Change to pants colour and work 6 rows (total of 66 rows from start). Start to divide for legs and work 12 rows in chosen pants colour on each leg, then continue legs in main body colour (as was used for the head) until 40 rows in total have been worked on legs.
- The arms are worked with 8 rows of sweater colour and 24 rows of main body colour (total 32 rows). Bear is finished the same as above instructions.

Note: an excellent green stuffing material is available at Fabricland stores.

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