

## Knitted Teddy Bear

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Size 8 needles. Acrylic worsted weight 4-ply yarn (#4).

Use polyester fiber fill to stuff bears.

Finished size should be ~9.5" tall.

Use Garter stitch throughout = knit every row.

### **Leg #1:**

Cast on 8 stitches.

Garter stitch 16 rows.

Leave tail and cut yarn.

### **Leg #2:**

Cast on 8 stitches.

Garter stitch 16 rows.

**Body:**

Knit across Leg #2 then across Leg #1, tying the tail from Leg #1 to the yarn for Leg #2.

Garter stitch a total of 16 rows.

[For bears with pants and a shirt, change the yarn color, leaving a tail for sewing, after 10 rows (top of pants) with the remaining 6 rows in the same color as the shirt – or any combination you like as long as the total does not exceed 16 rows.]

**Arms:**

Cast on 8 stitches at the beginning of each side (32 stitches).

Garter stitch for 8 rows.

Cast off 8 stitches at the beginning of the next two rows (16 stitches).

**Head:**

Change yarn color (leaving a tail from the shirt yarn) if the head is to be different from the rest of the bear. Garter stitch for 8 rows.

**Eyes:**

K5 (head color), K1 (contrast color for eye), K4 (head color), K1 (eye color), K5 (head color).

Repeat for a 2<sup>nd</sup> row. Cut contrast yarn (leaving a tail if the rest of the features are to be done in the same color) and tie ends together.

Continue working in Garter stitch for 28 more rows (total of 38).

**Repeat arms as above.**

**Repeat body as above.** (Remember to change yarn color if the bear has pants.)

**Legs:**

Knit 8 stitches then put remaining 8 stitches on a holder. Complete a total of 16 rows then bind off.

Pick up the 8 stitches from the holder, complete 16 rows, and then bind off.

**Finishing:**

Finish sewing the face (nose and mouth) using yarn and a yarn needle. Fold the bear in half with the wrong side on the outside and sew the seams starting at the bottom of one foot. Leave the inside seam of one leg open for turning and stuffing. Turn bear right side out. Stitch across the head corners to form a triangle to make the ears. Stuff the bear starting with the head, arms, body, and legs. Neatly stitch the leg opening closed. Draw up the neck with yarn and tie with a triple knot on the back side of the bear. Weave the ends into the neck crease.

