

Small Teddies

Three or four colours of double knitting wool. Or just white and some colours for the features

Needles: Size 3¾ mm

Guidelines for colour way:

Main colour for head and paws, Trouser colour

Jumper colour, Scarf colour

Knit in garter stitch throughout except where directed otherwise.

1. Cast on 6 stitches in main colour. Knit 8 rows [paw].
Change to trouser colour and knit 16 rows [leg]. Break off yarn and leave stitches on a safety pin while you knit another leg exactly the same.
2. Join the legs together by knitting across all 12 stitches and knit 4 rows [top of trousers].
3. Change to jumper colour and knit 12 rows.
4. Change to main colour for head and change to stocking stitch. Work for 28 rows then change to jumper colour.
5. Continue to knit remainder of teddy in reverse order. [3, 2, then continue first leg on 6 stitches, holding other 6 on a safety pin as 1]
6. Stitch down sides of the head.
7. With jumper colour pick up 5 stitches either side of neck join (10 stitches in all) and knit 12 rows. This makes the sleeves.
8. Using main colour for paws colour knit 6 rows.
9. Cast off.
10. Repeat on other side of the neck.
11. Sew up teddy leaving an opening in crotch for filling.
12. Sew diagonal corners on head for ears before stuffing with polyester filling. Do not use foam chippings.
13. Run a thread around the neck and pull up to shape head. Sew happy face using a stem stitch or back stitch, remembering that the eyes actually come half way down the face!

For a Baptism Teddy you can back stitch a small cross and chain around the neck in yellow wool