

Basic patterns



Bear:

Materials

- 1 ball double knitting yarn
- Small quantity of soft textured, high quality safety stuffing
- 2 x 6mm round black beads for eyes
- Black embroidery thread or floss for features
- Sewing needles
- Stitch holder

Needles

- 1 pair 3.25mm (UK 10; US 3) knitting needles

Instructions

Work entirely in GS, unless otherwise stated.

Head

- Cast on 30 sts.
- Rows 1–4: GS.
- Row 5: K2, skpo, knit to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1.
- Rows 6–7: GS.
- Continue to dec in this way on every third row until 8 sts rem.
- Next row: K2, skpo, K2tog, K2.
- Next row: K2, skpo, K2.
- Next row: K1, sl1, K2tog, pss0, K1.
- Next row: K3tog.
- Fasten off.

Body and legs (make two pieces the same)

- Cast on 12 sts.
- Rows 1–2: GS.
- Rows 3–8: inc 1 st at each end of rows 3, 5 and 7 [18 sts].
- Rows 8–33: knit.
- Row 34: divide for legs. K8, cast-off 2, knit to end [8 sts].
- Proceed on these 8 sts for first leg.
- Rows 35–52: knit.
- Row 53: K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, K2tog.

Row 54: cast off.
Return to stitches left on needle, rejoin yarn and complete to match first leg.

Arms (make two)

- Cast on 6 sts.
- Row 1: knit.
- Row 2: knit twice into each st to end [12 sts].
- Rows 3–6: knit.
- Row 7: inc 1 st at each end of row [14 sts].
- Rows 8–27: knit.
- Rows 28–30: dec 1 st at each end of rows 28 and 30 [10 sts].
- Row 31: K2, (K2tog) 3 times, K2 [7 sts].
- Row 32: knit.
- Cast off (this is the top of the arm).

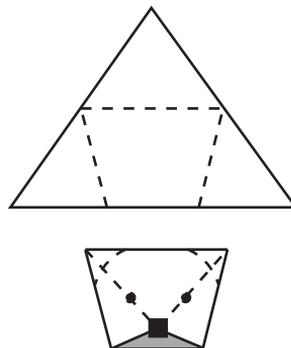
Making up

1. Make up the head by folding the three corners of the triangle into the centre; the fold lines are shown in the top diagram opposite. Sew the two side seams either side of the nose, and across the corner lines to form the

ears, as shown in the lower diagram.

2. Sew a little way along the neck seam, just down from the nose. Stuff the head firmly to give it a good shape. Stitch on the nose and mouth with black thread, and sew on the eyes.

3. Stitch the back and front body pieces together using a flat seam on the right side of the work. Leave the neck edge open for stuffing. Stuff firmly and then close the neck opening. **Seam the arms and stuff, then attach the head and arms to the body.**



Shoes (make two):

Using an appropriate colour and 3.25mm (UK 10; US 3) needles, cast on 14 sts.
Next row: knit.
Next row: inc in each st across row [28 sts].
Work 5 rows GS.
Next row: K2tog, K8, (K2tog) 4 times, K8, K2tog.
Next row: K9, (K2tog) twice, K9.
Next row: knit.
Cast off. Stitch the seam along the base and back of the shoe. Put a tiny amount of stuffing inside the shoe, place the base of the leg inside the shoe and stitch it in place. Add embellishments.



Trousers (make two pieces the same):

Using an appropriate colour and 3.25mm (UK 10; US 3) needles, cast on 13 sts.
Rows 1–4: GS.
Rows 5–20: SS, ending on a purl row. Break yarn and leave these 13 sts on a spare needle.
Now work another piece to match. Do not break off yarn but continue as follows: Knit across 13 sts on needle, cast on 2 sts, work across 13 sts left on spare needle [28 sts].
Next row: purl.

*Work a further 2 rows in SS, ending on a purl row.
Next row: K2, skpo, knit to last 4 sts, K2tog, K2.
Next row: purl.*
Repeat from * to * [24 sts].
Work 4 rows in rib, or as given in instructions.



Dress:

Bodice front

Cast on 24 sts.
Rows 1–6: SS.
Rows 7–8: cast off 2 sts at beg of each row.
Rows 9–10: SS.
Row 11: dec 1 st at each end of row [18 sts].
Row 12: purl.
Rows 13–16: SS.

Divide for neck

Work 7 sts, slip next 4 sts on to stitch holder for neck, turn and work 7 sts.

Continue on first 7 sts for side of neck.
Dec 1 st at neck edge on next and following alt rows until 4 sts rem.
Cast off.
Work other side to match.

Bodice back

Work rows 1–16 of bodice front.
Rows 17–21: SS.
Cast off.

Skirt

With RS facing, pick up and knit 24 sts along cast-on edge of bodice front.
Next row: purl.
Next row: knit twice into each st [48 sts].
Continue in SS and complete as given in pattern.
Repeat the above, on bodice back.

Neckband

Join one shoulder seam.
With RS facing, pick up and

knit 5 sts down one side of neck, 4 sts from stitch holder across front of neck, 5 sts up other side of neck and 10 sts around back of neck (rem 4 sts will form other shoulder).
Next row: knit.
Cast off knitwise.



Katy Strawberry Bear

Materials:

- 1 ball strawberry pink double knitting
- 1 ball pale green double knitting
- Small amount of safety stuffing
- 1 large and 2 small flower buttons
- Small gold beads for seeds on strawberry
- Materials for basic bear, including light beige double knitting

Needles:

- 1 pair 3.25mm (UK 10; US 3) knitting needles

Instructions:

Make the basic bear (see page 6).

Strawberry body

The two body parts are worked in strawberry pink yarn. Make two pieces the same, each beginning at the base, working in SS.

Cast on 8 sts, and work rows 1–2 SS.
Rows 3–7: continuing in SS, inc 1 st at each end of rows 3, 5 and 7 [14 sts].
Row 8: purl.
Rows 9–10: cast on 2 sts at beg of each row.
Rows 11–12: cast on 3 sts at beg of each row [24 sts].
Rows 13–15: inc 1 st at each end of rows 13 and 15 [28 sts].
Rows 16–21: SS, beg with a purl row.
Rows 22–28: dec 1 st at each end of rows 22, 24, 26 and 28 [20 sts].
Rows 29–30: SS, ending with a purl row.
Rows 31–32: cast off 2 sts at beg of each row.
Row 33: dec 1 st at each end of row.
Rows 34–36: SS.
Cast off.

Collar leaves (make five)

Work all inc sts for the collar leaves by picking up the strand of yarn between the previous 2 sts and knitting into the back of it.
Using pale green, cast on 5 sts.
Row 1: purl.
Row 2: K2, inc, K1, inc, K2 [7 sts].
Row 3: knit.

Row 4: K3, inc, K1, inc, K3 [9 sts].
Row 5: knit.
Row 6: K4, inc, K1, inc, K4 [11 sts].
Row 7: knit.
Row 8: K5, inc, K1, inc, K5 [13 sts].
Rows 9–13: knit.
Row 14: K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, K2tog [11 sts].
Row 15: knit.
Row 16: repeat row 14 [9 sts].
Row 17: knit.
Row 18: repeat row 14 [7 sts].
Row 19: K2tog, K3, K2tog [5 sts].
Row 20: K2tog, K1, K2tog [3 sts].
Row 21: P3tog. Fasten off.

Small leaf

Using pale green, cast on 3 sts.
Next row: K1, inc in next st, K1 [4 sts].
Work 4 rows GS.
Next row: dec 1 st at each end of row.
Next row: K2tog.
Fasten off.

Shoes

Follow basic shoes pattern (page 7), using pale green.

Making up

Stitch the body parts together at the base and sew up the side seams. Slip the body on to the bear and place small amounts of stuffing into the space between the bear and the body, shaping it as you go. Stitch the shoulder seams. Catch the body in places around the legs and



Freddy Football Bear

Materials:

1 ball white double knitting
1 ball red double knitting
Oddment of black double knitting for boots and embroidery
Small amount of safety stuffing
Materials for basic bear, including yellow double knitting

Needles:

1 pair 3.25mm (UK 10; US 3) knitting needles

Instructions:

Make the basic bear (see page 6). When working the legs, after 4 rows of yellow change to the stripe pattern of 2 rows red, 2 rows white for the socks.

Shirt

Back:

Using red, cast on 24 sts.

Rows 1–4: K2, P2 rib.

Rows 5–10: change to white and SS for 6 rows, beg with a knit row.

To shape armholes (raglan shaping):

Rows 11–12: cast off 2 sts at beg of each row.

Row 13: K1, skpo, knit to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1.

Row 14: purl.

Repeat rows 13–14 until 8 sts rem, ending on a purl row. Leave sts on a stitch holder.

Sleeves (make two):

Using red, cast on 24 sts.

Rows 1–4: K2, P2 rib.

Rows 5–8: change to white and SS for 4 rows.

Shape top as for back.

Front:

Work as back until 14 sts rem after raglan shaping, then divide for neck.

Next row: K1, skpo, K2, turn and leave rem sts on a stitch holder.

Next row: purl.

Next row: K1, skpo, K1.

Next row: purl.

Next row: K3tog.

Fasten off.

Slip first 4 sts on to safety pin for centre neck, join yarn to remaining sts and complete to match first side, reversing shaping and working K2tog in place of skpo.

Neckband:

Using red, pick up and knit 8 sts across top of sleeve, then 5 sts down left side of neck, 4 sts across centre front, 5 sts up right side of neck, 8 sts across other sleeve and 8 sts across back. GS for 3 rows. Cast off firmly.

Shorts (make two pieces the same)

Using white, cast on 13 sts.

Rows 1–2: GS.

Rows 3–8: SS, beg with a knit row.

Break yarn and leave these 13 sts on a spare needle.

Work another piece to match, but this time do not break off yarn. Continue as follows:

Row 9: knit across 13 sts on needle, cast on 2 sts, work across 13 sts left on spare needle [28 sts].

Row 10: purl.

Rows 11–12: SS, beg with a knit row.

Row 13: K1, skpo, knit to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1.

Row 14: purl.

Rows 15–18: repeat rows 11–14 [24 sts].

Rows 19–22: K2, P2 rib.

Cast off in rib.



Billy Bridegroom Bear

Materials:

- 1 ball black double knitting
- 1 ball grey double knitting
- Oddment of sparkly white double knitting for cravat
- 2 small gold beads for buttons
- 1 small, white paper rose
- 1 pearl bead
- Materials for basic bear, including beige double knitting

Needles:

- 1 pair 3.25mm (UK 10; US 3) knitting needles

Instructions:

Make the basic bear (see page 6).

Waistcoat

Front (make two pieces the same and work in moss stitch):

Using grey, cast on 3 sts.

Row 1: K1, P1, K1.

Row 2: inc in next st, P1, inc in next st.

Row 3: P1, K1, P1, K1, P1.

Row 4: inc in next st, K1, P1, K1, inc in next st.

Row 5: (K1, P1) 3 times, K1.

Row 6: (K1, P1) 3 times, K1.

Row 7: (K1, P1) 3 times, K1.

Row 8: inc, (P1, K1) 2 times, P1, inc.

Row 9: (P1, K1) 4 times, P1.

Row 10: (P1, K1) 4 times, P1.

Row 11: inc, (K1, P1) 3 times, K1, inc.

Row 12: K1, P1, 5 times, K1.

Row 13: inc, (P1, K1) 4 times, P1, inc.

Row 14: (P1, K1) 6 times, P1 [13 sts].

Rows 15–16: continue in pattern.

Row 17: K2tog, pattern to end.

Row 18: cast off 2 sts, pattern to end.

Row 19: P2tog, pattern to last 2 sts, K2tog [8 sts].

Rows 20–26: dec 1 st at beg of row and at this edge on every alt row until 4 sts rem.

Rows 27–28: work in pattern.

Cast off.

Back:

Cast on 24 sts.

Rows 1–2: knit.

Rows 3–8: SS.

Shape arms and complete as for basic dress – bodice back (page 7).

Trousers

Using black yarn, follow instructions for basic trousers (page 7).

Cravat

Using white, cast on 16 sts.

Rows 1–20: SS, ending with a purl row.

Row 21: dec 1 st at each end of row.

Row 22: purl.

Repeat rows 21–22 until 10 sts remain.

Work 6 rows SS. Cast off.

Making up

Sew the shoulder seams of the waistcoat, then sew the side seams. Sew the wide edge of the cravat to the centre neck of the bear under his chin. Pouch it slightly then stitch the pearl bead on to the cravat to represent a tie pin. Put on the waistcoat and secure it with the two gold beads. Refer to the photograph as a guide. Sew the trouser seams and put the trousers on to the bear. Tuck the end of the cravat into the top of the trousers. Secure the white paper rose as a buttonhole in the waistcoat.



Pippa Dolly Bear

Materials:

1 ball deep mauve double knitting
1 ball lilac double knitting
25cm (9¾in) narrow ribbon in deep mauve
Tiny doll
2 small buttons
Tiny mauve bow embellishment
Materials for basic bear, including white double knitting

Needles:

1 pair 3.25mm (UK 10; US 3) knitting needles

Instructions:

Make the basic bear (see page 6).

Dress

Back:

Using deep mauve, cast on 44 sts.

Rows 1–3: GS.

Change to lilac.

Rows 1–4 form the pattern.

Row 1: (RS) knit.

Row 2: purl.

Row 3: K2, *yarn, P1, P3tog, P1, yon, K2*, rep from * to * to end.

Row 4: purl.

Rows 5–16: repeat rows 1–4, 3 times.

Row 17: K2tog across row [22 sts].

Row 18: knit.

Row 19: K2, (yfwd, K2tog, K1) to last 2 sts, yfwd, K2tog.

Row 20: knit.

Rows 21–24: SS.

Row 25: cast off 2 sts, knit to end.

Row 26: cast off 2 sts, purl to end.

Row 27: K1, skpo, knit to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1.

Row 28: purl.

Repeat rows 27 and 28 until 6 sts rem, ending on a purl row. Slip sts on to a stitch holder.

Sleeves (make two the same):

Using deep mauve, cast on 22 sts.

Rows 1–3: GS.

Change to lilac.

Rows 4–8: SS, ending with a purl row.

Continue from row 25 of the Dress Back, ending with 6 sts. Slip sts on to a stitch holder.

Front:

Follow instructions for back to row 28.

Continue shaping until 12 sts remain, ending with a purl row.

To shape neck:

Next row: K2, K2tog, turn. Leave rem sts on a stitch holder.

Next row: purl.

Next row: K1, K2tog, turn.

Next row: purl.

Next row: K2tog, fasten off.

Return to sts on holder. Slip next 4 sts on to a safety pin for front of neck.

Shape other side of neck:

Next row: K2tog, K2.

Next row: purl.

Next row: K2tog, K1.

Next row: purl.

Next row: K2tog.

Fasten off.

Neckband:

Using deep mauve, pick up and knit 31 sts all around neck.

Work 3 rows GS.

Cast off.



Neckband:

Using cream, work in moss stitch. Pick up and knit sts across top of one sleeve, 5 sts on left side of front, 5 sts across centre neck, 5 sts on right side of front, sts from other sleeve, and finally sts from back.

Moss stitch for 3 rows.

Cast off.

Making up

Sew up the trousers, matching the stripes. Sew up the sweater and slip it over the bear's head before joining the final raglan seam and neckband. Complete the sewing up. Make a small pink bow and stitch it on to the bear's head.



Emily Knitting Bear

Materials:

- 1 ball pale green double knitting
- 1 ball white double knitting
- Oddments of green, pink and yellow yarn
- 2 tiny pearl, heart-shaped buttons
- Cocktail stick
- 2 small cotton balls for slippers
- Fuse wire for glasses
- 2 small white beads for ends of knitting needles
- All-purpose glue
- Materials for basic bear, including light brown double knitting

Needles:

- 1 pair 3.25mm (UK 10; US 3) knitting needles

Instructions:

Make the basic bear (see page 6).

Dress

- Back and front (both worked the same):
Using pale green, cast on 24 sts.
Rows 1–4: SS.
Rows 5–6: cast off 2 sts at beg of each row [20 sts].

- Rows 7–8: SS.
- Row 9: K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, K2tog.
- Row 10: purl.
- Rows 11–16: SS.
- Rows 17–18: change to white and GS.
- Cast off.
- Using pale green, work skirt as for basic dress.
- When work measures 7cm (2¾in) change to white and work 2 rows GS.
- Cast off.

Apron

- Using cream, cast on 36 sts.
- Rows 1–4: GS.
- Row 5: knit.
- Row 6: K3, purl to last 3 sts, K3.
- Rows 7–16: repeat rows 5 and 6, 5 times.
- Row 17: K3, (K2tog) to last 3 sts, K3 [21 sts].
- Row 18: cast on 18 sts, knit to end.
- Row 19: cast on 18 sts, knit to end.
- Row 20: knit across all sts.
- Cast off.
- Work in all the yarn ends. Embroider a small flower and leaf on to one corner of the apron using pink and green.

Slippers

- Using pale green, cast on 14 sts.
- Row 1: knit.
- Row 2: inc in each st to end [28 sts].
Continue in GS.
- Rows 3–4: knit using green.
- Rows 5–6: knit using pink.
- Row 7: knit using green.
- Complete the slippers following instructions for basic shoes on page 7, from first dec row.

Glasses

- Take a short length of fuse wire and twist it around a pencil to give two small circles.
- Arrange them into a pleasing shape, making sure they fit over the bear's eyes. Use the photograph for guidance. Bend each end of the wire to form the arms and push them into the bear's head on each side of the eyes. Secure with a few stitches.

Knitting

- Cast on 10 sts and work 18 rows GS. Do not cast off.



Hector Hiking Bear

Materials:

1 ball denim blue double knitting
1 ball cream double knitting
Oddments of red, black and royal blue double knitting for backpack and boots
Small amount of safety stuffing
Materials for basic bear, including beige and light blue double knitting

Needles:

1 pair 3.25mm (UK 10; US 3) knitting needles

Instructions:

Make the basic bear (see page 6). Knit the last few rows at the bottom of each leg using light blue yarn for socks.

Special abbreviation

tw2: to twist 2 sts, miss the first st and knit into front of second st, but do not slip the second st off the needle. Knit the missed st and slip both sts off the needle together.

Sweater

Back:

Using cream, cast on 24 sts.

Rows 1–4: K2, P2 rib.

Row 5: K9, P2, tw2, P2, K9.

Row 6: P9, K2, P2, K2, P9.



Rows 7–12: continue in pattern (rows 5 and 6).

To shape armholes, continue in pattern:

Rows 13–14: cast off 2 sts at each end of row.

Row 15: K1, skpo, pattern to last 3 sts,

K2tog, K1.

Row 16: purl.

Repeat rows 15 and 16 until 8 sts rem, ending with a purl row. Leave the sts on a stitch holder.

Sleeves (make two):

Using cream, cast on 24 sts.

Rows 1–4: K2, P2 rib.

Rows 5–8: SS.

Shape the top as for back, row 13 to end.

Front:

Work as for back until 14 sts rem after start of armhole shaping.

Divide for neck.

K1, skpo, K2, turn and leave rem sts on a stitch holder.

Next row: purl.

Next row: K1, skpo, K1.

Next row: purl.

Next row: sl1, K2tog, psso.

Fasten off.

Slip centre 4 sts on to a holder and work on rem 5 sts for other side. Complete to match, reversing shapings and working K2tog in place of skpo.

Neckband:

With RS facing, pick up and knit 8 sts across top of sleeve, 5 sts along left side of neck, 4 sts across neck front, 5 sts along right side of neck, 8 sts across top of second sleeve and 8 sts across neck back.

Work 5 rows SS, beg with a purl row.

Cast off loosely.

Trousers

Follow instructions for basic trousers (page 7) using denim blue.

Boots

Using black yarn, follow instructions for basic shoes on page 7. Once attached to the bear's legs, sew a few stitches using red yarn to represent laces.