

Knitting Pattern for COVID-19 Bear

Materials

Double knitting wool. Any colours in any combination
Knitting needles (10, 11 or 12 the larger the needles, the larger the ted)

Pattern

NB All in plain knit – no purl involved – all knitted in one piece

To make the legs

Cast on 10 stitches and work in knit for 20 rows – leave on needle but cut the wool leaving about 6 in of wool
Repeat this for the second leg.

Join both legs together (20 stitches) and knit for 14 rows

To make the arms

Cast on 10 stitches and then knit the row.
Next row:: Cast on another 10 stitches and knit the row again
Knit for 12 rows.
Cast off 10 stitches and knit the row. Repeat for the next row (back to 20 stitches)



To make the neck

Knit together the first two stitches of the beginning of next row and then for the next 3 rows (this narrows the neck)
Next row increase 1 stitch at the start of the row and repeat for the next 3 rows (20 stitches)

Knit 4 rows

To make the mouth,

Knit 7 stitches in main colour and then 6 stitches in mouth colour, then 7 in main colour. Repeat this row remembering to keep the wool on the wrong side.

Knit 6 rows in main colour

To make the eyes,

Knit 5 stitches main colour , two in a different colour, then 6 in main colour, two in different colour., then 5 in main colour. Repeat the row.

You should have 20 stitches again

To make on side of ears

Knit together the first two stitches of the next 8 rows until you have 12 stitches.

You are now halfway through and should have the front of the ted.

We now knit a mirror image

Cast on 4 stitches at the beginning of the next two rows (20 stitches)

Knit 24 rows

Knit together first two stitches on the next 4 rows (for narrowing the neck)

Increase one on the first stitch on the next 4 rows (widen again)

You are now back to 20 stitches

Make the back of the arms

Cast on 10 stitches on each of the next 2 rows

Knit for 12 rows and then cast off 10 on the next two rows.

You should be back to 20 stitches.

To make the body and legs

Knit for 14 rows

Knit 10 stitches, turn your work around and knit the stitches the other direction.

Knit each leg for 20 rows and cast off. Leave 2 feet of wool for sewing up when you cast off.

To make a mask

Leave a foot of wool spare and cast on 10 stitches

Knit for 10 or 11 rows so you can cast off all the stitches ending with the spare wool one at either end. (Use these to make the mask loops).

Now you just need to sew it all up (using the right side outwards) and stuff with wadding. Fashion the face by stitching the cheeks and accentuate the neck by gathering wool around (see pictures. I used old cushions or old pillows (NOT FEATHERS OF COURSE)).

Tie up ends of wool for mouth and eyes and you are done



Happy Knitting!!