



Lovely Knit Creation

“Christmas Bear”

Knitted bear is the most popular New Year and Christmas gift every year. Why it's so? The answer is simple - He brings you perfect holiday's mood!

This toy embodies a meaning of a happy childhood! He is a friend who always stays with your child when he goes to sleep and keeps his night dreams safe with his tender love.



Equipment

One pair of 2.75 mm straight knitting needles (or circular knitting needles) (UK12/US2)
 Crochet hook 1.6-2.0 mm (UK1/US1) to make the buttonholes and the horns
 Plastic-headed pins
 A tapestry needle with a rounded point for sewing up the pieces (length is approx. 5 cm)
 A tapestry needle for embroidery the nose and the eyes (length is approx. 8-9 cm)
 A fine tapestry needle for sewing on the deer's eyes (beads)

Yarn**For the body:**

Yarn A - "Drops Lima" Mix, color 0619 Beige (approx. 50 g)

Yarn B - "Drops Lima" Mix, color 0206 Light Beige (less than 5 g)

Note: for the polar bear I use "Drops Lima" Uni Color, color 0100 Off White (approx. 55 g)

For the romper:

Yarn C - "Rowan Felted Tweed", color 154 Ginger or color 158 Pine or color 181 Light Mustard (approx. 7 g)

Yarn D - "Rowan Felted Tweed", color 157 Camel (less than 13 g)

Other materials

Toy stuffing – washable polyester (approx. 35 g)

Any black embroidery thread for the eyes

Brown embroidery thread for the nose (I use Mouline Special DMC №839, for the polar bear - Mouline Special DMC №841)

Any dark brown thread for the deer horns

Two wood buttons for attaching the legs to the body (diameter is approx. 20 mm)

Two buttons for the romper (diameter is approx. 11 mm)

Two beads for the deer's eyes (diameter is approx. 3 mm)

Yarn Technical characteristics (from the ball)

"Drops Lima" - 65% Wool, 35% Alpaca, 50g/100m (1.8oz/109yds). Knitting needles 4.0mm (UK 8/US 6)

"Rowan Felted Tweed" - 50% Wool, 25% Alpaca, 25% Viscose, 50g/175m (1.8oz/191yds). Knitting needles 3.5-4.0mm (UK 9-8/US 5-6)

Knitted over 10x10 cm tension square in St-st

"Drops Lima" (using 2.75 mm knitting needles) – 26 stitches x 34 rows

"Rowan Felted Tweed" (using 2.75 mm knitting needles) – 28 stitches x 35 rows

If your sample has more loops than it is indicated in the description you should knit tight or use smaller needles. If there are fewer loops in your sample then knit more freely or take thicker knitting needles.

This is not a critical condition – it can just make your toy a bit bigger or smaller.

Finished size

Length of the bear - approx. 25 cm (9.8")

Safety

It's important to make sure that your toy is suitable for the age group of children it is intended for.

Children under three years of age should not be given the toys which have separate tiny parts or any small attached pieces - buttons, beads and so on. When sewing up the parts of the toy make sure that you have removed all plastic-headed pins. If it's possible, don't use them during the creation of the toy.

This will be a more preferable option, since it will exclude the probability of leaving or getting pins inside the stuff accidentally. All parts of the toy should be attached or sewn securely.

Abbreviations

K – Knit

P – Purl

St (Sts) – stitch (stitches)

RS – Right side

WS – Wrong side

KLL – Knit Left Loop. This is the most invisible increasing method. Insert your left needle from back to front underneath the second stitch below the one you have just knitted. Place this stitch on the left needle. Note that it will be mounted in the reverse direction from normal. Knit it through the front loop (insert needle from right to left).

M1R – Make one right increase. Insert the left-hand needle from the back to the front; under the bar between the stitches. Knit this bar through the front.

St-st – Stocking stitch, alternate rows: K on the right side and P on the wrong side

K2tog – Knit two stitches together as if they were a single stitch

SSK – Slip Slip Knit. Slip one stitch as if to knit. Slip one more stitch the same. Insert left needle through the front of the two slipped stitches (left to right). Wrap the yarn in the usual way around the right needle and knit two slipped stitches together (note: on the WS in the next row this stitch should knit purl through the back loop).

P2tog – Purl two stitches together as if they were a single stitch.

P2togTBL – Purl two stitches together through the back loop. Insert right hand needle into the next two stitches on the left hand needle through the back loops (the loops farthest from you); wrap yarn around needle in the same way you normally would to purl and purl the two stitches together.

R – Raglan line.

M1T – Make one toward increase. The tail of the yarn is pointing towards you. Take your working yarn, and bend your index finger toward you. This should create a loop around your finger. Insert the tip of your working needle into the back of the loop on your finger and release it onto the needle (fig.1).

M1A – Make one away increase. Take the working yarn and wrap your thumb around it, rolling your thumb over and towards you, creating a loop. Slip the loop onto your right working needle and release the yarn from your thumb, tightening it onto the needle (fig.2).



fig.1 (**M1T, example**)



fig.2 (**M1A, example**)

S1 – Slip one stitch. Insert the right-hand needle into the stitch as if to purl and slide the stitch from the left-hand needle to the right-hand needle without knitting it.

cm – centimeters

mm – millimeters

For the crocheted horns:

ch – chain

sl st – slip stitch

A few notes about knitting

- **Casting on** - I use the thumb method unless otherwise stated.
- **Casting off** - Cast off K wise unless otherwise stated.
- **Edge stitch** (first loop) of each row - I always slip the first stitch of each row without knitting it (unless otherwise stated). The number of stitches in each row includes the edge loop.
- Increase and decrease methods are described in detail in the knitting help website:
<https://www.knittinghelp.com/videos/learn-to-knit>
- You can find a **VIDEO TUTORIAL** (about filling the toy's body, sewing, embroidering the eyes and others based on my knitting patterns) in my Instagram account - **@lovelyknitcreation**

Toy stuffing

It is more convenient to fill in the parts of the toy little by little rather than using a large piece all at once. This will allow us not to overstuff the toy parts and will make it easier to shape the toy. Do not be afraid to start all over again if the result does not suit you.

NOTE!!

I made some Video Tutorials on how to create Christmas bear. You can watch them in my Instagram account - **@lovelyknitcreation**

- Video tutorial about stuffing all the parts of Christmas Bear (the head, the body, the arms, and the legs) - click on IGTV video – “How to: fill in Christmas Bear’s body parts”
- Video tutorial about the process of embroidering the eyes and the nose, sewing on the ears - click on IGTV video – “How to: make Christmas Bear’s head”
- Video tutorial about the process of attaching all the bear’s parts together - click on IGTV video – “How to: make Christmas Bear”

Legs (make two the same)

Use **Yarn A** and 2.75mm straight knitting needles to cast on 25 stitches. Leave a tail approx. 30 cm (12”) for seaming the leg later. Start at the bottom and finish at the top.

Row 1: (Wrong side) Purl

Row 2: K2, M1R, K10, M1R, K1, M1R, K10, M1R, K2 (29 Sts)

Row 3: Purl

Row 4: (K2, M1R)x2 times, K7, M1R, K2, M1R, K3, M1R, K2, M1R, K7, (M1R, K2)x2 times (37 Sts)

Row 5: Knit

Row 6: Knit

Rows 7-11: St-st beginning and finishing with row **P**

Row 12: K12, (K2tog)x2 times, K5, (SSK)x2 times, K12 (33 Sts)

Row 13: Purl

Next we shape the foot of the leg:



fig.3

Row 14: K19, SSK, turn the work (32 Sts)

Row 15: Sl1 *, P5, P2tog, turn the work (31 Sts)

*Please keep a tighter tension than usual for this stitch (Sl1) in all rows.

Row 16: Sl1, K5, SSK, turn the work (30 Sts)

Row 17: Sl1, P5, P2tog, turn the work (29 Sts)

Row 18: Sl1, K5, SSK, turn the work (28 Sts)

Row 19: Sl1, P5, P2tog, turn the work (27 Sts)

Row 20: Sl1, K5, SSK, K9 (26 Sts)

Row 21: P15, P2tog, P9 (25 Sts)

You can see the knitted foot in the picture (fig.3).

Then follow the pattern to knit the ankle:



fig.4

Row 22: K9, SSK, K3, K2tog, K9 (23 Sts)

Row 23: P9, P2tog, P1, P2togTBL, P9 (21 Sts)

The picture after **Row 23** is knitted (fig.4).

Row 24: Knit

Rows 25-43: St-st beginning and finishing with row P

Row 44: (K1, K2tog)x7 times (14 Sts)

Cut the working thread leaving a tail of around 10cm (4"). Use the tapestry needle to thread this tail through the remaining 14 stitches. Pull up tightly.

To make the leg

Fold the leg in half and mentally divide the bottom seam into three sections (fig.5). The first section is the one with the cast on thread. Thread the yarn through the cast on stitches of the first section all the way around with the cast on thread. Pull up tightly and fasten off (fig.6).



fig.5



fig.6

Continue to sew the bottom seam of the second section (fig.7) using the same thread and *Invisible Horizontal Seam* till the section three (fig.8).



fig.7



fig.8

Then thread the yarn through the cast on stitches of the third section all the way around (fig.9). Pull up tightly and fasten off (fig.10).



fig.9



fig.10

Pass the thread along the bottom seam on the **WS** till the heel (fig.11). This allows using the same thread for further sewing without attaching a new thread. Sew the heel with the mattress stitch till the purl line. Try to sew the heel so that the ends of the purl line coincide with the each other (fig.12).



fig.11



fig.12

Sew the side seam of the leg with the mattress stitch approximately 2-3 cm (0.8-1.2") long (fig.13). Fill in the foot with the stuffing. Then continue sewing the ankle with the mattress stitch and filling it till the cast off edge. Do not overstuff the top of the leg. Fasten off and cut off the thread at the end of sewing. Fasten off and cut off the cast off thread on the top of the leg too. Make the second leg in the same way (fig.14).



fig.13



fig.14

Body

Use **Yarn A** and 2.75mm straight knitting needles to cast on 12 stitches. Leave a tail approx. 30 cm (12") for seaming the body later. Start at the bottom and finish at the neck area.

Row 1: (Wrong side) Purl

Row 2: K2, (KLL, K1)x10 times (22 Sts)

Row 3: Purl

Row 4: K2, (KLL, K2)x10 times (32 Sts)

Row 5: Purl

Row 6: K2, (KLL, K3)x10 times (42 Sts)

Row 7: Purl

Row 8: K2, (KLL, K4)x10 times (52 Sts)

Rows 9-31: St-st beginning and finishing with row **P**

Row 32: K2, (K2tog, K3)x10 times (42 Sts)

Rows 33-41: St-st beginning and finishing with row **P**

Row 42: K2, (K2tog, K2)x10 times (32 Sts)

Row 43: Purl

Row 44: K2, (K2tog, K1)x10 times (22 Sts)

Row 45: Purl

Row 46: K1, (K2tog)x10 times, K1 (12 Sts)

Row 47: Purl



fig.15

Cut the working thread leaving a tail of around 30cm (12") for seaming the head to the body later. Use the tapestry needle to thread this tail through the remaining 12 stitches. Pull up tightly and fasten off. Leave this thread for a while and sew the side seam of the body with the cast on thread.

To do it, gather up the cast on stitches at the bottom of the body with the cast on thread. Pull up tightly and fasten off. Continue using this thread and sew the side seam of the body with the mattress stitch. Fill in the body while sewing. Fasten off and cut off the cast on thread at the end of sewing. The shape of the body should be like a pear (fig.15).

Arms (make two the same)

Use **Yarn A** and 2.75mm straight knitting needles to cast on 16 stitches. Leave a tail approx. 20 cm (8") for seaming the arm to the body later. Start at the top edge and finish at the lower edge ("hand").

Row 1: (Wrong side) Purl



fig.16

Row 2: Knit

Rows 3 - 29: St-st beginning and finishing with row **P**

Row 30: K1, (K2tog)x7 times, K1 (9 Sts)

Cut the working thread leaving a tail of around 20 cm (8") for seaming. Use the tapestry needle to thread this tail through 9 stitches. Pull up tightly and fasten off.

Continue using this thread and sew the side seam of the arm with the mattress stitch.

Fill in the arm while sewing. Then gather up the cast on stitches at the top of the arm with the same thread. Pull up tightly, fasten off the thread and cut it off. Repeat the same for the second arm (fig.16).

Head

Use **Yarn A** and 2.75mm straight knitting needles to cast on 11 stitches. Leave a tail approx. 20 cm (8"). Start at the back of the head and finish at the nose area.

Row 1: (Wrong side) Purl

Row 2: K2, (KLL, K1)x9 times (20 Sts)

Row 3: Purl

Row 4: K2, (KLL, K2)x9 times (29 Sts)

Row 5: Purl

Row 6: K2, (KLL, K3)x9 times (38 Sts)

Row 7: Purl

Row 8: K2, (KLL, K4)x9 times (47 Sts)

Rows 9-31: St-st beginning and finishing with row **P**

NOTE: Try not to lose the tension in the **rows 32-36**. To knit a little more tightly is better so in the future (when filling) empty spaces do not form.

Row 32: K2, (K1, SSK)x6 times, K7, (K2tog, K1)x6 times, K2 (35 Sts)

Row 33: Purl

Row 34: K2, (K1, SSK)x4 times, K7, (K2tog, K1)x4 times, K2 (27 Sts)

Row 35: Change **Yarn A** to **Yarn B** and **Purl**. Leave a tail of **Yarn A** approx. 15 cm (6") for seaming later.

Row 36: Knit

Rows 37-39: St-st beginning and finishing with row **P**

Row 40: (K1, SSK)x4 times, K3, (K2tog, K1)x4 times (19 Sts)

Row 41: Purl

Row 42: K1, (K2tog)x9 times (10 Sts)

Cut the working thread leaving a tail of around 15 cm (6"). Use the tapestry needle to thread this tail through the remaining 10 stitches. Pull up tightly and fasten off. Sew the side seam from the nose (cast off edge) till **Yarn A** with the mattress stitch. Fasten off and cut off **Yarn B**.

Continue sewing the side seam with the thread of **Yarn A** till around 3-4 cm (1.0-1.5") with the mattress stitch.

Then thread the tapestry needle with the cast on tail. Gather up the stitches from the cast on edge at the back of the head and pull up tightly. Fasten off. Sew also 3-4 cm (1.0-1.5") of the seam with the mattress stitch leaving a gap is approx. 2-3 cm (1.0"). Open gap on the neck area will be used to stuff the head and for embroidery the nose and the eyes.

Fill in the head with the stuffing. Do not overstuff the area between the nose and the head. The side and the front of the head (fig.17 - fig.18):



fig.17



fig.18

The top and the bottom with the open gap (fig.19 - fig.20):



fig.19



fig.20

To embroider the eyes

I use **French Knots** to embroider the eyes. It's a nice way of making small decorative eyes. French knots are a great choice for making eyes on a project that is going to a child, or giving a homespun look. With the round plastic headed pins mark out the face features of the bear (fig.21). Use any strong black thread and the needle with the length is about 8-9 cm (3.5") for embroidering the eyes. Insert the needle with the thread (length of the thread is approx. 50cm (20")) into the gap on the bottom of the head and bring it out through the center of the area where you have placed the eye pin. Remove the pin. You should leave the tail of the black yarn (approx. 7cm (3")) on the open gap to tie the ends of the embroidering thread at the end.

Wrap the yarn around the needle 2-3 times. The more times you wrap the yarn, the bigger your knot will be. Return the needle back through the place on the head close to where you came up, but not exactly the same place and out on the opening neck. Slowly pull the needle and working thread through the wrapped loops to complete French knot. Repeat the process as many times as necessary to get the eye of the desired size. You can also use simple stitches for embroidering if needed.

Use another black thread for the second eye. Repeat the process. Tie the ends of the threads together securely at the base of the head at the end. The eyes are ready (fig. 22).



fig.21



fig.22

How to needle sculpt the nose area

If you want to make the line of the nose more visible and clear I offer you an easy way to sculpt this line between two colors - beige and brown (only between the eyes area). In order to sculpt it, use the needle with the length is about 8-9 cm (3.5") and any fine sewing thread (it is better to use the thread with the same color as the yarn for the head). Insert the needle with the thread into the gap on the bottom of



fig.23

the head and bring it out through the center of the brown stitch (**Yarn A**) near the eye (fig.23). You should leave the tail of the thread on the open gap to tie the ends of the thread together at the end. Then return the needle back through the center of the beige stitch (**Yarn B**, which is under the brown stitch, fig.24) and out on the opening neck. Adjust the tension as you wish. Repeat as many times until you reach the other eye. Tie the ends of the thread together securely at the base of the head at the end. This way we sculpted the line of the nose (you can make it stronger or weaker as you wish; fig.25).

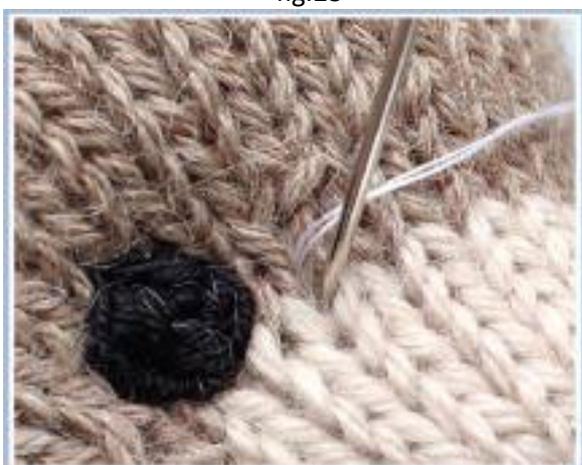


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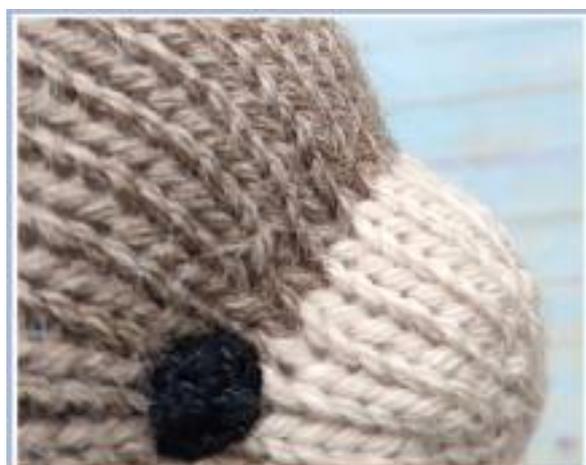


fig.25

To embroider the nose

To embroider the nose use any brown thread (I use Mouline Special DMC №839, for the polar bear - Mouline Special DMC №841) and the tapestry needle with the length is about 8-9 cm (3.5"). Embroider the nose with the simple stitches. To do it push the needle up through the neck area of the head and out at the place a little higher the center of gathered cast off (fig.26, [point 1](#)). Then push the needle through the [point 2](#) and out at the [point 3](#), etc... Repeat as many times as necessary to make a cute nose.

Finish last step to make the lip ([points 5-6](#)) and push the needle through the head coming out at the neck area. Tie the two ends of the thread together securely and poke the ends inside of the head. You get a little nose (fig.27). Cover the open area with a small amount of stuffing and close the head seam.

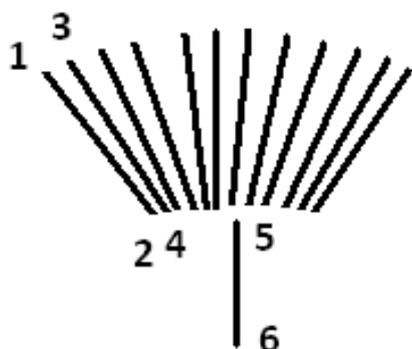


fig.26



fig.27

Ears (make two the same)

Use **Yarn A** and 2.75mm straight knitting needles to cast on 7 stitches.

Row 1: (Wrong side) Purl

Row 2: K2, (KLL, K1)x3 times, KLL, K2 (11 Sts)

Row 3: Purl

Row 4: K2, (KLL, K1)x7 times, KLL, K2 (19 Sts)

Rows 5-11: St-st beginning and finishing with row **P**

Row 12: K1, (K2tog)x4 times, K1, (K2tog)x4 times, K1 (11 Sts)

Row 13: Purl

Row 14: K1, (K2tog)x2 times, K1, (k2tog)x2 times, K1 (7 Sts)

Row 15: Purl

Cut the working thread from the ball leaving a tail of around 30 cm (12"). Use the tapestry needle to thread this tail through the remaining 7 stitches. Pull up tightly and fasten off. Fold the ear in half (**WS** is inside). Then gather up the stitches from the cast on edge with the same thread. Pull up tightly and fasten off. Make the second ear in the same way (fig.28). Attach the ears to the head with the plastic-headed pins and sew each ear along the ear's edge with the cast off threads (fig.29).



fig.28



fig.29

To make up the bear

Step 1. To attach the head

In order to simplify the process of sewing the head to the body it is necessary to fix the head in the correct position. I suggest using 2 DPNS knitting needles (or straight needles) to fix the head. To do this, pierce the head and the body of the bear from the top to the half of the body with DPNS needles in the position as shown (fig.30 - fig.31). Then attach the head to the body with the cast off thread left on the body by slipstitching. Remove the needles after sewing is complete.



fig.30



fig.31

Step 2. To attach the legs

Use two wood buttons (diameter is approx. 20 mm) and **Yarn A** with the length is approx. 45 cm (17.7") to sew on the legs. Secure the yarn inside the bear's body and pull it out at the attachment point of the either leg.

The leg is sewn to the body at the same time as the button. Note that the leg with the button is attached to the body only in the places where there are holes for the buttons (as if you are sewing a button on a shirt). When you sew on one leg, push the needle to the opposite side and sew the other leg in the same way. Fasten off the thread and cut it off at the end. The legs are movable with this attaching method (fig.32 - fig.33).



fig.32



fig.33

Step 3. To attach the arms

Sew the arms to the body at the position as shown (fig.34 - fig.35) with the threads on each arm.



fig.34



fig.35

Tail

Use **Yarn A** and 2.75mm needles to cast on 8 stitches.

Row 1: (Wrong side) Purl

Row 2: Knit

Rows 3-7: St-st beginning and finishing with row **P**



fig.36

Cut the working thread from the ball leaving a tail of around 25 cm (10"). Use the tapestry needle to thread this tail through 8 stitches. Then thread the yarn through the edges of the shape (all the way around). There is no need to fill the tail with the stuffing. You can hide the cast on end inside the tail and that will be enough. Pull the thread tightly around to form a ball. Secure the edges of the ball together. The tail is ready. Sew it to the lower part of the back (fig.36) with the same thread.

Romper

Use **Yarn C** and 2.75mm straight knitting needles (or circular knitting needles) to cast on 38 stitches. Start from the top and finish at the bottom.

There are four parts in the romper: front, back, and two sleeves. They are separated from each other by the raglan lines. Each raglan line has one stitch in it (**K1**). We knit one increase (**M1T**) before and one increase (**M1A**) after each raglan line until the sleeves is over.

Use the following chart for Raglan: R= M1T, K1, M1A

Row 1: (Wrong side) Knit

Row 2: K6, **R**, K5, **R**, K12 **R**, K5, **R**, K6 (46 Sts)

Row 3: Buttonhole, Purl

How to make the buttonhole in Row 3

We make the buttonhole in the beginning of **Row 3**. **WS** is facing you (fig.37). Slip the first stitch to the crochet hook (fig.38). I use 1.6 mm crochet hook.



fig.37



fig.38



fig.39

Bring the yarn over the hook from the back to the front and grab it with the hook. Draw the yarn through the first loop on the crochet hook. Continue until you get a chain of 6 loops (fig.39).

The length of the chain depends on the size of the button you will use for. The chain of 6 loops (using 1.6mm crochet hook) is good for the button with a diameter is approx. 11 mm.

Slip the chain to the left-hand needle (fig.40).

Then knit follow the pattern all stitches are **Purl**.

The buttonhole is very neat (fig. 41).



fig.40



fig.41



fig.42

Row 4: K7, **R**, K7, **R**, K14, **R**, K7, **R**, K7 (54 Sts)

Row 5: Purl

Row 6: K8, **R**, K9, **R**, K16, **R**, K9, **R**, K8 (62 Sts)

Row 7: Purl

Row 8: K9, **R**, K11, **R**, K18, **R**, K11, **R**, K9 (70 Sts)

Row 9: Purl

Row 10: K10, **R**, K13, **R**, K20, **R**, K13, **R**, K10 (78 Sts)

Row 11: Purl

Row 12: We cast off stitches in **Row 12** in order to shape two sleeves. We also make increases in this row to shape the romper.

Follow the instruction to do it (fig.42):

K1, (K1, KLL)x8 times, K2, cast off 17 stitches **K wise**, K1, (K1, KLL)x19 times, K2, cast off 17 stitches **K wise**, K2, (KLL, K1)x8 times, K1 (79 Sts)

Row 13: In this row we make one increase under each sleeve: P19, M1T, P41, M1T, P19 (81 Sts)

From **Row 14** use two threads with the different colors:

Row 14: Yarn C: K32, Yarn D: K17, Yarn C: K32

Row 15: Yarn C: P30, Yarn D: P21, Yarn C: P30

Row 16: Yarn C: K28, Yarn D: K25, Yarn C: K28

Row 17: Yarn C: P26, Yarn D: P29, Yarn C: P26

Row 18: Yarn C: K24, Yarn D: K33, Yarn C: K24

Row 19: Make the second buttonhole in **Row 19**, and then follow the pattern:

Yarn C: P22, Yarn D: P37, Yarn C: P22. Fasten off and cut off **Yarn C** in the end of the row.

Row 20: Yarn D: Knit

Row 21: Purl

Row 22: K3, (KLL, K5)x7 times, KLL, K5, KLL, (K5, KLL)x7 times, K3 (97 Sts)

Rows 23-45: St-st beginning and finishing with row **P** **

****If you want to knit the DRESS for the bear then follow the pattern below (after Row 42 is knitted)**

Pattern for the dress bottom:

Row 43: Knit

Cast off **K wise**. Fasten off the thread and cut it off.

For the **ROMPER** follow the next pattern:

Row 46: K7, (K2tog, K2)x9 times, K11, (K2, K2tog)x9 times, K7 (79 Sts)

Row 47: Knit

Cast off **K wise** (fig.43). Cut the working thread from the ball leaving a tail of around 25 cm (10”).

Sew the side seam of the romper from the bottom to the length of about 5.0 cm (2.0”) (fig.44). Fasten off the thread and do not cut it off at this point.



fig.43



fig.44

Pass the thread along the side seam on the **WS** of the romper till the cast off edge (fig.45 - fig.46). This allows using the same thread for further sewing without attaching a new thread.



fig.45



fig.46

Sew the bottom of the romper to the length of about 2.0-3.0 cm (2.0") using *Invisible Horizontal Seam* (fig.47). Take into account that the holes for the legs should be the same size. Fasten off the thread and cut it off at the end (fig.48).



fig.47



fig.48

The "body" of the romper is ready (fig.49). Sew on two buttons at the opposite ends from the buttonholes (fig.50).



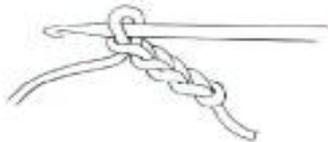
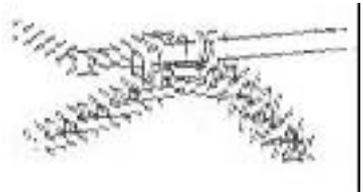
fig.49



fig.50

Deer horns for the romper

Use any dark brown thread for the deer horns and the crochet hook approx. 1.6-2.0 mm (UK1/US1). You only need to know a few crochet stitches to be able to get cute little horns: Chain stitch - ch (fig.51) and Slip Stitch - sl st (fig.52 – fig.53).

<u>Chain stitch</u>	<u>Slip stitch</u>	
 <p data-bbox="389 651 464 685">fig.51</p>	 <p data-bbox="815 651 890 685">fig.52</p>	 <p data-bbox="1246 651 1321 685">fig.53</p>

Each horn has its own pattern:

Left horn – ch 7, sl st 3, ch 6, sl st 8

Use the following pictures for clarity (fig.54 – fig.57):

ch 7



fig.54

sl st 3

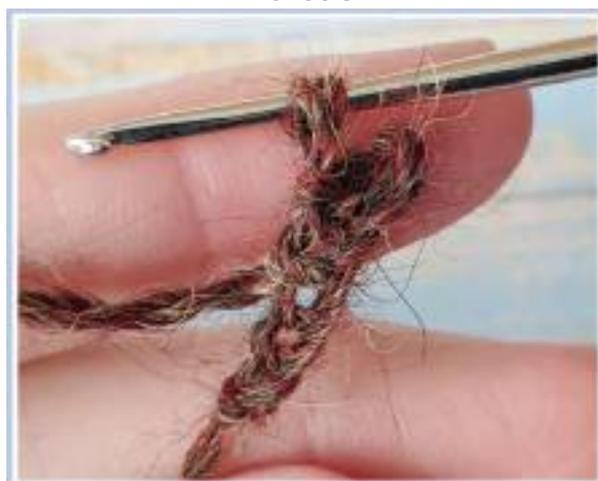


fig.55

ch 6



fig.56

sl st 8



fig.57

Right horn – ch 9, sl st 5, ch 4, sl st 6

Use the following pictures for clarity (fig.58 – fig.61):

ch 9



fig.58

sl st 5



fig.59

ch 4



fig.60

sl st 6



fig.61

Deer nose for the romper

Use **any** of Yarn C and 2.75mm needles to cast on 6 stitches.

Row 1: (Wrong side) Purl

Row 2: Knit

Rows 3 - 5: St-st beginning and finishing with row P

Cut the working thread from the ball leaving a tail of around 25 cm (10"). Use the tapestry needle to thread this tail through 6 stitches. Then thread the yarn through the edges of the shape (all the way around). There is no need to fill the nose with the stuffing. You can hide the cast on end inside the nose and that will be enough. Pull the thread tightly around to form a ball. Secure the edges of the ball together. The nose is ready.

You now have the nose and the horns to decorate the romper. You also need some small deer eye beads. Sew the decorative elements onto the romper as shown in the pictures (fig.62 - fig.63).

Combine different colors for the clothes and decorative elements, it looks very festive!



fig.62



fig.63

Your little Christmas Bear is ready!



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