



# SLEEPY POLAR BEAR

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## SLEEPY POLAR BEAR

Quite a few years ago now my daughter brought home an enormous stuffed polar bear and I just loved it. It was huge, maybe several feet long. I always had it in the back of my mind to create a knitted version of this style of toy which lays on its stomach, but on a much smaller scale. Well, that's exactly what I've done with this new adorable and cozy Sleepy Polar Bear. The toy sits on its tummy as if sleeping and wears a cozy sweater to boot. You start the seamless toy at the back end working in the round and leaving markers for the legs, arms and ears as you go. The legs, arms and ears are picked up and worked on to the body and head. The tail is worked separately and is tacked on. Finally, the sweater is worked separately and seamlessly from the top-down.

The Sleepy Polar Bear is a smooth and enjoyable knit. I hope you love this new handcrafted toy from Barrett Wool Co.

### Finished measurements

About 17-inches in length from the tip of the nose to the backend of the body not including the legs.

### Yarn

**Polar Bear:** Home Worsted by Barrett Wool Co., 100% American Climate Beneficial Wool (230 yards/100 grams); 2 skeins in the Picket Fence colorway.

**Sweater:** Home Bulky Twist by Barrett Wool Co., 100% American Climate Beneficial Wool (160 yards/100 grams); 1 skein in the Peppermint Stick colorway.

### Needles

**Polar Bear:** US size 6/4mm double-pointed needles and 16-inch circular needles or size to obtain gauge.

**Sweater:** US size 10/6mm double-pointed needles and 16-inch circular needles or size to obtain gauge.

### Gauge

**Polar Bear:** 5.5 stitches and 8 rows per 1-inch in stockinette

**Sweater:** 3.5 stitches per inch and 6 rows per 1-inch in stockinette

### Materials

Stitch markers - both locking and ring stitch markers to place on the needles.

Yarn needle

Polyester fiberfill

Waste yarn

Black thread or yarn for the face embroidery - The sample uses Woolens by Barrett Wool Co. in the Inkwell colorway. This is a sport weight yarn.

Black wool felt, 5-inch square for the nose and foot pads

Sewing needle and black thread to attach felt to toy

Sewing straight pins (optional)

Fabric glue (optional) - I used Sewline Fabric Glue Pen

### Abbreviations

**K** Knit

**P** Purl

**K2tog** Knit 2 stitches together

**Ssk** Slip 2 stitches separately and as if to knit, knit the two slipped stitches together through the back loops

**Kfb** Knit in the front and back of the same stitch

**Dpn(s)** Double-pointed needles

**Rnd(s)** Round(s)

**St(s)** Stitch(es)

### Special Techniques

Kitchener Stitch ([click here for video link](#))

Backwards Loop Cast-On Method ([click here for video link](#))

# 1. Body

Starting at the back end with the Home Worsted, smaller size double-pointed needles and using the long-tail cast-on method, cast on 9 stitches placing 3 stitches on each of three double-pointed needles.

Join to work in the round being careful not to twist the stitches. Place a stitch marker to denote the first stitch of the round.

**Rnd 1:** Knit.

**Rnd 2:** Kfb in each stitch. 6 sts per needle; 18 sts total.

**Rnd 3:** Knit.

**Rnd 4:** Kfb in each stitch. 12 sts per needle; 36 sts total.

**Rnd 5:** Knit.

**Rnd 6:** (K2, kfb) repeat to the end of the round. 16 sts per needle; 48 sts total.

**Rnds 7 and 8:** Knit.

**Rnd 9:** (K3, kfb) repeat to the end of the round. 20 sts per needle; 60 sts total.

**Rnds 10 and 11:** Knit.

**Rnd 12:** (K4, kfb) repeat to the end of the round. 24 sts per needle; 72 sts total.

**Rnds 13 and 14:** Knit.

**Rnd 15:** (K5, kfb) repeat to the end of the round. 28 sts per needle; 84 sts total.

**Rnd 16:** Knit.

**Rnd 17:** (K6, kfb) repeat to the end of the round. 32 sts per needle; 96 sts total.

**Rnd 18:** Knit.

**Rnd 19:** (K7, kfb) repeat to the end of the round. 36 sts per needle; 108 sts total.

**Rnd 20:** Knit.

**Rnd 21- leg placement:**

**Needle 1:** (P12, k12, p12)

**Needle 2 and Needle 3:** Knit.

For the next round, knit all of the stitches onto the smaller size 16-inch circular needles as follows:

**Next rnd:** (K36, place a ring stitch marker on the needle) repeat to the end of the round. You now have sections 1, 2 and 3, separated by the stitch markers.

### Notes:

\* Be sure to keep track of the first stitch of the round. I use a locking stitch marker on the first stitch of the round and move it up every few rounds as I work.

\* For the ring stitch markers on the needle, if not specified, always slip the marker as you're working.

Knit the next 34 rounds.

**Next rnd - decrease rnd:** K36, slip the marker, then repeat (K4, k2tog) to the end of the round. Section 1: 36 sts. Sections 2 and 3: 30 sts each. 96 sts total remain.

Knit the next 21 rounds.

### Decrease sequence:

**Rnd 1 - decrease rnd:** Ssk, knit to 2 sts before the next stitch marker, K2tog, slip the marker, then knit to the end of the round.

**Rnd 2:** Knit.

**Rnds 3-6:** Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 two more times. 90 stitches remain with 30 stitches in each section.

**Next Rnd - arm placement:** P10, k10, p10, then knit to the end of the round.

Knit the next 3 rounds.

**Next Rnd - decrease rnd:** (K3, k2tog) repeat to the end of the round. 72 sts remain with 24 stitches in each section in between the ring stitch markers.

Knit the next 3 rounds.

At this point place the end from the cast on stitches on to a yarn needle. Take some stitches around the hole and pull up tight to gather and close the hole. Pull the end to the inside, weave in and trim.

Stuff the body with polyester fiberfill, breaking the fiberfill into handfuls as you go. Stuff until lightly firm. Do not overstuff. At the back end just above the leg placement, my Polar Bear measures about 20-inches in circumference. At just under the arm placement, my Polar Bear measures about 17-inches in circumference.

Continue to stuff the head as you work to the tip of the nose.

## 2. Head Section Begins

**Next Rnd - increase rnd:** (K5, kfb) repeat to the end of the round. 84 sts total with 28 sts in each section in between the ring stitch markers.

Knit the next 26 rounds.

**Next Rnd - Ear Placement:** K38, p6, k24, p6, then knit to the end of the round.

Knit the next 14 rounds.

### Decrease for the Nose

**Rnd 1 - decrease rnd:** Ssk, knit to 2 stitches before the stitch marker, k2tog, slip the marker, then repeat (k5, k2tog) to the end of the round. 74 sts remain.

**Rnd 2:** Knit.

**Rnd 3 - decrease rnd:** Ssk, knit to 2 stitches before the stitch marker, k2tog, slip the marker, then repeat (k4, k2tog) to the end of the round. 64 sts remain.

Slip the stitches back onto the same size double-pointed needles as follows:

**Needle 1:** 24 sts

**Needle 2:** 20 sts

**Needle 3:** 20 sts

### Rnd 4 - decrease rnd:

**Needle 1:** Ssk, knit to the last 2 stitches, k2tog. 22 sts remain.

**Needles 2 and 3:** (K3, k2tog) repeat to the end of the round. 16 sts remain.  
54 sts total remain.

### Rnd 5 - decrease rnd:

**Needle 1:** Ssk, repeat (k3, k2tog) three times, then k1 st, k2tog twice. 16 sts remain.

**Needles 2 and 3:** Knit. 16 sts per needle.  
48 stitches total remain.

Knit the next 10 rounds.

### Decrease for the Tip of the Nose

**Rnd 1 - decrease rnd:** (K2, k2tog) repeat to the end of the round. 12 sts per needle; 36 sts total remain.

**Rnd 2 - decrease rnd:** (K1, k2tog) repeat to the end of the round. 8 sts per needle; 24 sts total remain.

**Rnds 3 and 4:** Knit.

**Rnd 5 - decrease rnd:** (K2, k2tog) repeat to the end of the round. 6 sts per needle; 18 sts total remain.

**Rnd 6:** Knit.

**Rnd 7 - decrease rnd:** (K2tog) repeat to the end of the round. 3 sts per needle; 9 sts total remain.

Finish any remaining stuffing. The head on my Polar Bear measures 16-inches in circumference right below the ear placement.

Cut the yarn leaving a 6-inch end. Place the end on a yarn needle and pull through the remaining stitches. Pull the end tight to close the hole. Pull the end through the stitches one more time to secure. Pull the end to the inside and trim to stay inside.



### 3. Left Ear

All of the ears, arms, legs and tail are worked in the same Home Worsted Weight yarn as the body and head.

[Click here to watch the instructional video for picking up the ears!](#)

**Important Note:** Don't be too worried about picking up the exact stitches or leg of a stitch as it won't make much difference in the end. If it's a little off it will blend right in and if the stitches are twisted on the needle when you first come to it just knit through the back loop.

Starting with the bear's nose facing toward you, locate the purl bumps for the ear placement on the left side of the head **as you are looking down at the bear**. With one of the smaller size double-pointed needles, count over one stitch to the right and one stitch **ABOVE** the purl bumps. Count down 3 more stitches in that same column of stitches. On this stitch insert the tip of the needle under the right leg and then going up in the next 3 consecutive stitches. On the same needle insert the tip of the needle under the right leg of the next 6 consecutive stitches **ABOVE** each of the 6 purl bumps.

Starting on the next column of stitches to the left and one stitch below the first stitch on the first needle, insert the tip of a second needle under the right leg of 4 consecutive stitches going up in the same column. With the same needle pick up 6 consecutive stitches **UNDER** the purl bumps by inserting the tip of the needle under the right leg of each stitch. These stitches are very tight on the needle but will loosen up after working a couple of rounds.

You should have 10 stitches on each of two needles, 20 stitches total. Place a stitch marker on the first stitch on the lower needle to denote the beginning of the round. Place the end of the yarn under the needle to begin. You will be working in the round on two double-pointed needles as follows.

**Rnd 1:** Knit.

**Rnd 2 - increase rnd:** (Kfb, k8, kfb) repeat on each needle. 12 sts per needle; 24 sts total.

**Rnds 3-7:** Knit.

**Rnd 8 - decrease rnd:** (Ssk, k8, k2tog) repeat on each needle. 10 sts per needle; 20 sts total.

**Rnd 9 - decrease rnd:** (SSk, k6, k2tog) repeat on each needle. 8 sts per needle; 16 sts total.

Cut the yarn leaving a 10-inch end. Place the end on a yarn needle. Use the Kitchener stitch to graft the top of the ear together. Pull the end to the inside and trim.



## 4. Right Ear

The right ear, as you are looking down at the top of the bear's head, is the same as the Left Ear only you are first picking up along the purl bumps and then down the column of stitches to the left of the purl bumps.

Starting with the bear's nose facing toward you find the purl bumps for the ear placement on the right side of the head **as you are looking down at the bear**. With one of the smaller double-pointed needles, insert the tip of the needle under the right leg of 6 consecutive stitches directly **ABOVE** the purl bumps. On the same needle, insert the tip of the needle under the right leg of 1 more stitch to the left of the purl bumps. Continue inserting the tip of the needle under the right leg of 3 more stitches going down in the same column.

With a second empty needle, start by inserting the tip of the needle **UNDER** the purl bumps for 6 consecutive stitches. On the same needle, insert the tip of the needle under the right leg of the next stitch over to the left. Continue inserting the tip of the needle under the right leg of 3 more stitches going down in the same column. These stitches are very tight on the needle but will loosen up after working a couple of rounds.

You should have 10 stitches on each of two needles, 20 stitches total.

Place a stitch marker on the first stitch on the lower needle to denote the beginning of the round. Place the end of the yarn under the needle to begin. You will be working in the round on two double-pointed needles as follows.

**Rnd 1:** Knit.

**Rnd 2 - increase rnd:** (Kfb, k8, kfb) repeat on each needle. 12 sts per needle; 24 sts total.

**Rnds 3-7:** Knit.

**Rnd 8 - decrease rnd:** (Ssk, k8, k2tog) repeat on each needle. 10 sts per needle; 20 sts total.

**Rnd 9 - decrease rnd:** (SSk, k6, k2tog) repeat on each needle. 8 sts per needle; 16 sts total.

Cut the yarn leaving a 10-inch end. Place the end on a yarn needle. Use the Kitchener stitch to graft the top of the ear together. Pull the end to the inside and trim.

## 5. Arms

See the photo below on **Picking Up Stitches for the Arms**.

Both Arms are made the same so start on either set of purl bumps set for the arms.

Start with one smaller size double-pointed needle, insert the tip of the needle under the right leg of the stitch on 10 consecutive stitches **ABOVE** the purl bumps. This is **Needle 3**.

With a second double-pointed needle and starting at the first stitch under the purl bumps on the right side, insert the tip of the needle under the right leg of 5 stitches going down on the diagonal. This is **Needle 1**.

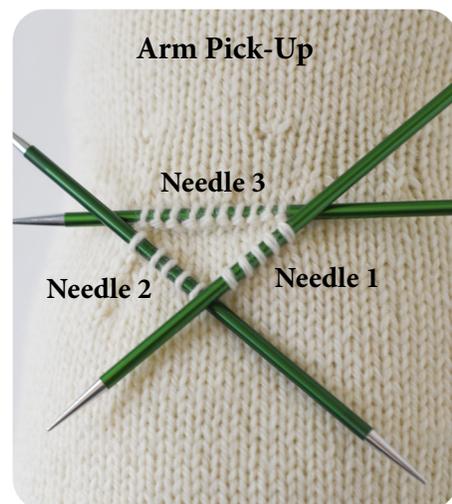
With a third double-pointed needle and starting at next stitch over after the last stitch on Needle 1, insert the tip of the needle under the right leg of 5 stitches going up on the diagonal and ending at the first stitch on Needle 3. This is **Needle 2**.

20 stitches total.

**Important Note:** Don't worry too much if the stitches aren't perfectly picked up on the diagonal, it will all blend in once you get going.

Place a stitch marker on the first stitch on Needle 1. You will be working in the round on the three double-pointed needles with the Home Worsted.

Knit 14 rounds.



## 6. Hand

Continue on from the arm.

**Next Rnd - increase rnd:**

**Needle 1:** Kfb, k4. 6 sts.

**Needle 2:** K4, kfb. 6 sts.

**Needle 3:** Kfb, k8, kfb. 12 sts.

24 sts total.

Knit 7 rounds.

**Next Round - decrease rnd:**

**Needle 1:** Ssk, k4. 5 sts.

**Needle 2:** K4, k2tog. 5 sts.

**Needle 3:** Ssk, k8, k2tog. 10 sts.

20 sts total remain.

Knit 1 round.

**Next Round - decrease rnd:**

**Needle 1:** Ssk, k3. 4 sts.

**Needle 2:** K3, k2tog. 4 sts.

**Needle 3:** Ssk, k6, k2tog. 8 sts.

16 sts total remain.

**Next Round - decrease rnd:**

**Needle 1:** Ssk, k2. 3 sts.

**Needle 2:** K2, k2tog. 3 sts.

**Needle 3:** Ssk, k4, k2tog. 6 sts.

12 sts total remain.

Stuff the arm very lightly leaving a half-inch at the top without any stuffing. Stuff the hand a little bit fuller but still lightly stuffed.

Place the first 6 stitches on one double-pointed needle.

Cut the yarn leaving a 10-inch end. Place the end on a yarn needle and use the Kitchener stitch to graft the end of the hand together. Pull the end to the inside and trim to stay inside. Place the end from the start of the arm on a yarn needle and pull to the inside and trim to stay inside.

Make the second Arm the same starting with the other set of purl bumps.

## 7. Left Leg (as you are looking at the tummy): See the photo for Picking up the Stitches for the Left Leg on page 7.

With the back end of the bear toward you with the tummy side up, locate the purl bumps on the left side for the leg **as you are looking down at the bear**. Use the smaller size double-pointed needles.

**Needle 1:** Insert the tip of the needle under the right leg of 12 consecutive stitches **UNDER** the purl bumps.

**Needle 2:** Start one stitch to the left of the last picked up stitch on Needle 1. Insert the tip of the needle under the right leg of **every other stitch** going up in the column of stitches until there are 6 stitches on the needle.

**Needle 3:** Start one stitch to the right of the first stitch on Needle 1. Insert the tip of the needle under the right leg of the the stitch for 12 stitches going on the diagonal and ending at the last stitch on Needle 2. Don't worry if these aren't perfect!

**Needle 1:** 12 stitches.

**Needle 2:** 6 stitches.

**Needle 3:** 12 stitches.

30 stitches total.

You will be working in the round on the three double-pointed needles with the Home Worsted yarn. Place a stitch marker on the first stitch of Needle 1 to denote the beginning of the round.

**Rnds 1 and 2:** Knit.

**Rnd 3 - increase rnd:**

**Needle 1:** Knit. 12 sts.

**Needle 2:** (K1, kfb) repeat to the end of the needle. 9 sts.

**Needle 3:** Knit. 12 sts.

33 sts total.

**Rnd 4:** Knit.

**Rnd 5 - increase rnd:**

**Needle 1:** Knit. 12 sts.

**Needle 2:** (K2, kfb) repeat to the end of the needle. 12 sts.

**Needle 3:** Knit. 12 sts.

36 sts total.

## Left Leg Continued

**Rnds 6-19:** Knit.

**Rnd 20 - decrease rnd:**

**Needle 1:** Knit. 12 sts.

**Needle 2:** (K2, k2tog) repeat to the end of the needle. 9 sts.

**Needle 3:** Knit. 12 sts.

33 sts total remain.

**Rnd 21:** Knit.

**Rnd 22 - decrease rnd:**

**Needle 1:** Knit. 12 sts.

**Needle 2:** (K1, k2tog) repeat to the end of the needle. 6 sts.

**Needle 3:** Knit. 12 sts.

30 sts remain.

**Rearrange the stitches as follows:**

Place the first 3 stitches on Needle 2 onto Needle 1.

Place the next 3 stitches on Needle 2 onto Needle 3.

Now you have 15 stitches on each of two needles.

You will be working in the round on the two needles.

**Rnd 23:** Knit.

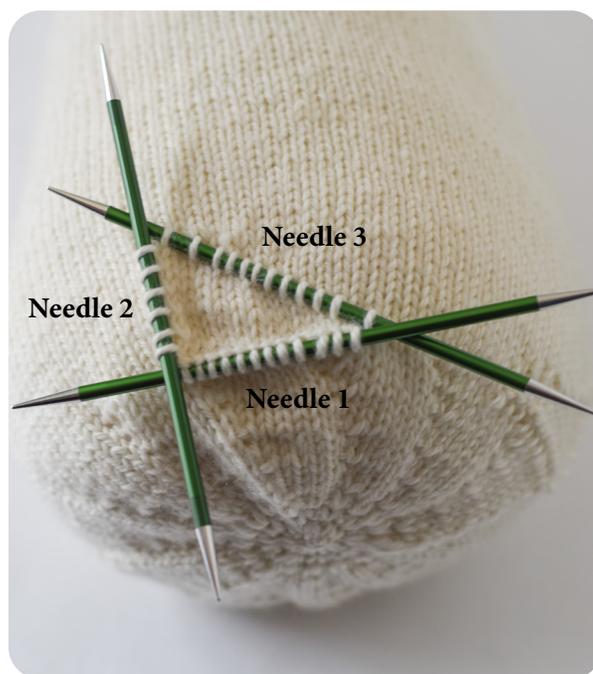
**Rnd 24 - decrease rnd:** (Ssk, knit to the last 2 stitches, k2tog) repeat on each of the two needles. 13 sts per needle; 26 sts total remain.

**Rnd 25 - decrease rnd:** Repeat Rnd 24. 11 sts per needle; 22 sts total remain.

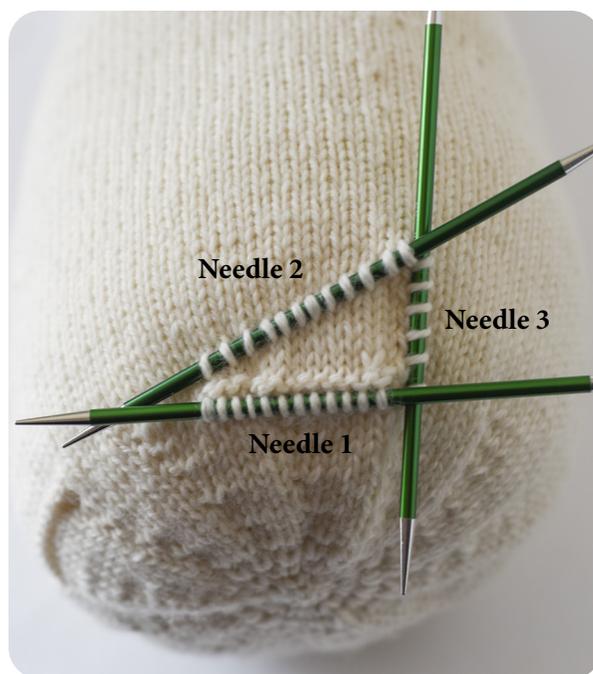
**Rnd 26 - decrease rnd:** Repeat Rnd 24. 9 sts per needle; 18 sts total remain.

Stuff the leg with fiberfill, pushing out on the outer side of the leg. Do not overstuff.

Cut the yarn leaving a 10-inch end. Place the end on a yarn needle. Use the Kitchener stitch to graft the end of the foot together. Pull the end to the inside and trim to stay inside. Place the end from the start of the leg on a yarn needle and pull to the inside and trim to stay inside.



**Left Leg Pick-Up**



**Right Leg Pick-Up**

## 8. Right Leg

See the photo for Picking up the Stitches for the Right Leg on page 7.

With the back end of the bear toward you with the tummy side up, locate the purl bumps on the right side for the leg **as you are looking down at the bear**. Use the smaller size double-pointed needles.

The needles are picked up out of order as it's easier this way.

**Needle 1:** Insert the tip of the needle under the right leg of 12 consecutive stitches **UNDER** the purl bumps.

**Needle 3:** Start one stitch to the right of the first picked up stitch on Needle 1. Insert the tip of the needle under the right leg of every other stitch going up in the column of stitches until there are 6 stitches on the needle.

**Needle 2:** Start one stitch to the left of the last stitch on Needle 1. Insert the tip of the needle under the right leg of the the stitch for 12 stitches going on the diagonal and ending at the last stitch on Needle 3. Don't worry if these aren't perfect!

**Needle 1:** 12 stitches.

**Needle 2:** 12 stitches.

**Needle 3:** 6 stitches.

30 stitches total.

You will be working in the round on the three double-pointed needles with the Home Worsted yarn. Place a stitch marker on the first stitch of Needle 1 to denote the beginning of the round.

**Rnds 1 and 2:** Knit.

**Rnd 3 - increase rnd:**

**Needles 1 and 2:** Knit. 12 sts per needle.

**Needle 3:** (K1, kfb) repeat to the end of the needle. 9 sts.

33 sts total.

**Rnd 4:** Knit.

**Rnd 5 - increase rnd:**

**Needles 1 and 2:** Knit. 12 sts per needle.

**Needle 3:** (K2, kfb) repeat to the end of the needle. 12 sts.

36 sts total.

**Rnds 6-19:** Knit.

**Rnd 20 - decrease rnd:**

**Needles 1 and 2:** Knit. 12 sts per needle.

**Needle 3:** (K2, k2tog) repeat to the end of the needle. 9 sts.

33 sts total remain.

**Rnd 21:** Knit.

**Rnd 22 - decrease rnd:**

**Needles 1 and 2:** Knit. 12 sts.

**Needle 3:** (K1, k2tog) repeat to the end of the needle. 6 sts.

30 sts remain.

**Rnd 23:**

**Needles 1 and 2:** Knit.

Continue with Needle 2 and knit 3 stitches from Needle 3 onto Needle 2.

Slip the last remaining 3 stitches from Needle 3 onto Needle 1.

Now you have 15 stitches on each of two needles. You will be working in the round on the two needles.

**Rnd 24 - decrease rnd:** (Ssk, knit to the last 2 stitches, k2tog) repeat on each of the two needles. 13 sts per needle; 26 sts total remain.

**Rnd 25 - decrease rnd:** Repeat Rnd 24. 11 sts per needle; 22 sts total remain.

**Rnd 26 - decrease rnd:** Repeat Rnd 24. 9 sts per needle; 18 sts total remain.

Stuff the leg with fiberfill, pushing out on the outer side of the leg. Do not overstuff.

Cut the yarn leaving a 10-inch end. Place the end on a yarn needle. Use the Kitchener stitch to graft the end of the foot together. Pull the end to the inside and trim to stay inside. Place the end from the start of the leg on a yarn needle and pull to the inside and trim to stay inside.

## 9. Tail

The Tail is worked separately and tacked on.

With the smaller size double-pointed needles and matching yarn, use the long-tail cast-on method to cast on 9 stitches placing 3 stitches on each of three needles. Join to work in the round being careful not to twist the stitches. Place a stitch marker on the first stitch to denote the beginning of the round.

**Rnd 1:** Knit.

**Rnd 2 - increase rnd:** Kfb in each stitch. 6 sts per needle; 18 sts total.

**Rnd 3:** Knit.

**Rnd 4 - increase rnd:** (K2, kfb) repeat to the end of the round. 8 sts per needle; 24 sts total.

**Rnds 5-11:** Knit.

At this point place the end from the cast on stitches on a yarn needle. Take some stitches around the hole and pull up tight to gather and close the hole. Pull the end to the inside, weave in and trim.

**Rnd 12 - decrease rnd:** (K2, k2tog) repeat to the end of the round. 6 sts per needle; 18 sts total.

**Rnd 13:** Knit.

Stuff the tail with fiberfill. Do not overstuff. Continue to add stuffing as you work to the end.

**Rnd 14 - decrease rnd:** (K2tog) repeat to the end of the round. 3 sts per needle; 9 sts total.

**Rnd 15:** Knit.

Finish any remaining stuffing. Cut the yarn leaving a 12-inch end and place the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches and pull up tight to close the hole. Pull the end through the stitches one more time to secure. Pull the end to the inside and out through the middle of the tail in between the bottom and top gathered holes.

Place the tail at the top and center of the back end directly above where the the increase lines stop. Hold the tail in place horizontally so the gathered holes are at the sides. Use the end to tack down the Tail to the body by using a whipstitch in a small circle. Pull the end to the inside and trim to stay inside.

## 10. Finishing Details (see photo on pg. 4)

### Nose

**Safety Note:** The wool felt pieces are very small. If there is any concern about a choking hazard for young children or babies, leave the wool felt details off. The nose could be embroidered using straight stitches, and the footpad and toes would work with the spiderweb stitch.

Use the template on pg. 10 to cut out the nose in the wool felt. First, cut out the nose pattern in paper and place on the felt. You could hold it in place as you cut around the pattern, or pin it down.

Place the felt nose so the bottom edge is just above the gathered hole stitches at the tip of the bear's nose. Make sure it is centered. I placed a sewing pin in the felt to hold it in place. With a single strand of black sewing thread and a needle, with a single strand of thread, use a whipstitch around the edge to secure the nose to the face. Tie a knot in the thread to secure, pull the end to the inside and trim to stay inside.

### Mouth

With a 12-inch cut length of black yarn placed on a yarn needle, take a straight stitch going down from the center of the nose and entering just below the gathered hole. Take two more straight stitches from the end of the first stitch to create an upside-down V for the mouth. Pull the end to the inside and trim to stay inside.

### Eyes

Count down 9 rows from the inside corner of the ear. This will be the starting point for the eye embroidery. The eye is placed directly above the start of the decrease lines for the nose.

With a 12-inch cut length of black yarn placed on a yarn needle, take four stitches using the backstitch method ([click here for a video showing the back stitch](#)), making a curved line.

Repeat for the second eye on the other side.

### Steaming

If you feel like your Sleepy Polar Bear needs blocking use the steam from an iron or from a designated steamer. Generously steam and let air dry.

# 11. Footpad and Toes

**Safety Note:** The felt pieces are very small. If there is any concern about a choking hazard for young children or babies, leave the wool felt details off.

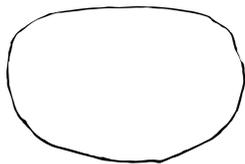
Use the template provided for the footpad and the toes. You'll need 2 of the footpads and 6 of the toes in the felt.

Both feet are completed the same.

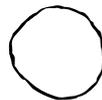
For the footpad, I centered the bottom of the circle about 10 rows up from the grafted seam at the end of the foot. Two rows directly below the footpad I placed the center toe and then I placed the other two toes on either side creating a slight curve.

Here is where I used the fabric glue pen to hold the felt in place while I whipstitched around the outside of the circles with the sewing needle and thread. This worked really well. You could also pin the pieces or just hold them in place as you stitch.

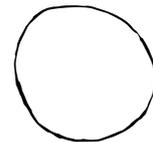
With a single strand of black thread and a sewing needle, whipstitch around the outside of each of the circles. Tie a knot in the thread to secure and pull the end to the inside and trim.



**Nose**



**Toe**



**Foot Pad**

# 12. Sweater

Starting at the neck with the larger size 16-inch circular needles and the Home Bulky Twist, use the long-tail cast-on method to cast on 60 stitches. Join to work in the round being careful not to twist the stitches. Place a stitch marker on the first stitch to denote the beginning of the round. The beginning of the round is the center of the tummy-side of the sweater.

**Rnds 1-8:** (K2, p2) repeat to the end of the round.

Knit the next 2 rounds.

**Next Rnd - sleeve placement:** K4, place the next 7 stitches on waste yarn, cast on 7 stitches with the backwards loop method, knit to the last 11 stitches of the round, place the next 7 stitches on waste yarn, cast on 7 stitches using the backwards loop method, k4.

Knit the next 3 rounds.

**Next Rnd - increase rnd:** (K14, kfb) repeat to the end of the round. 64 sts.

Knit the next 23 rounds.

**Next 3 rounds:** (K2, p2) repeat to the end of the round.

Bind off loosely in pattern.

### Sleeve - start on either sleeve opening:

With the larger size double-pointed needles and the same yarn, start by placing the stitches being held on waste yarn onto one needle.

With a second needle, starting at the right side of the cast on stitches, add in the yarn and pick up and knit 7 stitches and then pick up 1 more stitch in the gap. 8 stitches are on the needle.

Knit across the 7 stitches that were held, then pick up 1 more stitch in the gap. 8 stitches are on the needle.

You have 16 stitches on two needles.

You will be working in the round on the two double-pointed needles. Place a stitch marker on the first stitch on the lower needle to denote the beginning of the round.

**Rnd 1:** (Knit to the last two stitches on the needle, k2tog) repeat on each needle. 7 sts per needle; 14 sts total.

**Rnds 2-4:** Knit.

**Rnds 5-7:** (K1, p1) repeat to the end of the round.

Bind off loosely in pattern.

Cut the yarn leaving a 6-inch end. Place the end on a yarn needle, weave in to the inside and trim.

Repeat for the second sleeve.

Weave in all other ends to the inside. For the collar weave in the end to the right side so it will not be visible when turned down.

Block as desired. I soaked the sweater in cold water with wool wash and laid it flat to dry.



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