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TEDDY BEAR SWEATER



Sizes:	3-6 mo (6-9 mo) 9-12 mo (1-2 yr) 2-3 yr (3-4 yr) 4-5 yr (5-6 yr) 6-7 yr
Bust circumference:	57 (59) 63 (65) 67 (70) 72 (76) 78 cm [22½ (23¼) 24¾ (25½) 26½ (27½) 28¾ (30) 30¾ inches]
Length (mid front):	27 (29) 32 (35) 37 (39) 40 (41) 44 cm [10¾ (11½) 12½ (13¾) 14½ (15½) 15¾ (16) 17¼ inches]
Gauge:	21 sts x 28 rows in stockinette stitch = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches] on 4 mm (US6) needles, after blocking
Needles:	Circular needles: 3.5 mm [US4] and 4 mm [US6] / 40 cm [16 inches] and 60 cm [24 inches] Double-pointed needles: 3.5 mm [US4] and 4 mm [US6]
Materials:	50 (50) 50 (50) 50 (75) 75 (75) 75 g of Tilia by Filcolana (25 g = 210 m [230 yds]) or Silk Mohair by Isager Yarn (25 g = 212 m [232 yds]) held together with 50 (100) 100 (100) 100 (100) 100 (150) 150 g of Alpaca 2 by Isager Yarn (50 g = 250 m [273 yds]). A scrap of black yarn for the embroidered teddy bear face.

PATTERN

The design is worked seamless from the top down, with raglan increases on the yoke and short rows to shape the neckline. The face of a teddy is embroidered onto the front of the finished sweater.

About raglan increases

The raglan increases are worked on either side of a central raglan stitch (the raglan stitch is a regular stockinette stitch, which is knit on the RS and purled on the WS). When seen from the RS of the work, the raglan increase to the right of the central raglan stitch will slant right (M1R), and the raglan increase to the left will slant left (M1L). These increases are worked as follows:

M1R:

On RS rows: Insert left needle under the strand between the stitches from back to front, then knit this strand through the front loop (as you would normally).

On WS rows: Insert left needle under the strand between the stitches from front to back, then purl this strand through the back loop.

M1L:

On RS rows: Insert left needle under the strand between the stitches from front to back, then knit this strand through the back loop (twisted).

On WS rows: Insert left needle under the strand between the stitches from back to front, then purl this strand.

Yoke

Cast on 64 (66) 72 (74) 76 (80) 82 (88) 88 sts slightly loosely on 3.5 mm [US4] / 40 cm [14 inches] circular needles, with your preferred cast-on method. Tip: It may be helpful to use double-pointed needles instead for the smaller sizes.

Join to knit in the round, making sure that the cast on edge is not twisted, and place a marker to indicate the beginning of the round. Work 2 cm [approx. ¾ inch] of (k1, p1) ribbing. Change to 4 mm [US6] circular needles by knitting all of the sts onto the new needles.

Divide the work into sleeves, front and back by placing the following markers on either side of each of the 4 raglan sts as follows:

Knit 11 (11) 12 (12) 12 (13) 13 (14) 14 sts (right side of back), place marker, k1 (raglan st), place marker, knit 8 (9) 10 (11) 12 (12) 13 (14) 14 sts (right sleeve), place marker, k1 (raglan st), place

marker, knit 22 (22) 24 (24) 24 (26) 26 (28) 28 sts (front), place marker, k1 (raglan st), place marker, knit 8 (9) 10 (11) 12 (12) 13 (14) 14 sts (left sleeve), place marker, k1 (raglan st), place marker, knit 11 (11) 12 (12) 12 (13) 13 (14) 14 sts (left side of back). You have reached the end of round.

The round begins at the marker at the center of the back.

Now work short rows to shape the neckline, while **at the same time** working raglan increases. I recommend using the technique called *German Short Rows* (find my video demonstrating the technique on www.petiteknit.com). Work as follows:

- Step 1 (RS): Knit to raglan st, M1R, k1 (raglan st), M1L, knit to next raglan st, M1R, k1 (raglan st), M1L, k2. Turn.
- Step 2 (WS): Purl to beginning of round marker (mid back).
- Step 3 (WS): Purl to raglan st, M1R, p1 (raglan st), M1L, purl to next raglan st, M1R, p1 (raglan st), M1L, p2. Turn.
- Step 4 (RS): Knit to beginning of round (mid back).

A total of 8 increases have been worked on Steps 1-4.

Repeat Steps 1-4, **but** each time working 2 more sts before turning (i.e. work the turning stitch from the last row on the same side, then work 2 more sts, then turn). Repeat Step 1-4 another 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 (4) 4 times as described, so a total of 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (5) 5 raglan increases have been worked on either side of the 4 raglan sts. There are now 96 (98) 104 (106) 108 (112) 114 (128) 128 sts on the needles.

The neckline has now been shaped using short rows. Now work in the round in stockinette stitch, while **at the same time** working raglan increases every other round until a total of 16 (17) 18 (19) 20 (21) 22 (23) 24 raglan increases have been worked on either side of each raglan st. There are now a total of 192 (202) 216 (226) 236 (248) 258 (272) 280 sts on the needles. Change to a longer circular needle, when necessary to accommodate the increasing number of sts.

Body

Now divide the sts into sleeves and body, while at the same time casting on new sts at each underarm, as follows:

Knit 28 (29) 31 (32) 33 (35) 36 (38) 39 sts (right side of back), place the next 40 (43) 46 (49) 52 (54) 57 (60) 62 sts on a stitch holder or spare cable (right sleeve), cast on 4 new sts at the underarm using the *backward loop method*, knit 56 (58) 62 (64) 66 (70) 72 (76) 78 sts (front), place the next 40

(43) 46 (49) 52 (54) 57 (60) 62 sts on a stitch holder or spare cable (left sleeve), cast on 4 new at the underarm using the *backward loop method*, knit 28 (29) 31 (32) 33 (35) 36 (38) 39 sts (left side of back).

There are now 120 (124) 132 (136) 140 (148) 152 (160) 164 sts on the needles for the body. The beginning of the round is now in the middle of the newly cast on sts under the right sleeve.

Continue in stockinette stitch until the sweater measures 24 (26) 29 (32) 34 (36) 37 (38) 41 cm [approx. 9½ (10¼) 11½ (12½) 13½ (14¼) 14½ (15) 16 inches], measured from the cast-on edge down the center of the front. Change to 3.5 mm [US4] circular needles and work 3 cm [approx. 1¼ inches] of (k1, p1) rib. Bind off in established rib pattern.

Sleeves

Slip the sts for one sleeve onto 4 mm [US6] double-pointed needles. Pick up and knit 4 sts along the sts that were cast at the underarm. There are now a total of 44 (47) 50 (53) 56 (58) 61 (64) 66 sts on the needles.

Place a marker for the beginning of the round in the middle of the 4 underarm sts. Join to knit in the round and work in stockinette stitch, while working the following decrease round every 5th (5th) 5th (5th) 6th (6th) 6th (6th) 6th round a total of 7 (7) 8 (8) 9 (10) 11 (11) 12 times: K1, k2tog, knit until 3 sts remain, ssk, k1.

There are now 30 (33) 34 (35) 36 (38) 39 (42) 42 sts on the needles. Work straight (in stockinette stitch without decreases) until sleeve measures 13 (15) 17 (18) 21 (22) 24 (25) 27 cm [approx. 5 (6) 6¾ (8) 8¼ (8¾) 9½ (9¾) 10½ inches]. Adjust the number of sts to an even number, if necessary. Work 3 cm [approx. 1¼ inches] of (k1, p1) rib. Bind off in established rib pattern.

Work the other sleeve identically.

Weave in all ends.

Embroidery

Embroider the teddy bear's nose onto the front of the sweater, slightly below the mid point. Tip: You can find the center of the front by following the middle stitch of the neck rib in a line all the way down to the belly.

The nose is embroidered by sewing two to three times on top of each other as illustrated in the image below. Insert the needle through the holes that naturally occur in the knitted fabric and be sure not to tighten the yarn too much.

Embroider two eyes by sewing three times across a single knitted stitch. The eyes are placed as follows: Approx. 3-4 cm [1¼-1½ inches] up from the center of the nose and approx. 5 (5.5) 6 (6.5) 7

(7.5) 8 (8.5) 9 cm [2 (2¼) 2½ (2½) 2¾ (3) 3 (3¼) 3½ inches] to either side of this point. Count the stitches of the knitted fabric to ensure that the placement is completely symmetrical. Carefully weave in the ends on the WS.



Abbreviations

dpns	double pointed needles
k	knit
k2tog	decrease; knit two stitches together (right slanting)
M1L	increase, worked differently on the RS or WS (see increases)
M1R	increase, worked differently on the RS or WS (see increases)
p	purl
RS	right side of your work
ssk	decrease; slip, slip knit; slip one stitch knitwise, slip another stitch knitwise, return both stitches to the left needle, and knit them together through the back loop (left slanting)
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	wrong side of your work

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