

# Knitting Bee

## Mr. Bear's Top Down Cardigan, Hat & Scarf

*Our basic patterns for dressing teddy bears headed to Camp Erin. The little cardigan is knit all in one piece with garter stitch edging. Fits the average bear, but bears do vary! Experiment with different needles or yarns to make the cardi larger or smaller and adjust body and arm length as needed. Try adding novelty yarns, stripes, or colorwork. Embellish with buttons, charms or patches. Be creative, and make sure to knit a matching hat or headband!*

**Materials:** Worsted weight yarn (about 200 yds), US size #6 & #8 circular and double pointed needles, stitch markers, stitch holders or waste yarn, darning needle

**Gauge:** 18 - 20 stitches = Approx. 4" in stockinette stitch

**Finished Chest Measurement:** Approx. 15" around

### Cardigan Directions:

Cast on 58 sts with smaller needle and begin neckband.

Rows 1-7: Knit.

Row 8: K9, place marker, K11, pm, K18, pm, K11, pm, K9.

Change to larger needle and begin increasing for yoke.

Row 9 (Right Side): (K to 1 st before marker, increase by knitting into front & back of st, slip marker, increase again) repeat 3 more times, K to end. (*8 sts increased*)

Row 10 (Wrong Side): K5, purl to last 5 sts, K5

Repeat last two rows, increasing 8 sts every RS row as instructed, until work measures 4 1/2" along the raglan edge (including the neckband). End after completing a WS row. Slip sleeve stitches onto holders or waste yarn.

Continue to knit body as established with 5 st garter edging until piece measures 1" from the underarm. Switch to smaller needles and knit 8 rows for garter stitch bottom edge. Bind off loosely.

Transfer held sleeve sts to double pointed needles or magic loop. Attach yarn and knit all sts; join for knitting in the round. Knit 5 more rounds, until work reaches about 1" or desired length. Switch to smaller needles and work garter stitch edging (knit 1 round, purl 1 round) for 8 rounds total. Bind off very loosely. Weave in all ends.

## Seamed Stocking Hat to Accommodate Bear Ears

### Directions:

Cast on 51 sts. Work in garter st or K1, P1 ribbing for 1". Change to stockinette st and purl 1 row. Make ear holes. Next row (RS): K3, loosely bind off 8 sts, K7, BO 8 sts, K23.

Next row: P24, cast on 8 sts, P8, cast on 8 sts, P3. Work 6 rows in stockinette st.

Begin decreasing. Row 1: \*K3, K2tog, repeat from \*, ending with K1. Row 2 and all even number rows: Purl.

Row 3: \*K2, K2tog, repeat from \*, end with K1. Row 5: \*K1, K2tog, repeat from \*, end K1. Row 7: \*K2tog, repeat from \*, end K1. Pull end of yarn through remaining loops and sew seam. If desired, top with a pom pom.

## Garter Stitch Fringed Scarf

### Directions:

With large needles, cast on 60 sts very loosely. Knit 4 rows. Bind off all sts very loosely.

Fringe: Cut 12 – 4" pieces of yarn. Take 2 pieces, fold in half, and use a crochet hook to pull loop through end of scarf. Pull ends through loop and tighten knot. Make 3 knots at each end of scarf.

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## ***Additional Patterns for Camp Erin Bears using worsted weight yarn***

### **A Different Bear Jacket**

*This stockinette jacket is made in one piece starting at the lower back and working up over the shoulders. The sides are seamed.*

*Back:* With small needles, cast on 30 sts. Work in K1, P1 ribbing for 3 rows. Change to large needles and work in stockinette st until piece measures 2". Shape sleeves by casting on 6 sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows (42 sts). Work even until piece measures 4 1/2", ending after completing a wrong side row.

*Shape neck and divide for Front:* K13, bind off 16 sts, K remaining 13 sts. Next row: P13, slip rem sts onto a holder.

*Left Front:* Work 4 rows, then increase 1 st at the beg of the next and every other row 4 times. Cast on 4 sts (21 sts). Work even until piece measures 7", ending after a right side row. Bind off 6 sts at the beg of the next row. Work even on the remaining 15 sts until the piece measures 8 1/2". Change to small needles and work in K1, P1 ribbing for 3 rows. Bind off.

*Right Front:* Attach yarn at the neck edge and purl 1 row. Work the same as the Left Front, reversing the neck and sleeve shaping.

*Finishing:* With small needles and right side facing, pick up 22 sts along each sleeve edge. Work 3 rows in ribbing and bind off. Pick up 20 sts along each front edge, work 3 rows in ribbing and bind off. Pick up 43 sts around the neck, work 3 rows in ribbing and bind off. Join side and sleeve seams. If desired, sew on buttons.

### **Super Easy Pullover**

*This pullover is made up of four garter stitch squares. Easy enough for kids to tackle!*

*Front & Back:* With large needles, cast on 30 sts. Knit every row until piece measures 4-5". Bind off. Make two.

*Sleeve:* Cast on 22 sts. Knit all rows until piece measures 2". Bind off all sts. Make two.

*Finishing:* Sew Front & Back pieces together at shoulders (longest sides), leaving a 4" opening for neck. Pin top of sleeves to side edges so that the center point of the sleeve lines up with the shoulder seam. Sew in. Join side and sleeve seams. Weave in ends.

### **Marilyn's Bear Pullover**

*This easy stockinette stitch pullover is made by knitting two T-shaped pieces and seaming them together. Larger size in parentheses.*

Using larger needles, cast on 56(62) stitches. Work in stockinette st (knit right side, purl wrong side) for 16 rows. Shape sleeves by binding off 10 sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows. 36(42) sts remain. Continue in st st on remaining center sts for 10 rows. Switch to K2, P2 ribbing for 6 rows. Bind off all sts. Make two.

Using a darning needle or single crochet, join the top shoulder seams together leaving a center opening large enough for bear's head to easily fit through. Join side and sleeve seams. Weave in ends.

**\*\*\* So that all the children receive similarly clothed bears, please make BOTH a Sweater AND Hat.\*\*\*  
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