

# Knitting Bee

## Mr. Bear's Top Down Garter Edge Cardigan

Materials: Worsted weight yarn

Gauge: 18 - 20 stitches to 4" of stockinette stitch

Needles: US #6 and 8 (*or size required to obtain gauge*)

Finished Chest Measurement: 15" (fits average bear)

Cast on 58 sts with smaller needle.

*Neckband:*

**Rows 1-7:** Knit.

**Row 8:** Knit, placing markers as follows: K9, pm, K11, pm, K18, pm, K11, pm, K9

*Yoke:*

Change to larger size needle.

**Row 1:** Knit all stitches, increasing 1 st before and after each marker by knitting into the front and back of the same stitch.

**Row 2:** K5, purl to last 5 sts, K5

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until work measures 4 1/2" along the raglan edge (including the neckband). End having done WS row. Place sleeve stitches on holders.

*Body:*

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

*Sleeves (knit circularly):*

Using double pointed needles or magic loop, knit 6 rows (approx. 1") in the round.

Switch to smaller needles and work garter stitch (knit 1 row, purl 1 row) for 8 rounds.

Bind off very loosely.

## **Erin's Bears Sweater Patterns**

Materials: Small amounts of worsted weight yarns

Gauge: 16 - 20 stitches to 4" of stockinette stitch

Needles: US #6 and 8 (*or size required to obtain gauge*)

### Stocking Hat

With small needles, cast on 51 sts. Work in K1, P1 ribbing for 1". Change to large needles and stockinette st and purl 1 row. Next row (ear holes): K3, bind off 8 sts, K7, bind off 8 sts, K23. Next row: P24, cast on 8, P8, cast on 8, P3. Work 6 rows in stockinette st.

Shape crown. 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.

### Fringed Scarf – Knit the Long Way

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.

### **Bear Jacket**

Note: The jacket is made in one piece starting at the lower Back and working up over the shoulders.

*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: Work 13 sts, bind off 16 sts, work remaining 13 sts. On the next row, P 13 and slip the remaining 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**

Note: This pullover is made up of 4 garter stitch squares. Easy enough for kids to tackle!

*Back:* With large needles, cast on 28 sts. Knit every row until piece measures 4". Bind off.

*Front:* Same as Back.

*Sleeve (Make 2):* Cast on 20 st. Knit all rows until piece measures 2". Bind off all sts.

*Finishing:* Sew Front and Back pieces together at shoulders (longest sides), leaving a 3 1/2 - 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**

Note: The pullover is made in 2 pieces starting at the top.

*Front:* 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). Continue working stockinette st on remaining center stitches for 10 rows. Work K2, P2 ribbing for 5-6 rows. Bind off all sts.

*Back:* Same as front.

*Finishing:* Join top shoulder seams leaving neck 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.\*\*\***

**Bring your finished bear outfits to Knitting Bee no later than July 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**Prizes will be awarded for Most Glamorous, Most Embellished, and Judge's Favorite.**

**Thanks in advance for supporting this wonderful cause!**