



Teddy Bear Mitered Vest

Pattern for 13" Teddy Bears

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Materials: Worsted weight yarn

Needles: Size 7 or size you need to meet the gauge

Notions: Cable needle, Tapestry needle

Gauge: 4 sts = 1" in garter stitch

How to Knit a Mitered Square*:

Use a knitted cast-on to make 21 sts.

Row 1: (WS) Knit to the last st, p1 (which is your edge stitch. The first stitch of subsequent rows will always be slipped, but you need to anchor it by knitting it on Row 1.)

Row 2: (RS) Slip 1 knitwise (edge st), knit to 1 st before the center st (in this case k 9), slip 1 knitwise k2tog, then pass slipped st over the 2 knitted sts

(pssso), knit to the last st (in this case k9), p1 (edge st), 2 sts decreased for a total of 19 sts.

Row 3: (WS) Slip 1 knitwise, knit to the last st, p1.

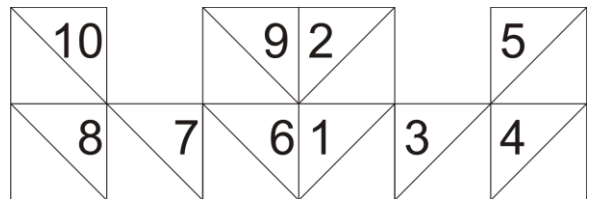
Row 4: (RS) Slip 1 knitwise, knit to 1 st before the center st, slip 1, k2tog, pssso (as you did above), knit to the last st, p1.

Repeat Rows 3 & 4, working 1 st fewer before and after center st on RS rows, until 3 sts remain, ending with Row 4.

Next Row: (WS) Slip 1 knitwise, k 1, p 1.

Last Row: (RS) Slip 1 knitwise, k2tog, pssso, leaving 1 remaining stitch. This end stitch will become the first st of the next square.

Please refer to chart for suggested sequence for knitting squares and try to knit in any loose threads as you go for easier finishing.



Second Square: After completing the first square, keep the remaining st as the first st for the next square. Pick up & knit 10 sts from the top of the square, then using knitted cast-on, cast-on 10 more sts for a total of 21 sts. Work second square starting with Row 1, as shown above. When one st remains, cut yarn & run the working yarn through it to secure the stitch.

Third Square: Using knitted cast-on, cast-on 10 sts, then pick up & knit 11 sts from the right side of Square One.

Fourth Square: Using knitted cast-on, cast-on 10 sts, then pick up & knit 11 sts from the right side of Square Three.

Fifth Square: Repeat instruction for Second Square.

We're changing directions of the squares. The last remaining st will now be on the top left side of each square. The picture below shows the back of the Sweater and how the decreasing squares change.



Sixth Square: Pick up and knit 11 sts down the left side of Square One, then cast-on 10 sts for a total of 21 sts.

Seventh & Eighth Squares: Moving one square to the left repeat as for Sixth Square.

Test Time: Can you figure out how to work Squares Nine & Ten by looking at the chart?

(Hint: For Square 9 pick up left side of 2 & top of 6. For Square 10, cast-on 10 & pick up 11sts along top of 8.)

Finishing: The great thing about modular knitting is very little sewing needs to be done if you've worked in your ends as you go. Sew together the top right side of Square 2 to the top left side of Square 5 for about ½ - 1 inch. After all, most bears have big heads. Sew together the top right side of Square 10 to the top left side of Square 9 for about ½ - 1 inch.

On my bear, I folded about half of top squares (10 & 5) towards the front & tacked them down to make a small collar. Use a ribbon, I-cord, or chained yarn to make a tie for the front.

*Instructions are adapted from Vivian Hoxbro's *Domino Knitting* or *Knit to Be Square*. There are many other good sources for modular knitting and square instructions may vary slightly. If you knit them all in stockinette, you will form a diamond. If at least half of your rows are garter, you can keep the square shape.

Alternate Idea: If you want to show the direction of the square more prominently you can substitute a Centered Double Decrease (slip 2 sts together as if to knit, k 1, pass both slipped sts at the same time over knitted st) on all right side rows and purl the center stitch on all wrong side rows.