



Teddy Bear Slip-Stitch Sweater

Pattern for 13" Teddy Bears

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Materials: Worsted weight yarn

Needles: Size 8 or size you need to meet the gauge

Notions: Tapestry needle, Crochet hook (optional)

Gauge: 4 sts = 1"

General Instructions for Working Slip Stitches:

Always slip stitches purlwise. Always carry floats on the private side or wrong side of the sweater.

Slip Stitch Pattern*:

Row 1: (wrong side) with Main Color (MC) purl.

Row 2: with Contrast Color (CC): k 1, sl 1 with yarn in back, * k 1, sl 3 wyib: rep from *, end k 1, sl 1, k 1.

Row 3: with CC, k 1, * p 3, sl 1 with yarn in front,: rep from * end p 3, k 1.

Row 4: with MC, k 2 * sl 1 wyib, k3; rep from *, end sl 1, k 2.

Row 5: with MC, purl.

Row 6: with CC, k 1, * sl 3 wyib, k1; rep from *.

Row 7: with CC , k 1, p 1, * sl 1 wyif, p3,: rep from *, end sl 1, p 1, k 1.

Row 8: with MC, k 4, * sl 1 wyib, k 3: rep from * , end k 1.

Body:

Cast on 27 stitches with the Main Color (MC).

Work in k1, p1 ribbing for 3 rows. On the very next row increase 2 sts at the same time you start the Slip Stitch Pattern Row 1.

Keep repeating Pattern rows 1- 8 about 3 times ending with Row 8. If you need to more or less rows to fit your bear, start shaping with row 1 or 5.

Neck Shaping:

While working Row 1 of Pattern, p 6, BO 17, p 6. Continuing with MC yarn, work the next row: k 6, CO 17 (using either e-wrap, backwards loop, or knitted cast-on), k 6. Purl back with MC.

Starting with Row 2 and CC, work Pattern Rows about 3 times ending after working Row 1.

Work 3 rows k1, p1 ribbing, then BO.

Sleeves:

About 2" from the ribbing bottom, with MC pick up 21 sts on the side of the sweater ending 2" from the other end. Purl back with MC. Then work Pattern Rows 2 – 8 ending after working Row 1. Work 3 rows k 1, p 1 ribbing, then BO.

Sew sides together with mattress stitch or method of your choosing. Weave in yarn ends. You can single crochet or work crab stitch around neck if desired.

*Swiss Check Pattern from Barbara Walker's *Treasuries of Knitting Patterns*

