



Teddy Bear Entrelac Sweater

(Without those pesky triangles!)

Pattern for 18" Teddy Bears

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Materials: Worsted weight yarn, one or two colors

Needles: Size 7 or size you need to meet the gauge
Size 5 for ribbing

Notions: Tapestry needle

Gauge: 4 sts = 1"

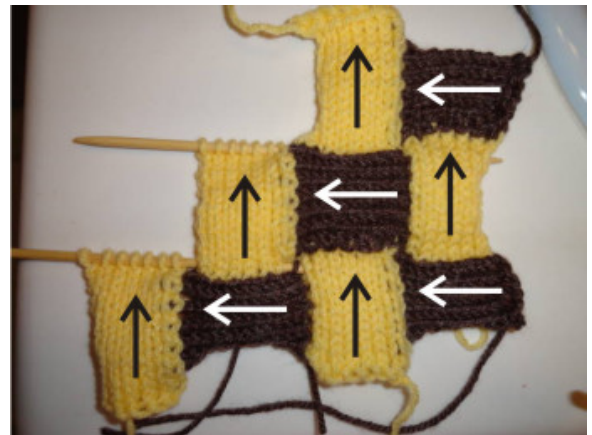
Front and Back: Make two just alike and use the pictures below to help you understand the working order.

First Block: Cast on 7 sts using the e-wrap method. Starting with a purl row, work stockinette stitch for 14 rows.

Second Block: With a different color and an empty needle, cast on 7 stitches, then knit one row.

Next row: Purl 6 sts, then purl the 7th st together with the adjacent stitch from the First Block. Continue working these two rows: knitting a plain row, then purling 6 sts & purling the 7th st with the adjacent st from the next block until all the stitches are used up from the first block.

Third Block: Pick up 7 sts purlwise with the private side facing you across the upper edge of the First Block. Then work stockinette st for 14 rows.



Fourth Block: With a different color and an empty needle cast on 7 sts. Purl one row. Next row: Knit 6 sts, ssk (slip, slip, k2tog) using the last stitch from this block with the first stitch from the third block. Continue the rest of the block by alternating a purl row with knit rows working a ssk at the end of each knit row using up one stitch from the third block every time until there are no more third block sts left.

Fifth Block: Pick up 7 sts along the edge of Block 3 onto the left needle continuing with the same color. Next row: Purl 7 sts. Then knit 6 sts of this block, working ssk with the last st from this block together with a st from Block 2. Continue as in the previous block working 14 rows.

Sixth Block: Pick up 7 sts along the edge of Block 2 onto the left needle continuing with the same color. Next row: Purl 7 sts. Then work stockinette st for a total of 14 rows.

Seventh, Eighth & Ninth Blocks: Work Second & Third Block instructions binding off when you have completed the Ninth Block.

Continue working blocks in this fashion until you have completed 15 blocks.

Finishing: After working second piece, put public sides together and sew the tops of the two most outside blocks (4 & 15) to create a top shoulder seam. The neck opening will be blocks 14, 10 and 9 on each side.

For the Sleeve or Shoulder Ribbing: Using your smaller needle and right side facing, pick up sts about half way up Block 3 across block 4 over the shoulder seam & down the other side about half way. Work in k1, p1 ribbing for 5 rows or desired length, then bind off. Then work the other side the same way starting with the middle of Block 13, up Block 15, across the shoulder seam and half way down the side. Work ribbing for 5 rows & bind off.

Sew sides together with mattress stitch or method of your choosing.

Pick up stitches along the bottom with a circular needle and work k1, p1 ribbing for 5 rows or desired length, then bind off. Weave in yarn ends

You can single crochet, work crab stitch or ribbing along the neck if desired but I think it looks fine the way it is. The indentation of Block 10 makes a natural neck opening. Instead of ribbing you can work garter stitch or seed stitch if you prefer.

Modifications:

You can vary the number of stitches and rows to make sweaters for smaller bears. For example, use 6 sts and 12 rows, 5 sts and 10 rows, 4 sts and 8 rows. You can use odd scraps of yarn and make each block a different color if you like. If you want to knit with sport weight yarn and make larger blocks you could try 8 sts with 16 rows, 9 sts with 18 rows or 10 sts with 20 rows. Now that you know the secrets of entrelac, the sky's the limit!