



# Jiffy Bear

Double Knit Fun!

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**MATERIALS:** See TIPS at the end of this pattern

## LEGS

**Leg 1:** Cast on 10 sts

Row 1: \* purl 1, slip 1 \* Repeat between stars across row

Row 2: Repeat row 1

\*\* These two rows equal 1 round\*\*

Repeat rows 1 & 2 for 16 rows (8 rounds), leave these sts on the needle

**Leg 2:** Cast on 10 sts on the same needle and repeat the directions for Leg 1

## BODY

Purl 1, slip 1 across both legs (20 sts) then work in pattern for 12 rows (6 rounds)

## ARMS

At the beginning of the next two rows cast on 10 sts (40 sts on needle). Work in purl 1, slip 1 pattern for 14 rows (7 rounds).

## HEAD

Bind off 12 sts at the beginning of the next two rows. Continue on the remaining 16 sts for 4 rows (2 rounds). **Increase** 2 sts at the beginning of the next two rows (20 sts). Continue in pattern for 12 rows (6 rounds). **Decrease** 1 st at the beginning of the next 4 rows (16 sts).

## EARS

Work just the first 6 sts for 4 rows (2 rounds), bind off the 6 sts. Slip the center 4 sts to the left hand needles, work the remaining 6 sts for 4 rows (2 rounds) and bind off these 6 sts. Divide the remaining 4 sts for the front and back and put on separate st holders (small safety pin is fine here).

## FINISHING

You may want to turn the bear inside out before stuffing; this

is your choice depending on whether you want the knit or purl side to show. Stuff the bear with material of your choice (fiber fill, old nylons, etc). When finished stuffing it is cute to make a small round ball of the material and put it on the front where the tummy would be. When you are finished stuffing graft or sew the 4 sts at the head.

With a tapestry needle and matching yarn do a basting stitch around the bear's neck and pull tightly. If there are any holes at the underarms or crotch, now is the time to sew them up.

Ears, nose, and mouth may be embroidered with black yarn, or you may use buttons for eyes and nose. You may also want to check on the eyes and noses made specifically for stuffed animals.

## TIPS

The size of this bear depends solely on the yarn and needles used. You can use fingering wt and small needles and have a 2" bear, or double chunky yarn and huge needles and have a very large bear. The amount of yarn depends on the type of yarn used. I have never used more than 150 yards of chunky yarn. The yardage would increase with a finer yarn. *Be sure to use needles several sizes smaller than usual so that the fabric will be dense and the stuffing won't show through.*

I recommend that you use a smooth, light colored yarn if you are not familiar with this type of knitting.

Be sure to put your finger inside the bear between the layers of fabric during each row. If you make a mistake the bear will be fused together at the mistake point and you will not be able to stuff him.

Be creative decorating your bear. Head bands, bright ribbon for ties, small sweaters, a satin rose in her ear, silk flowers, beads, etc. can all be lots of fun.

This bear can be used as a gift for adult friends as well as children. On a gift for someone close it makes a great package tie on, or it can stand alone as a gift for a small congratulations gift. **Beware, If you look at this bear too carefully you will fall in love and be unable to give it away!**

Remember this pattern is a composite of lots of bears I have made. I change its proportions as the mood strikes me or the yarn dictates, so feel free to experiment.