

Teddy Bear Hand Puppet Pattern



You will need:

Approx 16g of double knitting wool, for the whole teddy. It can be a mixture of colours (a good way to use up small scraps) or a single colour.

Knitting needles size 4.5 mm (UK 7/US 7)**Cast on** 36 stitches work 6 rows in rib or garter stitch. Change colour and work 20 rows in stocking stitch. You can make up stripes according to the wool that you have. ***Next row:** Maintaining stripy pattern cast on 8 stitches. Knit back these 8 sts plus 18 sts from body. (26 sts altogether). Turn leaving remaining 18 stitches on a spare needle.

Cast on 8 sts. K3, P28, K3 **Continue** in stocking stitch for a further 6 rows remembering to knit the first and last 3 stitches on purl rows.

Cast off 10 sts. Knit to end of row.

Cast off 10 sts. Purl to end of row. 14 sts remain.

Slip these 14 stitches onto spare needle, and break off wool.

Rejoin wool to 18 sts on first spare needle, and work to match from *.

Transfer all the stitches back onto one needle giving total of 28 sts.

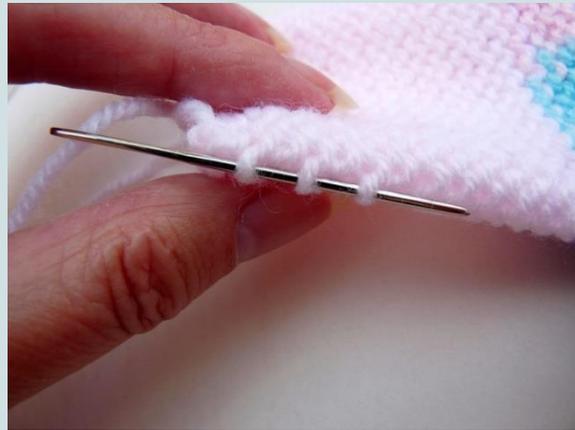
Join on wool for the face. (It is useful here to leave a tail of approx 10 inches/25 cm for sewing up later.) Knit across all 28 sts.

Work 13 more rows in stocking stitch. Cast off, leaving another tail of 10 inches/25 cm when you finish.

With right sides together, sew up the seams along the side of the body and around the arms. Sew up the seam at the side of the head and along the top cast-off edge of the head, but leave the tails of wool for making the ears, as shown.



On each side of the head, run the needle down to approx halfway down the head as shown. Don't pull it too tight.



Make a couple of oversew stitches to secure the thread,



then push the needle through to the inside (i.e. the right side.) Do the same on the other side of the head.



Turn the puppet the right way out, and you should have something like this.



Now make a running stitch as shown across the corner of the head, ending up a couple of stitches from the centre.



Pull the thread up tight and fasten off securely. I find it helps to hold the ear in my fingers to keep it tight whilst fastening off.



Repeat on the other side.



You are ready to sew a happy face onto your teddy.



The eyes are an inverted 'V' over two stitches both horizontally and vertically, with a double stitch in the middle.



The nose is a triangle over one stitch both horizontally and vertically.



The mouth is a 'W' shape, positioned as shown.



This pattern is quick and easy to knit up and the teddy puppets are a very popular addition to Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. As usual, if you have any comments, questions or problems with this pattern, then please get in touch!