



Calling all knitters ...

Please

Knit a Teddy Bear

for Brimpton Fête, 29th June 2019

If you have odds and ends of wool in your bottom drawer and wonder what to do with them, here is the answer. Please get out your needles and knit a
BEAR FOR BRIMPTON.

You can use the knitting pattern below if you like or use your own pattern to create your bear.

football bears, ballet bears, exotic bears, plain bears, colourful bears, cuddly bears

Finished bears can be given to Lesley Hawker or left in the basket at the back of St Peter's Church, Brimpton.

There is a bag of stuffing beside the basket.

Please help yourself to what you need for your bear.

PS – if you prefer sewing, hand-made sewn bears are just as good

Every teddy bear will be welcome!



BASIC TEDDY BEAR PATTERN

The bear is worked in one piece from the feet up to the top of the head, then continuing down the 2nd side and back to the feet.

You can use any yarn, the needle size will depend upon the yarn used. If in doubt, use double knitting and a pair of 3.25mm knitting needles, this will give quite a firm knitted fabric.

You will need

About 25g of yarn, a tapestry needle, synthetic stuffing, and a contrasting coloured yarn for the bear's features.

The bear can be worked in stocking stitch (1 row knit, 1 row purl), or in garter stitch (knit every row).

1st leg: Cast on 8 sts and work 16 rows, break yarn and leave the stitches on the needle.

2nd leg: Work the same as 1st leg but do not break yarn at end.

Body: Knit across sts of 1st leg, then knit across sts of 2nd leg (16 sts).

Work a further 11 rows on these 16 sts.

Shape arms: Cast on 8 sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows (32 sts).

Work a further 8 rows on these 32 sts, then cast of 8 sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows (16 sts remain).

Head: Work 38 rows on these 16 sts.

Shape arms: Cast on 8 sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows (32 sts).

Work a further 8 rows on these 32 sts, then cast of 8 sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows (16 sts remain).

Work a further 12 rows on these 16 sts.

1st leg: Knit 8 sts, turn and work a further 15 rows on these 8 sts. Cast off.

2nd leg: Return to remaining 8 sts, rejoin yarn and work a further 16 rows on these 16 sts. Cast off.

Making Up: Fold the bear in half matching arms and legs together, and stitch around the edge, leaving an opening for stuffing. Stitch across the corners of the head to create the ears, then stuff the bear, shaping the head, arms and legs as you go. Close the opening, then with a contrasting yarn create eyes, nose and mouth.