

Bridging People and Places Project Medium Bear Crochet Pattern

<u>Finished Measurements: 6" Wide 5" Long from shoulder to hem</u> Worsted Weight Yarn F Hook Gauge: 4 sts = 1 inch

This basic pattern can be varied with creative designs, stitch patterns and colors. Each sweater can be as unique and special as the person who makes it.

No decorations glued on sweaters, please sew on; some bears go to children under three.

Note: Sweater is 1 piece from hem to hem with a neck opening and folded in 1/2 when finished.

Chain 23 sts.

Row 1: DC in second loop from hook and in each chain across (22 DC). Ch 2, Turn.

Row 2: DC in each st. across. Ch 2.

Repeat Row 2, 4 more times for a total of 5 rows of DC. At the end of this row, Ch 10.

To increase for sleeves, DC in the 3rd loop from hook and continue with DC across all chain sts (8 DC make the arm) and the body (22 DC) To increase for the 2nd sleeve, Ch 1 and slip st. in the row below.

Ch. 10, turn, DC in the 3rd loop from hook across Ch sts. (This will meet and be even with the last row of DC on the body). Slip st. this DC with the last DC of body to attach, then turn and slip st. back to sleeve edge. Ch. 2, Turn

Next Row: DC across sleeve, body and sleeve (38 DC). (8 DC sleeve, 22 DC body, 8 DC sleeve). Ch 2, Turn. Repeat until a total of 4 rows of DC across sleeves and body are made. Ch 2, Turn. On the 5th row, DC 13 - sl st 13, DC 13 (this makes the neck opening). Ch 2, Turn.

Neck Opening: Next row, DC 13 sts, Ch 12, skip 13 sts on body, and DC across remaining 13 sts. Ch 2, Turn.

Back: Next row, DC across all sts, including the chain of 12 (38 DC). Ch 2, Turn.

Continue until sleeves are the same number of rows as the front. After this last row of the sleeves, turn and slip st. across the 8 sleeve sts. Ch 2, DC 22 sts of body. Ch. 2, Turn Repeat this DC, Ch 2 for each row until the body is the same number of rows as the front.

End off. Fold sweater in half at neck opening. Sew underarm and side seams. Finish sleeves, neck and bottom edges with a row of sc <u>or a decorative stitch</u>. 46 SC around the bottom, 40 SC around the neck, 22 SC around each sleeve.

Hat

Size H hook. Chain 38, DC in 2nd ch from hook. DC 36 more (38 DC). Ch 2, turn making back of hat. DC 16 turn SS 1st, Ch 2, DC 14, turn, SS 1st, Ch 2, DC 12, turn, SS 1st, Ch 2, DC 10 turn SS 1st, Ch 2, DC8, turn, SS 1st, DC 6, turn, SS 1st, DC4. End leaving 6" for sewing. Sew band together. Sew 4 sts to middle of band. SC around ear holes. SC around bottom. Cut 24 3" strands with another piece of yarn. Tie in middle, trim, sew to top of hat.

We appreciate the time and love it takes to knit these sweaters. The bears are very special... they are filled up with love from people who care! Our project is big, with a wonderful goal, and you are part of it... a circle of people caring about people! Our heartfelt thanks to you!

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