



Bridging People and Places Bear Hugs Project

Medium Bear Sweater and Hat

Finished Sweater: 5 1/2" - 6" across the body and 4 3/4 - 5" top to bottom

Materials : 4 Ply Yarn Size 6 Needles Gauge : 5 sts=1"

This basic pattern can be varied with creative designs, stitch patterns and colors. Each sweater can be as unique and special as each knitter.

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

Cast ON 30 sts. K1, P1 (Ribbing) for 4 rows.

Knit 1 Row, Purl 1 row, (Stockinet) for 14 rows. (Should measure 3 1/4", incl. Ribbing)

Cast ON 8 sts and Knit these 8 stitches and remaining stitches on needle.

At the end of the needle, Cast ON 8 sts and K2, P42, K2 to end of row. Knit 1 Row.

K2, P42, K2. Knit next row. Repeat these 2 Rows 5 Times.

K2, P6, K30, P6, K2. Knit across all 46 sts Repeat these 2 rows *.

K2, P6, K8 Cast OFF 14 sts, K7, P6, K2 (This DOES work!)

K16, Cast ON 14 sts, K16.

*K2, P6, K30, P6, K2. Knit across all 46 sts * Repeat these 2 rows*.

K2, P6, K30, P6, K2.

Knit 1 Row. K2, P42, K2. Repeat these 2 rows 5 times.

Cast OFF 8 sts, Knit to end of row.

Cast OFF 8 sts, Purl to end of row.

On 30 sts, Knit 1 Row, P 1 Row (Stockinet) for 14 rows.

K1, P1 (Ribbing) for 3 Rows. Bind OFF in Ribbing Stitch.

Sew together sides and underarms.

Headband with Visor

Cast ON 4 stitches for headband. Knit 65 rows (About 7"). Bind OFF and sew together. To add visor, pick up 16 stitches on the headband. P the next row, K the next row, P the next row. K2 tog, K to end. Slip 1, P1, pssso, P to end. Repeat last two rows 2 times. K2 tog, K to end. Slip 1, P1, pssso, bind off remaining stitches in row with P stitch.

Bear Hat

Cast ON 42 sts. K1, P1 for 3 Rows. Row 5, Cast OFF 24 sts., finish row K1, P1 on 18 sts.

Row 6, P 18 sts. Row 7 K 18 sts. Repeat Rows 6 & 7 for 8 rows. Next row, decrease 1 st each side of row. Continue to decrease in this way until 2 sts. remain; end and tie.

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We appreciate the time and love it takes to knit these sweaters. The bears are very special... they're 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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