

Beary Easy Sweater by Diana Rishel

The original pattern for the Beary Easy Sweater was featured at the AKG July 2012 July Potluck meeting. The following version is an alteration to result in a larger sweater.

Seamless sweater for a bear with an approximate 13-15 inch chest.

Yarn: worsted weight yarn. Requires about 50-75 yards.

Needles: US 7 or size that results in gauge. Other items: 4 markers

Gauge: 18 stitches = 4 inches

Begin at neck edge: Cast on 48 stitches.

Rows 1 & 2: Knit.

Row 3: (WS) K4, P 2, PM, P8, PM, P20, PM, P8, PM, P2, K4

Row 4: (RS) increase row *Knit to stitch before marker, Kfb, SM, Kfb, repeat from * 3 times, knit to end of row. (8 stitches increased).

Row 5: K2, P to last 2 stitches, K2.

Row 6: *K to stitch before marker, Kfb, SM, Kfb, repeat from * 3 times, K to end of row.

Repeat rows 5 & 6 five more times (104 stitches)

Row 17: (WS) K2, P to next marker, SM, K to next marker, SM, P to next marker, SM, K to next marker, SM, P to last 2 stitches, K2.

Row 18: K to marker, remove marker, Bind off 22 stitches, remove marker, K to next marker, remove marker, Bind off 22 stitches, remove marker, K to end.

Row 19: K2, P to last 2 stitches, joining fronts and back, K2 (60 stitches).

Rows 20-24: Continue knitting on the right side and purling on the wrong side, keeping the first 2 and last 2 stitches in knit stitch.

Row 25: (WS) Knit.

Bind off. Weave in ends.

Abbrev:

K: Knit

Kfb: Knit in front and back of stitch

P: Purl

PM: place marker

RS: right side

SM: slip marker

WS: wrong side

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