

101 Sweater for a Bear

Sizes

Measurement	Small	Medium	Large
Actual Chest	12"	14"	16"
Finished Garment	14"	16"	18"

Directions for Small, changes for Medium and Large are in parentheses

Materials: DK or Worsted weight: 300 yds. Needles: size 3 and 5 or size required to obtain gauge

Gauge: 24 sts and 28 rows = 4"

Front:

- With smaller needles, cast on 39 (45-51) sts. Work in K1, P1 rib for 5 rows
- Change to larger needles, continue in St st until piece measures from the bottom to the beginning of the underarm
- Shape for armhole:
 - Bind off ½" worth of stitches at beginning of next 2 rows (approximately 4 sts)
 - Next row: Knit 1, slip 1, K1, passo, or knit two together through the back loops(left slant); continue st st until the last 3 sts. K2 together (right slant), knit 1
 - Continue to decrease at armhole edges every odd row, purling on the even rows
 - Continue until there are enough sts to cover chest measurement
 - When ½" below neck
 - Shape Neck and Shoulders
 - Right Side: Knit 8 (10-10) sts, place on a stitch holder. Place the center sts. (add the 8 (10-10) sts from **both** sides for neck/shoulder shaping; subtract the from the total number of stitches and place that number on a stitch holder; knit to the end
 - Purl next row. Decrease 1 stitch at neck edge. Repeat the last 2 rows twice more. Bind off
 - Left Side: Join 2nd strand of yarn and knit the stitches from stitch holder and work same as right side, decreasing at neck edge

Back

- Knit as the front work even in a St st until the same length to armhole
 - Decrease for armhole same as front.
 - Work same as front, eliminating the neck decrease until the back reaches the nape of the neck.
 - Knit 8 (10-10) sts. place the same number of sts used on the front for neck and place on stitch holder; knit to the end
 - Continue in st st for 2 rows on left side of the back; bind off
 - Attach yarn to the stitches for the right side of the back work 2 rows; bind off

Sleeves

- With smaller needles, cast on 37 (49-49) sts. Work in rib for 5 rows. Change to larger needles and St st, until the beginning of the armhole
- Bind off same number of stitches at the beginning of the next 2 rows, as you did for the armholes for the front and back
- Continue in a st st until the same length as bears arm, bind off.

Finishing

- Sew shoulder seams.
- Centering sleeves at shoulder seams sew sleeves in place.

Neck Ribbing

- Using 2 circular needles or double pointed needles, beginning at the left shoulder of the front of the sweater, with a crochet hook, pick up **about** 71 (76-79) sts around the front of the neck, including sts from the holder and about 34 (38-40) sts along the back edge.
- Work in k1, p 1 rib for 1/2 "
- **Loosely** cast off all stitches.
- Pin the front, back sides and sleeves together and sew together