



Shoebox Bear

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You will need: 8 ply Yarn - 60g main color (MC) for head, arms and legs, 20g contrast color (CC) for ears and muzzle, 35g of assorted colors for body; Scraps of black yarn for embroidery; Polyester Toy Stuffing and 1 pair 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) knitting needles

Tension: *Correct tension is not essential for this project*

Body (make 2): Cast on 20 st using MC. Work in stocking stitch, inc each end of every row until 30sts. Continue in stocking stitch until head measures 9cm from beg, ending with a WS row. Continue in stocking stitch, dec each end of next 2 rows = 26sts

Change to colour for body

Working in stripes as desired for body (excluding MC and CC), continue in stocking stitch until body measures 20cm from beg, ending with a WS row. Next row – K1, *K2tog, K2, rep from * to last st, K1 = 20sts. Cast off.

Arms (make 2): Cast on 24 st using MC. Work in stocking stitch until arm measures 4cm from beg, ending with a WS row
 **Next row - *K2, K2tog, rep from * to end = 18sts
 Next row – purl
 Next row - *K1, K2tog, rep from * to end = 12 sts
 Cast off.

Legs (make 2): Work as for arm until leg measures 7cm from beg, then continue from ** to end

Ears (make 2): Cast on 20 st using CC. Work 4 rows garter stitch
 Next row - *K3, K2tog, rep from * to end = 16sts
 Next row – knit
 Next row - *K2, K2tog, rep from * to end = 12 sts
 Next row – knit
 Next row - *K2tog, rep from * to end

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread through rem sts and draw up tightly.

Muzzle (make 1): Cast on 10 st using CC. K 1 row. Continue in stocking stitch beg with a purl row, inc at each end of next and foll alt row once = 14sts
 Continue in stocking stitch until muzzle measures 5cm from beg, ending with a WS row
 Continue in stocking stitch, dec at each end of next and foll alt row once = 10sts. Cast off.

Finishing: Fold arms and legs in half and sew side edges tog. Stuff and oversew cast on edge closed. Tack legs and arms in place to one body side. Sew muzzle in position on head. Tack ears to top corners of head. Sew body pieces together, taking care to catch ears, legs and arms in seams securely, and leaving one side edge under arms open for stuffing. Stuff body and sew opening closed. Run a gathering thread around neck and pull tightly to indent neck. Embroider eyes, nose and mouth on face using black yarn.



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