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WORKED IN THE ROUND



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## SIZE

**Finished height:** 28cm / 11in tall from feet to head, not including ears

## YARN

**The Border Mill** Alpaca Tweed (worsted weight; 100% British alpaca; 190m / 207yds per 100g skein)

**Shade:** Where Breezes Begin (natural version) x 1 skein or Captain Linneas Tripe (brown version) x 1 skein

## NEEDLE & ACCESSORIES

4mm (UK 8/US 6) knitting needles suitable for working small circumferences in the round AND a spare 4mm (UK 8/US 6) circular needle

Stitch holders or smooth waste yarn

Toy stuffing

Toy eyes (optional and not recommended for very young babies or children)

Toy squeaker or bells (optional)

Pins

Darning needle

Darning thread for embroidering details

## TENSION

22 sts and 28 rows to 10cm (4in) over stocking stitch on 4mm needles after blocking.

**Take time to check your tension to ensure an accurate finish.**

## ABBREVIATIONS

<b>k</b>	Knit
<b>k2tog</b>	Knit 2 stitches together
<b>kfb</b>	Knit into the front and then the back of 1 stitch
<b>M1L</b>	Make 1 Left; pick up strand between the two needles from the front to back with the tip of left needle, knit into the back of this stitch
<b>M1R</b>	Make 1 Right; pick up strand between the two needles from back to front with the tip of left needle, knit into the front of this stitch
<b>PM</b>	Place marker
<b>pfb</b>	Purl into the front and then the back of 1 stitch
<b>rep</b>	Repeat
<b>ssk</b>	Slip 2 stitches knitwise one at a time, knit together through the back loops
<b>st(s)</b>	Stitch(es)

## PATTERN BEGINS

### ARMS (make 2 alike)

Using the cable cast on method, cast on 4 sts. Join for working in the round, taking care not to twist and PM for beginning of round.

**Note:** Throughout this pattern, when joining in the round, leave the cast-on tail hanging on the outside of the work – you can use this tail later to close any small hole formed if the cast-on is not tight enough.

**Round 1:** [Kfb] to end. 8 sts

**Round 2:** Knit.

**Round 3:** [Kfb] to end. 16 sts

**Round 4:** Knit.

**Round 5:** [K3, kfb] to end. 20 sts

**Rounds 6–8:** Knit.

**Round 9:** [K3, k2tog] to end. 16 sts

**Rounds 10–20:** Knit

**Round 21:** [K6, k2tog] to end. 14 sts

**Rounds 22–25:** Knit.

Cut yarn leaving a 20cm (8in) tail for weaving in, place sts on holder and put aside for later. Repeat for second arm.

### LEGS (make 2 alike)

Using the cable cast on method, cast on 4 sts. Join for working in the round, taking care not to twist and PM for beginning of round.

**Round 1:** [Kfb] to end. 8 sts

**Round 2:** [Kfb] to end. 16 sts

**Round 3:** Knit.

**Round 4:** [K3, kfb] to end. 20 sts

**Round 5:** [K4, kfb] to end. 24 sts

**Rounds 6–10:** Knit.

**Round 11:** [K4, k2tog] to end. 20 sts

**Round 12:** [K3, k2tog] to end. 16 sts

**Rounds 13–16:** Knit.

On completion of the first leg, cut yarn leaving a 20cm (8in) tail, place sts on spare 4mm needle and put aside for later. Rep rounds 1–16 for the second leg, but this time keep the sts on the needle. Remove the marker and join the legs, ready to work the body, as follows:

Arrange first leg so there is an equal number of stitches on each needle. Then arrange second leg so there is an equal number of stitches on each needle. Knit across 8 sts on the front needle of the first leg. Turn work to knit across the second half (8 sts) of this leg. Then knit across the next (8 sts) of the second leg. Turn work to knit across the second half (8 sts) of this leg. PM to indicate new beginning of round at the middle back of the bear. 32 sts

Leave the long length of yarn from the first leg hanging so it sits outside of the work and use this later for finishing. Before commencing shaping, stuff the legs. As you work the rounds for the body and chest, continue stuffing the bear – you may want to leave 1cm (approx ½in) of space at the top for ease of needle maneuvering, and then gradually add stuffing as you go.

### Continue as follows for body and bottom Shaping:

**Round 1:** K1, M1L, k2, M1R, k2, M1L, k7, M1R, k8, M1L, k7, M1R, k2, M1L, k2, M1R, k1. 40 sts

**Round 2:** Knit.

**Round 3:** K2, M1L, k2, M1R, k4, M1L, k7, M1R, k10, M1L, k7, M1R, k4, M1L, k2, M1R, k2. 48 sts

**Round 4:** Knit.

**Round 5:** K3, M1L, k2, M1R, k6, M1L, K7, M1R, k12, M1L, k7, M1R, k6, M1L, k2, M1R, k3. 56 sts

**Round 6:** Knit.

**Round 7:** K4, M1L, k2, M1R, K8, M1L, k7, M1R, k14, M1L, k7, M1R, k8, M1L, k2, M1R, k4. 64 sts

**Rounds 8–24:** Knit.

### Work chest shaping as follows:

**Round 1:** K3, k2tog, k2, ssk, k6, k2tog, k30, ssk, k6, k2tog, k2, ssk, k3. 58 sts

**Rounds 2–3:** Knit.

**Round 4:** K2, k2tog, k2, ssk, k4, k2tog, k30, ssk, k4, k2tog, k2, ssk, k2. 52 sts

**Rounds 5–6:** Knit.

**Round 7:** K1, K2tog, k2, ssk, k2, k2tog, k7, ssk, k12, k2tog, k7, ssk, k2, k2tog, k2, ssk, k1. 44 sts

**Round 8:** Knit.

Now half fill the arms with stuffing, paying particular attention to the paw to ensure a rounded shape.

**Join the body and arms as follows:** K11 body sts, k14 sts of one arm, k next 22 body sts, k14 sts of second arm, k11 body sts to end of round. 72 sts

Fill the rest the arms with stuffing and continue to add stuffing gradually to shape the body as before.

#### Shape shoulders and chest:

**Round 1:** K11, k2tog, k10, ssk, k22, k2tog, k10, ssk, k11. 68 sts

**Round 2:** K5, k2tog, k8, k2tog, ssk, k8, ssk, k10, k2tog, k8, k2tog, ssk, k8, ssk, k5. 60 sts

**Round 3:** K10, k2tog, k6, ssk, k20, k2tog, k6, ssk, k10. 56 sts

**Round 4:** K3, k2tog, k7, k2tog, ssk, k7, ssk, k6, k2tog, k7, k2tog, ssk, k7, ssk, k3. 48 sts

**Round 5:** K9, k2tog, k2, ssk, k18, k2tog, k2, ssk, k9. 44 sts

**Round 6:** K1, k2tog, k6, k2tog, ssk, k6, ssk, k2, k2tog, k6, k2tog, ssk, k6, ssk, k1. 36 sts

**Note:** If including a toy squeaker or bell, nestle it inside the belly/chest before making the head

#### Continue for the head:

**Round 1:** K8, ssk, k16, ssk, k8. 34 sts

**Round 2–21:** Knit.

Fill the head with stuffing.

**Note:** If using toy eyes for the bear, add these now before shaping the top of the head. Use the k2tog and ssk on the last decrease round as a guide to balance the placement of the eyes and insert 14 rows up from this row.

#### Shape the top of head as follows:

**Note:** Ensure the head is fully stuffed before starting decreases.

**Round 1:** K8, k2tog, k14, ssk, k8. 32 sts

**Round 2:** [K2tog] to end. 16 sts

**Round 3:** Knit.

**Round 4:** [K2tog] to end. 8 sts

**Round 5:** [K2tog] to end. 4 sts

Top up with final stuffing. Cut yarn leaving a 20cm (8in) tail and thread through last 4 sts to fasten off.

#### EARS (make 2 alike)

Leaving a generous tail for sewing up with later, using the cable cast on method, cast on 4 sts.

**Row 1:** [Kfb] to end. 8 sts

**Row 2:** [Pfb] to end. 16 sts

**Rows 3–5:** Knit.

Cast off knitwise.

#### FINISHING

Weave in ends of feet and arms, using the long cast-on tail left outside the body earlier to closing any small hole that formed from joining in the round.

Weave in the long end remaining from where the legs were joined, using this to close any hole formed when joining these two piece together.

Fold the ears so the cast-on edges are touching and sew together to make a semi-circle. Position and pin this semi-circle either side of the top of the head and sew into place.

Embroider the face with eyes (if not added earlier), nose and a mouth.







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