

Seth Boyden Universal Teddy Bear Sweater Pattern

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The pattern is intended to be easy to knit up in a variety of yarns for bears used by Seth Boyden Students for this project. Fit for your specific bear is not guaranteed.

To make a sweater for a Large (Med, Small) bear.

- *Large Bear (approx 18" tall) Use worsted weight yarn (4 sts x 5 rows = 1")*
- *Medium Bear (approx 12" tall) Use sport weight yarn (5 sts x 6 rows = 1")*
- *Small Bear (approx 8" tall) Use fingering weight yarn (7 sts x 8 rows = 1")*

Use a needle that feels comfortable with the yarn you've chosen and gives you a gauge near the suggested gauge for your bear size.

Add colorwork or stitch patterns as you like (in my bear I added stripes to the start and finish of the pattern, but it could be knit all in one color, too!)

FRONT

Cast on 42 sts

Row 1: (K2 sts, p2 sts) rep to end of row, end K2

Row 2: (P2 sts, k2 sts, rep to end of row, end p2

Cont in K2, p2 ribbing for a total of 6 rows

Next row: Knit all sts

Next row: Purl all sts

Rep last 2 rows until sweater reaches bears arms.

SLEEVES

Next row: Knit all sts, cast on 20 sts at end of row.

Next row K4, p to end of row, cast on 20 sts at end of row.

Next row: Knit all sts

Next row: K4, p to last 4 sts, k4

Rep last 2 rows until sweater reaches bear's neck. End with a wrong side (purl) row.

NECK OPENING

Next row: K 30 sts, bind off 22 sts, knit to end of row. Slip Right shoulder stitches to holder or leave on needle while working Left shoulder.

LEFT SHOULDER

Working only with Left shoulder sts:

Next row: k4, p to bound off edge, turn.

Next row: K to end of row

Work 3 more rows in the same manner, ending at bound off edge on a wrong side (purl) row. Break yarn. Slip left shoulder stitches to holder or leave on needle while working Right shoulder. Work Right shoulder as for left shoulder, ending with a wrong side (purl) row.

Next row: Knit across all 30 Right shoulder sts, cast on 22 sts, work across 30 left shoulder sts.



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BACK

Cont with sts on needle, work in St st as for Front of sweater, working 4 sts on either edge as knit sts in all rows until sleeve is same length after neck shaping as before neck shaping. End with a wrong side (purl) row.

Next row (RS): Bind off 20 sts, knit to end of row.

Next row (WS): Bind off 20 sts, purl to end of row.

Work rem 52 sts in St st as for Front until it is the same length to ribbing. Work 6 rows of k2, p2 ribbing. Bind off all sts loosely.

FINISHING

Block piece by passing a steam iron over it lightly. Fold sweater at shoulders and sew or crochet underarm seams. Weave in ends, tidying up neck area as you weave in the ends there.



Bear Sweater Schematic
(not to scale)

