



Teddy Hand Puppet

Shelley Pearson

The children in Shelley's school knitting club make these as their first attempt at knitting, so they must be simple! They make a companion for a lonely child to talk to, or if you make two, then it's a pair of gloves



Christine Johnson

Materials and Equipment

- Light worsted weight yarn (U.S)/Double Knit (UK)/8 ply (Aust)
- One pair 4mm needles (size 6 US, size 8 Old UK)

Instructions

Cast on 18 stitches.

Teddy

Row 1: Knit 10 cm in garter stitch

Rows 2 and 3: Cast on 10 stitches at the beginning of next 2 rows to make arms (you now have 38 stitches in total)

Next Row: Knit in garter stitch for 2.5 cm/1"

Next Row: Cast/bind off 10 stitches at beg of next 2 rows (you now have 18 stitches again)

Next Row: Knit in garter stitch for 14 cm/5.5"

Next Row: Cast on 10 stitches at the beginning of next 2 rows to make arms (you now have 38 stitches in total)

Next Row: Knit in garter stitch for 2.5 cm/1"

Next Row: Cast/bind off 10 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows (you now have 18 stitches again)

Next Row: Knit 10 cm, then cast/bind off.

To make up

Leaving the bottom open, fold in half and sew the edges together. Turn the right side out, then sew diagonally across the top corners to make ears*. Put a little padding in the head and tie some wool or ribbon around to make a neck. Sew on a happy face.

**Note: If you stitch a diagonal across the corner bigger than you want the ears to be; e.g. 2-3 cm/1" and then draw the thread tight, it curves the ears.*

Remember not to use buttons for eyes as they might come off and cause a choking danger.



Andrea Palmatier

Variations

To give your teddy a bit more personality, you could knit it a small scarf or hat in bright, cheerful colours. Make sure that any accessories are firmly sewn onto the puppet, so that they don't fall off or get lost.

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