

SiMBA small teddy



Use 3mm needles for tiny teddies.

Abbreviations: Inc = increase [by working twice into same stitch]; P = purl; K = knit; st-st = stocking stitch; tog = together; B&T tightly = means break off yarn leaving a long end, thread it through stitches left on knitting needle, pull to gather tightly, then fasten off.

Head and Body Begin at top of head and cast on 12 stitches. P 1 row.

Next row: K2, inc in next 2 stitches, K3, inc in next 2 stitches. K3 - 16 stitches.

Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 7 rows.

Shape neck

Next row: K3, K2tog, K6, K2tog, K3 - 14 stitches.

P 1 row.

Next row: K3, inc in next stitch, K5, inc in next stitch, K4 - 16 stitches.

St-st 5 rows for the body.

Dec to shape lower body

Next row: (K4, K2tog) twice, K4 - 14 stitches.

P 1 row.

Next row: K4, K2tog, K2, K2tog, K4 - 12 stitches.

Next row: (P2tog) to end - 6 stitches.

B&T tightly.

Join row ends for centre back seam. Turn right side out and stuff firmly. With seam at centre of cast on edge, oversew across the cast on stitches.

Wind a length of yarn very tightly around neck twice, then knot ends. Sew ends into neck.

Face

Use black yarn for the eyes and nose. For the eyes work two tiny vertical stitches, half way down the face with two clear knitted stitches between them. Work once again over first stitches. For nose work a small horizontal stitch between and just below eyes, then another below the first stitch.

Use two strands of black sewing thread for the mouth. Work a tiny vertical stitch down from nose, with an inverted V shape at end of the stitch.

Ears (make two alike)

Cast on 4 stitches and beginning with a P row, st-st 3 rows. Cast off P wise.

With right side of st-st outside, oversew cast on and cast off edges together, then row ends at each side. Sew cast on/cast off edges to sides of head, starting at ends of the head seam.

Legs (make two alike)

Begin at top of leg and cast on 7 stitches.

Beginning with a P row, continue in st-st and work 5 rows.

Next row: K2, inc in next 2 stitches, K3 - 9 stitches.

St-st 3 rows, then B&T tightly.

With right side of st-st outside, oversew row ends of each leg together for centre back seam. Stuff, then gather round cast on stitches, pull up tightly and fasten off. Sew legs to shaped sides of lower body.

Arms (make two alike)

Begin at top of arm and cast on 6 stitches.

Beginning with a P row, st-st 8 rows.

B&T tightly.

Make up as for legs. With seams at underarm positions, sew tops of arms to sides of body just below neck.

Make a 14cm (5 1/4inch) single twisted cord (see below for instructions, if required) and tie it in a bow around teddy's neck.

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To make a cord from a single length of yarn [single twisted cord], cut a strand of yarn four times as long as the measurement required. Knot one end round a door knob or hook and knot a loop in the other end to fit round the index finger of your right hand. Now keeping the yarn taut, twist your finger round and round in a clockwise direction, steadying the yarn by holding your left hand cupped around it close to your right hand. Keep twisting until when relaxed, the strand of yarn begins to curl tightly back on itself. Fold cord at centre, bringing ends together. Allow yarn to twist tightly, knot ends and trim to length.