

12" Bear Pants

Materials:

US Size 5 and size 8 needles

Worsted weight (#4) yarn, just a small amount, less than ½ oz

Left leg and body:

Beginning at lower cuff, using size 8 needles, cast on 30 stitches, leaving about an 8 inch tail for sewing the inseam together.

Rows 1, 2, and 3: Knit all stitches.

Beginning next row work 8 rows stockinette stitch. (Knit 1 row, Purl next, etc.)

Continuing in stockinette stitch, bind off 2 stitches at the beginning of the next two rows for crotch. 26 stitches remain.

Work 8 rows stockinette stitch, ending with Purl row.

Begin short row shaping, left side:

Knit 7, bring yarn to front as if to Purl, slip next stitch Purlwise to right needle point, take yarn to back, replace stitch on left needle point (wrap stitch completed). Turn work, Purl 7.

Next row: Knit 9, wrap 1 stitch as above, turn, Purl 9.

Next row: Knit 11, wrap 1 stitch as above, turn, Purl 11.

Next row: Knit 26 stitches.

Waist Band:

Change to size 5 needles and work 4 rows of Knit 1, Purl 1 ribbing. Bind off in rib.

Right leg and body:

Work as for left portion until beginning short row shaping except work only 7 rows instead of 8.

Begin short row shaping, right side:

Purl 7, take yarn to back as if to Knit, slip next stitch Purlwise to right needle point, bring yarn to front, replace stitch on left needle point. Turn work, Knit 7.

Next row: Purl 9, wrap 1 stitch as above, turn, Knit 9.

Next row: Purl 11, wrap 1 stitch as above, turn, Knit 11.

Next row: Purl all 26 stitches.

Waist Band:

Change to size 5 needles and work 4 rows of Knit 1, Purl 1 ribbing. Bind off in rib.

With right sides together sew up leg seams. Turn one leg right side out and fit this one inside the other leg, right sides together. Sew crotch seam. Weave in all ends.

