

Vest for a 12” Teddy Bear

Materials:

Approx. 75oz worsted weight (#4) yarn – about 50 yards
 Pair of US #8 knitting needles (plus an extra needle to join shoulders if you use a 3-needle castoff)
 Tapestry needle for weaving in ends
 4 small stitch holders

Notes:

This pattern requires you to bind off in the middle of a row, e.g. row 21 “k11, bo4, k20, bo4, k11” Keep in mind that you will need to knit 12 sts (rather than 11 as you need the 12th to become the 1st bound off st). This pattern as prepares the front and back shoulders for joining using either a 3-needle or a grafting technique. If you don’t know these techniques, bind off the shoulder sts and sew the seams to join.

Abbreviations:

bo bind off
 k knit
 k2tog knit 2 together
 p purl
 st(s) stitch(es)
 WS Wrong side

Pattern:

Cast on 51 sts

Rows 1 – 4: k

Row 5: k

Row 6: k4, p to last 4 sts, k4

Repeat rows 5 and 6 seven more times for a *total* of 8 times (16 rows)

Row 21: k11, bo 4, k 20, bo 4, k 11 (3 groups of sts on your needles separated by groups of 4 sts – 11 live sts, 4 bound off sts, 20 live sts, 4 bound off sts, 11 live sts)

Left side

Row 22 (WS): Turn work and k the first group of 11 sts to commence the yoke of the left side of the vest. The other sts can stay on your needle but you will not be working them.

Rows 23 – 31: k

Row 32: k1, k2tog, k8 (10 working sts)

Row 33: k

Row 34: k2, k2tog, k2tog, k5 (8 sts)

Row 35 k

Row 36: k1, k2tog, k2tog, k3 (6 sts)

Row 37: k

Cut yarn, leaving a tail about 12” long and place these 6 sts on a stitch holder



Back

Rejoin yarn to begin work on WS of back of vest and

Rows 22 – 36 (15 rows): k

Row 37: k6, bo8, k6 (see note above to understand why you will actually k 7 to begin this row)

Cut yarn, leaving a tail about 12" long and place these 6 sts on a stitch holder

Right side:

Rejoin yarn to begin work on WS of right front.

Rows 22 – 31: k (10 rows)

Row 32: k8, k2tog, k1 (10 working sts)

Row 33: k

Row 34: k5, k2tog, k2tog, k1 (8 working sts)

Row 35: k

Row 36: k3, k2tog, k2tog, k1 (6 working sts)

Row 37: k

Cut yarn, leaving a tail about 12" long and place these 6 sts on a stitch holder

Or you may leave them on the needle if that suits you better in preparing to join back and front shoulder seams using either a 3-needle or a grafting technique.

If you have bound off the shoulder stitches, sew the seams together.

Once shoulders are joined, weave in all ends using tapestry needle and block lightly if needed.

