

V-Neck Bear Sweater

(No Seams!) Fits a 9 inch bear

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With worsted weight yarn and size 8 straight needles, cast on 22 stitches.

Work rows 1 – 3 in either 1 x 1 rib or garter stitch (knit all 3 rows).

Rows 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12: Knit all stitches

Rows 5, 7, 9, 11 and 13: Purl all stitches

Begin V neck:

Row 14: Knit 8 stitches, knit next stitch, place it back on left needle, slip next stitch or it, put stitch back on right needle (this is like a backwards bind off). Knit next stitch.

Start second ball of yarn and knit 1st stitch. Slip stitch # 2 onto right needle. Knit stitch # 3, slip stitch # 2 over # 3 as to bind off. Knit rest of row.

Row 15 and all wrong side rows: Purl, using 2 ball of yarn.

Repeat this decrease procedure on last 3 and first 3 stitches each section, followed by a purl row until 5 stitches remain on each shoulder. Work 2 rows without decreasing.

Increase rows:

Row 1: On right piece: Knit 1, knit into front and back (k f&b) of next stitch, knit 1, k f&b of next stitch, knit 1.

On left piece: K f&b of 1st stitch, Knit 1, K f&b, knit 2.

On all wrong side rows: Purl all stitches

Row 3: On right piece: Knit 3, k f&b, knit 1, k f&b,

On left piece: K f&b, knit 1, k f&b, knit 4

Row 5: On right piece: Knit 5, k f&b, knit 1, k f&b, knit 1, dropping 2nd yarn continue across left piece with this yarn, joining the two pieces together, on left piece k f&b, knit 1 k f&b, knit 6 (22 st.)

Purl across wrong side.

Rows: 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 and 20: Knit all stitches

Rows: 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 and 19: Purl all stitches.

Beginning with purl row, work 3 rows in either 1 x 1 rib or garter to match lower front edging. Bind off all stitches.

Along each long side edge, from lower front, thru armhole area to lower back, pick up 34 stitches.

Work 2 rows of 1 X 1 ribbing. Slip stitches onto size 8 circular needle, position stitches on needle so that when you hold the two tips together facing the same way you can knit 1 stitch from each point at the same time. Using three-needle bind off method, bind off 6 stitches. Let go of the rear needle point and continue binding off along the armhole, over the shoulder, until you get to the end. Cut yarn, pull tail thru last stitch and weave in ends.