

## 8-9" Bear Pants and Top-down Cardigan

Size 6 needles, worsted weight yarn

**Pants:** Left leg and body:

Beginning at lower cuff, cast on 34 stitches, leaving an 8" tail for sewing up later on

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

Begin stockinette stitch:

**Row 4:** Purl

**Row 5:** Knit

**Row 6:** Continuing in stockinette stitch, bind off 4 stitches at the beginning of the next two rows for crotch. 26 sts.

Work 3 more 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:** 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 end by working 4 rows instead of 3:

**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:** 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 long crotch seam. Weave in all ends.

**Cardigan:** Beginning at neck edge, cast on 33 stitches (sts). , then knit 3 rows

Row 4: Knit 3 \*inc in next stitch (knit front & back) Knit 1. Rep from \* to last 4 sts. Inc in next st, knit 3. (47 sts)

Row 5: Knit 3, purl to last 3 stitches, knit 3.

Row 6: Knit 5, inc 1, place marker (pm), inc 1, knit 8, inc 1, pm, inc 1, knit 13, inc 1, pm, inc 1, knit 8, inc 1, pm, inc 1, knit 5. (55 sts)

Row 7: Repeat row 5

Row 8: Knit across, increasing before and after each marker. (63 sts)

Row 9: Repeat row 5

Row 10: Repeat row 8. (71 sts)

Row 11: Repeat row 5

*Separate body pieces from sleeves:*

Knit 9 front stitches, remove marker, place next 16 sleeve stitches on holder (scrap yarn works best) remove marker, cast on 4 stitches for underarm, knit 21 back stitches, remove marker, place next 16 sleeve stitches on holder, remove marker, cast on 4 stitches for underarm, knit 9 front stitches. 47 body stitches on needle.

Work 10 rows of garter stitch (knit every row) Bind off all stitches.

Slip 16 sleeve stitches onto empty needle. On right needle cast on two stitches, knit across 16 sleeve stitches, cast on 2 stitches. (20 stitches)

Row 1: purl

Row 2: knit

Row 3, 4, 5: knit

Bind off all stitches.

Repeat for 2<sup>nd</sup> sleeve. Stitch underarm seams and weave in all ends.

