



# SMALL BABY TEDDY BEAR

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## SMALL BABY TEDDY BEAR KNITTING PATTERN: 2 PAGES

**PLEASE NOTE:** You will need to ensure that your project complies with the following rules, as these donations will be going to vulnerable babies: **1.** Please only use new materials. **2.** Materials need to be clean and free from chemicals, smoke and pet hair. **3.** Items cannot have any potential choking hazards such as buttons, beads, hems or rhinestones attached. Thank you.



### MATERIALS:

Materials and Equipment Required:

- 8 ply acrylic yarn, preferably a shade of brown or stone (acrylic is usually preferred in the Special Care Nurseries in case of allergy)
- size 3.75 knitting needles; polyester toy stuffing
- Black acrylic 8 ply yarn for face embroidery.

### PATTERN:

The small teddy bear is worked in stocking stitch and is knitted in one piece from the feet up, over the top of the head and down the other side to the feet again. A separate muzzle is added after the rest of the teddy is made up. The small teddy bear will be approximately 18 centimetres tall.

### INSTRUCTIONS:

**Legs:** Cast on 8 stitches and work 16 rows. Break off yarn and leave stitches on needle.

**Next leg:** Cast on another 8 stitches on the same needle, and work another 16 rows.

**Body:** Knit across both legs (16 stitches) then work 13 more rows, a total of 14 rows.

**Arms:** Cast on 8 stitches at the beginning of next 2 rows (32 stitches). Work 8 more rows, then cast off 8 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows.

**Head:** Work 36 rows on remaining 16 stitches.the bag.

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**Second side of body:** To make second side arms, cast on 8 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows (32 stitches). Work 8 more rows, then cast off 8 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows. To make second side body, work 14 rows on remaining 16 stitches.

**Second side legs:** Work first 8 stitches, then work 15 more rows on these stitches, a total of 16 rows. Cast off. Return to remaining 8 stitches and work 16 rows on them. Cast off.

**Muzzle:** Cast on 16 stitches loosely. Work 2 rows. Next row knit 2 together across row. Break yarn, thread end through stitches and take off knitting needle. Pull tightly and sew side seam.

**Making up:** Fold knitting in half, right sides together, lining up sides. Sew around bear, leaving opening at lower side of head. When sewing top corners of head, round the corners slightly to form ears. Also round ends of each limb slightly.

Turn inside out.

Form ears by stitching lines of small running stitches diagonally across top corners of head.

Stuff legs only. Sew diagonal lines of small running stitches from crotch to side of body at the top of both legs.

Stuff rest of body and head, making a rounded tummy, then sew up seam on side of head. Sew a line of gathering stitches in same yarn around the neck. Pull up tightly and secure.

Position muzzle on head just above neck. Stuff lightly and stitch in place.

**Face:** Using black wool make eyes just above muzzle. Make nose just above pulled up stitches of muzzle, with mouth underneath.

(The teddy will be completed with an orange and white Life's Little Treasures Foundation ribbon around the neck, at our office.)



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Thanks for your interest in our knitting and sewing activities. We are small team achieving big things and without the generous support of the community we couldn't continue deliver our support services to families in need. Your donations will be going to our smallest and most vulnerable babies and so we must ensure our donations are in keeping with hospital guidelines.

## **Do you accept donations other than the items listed on your website?**

We have worked closely with hospitals to ensure our patterns meet hospital safety and infection control guidelines. For this reason, we can only accept items listed on our website.

## **What type of material should use?**

These donations are going to our smallest and most vulnerable babies. All materials must be new, clean of pet hair and are free of extra embellishments such as ribbons and buttons (unless specified in the pattern). Please use 8 ply acrylic or wool yarn and ensure all materials used are soft and free of frays or fluff.

## **Can I change the size of an item e.g. - blanket?**

The sizes have been developed to consider a range of requirements:

Packing and shipping requirements

Hospital guidelines

Our most requested items by families

Health and safety guidelines.

And to ensure all families are receiving the same quality and sized gift.

For this reason we require donations are kept to the sizes indicated in the patterns.

## **Can I add buttons, or extra embellishments to my donations?**

No, unless the pattern specifies otherwise they can be a safety risk to small babies.

## **Where can I send my donations?**

Not all hospitals accept donated items. Health and safety requirements can change based on the level of care the hospital offers and individual management. All orders for families and hospitals are packed at HQ and sent directly to families and hospitals. To ensure we direct your donations to where they are most needed please send your donations to:

Life's Little Treasures Foundation

1/21 Eugene Terrace

Ringwood, VIC 3134

## **Can I drop my donations in?**

You sure can. Our office is open Monday to Friday 10 am to 3pm. It's always best to call first and let us know you are coming. Our number is 1300 697 736.

## **Do all NICU/SCN accept donations?**

No, hospitals vary depending on the level of care they provide and hospital management.

## **What sized knitting needles should I use?**

Knitting needles are specified in the individual patterns. Most patterns use 4mm needles.

## **Can I contact someone to ask questions regarding knitting or sewing projects?**

Please email our volunteer Knitting and Sewing Coordinator at [knitandsew@lifeslittletreasures.org.au](mailto:knitandsew@lifeslittletreasures.org.au) or call 1300 697 736 during Monday to Friday 9.30 -3pm.