

Teddy Hand Puppet

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The children in Shelley's school knitting club make these as their first attempt at knitting, so they must be simple! They make a companion for a lonely child to talk to, or if you make two, then it's a pair of gloves.



Materials and Tools

- Light worsted weight yarn (American)/DK (UK)/8 ply (Aust)
- 4.00mm/US 6 needles

Instructions

Cast on 18 stitches.

TEDDY

Row 1: Knit 4" (10cm) in garter stitch

Rows 2 and 3: Cast on 10 stitches at the beginning of next 2 rows to make arms (you now have 38 sts in total)

Next Rows: Knit in garter stitch for 1" (2.5cm)

Next 2 Rows: Cast off 10 sts at beg of next 2 rows (you now have 18 sts again)

Next Rows: Knit in garter stitch for 5.5" (14cm).

Next 2 Rows: Cast on 10 sts at the beginning of next 2 rows to make arms (you now have 38 sts in total)

Next Rows: Knit in garter stitch for 1" (2.5cm).

Next 2 Rows: Cast/bind off 10 sts at beginning of next 2 rows (you now have 18 sts again)

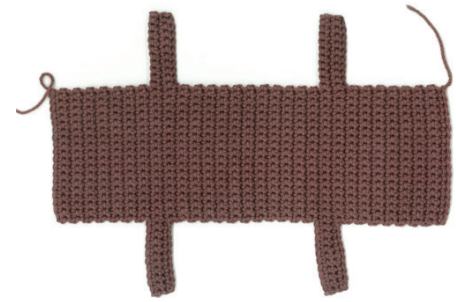
Next Rows: Knit 4" (10cm), then cast off.

Instructions (cont'd.)

MAKEUP

Leaving the bottom open, fold in half and sew the edges together. Turn the right side out, then sew diagonally across the top corners to make ears. Put a little padding in the head and tie some wool or ribbon around to make a neck. Sew on a happy face.

Remember not to use buttons for eyes as they might come off and cause a choking danger.



Puppet open, before folding in half

Variation

To give your teddy a bit more personality, you could knit it a small scarf or hat in bright, cheerful colours. Make sure that any accessories are firmly sewn onto the puppet, so that they don't fall off or get lost.

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