

# Easy Knit Top-Down Bear Sweater

Fits 9 inch bear

*A Lois Moore Creation*

Worsted weight yarn, size 6 needle

Beginning at neck edge, cast on 33 stitches. Knit 3 rows

Row 4: Knit 3 \*inc in next stitch (knit in front then back on stitch) Knit 1\*. Continue across row to last 4 stitches. Inc in next stitch, knit 3. (47 stitches)

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 stitches)

Row 7: Repeat row 5

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

Row 9: Repeat row 5

Row 10: Repeat row 8. (71 stitches)

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 together underarm seams. Weave in all ends.