

POLAR BEAR

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FINISHED SIZE 33cm from nose to tail

YARN 75 metres (half 100g ball) DK yarn James C Brett Chunky with Merino shade CM9; 100g/ 2 x balls James C Brett Chinchilla faux fur shade CH01 (white)

NEEDLES Pair 6.00 mm/ US size 10 knitting needles

TENSION 8sts and 10 rows over 5cm sq. working stocking stitch with 6.00 mm/ US size 10 knitting needles and chunky yarn

EXTRAS Tapestry needle, ten stitch markers, pair 9 mm solid black toy safety eyes - OR embroider eyes instead especially if the bear is intended for a young infant, toy filling, 4 lengths black DK yarn for nose and claws

Pattern notes:

Use Cable Cast-on throughout

W+Tk bring working yarn to the front of the work, slip next st purl-wise onto the RH needle, take working yarn to the back, slip the slipped stitch back onto the LH needle, turn the knitting = W+Tk (wrap and turn knit)

W+Tp take working yarn to the back of the work, slip next st purl-wise onto the RH needle, bring working yarn to the front, slip the slipped stitch back onto the LH needle, turn the knitting = W+Tp (wrap and turn purl)

HEAD & BODY

Begin at the nose

With white chunky yarn cast on 9 sts

Row 1 inc) Kfb, k to last st, kfb - 11sts

Row 2 P

Rows 3-4 inc) Rep last 2 rows once - 13sts

Row 5 inc) Kfb, k4, kfb, k1, kfb, k to last st, kfb - 17sts. Place marker (PM) at each end for **Nose Tip marker**

Rows 6, 8, 10 & 12 P

Row 7 inc) Kfb, k6, kfb, k1, kfb, k to last st, kfb - 21sts

Row 9 inc) Kfb, k8, kfb, k1, kfb, k to last st, kfb - 25sts

Row 11 inc) Kfb, k to last st, kfb - 27sts

After last p row, cut white yarn and join on fur yarn (F)

Rows 13 & 14 Work 2 rows st st

Cut a 50cm length from the white chunky yarn (W) and strand across back of knitting until needed (for eye indents) as foll:

Row 15 Yarn F – k9, yarn W – k2, Yarn F – k5, Yarn W – k2, Yarn F – k to end

Rows 16-20 Beg. with a p row work 5 rows st st

Pull the yarn length of yarn from Row 15 to make the indent

Insert eyes into the ‘eye indent’ stitches created in Row 15

Row 21 K7, PM for bear’s left ear position, k3, PM, k7, PM for bear’s right ear position, k3, PM, k to end

Row 22 P

BODY

Rows 23 & 24 inc) Cast on 5 sts at beg. of next two rows - 37sts.

PM at each end of last purl row for **Throat**.

Row 25 Kfb, k15, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k to last st, kfb

Row 26 P

Rows 27 & 28 Rep last 2 rows once

Row 29 dec) k16, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k to end - 35sts

Rows 30, 32 & 34 P

Row 31 dec) k15, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k to end - 33sts

Row 33 dec) k14, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k to end - 31sts

FORELEGS

Rows 35 & 36 inc) Cast on 8 sts at beg. of next two rows - 47sts

Rows 37-42 Work 6 rows st st

Rows 43 & 44 dec) Cast off 8 sts at beg. of next two rows - 31sts

Row 45 Kfb, k12, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k to last st, kfb

Row 46 P

Rows 47 & 48 Rep last 2 rows once

Row 49 inc) K14, kfb, k1, kfb, k to end - 33sts

Rows 50, 52, 54 P

Row 51 inc) K14, kfb, k3, kfb, k to end - 35sts

Row 53 inc) K14, kfb, k5, kfb, k to end - 37sts

Rows 55 & 56 inc) Cast on 2 sts at beg. of next two rows - 41sts

Row 57 inc) Kfb, k1, kfb, k to last 3 sts, kfb, k1, kfb - 45sts

Rows 58, 60 & 62 P

Row 59 inc) Kfb, k3, kfb, k35, kfb, k3, kfb - 49sts

Row 61 dec) K20, skpo, k5, k2 tog, k to end - 47sts

Row 63 dec) K20, skpo, k3, k2 tog, k to end - 45sts

SEPARATE REAR LEGS

Row 64 dec) P19, cast off next 7 sts p-wise, p to end – 38sts

Row 65 K19 for bear's left leg, turn

Row 66 dec) Cast off 11 sts, p to end – 8 left leg sts

LEFT REAR LEG

Work on 8 sts for bear's left leg as foll:

Rows 1-4 Work 4 rows st st

Cast off.

RIGHT REAR LEG

Rejoin fur yarn to rem. 19sts, cast off first 11sts, k to end - 8 right leg
sts

Rows 1-4 Work 4 rows st st

Cast off.

FRONT

With white chunky yarn cast on 3sts

Row 1 inc) Kfb, k1, kfb - 5sts

Row 2 P

Row 3 inc) Kfb, k to last st, kfb - 7sts

Rows 4-9 inc) Rep last 2 rows three times - 13sts

Row 10 P

INSIDE FORELEGS

Rows 11 & 12 inc) Cast on 8 sts at beg. of next two rows - 29sts

Rows 13-20 Work 8 rows st st

Rows 21 & 22 dec) Cast off 8 sts at beg. of next two rows - 13sts

BELLY

Rows 23-26 Work 4 rows st st. **PM** at each end last row for **Rear Leg**

Markers

Rows 27-38 Work 12 rows st st.

Cut white yarn and join on fur (F) yarn to complete the backside and tail as foll:

Row 39 dec) Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 11sts

Row 40 dec) P1, p2 tog, p to last 3 sts, p2 tog, p1 - 9sts

TAIL

Row 41 K4, into next st cast on 3 sts then cast off those 3 sts, k4 to end.

Cast off all sts p-wise.

INSIDE REAR LEGS

Right Leg

With white chunky begin at bear's right rear leg marker, pick up and knit 11 sts up to where you changed to fur yarn for backside (see Row 39)

Row 1 P

Row 2 inc) K to last st, kfb - 12sts

Rows 3-6 inc) Rep last 2 rows twice - 14sts

Row 7 P

Row 8 Skpo, k to last st, kfb

Rows 9-10 Rep last 2 rows once

Row 11 P

Simple short rows to shape foot

Short row 1 K9, W+Tk

Short row 2 P9

Short row 3 K6, W+Tk

Short row 4 P6

Short row 5 K3, W+Tk

Short row 6 P3

Cast off all sts.

Left Leg

With white chunky begin on bear's left and where you changed to fur yarn for backside (Row 39) pick up and knit 11 sts across to bear's left rear leg marker

Row 1 P

Row 2 inc) Kfb, k to end - 12sts

Rows 3-6 inc) Rep last 2 rows twice - 14sts

Row 7 P

Row 8 Kfb, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog

Rows 9-10 Rep last 2 rows once

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Short row 2 K9

Short row 3 P6, W+Tk

Short row 4 K6

Short row 5 P3, W+Tk

Short row 6 K3

Row 11 P

Cast off all sts.

EARS

Make two

With chunky white yarn leaving a long tail cast on 8sts

Row 1 inc) Kfb, k to last st, kfb - 10sts

Rows 2-6 Beg. with a p row work 5 rows st st

Row 7 dec) Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 8sts

Cast off p-wise.

TO MAKE UP

RS (k-side) facing, fold the cast on edge at nose in half and match the markers together. Back stitch to join all along from nose tip marker to marker and across cast on edge - AS RED LINE SHOWS ON FIG. 1.

Turn out to RS and smooth out the seam with your thumb.

Remove nose tip markers.

From this seam mattress join row ends together under chin and down to markers at Throat. AS GREEN LINE SHOWS ON FIG. 2. Stuff all yarn endings into the nose, remove throat markers.

WS facing, match and join the middle of the cast on edge (MARKED WITH A PINK X, FIG 3) from Front, to seam created at throat (MARKED WITH A PINK Y, FIG 2) and then ease the rest of the cast on edge and row ends from Front along neck, body and around forelegs – mattress sew the seams. AS PURPLE LINES SHOW, FIG. 3.

Mattress-sew the few rows that join belly to back up to rear leg markers.

Ease the inner rear legs to outer rear legs. Mattress-sew to join around the rear legs matching cast off edges at feet first then working up to the leg join - AS ORANGE LINE SHOWS ON FIGS. 1, 3 & 5.

Remove markers.

Stuff the bear fairly firmly into the head but not as much into the body and legs.

Join the cast off edge at backside to centre of back cast-off (MARKED WITH A BLUE X, FIGS. 1 & 3) - tail should be in centre of back, making sure the tail remains outside of the seam.

Ears – RS (k-side) facing, fold in half so cast on and cast off edges meet and backstitch selvedge/ row ends. Turn out to RS then, with your thumb, push one seam into the other to create an indented curve.

Position and sew each ear in place, over-sewing around the edges of the curve onto the head – the outer edge of the ear begins at the marker. SEE FIG. 6.

Carefully and neatly trim the fur around and in front of the eyes towards the nose.

Secure a length of black yarn and work about 6/7 neat, close together, straight stitches across the tip of the nose.

Secure a length of black yarn and work 3 single straight stitches at the paws for claws.

Fig. 1

Shows the head and back of the bear - it's knitted in aran yarn for ease of description



FIG. 3

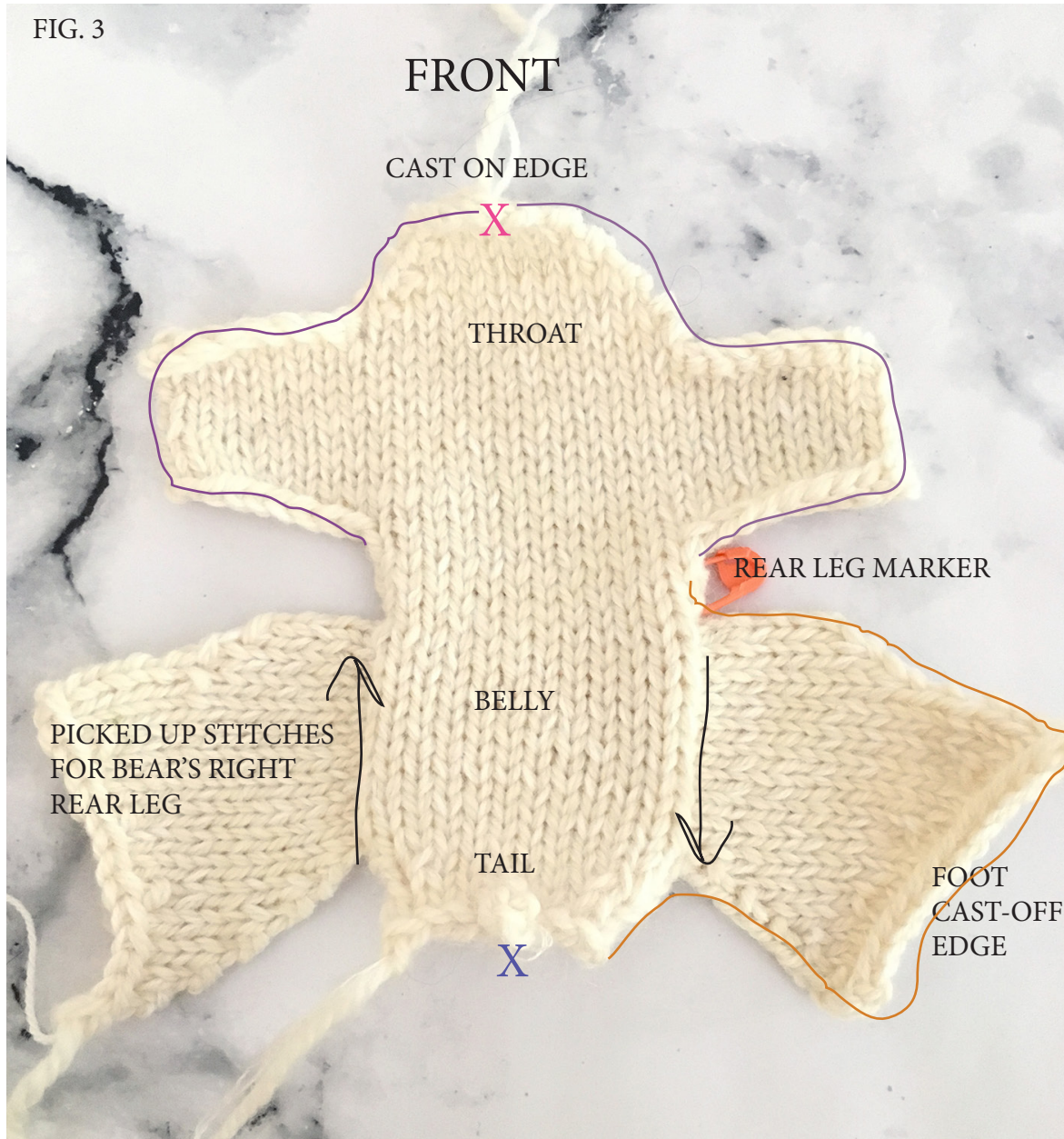


FIG. 4

NOSE



please note that these foreleg and rear leg seams work better with the fur yarn as suggested, I have only used the aran for illustrative purposes.

FIG. 5



FIG. 6



ABBREVIATIONS

K = knit; **P** = purl; **inc** = increase; **dec** = decrease;

M1 = make one; **fol/s** = follow/s; **K2 tog** = knit two together;

Rep = repeat; **RH/LH** = right hand/ left hand; **RS/WS** = right side/ wrong side; **st/ sts** = stitch/ stitches; **cont** = continue;

Skpo = slip one stitch, knit next stitch, pass slipped stitch over knit stitch; **Kfb** = knit into front then into back of stitch to increase by one stitch; **Beg** = beginning; **rem** = remaining

NOTE: If there is any part of this pattern that you do not understand then please feel free to email me:
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