

Can you help?

Please spare an hour or two to knit a little teddy. Doctors who treat children in third world or war torn countries are asking for them as they have found that children who have their own teddies to cuddle in their cots get better quicker than those who don't have one. Each child keeps its own teddy and can take it home so the doctors need a continual supply.

Teddies also require little bags made from material with a ribbon drawstring at the top. The finished size should be 10" x 13" - please do not use elastic for the drawstring. These bags are used to put the Teddy in during the day and hanging on the end of the bed or cot. The Teddy is then given to the child at night to help them sleep.

If you can make a bag for your teddy then that would be most welcome but if not it does not matter as we have people who can sew but not knit who could make bags for us.

Teddies Knitting Instructions

Double knitting wool. Size 10 needles

Main colour for head and paws. Trouser colour. Jumper colour. Scarf colour

Cast on 10 stitches in main colour. Knit 10 rows. Change to trouser colour and knit 30 rows. Make another leg the same way.

Knit across all 20 stitches and work 16 rows. Change to jumper colour and knit 24 rows. Change to main colour for head and also change to stocking stitch.

Work for 5 ½ inches and change to jumper colour. Change back to plain stitch. Continue remainder of Teddy in reverse order. Stitch down the sides of the head. With the jumper colour, pick up 8 stitches either side of the neck join (16 stitches in all) and knit 20 rows. Change to main colour and knit 10 rows for paws.

Sew Teddy up leaving opening in crotch. Sew diagonal top corners for ears before stuffing. Please only stuff Teddy with polyester. Foam rubber is not recommended as babies may chew it.

Run a thread through the knitting around the neck and draw it in. Sew a HAPPY face on the Teddy. For mouth either use stem stitch or back stitch.

SCARF. Cast on 75 stitches. Knit 4 rows and cast off. Tie scarf around Teddy and sew firmly to the back of the neck. Do not sew down at the front

Please do not deviate from this pattern as we like all the Teddies to look the same.

Thank you for all your help and support for this very worthwhile project.