



Knit Ruby Bear

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Skill Level



EASY

Ruby measures approximately 16" from top of head to bottom of foot.

Materials



Deborah Norville Collection **Serenity Chunky Weight** (100% Super-Fine Acrylic; 109 yards; 3½ ounces) by Premier Yarns

- 500-06 Berry Burst – 2 balls

Deborah Norville Collection **Serenity Worsted Weight** (45% acrylic/55% nylon; 186 yds; 3½ ounces) by Premier Yarns

- 400-52 Black – small amount

Knitting needles: US 9 (5.5mm) **or size to obtain gauge**
Extras: Yarn needle, polyester fiberfill, four 2" dark pink buttons with large holes, 24" length of polka-dot ribbon

Gauge: 12 sts and 16 rows = 4" in St st. **Use any size needles to obtain the specified gauge.**

Abbreviations

dec – decrease; **inc** – increase; **k** – knit; **k2tog** – knit 2 together; **mm** – millimeters; **p** – purl; **p2tog** – purl 2 together; **rem** – remaining; **rep** – repeat; **rnd(s)** – rounds; **RS** – right side; **St st** – Stockinette stitch (knit right side rows; purl wrong side rows); **st(s)** – stitches; ***** – repeat instructions after the asterisk as specified; **[]** – repeat the instructions inside the brackets the number of times specified.



Project Note: All Bear pieces are worked in Berry Burst.

Body: Beg at bottom of body, cast on 18 sts.

Row 1 (RS): Knit across.

Row 2 and all WS rows: Purl across.

Row 3: Inc in each st across – 36 sts.

Row 5: [K1, inc in next st] 18 times – 54 sts.

Rows 6-28: Work even in St st.

Row 29 (shape tummy): K20, [k2tog, k1] 4 times, k2tog, k20 – 49 sts.

Rows 30-32: Work even in St st.

Row 33: [K5, k2tog] 7 times – 42 sts.

Rows 34-36: Work even in St st.

Row 37: [K5, k2tog] 6 times – 36 sts.

Row 38: Work even.

Row 39: [K4, k2tog] 6 times – 30 sts.

Row 40: [P2tog] across – 15 sts. Bind off.

With RS facing, sew back seam from top to bottom and bottom seam perpendicular to back seam. Do not sew top opening. Turn RS out and stuff firmly.

Head: Cast on 12 sts.

Row 1 (RS): Knit across.

Row 2 and all WS rows: Purl across.
Row 3: Inc in each st across – 24 sts.
Row 5: [K1, inc in next st] 12 times – 36 sts.
Rows 6-8: Work even in St st.
Row 9: K17, inc in each of next 2 sts, k17 – 38 sts.
Row 11: K18, inc in each of next 2 sts, k18 – 40 sts.
Row 13: K19, inc in each of next 2 sts, k19 – 42 sts.
Row 15: K20, inc in each of next 2 sts, k20 – 44 sts.
Row 17: K20, [k2tog] twice, k20 – 42 sts.
Row 19: K19, [k2tog] twice, k19 – 40 sts.
Row 21: K18, [k2tog] twice, k18 – 38 sts.
Row 23: K17, [k2tog] twice, k17 – 36 sts.
Row 25: [K4, k2tog] 6 times – 30 sts.
Row 27: [K3, k2tog] 6 times – 24 sts.
Row 29: [K2, k2tog] 6 times – 18 sts.
Row 31: [K2tog] 9 times – 9 sts.
 Cut yarn, leaving a 24" end. Thread end through yarn needle and draw through all sts on needle, remove needle and pull end tightly, closing top; do not cut yarn. Sew back seam with same yarn, stuffing firmly, Sew head to top of body, pressing head into body slightly and sewing about 1" out from body opening so head is slightly tucked into body. Using photo as a guide, embroider features with doubled black embroidery floss.

Ear (Make 2): Cast on 6 sts.
Row 1 (RS): Inc in each st across – 12 sts.
Row 2: Purl across.
Row 3: [K1, inc in next st] 6 times – 18 sts.
Rows 4-6: Work even in St st.
Row 7: [K1, k2tog] 6 times – 12 sts.
Row 8: [P2tog] 6 times – 6 sts.
 Cut yarn, leaving a 24" end. Thread end through yarn needle and draw through all sts on needle, remove needle and pull end tightly, closing top; do not cut yarn. Use same yarn to sew seam. Fold Ears flat and sew in place, using photo as a guide.

Arm (Make 2): Cast on 6 sts.
Row 1 (RS): Inc in each st across – 12 sts.
Row 2: Purl across.
Row 3: [K1, inc in next st] 6 times – 18 sts.
Rows 4-22: Work even in St st.
Row 23: [K1, k2tog] 6 times – 12 sts.
Row 24: Purl across.
Row 25: [K2tog] 6 times – 6 sts.
 Cut yarn, leaving a 24" end. Thread end through yarn needle and draw through all sts on needle, remove knitting needle and pull end tightly, closing top; do not cut yarn. Sew Arm seam and stuff before closing. Sew both arms in place at one time by working through button and one arm and stuffed body, then through other arm and button, having buttons on the outside on both sides. Sew back and forth a few times, pulling slightly to keep arms secure and shape top of Bear. Do not pull yarn so tightly that arms do not move.

Leg (Make 2): Cast on 6 sts.
Rows 1-16: Rep 1-16 of Arm.
Row 17: K6, inc in each of next 6 sts, k6 – 24 sts.
Rows 18-22: Work even in St st.
Row 23: [K2, k2tog] 6 times – 18 sts.
Row 24: Purl across.
Row 25: [K1, k2tog] 6 times – 12 sts.
Row 26: [P2tog] 6 times.
 Finish, sew and attach Legs to Body in the same manner as Arms.

Tie ribbon in a bow around Ruby's neck.



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