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THE CLASSIC KNIT TEDDY BEAR

Complete Digital Knitting Pattern



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Straight-needle construction | Seamed stockinette | Seated teddy silhouette

1. Digital Download Notice

IMPORTANT

This file contains knitting instructions only. It is not a finished teddy bear, and no physical item will be shipped.

All finished measurements in this pattern are calculated design targets. Your result can vary with yarn thickness, needle size, knitting tension, seam depth, stuffing firmness and finishing technique.

The pattern is written to reproduce the visible design: a warm tan seated teddy with a rounded head, small round ears, cream oval muzzle, dark brown nose and mouth, black eyes, tapered arms, forward-facing oval feet and a small back tail.

2. Finished Measurements

Feature	Design target
Overall seated height	about 29-31 cm / 11.5-12.25 in
Overall width across feet	about 23-25 cm / 9-10 in
Front-to-back depth when seated	about 17-19 cm / 6.75-7.5 in
Head	about 12-13 cm high x 11-12 cm wide
Body	about 13-14 cm high x 10-11 cm wide
Arm, each	about 10 cm / 4 in long
Foot/leg, each	about 11-12 cm / 4.5 in long x 5.5-6.5 cm wide
Ear, each	about 5-6 cm / 2-2.4 in across
Muzzle	about 6.5-7.5 cm / 2.5-3 in wide x 4-5 cm high
Tail	about 2.5-3 cm / 1-1.2 in

Size note: the bear is designed to sit as shown, with the feet projecting forward rather than hanging straight down.

3. Materials and Tools

- Chunky / bulky weight smooth yarn (#5), main color A - warm camel/tan: approximately 250-300 g (about 350-420 m / 380-460 yd).
- Chunky / bulky weight yarn, color B - cream: approximately 15-20 g (about 20-30 m / 22-33 yd).
- Dark brown yarn or embroidery yarn, color C: approximately 3-5 g for the nose and mouth.
- 4.5 mm straight knitting needles, or size needed to obtain the stated dense gauge.
- 2 black safety eyes, approximately 12 mm, with compatible locking washers; or dark yarn for embroidered eyes.
- Polyester fiberfill, approximately 150-200 g.
- Tapestry needle, locking stitch markers or removable yarn markers, rust-resistant pins, scissors and measuring tape.

SAFETY

Safety eyes contain small detachable components and are not suitable for children under 3. For a plushie intended for a young child, use securely embroidered eyes and follow the safety requirements that apply where you live.

4. Gauge

16 sts x 22 rows = 10 cm / 4 in in stockinette stitch, measured on a firm, unblocked swatch using the main yarn and 4.5 mm needles.

A dense fabric is important so stuffing does not show through. If you can see obvious gaps when the swatch is gently stretched, use a smaller needle. If your gauge is tighter or looser, the finished teddy will be smaller or larger.

5. Abbreviations and Techniques

Abbreviation	Meaning
CO	cast on
BO	bind off
K	knit
P	purl
RS	right side of the knitted fabric
WS	wrong side of the knitted fabric
st / sts	stitch / stitches
M1L	make 1 left: lift the bar between stitches from front to back and knit through the back loop
M1R	make 1 right: lift the bar between stitches from back to front and knit through the front loop
ssk	slip 1 knitwise, slip 1 knitwise, return both to left needle and knit them together through the back loops; 1 st decreased
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together; 1 st decreased
stockinette	Knit RS rows and purl WS rows
garter stitch	Knit every row

SEAM-COUNT RULE

Every stated stitch count already includes the two edge stitches used for seaming. Do not cast on extra seam or selvedge stitches. Knit the first and last stitch normally unless a row says otherwise.

6. Construction Overview

All pieces are knitted flat on straight needles. The head and body become rounded forms when their side edges are seamed and the shaped ends are gathered. Arms, feet/legs and tail are seamed into stuffed oval tubes. Each ear is made from two matching panels for a neat rounded edge. The cream muzzle is a single garter-stitch oval sewn to the face and lightly padded.

- Head: 1 piece, main color A.
- Body: 1 piece, main color A.
- Arms: 2 identical pieces, main color A.
- Feet/legs: 2 identical pieces, main color A.
- Ear panels: 4 identical pieces, main color A; join them in pairs to make 2 ears.
- Muzzle: 1 piece, cream color B.
- Tail: 1 piece, main color A.

Orientation: right and left always mean the teddy bear's own right and left. For the head and body, the two side edges of the flat piece become the centre-back (CB) seam. The midpoint of each row becomes centre front (CF).

Recommended assembly order: install the eyes while the head is still flat; seam and stuff the head; seam and stuff the body; join head to body; make and attach ears; seam/stuff/attach arms and legs; add muzzle, nose and mouth; attach tail; then make final symmetry and sitting adjustments.

7. Complete Written Pattern

Use color A unless another color is stated. Long-tail cast on is recommended. For pieces that finish with live stitches, cut the yarn leaving a 25-30 cm tail, thread it through the remaining stitches, pull snug and secure.

Head

Make 1 | Yarn: A - warm tan

CO 20 sts. The cast-on edge is the neck opening. Rows are numbered from neck toward crown. Before any seaming, complete the safety-eye placement described after the table.

Row	Instructions	Stitch count
1	RS: K20.	20
2	WS: P20.	20
3	K2, [M1L, K2] 4 times, [K2, M1R] 4 times, K2.	28
4	P28.	28
5	K2, [M1L, K3] 4 times, [K3, M1R] 4 times, K2.	36
6	P36.	36
7	K2, [M1L, K4] 4 times, [K4, M1R] 4 times, K2.	44
8	P44.	44
9	K2, [M1L, K5] 4 times, [K5, M1R] 4 times, K2.	52
10	P52.	52
11	K2, [M1L, K6] 4 times, [K6, M1R] 4 times, K2.	60
12	P60.	60
13	K60.	60
14	P60.	60
15	K60.	60
16	P60.	60
17	K60.	60
18	P60.	60
19	K60.	60
20	P60.	60
21	K60.	60
22	P60.	60
23	K2, [ssk, K5] 4 times, [K5, k2tog] 4 times, K2.	52
24	P52.	52
25	K2, [ssk, K4] 4 times, [K4, k2tog] 4 times, K2.	44
26	P44.	44
27	K2, [ssk, K3] 4 times, [K3, k2tog] 4 times, K2.	36
28	P36.	36
29	K2, [ssk, K2] 4 times, [K2, k2tog] 4 times, K2.	28
30	P28.	28
31	K2, [ssk, K1] 4 times, [K1, k2tog] 4 times, K2.	20
32	P20.	20

After Row 32, do not BO. Cut yarn, thread through all 20 live sts and draw firmly closed to form the crown. Secure on the WS.

Eye installation - before seaming the head

1. Lay the head piece RS up, with Row 1 nearest you and the crown at the top. The row midpoint between sts 30 and 31 on the 60-st section is CF.
2. Place the teddy's right eye through stitch 26 of Row 19 and the teddy's left eye through stitch 35 of Row 19. This gives approximately 9 sts centre-to-centre spacing before stuffing.
3. Turn to the WS and install the washers securely. Check from the RS that both eyes are level before locking them fully. If using embroidered eyes, omit the washers and embroider after the head is stuffed.

Body

Make 1 | Yarn: A - warm tan

CO 20 sts. The cast-on edge is the neck opening. Rows are numbered from neck downward to the base.

Row	Instructions	Stitch count
1	RS: K20.	20
2	WS: P20.	20
3	K2, [M1L, K2] 4 times, [K2, M1R] 4 times, K2.	28
4	P28.	28
5	K2, [M1L, K3] 4 times, [K3, M1R] 4 times, K2.	36
6	P36.	36
7	K2, [M1L, K4] 4 times, [K4, M1R] 4 times, K2.	44
8	P44.	44
9	K2, [M1L, K5] 4 times, [K5, M1R] 4 times, K2.	52
10	P52.	52
11	K52.	52
12	P52.	52
13	K52.	52
14	P52.	52
15	K52.	52
16	P52.	52
17	K52.	52
18	P52.	52
19	K52.	52
20	P52.	52
21	K52.	52
22	P52.	52
23	K2, [ssk, K4] 4 times, [K4, k2tog] 4 times, K2.	44
24	P44.	44
25	K2, [ssk, K3] 4 times, [K3, k2tog] 4 times, K2.	36
26	P36.	36
27	K2, [ssk, K2] 4 times, [K2, k2tog] 4 times, K2.	28
28	P28.	28
29	K2, [ssk, K1] 4 times, [K1, k2tog] 4 times, K2.	20
30	P20.	20

After Row 30, do not BO. Cut yarn, thread through all 20 live sts and draw firmly closed to form the lower base. Secure on the WS.

Arms

Make 2 | Yarn: A - warm tan

CO 10 sts for each arm. Both arms use the same knitting; they are mirrored during attachment.

Row	Instructions	Stitch count
1	RS: K10.	10
2	WS: P10.	10
3	K1, [M1L, K2] 2 times, [K2, M1R] 2 times, K1.	14
4	P14.	14
5	K1, [M1L, K3] 2 times, [K3, M1R] 2 times, K1.	18
6	P18.	18
7	K18.	18
8	P18.	18
9	K18.	18
10	P18.	18
11	K18.	18
12	P18.	18
13	K18.	18
14	P18.	18
15	K18.	18
16	P18.	18
17	K18.	18
18	P18.	18
19	K1, [ssk, K2] 2 times, [K2, k2tog] 2 times, K1.	14
20	P14.	14
21	K1, [ssk, K1] 2 times, [K1, k2tog] 2 times, K1.	10
22	P10.	10

After Row 22, do not BO. Cut yarn, thread through all 10 live sts and pull closed to make the rounded paw end.

Feet / Legs

Make 2 | Yarn: A - warm tan

CO 16 sts for each leg/foot. The wide central section forms the rounded foot. Both pieces use the same knitting and are mirrored when sewn to the body.

Row	Instructions	Stitch count
1	RS: K16.	16
2	WS: P16.	16
3	K2, [M1L, K3] 2 times, [K3, M1R] 2 times, K2.	20
4	P20.	20
5	K2, [M1L, K4] 2 times, [K4, M1R] 2 times, K2.	24
6	P24.	24
7	K2, [M1L, K5] 2 times, [K5, M1R] 2 times, K2.	28
8	P28.	28
9	K28.	28

Row	Instructions	Stitch count
10	P28.	28
11	K28.	28
12	P28.	28
13	K28.	28
14	P28.	28
15	K28.	28
16	P28.	28
17	K28.	28
18	P28.	28
19	K28.	28
20	P28.	28
21	K2, [ssk, K4] 2 times, [K4, k2tog] 2 times, K2.	24
22	P24.	24
23	K2, [ssk, K3] 2 times, [K3, k2tog] 2 times, K2.	20
24	P20.	20
25	K2, [ssk, K2] 2 times, [K2, k2tog] 2 times, K2.	16
26	P16.	16

After Row 26, do not BO. Cut yarn, thread through all 16 live sts and pull closed. This gathered end becomes the forward toe.

Ear Panels

Make 4 | Yarn: A - warm tan

CO 6 sts for each panel. Two panels are joined to make one ear, so make 4 panels total.

Row	Instructions	Stitch count
1	RS: K6.	6
2	WS: P6.	6
3	K1, M1L, K4, M1R, K1.	8
4	P8.	8
5	K1, M1L, K6, M1R, K1.	10
6	P10.	10
7	K1, M1L, K8, M1R, K1.	12
8	P12.	12
9	K12.	12
10	P12.	12
11	K1, ssk, K6, k2tog, K1.	10
12	P10.	10
13	K1, ssk, K4, k2tog, K1.	8
14	P8.	8
15	K1, ssk, K2, k2tog, K1.	6
16	P6.	6

BO the 6 sts after Row 16. Weave the BO tail toward the narrow end so it can be used during ear assembly.

Muzzle

Make 1 | Yarn: B - cream

CO 4 sts. Work the entire piece in garter stitch (knit every row).

Row	Instructions	Stitch count
1	K4.	4
2	K1, M1L, K2, M1R, K1.	6
3	K1, M1L, K4, M1R, K1.	8
4	K1, M1L, K6, M1R, K1.	10
5	K1, M1L, K8, M1R, K1.	12
6	K12.	12
7	K12.	12
8	K12.	12
9	K1, ssk, K6, k2tog, K1.	10
10	K1, ssk, K4, k2tog, K1.	8
11	K1, ssk, K2, k2tog, K1.	6
12	K1, ssk, k2tog, K1.	4

BO the 4 sts after Row 12, leaving a long sewing tail. Do not stuff yet.

Tail

Make 1 | Yarn: A - warm tan

CO 10 sts. Work in stockinette unless the row says otherwise.

Row	Instructions	Stitch count
1	RS: K10.	10
2	WS: P10.	10
3	K1, M1L, K8, M1R, K1.	12
4	P12.	12
5	K1, M1L, K10, M1R, K1.	14
6	P14.	14

After Row 6, do not BO. Cut yarn, thread through all 14 live sts and draw firmly closed.

8. Placement Maps

Use these landmarks after the head and body are stuffed. Knit fabric stretches, so the stated rows/stitches are practical placement targets rather than rigid coordinates. Pin first, compare both sides from the front and back, then sew.

Head placement map

Feature	Placement
CF landmark	Midpoint of each row. On Rows 11-22 (60 sts), CF lies between sts 30 and 31.
CB landmark	The mattress-stitched seam joining the two side edges of the head piece.
Eyes	Already placed through Row 19 at sts 26 and 35 before seaming.
Muzzle	Center the cream oval on CF. Place its upper edge near Row 17 and lower edge near Row 10-11. The widest part should sit below the eye line, not cover it.
Teddy right ear	Base spans approximately Rows 22-27. Place the inner base edge about 10-11 sts to the teddy's right of CF; outer edge angles toward the side/back.
Teddy left ear	Mirror the right ear: base spans approximately Rows 22-27, with the inner edge 10-11 sts to the teddy's left of CF.
Nose	Centered on the upper half of the cream muzzle, about 1.5-1.8 cm wide.
Mouth	One vertical brown stem about 1.2-1.5 cm down from the nose, ending in two shallow mirrored curves.

Body placement map

Feature	Placement
CF landmark	Midpoint of the body rows. On the 52-st section, CF lies between sts 26 and 27.
CB landmark	The mattress-stitched body seam.
Right arm	Attach the upper 4-5 rows of the arm across body Rows 8-13, centered about 12-13 sts to the teddy's right of CF. Angle the paw slightly forward.
Left arm	Mirror the right arm across CF, using the same Rows 8-13 and the same 12-13-st centre offset.
Right leg/foot	Attach the hip end across body Rows 19-27, centered about 12-13 sts to the teddy's right of CF. Rotate the foot so the toe projects forward.
Left leg/foot	Mirror the right leg across CF. Match the toe height and outward angle before sewing.

Feature	Placement
Tail	Center directly over the CB seam, with the middle of the tail around body Rows 23-25.

SYMMETRY CHECK

Set the stuffed body upright on a flat surface before permanently sewing the legs. Both toe ends should touch the same plane, both knees should project forward equally, and the body should sit without twisting.

9. Stuffing and Shaping

Piece	Stuffing level and shape
Head	Stuff firmly and evenly, especially at the cheeks and crown. Keep the neck opening circular. Avoid overstuffing directly behind the eye washers.
Body	Stuff firmly through the lower belly and moderately near the neck so the head can be joined cleanly. Shape the belly into a soft pear/oval form.
Arms	Stuff moderately. Keep the upper 2 rows lightly stuffed so the arm can lie naturally against the body.
Feet / legs	Stuff the toe and lower foot firmly, the middle moderately and the hip end lightly. This helps the feet sit forward without making the body too wide.
Ears	Use only a very small amount of stuffing, or none if your fabric is already thick. The ear should remain slightly cupped, not pillow-like.
Muzzle	Add a thin layer of stuffing only after most of the perimeter is sewn to the face. Keep it softly domed.
Tail	Stuff lightly to moderately so it stays round but does not push the teddy forward when seated.

10. Assembly Instructions

1. HEAD - With the crown already gathered, keep the head RS facing outward and bring the two side edges together. Working from the RS, mattress stitch the edges from crown to neck to create the CB seam. Stuff firmly through the neck opening and shape the cheeks evenly around the eye line. Leave the neck opening open.
2. BODY - With the lower base already gathered, keep the body RS facing outward and bring the two side edges together. Working from the RS, mattress stitch the body side edges from base to neck to create the CB seam. Stuff as described above and leave the neck opening open.
3. JOIN HEAD TO BODY - Match the 20-st cast-on neck edge of the head to the 20-st cast-on neck edge of the body, aligning CF to CF and CB seam to CB seam. Pin at CF, CB and both side quarters. Sew securely with small ladder stitches around the full neck. Add a little extra stuffing through the final 2-3 cm if needed, then close.
4. EARS - Pair the 4 ear panels into 2 sets with RS facing outward. Seam each pair around the perimeter with small whip stitches, inserting only a whisper of stuffing if desired. Pin each ear using the head placement map. Keep both ears at the same height and tilt them slightly outward. Sew through both ear layers and into the head.
5. ARMS - Fold each arm lengthwise with RS outward after gathering the paw end. Mattress stitch the long edges to form the underside seam. Stuff, keeping the shoulder end light. Close the CO edge flat. Pin the arms to mirrored shoulder positions and sew the flattened top 4-5 rows securely to the body.
6. FEET / LEGS - Fold each piece lengthwise with the gathered end forming the toe. Mattress stitch the long edges, leaving the CO edge open for stuffing. Stuff as directed. Close the CO edge flat. Pin the hip edge to the body so each foot projects forward and slightly outward. Sew around the hip attachment edge, checking the teddy sits level before finishing.
7. MUZZLE - Pin the cream garter oval centered below the eyes. Begin sewing around the edge with cream yarn. When 2-3 cm remain open, insert a thin layer of stuffing, check centering, then finish the seam and bury the tail inside the head.
8. NOSE AND MOUTH - With dark brown yarn, embroider a small filled inverted triangle centered on the upper half of the muzzle, approximately 1.5-1.8 cm wide. Bring a straight stem down approximately 1.2-1.5 cm. From the stem end, work one shallow curved smile to each side. Keep both arcs the same depth and length.
9. TAIL - Mattress stitch the tail side edges, stuff lightly and close the CO edge. Center it on the body CB seam around Rows 23-25 and sew firmly around its base.
10. FINISHING - Remove all temporary markers and pins. Bury every yarn tail inside the stuffed pieces. Massage the stuffing to smooth the head, belly, arms and feet. Recheck eye level, ear height, limb symmetry and seated stability.

11. Final Visual Checklist

- Eyes are level and equally spaced from CF.
- Cream muzzle is centered directly below the eyes and does not tilt.
- Nose is centered on the muzzle; the mouth curves are mirrored.
- Ears sit at the same height and have matching outward tilt.
- Arms begin at the same body row and hang at matching angles.
- Feet project forward evenly, touch the same resting plane and allow a stable seated position.
- Head is centered over body; CF and CB align through the neck seam.
- Tail is centered on CB and does not interfere with sitting.
- No visible stuffing, loose seam loops, trapped markers, exposed knots or unburied yarn tails remain.

12. Troubleshooting

Issue	Practical fix
Stuffing shows through	Your fabric is too open or the piece is overstuffed. Redistribute the fiberfill; for future pieces, use a smaller needle or denser yarn.
Eyes look uneven	Before locking safety-eye washers, compare from front and slightly above. If already locked, balance the face by carefully adjusting surrounding stuffing; do not force or cut the washer.
Head or body twists at the seam	The side edges were joined with uneven row matching. Undo the affected section and match one row edge to one row edge

Issue	Practical fix
	consistently.
One arm or leg looks longer	Compare attachment rows, not just free-hanging length. Re-pin the higher/longer side so the top edge begins on the same body row as its mirror.
Muzzle is off-centre	Use the CF line between the two middle stitches as the anchor. Remove only the affected half of the seam, re-pin, then resew.
Bear tips forward	Reduce stuffing at the hip ends, rotate the feet slightly farther forward and re-pin the leg attachments lower on the body. The tail should remain small and lightly stuffed.
Visible holes at seams	Use smaller ladder/mattress stitches and catch the horizontal bars just inside the edge rather than pulling only on the edge loops.
Ears look too puffy	Remove most of the ear stuffing and flatten the lower third before attaching. The reference shape is rounded and lightly cupped, not spherical.

13. Printing and Customer Notes

This pattern is intended for personal handmade creation unless the seller of the digital pattern states different licensing terms. Keep a copy of the original digital file for your records.

For printing, use 100% scale or “actual size” for the clearest text. The pattern does not require printed templates; all shaping is created by the written stitch counts.

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MAKER REMINDER

Pin every major feature before sewing permanently. The teddy is intentionally simple in color, so eye level, muzzle centering, ear symmetry and seated leg angle create most of the recognizable character.