



KNIT  
SKILL LEVEL  
INTERMEDIATE

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## What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft®: 1 ball each A 4600 White and B 9925 Really Red

Susan Bates® Double-Pointed Knitting Needles: 3.5mm [US 4]  
Susan Bates® Knitting Needles: 4.00 mm [US 6]

Stitch markers, yarn needle, 2 – ¼" (6 mm) black beads (2 beads for eyes per bear), 2-5 – ¼" (6 mm) white buttons (3 buttons for front, and 2 buttons on back for long underwear version), Sewing needle and black thread  
Embroidery needle and black floss, Straight pins  
Polyester fiberfill

**GAUGE:** 20 sts = 4" (10 cm); 32 rows = 4" (10 cm) in Stockinette stitch on size 3.5mm [US 4] needles. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.



**4** RED HEART® Soft®, Art. E728 available in solid color 5 oz (140 g), 256 yd (234 m) and print 4 oz (113 g), 204 yd (187 m) balls

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# Polar Bear Ornaments

*Create a family of cool bears to join in the holiday festivities.*

*The fun-to-knit characters are irresistibly cute and great to give or enjoy yourself!*

**Bears Measure:** Standing version: 5" (13 cm) tall  
Seated version: 6" (15 cm) tall

## Special Stitches

**KFB** = Knit 1 stitch in the front, then in the back. Increase is made.

**SSK** = Slip, slip, knit slipped stitches together. Decrease is made.

**K2tog** = Knit 2 sts together.

## Stitch Patterns

### K1 x P1 Rib

**Row 1:** \*K1, P 1\* across Row.

**Next Row:** Knit the knit sts, Purl the purl sts for K1 x P1 Rib pattern.

## Notes

1. Pattern makes 6 different versions of bears using simple color patterns and either seated or standing positioning of body parts when sewing together.
2. All versions are worked in the round on smaller size needles. Stuffing is added as rounds are completed. Body parts are made separately, then sewn together using yarn ends.
3. Facial features are made by using either small or medium size beads for eyes and floss for embroidered nose. Use photo as a guide for placement.

## BEAR

### Head

Using **A** and smaller needles, cast on 6 stitches, place marker, (place 2 sts on each of 3 needles).

Join, being careful not to twist sts.

**Round 1:** \*Kfb in next st; repeat from \* around – 12 sts.

**Round 2:** Knit around.

**Round 3:** \*K1, kfb in next st; repeat from \* around – 18 sts.

**Round 4:** Knit around.

**Round 5:** \*K2, kfb in next st; repeat from \* around – 24 sts.

**Round 6:** Knit around.

**Round 7:** \*K3, kfb in next st; repeat from \* around – 30 sts.

**Round 8-11:** Knit around.

**Round 12:** K2, ssk, k6, k2tog, k6, ssk, k6, k2tog, k2 – 26 sts.

**Round 13:** K2, ssk, k4, k2tog, k6, ssk, k4, k2tog, k2 – 22 sts.

**Round 14:** K2, ssk, k2, k2tog, k6, ssk, k2, k2tog, k2 – 18 sts. Stuff as rounds are completed.

**Round 15:** K2, ssk, k2tog, k6, ssk, k2tog, k2 – 14 sts.

**Round 16-18:** Knit around.

**Round 19:** \*K2, k2tog\* 3 times, k2 – 11 sts. Stuff head firmly. Finish off by weaving yarn end through remaining live sts, pulling tightly to close opening, knot to secure. Leave yarn ends for attaching head to body.

## Ears (make 2)

Using **A** and smaller size needles, cast on 5 stitches. **Rounds 1-2:** Knit.

Weave yarn end through live sts and pull tightly to close. Knot to secure. Leave yarn ends for attaching ears to head.

## Tail (make 1)

Using **A** and smaller size needles, cast on 5 stitches. **Round 1:** Knit.

Weave yarn end through live sts and pull tightly to close. Knot to secure. Leave yarn ends for attaching tail to body.

## Basic Body

Using **A** and smaller size needles, cast on 18 stitches, place marker, (place 6 sts on each of 3 needles).

Join, being careful not to twist sts.

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**Rounds 1-3:** Knit around.

**Round 4:** \*K2, kfb; repeat from \* around – 24 sts. Rounds 5-7: Knit around.

**Round 8:** \*K3, kfb; repeat from \* around – 30 sts.

**Rounds 9-11:** Knit around.

**Round 12:** \*K4, kfb; repeat from \* around – 36 sts.

**Rounds 13-27:** Knit around.

**Round 28:** \*K4, k2tog; repeat from \* around – 30 sts.

**Round 29:** Knit around.

**Round 30:** \*K3, k2tog; repeat from \* around – 24 sts.

**Round 31:** Knit around.

**Round 32:** \*K2, k2tog; repeat from \* around – 18 sts.

**Round 33:** Knit around.

**Round 34:** \*K1, k2tog; repeat from \* around – 12 sts.

**Round 35:** \*K1, k2tog; repeat from \* around – 8 sts.

Stuff body firmly. Finish off by weaving yarn end through live sts and pulling tightly to close, knot to secure. Leave yarn end from cast on edge for attaching head to body.

## BODY VARIATIONS

### Striped Sweater Body

Using **B** and smaller size needles, cast on 18 stitches, place marker, (place 6 sts on each of 3 needles).

Join, being careful not to twist sts.

**Rounds 1-2:** Knit around.

**Rounds 3-4:** Using **A**, knit around for 2 Rounds. Do not cut **B**, carry non-working yarn (**B**), loosely along back unless otherwise directed.

**Rounds 5-22:** Working in stripe pattern of 2 Rounds per color – **B, A, B, A**, follow the directions for the Basic Body, finishing off with **B** at end of Round 22.

**Rounds 23-35:** Continue Rounds as for Basic Body, using **A** only. Stuff firmly, finish off as per Basic Body.

### Long Underwear Body

Using **B** and smaller size needles, cast on 18 stitches, place marker, (place 6 sts on each of 3 needles).

Join, being careful not to twist sts.

Follow Rounds 1-35 for Basic Body. Stuff and finish off as directed above.

Add long underwear details by sewing 3 - ¼” (6 mm) buttons down the front and 2 buttons on either side of tail to simulate the back flap.

### Basic Legs (make 4)

Using **A** and smaller size needles, cast on 10 stitches, place marker, (place 3-3-4 sts on each of 3 needles).

Join, being careful not to twist sts.

**Rounds 1-15:** Knit around.

**Round 16:** \*K1, kfb; repeat from \* around – 15 sts.

**Round 17:** \*K2, kfb; repeat from \* around – 20 sts.

**Round 18:** K around. Stuff Leg as rounds are completed.

**Round 19:** \*K2, k2tog; repeat from \* around – 15 sts.

**Round 20:** \*K1, k2tog; repeat from \* around – 10 sts.

Complete stuffing Leg. Finish off by weaving yarn end through live sts and pulling tightly to close, knot to secure. Leave yarn ends from cast on edge for attaching Legs to Body.

## LEG VARIATIONS

### Striped Sweater Leg Variation

Make Striped version for only 2 of the 4 Legs, (the lower Legs are worked in solid **A**).

Using **B** and smaller size needles, cast on 10 sts, place marker, (place 3-3-4 sts on each of 3 needles).

Join, being careful not to twist sts.

**Round 1:** Using **B**, knit around.

**Rounds 2-3:** Using **A**, knit around.

**Rounds 4-9:** Continue working in stripe pattern of 2 Rounds per color finishing off with **B** at end of Round 9.

**Rounds 10-20:** Using **A**, complete rounds as for Basic Legs. Finish off as directed, repeat for second Leg.

Work lower 2 Legs in solid **A**.

### Long Underwear Leg Variation

Using **B** and smaller size needles, cast on 10 stitches, place marker, (place 3-3-4 sts on each of 3 needles).

Join, being careful not to twist sts.

**Rounds 1-12:** Knit around finishing off with **B** at end of Round 12.

**Rounds 13-20:** Using **A**, complete Rounds 13-20 as for Basic Legs. Finish off as per Basic Legs, repeat for remaining legs.

## SCARF

Using **B** and larger size needles, cast on 8 stitches.

Do not join, work back and forth in rows.

**Row 1:** K1, P1 across row.

**Next Rows:** Continue working in K1 x P1 rib until piece measures approximately 9” (23 cm) from cast on edge. Bind off all sts, trim and weave in ends.

## FINISHING

Refer to photo for placement of facial features, head and leg positions.

Using black thread, sewing needle and 2 black beads, sew beads to front of head for eyes, using the beginning of the decrease Rounds to mark the eye placement.

Using black floss and embroidery needle, embroider nose in a triangle shape at the small tip of the head. **Note:** Do not separate strands of floss, use as one single strand. Position and pin the ears to the back sides of the head. Attach ears by sewing securely to head using yarn tail. Knot, weave in ends and trim yarn end.

Position and pin the tail in the middle of the lower back of the body. Attach tail by sewing securely to back of body using yarn tail. Knot, weave in ends and trim yarn end.

## FINISHING for Seated bear

Using yarn ends, attach head paying close attention to the positioning of the Head. Set Body portion on end with the fat portion sitting on the table and the neck opening upwards towards the ceiling. Attach the Head by placing the fatter portion of the stuffed head on top of the neck opening, (Teddy Bear style), with the nose pointing outward, (parallel to the table), making certain that the front of the Body and the front of the Head are consistent. Sew securely with yarn end, weaving and trimming ends. Using yarn ends attach the arms (Legs) to sides of the top portion of the Body, about 4-5 rounds from the neck opening. Weave and trim excess yarn. Using yarn ends, attach bottom Legs to front lower portion of Body, making certain the Legs are situated correctly as to allow the bear to sit Teddy Bear style.

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## FINISHING for Standing Bear

Using yarn ends, attach the Head paying close attention to the positioning of the Head. Lay the stuffed Body on its side, on the table.

Position the Head with the cast on round in the middle of the neck opening, (and the nose pointing straight ahead, in same direction of the Body). Head and Body should lie in a straight line. Attach using yarn end, trimming excess yarn.

**Sew Legs to the underside of the Body so that the bear can stand on all fours. Tip:**

Pin or baste Legs in position so changes can easily be made before committing to finished stitching.

If using a scarf, loop around the neck and tie once in front.

## ABBREVIATIONS

A, B = Color A, Color B; **cm** = centimeters; **K** = knit; **mm** = millimeters; **P** = Purl; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **St st** = Stockinette stitch; **tog** = together; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; **\* or \*\*** = repeat whatever follows the \* or \*\* as indicated.

## Long Underwear



## Striped Sweater



## Scarf

