

'Buddy Bear' Knitting Pattern

This initiative will allow Crewe Police to share your lovingly knitted bear with a child going through a distressing experience.

If you provide your name then the child will be able to know who handmade their buddy.

Please hand them in to the front counter of **Crewe Police Station or Haslington Bakery**

Materials

- Double knitting wool: black, yellow, grey and brown (or other colour for the head), blue (optional)
- 3¼mm knitting needles
- Please do NOT use beads or buttons as they are a choking hazard

Legs

- 1st leg: In black wool, cast on 5 stitches
- Next row: Knit 1, make 1, knit 1, make 1, continue to the end of the row, making 9 stitches
- Next row: Knit 1, make 1, knit 1, make 1, continue to the end of the row, making 17 stitches
- Continue in garter stitch and work 17 rows
- Break yarn and push these stitches to the left hand side of the needle
- 2nd leg: Repeat as per 1st leg, but don't break the yarn

- Join legs
- Next row: Knit across, 17 stitches increase 1 stitch into the last stitch, then knit across the remaining 17 stitches of the first leg

Arms (make two)

- In black wool, cast on 3 stitches and knit 1 row
- Increase 1st at each end of the row for 6 rows making 15 stitches

- Continue knitting 13 rows
- Next row: Knit 1, knit 2 together to end, making 8 stitches
- Next row: Knit 2 together making 4 stitches
- Break yarn leaving a length for making up, thread through remaining stitches, pull tightly and fasten off
- Repeat for second arm

Radio

- In grey wool, cast on 4 stitches
- Next row: Knit 4 rows, cast off
- Stitch to either side of the chest with black wool, to make radio aerial

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Body

- Continue in black wool for a further 9 rows, change to yellow wool and knit a further 17 rows
- Shape shoulders: Knit 7 stitches, knit 2 stitches together twice. Knit 13 stitches, then knit 2 together, knit 7 to make 31 stitches
- Next row: Knit 1 row
- Next row: K6, K2 tog twice. K11 stitches, K2 together twice, K6 to make 27 stitches
- Next row: Knit 1 row.
- Next row: Knit 1, K2 together to the end of the row, making 14 stitches

Head

- Change to brown wool, or desired head colour wool
- Next row knit1, make 1, knit 1 to end of row making 27 stitches
- Knit 1 row
- Next row (K6, M1, K1, M1, K6) K1 repeat from () making 31 stitches
- Knit 1 row
- (K7, M1, K1, M1, K7) K1 repeat from () making 35 stitches
- Continue knitting 9 rows
- Shape the head: K7 (K2 tog twice, K13, K2 together twice) K7 making 31 stitches
- Knit 1 row
- Knit 6, K2 tog twice, knit 11, K2 tog twice, K6 making 27 stitches
- Knit 1 row
- K1, K2 tog to end of row making 14 stitches

- Break off yarn and thread through stitches and draw up

Face

- Stitch eyes, nose and mouth using black wool (remember NO buttons or beads!)

Ears

- Cast on 5 stitches, knit 4 rows
- Next row: Knit 2 together, knit 1, knit 2 together
- Next row: Increase 1 stitch at end of the next row and knit 4 rows, then cast off
- Repeat for second ear, and attach to top of head

Make up the bear

- Sew seam down the back of the head (leaving space at top to stuff), continue seam down the back. Fold legs and sew up seams
- When all seams are stitched, place stuffing into gap at top of head
- Draw up stitches and fasten tightly
- (Optional) Add a few rows of blue wool to the back of the yellow to make the 'Police' label