This chubby little bear is very small and can be made up in a couple of evenings. If you can find a 3 ply yarn in the right shade and use smaller needles, he will be tiny and can be classed as a miniature bear, being under 5 inches high. You can of course make him larger by using thicker yarn and needles.

Materials
Oddments of 4 ply yarn in chosen shades for bear and jacket
1 pair of size 2 ¼ mm knitting needles for bear and jacket
2 x 4 mm black beads or loop backed eyes
Extra strong thread for inserting eyes
Black or brown embroidery thread for nose, mouth and claws
2 small buttons, thread and sewing needle for jacket
Forceps/tweezers (optional but very useful)

Height
Approx 15 cm (6 inches)

Head – Side A – make 1
Cast on 10 sts. Start with a K row
Row 1 – Inc 1 st at each end of row
Row 2 – P
Row 3 – Inc 1 st at beg of row and each following alt row until 16 sts
Row 10 – P
Row 11 – Cast off 6 sts at beg of row. Place marker at last cast off st.
Row 12 – P
Row 13 – K
Row 14 – Dec 1 st at each end of this and following row
Cast off remaining 6 sts, knitting 2 sts tog at each end of row at same time

Head gusset
Starting at back of neck
Cast on 3 sts
Row 1 – P
Inc 1st at each end of next and every 4 th row until 9 sts
St st 13 rows, finishing on a P row

To shape nose
Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows (5 sts). Place marker at each end of last row
St st 5 rows
Cast off, purling 2 sts tog at each end of row at same time.

Ears
Cast on 7sts and G. st 4 rows
Next row – K2 tog at each end of row
Cast off. Knitting 2 sts tog at each end of row at same time.

Body Front – make 1
To shape bottom and tummy
Cast on 4 sts. Start with a K row:
Row 1 – Inc in each st (8 sts)
Row 2 – P
Row 3 – Inc in each st (16 sts)
Row 4 – P
Row 5 – K7, Inc in next 2 sts, K7 **
Row 6 – P
Row 7 – K8, Inc in next 2 sts, K8 (20 sts)
Row 8 – P
Row 9 – K9, Inc in next 2 sts, K9
Row 10 – P
Row 11 – K10, Inc in next 2 sts, K10 (24 sts)
St st 13 rows, finishing on a P row

To shape chest
Row 25 – K2 tog, K8, K2 tog twice, K8, K2 tog
Row 26 – P
Row 27 – K8, K2 tog twice, K8
Row 28 – P
Row 29 – K2 tog, K5, K2 tog twice, K5, K2 tog (14 sts)
Row 30 – P
Row 31 – K2 tog, K3, K2 tog twice, K3, K2 tog (10 sts)
Cast off in P

Body back – make 1
Work as front up to ** (18 sts)
St st 9 rows

To shape lower back
Row 15 – K7, K2 tog twice, K7
St st 3 rows
Row 19 – K7, Inc in next 2 sts, K7
St st 7 rows

Row 14 – Dec 1 st at each end of this and following row
Cast off remaining 6 sts, knitting 2 sts tog at each end of row at same time

Head gusset
Starting at back of neck
Cast on 3sts
Row 1 – P
Inc 1st at each end of next and every 4 th row until 9 sts
St st 13 rows, finishing on a P row

To shape nose
Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows (5 sts). Place marker at each end of last row
St st 5 rows
Cast off, purling 2 sts tog at each end of row at same time.

Ears
Cast on 7sts and G. st 4 rows
Next row – K2 tog at each end of row
Cast off. Knitting 2 sts tog at each end of row at same time.

Body Front – make 1
To shape bottom and tummy
Cast on 4 sts. Start with a K row:
Row 1 – Inc in each st (8 sts)
Row 2 – P
Row 3 – Inc in each st (16 sts)
Row 4 – P
Row 5 – K7, Inc in next 2 sts, K7 **
Row 6 – P
Row 7 – K8, Inc in next 2 sts, K8 (20 sts)
Row 8 – P
Row 9 – K9, Inc in next 2 sts, K9
Row 10 – P
Row 11 – K10, Inc in next 2 sts, K10 (24 sts)
St st 13 rows, finishing on a P row

To shape chest
Row 25 – K2 tog, K8, K2 tog twice, K8, K2 tog
Row 26 – P
Row 27 – K8, K2 tog twice, K8
Row 28 – P
Row 29 – K2 tog, K5, K2 tog twice, K5, K2 tog (14 sts)
Row 30 – P
Row 31 – K2 tog, K3, K2 tog twice, K3, K2 tog (10 sts)
Cast off in P

Body back – make 1
Work as front up to ** (18 sts)
St st 9 rows

To shape lower back
Row 15 – K7, K2 tog twice, K7
St st 3 rows
Row 19 – K7, Inc in next 2 sts, K7
St st 7 rows

Row 14 – Dec 1 st at each end of this and following row
Cast off remaining 6 sts, knitting 2 sts tog at each end of row at same time

Head gusset
Starting at back of neck
Cast on 3sts
Row 1 – P
Inc 1st at each end of next and every 4 th row until 9 sts
St st 13 rows, finishing on a P row

To shape nose
Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows (5 sts). Place marker at each end of last row
St st 5 rows
Cast off, purling 2 sts tog at each end of row at same time.

Ears
Cast on 7sts and G. st 4 rows
Next row – K2 tog at each end of row
Cast off. Knitting 2 sts tog at each end of row at same time.

Body Front – make 1
To shape bottom and tummy
Cast on 4 sts. Start with a K row:
Row 1 – Inc in each st (8 sts)
Row 2 – P
Row 3 – Inc in each st (16 sts)
Row 4 – P
Row 5 – K7, Inc in next 2 sts, K7 **
Row 6 – P
Row 7 – K8, Inc in next 2 sts, K8 (20 sts)
Row 8 – P
Row 9 – K9, Inc in next 2 sts, K9
Row 10 – P
Row 11 – K10, Inc in next 2 sts, K10 (24 sts)
St st 13 rows, finishing on a P row

To shape chest
Row 25 – K2 tog, K8, K2 tog twice, K8, K2 tog
Row 26 – P
Row 27 – K8, K2 tog twice, K8
Row 28 – P
Row 29 – K2 tog, K5, K2 tog twice, K5, K2 tog (14 sts)
Row 30 – P
Row 31 – K2 tog, K3, K2 tog twice, K3, K2 tog (10 sts)
Cast off in P

 Arms – make 2
To shape paws
Cast on 3sts. Start with a K row
Row 1 – Inc in each st
Row 2 – P
Row 3 – Inc 1, K1, Inc in next 2 sts, K1, Inc 1 (10 sts)
Row 4 – P
Row 5 – Inc 1 st at each end of row
Row 6 – P
Row 7 – Inc 1, K3, K2 tog twice, K3, Inc 1
Row 8 – P
Rep last 2 rows once
St st 4 rows
Row 15 – Inc 1 st at each end of row (14 sts)
St st 7 rows
Row 23 – Dec 1 st at each end of row
Row 24 – P
Row 25 – K2 tog, K2, K2 tog twice, K2, K2 tog
Cast off in P, slipping the first st

Legs – make 2
Cast on 22 sts. Start with a K row
St st 2 rows
Row 3 – Dec 1 st at each end of this and following row (18 sts)
Row 5 – K2 tog, K6, K2 tog, K6, K2 tog
Row 6 – Dec 1 st at each end of row
Row 7 – Inc 1 st at beg of row, K5, Inc 1, K5, Inc 1 (16 sts)
St st 9 rows
Row 17 – K 2 tog, K4, K2 tog twice, K4, K2 tog
Row 18 – P
Cast off knitting 2 sts tog at each end of row at same time

Soles
Cast on 3sts. Start with a K row
Row 1 – Inc 1 st at each end of row (5 sts)
St st 9 rows
Row 10 – K2 tog, K1, K2 tog
Cast off, slipping the first st

To make up
The purl side is the right side of work.
Press all the pieces well, especially at the edges where they...
tend to curl in. Using a tiny backstitch and with purl sides together, join front and back body pieces together all round from back neck to front neck. Turn out and stuff carefully through neck opening but do not close, leave to one side for now. Sew up the head side pieces from tip of nose to chin. Insert the head gusset, matching markers (these are the approx. eye positions) and stuff the head, moulding and shaping as you go along and making sure the nose area is well stuffed first. Leave the bottom (neck) edge open. Sew the head to the body, matching neck edges and adding a bit more stuffing as you go along. Tie a length of yarn around the neck and pull up, not too tightly. Fasten off and sink the ends into the bear out of sight. Sew up, stuff and thread – join the limbs to the body. Sew the ears to the head, quite well back and with a pronounced curve. Sink the bead eyes into place (see general instructions), or sew one or two tiny sts with black embroidery thread. Embroider a small nose.

Jacket

Work in garter st throughout

Left Front
Cast on 10 sts
Row 1 – Inc 1 st at beg of row
K 7 rows straight, finishing at front edge
To shape underarm edge
Row 9 – Inc 1 st at the end of row
Row 10 – Inc 1 st at beg of row
Row 11 – Rep row 9 (14 sts)
K 5 rows, finishing at front edge
To shape Front
Row 17 – K1, K2 tog, K to end
K 3 rows
Rep last 4 rows twice
Cast off remaining 11 sts

Right Front
Cast on 10 sts
Row 1 – Inc 1 st at end of row
K 7 rows straight, finishing at side edge
To shape underarm edge
Row 9 – Inc 1 st at beg of row
Row 10 – Inc 1 st at end of row
Row 11 – Rep row 9
K 5 rows, finishing at side edge

To shape front
Row 17 – K to last 3 sts, K2 tog,
K1
K 3 rows
Rep last 4 rows twice
Cast off remaining 11 sts

Back
Cast on 20 sts
K 8 rows straight
To shape underarm edge
Row 9 – Inc 1 st at each end of this and following 2 rows (26 sts)
K 15 rows straight
To shape back neck
Row 27 – K11, cast off the next 4 sts, K11

For 1 st shoulder
Next row - Dec 1 st at end of row
Next row - K 1 row
Cast off
For 2 nd shoulder
Next row - Rejoin yarn to neck edge and Dec 1 st at beg of row
Next row – K
Cast off

To make up
Do not press.
Join shoulder and underarm seams. Dress the bear, overlap the jacket fronts slightly and sew on the buttons through both layers. If you want the jacket to undo, sew the buttons on one side and press fasteners on the back to correspond with the buttons