

## Oliver

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 ¾ 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, purling 2 sts tog at each end of row at same time

### Head – Side B – make 1

Cast on 10 sts. Start with a P row

**Row 1** – Inc 1 st at each end of row

**Row 2** – K

**Row 3** – Inc 1 st at beg of row and each following alt row until 16 sts

**Row 10** – K

**Row 11** – Cast off 6 sts at beg of row. Place marker at last cast off st.

**Row 12** – K

**Row 13** – P

**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 7 sts 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 27** – K2 tog, K5, K2 tog twice, K5, K2 tog

**Row 28** – P

**Row 29** – K5, K2 tog twice, K5

**Row 30** – P

**Row 31** – K2 tog, K2, K2 tog twice, K2, K2 tog (8 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 3 sts. 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 – joint 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