

Save the Children Teddy

This lovely teddy was made many years ago for The Danish Save the Children Organisation and the Magazine I worked for. They showed me the wellknown "Teddy for Tragedies" and asked me to do a Danish Teddy for Tragedies. I remember I said - "Well, children cannot eat a Teddy!" But they told me, that every Teddy would be accompanied by a donation of money and they would be sent together with other kinds of help. The teddies would fill up spare room in the containers with all kinds of aid packages for countries as Bosnia, Albania, Slovakia (gypsies), Bulgaria, Romania etc.

Danish knitters made more than 8.000 teddies for Save the Children and many of the knitters also made teddies for their children, grandchildren etc. So I can say this is the most popular knitting-instruction I have ever made. After some time many of the teddies was exhibited at the National Museum and I was carrying a badge with this inscription: Teddy-Expert for The Save Children Organisation. This was honourable - wasn't it?

Later on I saw touching photos of the many children with teddies.

Years later on I saw a Television-program about young men and woman living in Bulgaria. They have been living together and they have got help from Denmark and one was now studying to be a doctor another one would help children and we saw where they lived and at their beds was the teddies from Denmark.

Knit a teddy for a child you know - they will surely love it. A Teddy with good thoughts knitted into it is a very caring gift to a child.

Yarn

You can use any yarn at all. The teddy will automatically obtain the right size. It will be small if you use thin yarn and big if you use thick yarn. You can also use hairy yarn and it will become a real animal.

For the teddy in this instruction are used 2 balls of woollen yarn, approx. 100 m (40") per 50 grams.



Length

Aprox. 30 cm (12").

Needles

3½ mm (US: between 3 and 5). If you use any other yarn use thinner needles as normal in order to get a firm teddy.

You will also need

A little black wool for the nose,
2 teddy-eyes (you can also embroyder eyes),
stuffing, which is not able to burn,
60 cm (23") ribbon.

Gauge/Tension

19 sts and 42 rows (= 21 ridges) = 10 x 10 cm (4" x 4").

K 2 rows is 1 ridge.

Knit the head, body and legs downward all in one. Then knit the arms and sew them onto the teddy. The teddy is only knitted (not purled).

Head

CO 3 sts and knit 1 row. Decrease 1 st at the beg of every row until you have 60 sts on the needle. K2 rows. K2tog at the beg of every row until you have 48 sts on the needle.

Place a marker.

Body

K 50 rows = 25 ridges straight up.

Next row: BO 1 st, k the rest of the row.

Next row: BO 1 st, k22 sts and place them on a thread, BO 2 sts, k the rest of the row (22 sts).

Legs

K 34 rows = 17 ridges on the 22 sts on the needle. **Next row:** k2tog to the end of the row. Break yarn and pull it through the sts. Knit another leg as this one on the 22 sts on the thread.

Arms

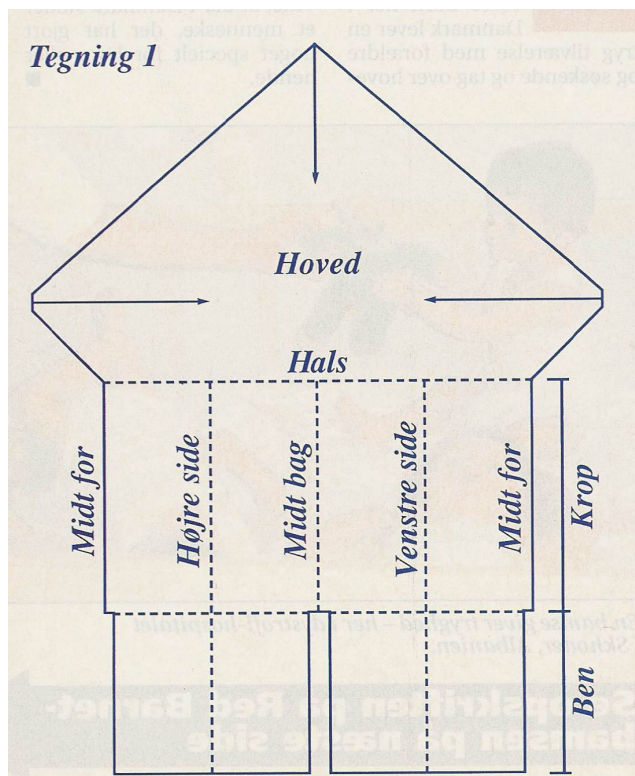
CO 20 sts and k 30 rows = 15 ridges.

Next row: K2tog to the end of the row.

Break yarn and pull it through the stitches. Knit another arm like this.

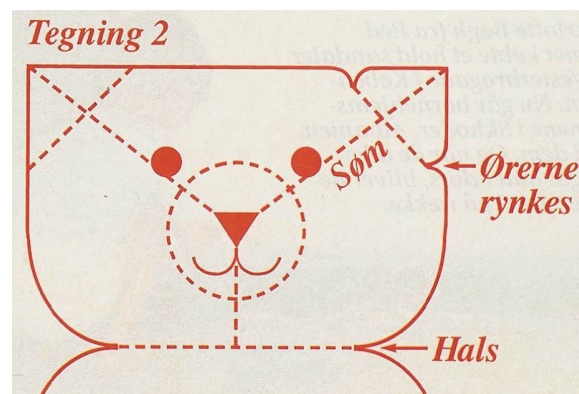
Making up

The teddy is sewn together on RS using grafting or mattress-sts. Place the body of the teddy on the table as shown on the sketch. Bow the 3 tips of the head tog and sew them tog from the tip (nose) and out to each side, 1st one ear then the other and hereafter down the neck (to the marker). Look at sketch 2. Tack diagonally at each ear, tighten the yarn and darn the yarn end. Stuff the head, give the teddy eyes, tack a circle at a diameter of 6½ cm (2,5") as invisible as possible, tighten it a little and darn the ends. Stuff the nose a little more. Embroider a nose and mouth. Tack a thread around the neck at the marker and leave the tread for a moment. Sew the legs tog and stuff them. Stuff the body and sew it tog. Sew the arms, stuff them and sew them onto the teddy. Tighten the thread around the neck, bind it and darn the ends. Give the teddy a bow around the neck.



Translation ↑:

Tegning 1 = Sketch 1; *Hoved* = Head; *Hals* = Neck; *Midt for* = Centre Front; *Højre side* = Right Hand Side; *Midt Bag* = Centre Back; *Venstre side* = Left side; *Krop* = Body; *Ben* = Legs;



Translation ↑

Tegning 2 = Sketch 2; *Søm* = Seam; *Ørerne rynkes* = Tack and tighten the ears; *Hals* = Neck.

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