



MATERIALS

You will need small quantities of DK weight yarn (a soft and hard wearing acrylic yarn is ideal) in three different colours.

Colour A : for the feet, hands and face. This should be a "bear" colour - soft browns or neutral cream/beige.

Colour B : for the trousers and scarf

Colour C : for the top (you could make a striped top if you liked, or use variegated yarn in bright colours)

Black yarn : a short length to embroider the face.

Stuffing : this should be a soft, polyester toy stuffing which is fire retardant and conforms to safety regulations

HOOK SIZE

The finished crochet needs to be as dense as you can make it. If using Stylecraft Special DK, try a **3.5mm hook** to achieve a tight crochet fabric with no holes.

The finished Bear should measure 10 inches / 25cm in height.

ABBREVIATIONS *Note : this pattern is written using UK crochet terms*

ch = chain

st(s) = stitch(es)

sl st = slip stitch

dc = double crochet

THE PATTERN

FOOT : Colour A (6 rows in total)

Row 1 : Ch 10; work 1 dc into each st across; ch 1 and turn [9 sts]

Rows 2 - 5 : Work 1 dc into each st across; ch 1 and turn [9 sts]

Row 6 : Work 1 dc into each st across, **changing to colour B** as you work the last dc; ch 1 and turn [9 sts]

You can snip off the colour A yarn, leaving a tail end long enough to crochet over/darn in.

LEG 1 : Colour B (12 rows in total)

Rows 1 - 11 : Work 1 dc into each st across; ch 1 and turn [9 sts]

Row 12 : Work 1 dc into each st across; fasten off [9 sts]

LEG 2 : Repeat as for first leg (6 rows in colour A and 12 rows in colour B), but **DO NOT FASTEN OFF!**
Ch 1 and turn [9 sts]

TOP OF TROUSERS (8 rows in total)

Row 1 : Continuing with **Leg 2**, work 1 dc in each st across [9 sts].

Place Leg 1 to the left of Leg 2 ; work 1 dc in each of the 9 sts across the top of **Leg 1**; ch and turn [18sts]

There will be no gaps between Leg 2 and Leg 1 - the crochet will simply carry across from one leg to the other to form a continuous row of 18 stitches (9 stitches on each leg).

Rows 2 - 7 : Work 1 dc in each st across [18 sts]

Row 8 : Work 1 dc into each st across, **changing to colour C** as you work the last dc; ch 1 and turn [18 sts].

You can snip off the colour B yarn, leaving a tail end long enough to crochet over/darn in.

JUMPER FRONT : Colour C (12 rows in total)

Rows 1 - 11 : Work 1 dc in each st across [18 sts]

Row 12 : Work 1 dc into each st across, **changing to colour A** as you work the last dc; ch 1 and turn [18 sts].

You can snip off the colour C yarn, leaving a tail end long enough to crochet over/darn in.

HEAD : Colour A (14+14 rows in total)

NOTE : the head front and head back is worked all in one, so 28 rows in total.

Rows 1 - 27 : Work 1 dc in each st across [18 sts]

Row 28 : Work 1 dc into each st across, **changing to colour C** as you work the last dc; ch 1 and turn [18 sts].

You can snip off the colour A yarn, leaving a tail end long enough to crochet over/darn in.

JUMPER BACK : Colour C (12 rows in total)

Rows 1 - 11 : Work 1 dc in each st across [18 sts]

Row 12 : Work 1 dc into each st across, **changing to colour B** as you work the last dc; ch 1 and turn [18 sts].

You can snip off the colour A yarn, leaving a tail end long enough to crochet over/darn in.

TOP OF TROUSERS : Colour B (8 rows in total)

Rows 1 - 8 : Work 1 dc in each st across [18 sts]; do not fasten off.

LEG 3 : Colour B (12 rows in total)

Row 1 : Continuing with Colour B, work 1 dc in each of the next 9 sts; ch 1 and turn, leaving the remaining 9 sts of the row unworked [9sts]

Rows 2-11 : Work 1 dc into each st across; ch 1 and turn [9 sts]

Row 12 : Work 1 dc into each st across, **changing to colour A** as you work the last dc; ch 1 and turn.

You can snip off the colour B yarn, leaving a tail end long enough to crochet over/darn in.

FOOT : Colour A (6 rows in total)

Row 1 - 5 : Work 1 dc in each stitch across; ch 1; turn [9 sts]

Row 6 : Work 1 dc into each st across; fasten off [9 sts]

LEG 4 : Colour B (12 rows in total)

Insert hook into the 1st unworked stitch of the trousers - this is the centre of the final row of the trousers.

Row 1 : Pull through a loop of yarn and ch 1; 1 dc into same st;

Work 1 dc in each st across; ch 1; turn [9 sts]

Rows 2 -11 : Work 1 dc in each st across; ch 1; turn [9 sts]

Row 12 : Work 1 dc into each st across, **changing to colour A** as you work the last dc; ch 1 and turn.

You can snip off the colour B yarn, leaving a tail end long enough to crochet over/darn in.

FOOT : Colour A (6 rows in total)

Row 1 - 5 : Work 1 dc in each st across; ch 1; turn [9 sts]

Row 6 : Work 1 dc into each st across; fasten off [9 sts]

Fold the crochet in half along the centre fold line, with right sides together and wrongs sides facing outwards. Using Colour A, thread a length of yarn on a darning needle and join up the side of the head. Use evenly spaced whip stitches to join the two edges together. Repeat for the other side of the head.

Turn your bear outside-in so that the right sides are showing. Keep the top corners of the head rounded (resist the urge to poke them right out!) - these are going to be your bear ears so they need to look round and cute! Using Colour A yarn, stitch a diagonal line across each corner at the top of the head to form the ears. Using black yarn, embroider a cute face to the front of your bears head. PLEASE NOTE : NO PLASTIC TOY EYES OR BUTTONS – STITCHING ONLY.

ARM 1 : Colour C (10 rows in total)

The arms are crocheted into the ends of the rows along the top half of the jumper. Insert your hook into the end of Row 7 of the jumper and pull through a loop of colour C yarn.

Row 1 : Ch 1, then work 1 dc into the same place where you joined.

Work 1 dc into the ends of the next 5 rows of the jumper (you've made 6 dc stitches in total so far)

Now work 2 dc into the bottom of the head when you made your seam - you just have to wiggle your hook in where you can here and evenly space those 2 stitches.

Now work 1 dc into the ends of the next 6 rows (stopping at the middle of the jumper); ch 1 and turn [14 sts]

Rows 2 - 9 : Work 1 dc into each st across; ch 1 and turn [14 sts]

Row 10 : Work 1 dc into each st across, **changing to colour A** as you work the last dc; ch 1 and turn [14 sts]

You can snip off the colour C yarn, leaving a tail end long enough to darn in/crochet over.

HAND : Colour A (6 rows in total)

Row 1 - 5 : Work 1 dc in each stitch across; chain 1; turn [14 sts]

Row 6 : Work 1 dc into each stitch across; fasten off [14 sts]

ARM 2 : Colour C (10 rows in total) + HAND 2 : Colour A (6 rows in total)

Make sure the right side of the bear is facing outwards and insert your hook into the end of Row 7 of the jumper and pull through a loop of colour C yarn. Repeat pattern as for first Arm and Hand.

STITCHING UP

Turn your bear inside-out again. You will be joining the front to the back of the bear all the way around the edge from the hands to the feet. Use the same whip stitching method that you used for the head, matching the yarn colour to the crochet to obtain a neat finish. You will stitch all the way around from the hands, around the jumper, down the outside leg and around the feet. The inside legs will be left open for turning and stuffing. Once you've completed the stitching, carefully turn the bear outside-in.

STUFFING

Now it's time for stuffing. Use soft, polyester toy filling - please make sure this has been tested and is fire retardant. Push the stuffing up inside the bear using small quantities at a time. Take extra care to make sure the arms are stuffed completely all the way to the hands. Using yarn colour B, begin to stitch up the inside leg seam, adding stuffing to the feet and legs as you go. Place some extra strengthening stitches between the legs, closing up any holes that appear in the crochet.

NECK GATHERING

Thread a length of yarn onto a needle the same colour as the jumper, and secure it at the centre/top back of the jumper. Stitch a line of running stitches, passing the needle in and out of the dc stitches in the top row of the jumper. Carry the running stitches right the way around the neck until you arrive back where you started. Give the end of the yarn a firm pull so that it gathers in the neck - not too much (!) - then make a few stitches to secure the yarn and fasten securely. **DO NOT FASTEN OFF** - leave the yarn end hanging for now.

SCARF

All bears need to be kept cosy, and the scarf will neatly hide the gathering stitches around the neck. Use a colour to match the trousers, or a completely contrasting shade if you prefer.

Ch 51; begin in 2nd ch from hook and work 1 dc into each ch [50 sts]; ch 1; turn;

Work 1 dc into each stitch along; work another 2 or 3 rows to create a thin scarf, then fasten off and darn in ends. Your scarf will probably curl up quite a bit, so give it a light steam press to flatten.

Tie the scarf around the bears neck. Using the gathering yarn still attached at the back of the neck, make 3 or 4 small invisible stitches to attach the scarf to the bears neck.

