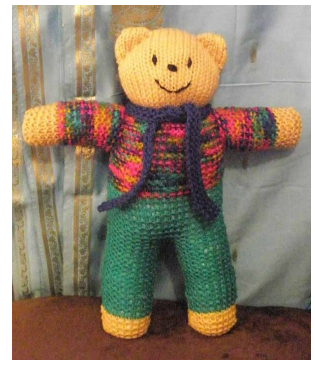


## **Mothers' Union knitting pattern for Teddies for Children**

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**Knitting needles** – 1 pair of size 10 knitting needles.  
Teddies should measure approximately 10 inches

**Wool** – Use double knitting wool. Colours: Main colour must be fawn shade, for head and paws. Different colours for trousers, jumper and scarf, which should be bright and cheerful.

**Filling** – Please use clean new polyester stuffing (BS1425 or BS5852). Craft centres sell fillings which fulfil Health and Safety requirements. Fillings such as foam must not be used, as very young children often chew these teddies. The ideal is that everyone uses the same pattern, so the teddies are a uniform shape if given out together, though different in colour.

**Labels** – Collect your woven Mothers' Union labels from your local branch and sew onto the back of the teddy between the shoulders.

### **The pattern**

Cast on 10 stitches of body colour. Knit 10 rows.

Change to trouser colour and knit 30 rows. On the same needle make another leg in the same way. Teddies leg should measure 3½ inches.

Knit across the two legs, 20 stitches in all, and knit 16 rows in trouser colour.

Change to jumper colour and knit 24 rows.

Change to body colour for head and also change to stocking stitch. Knit for 5 ½ inches.

Change to jumper colour. Continue remainder of the teddy in reverse order.

Stitch down the side of the head.

With jumper colour, pick up 8 stitches either side of neck join (16 stitches in all) and knit 20 rows. Change to main colour and knit 10 rows for paws.

Sew up the teddy leaving an opening in leg area to insert filling (please do not over fill) and then stitch together. Sew diagonal top corners for ears before stuffing. After stuffing has been inserted, run a thread through the knitting around the neck to draw it in.

Sew a happy face on the teddy. For the mouth, please use either stem or back stitch. Do not sew on buttons or other items which children could chew off and swallow.

For the scarf: cast on 75 stitches. Knit 5 rows and cast off. Tie scarf on teddy and sew firmly to back of neck, close to jumper edge. (Do not sew down at front).