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Presents Herman The Enigmatic Bear *A Very Lovely Knitting Pattern*

Hello and thank you for purchasing my pattern! You are now holding in your hands the information you need to make Herman the Enigmatic Bear. Herman makes a great friend for kids and a great gift for adults. He will cheer up any body's day with his mysterious expression and rugged good looks.



A little bit about Herman:

Herman is a complicated bear who really loves peanut butter and honey sandwiches and popping bubble wrap. Some days he feels very overwhelmed by life and likes to lay under the stars and ponder just how tiny he really is in this huge universe of ours. He knows that it is the little things that count in life and pays attention to the details. Herman always stops to smell the roses.



A Note About Gauge:

One of the greatest things about knitting toys is gauge doesn't matter! For those of you who detest gauging as much as me, this is the perfect project for you. Simply use smaller needles than the recommended for your yarn to create a tighter knit fabric that the stuffing doesn't show through. My rule of thumb is to go down 2-3 needle sizes from the smallest recommended size for your yarn.

You Will Need:

- *About 100 yds of good bear-like yarn (200 yds for double strand)
- *One set double pointed needles, smaller than recommended for your yarn by 2-3 needles sizes (ex: yarn says Us Size 8, use Us size 5-6 instead)
- *One 36" or longer circular in the same size as your double pointed needles
- *Scissors
- *Tapestry Needle
- *Buttons/plastic safety eyes/scrap yarn for eyes
- *Scrap yarn for nose
- *Stuffing
- *Row counter (Optional but very helpful)
- *Stitch markers (Optional: to mark beginning of round/decrease spots)
- *Straight Pins (Optional: help greatly with making up)
- *Sticky Notes (Optional: help keep track of your place)



A Note About The Method Used:

I like to use the "magic loop" method to knit small circumference projects. It is super easy, super fun, and you can find an instructional video on www.knittinghelp.com (just search Magic Loop).

Let's Get Started!

Leg 1:

Evenly CO 6sts on dpn's

R1: Join, making sure not to twist stitches, PM, and KFB all 6 Sts (12 sts)

R2-R14: K all sts

R15: KFB, K10, KFB of the last stitch (14 sts)

R16: K all

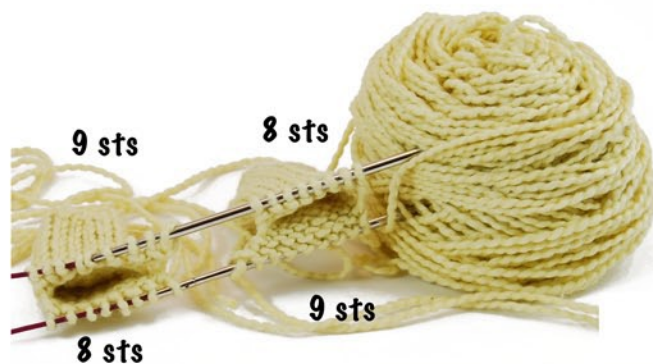
R17: KFB, K12, KFB of the last stitch (16 sts)

R18: K all, backwards loop CO one st



Break yarn, leaving about a 18" tail and move stitches to your circular needle.

Make a second leg, repeating above instructions. Divide these sts onto 2 dpn's with 8 sts on one needle and 9 on the other. Transfer these stitches onto the circular with the increase sides facing: 8 sts on one needle, 9 sts on the other. (2 sts increased total, 34 sts total. Using the magic loop method, each needle should have 17 sts on it. See below picture for reference.)



Using Magic Loop Method, PM and begin body:

R1-20: K all

R21: (K2tog, K15) twice (32 sts)

R22: K all

R23: (K14, k2tog) twice (30 sts)

R24: K all

R25: (K2tog, K13) twice (28 sts)

R26: K all

R27: (K12, k2tog) twice (26 sts)

R28: K all

R29: (K2tog, K11) twice (24 sts)

R30: K all

R31: (K10, k2tog) twice (22 sts)

R32: K all

R33: (K2tog, K9 twice) (20 sts)

R34: K all

R35: (K2tog, K6, k2tog) twice (16 sts)

R36: Cut the yarn, leaving a tail 4 times as wide as the sts. Turn Herman inside out, divide sts evenly and three needle BO. Now, turn Herman back right-side out, and there you go.



Playing with arm placement

Arms: (Make 2)

Using dpn's, evenly CO 6sts

R1: Join and (KFB, K1) around (9 sts)

R2-R17: K all

R18: BO all sts

Don't Forget The Ears: (make 2)

Using dpn's, evenly CO 6sts

R1: Join and KFB all 6 sts (12)

R2-6: K all

R7: BO all sts



Making Up:

Using your tapestry needle, weave in the ends on Herman's arms, ears, and body. Stuff pieces as desired. I like to stuff the body pretty firmly, even adding a bit of extra stuffing in Herman's tummy to give him a cute little bear belly. The arms I normally stuff firmly at the bottom and then less or none at the top to make them rest easily at the "shoulders." I don't normally stuff the ears, but you can if you want!

Using the straight pins, pin Herman's arms and ears on where you think they should go. I like to play around with placement to see what looks right to me before sewing down. Once you are happy with how Herman looks, sew arms and ears in place with scrap pieces of the yarn (save those ends!). Before sewing on the second arm/ear, double check to see that it lines up with the first one. If you are using safety eyes, wait to sew Herman shut, if not, sew him shut now.

On to the face: This is both my favorite and least favorite part. I generally play around with pins and the button eyes for awhile before I am happy. Sometimes I let a Herman sit a couple days before I attempt the face. Using the below pictures, develop a face and sew on his eyes and nose. If you are unhappy with how anything comes out, simply take your scissors, carefully cut it off, and try again! Keep working until you are happy. Remember to add a small "X" on Herman's tummy to give him a cute belly button!



There you go, you now have a Herman of your very own. Name him what you'd like, give him to a friend or keep him for yourself. All he asks for is a lot of love and a peanut butter and honey sandwich every now and again.

Herman's are definitely happier in multiples so think about making him a couple friends !

Samples Shown In This Pattern:



Cascade 220 Wool
Color # 2431
2 Strands Held together
Us Size 9 Needles
About 10" Finished



Patons Silk Bamboo
Color: Coal
US Size 4 Needles
About 7" Finished



Cascade Luna
Color # 718
US Size 5 Needles
About 8" Finished



Lion Brand Yarn Woolease
Thick and Quick
Coor: Butterscotch
US Size 10.5 Needles
About 14" Finished

If you need help with anything in this pattern you are entitled to unlimited email help with me:

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Terms Used:

BO: Bind Off CO: Cast On DPN: Double Pointed Needle K: Knit
KFB: Knit in the front and the back of one stitch Sts: Stitches
PM: Place Marker R1, etc: Round number

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