

Large No Seams Teddy

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Skill Level: Intermediate
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Materials (for one toy):

2 skeins (about 440 yards) of worsted weight yarn. Sample in Tivoli Boucle (discontinued), 58% acrylic, 39% wool, 3% polyester, 50 g/109 yards (MC)

Four yards Berroco Vintage, 5101, Mochi

2 yards Berroco Vintage, Cast Iron

Set of 5 double pointed needles, US 7 (4.5 mm)

Polyester fiberfill

Yarn needle

2 stitch holders

Optional:

size C (3.5 mm) crochet hook

US 2 (3 mm) circular needle with 32" cable

1 skein Berroco Vintage for skirt/trousers

Small amount of contrasting color (CC) for skirt trim

US 7 (4.5 mm) 16" circular needle for skirt/trousers

2 small buttons for skirt/trousers

2 stitch markers



Size: approximately 18"

Gauge: 16 sts = 4" for a toy about 16" tall. Gauge is not critical. It is important that the fabric is dense so that stuffing does not peak through.

Notes:

- Use a pull skein or wind the yarn into a ball with a center pull. You will then avoid cutting yarn to work the arms and the back.
- Rnd 44 creates a slight paunch on the teddy. If you want a slim, trim teddy, simply knit that round instead of completing the short rows.

Abbreviations:

B/O Bind off

CDD Centered Double Decrease: Slip 2 tog, K1, pass slip sts over

C/O Cast on

Inc Knit the stitch one row below the first stitch on the left needle; knit the stitch. (This is a lifted increase.) When you use this increase, it will result in 2 sts;; the stitch counts in the pattern reflect that.

K Knit

Kfb Knit in the front and back of stitch.

KSP Knit the stitch and return it to the left needle purlwise. Pass the next stitch on the left needle

	over the stitch you just knit. Return the knit stitch to the right needle and continuing knitting.
M1L	With right needle, pick up the strand between the last stitch and the next and put on left hand needle; knit in the back loop.
M1R	With right needle, pick up the strand between the last stitch and the next and put on left hand needle; knit in the front loop.
Rnd	Round
SSK	Slip 1 st knitwise, slip next st <i>purlwise</i> , knit the 2 slipped stitches together through the back loops. (Referred to as SSK Improved)
St(s)	Stitch(es)
St st	Stockinette stitch
W&T	Sl 1, bring yarn to RS of work, return slipped st back to LH needle, turn work, bring yarn to WS of work, sl 1 purlwise.
YO	Yarn over

Snout:

With Cream, cast on 36 sts and divide onto 4 needles leaving an 18" tail. Join, being carefully not to twist the sts.

Rnds 1–8: K.

Rnd 9: K2tog around (18 sts).

Rnd 10: K.

Rnd 11: K2tog around (9 sts).

Cut yarn leaving an 8" tail. Thread tail onto yarn needle and run through remaining sts; draw up tightly and secure. With all 6 strands of floss together, embroider nose and mouth; the bottom of nose should begin at the center of the snout.

Left Leg:

Cast on 10 sts and join being careful not to twist. Or use Emily Ocher's circular cast-on (see Page 5).

Rnd 1: K.

Rnd 2: Kfb around (20 sts).

Rnds 3–9: K.

Rnd 10: *K1, M1L, rep from around. (40 sts).

Rnds 11–19: K.

Rnd: 20: K 17, K2tog 5 times, K1 (mark as center of leg), ssk 5 times, k2 (30 sts).

Rnds 21–39: K.

Close the opening at the bottom of the foot and weave in the end.

Cut yarn leaving a 12" tail and place the first 6 sts of the round on a separate holder to be woven later. Place the remaining 24 sts on another holder(s).

Right Leg:

Cast on 10 sts and join being careful not to twist. Or use Emily Ocher's circular cast-on (see Page 5).

Rnd 1: K.

Rnd 2: Kfb around (20 sts).

Rnds 3–9: K.

Rnd 10: *K1, M1L, rep from around. (40 sts).

Rnds 11–19: K.

Rnd: 20: K 2, K2tog 5 times, K1 (mark as center of leg), ssk 5 times, k17 (30 sts).

Rnds 21–39: K.

Close the opening at the bottom of the foot and weave in the end.

Place the last 6 sts of the round on a separate holder to be woven later

Do **not** cut yarn. Mark for beginning of the round and as center front.

Body:

Rnd 40: Knit the right leg stitches; continuing on the same set of needles, k the left leg stitches. You now have 48 sts on 4 needles (12 sts on each needle). There is a slight bump on each leg where you decreased. These decreases formed the “feet” and indicate the front of the legs.

Rnds 41– 44: K.

Note: Be sure to read the directions for increases. In this instance, each increase will count as **2** sts.

Rnd 45: *Inc 1 st, K5; rep from * around (56 sts).

Rnd 46–48: K.

Weave the leg openings together and close any holes that may result.

Rnd 49: K42, W&T; p24; W&T, k23, W&T; p22, W&T; k21, W&T; p20, W&T; k19, W&T; p18, W&T; k17, W&T; p16, W&T; k15, W&T; p14, W&T; k13, W&T; p12, W&T; k11, W&T; p10, W&T; k to end of rnd. As you come to a wrapped st, lift the wrap up and behind the wrapped st. Remount the stitch and knit the st and the wrap together through the back loops.

Rnd 50: K.

Rnd 51: (Inc 1 st, K6) 8 times (64 sts).

Rnd 52–57: K.

Rnd 58: (Inc 1 st, K15) 4 times (68 sts).

Rnds 59 – 65: K.



Stitch remounted and ready to knit together with wrap

Split for armholes:

Knit 34 sts to center front.

Rnd 66: (Beginning at center front): K19, put last 4 sts knitted on stitch holder; k34, put last 4 sts knitted on stitch holder.

Begin at left side of front and working back and forth on front:

Row 67: K6, ssk, K14, k2tog, k6.

Rows 68–72 (begin with purl row): Work in st st.

Row 73: (K4, ssk) twice; (k4, k2tog) twice, K4.

Rows 74: P.

Do **not** cut yarn.

With another ball of yarn, rep Rows 67–74 for back. Cut yarn.

Rnd 75 (Joining rnd): Beginning at left front, k across front; c/o 4 sts (see page 5 for an E cast on tip), k across back; c/o 4 sts, k to end of rnd (56 sts).

Rnds 76–77: K.

Knit to center of left front cast-on sts.

Rnd 78: Mark center of 4 cast-on stitches at left front as beginning of the rnd. *(K5, SSK) 4 times; rep from * (48 sts).

Rnds 79–81. K.

Arms:

With another ball of yarn and beginning at the center bottom of the left armhole, k 2 sts from holder, pick up and k7 sts up the side, k 4 sts from holder, pick up and k7 sts down the side, k2 sts from holder. (22 sts)

Rnds 1–4: K.

Rnd 5: K1, M1L, k to within 1 st of end of rnd, M1R, K1. (24 sts)

Rnds 6 and 7: K.

Rnds 8–13: Rep rnds 5–7 twice (28 sts).

Rnd 14: Rep Rnd 5 (30 sts).

Rnds 15–34: K.

Rnd 35: (K3, k2tog) 6 times. (24 sts).

Rnd 36: K2tog around. (12 sts)

Rnd 37: K2tog around. (6 sts)

Cut yarn leaving an 8" tail. Thread tail onto yarn needle and run through remaining sts; draw up tightly, secure and weave in tail.

Repeat for the right arm.

Weave in any remaining tails.

Neck:

Rnd 82: K2tog around. (24 sts).

Rnds 83–85: K.

Stuff arms, legs and body.

Head:

Rnd 86: Inc in every st (48 sts).

Rnds 87 and 88: K.

Rnd 89: *K5, inc, rep from * around (56 sts).

Rnds 90–93: K.

Rnd 94: *K6, inc, rep from * around (64 sts).

Rnds 95–112: K.

Rnd 113: *K6, k2tog, rep from * around (56 sts).

Rnds 114–116: K.

Rnd 117: *K5, k2tog, rep from * around (48 sts).

Rnds 118 and 119: K.

Knit to center of back.

Rnd 120: *K1, k2tog, rep from * around (32 sts).

Rnd 121: K.



Lightly stuff head for shaping to help with placement of the ears and the snout. (Hint: Place the sts on waste yarn to make adding facial features easier.)

Ear:

Note: The ears are not stuffed.

Beginning about 18 rows above the neck, pick up 12 sts. With a second needle, pick up 12 sts opposite the first set of stitches. You will be working on 2 needles and may find using the magic loop technique a little easier.

Rnd 1: K.

Rnd 2: *K1, M1L, K10, M1 R, K1; rep from * once (28 sts).

Rnd 3–7: K.

Rnd 8: *SSK 3 times, K2, k2tog 3 times ; rep from * once (16 sts).

Rnd 9: K.

Rnd 10: SSK twice, k2tog twice (8 sts).

Cut yarn leaving an 8" tail. Thread tail onto yarn needle and run through remaining sts; draw up tightly and bring yarn through the stitches again; secure and weave in the yarn tails.

Sew Snoot on using the mattress stitch.
Embroider eyes using 2 strands of Cast Iron.

Finish head:

Rnd 122: K2tog around (16 sts).

Rnd 123: KSP around (8 sts).

Cut yarn leaving an 8" tail. Thread tail onto yarn needle and run through remaining sts; draw up tightly and secure.

Trousers (optional):

Cast on 76 sts using a long-tail cast on method. Join, being careful not to twist the yarn.

Work in 2x2 ribbing for ¾".

Work in st st until piece measures 4½" from beginning.

K 38 sts and mark for center front.

Place last 38 sts on holder.

Left trouser leg:

Cast on 6 sts using any method (Provisional cast on recommended).

Join and k in round for 1".

Work 2 x 2 ribbing. Bind off in pattern.

Right trouser leg:

Knit 38 sts from holder; cast on 6 sts using any method (Provisional cast on recommended).

Join and k in round for 1".

Work 2 x 2 ribbing. Bind off in pattern.

Weave leg opening.

Straps:

With right side facing, pick up and knit 3 sts over any of the knitted columns of the 2x2 ribbing.

Row 1 (wrong side): P1, K1, P1.

Row 2 (right side): K1, P1, K1.

Continue in ribbing as established until the strap is long enough to go over the bear's shoulder and to the skirt/trousers front. End with a wrong side row. With right side facing, bind off in knit.

Repeat over the third column of knit stitches to the left or right of the first strap. (See image.)

Sew two small buttons onto the straps and sew the strap to the skirt.

Skirt (optional):

Cast on 76 sts using a long-tail cast on method. Join, being careful not to twist the yarn.

Work in 2x2 ribbing for ¾".

Next round: *K19, M1L* around. (80 sts)

Knit 2 rounds.

Next Round: *K8, M1L* around. (90 sts)

Knit 1 round.

Next Round: *K9, M1L* around. (100 sts)
Knit 1 round.
Next Round: *K10, M1L* around. (110 sts)
Knit 1 round.
Next Round: *K11, M1L* around. (130 sts)
Knit around until skirt measures 4" from beginning.

Change to CC if desired.

Picot Row: *K2 tog, yo* around.

Hem: Knit around for 4 rows. Bind off loosely. Turn hem in at picot row and tack down loosely.

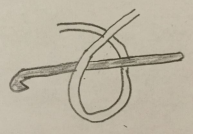
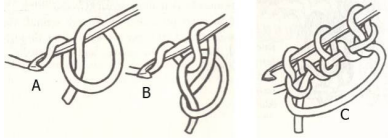
Straps:

Same as for trousers.

E Cast-on

Cast on fewer stitches than required. The number will depend on how many total stitches you need. Now, as you knit those stitches, when the yarn between stitches is long enough, loop it around the left-hand needle and knit it. You will not have a big loop.

Emily Ocher's Circular Cast-on

1. Make a ring. Do not pull it tight; keep it loose. Grasp the loop where the strands meet with your left thumb and index finger. You can make the loop with the tail going up. You will then have to weave in the tail. 
 2. Insert the hook into the loop from front to back. Grab the yarn with the hook (yo) and bring through the loop. You now have one loop on the hook.
 3. Insert the hook into the loop again; you will be going under the yarn tail as well. Hook the yarn (yo) and bring through the loop. Hook the yarn again and bring through the loop on the hook as if you were making a chain. You now have two loops on the hook. Repeat this step until you have the required number of loops. 
 4. Carefully replace the hook with your needles and begin knitting in the round. After you have finished a few rounds, pull the tail to close up the circle.
- You now have a nice, tight circle with no hole in the middle.