# Teddy in 3 yarns

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#### Materials (for one toy):

#### Size: small

 skein King Cole Drifter 4-ply, 25% Cotton, 6% Wool, 69% Premium Acrylic, 100g, 437 yds/400 meters, color 4240 Honeysuckle
Small amount of Cascade Heritage 150, color 5618

Set of 5 double pointed needles, US 2 (2.75 mm) US 2 (2.75 mm) crochet hook

#### Size: medium

 skein King Cole Drifter for Baby, 25% Cotton, 6% Wool, 69% Premium Acrylic, color 1380 Shrimp Small amount of Sirdar Snuggly DK, color 0303 Set of 5 double pointed needles, US 5 (3.75 mm) US 5 (3.75 mm) crochet hook

#### Size: large

 skein King Cole Drifter Aran, 17% Cotton, 4% Wool, 79% Premium Acrylic, color 4180 Alps
yards Berroco Vintage, 5101, Mochi Set of 5 double pointed needles, US 6 (4 mm) US 6 (4 mm) crochet hook

## For all sizes

Polyester fiberfill Yarn needle 2 stitch holders

#### Optional:

16 bobby pins (for W&Ts) 2 dowels, ¼", cut 3" to 4" size C (3.5 mm) crochet hook 2 stitch markers

Sizes: Small, 9 1/2"; medium, 11 1/2"; large, 13 1/2"

Gauge: 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



Depending on the yarn and size needle, the size of the teddy will vary. I suggest using needles 2 sizes down from the size the yarn manufacturer recommends.. instead of completing the short rows.

- Use the bobby pins for the W&Ts to make it easier to pick up the wraps. http://www.deborahsknitting.com/tips.html#short
- Place the dowels half way inside the body separated by about 1". Stuff around the dowels. This will help keep the head from flopping.

## 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. Alternative method to eliminate the bump: Knit in the front of the stitch, remount the back leg and knit in that leg.
- 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 *purlwise*, 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 – 6: K.

Rnd 7: K2tog around (18 sts).

Rnd 8: K.

Rnd 9: K2tog around (9 sts).

Cut yarn leaving an 8" tail. Thread tail onto yarn needle and run though remaining sts; draw up tightly and secure. If using floss, with all 6 strands of floss together, embroider nose and mouth; the bottom of nose should begin at the center of the snout. See page 4 for image.

## Left Leg:

Cast on 10 sts and join being careful not to twist. Or use the preferred method: Emily Ocher's circular cast-on (see last page).

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 front 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: K2, 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: K12, 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.

Rnd 50: K. As you come to a wrapped st, lift the wrap up and behind the wrapped st. Remount the stitch if necessary and knit the st and the wrap together through the back loops.

Rnd 51: K.

Rnd 53: (Inc 1 st, K6) 8 times (64 sts).

Rnd 54 – 58: K.

Rnd 59: (Inc 1 st, K15) 4 times (68 sts).

Rnds 60 – 65: K.

## Split for armholes:

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 (28 sts).

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

Row 73: (K4, ssk) twice; (k4, k2tog) twice, K4 (24 sts).

Rows 74: P.

Do not cut yarn.

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Stitch remounted and ready to knit together with wrap

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 last page for an E-cast on tip), k across back; c/o 4 sts, k to end of rnd (the center front) (56 sts).

Rnds 76 – 77: K.

Knit from the front center across the back and to the center of left front cast-on sts.

Rnd 78: Mark center of 4 cast-on stitches at left front as new beginning of the rnd. (K5, ssk) 8 times (48 sts). Rnds 79 – 81. K.

## Arms:

With another ball of yarn and beginning at the center bottom of the left armhole, k2 sts from holder, pick up and k7 sts up the side, above the 4 cast-on sts and 7 sts down the side; k2 sts from holder. (22 sts) Rnds 1 – 4: K. Rnd 5: K2, M1L, k to within 2 st of end of rnd, M1R, k2 (24 sts). Rnds 6 and 7: K. Rnd 8: K3, M1L, k to within 3 st of end of rnd, M1R, k3 (26 sts). Rnds 9 and 10: K. Rnd 11: K4, M1L, k to within 4 st of end of rnd, M1R, k4 (28 sts). Rnds 12 and 13: K. Rnd 14: K5, M1L, k to within 5 st of end of rnd, M1R, k5 (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 though remaining sts; draw up tightly, secure and weave in tail.

Repeat for the other arm.

Weave in any remaining tails. Stuff arms, legs and body.

## Neck:

Rnd 82: K2tog around. (24 sts). Rnds 83–85: K. Mark last round as top of neck.

## 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 and knit 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, M1R, 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; rep from \* once (8 sts).

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

Repeat for second ear.

Sew Snoot on using the mattress stitch. Embroider eyes using 6 strands of embroidery floss separated.

## Finish head:

Rnd 122: K2tog around (16 sts).

Rnd 123: K2tog around (8 sts).

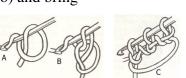
Cut yarn leaving an 8" tail. Thread tail onto yarn needle and run though remaining sts; draw up tightly and secure.

## 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 or a lot of loose stitches.

## **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 hoop.
- 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.