

No Seams Teddy

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Skill Level: Intermediate
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Materials:

1 skein Sirdar Snuggly, 55% nylon,, 45% acrylic, 50g/179 yards (MC)
Four yards Sirdar Snuggly shade 0303, Cream
Set of 5 double pointed needles, US 2 (3 mm)
Black embroidery floss with strands separated
Polyester fiberfill
Yarn needle
2 stitch holders
Optional:
size C (2.75 mm) crochet hook
US 2 (3 mm) circular needle with 32" cable
25 grams Sirdar Snuggly in CC for skirt
2 small buttons for skirt.
2 stitch markers



Slim, trim teddy with no paunch

Gauge: 28 sts = 4" for a toy about 10½" 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.
- K2 tog is faster than KSP, which may be new to you. Take the time to decrease using KSP for a more polished result.
- Rnd 44 creates a slight paunch on the teddy. If you want a slim, trim teddy, simply knit that round.

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
KFSB	Knit Front, Slip Back: Knit the stitch and leave on needle. Insert the needle into the back leg of the same stitch and slip both to the right needle.
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.



Teddy with slight paunch, knitted with Sirdar Snuggly Crofter Baby Fair Isle effect DK

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: KFSB 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, ssk 5 times, k2 (30 sts).

Rnds 21–34: 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: KFSB 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, ssk 5 times, k17 (30 sts).

Rnds 21–34: K.

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

Place the first 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 back.

Body:

Rnd 35: Knit the left leg stitches; continuing on the same set of needles, k the right 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 36 – 39: K.

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

Rnd 40: *Inc 1 st, K5; rep from * around (56 sts).

Rnd 41 and 42: K.

Weave the leg openings together.

Rnd 43: K38, W&T; p20, W&T; k18, W&T; p16, W&T; k14, W&T; p12, W&T; k10, W&T; p8, 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 44: k, working the wraps in the same manner as on rnd 43.

Rnd 45: (Inc 1 st, K6) 8 times (64 sts).

Rnd 46 – 51: K.

Rnd 52: (Inc 1 st, K16) 4 times, inc 1 sts, k4 (68 sts).

Rnds 53 – 59: K.



Stitch remounted and ready to knit together with wrap

Split for armholes:

Knit to center front.

Rnd 60: (Beginning at center front): K19, put last 4 sts knitted on stitch holder; k34, put last 4 sts knitted on stitch holder.

Working back and forth on front.

Row 61: K6, ssk, K14, k2tog, k6.

Rows 62 – 66: Work in st st.

Row 67: (K4, ssk) twice; (k4, k2tog) twice, K4.

Rows 68: P.

Do **not** cut yarn.

With another ball of yarn, rep Rows 61 – 68 for back. Cut yarn.

Rnd 69 (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 across front (56 sts).

Rnds 70 – 71: K.

Rnd 72: Mark center of 4 cast-on stitches at left front as beginning of the rnd. *(K4, SSK) 4 times; rep from * (48 sts).

Rnds 73 – 75: 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 k5 sts up the side, k 4 sts from holder, pick up and k5 sts down the side, k2 sts from holder. (18 sts)

Rnds 1–2: K.

Rnd 3: K1, M1L, k to within 1 st of end of rnd, M1R, K1. (20 sts)

Rnd 4: K.

Rnds 5–12: Rep rnds 3 and 4 four times (28 sts).

Rnd 13–34: K.

Rnd 35: (K5, k2tog) 4 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 77: K2tog around. (24 sts).

Rnds 78–80: K.

Stuff arms, legs and body.

Head:

Rnd 81: Inc in every st (48 sts).

Rnds 82–111: K

Knit to center of back.

Rnd 113: *K1, k2tog, rep from * around (32 sts).

Rnd 114: 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 11 sts. With a second needle, pick up 11 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, K9, M1 R, K1; rep from * once (26 sts).

Rnd 3–7: K.

Rnd 8: *SSK 3 times, K1, k2tog 3 times ; rep from * once (14 sts).

Rnd 9: K.

Rnd 10: SSK, CDD, k2tog (6 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.

Embroider eyes using 12 strands of floss. Sample was embroidered using several French knots.

Finish head:

Rnd 116: KSP around (16 sts).



Rnd 117: 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.

Skirt (optional):

Cast on 72 sts using a cable cast on method. Join, being careful not to twist the yarn.

Work in 2x2 ribbing for ½".

Next round: *K6, M1L* around. (84 sts)

Knit around until skirt measures 1¼" from beginning.

Next Round: *K7, M1L* around. (96 sts)

Knit around until skirt measures 2¾" from beginning.

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:

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 1x2 ribbing until the strap is long enough to go over the bear's shoulder and to the skirt 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.)

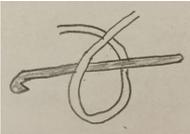
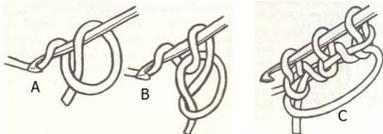
Sew two small buttons onto the straps and sew the strap to the skirt.



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.