

Bear Necessities

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Keep baby warm in
this all-in-one polar
bear set, knitted in
cosy soft yarn.

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GREAT FOR
Christmas
GIFTS!





Pattern info

You will need...

Sirdar, Snowflake

White Shimmer (401)

A pair of 4mm needles

A pair of 5mm needles

2 stitch holders

2 safety pins

7 buttons

Small amount of black yarn for embroidery

For where to buy, turn to page 112



Tension

Yarn used knits as aran to this tension: 14 sts and 19 rows to measure 4x4in (10x10cm) in st st using 5mm needles.

Sizing colour key

So you can re-use this pattern, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions. Simply follow our colour-coded measurements and you're off.

■ 0-3 months ■ 3-6 months ■ 6-9 months

Bear Necessities

✂ Start knitting here...

LEFT LEG

Cast on 33 (35: 37) sts using 4mm needles.

Work in garter st until knitting meas 1¼in (3 cm).

Change to 5mm needles.

Beg with a K row cont in st st, inc one st at each end of every alt row until there are 49 (53: 59) sts on your needle.

Cont straight until leg meas 5 (6: 7)in, 12 (15: 18)cm ending with a P row.

SHAPE CROTCH

Cast off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 2 (2: 3) foll alt rows. [39 (43: 47) sts]

Work 1 row. **

Cut off yarn and leave sts on a spare needle.

RIGHT LEG

Work as given for Left Leg to **.

MAIN BODY

Work across sts of Right Leg then Left Leg.

[78 (86: 94) sts]

Next row Purl.

Cont straight until work meas 2¾in (7cm) from beg of crotch shaping, ending with a P row.

DIVIDE FOR OPENING

Cast off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows.

[74 (82: 90) sts]

Cont straight until work meas 12½ (13¼: 14¼)in, 32 (34: 36)cm from cast on edges, ending with a right side row.

DIVIDE FOR ARMHOLES

Next row P19 (21: 22) turn and work on these sts for left front.

LEFT FRONT

Cont on these sts for a further 3¾ (4: 4¼)in, 9 (10: 11)cm ending with a wrong side row.

SHAPE NECK

K to last 4 (5: 6) sts, slip these sts on a holder.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on every row until 10 (11: 12) sts rem.

Cont straight until work meas 17¼ (18½: 20½)in, 44 (47: 52)cm from cast on edge, ending at armhole edge.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Cast off 5 (6: 6) sts at beg of next row.

Work 1 row.

Cast off rem 5 (5: 6) sts.

BACK

With wrong side facing, join on yarn, P across next 36 (40: 46) sts, turn and work on these sts for back.

Cont until work meas 17¼ (18½: 20½)in, 44 (47: 52)cm from cast on edge, ending with a P row.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 5 (6: 6) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

Cast off 5 (5: 6) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

Leave rem 16 (18: 22) sts on a spare needle.

RIGHT FRONT

With wrong side facing, join on yarn to next st, P to end. [19 (21: 22) sts]

Cont on these sts for a further 3¾ (4: 4¼)in, 9 (10: 11)cm, ending at front edge.

SHAPE NECK

K4 (5: 6) sts, slip these sts on a holder, then K to end of row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on every row until 10 (11: 12) sts rem.

Sizing guide

		0-3 months	3-6 months	6-9 months
To fit chest	in cm	21 53	22 56	23¼ 59
Length to shoulder	in cm	17½ 44	19 47	20½ 52
Sleeve length	in cm	5½ 14	6¼ 16	7 18
Inside leg length	in cm	4¾ 12	5½ 14	6¾ 17
Yarn	Ball size	Shade		
Sirdar, Snowflake	50g/125m	White Shimmer (401)	4	5



Fasten the front of the polar bear suit with pretty pearl buttons.

Cont straight until work meas 17¼ (18½: 20½)in, 44 (47: 52)cm from cast on edge, ending at armhole edge.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Cast off 5 (6: 6) sts at beg of next row.

Work 1 row.

Cast off rem 5 (5: 6) sts.

SLEEVES

Cast on 22 (26: 30) sts 4mm needles.

Work in garter st until work meas 1¼in (3cm).

Change to 5mm needles.

Work in st st, **AT THE SAME TIME** inc one st at each end of the next row and every foll 3rd row until there are 36 (40: 46) sts.

Cont straight until work meas 5½ (6¼: 7)in, 14 (16: 18)cm from cast on edge, ending with a wrong side row.

Cast off loosely.

HOOD

Join shoulder seams.

With right side facing, and using 4mm needles, K4 (5: 6) sts from right front holder, pick up and knit 10 sts up right side of front neck, then K across 7 (8: 10) sts from back neck, k2tog, K across last 7 (8: 10) sts, pick up and knit 10 sts down left side of front neck, 4 (5: 6) sts from holder. [43 (47: 53) sts]

Work in garter st for 4 rows.

Next row (WS) K3 (4: 5) and slip these sts onto a safety pin, K1 (2: 4), *m1, K7, rep from * to last 4 (6: 9) sts, m1, K1 (2: 4), slip last 3 (4: 5) sts onto a safety pin. [49 (53: 59) sts]

Change to 5mm needles.

Beg with a P row cont in st st until hood meas 4¾ (5½: 6¼)in, 12 (14: 16)cm, ending with a P row.

SHAPE TOP

Next row K32 (34: 37), turn.

Next row Sl 1, P12, p2tog, turn.

Next row Sl 1, K12, skpo, turn.

Rep the last 2 rows until all sts are worked off each side of centre sts.

Leave rem 13 sts on a holder.

HOOD EDGING

With right side facing, and using 4mm needles, slip 3 (4: 5) sts from right side of hood onto a needle, pick up and knit 15 (18: 21) sts up right side of hood, K centre 14 sts, pick up and knit 15 (18: 21) sts down left side of hood and knit 3 (4: 5) sts from left side of hood. [50 (58: 66) sts]

Work in garter st for 4 rows.

BUTTONHOLE BAND

With right side facing using 4mm needles pick up and knit 44 sts up right side of front opening to neck.

Buttonhole row K3, *k2tog, yf, K4 rep from * 6 times, k2tog, yf, K3.

Knit 1 row.

Cast off.

BUTTON BAND

Work to match Buttonhole band omitting buttonholes.

EARS (MAKE 4)

Cast on 10 sts using 4mm needles..

Beg with a K row, work 8 rows st st.

Next row K2tog, K6, k2tog. [8 sts]

Next row P2tog, P4, p2tog. [6 sts]

Cast off loosely.

Join side and top edges of 2 pieces together to make 1 complete ear. Sew ears in position to top of hood.

MAKING UP

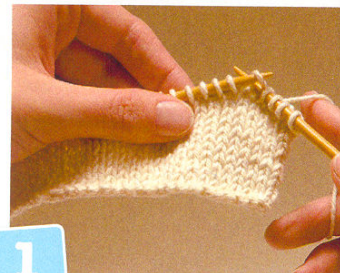
Sew on sleeves. Join leg and crotch seams. Sew on buttons.



How to...

SKPO

Some patterns call for you to decrease using this method.



1

Insert the point of the right-hand needle into the next stitch as if you were to knit it, but instead of winding the yarn around the needle, just slip the stitch of on to right-hand needle.



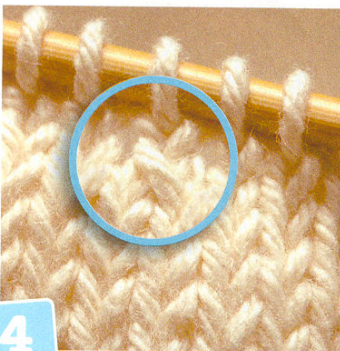
2

Knit the next stitch as normal.



3

Now insert the left-hand needle the slipped stitch on the right-hand needle and lift it over the knitted stitch.



4

Continue knitting until the end of the row, and your slipped stitch should look like this.



Pattern info

Abbreviations

alt alternate	meas measures
beg beginning	P purl
cont continue	p2tog purl 2 sts together
dec decrease	rem remain
fol following	rep repeat
inc increase	skpo slip 1, knit 1, pass slip stitch over
K knit	st(s) stitch(es)
k2tog knit 2 sts together	st st stocking stitch
m1 make 1 stitch by knitting into the back of the loop between 2 sts	yf yarn forward between the needles
	WS wrong side

MITTENS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 16 (18:20) sts using 4mm needles.
Work in garter st for 6 rows.
Change to 5mm needles.
Starting with a K row, work 8 (10,12) rows in st st.

SHAPE TOP

Row 1 K1, *skpo, K2 (3:4), k2tog, K1, rep from * twice, K1.
Row 2 P to end.
Row 3 *Skpo, K1 (2:3), k2tog, K1, rep from * twice.
Row 4 P to end.
Cast off.

MAKING UP

Join seam, reversing seam on cuff.

BOOTEES (MAKE 2)

Cast on 13 (17:21) sts using 4mm needles.
Row 1 K to end.
Row 2 K1, m1, K5 (7:9), m1, K1, m1, K5 (7:9), m1, K1. [17 (21:25) sts]
Row 3 and 2 foll alt rows K to end.
Row 4 K2, m1, K5 (7:9), m1, K3, m1, K5 (7:9), m1, K2. [21 (25:29) sts]
Row 6 K3, m1, K5 (7:9), m1, K5, m1, K5 (7:9), m1, K3. [25 (29:33) sts]
Change to 5mm needles.
Starting with a K row, work 6 rows in st st.

SHAPE INSTEP

Row 1 K14 (15:16), skpo, turn.
Row 2 Sl 1, P4 (6:8), p2tog, turn.
Row 3 Sl 1, K4 (6:8), skpo, turn.
Rep rows 2 & 3 2 (3:3) times more, then rep row 2 again.
Next row Sl 1, K to end.
Next row P8 (4:11), m1, *P1 (5:1), m1, rep from * 0 (2:0) times, P8 (5:11). [19 (23:25) sts]
Work in garter st for 12 (14:16) rows.
Cast off.

EARS (MAKE 4)

Cast on 4 sts using 4mm needles.
Beg with a K row, work in garter st for 4 rows.
Next row K2tog, k2tog. [2 sts]
Next row P2.
Cast off loosely.

KNIT TIP

With leftover yarn make a spare bootee and mitten just in case one gets lost.

Embroider details on the bootees to make them look like bears.

MAKING UP

Join sole and back seam.
Stitch linings to ears in pairs. Stitch ears to each side of bootee. Using Black yarn, embroider nose and ears.

Look out for next issue when we'll have more fabulous knits perfect for Christmas. Issue 22 is on sale from Thursday 9 November 2006.

Sirdar's Snowflake yarn is soft, cosy and perfect for this little polar bear suit.

