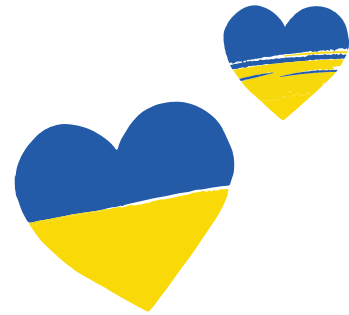


# YURI BEAR PATTERN & INSTRUCTIONS



## PATTERN

We'll provide you with a simple teddy bear pattern, so even if you're a novice knitter the Yuri Bear will be very easy to craft.

In our examples, we've used wool in Ukraine colours of blue and yellow. However, you can simply use any left-over wool currently on hand and feel free to add your own creative flourishes and embellishments. The individuality of the Yuri Bear you create will make it all the more special to the child who receives it.

### Knitting tools

- Number 3.25 or size 10 knitting needles
- Double knitting wool (two to four colours)

### Suggested colour scheme

- Colour one - head and paws
- Colour two - trousers
- Colour three - jumper
- Colour four - scarf or other embellishments

### Stuffing

Once the bear is knitted and sewn, stuff with hobby fill or similar. This can be purchased at your local Spotlight store or other haberdashery stores. Foam rubber is NOT recommended as it may be dangerous to young children.

### Abbreviations

**Garter stitch** - all plain knitting.

**Stocking stitch** - one row knit, one row purl

### Safety note

Please ensure that the Yuri Bear is knitted using only wool. DO NOT use buttons, beads or anything that could be detached from the bear and become a choking hazard to young children.



## INSTRUCTIONS

- Cast on 10 stitches to form the foot
- Use the garter stitch and knit 10 rows
- If changing wool colour for the pants, continue in garter stitch and knit a further 30 rows
- Remove the first leg and place on a spare needle
- Knit another leg, following the same instructions above
- Now knit across the first 10 rows of one leg, and join the second leg, knitting across the second leg
- All up you are knitting across all 20 stitches of both legs
- Knit a further 16 rows in garter stitch.

- Change to the jumper colour (if changing colour)
- Use the garter stitch and knit a further 24 rows
- Change to the main colour for the head (if changing colour)
- If you wish to do so, you can now change to stocking stitch for the head (optional)
- Knit a further 40 rows.

- As the bear is knitted in one main piece, you are now reversing the pattern.
- Change back to the jumper colour (if changing colour)
- Knit a further 24 rows
- Change back to the leg colour (if changing colour)

- Knit a further 16 rows
- To form the legs – knit 10 stitches and remove the remaining 10 stitches to a spare needle.

### Repeat the leg pattern

- Knit 30 rows in the pants colour (if changing colour)
- Knit 10 rows in the foot colour (if changing colour)
- Go back to the spare needle and repeat other leg as above.

### To make the arms

- Sew up the sides of the head – both sides
- With the jumper colour, pick up eight stitches either side of the neck join (16 stitches in all)
- Knit 20 rows of the jumper colour
- Change to main colour (foot & head colour) and knit the final 10 rows for the paws
- Cast off.

### Scarf

- Cast on 75 stitches in whatever colour you choose (can be colour four)
- Knit four rows and cast off
- Once the bear is completed, tie the scarf on at the back of the neck, close to the jumper edge. To prevent the scarf from becoming detached or lost, you may like to sew a couple of stitches at the back of the head to fasten the scarf to the bear (optional).

## Skirt

- For every 2nd teddy I make, I am adding a pretty tutu as follows
- Cast on 50 stitches
- Knit two rows in garter stitch
- Row three - knit five stitches, in the fifth stitch, increase the stitch so you have two stitches in one
- Continue in garter stitch, increasing one stitch every five stitches
- Row four - garter stitch
- Row five - increase each 5th stitch as per above
- Row six - garter stitch
- Continue following the above 2 rows for 12 rows
- Cast off
- Sew up the opening of the skirt to each other
- For ease of placement on the bear, run a running stitch of matching wool around the cast on section of the skirt - and then stitch to the skirt at the bottom of the jumper
- By doing the running stitch, you will form the flounce or "tutu."

## Embellishments

I have knitted some embellishments such as a small love heart and then sewn that onto either the front or back of the bear.

Adding embellishments is completely optional, just remember not to use anything that can be detached or become a choking hazard to children.

## Make up your bear

- Sew up all sides of the bear, leaving approximately a 2cm gap in the crotch area to allow stuffing
- Before stuffing, turn your bear right side out and sew diagonal top corners for the ears
- Stuff using the hobby fill ensuring its tight enough but not over filled
- After stuffing, run a threaded piece of wool around the neck and draw it in to give some shape
- Using the small crotch area, draw up your needle into the bear and sew a happy face for the eyes, nose and mouth using either a stem stitch or back stitch
- Sew up the remaining hole in the crotch
- Your bear is now complete and ready to be dispatched to Ukraine with love.

