

BBF Craft Pack

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making a difference to children in emergency care



Buddy Bear Knitting Project
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The Buddy Bag Foundation Craft Pack

Get involved and get creative

Become a volunteer and make a real difference

Our volunteers come from all walks of life and a variety of backgrounds and so every one has different skills, experiences and networks who may be able to help us.

Whether your donation is time, money or skills, every single contribution of any kind is appreciated by the foundation.

The rewards of volunteering

- Gain confidence
- Make a difference
- Meet people
- Be part of a community
- Learn new skills
- Take on a challenge
- Have fun!



Helping The Buddy Bag Foundation with your creative skills gives you a purpose and a project which brings joy to the lives of the children in emergency care who receive them. All of the items you lovingly create will go inside the Buddy Bags for the children.

Additional Resources

Please also see our Craft Pack for knitters, you will find a variety of different knitting patterns, all donated by our talented knitters with a choice of bears you can knit. Download the pack at our website:

<https://buddybagfoundation.co.uk/bbf-resource-centre/#downloads>


In addition, if you like to sew, there is a BBF Craft Pack just for people who love to sew.



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Buddy Bear

Designed by Sarah Bradberry

You can knit your bear with any yarn you like, using needles that give you a very firm gauge so that the filling does not show through the fabric.

Add an i-cord tail and embroidered whiskers and you have a cat!



Materials and Tension

You will need 60gm 8 ply (DK) of colourful wool @ approx 95m (110 yards) per 50gm ball and 3.25mm needles.

My tension was 26sts and 52 rows to 4 inches over garter st on 3.25mm needles.

You can make this bear out of any yarn using needles 2 – 3 sizes smaller than those you would normally use for your chosen yarn.

Pattern

Bear is knit entirely in garter stitch.

Legs, body and head: Make 1

- Beginning at the top of the head, cast on 40sts and knit 32 rows.
- Place a coloured thread in the middle (approximately) of the last row to show where the neck is
- Knit a further 34 rows (total 66 rows)
- Put a coloured thread at each end of the last row to show where the body stops and the legs start.

Next row: Knit 20, turn

- Knit a further 39 rows on these 20 sts.
- Cast off.
- With right side facing, rejoin yarn to the other 20sts and knit 40 rows.
- Cast off

Arms: Make 2

- Cast on 20sts and knit 40 rows
- Cast off

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Making Up

- Fold the body in half and sew the back seam from the cast-on edge to the row where you placed markers for the top of the legs.
- Refold the body so that the seam you just sewed runs down the centre of the back and sew the inside leg and foot seams.
- Stuff your teddy lightly and sew the top of the head closed, rounding the corners very slightly.
- Sew across the corners of your teddy's head so that the corner points form ears. If you want your ears to stand out like those in the picture, gather around the bottom of each ear and pull slightly.
- Gather around the neck on the row where you placed the marker for the neck.
- Fold the arm pieces in half and sew the side and one end closed. Stuff very lightly, sew the remaining side closed and sew the arm to the body, just below the neck. Put a ribbon around the neck and embroider the face.

Pussy Cat Variation

When sewing ears, do not round off the corners.

Knit a length of i-cord and sew to the back of the toy, just above the top of the legs, for a tail. Embroider the face as for the bear, but add whiskers.

Note: Please use safety eyes on all bears do not use buttons for eyes on any knitted bears.





Where to send your creations

Once you have finished your creation, then please package it up and send it to:

Buddy Bag Foundation
c/o Howell Group Ltd
Unit 28 Maybrook Road
Maybrook Business Park
Minworth
B76 1AL

Please include your full name, address and email address.



**Thank you for all of our talented knitters
for making a difference to children in
emergency care.**

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