

# Teddy Hand Puppet



Adapted from **Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child**

## You will need:

Double knitting yarn  
4mm (Size 8) needles

Garter stitch throughout (every row is Knit)

## Teddy

### Body

**Cast on** 18 stitches and work 40 rows in Knit (about 10cm / 4 inches)

### Arms

**Next row:** cast on 10 stitches and knit to the end (28 stitches)

**Next row:** cast on 10 stitches and knit to the end (38 stitches)

Continue in Knit for 8 more rows

**Next row:** Cast off 10 stitches and knit to end of row (28 stitches)

**Next row:** Cast off 10 stitches and knit to end of row (18 stitches)

### Head

Continue in Knit for 50 rows (about 12 ½ cm / 5 inches)

### Arms

**Next row:** cast on 10 stitches and knit to the end (28 stitches)

**Next row:** cast on 10 stitches and knit to the end (38 stitches)

Continue in Knit for 8 more rows

**Next row:** Cast off 10 stitches and knit to end of row (28 stitches)

**Next row:** Cast off 10 stitches and knit to end of row (18 stitches)

### Body

Knit 40 rows

**Cast off**, leaving about 45cm (18 inches) for sewing up

## Make Up

Sew pieces together, leaving the bottom open

## Face

Stitch 2 ears by 'pinching in' the two top corners. Sew a diagonal line in running stitch, pull it tight to create the ear, repeat going back up the diagonal, then fasten off securely.

With contrasting yarn stitch a nose, smile and eyes.

*It's worth taking time over this to ensure your teddy has a friendly, smiling face.*

## Scarf

I've used 4-pin French knitting (Knitting Nancy) for my bears.

For stripes, thread two colours through the Knitting Nancy.

**Cast on** with one colour and work one round.

Now alternate the colours, working one round in each colour.

Continue until the scarf is long enough to tie in a knot.

**Cast off** with the colour used for the final round.

Alternatively, **Cast on** 4 stitches and work in Garter Stitch or Stocking Stitch (1 row Knit, 1 row Purl) until it is long enough, **Cast off**.

A nice length of ribbon works well too.

Sew the scarf **securely** to the neck at the back of the puppet, tie at the front with a knot or a bow.



Teddy's ears, showing direction of gathering stitches.  
(Gap between 1 and 2 is for clarity, you actually sew back along the way you came.)