

TEDDY BEAR – CREW NECK JUMPER

When someone is a patient on the ward or out in the community (via our Hospice at Home Team), we ask if they would like any hospice teddies to give to their children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews, or the children of a close relative or friend. For these children and young people, the teddies become a comfort and a way of feeling close to the person who is ill. After death, the teddies become even more special – a token of love, something to cuddle and take comfort from, a way of staying connected to the person who has died.

Several years ago, the hospice decided to buy teddies without jumpers, but we soon realised they didn't seem quite the same without a woolly outfit! The wonderful jumpers that are kindly knitted and donated make such a difference to the teddies, and more importantly make each and everyone totally unique for each child or young person.

Size 7 needles (4.5 mm) and 8 ply wool (DK)

BACK

Cast on 28 stitches and rib (knit1, purl1) for 6 rows.

Stocking stitch for 18 rows

K2 tog at the beginning and end of next and every alternate row until 16 stitches remain. Leave stitches on a spare needle. (Knit 2 together twice on last purl row – 14 stitches remain)

SLEEVES – make 2

Cast on 24 stitches and rib (knit 1, purl 1) for 6 rows

Stocking stitch for 8 rows

Decrease for sleeves

K2 together at the beginning and end of every alternate row until 12 stitches remain. Leave stitches on spare needle. (Knit 2 together twice on last purl row – 10 stitches remain)

FRONT

Repeat as per the back.

Slip all the stitches you have saved on your spare needles back onto your “working needle” in the following order: sleeve 1, back, sleeve 2 and then front. Work 6 rows in rib – joining all the pieces together at the top, whilst simultaneously forming the neck band.

Seam it all together, joining the sleeve and side seams, plus the neck band seam.

All done!



St Michael's teddies modelling their outfits from the teddy wardrobe