



Wee Polar Bear Sweater by Kathy Lewinski

I only worked the bear on the front of the sweater, stranding the white yarn around the back. You could knit the bear on both sides or duplicate stitch it on afterwards if you don't want to carry the yarn around.

Size: 3.5" (9cm) tall x 6.5" (16.5cm) wide when worked at gauge

Supplies:

- Size 1U(2.25mm) double-pointed needles
- Approx. 11g/55yds Knit Picks Palette (100% Peruvian Highland Wool 50b/231yds) or similar fingering weight yarn in two colors (MC (Asphalt Heather) 10g/50yds, CC1 (White) 1g/15yds)
- Scrap fingering yarn
- Stitch marker
- Tapestry needle

Gauge: 10 stitches and 12 rows per inch

Abbreviations:

- K – knit
- K2tog – knit two together
- M1r – make one right
- M1l – make 1 left
- P – purl
- Rnd(s) – Round(s)
- Ssk – slip, slip, knit
- Sts - stitches
- X – times

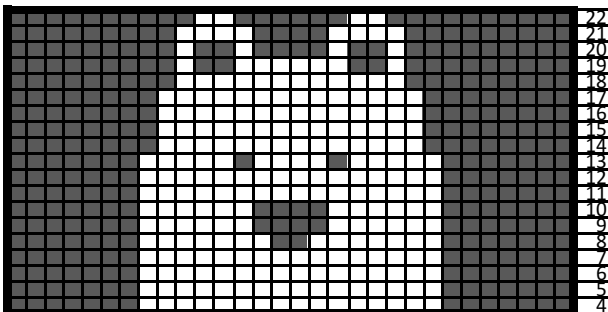
Body:

With MC, cast on 60 sts. Divide between three needles. Join together to knit in the round being careful not to twist stitches. Place a stitch marker between the last and first stitch to mark rnds.

Rnds 1 - 3: (k1, p1)30x

Rnds 4 – 22: k15, k30 working the color work chart, k15

Polar Bear Chart



Rnds 23 – 27: k

Set aside.

Sleeves: Make two

With MC, cast on 12 sts. Join together to knit in the round being careful not to twist stitches. Place a stitch marker between the last and first stitch to mark rnds.

Rnds 1 – 3: (k1, p1)6x

Rnd 4: k1, m1l, k10, m1r, k1 (14sts)

Rnds 5 – 9: k

Rnd 10: k1, m1l, k12, m1r, k1 (16sts)

Rnds 11 – 15: k

Rnd 16: k1, m1l, k14, m1r, k1 (18 sts)

Rnds 17 – 21: k

Rnd 22: k1, m1l, k16, m1r, k1 (20 sts)

Rnds 23 – 26: k

Put the two stitches on each side of the stitch marker on a piece of scrap yarn. These four stitches will be your underarm stitches. You will have 16 sts left on the needles.

Yoke: On the first rnd you will be joining the body and the sleeves to knit the yoke.

Rnd 1: Starting with the body, k13, place the next 4 sts on a piece of scrap yarn (underarm sts), k16 sts from one sleeve lining the underarm sts up with those on the body, k26 from the body, place the next 4 sts on a piece of scrap yarn (underarm sts), k16 sts from the other sleeve matching the underarm sts with those on the body, k13 stitches from the body. Place stitch marker. (84 sts)

Rnds 2 – 5: k

Rnd 6: (ssk, k4)14x (70sts)

Rnds 7 – 8: k

Rnd 9: (k3, k2tog)14x (56sts)

Rnds 10 – 11: k

Rnd 12: (ssk, k2)14x (42sts)

Rnd 13: k

Rnd 14: (k1, k2tog)14x (28 sts)

Rnds 15 - 16: (k1, p1)14x (28 sts)

Rnd 17: bind off

Finishing:

Seam the underarm sts on the body and sleeves on each side. Weave in ends. Block.

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