

The wonderful work carried out by the staff at the hospital over the years is now resulting in many more live births. Many of the young women who have been helped in the past are now returning to the Maternity wing to have their babies. They often bring other young children with them.

If you would like a change from knitting blankets the hospital has asked if we could knit or crochet baby clothes in as many sizes as possible – depending on your yarn supply. The night-time gets very cold in Addis Ababa, so warm clothing is much appreciated.

We have also been sending knitted teddy bears – and these are much appreciated. Remember, the children have little if anything at all. A teddy will probably be the first thing they can cuddle and make their own so please add a big smile to your teddy

It can be knitted in any colours you have available. Please send finished teddies to TG Head Office and we will get them on the next stage of their journey. Don't forget to give your teddy a big smile.

### **Basic Pattern Teddy Bear**

You will need:

Double knitting yarn and 3.25mm (size 10) knitting needles.

This gives a firmer knit than the usual size for DK yarn.

Col A for Head and Paws Col B for Trousers Col C for Sweater /Scarf.

Safety approved toy stuffing.

1. Starting with the legs. Cast on 10 stitches in Col A.
2. Knit 10 rows (every row knit stitch).
3. Change to Col. B and knit 30 rows.
4. Cut Yarn and make another leg.
5. Then knit across all 20 stitches.
6. Knit another 15 rows in Col B
7. Then Change to Col C and knit 24 rows for the sweater front.
8. Change to Col A and working in stocking stitch (one row knit one row purl) for 14 cm (5 ½").
9. Change to Col B and knit 24 rows for the back sweater, then continue to knit teddy in reverse order.

Stitch the sides of the head

1. Make Arms (2) With Col C - Pick up and knit 8 stitches each side of the neck and join (16 stitches)
2. Knit 20 rows then change to Col A and knit 10 rows for paws.
3. Repeat for the other arm.
4. Sew under arm seams and paws. You may find it easier to stuff the head and arms at this stage.
5. Sew side seams and leg seams leaving opening for stuffing.
6. Fill the remaining space with toy filling and close the opening.

## Scarf

Cast on 70 stitches and knit 4 rows. Cast off loosely. *Sew firmly at each side of the bear's head before tying so that it is not a choking hazard.*

With dark yarn, sew eyes, nose and a big smile!

*(Please do not use beads / plastic eyes as these could come loose and be a choking hazard)*



This Ted shows variations you can make to his jumper.