

## Knitting Pattern for jumper to fit bears like Horace or Nye



We have adapted a pattern that was originally for an upright Build a Bear to fit Alresford Honey Bears sized 20 inches or 14 inches from head to foot. We used acrylic yarn which stretches more than wool.

### Items needed:

50g DK yarn (we used random knit merry-go-round)  
 4mm knitting needles (US size 6)  
 3.25mm knitting needles (US size 3)  
 4 stitch holders (large safety pins will suffice)

**Instructions for stitches for the smaller jumper are in brackets in red**

**Warning** the small jumper has a small head hole and may be difficult to get over your bear's head. We suggest sewing the seam after it has been put on the bear, or use small buttons or poppers if the bear's head is large or hard.

### Front

Using 3.25mm needles cast on **44 sts (38)**.

**Row 1** K1, P1 to end.

Repeat this row 6 **(4)** times

### Change to 4mm needles

**Row 8 (6)** K44 **(38)**

**Row 9 (7)** P44 **(38)**

Continue in stocking stitch for another **18 (14)** rows

### Start Raglan shaping

**Row 28 (22)** Cast off 4 stitches Kwise

**Row 29 (23)** Cast off 4 stitches Pwise

**Row 30 (24)** K2 K2tog K29 K2tog tbl K2 **34 sts (28)**

**Row 31 (25)** P34 **(28)**

**Row 32 (26)** K2 K2tog K29 K2tog tbl K2 **32 sts (26)**

**Row 33 (27)** P32 **(26)**

**Row 34 (28)** K2 K2tog K29 K2tog tbl K2 **30 sts (24)**

**Row 35 (29)** P30 **(24)**

**Row 36 (30)** K2 K2tog K29 K2tog tbl K2 **28 sts (22)**

**Row 37 (31)** P28 **(22)**

**Row 38 (32)** K2 K2tog K29 K2tog tbl K2 **26 sts (20)**

**Row 39 (33)** P26 **(20)**

**Row 40 (34)** K2 K2tog K29 K2tog tbl K2 **24sts (18)**

### Shape Neck

**Row 41 (35)** P6 cast off 12 **(6)** sts P to end **12sts (12)**

**Row 42 (36)** K2 K2tog K2tog.

Turn and work on these stitches only **4 sts (4)**

**Row 43 (37)** P4

**Row 44 (38)** K2 K2tog **3 sts (3)**

**Row 45 (39)** P3

**Row 46 (40)** K1 K2tog **2sts (2)**

**Row 47 (41) P2**

Break of yarn leaving a tail for sewing up and put the **2 sts** on a holder.  
Return to other shoulder with right side facing rejoin yarn

**Row 42 (36)** K2togtbl, K2togtbl, K4 **4 sts (4)**

**Row 43 (37)** P4

**Row 44 (38)** K2tog tbl, K2 **3sts (3)**

**Row 45 (39)** P3

**Row 46 (40)** K2tog tbl, K1 **2sts (2)**

**Row 47 (41)** P2

Break off yarn leaving a tail for sewing up and put the **2 sts** onto a holder

**Back**

Repeat exactly the same as the front until Row 41 (35)

**Row 40 (34)** P24 (18)

**Row 41 (35)** K2, K2tog, K to last 4sts, K2togtbl, K2 **22 sts (16)**

**Row 42 (36)** P to end

**Row 43 (37)** K2, K2tog, K14, K2tog tbl, K2 **20 sts (14)**

**Row 44 (38)** P to end

**Row 45 (39)** K2, K2tog, K to last 4 sts, K2tog tbl, K2 **18 sts (12)**

**Row 46** Pearl to end

Break off yarn, leaving a tail and transfer the remaining 18 (12) stitches to a holder.

**Sleeves (make 2!)**

Using 3.25mm needles cast on 38 sts (32)

**Row 1** K1, P1 to end.

Repeat this row 6 (4) times

**Change to 4mm needles**

**Row 8** K to end

**Row 9** P to end

**Row 10** K to end

**Row 11** P to end

**Row 12** K to end

**Row 13** P to end

**Start raglan shaping**

**Row 14** Cast off 4 Kwise, K to end **34 sts (28)**

**Row 15** Cast off 4 Pwise, P to end **30 sts (24)**

**Row 16** K2, K2tog, K to last 4 sts, K2togtbl, K2 **28sts (22)**

**Row 17** P to end

**Row 18** K2, K2tog, K to last 4 sts, K2togtbl, K2 **26sts (20)**

**Row 19** P to end

**Row 20** K2, K2tog, K to last 4 sts, K2togtbl, K2 **24sts (18)**

**Row 21** P to end

**Row 22** K2, K2tog, K to last 4 sts, K2togtbl, K2 **22sts (16)**

**Row 23** P to end

**Row 24** K2, K2tog, K to last 4 sts, K2togtbl, K2 **20sts** (14)

**Row 25** P to end

**Row 26** K2, K2tog, K to last 4 sts, K2togtbl, K2 **18sts** (12)

**Row 27** P to end

**Row 28** K2, K2tog, K to last 4 sts, K2togtbl, K2 **16sts** (10)

**Row 29** P to end

**Row 30** K2, K2tog, K to last 4 sts, K2togtbl, K2 **14sts** (8)

**Row 31** P to end

**Row 32** K2, K2tog, K to last 4 sts, K2togtbl, K2 **12sts** (6)

**Row 33** P to end

Break off stitches and put remainder onto holder

### To make up the jumper

This is easier if you lightly iron all the pieces first, but not essential to do this.

The neckband is knitted before the seams are sewn together, this can be a bit fiddly especially with the smaller jumper.

With the right side facing using 3.25mm needles join yarn and knit the 18 (12) stitches from the back, then the 12 from one sleeve, then 2 sts from the front left shoulder, then pick up and knit evenly 20 (16) stitches around the front neck, then the 2 sts from the right shoulder, followed by 12(6) stitches from the other sleeve.

Work in K1 P1 rib for 4 rows then **cast off loosely** (otherwise the jumper won't go over the bear's head!)

To sew up, join right sides together, join the 2 edges of the neck rib, sew sleeves along raglan edges then sew down the side seams. Weave in all the loss ends.

### Notes

Most of the abbreviations are straightforward.

tbl : through back of loop

K2tog : knit 2 stitches together

The size will vary according to the yarn and tension/style of the knitter. We suggest checking that the jumper will be wide enough after doing a few rows, if it looks like it will be a tight fit (some bears are fatter than Horace and Nye) just add in a few more stitches and adjust the rest accordingly.

We adapted this pattern from a very complicated one with fair isle patterns. It is easiest to do in plain or random knit wool. When doing stripes make sure the sleeves follow the same stripe pattern as the back and front and they will all match up!

Happy Knitting!

**Horace the Alresford Bear (with help from Human Karen) 1/12/2024**

**Small print:** We are amateur knitters and do not accept any responsibility if the patterns don't result in jumpers to fit your bears. Karen & Horace 2024