

TEDDY BEAR SUITS FOR CHILDREN

(The directions given are for a suit to fit a child two years old.)

COAT

With either the 72 or 80 needle cylinder and yarn of the weight you wish to make the suit, and suitable for the cylinder used, set the machine up for one and one ribbed knitting, make a selvedge, and knit one and one-half inches with loose tension. Transfer the stitches from the ribber to the cylinder needles and knit nine inches of plain knitting.

Make two pieces of knitting by the directions given above, cut apart between two rows of stitches and sew the pieces together so the ribbed knitting will be at one side of the piece of fabric. This will form a long strip of knitting nine and one-half inches wide.

Two strips of one and one ribbing, one and one-half inches long and with a selvedge, should be knit and sewed to the two ends of the first piece of knitting to form a border. The buttons will be attached to one and in the other piece button holes or loops should be made.

Knit two pieces of one and one ribbed knitting with loose tension, four inches long. Cut both pieces apart and sew the ends together; then sew them to the plain side of the large piece of fabric to make the collar.

Three inches from each end of the plain knitting and two and one-half inches from top (the side to which the collar was sewed) cut vents three and one-half inches long in which to place the sleeves. Make the sleeves using one-half of the cylinder needles. Knit one and one-half inches of ribbed knitting with a selvedge and about seven inches of plain knitting, all with a very tight tension. Attach the sleeves to the coat.

Plait or crochet a cord 24 inches long and work it through the collar close to the body of the coat and put a tassel on either end.

TROUSERS

Knit two and one-half inches of one and one ribbing with a selvedge and 13 inches of plain knitting with a loose tension. Tighten tension one-half turn and knit two more inches, tighten the tension another one-half turn and knit one inch. Lift one-half of the needles at the back of the cylinder out of action and knit a piece of flat web two and one-half inches long. Form a heel in the regular way. Knit four more inches of flat web on the needles at the back of the cylinder. Turn the toe in the regular way, break the yarn and run this piece of knitting off the machine.

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Go back to the point where you lifted the needles out of action and narrow off to 24 needles. That is, knit back and forward lifting one needle at a time on each side until you have only 24 in action. Continue knitting flat web on the 24 needles until this piece is seven and one-half inches long.

(If feet are not wanted in the trousers break the yarn just before the heel is ready to be knit and run this part of the knitting off the machine. Draw a piece of yarn through the loops to prevent them from raveling back. The remainder of the foot is knit as described except after you have narrowed off to 24 needles push down into action 6 needles on each side of the 24 and knit three and one-half inches of flat web. Narrow the knitting off to a point by lifting 2 needles before each course until only 4 remain in action. Sew a piece of elastic to each side to go under the foot.)

Knit a strip of tubular knitting with the same tension as used in the legs, making two and one-half inches of one and one ribbed knitting and 9 inches of plain knitting. Cut this open and cut out a gore 6 inches wide at the ribbed side and tapering down to a point using the full width of the fabric.

Cut each leg down inside 12 inches. Sew the legs together at the front and insert the gore in the back, sewing all seams. Close the opening along each side of the foot and at the toe. If necessary ravel the top of the foot back to get it the correct length.

Plait or crochet a cord 30 inches long and work it in the ribbed knitting at the top. Put tassels on each end and the suit is completed.

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THROUSERS

Knit the suit on a machine with 24 needles. The tension should be the same as used in the legs. The top of the suit is knit in plain knitting. The body of the suit is knit in one and one ribbed knitting. The foot is knit in plain knitting. The heel and toe are knit in plain knitting. The suit is finished with a plaited cord and tassels.