33 Teddy Bear

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Finished Measurements
- Body circumference 14in/35.5cm.
- Length 12in/30.5cm.

Materials
- 1 x 50g hank of Noro *Shiraito* in #24.
- One set (4) size US 5/8mm double-pointed needles, or size to obtain gauge.
- Stitch marker.
- Polyfill stuffing.

Gauge
24 sts and 30 rows = 4in/10cm over Stockinette st using size US 5 (8mm) needle.
TAKE TIME TO CHECK GAUGE.

Abbreviations
approx approximately; **beg** begin(ning); **cm** centimeter(s); **dpn** double pointed needle(s); **g** gram(s); **in** inch(es); **inc** increase(ing); **mm** millimeters; **rem** remain(s)(ing); **rnd(s)** round(s); **st(s)** stitch(es); **St st** Stockinette stitch; ***** repeat directions following * as many times as indicated; **[ ]** repeat directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.

3-Needle Bind-Off
1. Hold wrong sides of pieces together on two needles. Insert third needle knitwise into first st of each needle, and wrap yarn knitwise.
2. Knit these two sts together, and slip them off the needles. *Knit the next two sts together in the same manner.
3. Slip first st on 3rd needle over 2nd st and off needle. Rep from * in step 2 across row until all sts are bound off.

Body
Cast on 6 sts. Join and place marker for beg of rnd.
Inc rnd 1 [M1, k1] 6 times—12 sts. K 1 rnd.
Inc rnd 2 [M1, k2] 6 times—18 sts. K 1 rnd.
Inc rnd 3 [M1, k3] 6 times—24 sts. K 1 rnd.
Inc rnd 4 [M1, k4] 6 times—30 sts. K 1 rnd.
Inc rnd 5 [M1, k5] 6 times—36 sts. K 1 rnd.
Inc rnd 6 [M1, k3] 12 times—48 sts. K 1 rnd.
Inc rnd 7 [M1, k4] 12 times—60 sts. K 1 rnd.
Inc rnd 8 [M1, k5] 12 times—72 sts. K 1 rnd.
Inc rnd 9 [M1, k6] 12 times—84 sts.
Knit 10 rnds even.
Dec rnd 1 [K2tog, k12] 6 times—78 sts. K 3 rnds.
Dec rnd 2 [K2tog, k11] 6 times—72 sts. K 3 rnds.
Dec rnd 3 [K2tog, k10] 6 times—66 sts. K 3 rnds.
Dec rnd 4 [K2tog, k9] 6 times—60 sts. K 3 rnds.
Dec rnd 5 [K2tog, k8] 6 times—54 sts. K 3 rnds.
Dec rnd 6 [K2tog, k7] 6 times—48 sts. K 3 rnds.
Dec rnd 7 [K2tog, k6] 6 times—42 sts. K 3 rnds.
Dec rnd 8 [K2tog, k5] 6 times—36 sts. K 1 rnd.
Dec rnd 9 [K2tog, k1] 12 times—24 sts. K 1 rnd.
Stuff body. Cut yarn leaving a long tail. Draw tail through rem sts and pull tight to close.

Legs (make 2)
Work as for body through inc rnd 4—30 sts. Knit 10 rnds even.
Dec rnd 1 [K2tog, k8] 3 times—27 sts. K 5 rnds.
Dec rnd 2 [K2tog, k7] 3 times—24 sts. K 5 rnds.
Dec rnd 3 [K2tog, k6] 3 times—21 sts. K 5 rnds.
Dec rnd 4 [K2tog, k5] 3 times—18 sts. K 5 rnds.
Lightly stuff leg. Arrange rem sts evenly on 2 dpn and work 3-needle bind-off to close.

Arms (make 2)
Work as for body through inc rnd 3—24 sts. Knit 8 rnds even.
Dec rnd 1 [K2tog, k10] twice—22 sts. K 4 rnds.
Dec rnd 2 [K2tog, k9] twice—20 sts. K 4 rnds.
Dec rnd 3 [K2tog, k8] twice—18 sts. K 4 rnds.
Dec rnd 4 [K2tog, k7] twice—16 sts. K 4 rnds.
Lightly stuff arm. Arrange rem sts evenly on 2 dpn and work 3-needle bind-off to close.

Head
Work as for body through inc rnd 8—72 sts. Knit 12 rnds even.
Dec rnd 1 [K2tog, k4] 12 times—60 sts. K 1 rnd.
Dec rnd 2 [K2tog, k3] 12 times—48 sts. K 1 rnd.
Dec rnd 3 [K2tog, k6] 6 times—42 sts. K 1 rnd.
Dec rnd 4 [K2tog, k5] 6 times—36 sts. K 1 rnd.
Dec rnd 5 [K2tog, k4] 6 times—30 sts. K 1 rnd.
Dec rnd 6 [K2tog, k3] 6 times—24 sts. K 1 rnd.
Dec rnd 7 [K2tog, k2] 6 times—18 sts. K 1 rnd.
Dec rnd 8 [K2tog, k1] 6 times—12 sts.
Stuff head. Cut yarn leaving a long tail. Draw tail through rem sts and pull tight to close.

Ears (make 2)
Work as for body through inc rnd 4—30 sts. Knit 2 rnds even. Arrange sts evenly on 2 dpn and work 3-needle bind-off to close.

Finishing
Sew head to body, joining 6th rnd from bottom of head to 6th rnd from top of body to create stable neck. Sew tops of arms to either side of body approx 1in/2.5cm from neck seam. Sew tops of legs to bottom of body ¼in/.5cm from center bottom. Using photo as guide, sew ears on either side of head and embroider face. ■