



## **‘Bobby Buddies’ knitting pattern.**

This initiative will allow police to share your lovingly knitted bear with a child going through a distressing experience.

If you provide your name then the child will be able to know who handmade their buddy.

Please hand them in to the front counter of Southampton, Portsmouth, Fareham, or Basingstoke police stations.



### **Materials.**

- Double knitting wool: black, yellow, grey and brown (or other colour for the head), blue (optional);
- 3¼mm knitting needles;
- Please do NOT use beads or buttons, as they are a choking hazard.

### **Arms (make two).**

- In black wool, cast on 3 stitches and knit 1 row;
- Increase 1st at each end of the row for 6 rows making 15 stitches;
- Continue knitting 13 rows;
- Next row: Knit 1 knit 2 together to end, making 8 stitches;
- Next row: Knit 2 together making 4 stitches;
- Break yarn leaving a length for making up, thread through remaining stitches, pull tightly and fasten off;
- Repeat for second arm.

### **Legs.**

- 1st leg: In black wool, cast on 5 stitches;
- Next row: Knit 1, make 1, knit 1, make 1, continue to the end of the row, making 9 stitches;
- Next row: Knit 1, make 1, knit 1, make 1, continue to the end of the row, making 17 stitches;
- Continue in garter stitch and work 17 rows;
- Break yarn and push these stitches to the left hand side of the needle;
- 2nd leg: Repeat as per 1st leg, but don't break the yarn;
- Join legs;
- Next row: Knit across, 17 stitches increase 1 stitch into the last stitch, then
- Knit across the remaining 17 stitches of the first leg.

## Radio.

- In grey wool, cast on 4 stitches;
- Next row: Knit 4 rows, cast off;
- Stitch to either side of the chest with black wool, to make radio aerial.

## Head.

- Change to brown wool, or desired head colour wool;
- Next row knit 1, make 1, knit 1 to end of row making 27 stitches;
- Knit 1 row;
- Next row (K6, M1, K1, M1, K6) K1 repeat from ( ) making 31 stitches;
- Knit 1 row;
- (K7, M1, K1, M1, K7) K1 repeat from ( ) making 35 stitches; • Continue knitting 9 rows;
- Shape the head: K7 (K2 tog twice, K13, K2 together twice) K7 making 31 stitches;
- Knit 1 row;
- Knit 6, K2 tog twice, knit 11, K2 tog twice, K6 making 27 stitches;
- Knit 1 row;
- K1, K2 tog to end of row making 14 stitches;
- Break off yarn, thread through stitches, and draw up.



## Face.

- Stitch eyes, nose, and mouth using black wool (remember NO buttons or beads!).

## Ears.

- Cast on 5 stitches, knit 4 rows;
- Next row: Knit 2 together, knit 1, knit 2 together;
- Next row: Increase 1 stitch at end of the next row and knit 4 rows, then cast off;
- Repeat for second ear, and attach to top of head.

## Body.

- Continue in black wool for a further 9 rows, change to yellow wool and knit a further 17 rows;
- Shape shoulders: Knit 7 stitches, knit 2 stitches together twice. Knit 13 stitches, then knit 2 together, knit 7 to make 31 stitches;
- Next row: Knit 1 row;

- Next row: K6, K2 tog twice. K11 stitches, K2 together twice, K6 to make 27 stitches;
- Next row: Knit 1 row;
- Next row: Knit 1, K2 together to the end of the row, making 14 stitches.
- Make up the bear.
- Sew seam down the back of the head (leaving space at top to stuff), continue seam down the back. Fold legs and sew up seams;
- When all seams and are stitched, place stuffing into gap at top of head;
- Draw up stitches and fasten tightly;
- (Optional) Add a few rows of blue wool to the back of the yellow to make the 'Police' label.



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If you wish to speak to an operator, please dial 101.

If a crime is in progress or life in danger, always dial 999.

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