



**Free Knitting Pattern**  
**Lion Brand® Martha Stewart Crafts™/MC Extra Soft Wool Blend**  
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**SKILL LEVEL:** Intermediate

**SIZE:** One Size  
About 9 1/2 in. (24 cm) tall

**CORRECTIONS:** None as of Mar 23, 2012. To check for later updates, click [here](#).

**MATERIALS**

- 5400-526 Lion Brand Martha Stewart Crafts Extra Soft Wool Blend: Sable  
1 Ball
- Lion Brand Double-Pointed Needles - Size 5
- Lion Brand Stitch Holders
- Lion Brand Split Ring Stitch Markers
- Large-Eye Blunt Needles (Set of 6)
- Additional Materials  
Fiberfill stuffing  
Small piece of black felt for eyes and nose  
Sewing needle and thread

**GAUGE:**

Exact gauge is not essential to this project.

**STITCH EXPLANATION:**

**M1 (make 1)** An increase worked by lifting the horizontal thread lying between needles and placing it onto left needle. Knit this new stitch through the back loop - 1 st increased.

**ssk (slip, slip, knit)** Slip next 2 sts as if to knit, one at a time, to right needle; insert left needle into fronts of these 2 sts and knit them tog - 1 st decreased.

**NOTES:**

1. Body is worked in the rnd, beg at top of head.
2. Markers are placed on Rnd 8 to indicate where sts will be increased and decreased to shape face.
3. Arms, Ears, and Tail are worked separately in the rnd and sewn to Bear.
4. When working in the rnd on double pointed needles (dpn), your sts need to be divided fairly evenly onto the needles. If you are working with a set of 4 dpn, your sts should be divided among 3 needles. The total number of sts will not always be evenly divisible by the number of dpns that you are using - this is not a problem! Simply divide your sts as evenly as possible, you will still create a symmetrical 'tube' of knitting.

**BODY**

**Head**

Beg at top of head, cast on 12 sts. Divide sts onto 3 double pointed needles (dpns), with 4 sts on each of the 3 needles. Place marker for beg of rnd. Join by working the first st on left hand needle with the working yarn from the right hand needle, being careful not to twist sts.

**Rnd 1:** Knit.

**Rnd 2:** \*K2, M1; rep from \* around - 18 sts at the end of this rnd.

**Rnds 3, 5 and 7:** Knit.

**Rnd 4:** \*K3, M1; rep from \* around - 24 sts.

**Rnd 6:** \*K6, M1, rep from \* around - 28 sts.

**Shape Face Rnd 8:** K12, place marker (pm), k3, pm, k to end of rnd.

**Note:** You may wish to use markers in a different color than the beg of rnd marker.

**Rnds 9-12:** K to first marker, slip marker (sm), M1, k to next marker, M1, sm, k to end of rnd - 11 sts between markers, 36 sts at the end of Rnd 12.

**Rnds 13 and 15:** Knit, slipping markers as you come to them.

**Rnd 14:** K to first marker, sm, k4, M1, k3, M1, k4, sm, k to end of rnd - 13 sts between markers, 38 sts.

**Rnd 16:** K to first marker, sm, k4, ssk, k1, k2tog, k4, sm, k to end of rnd - 11 sts between markers, 36 sts at the end of this rnd.

**Rnds 17-20:** K to first marker, sm, ssk, k to 2 sts before next marker, k2tog, sm, k to end of rnd - 3 sts between markers, 28 sts at the end of Rnd 20.

**Rnd 21:** Knit.

**Rnd 22:** K1, k2tog, k to 2 sts before first marker, ssk, remove marker, k to next marker, remove marker, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 - 24 sts.

**Rnd 23:** Knit.

**Shape Neck**

**Rnds 24-26:** \*K1, p1; rep from \* around.

**Shape Shoulders**

**Rnd 27:** K4, M1, k1, M1, k2, M1, k1, M1, k8, M1, k1, M1, k2, M1, k1, M1, k to end of rnd - 32 sts at the end of this rnd.

**Rnd 28:** K8, M1, k16, M1, k to end of rnd - 34 sts at the end of this rnd.

Work in St st worked in the rnd (k every rnd) until piece measures about 3 1/2 in. (9 cm) from beg of neck (Rnd 24). Lightly stuff head and Body.

**Divide For Legs**

**Dividing Rnd:** Bind off 1 st for center back, k15 - 16 sts on needle (the 15 just knit + 1 st rem from bind off). Sl these sts to a st holder for right leg, bind off 1 st for center front, k to end of rnd - 16 sts rem for left leg.

Divide 16 sts for left leg onto 3 dpns, with 5 sts on the first and 2nd dpn and 6 sts on the 3rd. Place marker for beg of rnd. Join by working the first st on left hand needle with the working yarn from the right hand needle.

Work in St st in the rnd until leg measures about 2 1/2 in. (6.5 cm) from Dividing Rnd.

Lightly stuff leg.

**Next Rnd:** K2tog around - 8 sts at the end of this rnd.

Cut yarn, leaving a long yarn tail. Thread tail through rem sts and pull to gather. Knot securely.

Divide 16 sts for right leg from holder onto 3 dpns, with 5 sts on the first and 2nd dpn and 6 sts on the 3rd. Work same as for left leg.

**ARMS (make 2)**

Cast on 14 sts. Divide sts onto 3 dpns, with 5 sts on the first and 2nd dpn and 4 sts on the 3rd. Place marker for beg of rnd and join.

Work in St st in the rnd until piece measures about 2 1/2 in. (6.5 cm) from beg.

**Next Rnd:** K2tog around - 7 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread yarn tail through rem sts and pull to gather. Knot securely.

**EARS (make 2)**

Cast on 14 sts.

Divide sts onto 3 dpns, with 5 sts on the first and 2nd dpn and 4 sts on the 3rd. Place marker for beg of rnd and join.

Work in St st in the rnd until piece measures about 1/2 in. (1.5 cm) from beg.

**Next Rnd:** K2tog around - 7 sts at the end of this rnd.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread yarn tail through rem sts and pull to gather. Knot securely.

**TAIL**

Make same as Ear.

**FINISHING**

Finish stuffing Body, then sew opening between legs closed. Stuff Arms. Sew top of Arms closed, then sew to Body. Sew Ears to top of head.

Sew Tail to back of Bear.

From black felt, cut 2 small circles for eyes and a small half circle for nose. With sewing needle and thread, sew felt pieces to face.

Weave in ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES

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<u><a href="#">dpn(s) = double pointed needle(s)</a></u>	<u><a href="#">k = knit</a></u>
<u><a href="#">k2tog = knit 2 together</a></u>	<u><a href="#">p = purl</a></u>
<u><a href="#">Pm = place marker</a></u>	<u><a href="#">rem = remain(s)(ing)</a></u>
<u><a href="#">rep = repeat(s)(ing)</a></u>	<u><a href="#">rnd(s) = round(s)</a></u>
<u><a href="#">sl = slip</a></u>	<u><a href="#">sm = slip marker</a></u>
<u><a href="#">St st = Stockinette stitch</a></u>	<u><a href="#">st(s) = stitch(es)</a></u>

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