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Knits For Bears To Wear: More Than 20 Fun, Knit-to-Fit Fashions For All Teddies And Toys Including 18-Inch Dolls



Synopsis

There are only a few things a teddy bear truly needs to be happy, not the least of which is a warm and cozy sweater. It's a small to thing to ask for, considering all they do for us. Now knitters of all levels can bring a little style and happiness to their Build-A-Bear Workshop® bears, Vermont Teddy Bear Company® bears, American Girl® dolls, and other teddies and toys with Knits for Bears to Wear twenty-four patterns for a trunk-full of fashions including sweaters and ponchos, pajamas and formal wear, even a mermaid costume and a wizard's cap and gown. Patterns are written for the most popular teddy size, and easy-to-follow sidebars allow you to custom-tailor garments to a variety of popular toys including 18-inch dolls ensuring a perfect fit. With instructions on how to measure your bear or doll and tips on sizing, Knits for Bears to Wear provides all the tools readers need to be sure their favorite toys are always in style.

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Customer Reviews

AMY O'NEILL HOUCK is a knitwear and crochet designer who focuses on patterns that beautifully balance fit, style, and creative, fun construction. She designs for books, magazines, and her own pattern line, AOH Designs.

If you enjoy knitting patterns with graphs, embroidery, and intarsia, then "Knits for Bears to Wear" is for you. However I found it a bit too advanced and time-consuming for my needs. There are a couple of patterns that are quicker that I will definitely try, like the eyelet poncho and footie pajamas.

It's an attractive, fun to browse book---but my advice is to buy something simpler, like Sandra Polley's "The Knitted Teddy Bear" which has some easy patterns for teddy bear-making and clothes in it, as well.

very satisfied

I bought this book a few months ago and have knitted a few outfits and dressed up some bears to give as gifts, which have DELIGHTED the recipients. I do not consider myself a great knitter but this book is relatively easy to follow (and there is always YouTube to give you a helping hand - which was invaluable for provisional cast-on). As mentioned by a previous reviewer, this is a fantastic way to use up that basket of yarn you have sitting around, and the items make lovely raffle gifts for charities. As for the ugly colors somebody mentioned, you can pick your own colors - and I have knitted that "ugly skirt" which knits up wonderfully, especially when tied with a pretty satin ribbon.

The patterns are adorable and the facility to make each pattern to fit whatever bear you have makes this a real treasure. I anticipate a lot of use as we make 50 outfits for an upcoming Christmas project. Thanks for the creativity in this book.

While I love many of the patterns, I wish more were designed to be knit seamlessly. I haven't counted but it seems like the majority require seaming, which is not high on my list of favorite activities. Still, a very nice collection of bear outfits. The Atlanta Knitting Guild members knit sweaters for bears, and then donate the dressed bears to a local children's charity. After knitting about the 20th plain bear sweater, believe me, I was ready for some cute and creative patterns.

This book has so many cute and easy patterns for knit for Build a Bear stuff toys. My niece loves them all and enjoys dressing up her stuff animals. I love the clothes at Build a Bear but they can wear down the budget. I found these dresses a nice alternative to dressing up her bears. I did a little changes on some of the clothes with my "book of 100 stitches" so they each dress had a different flair. Love the patterns.

Wonderful book! I am a long time knitter and thought the directions for knitting to size were excellent and something no other knitting book includes. My grandson is enchanted with the "clothes" he picked out for his kitty cat.

I have been working through one of the patterns and the instructions are fairly easy to follow. There are patterns for all skill levels. Some of the abbreviations were a little unfamiliar as it has been quite some time since I have done any knitting, but there are ample resources online.

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