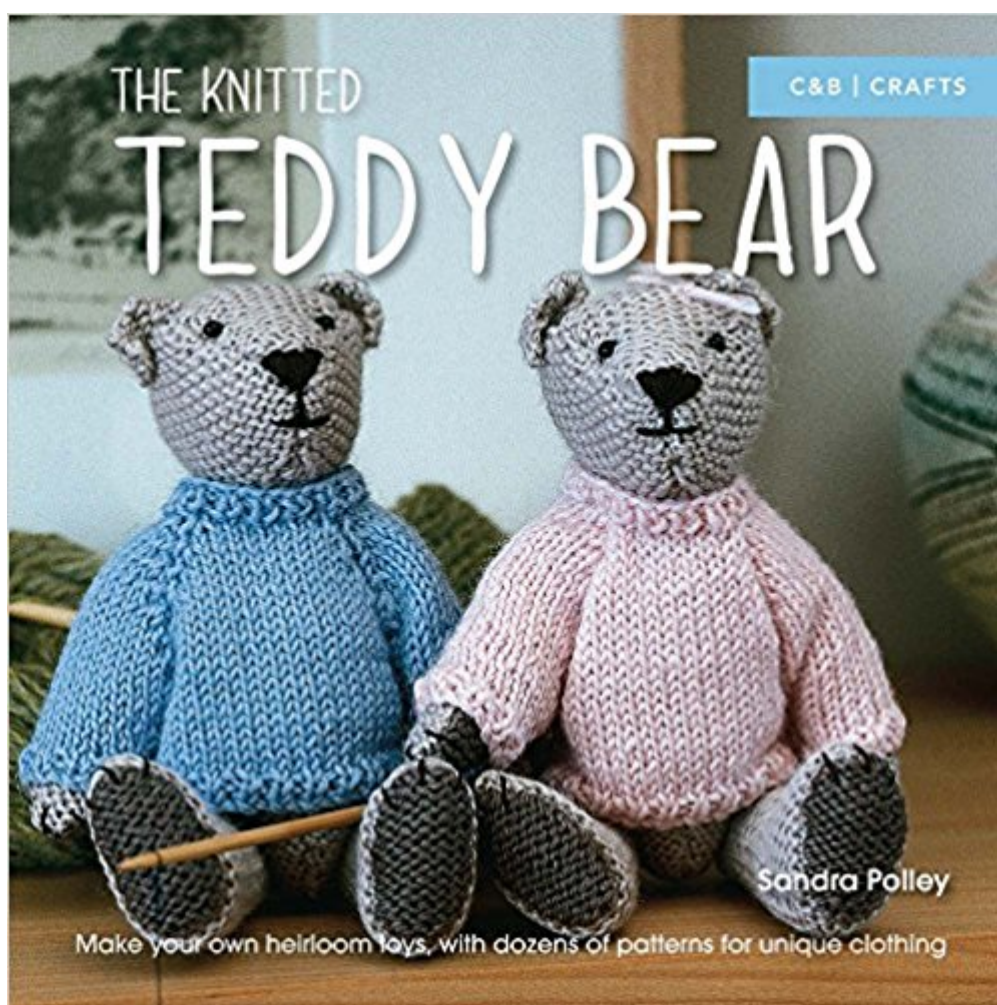


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The Knitted Teddy Bear: Make Your Own Heirloom Toys, With Dozens Of Patterns For Unique Clothing



Synopsis

Everyone loves teddy bears – and this charming collection offers 12 bears of various sizes, shapes, and styles to knit, along with sweet outfits to dress them in. They range from beginner-friendly tiny teddies, which use only a small amount of yarn, to the fully jointed Catherine, the biggest bear in the book. Playful Christopher and Rosie, with their long bodies and short legs, wear cute overalls. Robert, with his glasses and vest, has the air of a professor. Or choose Lily the panda, Sleepy Sam, heirloom-style “old bears” and more. The instructions are easy to follow, and knitters can build on the patterns to create many other variations.

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Customer Reviews

Sandra Polley’s designs have been featured in craft magazines, such as The Knitter, Simply Knitting, and Woman’s Weekly. She runs a successful small business “Knits and Pieces” and sells her patterns through yarn shops and companies throughout the UK. Sandra now lives in Leicestershire and has two daughters, a young grandson, and a tiny Border Terrier named Oscar.

The bears in this book are adorable, the instructions fairly easy to understand and you could easily make your bear in a day or less, depending on how much you like seaming - I don’t. The bears are constructed of many pieces (e.g. three pieces for the arm, three for the leg, etc) which is fine until

assembling time comes. Then witness the scowl on my face! Also, I had to refer to the diagram and it wasn't clear enough about how to position one of the head pieces (the gusset I think that connects the sides to the top - see picture on cover) and so I had it back to front. I didn't realise it until I had seamed and stuffed the entire bear and then it was too late - Teddy looked like ET. Anyway, I didn't have the heart to unstitch Teddy and till today, he still looks like ET with his blue overalls. One other thing, the bears are small - most are around 13 cm or was it 15cm in height? I can't remember exactly but I just remember with some surprise how small they were. I increased the size of my needles in most cases. There is one large bear - around 30 cm in height. Anyway, it is a lovely book and these teddies make great gifts for both young and old alike.

I gave this book a 5 star rating. I am an experienced knitter and have collected patterns for teddy bears over the years. This book offers very clear description of steps for creation of each bear. There is a great pattern for beginning knitter and others for more experienced.. Good guidelines for assembly of each pattern. I will not use her suggestion for plastic shanks for allowing the limbs to be moveable. This would be fine for older collectors, but I knit for children, so I only use yarn and thread-no button eyes or plastic of any kind. A must have for anyone who enjoys the timeless joy of a handmade Teddy. P.S. I know it is expensive, but use the very best yarn you can afford. These patterns are heirlooms in the making.

Every single bear is knit in pieces and requires a lot of sewing, but there is a great section at the front that gives instruction for assembling these bears. The limbs are movable, which is likely the benefit of being knit in pieces. There is also a great section on creating faces on the bears. I only wish that there was a bit more variety between the bears. Altogether though, very cute.

The patterns look good I haven't had a chance to make them yet

I am new to knitting and this book is pretty easy to follow. Some logical thinking is necessary as some of the directions are not exactly line by line. Nice patterns. No super complicated stitches so far, no surprises as yet.

The recipes are clear, quite easy to follow. The whole design of the book is well thought out, albeit a bit repetitive. And the bears are charming, true, classical Teddy bears. I downloaded it in my mini iPad, so I could take the recipes along in my knitting bag.

I had never thought about knitting teddy bears until I read this book. They look a lot easier to make than I had expected! I know that I will be going to the craft store soon, and I plan on making some of the little bears this next week!

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