Give the gift of a traditional ted by making **Walter bear**

Made in a beautiful blend of blues and greens, Walter the bear by Janine Holmes is amazingly simple to make – just two stitches are involved! It’s a great project to practise your colour changes on and would make a lovely gift for a new arrival to the family.
Walter bear head

* Using 5.5mm hook and Ski Slope White make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. 6sts
Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts *
Rnd 2: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 15 sts
Rnd 3: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 4: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 5: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 21 sts
Rnd 6: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
Change to Lake Blue Rnds 7–8: rep Rnds 2–3. 36 sts
Change to Alpine Green Rnds 9–10: rep Rnds 4–5. 42 sts
Change to Deep Blue Rnd 11: rep Rnd 6. 48 sts
Rnd 12: rep Rnd 4
Change to Icy Blue Rnds 13–14: rep Rnd 4 twice
Change to Forest Green Rnd 15–16: rep Rnd 4 twice
Change to Lake Blue Rnd 17: rep Rnd 4
Insert safety eyes in between Rnds 8 and 9, spacing them 12 sts apart
Rnd 18: (6dc, dc2tog)
Meet Our Designer

“This soft and cuddly teddy crochets up fast with a 5.5mm hook and aran-weight yarn. You’ll have a huggable, loveable stripy friend of your own in no time!”

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** body **

Using 5.5mm hook and Lake Blue work as for Head from ** to **.

12 sts

Change to Alpine Green

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 3: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts **

Change to Deep Blue

Rnds 4-5: rep Rnds 2-3 of Head. 36 sts

Change to Icy Blue

Rnds 6-7: rep Rnds 5-6 of Head. 48 sts

Change to Forest Green

Rnd 8: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

ear

Make two

Using 5.5mm hook and Ski Slope White throughout work as for Body from ** to **.

24 sts

Change to Lake Blue

Rnds 4-5: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Alpine Green

Rnds 6-7: (6dc, (dc2tog) to last six sts, 6dc. 18 sts

Change to Deep Blue

Rnds 8: rep Rnd 7. 15 sts

Rnds 9-10: rep Rnd 8

12 times

Stuff

Change to Forest Green

Rnd 11: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Fasten off

arm

Make two

Work as for Head from ** to **.

12 sts

Rnd 2-4: 1dc in each st to end

Work in foll two-row stripe sequence: * Forest Green, Lake Blue, Alpine Green *, Deep Blue, Icy Blue, rep from * to * once

Rnds 5-20: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

leg

Make two

Using 5.5mm hook and Ski Slope White throughout work as for Body from ** to **.

24 sts

Change to Lake Blue

Rnds 2-3: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Alpine Green

Rnds 4-5: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

Change to Icy Blue

Rnds 6-7: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Change to Deep Blue

Rnds 8: rep Rnd 7. 15 sts

Rnds 9: rep Rnd 6

Work in foll two-row stripe sequence: Icy Blue, Forest Green, Lake Blue, Alpine Green, Deep Blue, Icy Blue

Rnds 10-21: rep Rnd 6

12 times

Stuff

Change to Forest Green

Rnd 22: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Fasten off

Rnd 23: (dc2tog) to end. 6 sts

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

to make up

With a length of black yarn embroider nose and mouth using running sts, working from centre to base of Rnd 4 of muzzle. Sew a few running sts across top of nose to neaten. Sew a single running st vertically on underside of muzzle then sew a ‘W’ shape directly underneath to finish muzzle. Shape face by foll diagram and instructions on p57. Fold Ear in half and sew edges tog. Curve base of ear into a semicircle and sew to sides of bear’s head, approx 12 sts apart. Stuff Body. Making sure colour changes are at back of bear, sew neck edge to underside of Head. Stuff Arms. Oversew tops of Arms flat and sew to sides of bear, level with topmost Alpine Green stripe on Body. Sew on Legs foll diagram and instructions on p57