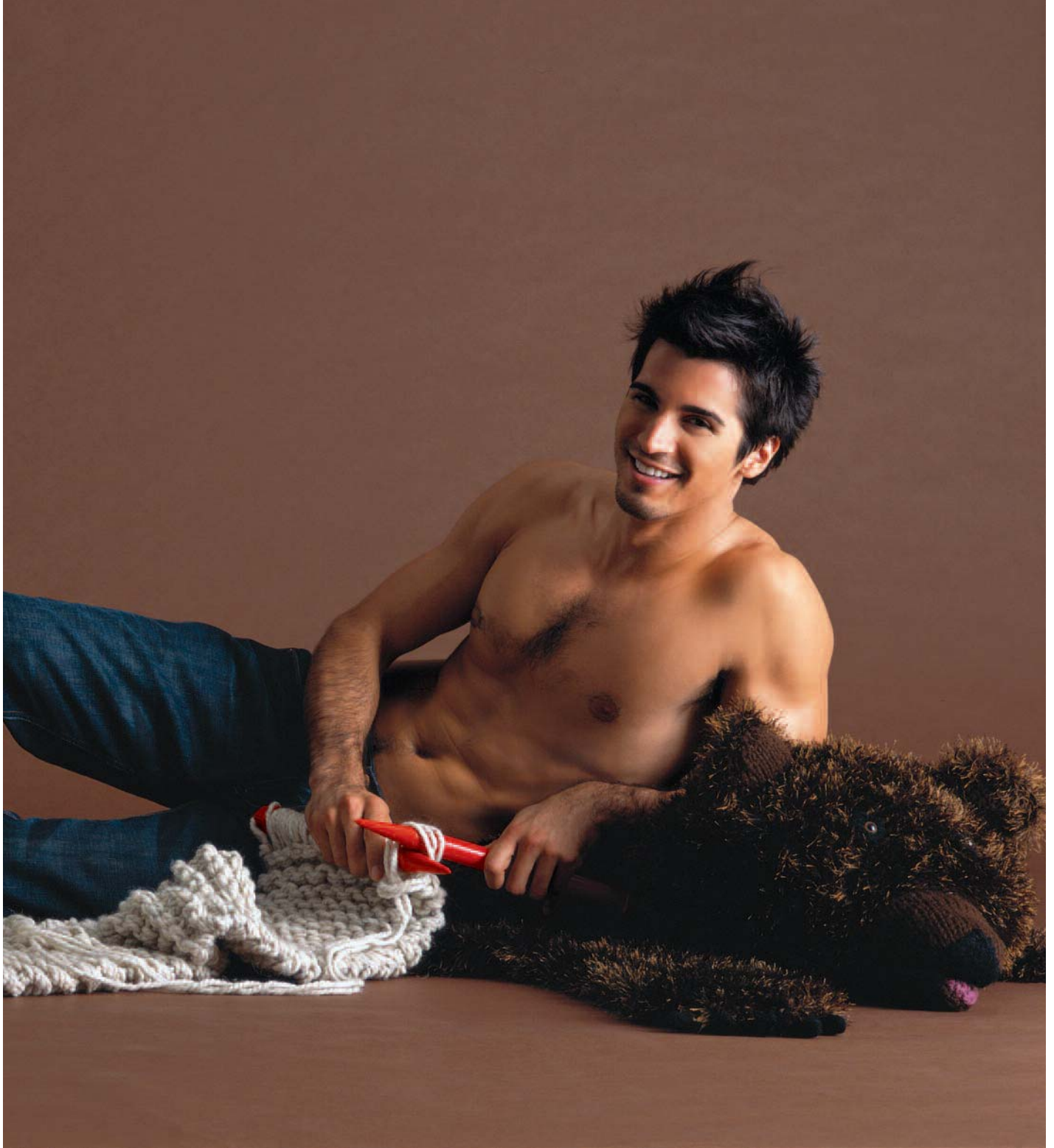


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Cozy floor décor and furry friend, this faux bear skin rug will keep you warm in more ways than one.

## NOTE

Body of bear is worked in garter st holding 4 strands of yarn together as follows: 2 strands A, 1 strand B, and 1 strand C.

## BODY

Starting at tail, cast on 10 sts. Knit 2 rows. Inc 1 st at beg of next 4 rows—14 sts. Continue in garter st until tail measures 3½"/8.5cm. Cast on 12 sts at beg of next 4 rows, mark each end of last row—62 sts. Inc 1 st at beg of next 20 rows, mark each end of last row—82 sts. Work even on 82 sts until 36"/91.5cm from last markers, mark each end of last row. Bind off 1 st at beg of next 24 rows, mark each end of last row—58 sts. Bind off 10 sts at beg of next 2 rows and place sts on holder—38 sts.

## LEGS

### Right Back Leg

With RS facing, pick up and k17 sts between first two markers on lower right side. Work even in garter st until leg measures 12"/30.5cm. Bind off 1 st at beg of next 8 rows. Bind off remaining 9 sts.

### Right Front Leg

With RS facing, pick up and k20 sts between last 2 markers on upper right side. Work even in garter st until leg measures 16"/40.5cm. Bind off 1 st at beg of next 10 rows. Bind off remaining 10 sts.

### Left Front Leg

Work same as right front leg on upper left side.

## TOP OF HEAD

Sl 38 sts from holder onto needle and continue in garter st for 2"/5cm. Bind off 1 st each end of every 6th row until 26 sts remain, AT THE SAME TIME, mark each end of row when head measures 7"/18cm]; every 4th row until 20 sts remain; then every other row until 12 sts remain. Place sts on holder.

## SIDES OF HEAD (make 2)

Cast on 10 sts, mark between last st on next st, cast on 20 sts—30 sts. Knit 5 rows.

**Next row** Inc 1 st at beg of row (side of head), knit across. Knit 1 row. Repeat last 2 rows 3 times more—38 sts.

Work even in garter st until piece measures 5"/12.5cm, mark each end of last row. Bind off 1 st

each end of every 6th row until 34 sts remain; every 4th row until 28 sts remain; then every other row until 12 sts remain. Place sts on holder.

Sew sides of head to top matching markers at sides of top head. (Just flop one of the side pieces to make a right and a left piece.)

## MUZZLE

Starting at bottom of head, place all sts from holders onto size 11 needle—36 sts. With RS facing and 3 strands of C, work even in St st for 2"/5cm, end with a RS row. Set-up row: P6, pm, p24, pm, p6.

**Dec row (RS)** K6, ssk, k to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, k6.

Purl 1 row

Rep last 2 rows until 20 sts remain.

**Last dec row (RS)** K2tog across row—10 sts.

Cut yarns, leaving a 24"/61cm tail. Thread tail through remaining sts, pull snugly and secure.

## FINISHING

**Note** No two bears will be exactly alike.

Sew side edges of muzzle piece tog—seam will be on underside of snout. Sew bottom seam of head to body.

Stuff head and muzzle from neck opening and sew neck seam closed.

### Nose

With size 11 needles and 3 strands of E, cast on 9 sts. Work 2 rows St st.

**Dec row (RS)** Ssk, k to last 2 sts, k2tog. Purl 1 row. Repeat last 2 rows until 3 sts remain, sk2p. Sew to tip of muzzle with point up.

### Mouth

With size 11 needles and 3 strands C, cast on 14 sts. Work even in St st for 1 1/2"/3.5cm, end with a WS row.

**Dec row (RS)** K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog—12 sts. \*Work 5 rows St st. Work Dec row—10 sts. Repeat from \* once more—8 sts. Purl 1 row. K2tog across—4 sts. Bind off.

### Tongue

With size 11 needles and 3 strands D, cast on 12 sts. Work same as mouth until 6 sts remain. Purl 1 row. K2tog across—3 sts. Purl 1 row. Bind off.

With RS facing, sew Tongue to Mouth. Sew to bot-

## SKILL LEVEL



## MATERIALS

- 32 1¾ oz/50g skeins (each approx 64yd/58m) of Lion Brand *Fun Fur* in #126 Chocolate (A)
- 16 skeins in #153 Black (B)
- 7 3oz/85g skeins (each approx 197yd/180m) of Lion Brand *Wool-Ease* in #126 Chocolate Brown (C)\*
- 1 skein each in #139 Dark Rose Heather (D) and #453 Black (E)
- One pair each sizes 11 (8mm) and 15 (10mm) knitting needles OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE
- Set of five size 8 (5mm) double-pointed needles (dpns)
- Two 16mm Bear Eyes
- 1 bag poly-fil

## KNITTED MEASUREMENTS

- One size.

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

- Approximately 68"/173cm from head to tail

## GAUGE

- 10 sts and 16 rows = 4"/10cm in garter st (k all rows) using 4 strands Fun Fur on largest needles

BE SURE TO GET THE GAUGE.

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tom of Muzzle, leaving 1 1/2"/3.5cm at each side to hold mouth together.

## Ear Back

With size 15 needles and 2 strands A, 1 strand each B and C, cast on 12 sts. Work even in garter st for 2 1/2"/6.5cm. Dec 1 st each end of every other row until 6 sts rem. Bind off.

## Ear Front

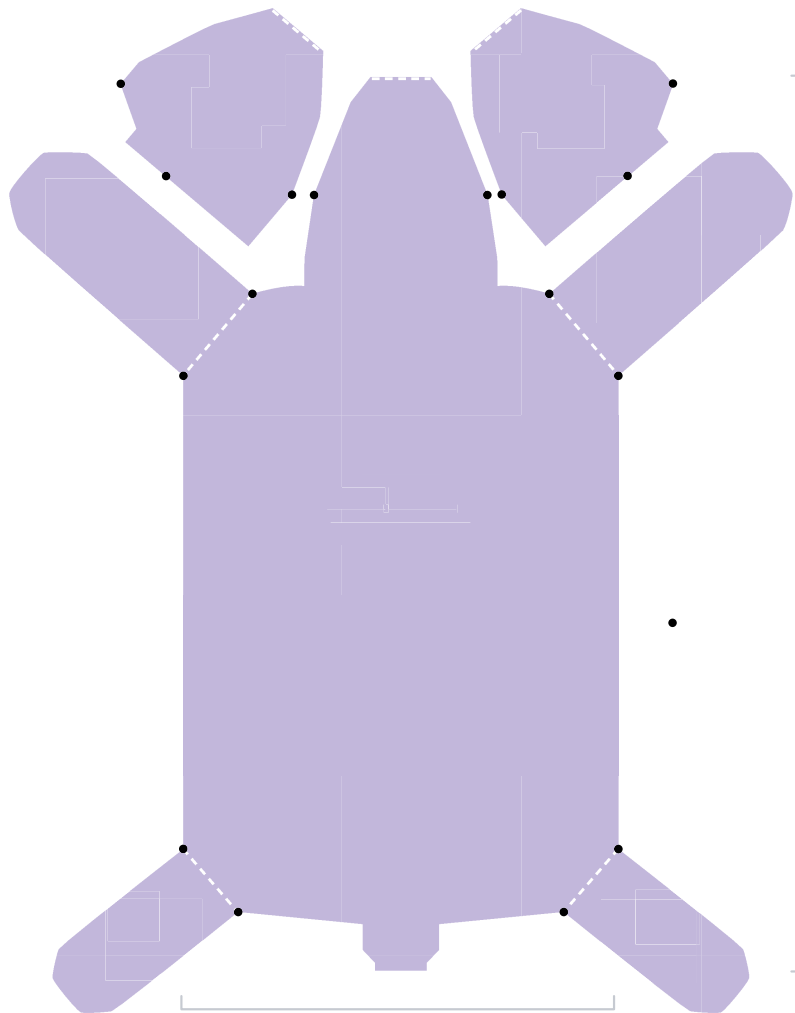
With size 11 needles and 3 strands C, cast on 12 sts. Work 6 rows even in St st. Dec 1 st each end of every other row until 6 sts rem. Bind off as if to purl. Sew ear front into ear back leaving bottom open. Stuff lightly and sew to bear head.

## Claws (make 10)

With dpns and 2 strands E, cast on 5 sts. \*Slide sts to other end of dpn and knit them, pulling yarn tightly across the back of the work. (Do not turn work.) Repeat from \* to \* for 2"/5cm. End by ssk, k1, k2tog, turn; sl 1-p2tog-ssso. Fasten off. Sew 5 claws to each front paw.

## Eyes (make 2)

With size 11 needles and 2 strands E, cast on 15 sts. Purl 1 row, then pass 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc. (all sts) over first st. Fasten off. Sew ends together. Attach one purchased eye in center of each knit eye and sew to face 3"/7.5cm above snout and 4"/10cm apart. ♥



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