The Bear That Learned to Knit

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Once upon a time, in Blanket Forest, there was a bear.  It is called Blanket Forest because it is normally cold there.   The bear liked to sleep, and usually, he was very cold. One day he met a lady, whose house was not far from the forest the bear lived in.  "I need something to keep me warm while I sleep,"  said the bear.

The lady said,  "I do not have anything to keep you warm, but I can teach you how to knit. " Then the lady taught the bear how to knit.  The bear practiced and got better and better at knitting.  Soon the bear had a blanket to keep him warm.  He sold other things that he knitted.

The next day he ran out of honey.  "I wish I had some honey," the bear said. "I have some money." Then he went to the store to get some honey.  The honey cost twenty-five dollars.  The bear had enough money, but he almost spent all of his money. Once the bear got home he started to knit some more things. Then the bear was running out of knitting supplies.

On day three, there was a knitting contest going on in a nearby city.  The bear remembered seeing a poster for the contest at the lady’s house.    The bear was so excited that he entered the contest.  To win the contest you had to knit the longest scarf.  The bear and seven other contestants had thirty minutes to knit the longest scarf.  The bear knitted his scarf one foot long, then two feet long, then three feet long.  He kept knitting and knitting.  It took him five minutes to knit one foot.  That was ridiculously fast for knitting.  Then time was up.

The bear knitted a six foot long scarf, and the other contestants knitted scarves that were around five and a half feet long. The bear won the competition and got a lot of money. The bear had enough money to buy many different colors of yarn and three jars of honey.  The bear bought red, blue, white, yellow, green and bamboo green yarn.  At the end of the day the bear was very tired so he went to bed early.

On day four, a deer came to the bear's house. "I need something to keep my antlers warm," said the deer.  The bear knitted socks to put on the deer's antlers. "These socks are so warm," the deer said.  "I wish I knew how to knit." Then the bear taught the deer how to knit.

The deer was so happy that he wanted all animals to learn to knit.  He taught the fox how to knit.  Then the fox taught the raccoon how to knit.  Then the raccoon taught the coyote how to knit.  Then the  coyote taught the possum how to knit. Then the possum taught the chipmunk how to knit. Then the chipmunk taught the woodchuck how to knit. Then everyone in the woods knew how to knit.

On day five, everyone in the forest came to the bear’s house for a knitting club.  Everyone there knitted together and spent time together. "Knitting is so much fun," said the possum.  "It is fun," the bear said.  "We should invite more people next time.”

Then the lady who taught  the bear how to knit came to the bear’s house.  She was very cold.  "I am very cold. It is very chilly outside, and I need something to keep me warm. Can you knit something to keep me warm?"

"No, I don't think we have time to knit something for you," the fox said.

"You can have the coat I knitted," said the bear.

"Thank you Bear,” said the lady.  The bear gave the lady the coat, because he learned that if someone helps you, you should help them back.  Soon the animals got tired from knitting. They decided to have a big sleepover.

On day six, the bear’s cousins came over. His cousins were polar bear and panda bear. "I would like something that you knitted that is a color that is not white," said the polar bear.

"I need a lunch box, and I would like the color to be bamboo green," the panda bear said.

"I do not have those things, but I can teach you how to knit," the bear said. Then, the panda bear and the polar bear learned how to knit.  All the animals had another sleepover at the bear’s house.

On day seven, the bear’s house was crowded.  There wasn't enough room for ten animals in the bear's house.  They wished that they could have some more space.  Suddenly, the bear got an idea.  "I think we should all knit rooms for all of us to have space," said the bear.  So they went to work. It was very hard.  Sometimes one animal had to stop knitting a room and help another animal with the room they were working on.  The bear worked very fast, but everyone else knitted slowly. By the end of the day, they were all done. Finally they could relax and have some space.

On day eight, the bear decided to knit something else for the person who taught him how to knit. The bear knitted a hat and some mittens for the lady who taught him how to knit. The lady liked the things that the bear had knitted for her. and they lived happily ever after.