

SOCK MONKEY DOG SWEATER PATTERN

MEDIUM

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If you love sock monkeys as much as I do, you will love knitting this dog sweater that I designed based upon my daughter's favorite sock monkey toy. The crochet mouth and brim of the hat give this sweater a really fun, two-dimensional effect.

Skill Level - Intermediate knitting & basic crochet knowledge

Finished dimensions

Chest 15 – 18"
Length 14" excluding collar
Neck 7 – 11"

Materials needed

US # 6 needles
US # 7 needles
US # 6 dp needles (4)
US # 6 circular needle
US # 6 or "G" crochet hook
(2) 9/16" black two- hole buttons
Yarn sewing needle
Row counter

Gauge

15 sts and 20 rows = 4" with size 7 needles in stocking stitch

Worsted weight (#4) yarn

20 yrds Red (Vanna's Choice - Scarlet)
20 yrds Aqua (Impeccable - Aqua)
120 yrds Dark Brown Tweed (Vanna's Choice - Barley)
120 yrds Ivory (Impeccable - Aran)
1 yrd black (Impeccable)

Abbreviations

dp - double pointed
BO - bind off
CO - cast on
DEC - decrease
INC - increase
sts - stitches
sc - single crochet



Notes before you begin

- 1) Make 2 small balls of tweed yarn for knitting the leg openings - this section is knit with 3 separate balls of yarn.
- 2) Sew on mouth and eyes to your piece before you sew the tummy seam together - much easier this way!

BODY

With smaller needles CO 48 stitches in RED leaving 4" tail to sew red portion of collar

Row 1 - K2 P1 to end

Row 2 - P2 K1 to end

Rows 3 - 11 cut red yarn and attach BLUE leaving 10" tail to later sew this portion of collar. Continue in ribbing pattern.

Row 12 - continuing in ribbing pattern, INC 1 stitch at beginning and end of this row AND rows 15 & 16 and then alternate rows 5 more times (64 total stitches on needle)

Rows 13 - 18 – Switch to larger needles and work in stocking stitch

Rows 19 - 22 - reverse stocking stitch

Row 23 - cut blue yarn and attach IVORY leaving a 20" tail for sewing.
Knit across

Rows 24 - 28 - continue in stocking stitch

Row 29 - LEG OPENINGS - cut IVORY yarn and attach BROWN TWEED.
Knit across 7 stitches. BO 5 stitches. Knit across 40 stitches. Attach 1st small ball and with this ball, BO 5 stitches. Knit across 7 stitches.

Row 30 - Purl 7 sts with 1st small ball. Purl 40 sts. with main ball, attach 2nd small ball and purl last 7 sts.

Rows 31 - 37 - continue in stocking stitch

Row 38 - JOINING ROW - Purl 7 sts and CO 5 sts. Cut small ball and attach yarn to main ball. Purl 40 sts and CO 5 sts. Cut SMALL BALL yarn and join to main ball. Purl 5 sts and cut yarn.

Row 39 - attach IVORY and knit across

Rows 40 - 48 - continue in stocking stitch

Row 49 - BO 8 sts. Knit across remaining sts

Row 50 - BO 8 sts. Purl across remaining sts (48 sts on needle)

Rows 51 - 58 - continue in stocking stitch AT THE SAME TIME DEC 1 stitch at each end of alternate rows 6 times (36 sts on needle)

Rows 59 - 85 - cut IVORY and attach BROWN TWEED. work a total of 27 rows or to desired length - remember that the border will add another inch to the length. End with a wrong side row and do not BO. Border sts will be picked up directly from the needle.

CROCHET MOUTH

Chain 15

sc 2 rows

on 3rd row, sc to next to last stitch. Slip stitch all around piece. Cut yarn, leaving a long enough tail to sew mouth to sweater. Pull tail through loop to secure.

Embroider a black line in the center of mouth with embroidery needle or same #6 crochet hook. I like to start at the right side of the mouth and pull a loop through from the back to front. I then keep hooking from the back through each front loop (in each stitch right to left) forming a "chain" stitch across.

Here's a good YouTube Video on the Embroidered Crochet Chain Stitch

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7pa52Bo7XPM&feature=youtube_gdata_player

Center mouth on back of sweater and sew in place. Place eyes as desired, and sew in place.

On wrong side, sew sweater together using tails that you left for each different color section.

BODY BORDER

Note: you may use either a circular needle or dp needles for this section. If using dp needles, I use caps on the ends so I don't lose my stitches.

With RED yarn, starting at seam on right side of work, pick up and knit 26 sts. Knit 36 sts from needle. Pick up and knit 27 sts on opposite side of body. Work in K1, P1 ribbing for 4 rows. BO in ribbing.

Here's a good YouTube video on how to pick up stitches along a bound-off border

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQSZdwxL1U8&feature=youtube_gdata_player

LEGS

With dp needles and IVORY yarn, pick up and knit 10 sts on each of 3 needles around leg opening. Work 6 rows in K1, P1 ribbing. Cut IVORY and attach RED. Work 1 row in same ribbing and BO.

Have fun and enjoy the sweater!

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