

K-9 DOGGIE JUMPER



GAUGE: 3 stitches per inch on smallest needle

YARN: About 50 grams of grey heavy worsted or aran weight. You will also need some black yarn for the K-9 on the back, scraps work great for this.

NEEDLES: Size 8 double pointed, size 10 1/2 double pointed and/or circular, and size 15 circular

SIZE: to fit 18 inch long dog with 17 inch chest

NOTE: This sweater can be easily adjusted to fit different sized dogs by adjusting the number of cast on stitches. Also, many dogs are bigger across their back than they are in their chest so they will need extra increases in the back to give them room to move. To check if your dog will need extra increases, measure their chest circumference then measure across their back from shoulder to shoulder. If this measurement is more than about half of the chest circumference, increase two stitches at each side over the back on the increase rows. When you reach the decrease rows, just decrease two stitches on each side over the back unless poochie needs the extra room around the waist.

JUMPER:

Cast on 30 stitches on size 8 needles.

Row 1: Knit 3, purl 3 across

Join in round and work 3x3 rib for a total of 5 rows. (If your dog has a long neck add extra rows as needed)

Row 6: Knit 6 stitches (this will be one arm), PM, knit 9 stitches, PM, knit 6 stitches (this is the other arm), PM, knit 9 stitches.

Row 7(increase row): Knit 1, increase 1, knit to marker, increase 1, slip marker, knit 1, increase 1, and repeat across. (You will increase 1 stitch before and after each marker, this is a total of 8 new stitches per row.)

Row 8: Knit

Switch to size 10 1/2 needles.

Row 9: knit

Repeat rows 7 and 8 for a total of 6 rows.

Switch to Size 15 needles.

Row 16: Knit

Continue to work increase and knit rows for 6 more rows.

Row 22: Slip all stitches from beginning of row to the first marker onto a holder (20 stitches), knit to next marker (23 stitches), slip the stitches to the next marker onto holder (20 stitches), knit to the end of the row.

Row 23: Knit. (You should have 46 stitches total, 23 stitches in the front and 23 in the back. Make sure you leave a marker at each underarm)

Row 24: Knit 1, increase 1, knit to last stitch before marker, increase 1, knit 1, slip marker, knit 1, increase 1, knit to last stitch before end of row, increase 1, knit 1. (4 stitches increased, 50 stitches total)

Row 25: Knit.

Row 26: Knit.

Row 27 (Decrease row): Knit 1, SSK, knit to last 3 stitches before the marker, SSK, knit 1, slip marker, knit 1, K2tog, knit to last 3 stitches before end, K2tog, knit 1.

(4 stitches decreased. 46 stitches total.)

Repeat decrease row (row 27) four more times. You should end up with 30 stitches total. If your doggie needs extra length in their jumper, add a knit row between each decrease row.

Row 31: Knit 3 purl 3 across.

Repeat the 3x3 rib for a total of 10 rows of rib.

Cast off loosely.

Weave in ends.

SLEEVES:

Pick up 2 stitches at back of underarm, knit the 20 stitches from holder, and pick up two more stitches. Knit 1 row and cast off loosely. Repeat for other sleeve.

Weave in ends.

EMBROIDERY:

With black yarn, preferably glittery, duplicate stitch K-9 using the chart. Once the chart is finished go back with more black yarn and slip it between the duplicate stitch and the sweater to make the embroidery stand out more. The stitches that I slipped the yarn under are starred in the chart but feel free to do whatever you like.

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