Easy Knitted Lamb Jumper

Finished size

To fit Small (Medium, Large)

Gather your supplies

8 ply acrylic yarn (100g): 1 ball; 1 pair 4mm knitting needles; yarn needle

Here's how

Tension: 22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm over stocking st, using 4mm needles. Correct tension is not essential for this jumper as all sizes will be welcome.

Lamb Jumper (beg at lower Back)

Using 4mm needles, cast on 38 (50, 62) sts.

1st row: K2, * P2, K2, rep from * to end.

2nd row: P2, * K2, P2, rep from * to end.

Rep last 2 rows 8 (9, 11) times, 18 (20, 24) rows rib in total.

Work 16 (20, 30) rows stocking st (knit one row, purl one row).

Shape front leg holes

Cast on 8 (10, 12) sts loosely at beg of next 2 rows ... 54 (70, 86) sts.

Work 18 (20, 24) rows rib as for lower band.

Shape neck

1st row: Rib 10 (12, 14), cast off next 34 (46, 58) sts loosely in rib, rib to end.

2nd row: Rib 10 (12, 14), turn, cast on 34 (46, 58) sts, turn, rib to end ... 54 (70, 86) sts.

Begin front

Work 18 (20, 24) rows rib.

Cast off 8 (10, 12) sts loosely at beg of next 2 rows ... 38 (50, 62) sts.

For girl lambs - Work 16 (20, 30) rows stocking st.

For boy lambs – Work 6 (6, 12) rows stocking st.

Work 18 (20, 24) rows rib.

Cast off loosely.

To make up

Fold jumper in half at neck opening. Using mattress st, join side seams, noting that for boy lambs there will be 10 (14, 18) rows more on the back than the front. Sew in ends.

Crochet Pattern

Finished size

To fit Small (Medium, Large)

Gather your supplies

Panda Magnum 8 ply (100g): 1 ball; 4.5mm crochet hook; yarn needle

Here's how

Tension: 15tr and 9 rows to 10cm over treble fabric, using 4.5mm hook.

Correct tension is not essential for this jumper as all sizes will be welcome.

NOTE – Australian/UK crochet terminology used throughout.

Special abbreviation

Dec = (yoh, draw up a lp in next st, yoh and draw through 2 lps on hook) twice, yoh and draw through all 3 lps on hook.

Lamb Jumper

Using 4.5mm hook, make 8ch.

Beg neckband

1st row: Miss 1ch, 1dc in each of next 7ch.

2nd row: 1ch, working in back loop only, 1dc in each dc to end.

Rep last row 32 (48, 72) times ... 34 (50, 74) rows in total.

Turn to work along side edge of rows.

1st row: 3ch, miss first row, 1tr in side of each row to end ... 34 (50, 74) sts. 2nd row: 3ch, 1tr in first tr, 1tr in each tr to last tr, 2tr in last tr ... 36 (52, 76) sts. Rep last row until there are 40 (64, 96) sts.

Divide for leg holes

1st row: 3ch, miss first tr, 1tr in each of next 4 (7, 11) tr, turn.

Cont on these 5 (8, 12) sts for right front panel.

2nd row: 3ch, miss first tr, 1tr in each of next 4 (7, 11) sts.

Rep last row 1 (3, 5) times, fasten off.

Miss next 4 (7, 9) tr and join yarn with a sl st in next tr to begin back.

Next row: 3ch, 1tr in each of next 21 (33, 53) tr, turn.

Next row: 3ch, miss first tr, 1tr in each of next 21 (33, 53) sts.

Rep last row 1 (3, 5) times, fasten off.

Miss next 4 (7, 9) tr and join yarn with a sl st in next tr to begin left front panel.

1st row: 3ch, 1tr in each of next 4 (7, 11) tr, turn.

2nd row: 3ch, miss first tr, 1tr in each of next 4 (7, 11) sts.

Rep last row 1 (3, 5) times, do not fasten off.

Join for body

1st row: 3ch, miss first tr, 1tr in each of next 4 (7, 11) tr, make 4 (7, 9) ch, work 1tr in each of 22 (34, 54) sts of centre section, make 4 (7, 9) ch, 1tr in each of 5 (8, 12) sts of right front panel ... 40 (64, 96) sts.

2nd row: 3ch, miss first tr, 1tr in each st to end.

Rep last row 8 (14, 20) times.

Shape belly

Next row: SI st in each of first 7 (10, 15) tr, 3ch, 1tr in each of next 27 (45, 67) tr, turn.

2nd row: 3ch, miss first tr, Dec, 1tr in each tr to last 3 sts, Dec, 1tr in last st ... 26 (44, 66) sts.

Rep last row until 20 (32, 48) sts rem.

Cont without further shaping until jumper measures 30 (44, 60) cm from beg, fasten off.

To make up

Using a flat seam, join neckband and centre front panels. Sew in ends.