

• sheep! •



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finished measurements: Body length 4-inches, height 3.5-inches

yarn: Quince & Co. Chickadee, sport weight, (181 yards/50 grams), 1 skein for the solid sheep, 3 skeins in contrasting colors for the colorwork sheep.

Colors used:

Loopy sheep: Chanterelle

Textured sheep: Egret

Colorwork sheep: Iceland, Pomegranate (Main Color) and Petal (Contrast Color)

needles: US size 3 (3.25 mm) double-pointed needles, set of 4, or size to obtain gauge

gauge: 6.5 sts per inch in stockinette stitch

materials:

Detachable stitch markers

Tape measure or ruler

Yarn needle

Polyester fiberfill

Black embroidery floss

Scrap yarn

Cable needle

abbreviations:

K Knit

P Purl

K2tog Knit two stitches together.

SSK Slip two stitches one at a time as if to knit, then pass the slipped stitches back to the left needle and knit the two slipped stitches together through the back loops.

Kfb Knit in the front and the back of the same stitch.

St(s) Stitch(es)

Rnd(s) Round(s)

CN Cable needle



special techniques

Wrap Stitch (WS) Slip the next 3 stitches onto a cable needle and hold to the front. Bring the yarn to the front. Wrap the yarn around the 3 stitches on the cable needle three times counter-clockwise, bring the yarn to the back and k3 from the cable needle.

Loop Stitch (LS) Insert the right needle and knit the next stitch but leave the stitch on the left needle, bring the yarn to the front and wrap over and around your thumb or just make a loop and hold it down with your thumb. Bring the yarn to the back and in between the needles. Knit the same stitch again and drop the stitches from the left needle. You now have 2 stitches on the right needle and a loop in the front of the work. Take the first stitch and pass it over the second stitch and off the right needle.

belly

Cast on 4 stitches using the long-tail cast-on. Work back and forth in garter stitch on two double-pointed needles.

Row 1 (Right side): Knit.

Row 2 (Wrong side): K1, kfb twice, k1. 6 sts.

Row 3: Knit.

Row 4: K1, kfb, k2, kfb, k1. 8 sts.

Row 5: Knit.

Row 6: K1, kfb, k4, kfb, k1. 10 sts.

Row 7: Knit.

Row 8: K1, kfb, k6, kfb, k1. 12 sts.

Now work even in garter stitch (knit every row) until you have worked 22 ridges from the cast on edge. End after a wrong side row.

begin decreases.

Row 1: K1, ssk, k6, k2tog, k1. 10 sts.

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: K1, ssk, k4, k2tog, k1. 8 sts.

Row 4: Knit.

Row 5: K1, ssk, k2, k2tog, k1. 6 sts.

Row 6: Knit.

Row 7: K1, ssk, k2tog, k1. 4 sts.

Row 8: Place a stitch marker on the first stitch. Knit the stitches. Do not turn.

Continuing up the side of the belly, pick up and knit 1 stitch in each of the garter ridges on 3 double-pointed needles as follows:

Needle 1: 24 sts. (Includes the 4 sts already on the needle.)

Needle 2: 16 sts.

Needle 3: 24 sts.

64 sts total.

body

textured sheep only

Rnds 1 and 2: Knit.

Rnd 3: (K5, WS) repeat to the end of the round.

Rnds 4 and 5: Knit.

Rnd 6: K1, (WS, k5) repeat 7 times, WS, k4.

Rnds 7-18: Repeat Rounds 1-6 twice more.

Rnds 19 and 20: Knit.

colorwork sheep only

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6	●	●	●			●			
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Rnd 1: Knit in the Belly color. Cut yarn leaving an 8 inch end.

Begin to work with Main Color (empty boxes on the chart) and a Contrast Color (the boxes with the black dot).

Rnds 2-17: Work the Chart 2 times.

Rnd 18: Work Round 1 of the chart.

Rnds 19 and 20: Knit in the Contrast Color only.

Continue on with the Contrast Color only. Cut the Main Color leaving an 8 inch end.

loop stitch sheep only

Rnds 1 and 2: Knit.

Rnd 3: (LS, k1) repeat to the end of the round.

Rnd 4: Knit.

Rnd 5: (K1, LS) repeat to the end of the round.

Rnds 6: Knit.

Rnd 7-18: Repeat Rnds 3-6 three more times.

Rnd 19: Repeat Round 3.

Rnd 20: Knit.

all versions:

Knit 2 stitches from Needle 1 onto Needle 3.

Remove the original stitch marker and place it on the first stitch on needle 1 for new start of round.



separating for the back and head

Next Round: K8 stitches and place these just worked 8 stitches on scrap yarn.

Knit the next 24 stitches onto Needle 1.

Knit the next 24 stitches onto Needle 2.

Place the last 8 stitches on scrap yarn (you can use the other end of the scrap yarn holding the first 8 stitches).

Cut the yarn leaving an 12-inch end. Place the end on a yarn needle.

Stuff the body with fiberfill. Using the end placed on the yarn needle, use the Kitchener stitch to graft the stitches on Needle 1 and Needle 2 together.

At the end of the grafted seam use the remaining tail to create the tail as follows:

Pinch a small nub of the fabric at the back of the body at the end of the seam, wrap the yarn around the pinched nub 5 times. Pull the end to the inside of the toy and trim so the end stays inside. Pull the ends from the other colors to the inside of the toy and trim, as well.

head

Begin working at the beginning of the round. For colorwork sheep only, change to Belly Color.

Place the 16 held stitches back on the needles as follows:

Needle 1: 5 sts

Needle 2: 6 sts (Note that there will be 3 sts on either side of the graft.)

Needle 3: 5 sts

reattach the yarn selected for the head.

Rnd 1:

Needle 1: K5.

Needle 2: K3, pick up and knit 2 sts over the graft, k3. 8 sts.

Needle 3: K5.

18 sts total.

Rnd 2: Kfb, knit to the last stitch of the round, kfb. 20 sts.

Rnds 3-6: Repeat Rnd 2. 28 sts.

Rnds 7-13: Knit.

Rnd 14: K1, ssk, knit to the last 3 sts of the round, k2tog, k1. 26 sts.

Divide the stitches evenly onto 2 dpns, 13 sts on Needle 1, and 13 sts on Needle 3. Cut the yarn leaving an 12-inch end and place on a yarn needle. Stuff the head with fiberfill.

Use the Kitchener stitch and the long end to graft the stitches at the top of the head together. Pull the end to the inside and trim to stay inside.

ear (make 2)

Place 3 stitches on the needle by inserting the tip of the dpn under the right leg of 3 consecutive stitches on the side of the head, about 4 stitches from the back of the head and about 3 stitches below the grafted seam. Bring the yarn for the ear under the needle and begin to knit back and forth on 2 dpns as follows:

Rows 1-6: Knit.

Row 7: Kfb, k1, kfb. 5 sts.

Rows 8 and 9: Knit.

Row 10: Ssk, k1, k2tog. 3 sts.

Bind off the 3 stitches. Cut the yarn and pull the end through the remaining stitch. Weave in the end to the underside of the ear and tack the ear down to the side of the head with a few stitches. Pull the end to the inside and trim to stay inside, do the same with the other end from the start of the ear.

Repeat for the second ear.

leg and foot (make 4)

For colorwork version only, use Belly Color. Mark leg placement with detachable stitch markers or pull a scrap of yarn through the stitch. The legs are placed on the 6th garter ridge from the front and back of the belly. Starting at the edge with the first purl bump, insert the tip of the needle under 4 consecutive purl bumps. Work in I-cord on 2 dpns as follows:

*Knit one row. Without turning the work, slide the stitches back to the opposite end of the needle to work the next row. Repeat from * until you have worked 8 rows.



begin to work the foot.

Row 1 (still working in I-cord): Kfb, k2, kfb. 6 sts.

Row 2: Knit 2 stitches on each of 3 dpns.

Place a stitch marker on the first stitch and begin working in the round.

Rnd 1: (K1, kfb) repeat on each needle. 3 sts per needle, 9 sts total.

Rnds 2-4: Knit.

Stuff the foot with a tiny ball of fiberfill.

Cut the end leaving about 24-inches long. Place the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches and pull up tight to close the hole. Insert the needle through the foot and come out at the top of the foot. Wrap the end tightly around the I-cord leg, moving up and down the leg three times until it is completely covered. End up at the end near the body. Pull the end to the inside and trim to stay inside.

Repeat for the other three legs.

finishing

Eye: With a cut length of black embroidery floss placed on a yarn needle, make a small straight stitch about 2 stitches in front of the ear and 2 stitches down from the graft. Repeat for the other eye.

Nose: Make 2 straight stitches to form a V at the front of the face. Pull ends to the inside and trim to stay inside.

