



# MOOSE

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## MOOSE

Since I was a child, I have had a never-ending fascination with the woods. Growing up in Wisconsin, I have vivid memories of playing in the beautiful woods as a child. The feeling of just exploring and exploring and never wanting to come inside was magical. I still have that same feeling today when I hike the wooded trails and hills in my area. I hope it never goes away. When the Forest theme came up for this issue of Making, Moose seemed like perfect project. This is my first knit Moose design and it is a really fun adventure to make. This cute, squishy, seamlessly constructed moose comes complete with antlers and a pine-themed pullover sweater. Thoughts of the forest, the knit moose, and the pine sweater all create a pretty cozy scene that's hard to resist.

### Finished measurements

Moose: 8" [20.5 cm] tall when seated, including antlers

Sweater: 4" [10 cm] long, 12" [30.5 cm] body circumference

### Yarn

Home Worsted Weight by Barrett Wool Co. (100% American Wool; 100 g /230 yds [210 m])

- 1 skein in Bear (MC)
- 1 skein in Acorn (CC1)
- 1 skein in Peppercorn (CC2)
- 1 skein in Big Woods (CC3)

OR in worsted weight yarn:

115 yd [105 m] in MC, 70 yd [64 m] in CC1, 23 yd [21 m] CC2, 35 yd [32 m] in CC3

### Needles

- One set dpns in sizes US 6 and 7 [4 and 4.5 mm]
- One 16" [40 cm] circ in US size 7 [4.5 mm]

Or size to obtain gauge

### Gauge

**Moose:** 22 sts and 30 rows = 4" [10 cm] in St st with smaller needles.

**Sweater:** 20 sts and 28 rows = 4" [10 cm] in St st with larger needles.

### Materials

- Locking stitch markers
- Waste yarn
- Tapestry needle
- Fiberfill
- 6mm safety eyes (note that safety eyes are considered a choking hazard for young children)
- Black embroidery floss

### Notes

- The Moose begins at the bottom of the Body with Judy's Magic Cast On and is worked seamlessly in the round.
- Purl bumps are worked to indicate the Leg, Arm, and Ear placement.
- Stuffing is added in sections as the piece is continued to be knit.

### Abbreviations

**K** Knit

**P** Purl

**MC** Main color

**CC** Contrast color

**K2tog** Knit 2 stitches together

**Ssk** Slip 2 stitches separately and as if to knit, knit the two slipped stitches together through the back loops

**K1-f/b** Knit in the front and back of the same stitch

**Dpn(s)** Double-pointed needles

**Rnd(s)** Round(s)

**St(s)** Stitch(es)

**M1** Make one stitch by inserting the point of the left needle, from front to back, under the strand running between the stitches. Then knit the new stitch through the back loop.

**Inc** Increase

**Dec** Decrease

**BOR** Beginning of round

**N1, N2, N3** Needles 1, 2 and 3

**Sl1** Slip one stitch

**Pwise** purlwise

**CO** Cast on

**BO** Bind off

## 1. Body

With MC, smaller dpns, and using Judy's Magic Cast On, CO 36 sts. Place a locking st m in the first stitch for BOR and join to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts. Divide sts onto 3 dpns, 18 sts on N1 and 9 sts each on N2 and N3.

Knit 2 rnds.

### Begin shaping

**Next rnd inc rnd:** \*K3, m1; rep from \* to end—48 sts; 24 sts on N1, 12 sts each on N2 and N3.

Knit 5 rnds.

**Next rnd Leg placement:** P6, k12, p6, knit to end.

Knit 1 rnd.

**Next rnd inc rnd:** \*K3, m1; rep from \* to end—64 sts; 32 sts on N1, 16 sts each on N2 and N3.

Knit 30 rnds.

**Next rnd dec rnd:** \*K2, k2tog; rep from \* to end—48 sts; 24 sts on N1, 12 sts each on N2 and N3.

Knit 1 rnd.

**Next rnd Arm placement:** P2, k20, p6, k16, p4.

Knit 1 rnd.

**Next rnd dec rnd:** \*K1, k2tog; rep from \* to end—32 sts; 16 sts on N1, 8 sts each on N2 and N3.

Leave on needles and stuff the Body with fiberfill. Do not overstuff. The toy should remain squishy and soft.

## 2. Head

Knit 4 rnds.

Next rnd place Nose using waste yarn: K3, drop MC and with waste yarn k10, then slip those 10 sts back to LH needle, k the same 10 sts with MC, k3, [k1, k1-f/b] 8 times—40 sts; 16 sts on N1, 12 sts each on N2 and N3.

Knit 3 rnds.

Next rnd Eyes and Ears placement: K4, knit the next stitch and insert the safety eye into the center of the stitch just below the needle, k6, knit the next stitch and insert the safety eye into the center of the stitch just below the needle, k7, p3, k12, p3, k3. Note: The backings for the safety eyes are attached later.

Knit 2 rnds.

**Next rnd dec rnd:** \*K2, k2tog; rep from \* to end—30 sts; 12 sts on N1, 9 sts each on N2 and N3.

Snap on the backs of the safety eyes.

Knit 1 rnd.

**Next rnd dec rnd:** \*K1, k2tog; rep from \* to end—20 sts; 8 sts on N1, 6 sts each on N2 and N3.

Leave on needles and stuff the Head with fiberfill. Do not overstuff.

Knit 2 rnds.

**Next rnd dec rnd:** \*K2tog; rep from \* to end—10 sts; 4 sts on N1, 3 sts each on N2 and N3.

Finish stuffing. Break yarn, leaving a 6" [15 cm] tail, and thread onto tapestry needle. Draw through the rem sts twice and cinch closed. Draw tail to inside and weave in and trim.



### 3. Nose

**Note:** The afterthought method of picking up stitches is used to work above and below the waste yarn, plus one additional stitch is picked up on either side of the waste yarn. The waste yarn is then removed, leaving live stitches on the needles.

Starting one stitch to the right and working into the stitches directly below the waste yarn, insert the tip of one smaller dpn under the right leg of stitch, then continue picking up the right leg of each of the stitches directly below the waste yarn, then pick up the right leg of one stitch to the left of the waste yarn—12 sts on first needle.

With a second smaller dpn, pick up stitches in the same way in the row directly above the waste yarn—12 sts on second needle; 24 st total.

Pick out the waste yarn and remove. Distribute the sts so that there are 6 sts each on N1 and N2 and 12 sts on N3. Place a locking st m in the first stitch for BOR.

Join MC and knit 12 rnds.

**Next rnd dec rnd:** \*K2, k2tog; rep from \* to end—18 sts.

Knit 1 rnd.

**Next rnd dec rnd:** \*K1, k2tog; rep from \* to end—12 sts.

Knit 1 rnd.

Leave on needles and stuff the Nose with fiber-fill.

**Next rnd dec rnd:** \*K1, k2tog; rep from \* to end—8 sts.

Break yarn, leaving a 6" [15 cm] tail, and thread onto tapestry needle. Draw through the rem sts twice and cinch closed. Draw tail to inside and weave in and trim.

### 4. Ears

Insert the tip of one smaller dpn under the right leg of the 3 stitches directly below the 3 purl bumps for the Ears. Insert the tip of a second smaller dpn under the right leg of the 3 stitches directly above the 3 purl bumps—6 sts; 3 sts on each needle. Place a locking st m in the first stitch for BOR, attach MC leaving a 6" [15 cm] tail to use later, and knit 1 rnd.

#### Begin shaping

**Next rnd inc rnd:** \*K1-f/b, k1, k1-f/b; rep from \* to end—10 sts; 5 sts on each needle.

Knit 4 rnds.

**Next rnd dec rnd:** \*Ssk, k1, k2tog; rep from \* to end—6 sts; 3 sts on each needle.

Knit 1 rnd.

**Next rnd dec rnd:** \*Sl1 pwise, k2tog, pass the slipped st over and off the right needle; rep from \* to end—2 sts.

**Next row:** Place both sts on one needle and k2tog—1 st.

Break yarn, leaving a 6" [15 cm] tail, and draw through rem st.

Place tail from pick-up row on tapestry needle and make a couple of stitches to pinch the base of the Ear together. Draw tails to inside and weave in and trim.

Rep on the opposite set of purl bumps for second Ear.





## 5. Right Antler

Skip 2 stitches above the moose's right Ear. On the next stitch going toward the top of the Head, insert the tip of one smaller dpn under the right leg of 3 consecutive stitches in the row. Skip one row in between, and insert the tip of a second smaller dpn under the right leg of 3 consecutive stitches parallel to the first set of stitches—6 sts; 3 sts per needle. With moose's face facing, place a locking st m on first st (on front needle and closest to the top of the head) for BOR.

**Rnds 1–3:** With CC1, knit.

**Rnd 4 inc rnd:** K2, [k1-f/b] twice, k2—8 sts; 4 sts on each needle.

**Rnd 5:** Knit

**Rnd 6 inc rnd:** K2, [k1-f/b] 4 times, k2—12 sts; 6 sts on each needle.

**Rnd 7:** Knit.

**Rnd 8 inc rnd:** K4, [k1-f/b] 4 times, k4—16 sts; 8 sts on each needle.

**Rnd 9:** Knit.

**Rnd 10 inc rnd:** K6, [k1-f/b] 4 times, k6—20 sts; 10 sts on each needle.

**Rnd 11:** Knit.

**Rnd 12 inc rnd:** K8, [k1-f/b] 4 times, k8—24 sts; 12 sts on each needle.

**Rnd 13 place sts on waste yarn:** K4, place next 16 sts on waste yarn, k4—8 sts on needles; 4 sts per needle.

**Rnds 14 and 15:** Knit.

**Rnd 16 dec rnd:** \*K1, k2tog, k1; rep from \* to end—6 sts; 3 sts on each needle.

### Finish Antler branch

Lightly stuff the base of the first Antler with fiberfill. Break yarn, leaving a 6" [15 cm] tail, and thread onto tapestry needle. Draw through the rem sts twice and cinch closed. Draw tail to inside and weave in and trim.

Place the first 4 st from waste yarn onto the first dpn, leave the next 8 sts on waste yarn, place the last 4 sts on a second dpn. Reattach the yarn leaving a 6" [15 cm] tail. Place a locking st m in the first stitch for BOR and join to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts.

Rep Rnds 14–16 and the finishing for the second branch of the Antler.

Using the 6" [15 cm] tail from the beginning threaded through a tapestry needle, make a few stitches to close any gap in between the branches. Draw tail to inside, weave in, and trim.

Place the first 4 sts from waste yarn onto the first dpn and the last 4 sts on a second dpn. Reattach the yarn leaving a 6" [15 cm] tail. Place a locking st m in the first stitch for BOR and join to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts.

Knit 3 rnds.

Rep Rnd 16 and the finishing for the third branch of the Antler.

Using the 6" [15 cm] tail from the beginning threaded through a tapestry needle, make a few stitches to close any gap in between the branches. Draw tail to inside, weave in, and trim.



## 6. Left Antler

Skip 2 stitches above the moose's left Ear. Pick up as for Right Antler—6 sts; 3 sts per needle. With back of the Head facing, place a locking st m on first st (on front needle and closest to the top of the head) for BOR.

Work the Left Antler the same as the Right Antler.

## 7. Eyelids

With an 8" [20.5 cm] length of MC threaded through a tapestry needle, make a tiny straight stitch skimming the top of each of the safety eyes. Draw tail to inside and weave in and trim.

## 8. Nostrils

With an 8" [20.5 cm] length threaded through a tapestry needle, make two tiny straight stitches at the end of the Nose to make the nostrils. Draw tail to inside and weave in and trim.

## 9. Arms

Starting one stitch to the right and working into the stitches directly below the 6 purl bumps for Arms, insert the tip of one smaller dpn under the right leg of stitch, then into right leg of 6 stitches directly below the 6 purl bumps, then into the right leg of next stitch to the left. Pick up stitches in the row above purl bumps in the same way—16 sts; 8 sts on each needle. Place a locking st m in the first stitch for BOR.

With MC, knit 22 rnds.  
Break MC.

### Begin hand

**Next rnd:** With CC2, knit.

**Next rnd inc rnd:** \*K3, k1-f/b; rep from \* to end—20 sts; 10 sts per needle.

Knit 7 rnds.

**Next rnd dec rnd:** \*K2tog, k6, k2tog; rep from \* to end—16 sts; 8 sts per needle.

Lightly stuff the hand, leaving the Arm unstuffed.

Cut the yarn leaving an 8" [20.5 cm] tail. Thread yarn through tapestry needle and use the Kitchener stitch to graft the end of the hand closed. Draw tail to inside, weave in, and trim.

Rep on opposite side for the second Arm and hand.

## 10. Legs

Starting one stitch to the right and working into the stitches directly below the 6 purl bumps for Legs, insert the tip of one smaller dpn under the right leg of stitch, then into right leg of 6 stitches directly below the 6 purl bumps, then into the right leg of next stitch to the left. Pick up stitches in the row above purl bumps in the same way—16 sts; 8 sts on each needle. Place a locking st m in the first stitch for BOR.

Knit 7 rnds.

Break MC and attach CC2.

### Begin foot

**Next rnd:** Knit.

**Next rnd inc rnd:** \*K3, k1-f/b; rep from \* to end—20 sts; 10 sts per needle.

Knit 8 rnds.

**Next rnd dec rnd:** \*K2tog, k6, k2tog; rep from \* to end—16 sts; 8 sts per needle.

Lightly stuff the Leg and foot. Do not overstuff.

Cut the yarn leaving an 8" [20.5 cm] tail. Thread yarn through tapestry needle and use the Kitchener stitch to graft the end of the foot closed. Draw tail to inside, weave in, and trim.

Rep on opposite side for the second Leg and foot.

## 11. Pine Sweater

### Body

With CC3 and 16" circ, using the long-tail cast on, CO 60 sts. Place a locking st marker into the first st for BOR and join to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts.

**First rnd:** \*K1, p1; rep from \* to end.  
Work 3 more rnds in rib as est.  
Break CC3.

With MC, knit 1 rnd.

### Begin Pine Chart

(see chart pg. 7)

**Next rnd:** Work 10-st repeat 6 times.  
Cont to work chart in this way through rnd 15.  
With CC1, knit 3 rnds.

## 12. Separate Body and Sleeves

**Next rnd:** K10, place last 10 sts worked onto waste yarn, k20, k10, place last 10 sts worked onto waste yarn, k20.

Set aside and make the Sleeves.

## 13. Sleeves (make 2)

With CC3, larger dpns, and using the long-tail cast on, CO 18 sts. Place a locking st m into the first st for BOR and join to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts. Divide sts onto 3 dpns, 4 sts each on N1 and N2 and 10 sts on N3.

**First rnd:** \*K1, p1; rep from \* to end.  
Work 3 more rnds in rib as est.  
Break CC3.

With MC, knit 1 rnd.

With CC1, knit 5 rnds.

**Next rnd inc rnd:** K13, k1-f/b two times, k3—20 sts.

Knit 9 rnds.

Place the sts on waste yarn and set aside.

Rep for second Sleeve.

## 14. Join Sleeves and Body

Place the first 10 sts from the first Sleeve onto one dpn, ready to work on the next rnd. Leave rem 10 sts on waste yarn. Place first 10 sts from second Sleeve onto one dpn ready to work the next rnd. Leave rem 10 sts on waste yarn.

**Next rnd:** With CC1, knit across the 10 Sleeve sts, k20 body sts, knit across the 10 Sleeve sts from the second Sleeve, k20 body sts—60 sts.

**Next rnd dec rnd:** \*K1, k2tog; rep from \* to end—40 sts rem.

**Next rnd dec rnd:** \*K2, k2tog; rep from \* to end—30 sts rem.  
Break CC1.

### Begin rib

**Next rnd:** With CC3, \*k1, p1; rep from \* to end.  
Work 2 more rnds in rib as est.

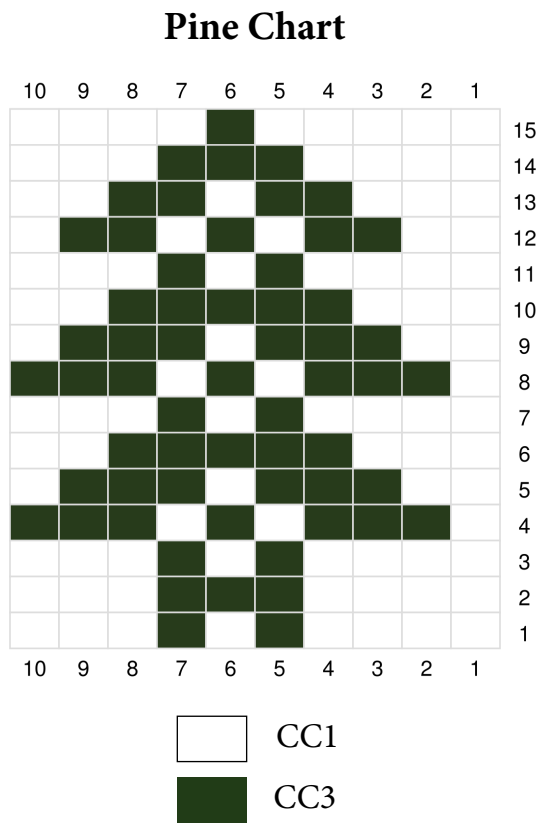
Next rnd: BO all sts loosely in patt.

## 15. Finishing

Place the 10 sts from sleeve on one dpn and 10 sts from Body on second dpn. Use the Kitchener stitch to graft underarm.

Weave in all ends to the inside and trim.

Block sweater, allow to dry and put on Moose.





# 16. Vine Sweater

Work the same as the Pine Sweater using only the Main Color up to the chart section.

Work Chart #1.

Knit 1 round in the Main Color.

Work Chart #2.

Knit 1 round in the Main Color.

Work Chart #1.

Go directly to section 12 - separate body and sleeves.

Continue on as written for the Pine sweater with only the Main Color.

## Chart #1

4	3	2	1	
		●	●	6
	●	●		5
●	●	×	×	4
		●	●	3
●			●	2
●	●			1
4	3	2	1	

	Big Woods
●	Acorn
×	Poppy

## Chart #2

4	3	2	1	
●	●			6
	●	●		5
×	×	●	●	4
●	●			3
●			●	2
		●	●	1
4	3	2	1	

	Big Woods
●	Acorn
×	Poppy

