Maisie dog coat

Materials

200g ball Jarol New Arrival DK Pair UK8/4 mm needles Pair UK9/3.75 mm needles 3.75 mm circular needle or set of long dpns (for edging)

3.75 mm dpns for leg edging

Measurements

To fit 24" to 26" (27" to 29") chest, back length 23" (25") excluding neck ribbing (adjustable).



Tension

21 sts and 28 rows to 4"/10 cm over mock rib stitch

Abbreviations

K	knit	inc	increase by working into front
Р	purl		and back of same st
st(s)	stitch(es)	dec	decrease by working 2 sts tog
rem	remaining	alt	alternate
foll	following	patt	pattern
dpns	double pointed needles	RS	right side
tog	together	WS	wrong side

Instructions

Using smaller straight needles, cast on 96 (104) sts and work in double rib as follows: 1st rib row: K1, (P2, K2) to last 3 sts. P2, K1.

2nd rib row: K3, (P2, K2) to last st, K1.

Work 2" rib (or desired neck rib length – more for a greyhound or similar long-necked dog), inc 1 st at each end of last row - 98 (106) sts.

Change to larger needles and work mock rib as follows:

Next row: K to end.

Next row: (K2, P6) to last 2 sts, K2.

Cont in patt, inc 1 st at each end of next and each alt (RS) row until there are 130 (146) sts, ensuring continuity of patt and bringing extra sts into patt as you work them.

Work 1 (WS) row.

Divide for leg openings: K18 (21), cast off 6, K82 (92), cast off 6, K18 (21).

Working on last 18 (21) sts only and continuing in patt, patt 1 row.

Dec 1 st at start of next (RS) and foll 2 alt rows - 15 (18) sts. Work 15(19) rows straight. Inc 1 st at start of next (RS) and foll 2 alt rows - 18 (21) sts. Work 1 row, thus

ending with a WS row. Cut yarn.

Rejoin yarn to centre group of 82 (92) sts and work 1 row. Dec 1 st at each end of next (RS) and 2 foll alt rows - 76 (86) sts. Work 1 row straight. Inc 1 st at each end of next (RS) and foll 2 alt rows - 82 (92) sts. Work 1 row. Cut yarn.

Rejoin yarn to last group of 18 (21) sts and work 1 row. Dec 1 st at end of next (RS) and foll 2 alt rows - 15 (18) sts. Work 15 (19) rows straight. Inc 1 st at end of next (RS) and foll 2 alt rows - 18 (21) sts. Work 1 row.

Joining row: K 18 (21), turn and cast on 6 sts, turn, K82 (92), turn, cast on 6 sts, turn, K18 (21) - 130 (146) sts.

Work straight until work measures 11" (12") from end of neck ribbing.

Shape back: Next 2 rows: Work 15 (18) sts, place these sts on a large safety pin, work to end - 100 (110) sts.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row (RS) and each alt row until there are 80 (88) sts left.

Work straight until work measures 20" (22") from end of neck ribbing (or 3" less than desired finished length).

Dec 1 st at each end of next and foll alt (RS) 4 rows - 70 (78) sts.

Dec 1 st at each end of next and foll 4 rows - 60 (68) sts. Leave sts on needle for edging.

Edging: With RS facing and using circular needle (or long dpns), place 15 (18) sts from 1st safety pin onto left hand needle and work across them as follows:

Smaller size: (K3, K2 tog) 3 times (12 sts).

Larger size: (K4, K2 tog) 3 times (15 sts).

Both sizes: Pick up and K 66 (77) sts along edge, K across 60 (68) sts from needle, pick up and K 66 (77) sts along other edge, and lastly place sts from 2nd safety pin onto left hand needle and work across them as follows:

Smaller size: (K2 tog, K3) 3 times (reducing from 15 to 12 sts)

Larger size: (K2 tog, K4) 3 times (reducing from 18 to 15 sts)

On these 216 (252) sts work 7 rows double rib as for neck. Cast off loosely – use a larger needle.

Leg edging: Using dpns, pick up and K 54 (64) sts around opening. Join into round and work 1" to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " double rib as desired. Cast off loosely using larger needle.

If you prefer, you can work 1 row of double crochet (US: single crochet) around each leg opening, using a 4 mm crochet hook (the coat at the top of the pattern is worked like this).

Making up: Press work lightly on WS under a dry cloth, avoiding neck and leg ribbing, to ensure that edging lies flat.

Stitch centre front seam from start of neck ribbing to end of edging ribbing. Weave in and secure any remaining ends. Press seam lightly under a dry cloth.



Detail of mock rib stitch pattern

Variations

Use a contrasting colour for the neck and edge ribbing – you will need about 50 g. Use up odd part balls of yarn in a striped version – this one used about 70 g of each of three colours.



