

# Dog Coat



## Measurements

	size	1	2	3	4
Neck Circumference	cm	25	35	40	45
Chest Circumference	cm	35	45	56	66
Length (finished, approx)	cm	35	40	42	46

## Materials

### Panda Magnum 8 ply 100g balls

Main Colour ( <b>M</b> – 310 Saxe)	1	2	2	2
Contrast Colour ( <b>C</b> – 321 Blue)	1	1	1	1

Use only the yarn specified. Other yarns are likely to produce different results. Quantities are approximate as they can vary between knitters. Check the ball bands to ensure all yarn is from the same dye lot.

- 1 pair each 3.25mm (UK 10) and 4.00mm (UK 8) knitting needles, a **set** of 3.25mm **double-pointed** knitting needles and a 3.25mm **circular** knitting needle or size needed to give correct tension.
- 2 stitch-holders.
- 1 button.
- wool needle for sewing seams.

## Tension

22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm over stocking st, using 4.00mm needles. To work a tension square, using 4.00mm needles, cast on 33 sts. Work 44 rows stocking st. Cast off loosely. Check your tension carefully. If less sts to 10cm use smaller needles, if more sts use bigger needles.

## Dog Coat (beg at neckband)

Using 4.00mm needles and **C**, cast on **61** (79-97-103) sts.

**1st row** – K2, \* P1, K1, rep from \* to last st, K1.

**2nd row** – K1, \* P1, K1, rep from \* to end.

Rep last 2 rows until work measures **7** (8-8-9) cm from beg.

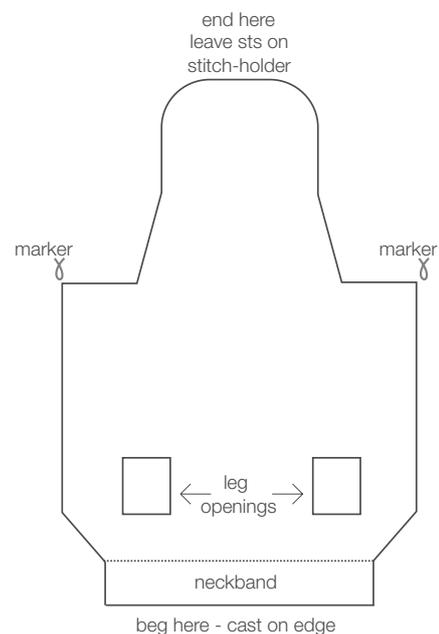
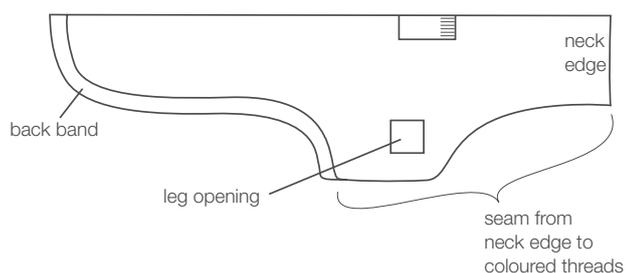
Change to 3.25mm needles.

Cont in rib until work measures **12** (14-14-16) cm from beg, ending with a 2nd row and dec 4 sts evenly across this row ... **57** (75-93-99) sts.

Change to 4.00mm needles and **M** for rem.

Working in stocking st for rem, inc one st at each end of every row until there are **67** (89-103-129) sts, then in every foll alt row until there are **79** (101-125-147) sts.

Work 1 row.



### Beg Leg Openings –

**Next row** – K8 (9-13-15), cast off next 8 (8-11-13) sts, K47 (67-77-91) *incl st already on right-hand needle after cast-off*, cast off next 8 (8-11-13) sts, knit to end.

Cont on these last 8 (9-13-15) sts.

Work 13 (17-19-21) rows.

Break off yarn and leave sts on a stitch-holder.

With wrong side facing, join **M** to centre 47 (67-77-91) sts.

Work 13 (17-19-21) rows.

Break off yarn and leave sts on stitch-holder.

With wrong side facing, join **M** to rem 8 (9-13-15) sts.

Work 13 (17-19-21) rows.

**Next row** – Working across all sts, K8 (9-13-15), **turn**, cast on 8 (8-11-13) sts, **turn**, knit across centre 47 (67-77-91) sts from stitch-holder, **turn**, cast on 8 (8-11-13) sts, **turn**, then knit across rem 8 (9-13-15) sts from stitch-holder ... 79 (101-125-147) sts. Cont working across all sts until work measures 30 (34-35-39) cm from beg, ending with a purl row.

Tie a coloured thread at each end of last row to mark end of seam.

### Shape Side Edges –

Cast off 10 (12-16-17) sts at beg of next 2 rows ... 59 (77-93-113) sts.

Dec one st at each end of every row until 45 (63-71-83) sts rem, then in every foll alt row until 39 (55-67-79) sts rem.

Cont without further shaping until work measures 45 (52-54-60) cm from beg or until desired length to base of tail.

Leave sts on stitch-holder.

### Back Band

**Note** – We recommend using mattress stitch to sew up your Dog Coat. If Dog Coat length has been altered, sts in band will also need to be altered to fit. When picking up sts for band, make sure the total number of sts is an even number.

Join seam from neck edge to coloured threads, reversing seam on neck section for first 7 (8-8-9) cm. With right side facing, using 3.25mm **circular** needle, **C** and beg at seam, knit up 35 (41-52-56) sts evenly along side edge to sts left on stitch-holder, knit across sts on stitch-holder, then knit up 36 (42-53-57) sts evenly along other side edge to seam ... 110 (138-172-192) sts.

Join to work in rounds.

**1st round** – \* K1, P1, rep from \* to end.

Rep 1st round 5 times.

Cast off **loosely** in rib.

### Leg Opening Bands

With right side facing, using **set** of 3.25mm **double-pointed** needles and **C**, knit up 34 (36-46-54) sts evenly around leg opening.

Join to work in rounds.

Work 6 rounds rib as for Back Band.

Cast off loosely in rib.

### Pocket

Using 4.00mm needles and **C**, cast on 17 (25-25-33) sts.

Work in stocking st for 6 (7-7-11) cm, ending with a purl row.

Work 4 rows rib as for neckband.

**Next row** – Rib 8 (12-12-16), yfwd, K2tog (buttonhole), rib to end.

Work 1 row rib.

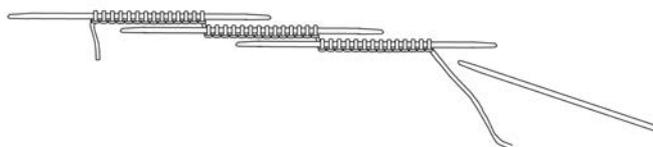
Cast off loosely in rib.

### To Make Up

Sew pocket to centre of Dog Coat as pictured, with rib band towards the neck. Sew on button to correspond to buttonhole on pocket and fasten. Fold neckband in half onto right side.

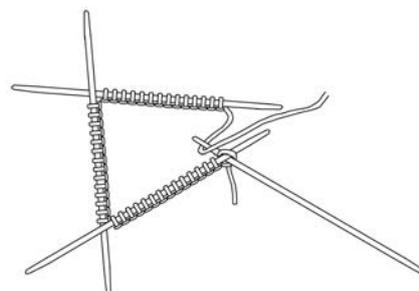
### Using a Set of Double-Pointed Needles

A set of needles consists of 4 (or more) needles with points at each end, used for knitting without seams. When knitting on a set, arrange about a third of the stitches on each of 3 needles, then use the 4th needle to begin the work. If using a set of 5 needles, arrange sts on 4 needles, using the 5th needle to begin knitting.



A set of needles can be replaced by a circular needle of suitable length for working on neckbands, however they are not suitable when decreasing to a point as in the crown of a hat (or the centre of a motif).

When the stitches on the first needle have been worked, use the now free needle to work the stitches on the next needle.

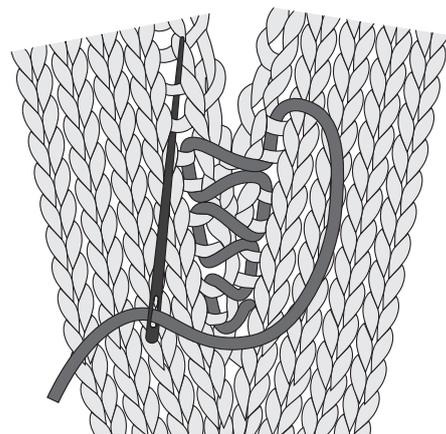


Knitting is done in rounds rather than rows. Do not turn the work but knit around in a circle. Every round is knitted on the right side so 'every round knit' forms stocking stitch with purl fabric on the inside.

## Mattress Stitch

A Mattress Stitch seam is almost invisible, so it is a good way to sew up your knitting. The seam is sewn from the right side so it is easy to see how to keep it straight and neat.

1. Put the two pieces next to each other, right side up and edges together.
2. Thread a wool needle with a long length of yarn.
3. Work one whole stitch (V shape) in from the edge and leave a long end before beginning to sew.
4. Put the needle between the edge stitch and the second stitch on the first row. Pass the needle under 2 rows (2 cross bars), then bring it back through to the front.
5. Repeat step 4 on the other piece.
6. Swap from side to side, always going into the hole that the last stitch on that side came out of. Always go under 2 rows – be careful not to miss any rows.
7. Keep the seam firm but do not pull the yarn too tightly – the seam should be as elastic as your knitting.
8. When the seam is finished, sew in ends.



## Knitting Abbreviations

**alt** = alternate

**approx** = approximately

**beg** = begin, beginning

**cm** = centimetres

**cont** = continue

**dec** = decrease, decreasing

**foll** = follows, following

**inc** = increase, increasing

**incl** = inclusive, including

**K** = knit

**P** = purl

**patt** = pattern

**rem** = remain, remaining

**rep** = repeat, repeating

**st/s** = stitch, stitches

**stocking st** = knit right side rows,  
purl wrong side rows.

**tog** = together

**yfwd** = yarn forward – bring yarn  
under needle then over into knitting  
position again, making a stitch.

**When instructions read ‘Cast off 5 sts, K5’**  
(or other numbers), the stitch remaining on  
right-hand needle after casting off is counted  
as the first stitch of the next section.

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