

Holiday Dog Shrug



Materials:

- 2 skeins, worsted yarn (we used Lion Brand Wool-Ease, white/multi and forest green)
- US 10 ½ straight needles
- Yarn needle
- Steam iron, for blocking
- US 10 double pointed needles (for I-cord, if desired)

Gauge:

Roughly 14 sts/inch; the number of rows does not matter.

Note: You cast on stitches, increase to the shrug's width, then work side to side from the ankle, increasing stitches up the leg until you obtain the desired depth (length) of the shrug. Then you work over the shoulders (body) and down the other leg, where you decrease for the ankle again. The length of the shrug (measured from the base of the neck down the dog's back to just below the shoulders, or down to the waist) is established by the number of stitches you increase. You may need to measure as you go to insure a decent fit, which will vary with yarn, knitting style, and dog.

As written, the pattern will fit a small dog, such as a Yorkie.

Shrug Body:

With green, cast on 16 stitches (sts).

Knit 2, purl 2 ribbing for 2".

Change to garter stitch (knit each row) and increase 1 st each row, for 10 rows: 26 sts.

Work garter stitch for 2 rows (approximately 4" total.) End green; change to white yarn.

Change to moss stitch:

Row 1: K1, p1

Row 2: P1, k1

Repeat rows 1 and 2 for 10".

Change to green (and with right side facing you.)

Work garter stitch for 2 rows.

Decrease 1 st each row for 10 rows; 16 sts.

K2, p2 ribbing for 2".

Bind off.

Block lightly, if desired.

To Assemble:

Fold in half lengthwise with right sides together

Using overhand stitch, sew 2 ½" on each leg (green section.)

Turn right side out.

Block with steam iron if desired.

Bow:

Use ribbon to make a bow and tack to sweater) or make an I-cord: with double pointed needles, CO 4 stitches. Knit across row. Don't turn the knitting, but slip the stitches to the opposite end of the needle. Pull the yarn to the back of the stitches, and knit across. (You will create a tube.) Continue to knit cord for 6". Bind off and trim or tuck in ends. Tie into bow, and tack into place on center back of the shrug.

