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Dog Sweater With Furry Options

EASY QUICK-KNIT

Make use of two of Rowan's prettiest yarns ~ now at close-out prices ~ to work up a charming button-trimmed sweater for your doggie with a button-on hoodie or "fur" collar. Pattern includes directions for basic sweater with two hem styles, faux fur knitting collar and "fur" trimmed knitted hoodie. Optional, but recommended, fabric-lined neck.

Finished Sweater Size
Chest: 14 (16 ~ 18)"

Gauge
Sweater and hoodie: 2 sts = 1" in st st using US 17 needles
"Fur" collar and trim: 2-3 sts = 1" in 2X2 rib or garter st

Materials
Rowan Ribbon Twist yarn: 1 skein
Rowan Big Wool Tuft yarn: 1 skein
Straight or circular needles: US 15, 17 & 10
Coordinating buttons
1/8 yard coordinating lining fabric (optional)
Sewing needle and matching thread

Willie (above) wears the sweater created in Rowan Ribbon Twist in Rocky with Rowan Big Wool Tuft "fur" collar in Shiver. Big sis Chopsticks rocks her hoodie made of Ribbon Twist in Ribble and Big Wool Tuft in Nightsky.

Make It
BACK

With Ribbon Twist and size 17 needles, cast on 10 (12 ~14) sts for neck and work in st st for 2 rows. Increase one st at each end of next two alt rows. (14 ~ 16 ~ 18 sts) Continue in st st until piece is 7½ (8½ ~ 9½") long ,

ending with a WS row. (Add to length here if your dog requires a longer sweater. You may also add or subtract increase sts as desired up to this point to adjust to your dog's size.)

SEED STITCH HEM
With Ribbon Twist and size 17 needles, cast on Change to seed st and work for three rows. Bind off in pattern. (Seed stitch: K1P1 to end of row on RS, then stitch in opposite pattern on next row.)

FAUX FUR HEM
With Big Wool Tuft and size 15 needles, change to garter st and work 6 rows. Bind off on next row. Pull all tufts through to right side if desired.

FRONT
With Ribbon Twist and size 17 needles, cast on 8 (10 ~12) sts for neck and work in st st for 2 rows.

Increase one st at each end of next two alt rows. (12 ~ 14 ~ 16 sts)
For male dogs: Continue in st st until piece is 6 (7 ~ 8") long. Bind off.
For female dogs: Continue in st st until piece is 7½ (8 ~ 8½") long, ending with a WS row. (Increase or decrease sts as desired up to this point, and add to length at this point if your dog requires a longer sweater.) Make faux fur hem or seed stitch hem as described for back.

DETACHABLE FAUX FUR COLLAR
With Big Wool Tuft and size 15 needles, cast on 20 (22 ~ 24) sts. Work in K2P2 rib on first two rows, then increase two sts at beginning of second row, maintaining rib pattern. Third row, work in rib. Fourth row, increase two sts at end of row. Fifth row, continue in rib pattern. Next row, bind off loosely in rib pattern. If desired, pull all tufts through to right side.

DETACHABLE HOODIE
With Ribbon Twist and size 17 needles, cast on 13 (15 ~ 17) sts and work in st st for 6 (6½ ~ 7"). Place half of sts on a second needle and hold

two needles facing the same direction with RS together. Using a third needle, K first st from both needles together. Do the same with second sts, then sl first new st over second and off right needle. Continue until the last st; cut yarn and sl through last st, pulling right and weaving loose ends into work.

~ For hoodie's fur trim, with RS facing use size 15 needles and Big Wool Tuft to PU and knit all sts around the inside edge of the hoodie. K 3 rows in garter st, then bind off.

~ To make a bobble at hoodie's peak, use size US 10 needles and Big Wool Tuft. Pull one loop of yarn through point of hoodie. Using other needle, K 5 times f&b into this one st. Turn work and purl all sts. Turn work again and knit sts. Turn work again and purl all sts. Turn work and knit all five sts together. Pull tightly at base, cut yarn and pull all loose ends through to wrong side of work, securing them with a knot and weaving loose ends into work. To reinforce bobble, use a sewing needle and thread to tack bobble down.
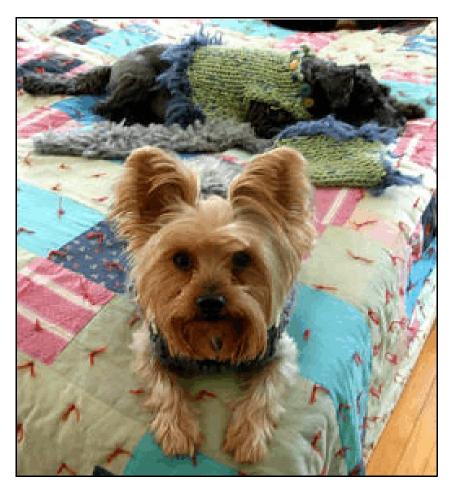
FINISHING

With WS together, stitch both sides of back to front from neck edge to where angled increases end. Leaving at least 3" open on each side for your dog's legs, stitch the remainder of the back and front together, reinforcing tightly at each edge.

~ Add optional fabric neck lining. *

~ Sew buttons all the way around neck edge, making sure to use enough large buttons to catch between stitches of "fur" collar or hoodie.

* For neck lining instructions, see my blog at www.mysavannahcottage.wordpress.com.

Above, sweater with detachable "fur" collar and seed stitch hem (for a boy)

.   *Above and right, sweater with detachable hood and faux fur hem (for a girl)*