

Basket of Daisies

Appliqued Dog Sweater

When the air conditioning makes your pup shiver, outfit him in a summer sweater that's quick and easy to make. This sweet cropped pullover with rolled edges, knit in an easy basketweave stitch from the bottom up, is appliqued with knitted daisies and pretty buttons and decorated with a perky ribbon at the neck.. Leave off the flowers, and it's a simple, comfy tee ~ perfect for dozing on the back of the sofa on a hot day.

INTERMEDIATE KNITTING SKILLS

Finished Sweater Size

Chest: 10-11 (13-14 ~ 15-16 ~ 17-18)"

Gauge

5 sts = 1" in st st using US 6 needles

Materials

* *Worsted weight yarn:* Main color (MC) ~ 100-150 yards. We used Brown Sheep Cotton Fleece in Cotton Ball. Daisies ~ small amounts of MC, as well as complementary colors. We used Brown Sheep Cotton Fleece in Buttercream and Soft Gold, plus a bit of DK cotton from our stash.

* *Needles:* US 6

* *Double-pointed needles:* set of 5, US 5

* *Stitch holders, stitch marker, buttons, ribbon*



A tisket, a tasket: Willie wears his "Basket of Daisies," knit in three shades of Brown Sheep Cotton Fleece



three rows in st st. Change to basketweave pattern (see box, below) and continue until work measures 3 (4 ~ 5 ~ 6)", ending with a WS row.

Note: If you want to adjust the length of the sweater for a longer or shorter than average dog, add or subtract length before leg openings.

Knit It

BODY

With size 6 needles and main color, cast on 45 (55 ~ 65 ~ 75) sts. Beg with a knit row, work

BASKETWEAVE STITCH PATTERN

(multiple of 10 sts plus 5)

Rows 1, 3, 5 (RS) K5, *p5, k5; rep from * to end.

Rows 2, 4 Purl.

Rows 6, 8, 10 K5, *p5, k5; rep from * to end.

Rows 7, 9: Knit.

Rep rows 1-10 till desired length.

LEG OPENINGS

* **Next row (RS):** Work 5 (6 ~ 6 ~ 8) sts, continuing in basketweave pattern, then place remaining sts on holder. Staying in pattern, continue on only these 5 (6 ~ 6 ~ 8) sts for 2 (2 ~ 2½ ~ 2½)", ending with a RS row. Place sts on a second holder and cut yarn.

Rejoin yarn and bind off next 6 (7 ~ 8 ~ 9) sts from first holder for leg opening, then (continuing in basketweave) work only next 23 (29 ~ 37 ~ 41) sts for 2 (2 ~ 2½ ~ 2½)", ending with a RS row.

Place sts on a third holder and cut yarn.

Rejoin yarn and bind off next 6 (7 ~ 8 ~ 9) sts from first holder for leg opening. Staying in pattern, work remaining 5 (6 ~ 6 ~ 8) sts for 2 (2 ~ 2½ ~ 2½)", ending with a RS row.

* **Next row (WS):** Still in basketweave pattern, work 5 (6 ~ 6 ~ 8) sts from needle. Cast on 6 (7 ~ 8 ~ 9) sts. Then work 23 (29 ~ 37 ~ 41) sts from third holder. Cast on 6 (7 ~ 8 ~ 9) sts, then work remaining 5 (6 ~ 6 ~ 8) sts from second holder. Continue until sweater measures 6 (6½ ~ 8 ~ 8½)" or desired length from beginning, ending with completion of first or second set of pattern rows.



NECK SHAPING

Locate center st and place marker just before it.

* Beg with a knit row, change to st st and knit to 1 st before marker. Insert the right needle into the next 2 sts on the left needle as if you were knitting them together and slip them to the right needle. Knit the next st on the left needle. With the left needle, pull both slipped sts over the stitch you have just knitted. This decreases two stitches and creates a pretty center vertical line.

* Continue in st st, decreasing only on RS, until sweater measures approx 7 (8 ~ 9 ~ 10)", ending with a WS row.

* Knit 2 additional rows without increases, then bind off on RS.



LEGS

With RS facing, size 5 dpns and MC, pick up and k 32 (34 ~ 40 ~ 40) sts evenly around each leg opening. Knit, decreasing 1 st on each side, until leg is a comfortable fit for your dog. Continue without decreases until leg is desired length. Bind off loosely on RS.

FINISHING

- * Block.
- * Make flowers (see boxes on this page) and fasten to sweater, using center buttons to anchor and tacking down petals.
- * Sew center seam and weave in all loose threads.
- * Thread a ribbon through sts at back neck, and tie in a bow.

LARGE DAISIES

Using US 6 needles, cast on 75 sts.

Row 1 (WS) Knit.

Row 2 *K1, cast off 13 sts (1 st on right needle after cast-off), rep from * to end.

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull up tight and fasten off securely.

Use two yarn ends to fasten flower to sweater.

SMALL FLOWERS

Using US 6 needles, cast on 35 sts.

*K1, cast off 5 sts (1 st on right needle after cast-off), rep from * to end.

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull up tight and fasten off securely.

Use two yarn ends to fasten flower to sweater.

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