

Raspberry Fool

crocheted dog sweater

QUICK & EASY

The clear, bright pink of this lovely Malabrigo colorway, Geranio, took me back to a day in the summer of 1969, when my college friends and I picked buckets full of fresh raspberries on a farm in Pennsylvania. That evening, I found a recipe for "Raspberry Fool," a deep-dish cobbler, and we all devoured it while watching the men walk on the moon and marveling at how far our country had come.

Finished Sweater Size

Chest: 14 (16 ~ 18)"

Gauge

4 hdc = 1" using F crochet hook

Materials

1 skein worsted weight yarn
F crochet hook

Make It

BACK

Ch 25 (33 ~ 37) and begin berry pattern as follows:

Row 1: Turn. Ch 2. DC across.

Row 2: Turn. Ch 1. 2 scs, *dc5tog in next dc, 3 scs*; repeat from * to * across, ending with 2 scs, sk tch.

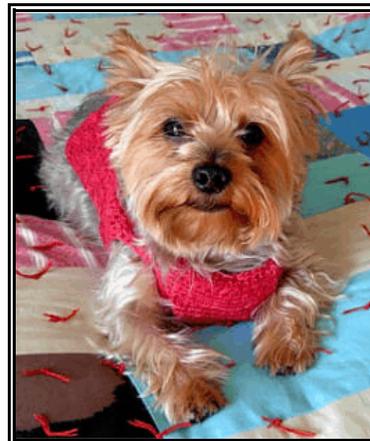
Row 3: Turn. Ch 2. DC across, sk tch.

Row 4: Turn. Ch 1. 4scs, *dc5tog in next dc, 3 scs*; repeat from * to * across, ending with 4 scs, sk tch.

Row 5: Turn. Ch 2. DC across, sk tch.

Repeat rows 2-5 3 (4 ~ 5) more times, for a total of 8 (10 ~ 12) rows of berries (or more, depending on the length of your dog).

Next row (WS): Turn. Ch 2. HDC across, sk tch.



Willie rocks the raspberry patch in his sweater crocheted in Malabrigo Merino



Shaping row (RS): Turn. Ch 2, hdc2tog at beg and end of this and every other row until work is approx 1-3/4 (2-3/4 ~ 3-3/4)" from beg of shaping section, ending on a RS row and making sure final row of this section contains a multiple of 4 sts + 1.
Next row (WS): Begin **Row 1** of berry pattern and work one full repeat of the pattern (5 rows).

FRONT

Ch 30 (34 ~ 38). HDC across, sk tch. Repeat. Work straight until piece measures 2½ (3 ~ 3½)".

Shaping row (RS): Turn. Ch 2, hdc2tog at beg and end of this and every other row until work is approx 3½ (4½ ~ 5½)" from beg of this section.

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FINISHING

Block front and back pieces if desired.

Work single crochet border all the way around both front and back pieces. This will give a finished, even edge as well as keeping sweater from stretching.



Join front and back. Using mattress stitch or preferred method, stitch front to back for about 1 (1-1/4 ~ 1 1/2)" down each side. Taking into consideration size of your dog's legs, leave 3 to 4 1/2" open, then continue stitching front to back to end.

Weave in loose threads.



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