

Optional Now comes the fun part, dressing the sheep. You can create different coats from different yarns, in other words anything goes!

You can use 3.75 mm (US size 5) to make a soft fabric.

Basic coat- Cast on 10 stitches and knit the required number of rows to wrap over the sheep's back from one side to the other. Cast off. Fold in half and with wrong sides facing. Stitch together the edges at one end to form the back end and a very short seam (about 1cm) at the front. This will fit under the sheep's head. You must leave an opening large enough at this end for the sheep's head to pass through. Turn right side out.



A curly boucle yarn was used for the white coat (garter stitch) and a grey DK for the other coat (moss stitch).

Thank you so much for joining in on the knitting project - it is very much appreciated.



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Kiltiernan Knitters

Small Sheep Pattern

Calling all those among us who are knitters! We need you to get your needles out and help us knit a flock of small knitted sheep for our Posada - Nativity Set Journey. The Nativity Set, along with all the little knitted sheep, will travel from family to family during Advent before returning to church in time for Christmas.



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Use DK yarn for the head, body, legs and ears and size 2.75 mm needles (US size 2). This finer needle gives the required tighter fabric. All the sheep will turn out different sizes & colours - all sheep accepted to join the Kiltiernan flock!



Different yarns vary in the way they knit up You can adjust if necessary to suit your own requirements. Feel free to experiment with stocking stitch and reverse stocking stitch, both are suitable, it's a matter of personal choice.

Body - Cast on 14 stitches, knit 16 rows. With a large sewing needle take the stitches off onto a length of yarn and draw up. With wrong sides facing stitch the long edges together. You should now have a tube. Turn to the right side, stuff and draw up the open end to make a fat sausage shape.

Legs (knit 4) - Cast on 6 stitches and knit 8 rows. Cast off. Roll up the knitted piece as tightly as you can to form a tiny sausage shape and stitch down the open edge (no stuffing required). Stitch the tops of the legs to the body as shown above.

Head- Cast on 9 stitches and knit 10 rows. Take stitches off onto a sewing needle and draw up. With right side facing (because head is too small to turn inside-out) neatly oversew the long edges together. Lightly stuff the head and gather the open end. To give the head a realistic curved shape push the threaded needle from the nose end through the head and out of the top. Pull until you have the required curved shape then fasten off. Decide which end is better for the nose and stitch the head to the body (see picture above).

Ears (knit 2) - Cast on 3 stitches and knit 2 or 3 rows. Remove stitches onto sewing needle and draw up, this makes the pointed end of the ear. Oversew down the ear to the base and stitch it to the top of the head (see picture above).

Now you can give the sheep a face. Eg using embroidery floss.