Christmas dog sweater

Small · US terms



Finished size
About 12¼ in (31 cm) round the neck, 17¼ in (44 cm) round the chest and 12¾ in (32.5 cm) long

Skill
Intermediate
It is worked in joined rounds with increases, leg openings and a post stitch rib.

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 10 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: berry red, the sweater	**about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: evergreen, the band	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: snow, the diamonds	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Fiber: wool or acrylic

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: a yarn needle and scissors.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Neck	Chest	Length	Yarn, an estimate
Extra small	11 in (28 cm)	14¾ in (37.5 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	about 190 yd (174 m)
Small (this file)	**12¼ in (31 cm)**	**17¼ in (44 cm)**	**12¾ in (32.5 cm)**	**about 270 yd (247 m)**
Medium	14¾ in (37.5 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm)	14¾ in (37.5 cm)	about 350 yd (320 m)
Large	17¼ in (44 cm)	24½ in (62 cm)	18¾ in (47.5 cm)	about 510 yd (466 m)

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
FPhdc	front post half double crochet (UK front post half treble)
BPhdc	back post half double crochet (UK back post half treble)
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

13 stitches and 10 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

There should be 13 stitches; rows worked back and forth are not quite as tall as rounds, so go by the stitches. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Work a swatch before you begin: ch 22; row 1, hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across (20 hdc); rows 2 to 15, ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across (20 hdc). Lay it flat and count the stitches over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle.
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> | **Swatch foundation** | Ch 22. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across | **(20 hdc)** |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 15** | Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across | **(20 hdc)** |

Before you start

- Join the foundation chain into a ring with a slip stitch, and take care that it is not twisted. The join runs down the middle of the back.
- Each round is joined with a slip stitch in its first stitch. The chain of 2 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch; work the first stitch into the stitch the round before was joined in.
- A post stitch is worked round the upright of the stitch below, from the front (FP) or from the back (BP), not into its top.
- Measure your dog round the widest part of the chest. Choose the size whose chest is nearest to that measure, and the smaller one if your measure is half way between two: the fabric gives. For a longer or shorter sweater add or leave out plain rounds in the part headed Length, and keep the order of the colors; added rounds take more yarn than is given here.
- Tapestry crochet: where two or more colors share a round, lay the color or colors of that round not in use along the top of the round before and work over them, all the way round, so that they are carried inside the stitches.
- Join C at the start of the first round it is used in and carry it from there. Where a round begins in a new color, the chain of 2 is in that color too.

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- Inside a round, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before the change. To change where a joined round begins, draw it through as the last yarn over of the slip stitch that joins the round before. Where two or more colors share a round, cut nothing at a change: the color you leave is carried. A color that is not used in the next round is cut at the end of the round, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Colors of the body, round by round. Rounds 1 to 15: A. Round 16: B. Rounds 17 to 19: B and C. Round 20: B. Rounds 21 to 32: A.

Instructions

Chosen: Small. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, hdc is half treble, FPhdc is front post half treble, BPhdc is back post half treble and sk is miss.

Body

Yarns in order of use: A, berry red; B, evergreen; C, snow.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 40, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	

Collar

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, hdc in each ch around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(40 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 5**	Ch 2, **[**FPhdc around next 2 sts, BPhdc around next 2 sts**] 10 times**, sl st in first FPhdc to join	**(20 FPhdc, 20 BPhdc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 5: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5

Chest

☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(44 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(44 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(48 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(48 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(52 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(52 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 12 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(56 hdc)**

Leg openings

☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 2, hdc in next 17 sts, ch 7, sk next 7 sts, hdc in next 8 sts, ch 7, sk next 7 sts, hdc in next 17 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	**(42 hdc, 2 ch-7 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 2, hdc in next 17 sts, 7 hdc in next ch-7 sp, hdc in next 8 sts, 7 hdc in next ch-7 sp, hdc in next 17 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	**(56 hdc)**

Length

☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 2, **[**with B, hdc in next st, with C, hdc in next 2 sts, with B, hdc in next st**] 14 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(56 hdc)**

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☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 2, **[**with C, hdc in next st, with B, hdc in next 2 sts, with C, hdc in next st**] 14 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 2, **[**with B, hdc in next st, with C, hdc in next 2 sts, with B, hdc in next st**] 14 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	With A, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 22 to 29**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(56 hdc)**

A box for each round, 22 to 29: tick them off as you go.

22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

Hem

☐ **Rnds 30 to 32**	Ch 2, **[**FPhdc around next 2 sts, BPhdc around next 2 sts**] 14 times**, sl st in first FPhdc to join	**(28 FPhdc, 28 BPhdc)**

A box for each round, 30 to 32: tick them off as you go.

30 31 32

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Cuff: make 2

Yarn A, berry red.

Work each cuff round one leg opening. Round 13 skipped 7 stitches there and made a chain of 7 over them, and round 14 worked 7 hdc into that ch-7 space. Round 1 of the cuff has 14 places, with one half double crochet (UK half treble) in each: where it says each st, these 14 places are meant.

The lower edge: hold the sweater as it was worked, with the collar down and the right side toward you. Join the yarn with a slip stitch in the skipped stitch at the right. Work the first hdc in that same stitch and one in each of the other 6 skipped stitches. The upper edge: now turn the sweater round so that the collar is up and the ch-7 space is below the opening. The 7 hdc of round 14 hang down from that chain. Do not work into the chains; work 7 hdc over the chain, each in a gap beside one of those 7 stitches: put the hook through the fabric in the gap, under the chain, and up through the opening. Work one in each of the 6 gaps between two of those stitches, and the last in the gap after the last of them, at the corner. If a small hole is left at a corner, close it with the tail.

☐ **Foundation**	The edge of one leg opening, RS facing; join A in the skipped stitch at the right; 14 places: the 7 skipped stitches, then 7 along the ch-7 space.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(14 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 4**	Ch 2, **[**FPhdc around next st, BPhdc around next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first FPhdc to join	**(7 FPhdc, 7 BPhdc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 4: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the inside.

In all: 3 pieces; 1,762 stitches (1,650 in the body, 56 in each cuff); 14 ends to weave in.

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