# Rainbow dog sweater

Size M · US terms



Finished size

**About 14¾ in (37.5 cm) at the neck and about 22¾ in (58 cm) at the chest**

To fit a dog with neck 14 in (35.5 cm), chest 21 in (53.5 cm), back 15 in (38 cm)

Skill

**Easy**

Basic stitches, simple shaping and seams.

Yarn

**Medium (4), 5 colors**

Hook

**5.5 mm (US I-9)**

Gauge

**13 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm)**

In half double crochet.

## You will need

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| Yarn A: red, the main color | **about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn B: orange, the second color | **about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn C: lemon, the third color | **about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn D: fern, the fourth color | **about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn E: royal, the fifth color | **about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate** |

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

## Sizes

| Size | To fit chest | Neck (the collar around) | Chest | Length | Leg around | Leg length | Yarn, an estimate |
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| **XS** | 13 in (33 cm) | 9¾ in (25 cm) | 14¾ in (37.5 cm) | 9 in (23 cm) | 5 in (12.5 cm) | 2¼ in (5.5 cm) | about 180 yd (165 m) |
| **Size S** | 16 in (40.5 cm) | 12 in (30.5 cm) | 17¾ in (45 cm) | 11½ in (29 cm) | 6¼ in (16 cm) | 3 in (7.5 cm) | about 265 yd (242 m) |
| **Size M (this file)** | **21 in (53.5 cm)** | **14¾ in (37.5 cm)** | **22¾ in (58 cm)** | **15 in (38 cm)** | **7½ in (19 cm)** | **3½ in (9 cm)** | **about 405 yd (370 m)** |
| **Size L** | 26 in (66 cm) | 17¾ in (45 cm) | 27¾ in (70.5 cm) | 18½ in (47 cm) | 9¾ in (25 cm) | 4¼ in (11 cm) | about 585 yd (535 m) |
| **XL** | 31 in (78.5 cm) | 20½ in (52 cm) | 32½ in (82.5 cm) | 22¼ in (56.5 cm) | 11 in (28 cm) | 4½ in (11.5 cm) | about 830 yd (759 m) |


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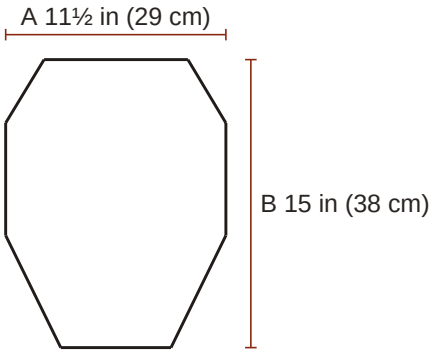
## Schematic




**Laid flat, from above**
A half the chest
B the neck (the collar around)

## Abbreviations

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

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| **ch** | chain |
| **sl st** | slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch) |
| **sc** | single crochet (UK dc, double crochet) |
| **hdc** | half double crochet (UK htr, half treble) |
| **st** | stitch |
| **rnd** | round |
| **RS** | right side |

### Special stitches

**hdc2tog (half double crochet 2 stitches together (UK half treble 2 together)):** [Yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop] twice (5 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 5 loops. It leaves 1 hdc2tog for the next row or round.

## Gauge

**13 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm)** in half double crochet.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 21; begin in the 2nd ch from the hook and work 16 rows of half double crochet on 20 sts, about 6¼ in (16 cm) wide and 5¾ in (14.5 cm) high, and measure 4 in (10 cm) in the middle. Use a larger hook if your swatch is small, a smaller one if it is large. Single crochet rounds (the first round, the hem and the leg edges): about 15 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). Collar: worked sideways, 14 rows to 4 in (10 cm).

## Before you start

- Dog sizes. Measure the neck where a collar sits, the chest at its widest, and the back from the collar to the tail.
- The chest is 1½ to 1¾ in (4 to 4.5 cm) wider than the dog and the neck ½ to 1 in (1.5 to 2.5 cm) wider, by the size; the collar rib stretches. Choose by the finished measurement; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given. Take the sweater off when nobody is watching the dog.
- In back loop only: insert the hook under the loop of the stitch that is farther from you, and leave the nearer loop free.


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- The body, the hem and the legs are worked in rounds that are not turned; the right side always faces you. The collar and the back are worked in rows that are turned.
- The chain at the start of a round or of a row (ch 1 for single and half double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch into the stitch at its base.
- The beginning of the rounds of the body is at the middle of the back.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- Stitches worked evenly along row ends: about 7 sc in every 6 rows.
- Color changes in rows: work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving an end of about 6 in (15 cm), or, if it is needed again at the same edge within 6 rows and that edge is straight, carry it loosely up the edge.
- Color changes in rounds: work the sl st that joins the round before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving an end of about 6 in (15 cm), or, if it is needed again within 6 rnds, carry it loosely up the inside at the join.
- Whip stitch: hold the two edges together, put the needle through both from back to front, bring the yarn over the edges and go in again from the back, one stitch along.
- Length along the back, without the collar 15 in (38 cm).

## Instructions

Chosen: Size M. 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 row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and hdc is half treble.

### Collar

**Yarn E, royal.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With yarn E, ch 13. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | **(12 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rows 2 to 52** | Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of each st across | **(12 sc)** |

A box for each row, 2 to 52: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving an end of about 12 in (30 cm). With this end, whipstitch the last row to the foundation chain, stitch to stitch, to make a ring. Both sides of the rib look alike; either may be the outside.

### Body

**Yarns in order of use: A, red; B, orange; C, lemon; D, fern; E, royal.**

Colors, counted from rnd 1: 2 rnds yarn A, 2 rnds yarn B, 2 rnds yarn C, 2 rnds yarn D, 2 rnds yarn E; repeat these 10 rnds to the end (the last repeat may stop part way).

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Hold the collar with one open edge at the top. Join yarn A at its seam, which is the middle of the back. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1** | Ch 1, sc in the end of each rib row around; join with sl st in first sc | **(52 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Ch 1; [hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st] twice,<br>**[**hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc | **(58 hdc)** |


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| ☐ **Rnd 3** | **Yarn B.** Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc | **(58 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 4** | Ch 1; hdc in next 4 sts, [2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts] twice, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 9 sts**] 3 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts; join with sl st in first hdc | **(64 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 5** | **Yarn C.** Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc | **(64 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 6** | Ch 1; hdc in next 4 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 15 sts**] 3 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 11 sts; join with sl st in first hdc | **(68 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 7** | **Yarn D.** Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc | **(68 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 8** | Ch 1; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts**] 4 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts; join with sl st in first hdc | **(74 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 9** | **Yarn E.** Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc | **(74 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 10** | Ch 1; hdc in next 18 sts, ch 12, skip next 12 sts, hdc in next 14 sts, ch 12, skip next 12 sts, hdc in next 18 sts; join with sl st in first hdc | **(50 hdc, 24 ch)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 11** | **Yarn A.** Ch 1; hdc in each st and each ch around; join with sl st in first hdc | **(74 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 12** | Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc | **(74 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnds 13 to 14** | **Yarn B.** Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc | **(74 hdc)** |

A box for each round, 13 to 14: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ **Rnds 15 to 16** | **Yarn C.** Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc | **(74 hdc)** |

A box for each round, 15 to 16: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ **Rnds 17 to 18** | **Yarn D.** Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc | **(74 hdc)** |

A box for each round, 17 to 18: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ **Rnds 19 to 20** | **Yarn E.** Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc | **(74 hdc)** |

A box for each round, 19 to 20: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ **Rnds 21 to 22** | **Yarn A.** Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc | **(74 hdc)** |

A box for each round, 21 to 22: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ **Rnds 23 to 24** | **Yarn B.** Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc | **(74 hdc)** |

A box for each round, 23 to 24: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ **Rnds 25 to 26** | **Yarn C.** Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc | **(74 hdc)** |

A box for each round, 25 to 26: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ **End** | Fasten off. | |


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## Back

**Yarns in order of use: D, fern; E, royal; A, red; B, orange; C, lemon.**

Colors: rows 1 and 2 yarn D; rows 3 and 4 yarn E; rows 5 and 6 yarn A; rows 7 and 8 yarn B; rows 9 and 10 yarn C; rows 11 and 12 yarn D; row 13 yarn E.

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| ☐ **Foundation** | The back is worked in rows on all the stitches but the middle 20 of the belly. Counting from the first st of rnd 26, sts 1 to 27 are one half of the back, sts 28 to 47 are the belly, and sts 48 to 74 are the other half of the back. With the right side facing, join yarn D in st 48 and work toward the beginning of the round and past it (the joining sl st is not a stitch), on the next 54 sts. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Ch 1; hdc in each st across | **(54 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 2** | Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across | **(54 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 3** | **Yarn E.** Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog | **(52 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 4** | Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across | **(52 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 5** | **Yarn A.** Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog | **(50 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 6** | Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across | **(50 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 7** | **Yarn B.** Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog | **(48 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 8** | Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across | **(48 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 9** | **Yarn C.** Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog | **(46 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 10** | Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across | **(46 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 11** | **Yarn D.** Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog | **(44 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 12** | Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across | **(44 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 13** | **Yarn E.** Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog | **(42 hdc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off. | |

## Hem

**Yarn E, royal.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With the right side facing, join yarn E in st 28 of rnd 26 of the body, the first of the 20 belly sts. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1** | Ch 1, sc in each of the 20 belly sts, 15 sc evenly along the side of the back, sc in each of the 42 sts at its end and 15 sc evenly along the other side; join with sl st in first sc | **(92 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnds 2 to 3** | Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc | **(92 sc)** |

A box for each round, 2 to 3: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ **End** | Fasten off. | |


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### Leg: make 2

**Yarns in order of use: A, red; E, royal.**

Colors: rnds 1 to 8 yarn A; rnds 9 and 10 yarn E.

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With the right side facing, join yarn A in the first of the 12 skipped sts of rnd 9 at one end of a leg opening. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1** | Ch 1, hdc in each of the 12 skipped sts,<br>then hdc in each of the 12 chs along their free side; join with sl st in first hdc | **(24 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnds 2 to 8** | Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc | **(24 hdc)** |

A box for each round, 2 to 8: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ **Rnds 9 to 10** | **Yarn E.** Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc | **(24 sc)** |

A box for each round, 9 to 10: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ **End** | Fasten off. If a small hole is left at either end of the opening, close it with the yarn end. | |

### Putting it together

Fold the collar down over itself, to the outside.

## Finishing

- Weave in all the ends on the inside. Wash as the yarn label says and lay flat to the measurements to dry.

In all: 3,848 stitches (624 in the collar, 1,838 in the body, 630 in the back, 276 in the hem, 240 in each leg).

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