

TURTLE-NECK DOG SWEATER

SIZE: Directions for medium size (chest 24", neck to tail 14", stands 12" high).

MATERIALS: Fleisher's or Bear Brand Petite Knitting Worsted, 1 3-oz skein main color (mc), about 45 yds contrasting color (cc). Bucilla Featherlite aluminum knitting needles No. 1 (standard), Bucilla plastic knitting needles No. 5 (standard). English sizes 12 and 8.

GAUGE: 8 rows—1".

UPPER SECTION: COLLAR: With No. 1 needles and cc, cast on 64 sts loosely. Work K 1, P 1 ribbing for 1". Break off cc. *Next Row* (right side): With mc, K. K 1 row from wrong side for ridge. Continue ribbing for 1", end on right side. K 1 row from wrong side for turning ridge. Working ribbing, inc 1 st each side every $\frac{3}{4}$ " twice; 68 sts. Work even until 5" from beg. Place marker for end of collar.

BODY: With No. 5 needles, continue ribbing until $2\frac{1}{2}$ " from marker. Mark for beg of front leg opening. Dec 1 st each side of next row. Work $2\frac{1}{2}$ " even. Inc 1 st each side of next row; 68 sts. Mark for

end of leg opening. Work even until $10\frac{1}{2}$ " from end of collar. Dec 1 st each side; repeat decs on 4th row once; 64 sts. With No. 1 needles, continue decs each side every 2nd row 9 times; 46 sts. Bind off in ribbing 2 sts at beg of each of next 2 rows, 3 sts at beg of each of next 2 rows. Bind off 36 sts.

UNDER SECTION: With No. 1 needles and cc, cast on 28 sts loosely for collar. Work ribbing same number of rows as on upper section. With mc, continue collar same as for upper section until 5" from beg; 32 sts. Place marker for end of collar. With No. 5 needles, work even until $2\frac{1}{2}$ " from marker. Bind off 2 sts at beg of each of next 2 rows for beg of front leg openings. Dec 1 st each side of next row. Work even on 26 sts for $2\frac{1}{2}$ ". Inc 1 st each side of next row. Cast on 2 sts at end of each of next 2 rows; 32 sts. Work even until 7" from end of collar. *Dividing Row:* Work 13 sts, place on holder; bind off next 6 sts; finish row. Work to center edge. Bind off 2 sts at beg of next row. Keeping outer edge even, dec 1 st at center

edge every 2nd row until 3 sts remain. Bind off. Finish other side to correspond.

LEGS: With No. 5 needles and cc, cast on 40 sts. Work K 1, P 1 ribbing for 6 rows. Break off cc. *Next Row* (right side of cuff): With mc, K. K 1 row for turning ridge. Work ribbing for 12 rows. Bind off loosely in ribbing.

FINISHING: Baste upper and under sections together. Sew $2\frac{1}{4}$ " of collar seam from wrong side. From right side, sew remainder of seam up to leg openings; sew from ends of leg openings to end of under section. Sew leg seams. Sew legs to openings with seam at back. Steam.

Check your dog's size by measuring chest circumference, length of body from neck to tail, and desired length of sleeve sections. Check these sizes with the size for which directions are given. Then either add stitches or subtract them according to the changes necessary for your pet.

