



## Halloween Dog

### Materials needed:

- Worsted weight yarn in black and a little in red
- Knitting needles US size 6 (4 mm)
- Mattress needle
- Polyester or cotton for stuffing

### Abbreviations used:

R = row, k = knit, p = purl, m1 = make 1, k2tog = knit two stitches together, k3tog = knit three stitches together, m1p = make 1 purl-wise, p2tog = purl two stitches together.

**Size of the toy:** around 14 inches (it depends on size of the

knitting needles and how tightly you are knitting

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

The toy is knitted with stockinette stitch, unless otherwise noted. The even number of the rows should be purled, unless otherwise noted, therefore we will not include the even numbers of the rows that need to be purled

### HEAD, BODY and TAIL (make 1)

We will start knitting from the head side.

Cast on 9 stitches with brown yarn.

**R1** knit the whole row = 9 stitches

**R3** k1, (m1, k1) x 8 times = 17 stitches

**R5 - R9** stockinette stitch (i.e. knit odd rows and purl even rows) = 17 stitches

**R11** k1, (m1, k2) x 8 times = 25 stitches

**R13 - R27** Stockinette stitch - i.e. knit the odd rows and purl the even rows

**R29** k1, (k1, k2tog) x 8 times = 17 stitches

this will be the neckline.



**R31** k1, (m1, k2) x 8 times = 25 stitches

**R33- R39** Stockinette stitch - knit odd rows and purl even rows = 25 stitches

**R41** k1, m1, k2, m1, k1 = 27 stitches

**R43 - R71** Stockinette stitch - knit odd rows and purl even rows = 27 stitches

**R73** k1, k2tog x 13 times = 14 stitches

**R75** k2, k2tog x 5 times, k2 = 9 stitches

end of body - we will continue with knitting the tail

**R77 - R107** stockinette stitch - knit odd rows and purl even rows

**R106** slip 8 stitches over the first stitch one by one: insert the knitting needle into the second stitch and slip it over the first stitch. Now insert the knitting needle into the third stitch and slip it over the first stitch. Work the same way through 9th stitch and slip it over the first stitch as well. Now you should have only one (the first) stitch on your needle. Cast off.

**LEGS** (make 4)

Cast on 10 stitches with brown yarn.

**R1 - R15** Stockinette stitch - knit odd rows and purl even rows

**R17** slip 9 stitches over the first stitch one by one: insert the knitting needle into the second stitch and slip it over the first stitch. Now insert the knitting needle into the third stitch and

slip it over the first stitch. Work the same way through 10th stitch and slip it over the first stitch as well. Now you should have only one (the first) stitch on your needle. Cast off.

**EARS** (make 2)

We will knit ears with garter stitch - i.e. **all rows are knitted**, as odd rows as well as the even rows.

Cast on 6 stitches with brown yarn.

**R1-R4** knit all of the rows (including even rows!)

**R5** k1, m1, k4, m1, k1 = 8 stitches

**R6 - R12** knit all of the rows (including even rows)

**R13** k1, m1, k6, m1, k1 = 10 stitches

**R14 - R28** knit all of the rows (including even rows)

**R29** k1, cast off 1, k8 = 9 stitches

**R30** k1, cast off 1, k7 = 8 stitches

**R31** k1, cast off 2, k4 = 6 stitches

**R32** cast off

### **HOW TO MAKE UP**

Sew the sides of HEAD, BODY and TAIL piece on the wrong (purl side, leaving a small opening in the middle of the belly. Turn the piece inside out through the opening and stuff with polyester. Use a pencil to stuff the tail, too. Tie the black yarn around the neckline, tie a knot and pull tightly - this will shape the neckline.

Sew the ears onto the head, embroider eyes and mouth with red yarn.

Sew the sides of the leg on the wrong (purl) side, leaving the opening at the side to be sewn onto the body. Turn the piece inside out through the opening, stuff it and sew across. Do the same for the remaining 3 legs and sew all of the 4 legs onto the body.