

Fellow Sheep



An advanced-beginner pattern so quick, you can knit sheep by the herdful!

Tag your sheep with #FELLOWSHEEP (literally and online), then set them free to bring fluffy happiness—and happy fluffiness—to those who find them.

Yarn: Any yarn in 3 colors will do! Choose a fleecy yarn for extra fuzzy wool coats.

Needles: Pair of needles (or a circular needle) 2-3 sizes smaller than you'd normally use with your yarn.

Other materials: Stuffing, tapestry needle

Gauge: Gauge isn't important for this project—yippee! Just make sure that your stitches are relatively tight.

Note: The finished project may be very small and not suitable for small children.

A list of pattern abbreviations can be found in the How-to section at mochimochiland.com.

Body (worked back to front)

With A (the coat color), cast on 2 stitches.

Rows 1 and 2: Knit.

Row 3: [Kfb] twice (4 sts).

Row 4: [Kfb] 4 times (8 sts).

Row 5: Knit.

Row 6: [Kfb] 8 times (16 sts).

Row 7: Knit.

Row 8: K1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 (18 sts).

Rows 9-15: Knit (7 rows).

Cut the yarn, leaving a tail of about 5".

Switch to B (the face color).

Row 16: K1, [k2tog] 3 times, k4, [k2tog] 3 times, k1 (12 sts).

Row 17: Purl.

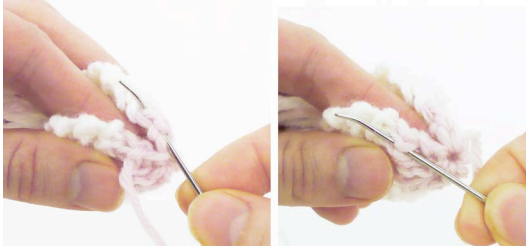
Row 18: Knit.

Row 19: [P2tog] 6 times (6 sts).

Cut the yarn, leaving a tail of about 5", and thread the it onto a tapestry needle. Draw the tail through the stitches from right to left.



Next, stitch up the bottom of the face, making your stitches on the outside of the piece. Leave what's left of the tail hanging on the outside of the piece.



Use the 5" tail of A to begin stitching up the rest of the seam.

Stuff the piece before completing the seam.

Features

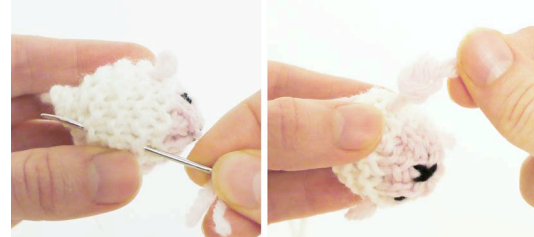
With a contrasting color yarn, embroider eyes onto the face, using two small stitches for each, and placing them one stitch up from the color change and spacing them four stitches apart. Embroider the nose with one long horizontal stitch across the closed up stitches at the end of the piece, and a small vertical stitch just under it.

With the remaining tail of B, stitch a loose loop for each ear, placed two stitches back from each eye. Loosely weave what's left of the tail in and out of the body a few times to secure.

Weave the loose ends into the body using a tapestry needle, and trim.

Legs

Cut two 5" pieces of B. Holding them together, thread them both onto a tapestry needle. Insert the doubled yarn through the bottom of the body, from front to back, to form one front and one back leg. (Align the legs so that they're directly below one eye.)



Tie the doubled yarn into a knot on each side, as close to the body as you can make them. Make the other back and front leg in the same way. Trim the ends.