

# MOSS the SHEEP

KNITTING PATTERNS BY AMANDA BERRY

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## YARN + NOTIONS

### Needles:

- A pair of 4mm straight knitting needles (US 6)

### Notions:

- 2 x 5mm black beads for the big sheep's eyes, sewing needle and thread
- 2 x 4mm black beads for the little sheep's eyes
- Toy filling (less than 150g)
- A darning or tapestry needle to sew the knitted pieces together

### Yarn:

*All aran or worsted weight yarns, and less than 50g in each colour:*

 **Cream:** Patons Wool Blend Aran in shade "Natural Flame"

 **Brown:** Rowan Felted Tweed Aran in shade "Cork"



## NOTES

**Finished size:** The big sheep is approximately 12cm tall and 13cm long. The little sheep is approximately 5cm tall.

**Work flat:** All pieces are knitted flat (back and forth) on a pair of straight knitting needles.

**Tension:** The tension is approximately 20 sts x 28 rows for a 10cm x 10cm square in stockinette stitch on 4mm needles. Don't worry too much about tension, as the knitted pieces will stretch a bit when the toy is stuffed.

**Casting on:** Unless otherwise specified, I prefer to use the long tail cast on for all pieces.

**Yarn:** The yarn used was sold in skeins weighing 50 to 100g, and one skein in each colour will be more than sufficient to knit your toys.

# ABBREVIATIONS

**inc2** *Double increase:* Knit into the front, then the back, and then the front again of the next stitch to make 2 additional stitches.

**k** Knit

**k2tog** *Decrease:* Knit two stitches together.

**k3tog** *Double decrease:* Knit three stitches together as follows:

- Slip the next stitch purl-wise from the left to right needle.
- Knit the first two stitches on the left needle together.
- Pass the slipped stitch on the right needle over the k2tog stitch you just worked.

**p** Purl

**p2tog** *Decrease:* purl two stitches together

## **Pull through to cast off**

Cut the yarn leaving at least a 30cm tail. Thread the tail onto a darning needle and sew through the remaining sts on the knitting needle. Pull the sts off the knitting needle on to

the yarn, gather together tightly and secure the yarn.

**rep** Repeat

**RS** Right side

**slip 1** Slip the next stitch on the left needle onto the right needle purl-wise (unless otherwise specified) without knitting or purling the stitch.

**st(s)** Stitch(es)

**turn** Turn the work (as you would at the end of a row) but leaving some sts unworked at the end of the row. In this pattern, you do not need to wrap the next stitch at the point of the turn.

**WS** Wrong side

[...] Repeat the sequence between the square brackets by the number indicated.

(.. sts) The number in round brackets at the end of the instruction indicates the number of stitches after working the row.

# KNITTING PATTERNS

## **Big Sheep Body**

*Make 1.* Cast on 8 sts in cream on straight 4mm needles.

**Row 1:** [k1, p1] x 4 (8 sts, WS)

**Row 2:** [p1, inc2] x 4 (16 sts, RS)

**Row 3:** [k1, p1] x 8 (16 sts)

**Row 4:** [p1, inc2, p1, k1] x 4 (24 sts)

**Row 5:** [k1, p1] x 12 (24 sts)

**Row 6:** [p1, inc2, [p1, k1] x 2] x 4 (32 sts)

**Row 7:** [k1, p1] x 16 (32 sts)

**Row 8:** [p1, inc2, [p1, k1] x 3] x 4 (40 sts)

**Row 9:** [k1, p1] x 20 (40 sts)

**Row 10:** [p1, inc2, [p1, k1] x 4] x 4 (48 sts)

**Row 11:** [k1, p1] x 24 (48 sts)

**Row 12:** [p1, inc2, [p1, k1] x 5] x 4 (56 sts)

**Row 13:** [k1, p1] x 28 (56 sts)

**Row 14:** [p1, k1] x 28 (56 sts)

**Rows 15 to 30:** rep rows 13 and 14 eight times (56 sts)

**Row 31:** rep row 13 (56 sts)

**Row 32:** [p1, k3tog, [p1, k1] x 5] x 4 (48 sts)

**Row 33:** [k1, p1] x 24 (48 sts)

**Row 34:** [p1, k3tog, [p1, k1] x 4] x 4 (40 sts)

**Row 35:** [k1, p1] x 20 (40 sts)

**Row 36:** [p1, k3tog, [p1, k1] x 3] x 4 (32 sts)

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**Row 37:** [k1, p1] x 16 (32 sts)

**Row 38:** [p1, k3tog, [p1, k1] x 2] x 4 (24 sts)

**Row 39:** [k1, p1] x 12 (24 sts)

**Row 40:** [p1, k3tog, p1, k1] x 4 (16 sts)

**Row 41:** [k1, p1] x 8 (16 sts)

**Row 42:** [p1, k3tog] x 4 (8 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

**Making up:** Sew the side edges together and stuff the body as you sew to make a ball shape. Note that this seam runs down the underside of the body. Finish by gathering the cast on stitches together (the head will cover these stitches at the front).

## Big Sheep Head

*Make 1.* Cast on 20 sts in cream on straight 4mm needles.

*Work rows 1 to 7 in cream.*

**Row 1:** [k1, p1] x 10 (20 sts, WS)

**Row 2:** [p1, k1] x 2, p1, inc2, [p1, k1] x 3, p1, inc2, [p1, k1] x 3 (24 sts, RS)

**Row 3:** [k1, p1] x 12 (24 sts)

**Row 4:** [p1, k1] x 12 (24 sts)

**Rows 5 to 6:** rep rows 3 and 4 (24 sts)

**Row 7:** p5, p2tog, p10, p2tog, p5 (22 sts)

*Work rows 8 to 23 in brown.*

**Row 8:** k (22 sts)

**Row 9:** p (22 sts)

**Rows 10 to 21:** rep rows 8 and 9 six times (22 sts)

**Row 22:** k1, [k2tog, k1] x 7 (15 sts)

**Row 23:** [p2tog] x 7, p1 (8 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

**Making up:** Sew the side edges together ending at the cast on edge. Note that this seam runs up the centre back of the head. Stuff the head through the top. Finish by sewing the cast on edge together across the top. Sew on two 5mm black beads for eyes. Then sew the head onto the body.

## Big Sheep Ears

*Make 2.* Cast on 5 sts in brown on straight 4mm needles.

**Row 1:** p (5 sts, WS)

**Row 2:** k (5 sts, RS)

**Row 3:** p (5 sts)

**Row 4:** [k2tog x 2], k1 (3 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

**Making up:** Sew the cast on edge of each ear to the side of the head.

## Big Sheep Feet

*Make 4.* Cast on 12 sts in brown on straight 4mm needles.

**Row 1:** p (12 sts, WS)

**Row 2:** k (12 sts, RS)

**Rows 3 to 4:** rep rows 1 and 2 (12 sts)

**Row 5:** p (12 sts)

**Row 6:** [k2tog] x 6 (6 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

**Making up:** Sew the side edges together ending at the cast on edge. Stuff the each leg through the top. Finish by sewing the cast on edge to the bottom of the sheep's body.

## Big Sheep Tail

*Make 1.* Cast on 8 sts in cream on straight 4mm needles.

**Row 1:** [k1, p1] x 4 (8 sts, WS)

**Row 2:** [p1, k1] x 4 (8 sts, RS)

**Rows 3 to 6:** rep rows 1 and 2 twice (8 sts)

**Row 7:** rep row 1 (8 sts)

**Row 8:** [k2tog] x 4 (4 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

**Making up:** Sew the side edges together ending at the cast on edge. Note that this seam runs up the centre back of the tail. Sew the cast on edge to the back of the sheep's body.

## Little Sheep Body

*Make 1.* Cast on 8 sts in cream on straight 4mm needles.

**Row 1:** [k1, p1] x 4 (8 sts, WS)

**Row 2:** [p1, inc2] x 4 (16 sts, RS)

**Row 3:** [k1, p1] x 8 (16 sts)

**Row 4:** [p1, inc2, p1, k1] x 4 (24 sts)

**Row 5:** [k1, p1] x 12 (24 sts)

**Row 6:** [p1, k1] x 12 (24 sts)

**Rows 7 to 10:** rep rows 5 and 6 twice (24 sts)

**Row 11:** [k1, p1] x 12 (24 sts)

**Row 12:** [p1, k3tog, p1, k1] x 4 (16 sts)

**Row 13:** [k1, p1] x 8 (16 sts)

**Row 14:** [p1, k3tog] x 4 (8 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

**Making up:** Sew the side edges together and stuff the body as you sew to make a ball shape. Note that this seam runs down the underside of the body. Finish by gathering the cast on stitches together (the head will cover these stitches at the front).

### Little Sheep Head

*Make 1.* Cast on 5 sts in brown on straight 4mm needles.

*Start by making the ears.*

**Step 1:** Cast off 2 sts (3 sts)

**Step 2:** Slip the 1 stitch on the right needle onto the left needle (3 sts)

**Step 3:** Cast on 6 sts (9 sts)

**Step 4:** Cast off 2 sts (7 sts)

**Step 5:** Slip the 1 stitch on the right needle onto the left needle (7 sts)

**Step 6:** Cast on 2 sts (9 sts)

*Now make the head on these 9 sts.*

**Row 1:** k (9 sts, RS)

**Row 2:** p (9 sts, WS)

**Rows 3 to 6:** rep rows 1 and 2 twice (9 sts)

**Row 7:** [k2tog] x 4, k1 (5 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

**Making up:** Sew the side edges together ending at the cast on edge. Note that this

seam runs up the centre back of the head. Add a small amount of stuffing, then sew the top edge closed. Sew on two 4mm black beads for eyes, then sew the head onto the body.

### Little Sheep Feet

*Make 4.* Cast on 2 sts in brown on straight 4mm needles.

**Row 1:** inc 2, turn leaving 1 st unworked (4 sts, RS)

**Row 2:** p3 (4 sts, WS)

**Row 3:** k3, turn leaving 1 st unworked (4 sts)

**Row 4:** p3 (4 sts)

**Row 5:** [k2tog] x 2 (2 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

**Making up:** With the RS facing outwards, sew each bobble foot to the underside of the sheep's body.

