

# Sock-it-to-me Dog Sweater

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This versatile doggie sweater was created using the same knitting method used for making socks.

**SKILL LEVEL:** Intermediate

**SIZE:** This pattern is written for a 10 lb. male Maltese using the following measurements:

- Neck..... 10"
- Chest ..... 15"
- Space between front legs 4"
- Leg opening ..... 4"
- Neck to front leg length..... 3"
- Back of front legs to bottom of rib cage ..... 4"
- Back length ..... 10"

This sweater can be adapted to smaller and larger dogs by changing loom size and adjusting the number of rounds or inches based on your dog's measurements.

SUGGESTED LOOMS FOR VARIOUS SIZED DOGS	
Knifty Knitter Loom	Dog's Maximum Chest Size
24-peg round blue loom	11 inches
31-peg red round loom	15½ inches
36 peg green round loom	18 inches
41 peg yellow round loom	20½ inches
26-peg pink long loom	9½ inches
38-peg lt. yellow long loom	14 inches
50-peg lt. green long loom	18 inches
62-peg lt. blue long loom	23 inches

*These suggestions are based on the gauge produced using medium tension eK stitch. The average gauge for the round loom is 2 st per inch (blue is smaller gauged); long looms produce approximately 2¾ st per inch.*

## MATERIALS

- Bernat Softee Chunky yarn: 2 skeins in main color (A) and 1 skein in contrasting color (B)
- Knifty Knitter 31-peg red loom - change loom sizes according to size of dog. See suggested loom size below.
- Optional: 12-peg KK loom for attached leg ribbing
- Large eye darning needle & crochet hook for finishing ends and touchups

## NOTES

- Instructions are written for counterclockwise knitting
- Stitches used: Chain cast-on, e-wrap, u-wrap, purl and double wrap bind-off
- Techniques used: Short row shaping, lifted increase, changing from round to flat panel knitting.

ABBREVIATIONS & SYMBOLS:	
A = main color	P = purl stitch
B = contrasting color	DW = double wrap
CO = cast on	SR = short row shaping
BO = bind off	M1 = increase 1 st (make 1)
st = stitch	(→) = knitting to the right
CC = change colors	(←) = knitting to the left
eK = e-wrapped knit st	(∪) = working counterclockwise
uK = u-wrapped knit st	(∩) = working clockwise



## INSTRUCTIONS

### Collar

1. Using one strand of B and the round 31-peg KK red loom, do a chain CO (∪)
2. Work 15 rounds (3½") of uK1/P1 ribbing. (→)

### Neck to front legs

3. CC to two strands of A. When using A, two strands are held as one.
4. Work 12 rounds (3¼") of eK (neck to front leg).

### Leg openings & space between the front legs (short row shaping)

1. Begin short row shaping for front leg opening by e-wrapping & K half the pegs on your loom. Since I am using the 31 peg green loom, I will be e-wrapping and K pegs 1-15 (→), turn on peg 16, e-wrap & K pegs 15 back to peg 1. Turn on peg 1, e-wrap & K back to peg 16.

2. Begin decreases as follows:
  - a. Turn on peg 16, e-wrap & K pegs 15-3 (←). Lift the loop from peg 1 and place it on peg 2, then e-wrap & K 2/1 on peg 2. This leaves peg 1 empty.
  - b. Turn on peg 2, then e-wrap & K pegs 3→14. Lift the loop from peg 16 and place it on peg 15, then e-wrap & K 2/1 on peg 15. This leaves pegs 1 & 16 empty.
  - c. Turn on peg 15, e-wrap & K pegs 14-4 (←). Lift the loop from peg 2 and place it on peg 3, then e-wrap & K 2/1 on peg 3. Pegs 1-2 & 16 are now empty.
  - d. Turn on peg 3, then e-wrap & K pegs 4→13. Lift the loop from peg 15 and place it on peg 14, then e-wrap & K 2/1 on peg 14. Pegs 1-2 & 15-16 are empty.
  - e. Turn on peg 14, e-wrap & K pegs 13-5 (←). Lift the loop from peg 3 and place it on peg 4, then e-wrap & K 2/1 on peg 4. Pegs 1-3, 15-16 are empty.
  - f. Turn on peg 4, then e-wrap & K pegs 5→12. Lift the loop from peg 14 and place it on peg 13, then e-wrap & K 2/1 on peg 13. Pegs 1-3 & 14-16 are empty.
  - g. Turn on peg 13, e-wrap & K pegs 12-6(←). Lift the loop from peg 4 and place it on peg 5, then e-wrap & K 2/1 on peg 5. Pegs 1- 4 & 14-16 are empty.
  - h. Turn on peg 5, e-wrap & K pegs 5→11. Lift the loop from peg 13 and place it on peg 12, then e-wrap & K 2/1 on peg 12. Pegs 1-4 & 13-16 are empty.
  - i. Turn on peg 12, e-wrap & K pegs 11-5 (←). This should leave 8 pegs (pegs 5-12) with loops and 4 empty pegs on each side (pegs 1-4 on the left and pegs 13-16 on the right). The number of pegs you leave with loops should be adjusted according to your dog's measurements. *(For the large gauge looms multiply the measurement between the legs by 2 to determine the number of pegs left with loops. For the long looms, multiply by 2.75. I used 8 pegs because my dog measures 4" and 4X2=8 pegs.)*
3. Begin lifted increases (M1), as follows:
  - a. M1 at the beginning and end of the row by lifting the loop from peg 5 and place it on peg 4. Lift the "ladder" between pegs 4 & 6, twist ∪ and place on peg 5. Also, lift the loop from peg 12, place on peg 13, lift-twist ∪ ladder between pegs 11 & 13, and then place it on peg 12. E-wrap & K pegs 4-12 (→).
  - b. Turn on peg 13, e-wrap & K pegs 12-4 (←)
  - c. M1 at the beginning and end of the row by lifting the loop from peg 4 and place it on peg 3. Lift the "ladder" between pegs 3 & 5, twist ∪ and place on peg 4. Also, lift the loop from peg 13, place on peg 14, lift-twist ∪ ladder

- between pegs 12 & 14, and then place on it peg 13. E-wrap & K pegs 3-13 (→).
- d. Turn on peg 14, e-wrap & K pegs 13-3 (←).
- e. M1 at the beginning and end of the row by lifting the loop from peg 3 and place it on peg 2. Lift the "ladder" between pegs 2 & 4, twist ∪ and place on peg 3. Also, lift the loop from peg 14, place on peg 15, lift-twist ∪ ladder between pegs 13 & 15, and then place it on peg 14. E-wrap & K pegs 2-14 (→).
- f. Turn on peg 15, e-wrap & K pegs 14-2 (←).
- g. M1 at the beginning and end of the row by lifting the loop from peg 2 and place it on peg 1. Lift the "ladder" between pegs 1 & 3, twist ∪ and place on peg 2. Also, lift the loop from peg 15, place on peg 16, lift-twist ∪ ladder between pegs 14 & 16, and then place it on peg 15. E-wrap & K pegs 2-15 (→).
- h. Turn on peg 16, e-wrap & K pegs 15-1 (←).
4. Turn on peg 31, e-wrap & K pegs 1-31 (knitting 2/1 on peg 31). This ends the short row shaping.

#### **Body & Back**

5. EK 14 rounds (4") or the distance from the back of the front leg to the bottom of the rib cage. For female dogs, omit Step 6 and continue knitting in the round until you reach 1 inch shorter than desired back length, then proceed to Step 7 below. For male dogs, continue on to Step 6.
6. For male dogs, beginning on round 15 wrap once and eK pegs 1-4 (→). On pegs 5-12, double wrap each peg then knit 1 over 2 (→). Lift the top loop from the peg on pegs 5-12 to create a very loose stitch. Be sure to pull down on the knitted stitches to "set" and keep them on the pegs.
  - a. BO the loose stitches on pegs 5-12 by lifting the loop from peg 6, placing it on peg 5, knitting it off peg 5 then replacing it on peg 6. Continue the BO procedure ending on peg 12.
  - b. Wrap and eK pegs 13-3 (→) When knitting on pegs 1-4 for the first round, knit 2 over 1.
  - c. Wrap and turn on peg 4, then P pegs 3 & 2; eK pegs 1-16; P pegs 15-13 (←).
  - d. Wrap & eK pegs 13-4 (→).
  - e. Repeat Steps 13 & 14 until the flat panel is 1 inch shorter than desired back length.
7. CC to one strand of B and work 1 inch of uK1/P1 ribbing.
8. BO the ribbing using the method described in Steps 10 & 11 above.

#### **Leg opening ribbing (optional)**

*Note: For this pattern I used the 12 peg KK flower loom to create the ribbing directly on the leg openings. However, if you need to adjust the ribbing to a larger or smaller size, it's best to knit the ribbing as a small flat panel and then whip stitch it in place.*

9. Using the 12 peg KK flower loom, bring the right side of the sweater leg opening up through the middle of the loom. CO by maintaining even

spacing and attaching 12 double strand stitches from the edge of the leg opening to the 12 pegs of the loom.

10. Create ribbing by eK1/P1 for approximately 6-8 rounds (1½ - 2 inches).
11. Do a stretchy BO similar to the one explained previously.

### ***Finishing***

Using a crochet hook and a large-eyed darning needle, secure all loose ends and tighten gaps or holes around leg openings.

