



LAMB

knitting pattern by Claire Garland

FINISHED SIZE 22cm/8.5in - nose to tail

NEEDLES Pair 3.50mm/ size 4 needles (plus one spare *) and pair 3.75mm/ size 5 needles

YARN I used two shades yarn held together in these shades, you'll need less than half a ball of each:

A brown 4-ply – Drops Alpaca shade 0607

B beige 4-ply – Drops Alpaca shade 0618

C off-white – Rowan Alpaca Classic shade 00115

D off-white boucle – Drops Boucle shade 0100

E pink mohair – Drops Kid-silk shade 03

TENSION 15 rows and 11 stitches over 5cm

EYES – pair 8mm grey toy eyes with plastic backs - however if the toy is intended for a very young child then please stay safe and embroider french knot eyes instead

EXTRA – heavy-weight toy filling, length dark brown 4-py yarn for the nose and hoof detail

Begin at the NOSE

Using 3.50mm/ size 4 needles and with yarns A & B (brown 4-ply and beige 4-ply) held together, cast on 7 sts

Row 1 inc) Kfb, k to last st, kfb – 9sts

Row 2 P

Rows 3-6 inc) Rep last 2 rows twice - 13sts

Row 7 inc) Kfb, k4, kfb, k1, kfb, k to last st, kfb – 17sts

Row 8 P

Cut yarn A (brown) join on yarn C (off-white), cont. with 2 yarns as foll:

Row 9 inc) Kfb, k5, kfb, k3, kfb, k to last st, kfb – 21sts

Rows 10 & 12 P

Row 11 inc) K7, kfb, k5, kfb, k to end - 23sts

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Cut yarn B (beige) join on yarn D (boucle), cont. with 2 yarns as foll:

Row 13 inc) K8, kfb, k5, kfb, Turn to work on Forehead as foll:

FOREHEAD

Row 14 P9, Turn

Row 15 inc) K1, kfb, k5, kfb, k1, Turn – 11 forehead sts

Row 16 P11, Turn

Row 17 inc) K2, kfb, k5, kfb, k2, Turn – 13 forehead sts

Rows 18-20 Beg. with a p row work 3 rows st st

Cut yarns and leave sts on a large safety pin for now.

RIGHT SIDE

Return to the 8 sts on lamb's right side, with yarns C & D (off-white 4-ply and boucle) and 3.50mm (smaller) needles cont as foll:

Row 13 RS facing – k across

Rows 14-16 Beg. with a p row work 3 rows st st

Row 17 dec) Skpo, k4, k2 tog – 6 right side face sts

Row 18 P

Cut yarns and leave sts on a large safety pin for now.

LEFT SIDE

Return to the 8 sts on lamb's left side, with needles and yarn as before:

Row 14 WS facing – p across

Rows 15-16 Work 2 rows st st

Row 17 dec) skpo, k4, k2 tog – 6 left side face sts

Row 18 P

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HEAD BACK

Row 19 K across 6 sts from lamb's left side, rejoin forehead sts to a knitting needle with RS ready to knit across, k across 13 forehead sts, rejoin 6 right side sts to a knitting needle with RS ready to knit across, k across 6 right side sts – 25sts

Row 20 P

Row 21 dec) Cast off 4 sts (these are your **Head Back Seam** sts), k4, Turn, Cast on (cable cast-on) 5sts – 10 ears sts. Either slip the remaining 16 sts onto a stitch holder or work the foll. Left ear sts on a spare needle (*).

Cut yarn D (boucle), join on yarn B (beige 4-ply), cont. with 2 yarns as foll:

LEFT EAR

Row 1 P 10 sts for left ear

***Row 2** inc) K3, kfb, k2, kfb, k3 – 12 ear sts

Row 3 P12

Row 4 Skpo, k2, kfb, k2, kfb, k2, k2 tog

Row 5-6 Rep last 2 row once

Rows 7, 9 & 11 P

Row 8 dec) K3, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k3 – 10sts

Row 10 dec) K2, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k2 – 8sts

Row 12 dec) K1, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k1 – 6sts

Row 13 dec) P2, p2 tog, p2 – 5sts**

Cut yarn, thread ends through all 5 sts, pull up to close up the sts and secure the end.

HEAD BACK

RS facing, rejoin yarns C & D (off-white 4-ply and boucle) to live sts and with 3.50mm/ size 4 (smaller) needles knit very next 7 sts for Head Back,
Turn

Row 2 P7

Row 3 inc) K1, kfb, k3, kfb, K1– 9 head back sts

Row 4 P9

Row 5 inc) K2, kfb, k3, kfb, k2 – 11 head back sts

Row 6 P11

Row 7 inc) K3, kfb, k3, kfb, k3 – 13 head back sts

Row 8 P13. **PM** at each end last row for **Ear Back** Marker

Cut yarns and leave 13 Head Back sts on a large safety pin for now.

RS facing, rejoin yarns C & D (off-white 4-ply and boucle), cast on 5 sts, k10 (inc. your cast on sts), cast off last 4 sts. Cut yarn.

RIGHT EAR

WS facing, rejoin yarns B & C (beige and off-white 4-ply) and with smaller needles work on 10sts for Right Ear as foll:

Row 1 P

Rows 2-13 Cont. as left ear from * to **

Cut yarn, thread end through all 5 sts, pull up to close up the sts and secure the end.

NECK

Rejoin all 13 head back sts to a knitting needle with RS ready to knit across.
RS facing, rejoin yarns C & D (off-white 4-ply and boucle) and with 3.50mm/ size 4 (smaller) needles cont. as foll:

Row 1 Kfb, k3 , skpo, k1, k2 tog, k to last st, kfb

Row 2 P

Rows 3-6 Rep last 2 rows twice

Row 7 inc) Kfb, k1, kfb, k1, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k1, kfb k1, kfb – 15sts

Row 8 P

Switch to the larger needles (3.75mm/ size 5), cont. as foll:

FRONT NECK

Row 9 inc) Cast on 7 sts, k12 (inc. 7 cast on sts), skpo, k1, k2 tog, k to end – 20sts

Row 10 inc) Cast on 7 sts, p to end – 27sts

Row 11 inc) Kfb, k to last st, kfb – 29sts. **PM** at each end last row from

Front Marker

Rows 12 & 14 P

Row 13 inc) Kfb, k to last st, kfb – 31sts

BACK

Row 15 dec) K13, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k to end – 29sts

Rows 16, 18 & 20 P

Row 17 dec) K12, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k to end – 27sts

Row 19 dec) K11, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k to end – 25sts

Row 21 inc) Kfb, k to last st, kfb – 27sts

Row 22 P

Rows 23-26 inc) Rep last 2 rows twice – 31sts. **PM** at each end last p row for **Hind Leg** Marker

Row 27 inc) K12, kfb, k5, kfb, k to end – 33sts

Rows 28, 30 P

HAUNCHES

Row 29 inc) K13, kfb, k5, kfb, k to end – 35sts

Row 31 inc) k14, kfb, k5, kfb, k to end – 37sts

... **work short rows to shape the haunches**

Short row 1 P36, take yarn to the back of the work, slip next st purl-wise onto the RH needle, bring working yarn to the front, slip the slipped stitch back onto the LH needle, turn the knitting = W+Tp (wrap and turn purl)

Short row 2 K35, bring yarn to the front of the work, slip next st purl-wise onto the RH needle, take working yarn to the back, slip the slipped stitch back onto the LH needle, turn the knitting = W+Tk (wrap and turn knit) - and cont. to work short row as foll:

Short row 3 P34, W+Tp

Short row 4 K33, W+Tk

Short row 5 P32, W+Tp

Short row 6 K31, W+Tk

Short row 7 P30, W+Tp

Short row 8 K sts across to the end

RUMP

Rows 32, 34 & 36 P

Row 33 K

Row 35 dec) K16, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k to end – 35sts

Row 37 dec) K13, skpo, k5, k2 tog, Turn, so p-side facing, to work on Tail sts as foll: TAIL

Row 1 P7, Turn, so k-side facing, for tail sts

Rows 2-5 Work 6 rows st st on just 7 tail sts

Cast off all 7 tail sts, leaving enough yarn to sew the tail seam with.

RS facing return to 13sts for lamb's Right Back Side. Rejoin yarns C & D (off-white 4-ply and boucle) and with 3.75mm/ size 4 (larger) needles cont. as foll:

Row 37 K13

Row 38 P across Lamb's right back then left back, so all 26 sts, working UNDER the tail

Row 39 dec) K10, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k to end – 24sts. Pull tension tight as you knit beneath the tail

Row 40 P

Cast off, leaving enough yarn to sew the backside seam with.

WS facing, mattress sew the tail seam across the cast-off edge and along the row ends. Also join the small gap that is created just beneath the tail. The tail is not stuffed.

Fold the cast-off edges in half – so the two halves meet, join the cast-off edges from backside and mattress sew together to form the backside seam. SEE FIG 1.



fig.1

INNER EARS - Work both inner ears similarly, working one ear at a time

Side 1

RS facing, with yarn E (pink mohair) and smaller 3.50/ size 4 needles, starting at the bottom of the ear (**FIG 2, A**) pick up and knit 9 stitches evenly up to the fastened off/ peak of the ear (**B**).

Row 1 P

Row 2 dec) K to last 2 sts, k2 tog - 8sts

Rows 3-6 dec) Rep last 2 rows twice - 6sts

Row 7 P

Cast off.



fig.2

Ear Inner - Side 2

RS facing, with yarn A and smaller needles as before, starting at the fastened off/ peak of the ear (C) pick up and knit 9 stitches down to the bottom of the ear (D)

Row 1 P

Row 2 dec) K1, skpo, k to end - 8sts

Rows 3-6 dec) Rep last 2 rows twice - 6sts

Row 7 P. Cast off.

Working on one inner ear at a time, RS facing, match both cast off edges and back-sew to join cast off edges and the diagonal row ends that run from the cast-off edge up to the ear peak - so joining side 1 to side 2.

SEE FIG 3.

Leave the straight edges at the base of the ear inner open for turning through.

Turn out to RS and pull all the tails ends down and out of the ear (it's best not to have any stuffing for inside the ears and you can use them for head stuffing). **SEE FIG 4.**

Match the corner of the cast on edge at ear back with corner of cast-off edge for head back seam – so joining E to F, then mattress sew along that cast-off edge so sewing the inner ear to the head back. **SEE FIG 4.**

Then match the ear back marker with the corner at E and mattress sew to join along the neck seam that becomes Head Back. **SEE FIG 5.**

Remove ear back marker.

Pinch the ear at its base and work a few stitches to hold this 'pinch' in place and so enclose the ear inner. **SEE FIG 8.**





Return to the cast on edge at the beginning of the pattern. RS facing, fold the cast on edge in half so that both halves meet and back-stitch to join for the nose seam. Turn out to RS.

RS facing, back-sew to join along the tiny eye slits to create eye sockets. Turn out to RS. Fit the eyes into the centre of each socket. **SEE FIG 6.**



BELLY

With yarns C & D (off-white 4-ply and boucle) and with 3.75mm/ size 5 (larger) needles, beg. at Lamb's left side hind leg marker pick up and knit 9 sts all along row ends from marker (**FIG 7, A**) to the backside seam (**B**), then pick up and knit 9 sts along row ends to right rear leg marker (**C**) – 18sts

Remove hind leg markers.

Rows 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 P

Row 2 dec) K6, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k to end – 16sts

Row 4 dec) K5, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k to end – 14sts

Row 6 dec) K4, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k to end – 12sts

Row 8 dec) K3, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k to end – 10sts

Row 10 dec) K2, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k to end – 8sts

Rows 11-17 Beg. with a p row, work 7 rows st st. **PM** at each end last p row for **Belly Marker**

NECK

Row 18 dec) K1, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k1 – 6sts

Switch to smaller 3.50mm/ size 4 needles

Rows 19-37 Beg. with a p row, work 19 rows st st. **PM** at each end last p row for **Neck Seam Marker**

CHIN

Row 38 inc) K1, kfb, k2, kfb, k1 – 8sts

Rows 39, 41, 43 P

Row 40 inc) K1, kfb, k4, kfb, k1 – 10sts



Cut boucle yarn after last p row, join on yarn B (beige)

Row 42 dec) K1, skpo, k4, k2 tog, k1 – 8sts

Row 44 dec) K1, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k1 – 6sts

... short rows to create the mouth

Short row 1 P5, W+Tp

Short row 2 K4, W+Tk

Short row 3 P3, W+Tp

Short row 4 K across to the end of the row

Row 45 dec) P2 tog three times - 3sts

Cut yarns and thread through all 3 sts - pull up and secure end.

From the nose seam mattress sew all along the brown/ beige muzzle, stopping at the beige/ white colour change.

Join the fastened-off edge of the chin to the seam with a couple of stitches for now.

It's important to get the stuffing packed well into the nose and forehead otherwise the face won't look right.

Return to the tail end, working on one side of the body at a time, match the front marker from the body back with the belly marker and mattress sew to join from markers along to the backside seam.

Stuff the rump and body – take care when stuffing – not too much in the belly but quite firmly into the neck and forehead – less so in the cheeks.

Ease the front with the neck – the neck seam marker should match and meet with the head back/ neck seam – the seam beneath the ears.

SEE FIG 8.

Then carefully ease the chin with the sides of the face and mattress sew to join making sure you complete your stuffing before finishing the seam. SEE FIG 9.



LEFT REAR LEG

With yarns C & D (off-white 4-ply and boucle) and larger 3.75mm/
size 5 needles, beg. at Leg Top, cast on 4 sts

***Row 1** inc) Kfb, k2, kfb – 6sts

Row 2 P

Row 3 inc) Kfb, k to last st, kfb – 8sts

Rows 4-5 inc) Rep last 2 rows once – 10sts

Row 6 P**

- NOTE: makes changes here for right leg until ***

Row 7 inc) Cast on 10sts for Leg Back, kfb, k7, kfb, k2, kfb, k to last
st, kfb – 24sts

Rows 8-10 Work 3 rows st st

*****Row 11** dec) K9, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k to end - 22sts

Rows 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 & 22 P

Row 13 dec) K8, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k to end - 20sts

Row 15 dec) Skpo, k5, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog – 16sts

Row 17 dec) Skpo, k3, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog – 12sts

Row 19 dec) K3, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k to end – 10sts

Row 21 dec) K4, k2 tog, k to end – 9sts

Row 23 Kfb, k1, skpo, k1, k2 tog, k1, kfb

Row 24 P

Rows 25-28 Rep last 2 rows twice

Row 29 dec) Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2 tog – 7sts

Row 30 P

Rows 31-32 Rep last 2 rows once – 5sts

Cut off-white yarns, join on yarns A & B (brown and beige), cont. as foll:

Rows 33-36 Work 4 rows st st ****

Cast off.

RIGHT REAR LEG

Cast on 4 sts

Rows 1-6 Work a left rear leg from * to ** 10sts

Row 7 K

Row 8 inc) Cast on 10sts for Leg Back, p across all 20 sts

Row 9 inc) Kfb, k7, kfb, k2, kfb, k to last st, kfb – 24sts

Row 10 P

Rows 11-36 Work a left rear leg from *** to **** 5sts

Cast off.

FORELEGS make 2 alike

With yarns B & D (beige 4-ply and boucle) and larger 3.75mm/ size 5 needles, beg. at Leg Top, cast on 4 sts

Row 1 inc) Kfb, k2, kfb – 6sts

Row 2 P

Row 3 inc) Kfb, k to last st, kfb – 8sts

Rows 4-5 inc) Rep last 2 rows once – 10sts

Rows 6-8 Work 3 rows st st

Row 9 inc) [Kfb, k1] 5 times – 15sts

Rows 10-12 Work 3 rows st st

Row 13 dec) [K2 tog, k1] 5 times 5 - 10sts

Rows 14-28 Beg. with a p row, work 15 rows st st

Cut boucle, join on yarn A (brown), cont. as foll:

Row 29 dec) K2, skpo, k2, k2 tog, k2 – 8sts

Rows 30-32 Work 3 rows st st ****

Cast off.

REAR LEGS Working on one leg at a time, fold the leg in half matching row ends and mattress sew the seam that runs from cast on edge beneath the shaped/ rounded leg top down to the hoof. Join across the cast-off edge at the hoof.

Stuff the leg fairly firmly.

Join the straight edge, the inside of the leg – to the seam backside seam. Make sure you have the right leg for the right side of the body, left for left (shaping should be facing forward, leg seam towards the back). SEE FIG 10.

Neatly sew around the open leg top joining it to the rump – refer to the images for placement. – It is a little tricky and you may wish to pin or tack it in place first.

FORELEGS Working on one leg at a time, fold the leg in half matching row ends and mattress sew across the cast-off edge at the hoof then join along the seam up to the last 5 rows – the leg top curve. Stuff the leg fairly firmly.

Join around this curve onto the body referring to the images for placement – leg seam faces inwards.



TO COMPLETE

Embroider a tiny nose and mouth then work a 'Y' shape around the nose and above the mouth.

Work straight stitches at the centre of each hoof to create the cloven hoof.

NOTE: Lamb's legs are a little wobbly – if you wish him to stand you may like to add small, narrow, wooden dowels (cake making dowels for example) into his legs?



ABBREVIATIONS

K = knit; **P** = purl; **inc** = increase; **dec** = decrease;

M1 = make one; **foll** = follows; **K2 tog** = knit two together;

Rep = repeat; **RH/LH** = right hand/ left hand; **RS/WS** = right side/ wrong side; **st/ sts** = stitch/ stitches; **cont** = continue;

Skpo = slip one stitch, knit next stitch, pass slipped stitch over knit stitch;

Kfb = knit into front then into back of stitch to increase by one stitch;

Beg = beginning; **rem** = remaining

NOTE: If there is any part of this pattern that you do not understand then please feel free to email me: claire.garland@btopenworld.com

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