

Featherweight knit

Materials: Use 8-ply wool, 3.75 needles.

Cast on 26 sts. Knit 6cm (or approximate length of cocky's neck). Cast off 4 sts at beginning of next two rows. Knit one row, then cast on 20 sts at beginning of next two rows (58 sts). Knit for 4cm. Cast off 16 sts at beginning of next two rows. Knit two rows, then cast on 20 sts at beginning

of next two rows (66 sts). Knit 4 rows. Knit 29 (k 2 tog) k 4 (k 2 tog) k to end. K one row.

K 28 (k 2 tog) k 4 (k 2 tog) k to end. K 10 rows.

Then k 19 (cast off 8) k 8 (cast off 8) k 19.

Next Row: K 19 (cast on 8) k 8 (cast on 8) k 19. K 4 rows.

Then k 27 (k 2 tog) k 4 (k 2 tog) k 27. K one row, and repeat this after each of the following decreasing rows. K 26 (k 2 tog) k 4 (k 2 tog) k 26. K 25 (k 2 tog) k 4 (k 2 tog) k 25. K 24 (k 2 tog) k 4 (k 2 tog) k 24. K 23 (k 2 tog) k 4 (k 2 tog) k 23. K 22 (k 2 tog) k 4 (k 2 tog) k 22. K 21 (k 2 tog) k 4 (k 2 tog) k 21. K 20 (k 2 tog) k 4 (k 2 tog) k 20. Cast off.

Short trousers can be added to the leg openings if desired.

With four 3.25 needles knit up approximately 20 stitches from around the leg opening. Knit 3cm. Cast off. Repeat for other leg.

For summer use 4-ply wool and 4.50 needles to make the cover-up. Keep the neck part in 8-ply since it stands up around the neck better.

MAKE UP:

Put bird's legs through openings and wrap garment around him, making sure he is not too trussed up. Stitch the collar along the back of his neck. The two flaps below the collar should be crossed over the shoulders and stitched down. Keep the fitting loose to enable the crop to move when the bird is eating. Now stitch the remaining back seam. The wings, tail, head and claws are left uncovered.



HOW THE FLAT FINISHED GARMENT LOOKS

