

BucaLicious Sweater



With an incredibly stylish and 'macho' feel, the BucaLicious sweater is a dream to knit in a wool self-stripping yarn. The design requires only 2 x 50g balls of yarn (with plenty left over!), making it a quick knit in a mixture of stocking and easy ribbing (in addition to the fact that you can indulge in some lovely luxury fibres!). The pattern is suitable for a beginner who wants to try their hand at knitting in the round, and presents a chance to experiment with eyelet increases. Enjoy!

SIZE

To fit small to medium sized dog; neck 24-29cm, chest 37-47cm, back length 26-30cm.

MATERIALS

100g of double knitting yarn (2x 50g balls of LIMBO COLOR used in sample)

3mm double pointed needles

4mm double pointed needles

Tapestry needle to weave in ends

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Gauge/Tension

24ts and 30 rows = 10cm square over stocking stitch using 4mm needles

Notes

Slip all stitches purl-wise, with yarn held at back of work.

Abbreviations

alt	alternate
beg	begin(ing)
cont	continue
dec	decrease(ing)
foll	following
inc	increase(ing)
k	knit
m1	make one stitch by picking up the loop lying between the stitch just worked and the next stitch, and then working into the back of it
patt	pattern
p	purl
pm	place marker
psso	pass slipped stitch over
rem	remain(ing)
rep	repeat(ing)
skpo	slip 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch, pass slipped stitch over
sl	slip
st(s)	stitch(es)
st st	stocking stitch
tbl	through back loop
tog	together
yf	yarn forward
yon	yarn over needle
yrn	yarn around needle

BUCALICIOUS PET SWEATER PATTERN

Entire piece is knitted in the round, from the neck down.

Collar

With Long-Tail cast on and 3mm needles, cast on 56 sts, divide among 3 needles. Join for working in the round, being careful not to twist sts; pm to show beginning of round. Begin rib pattern:

k1, *p2, k2*, rep from * until last 3 sts, and finish with p2, k1.

Continue in patt for an additional 44 rows.

Switch to 4mm needles and cont in patt for 2 more rows. At this point, you will have a knitted tube that looks like this:



Body**Shoulder Increases**

Might seem a little complicated, but what will happen here is that the 2x2 rib will change into a 3x2 at the 2 ends and the middle of the back. Lost already? No worries, just follow the instructions and you'll be just fine!

Round 1 : k1, [p2, k2] twice, k6, k2, m1, p2, [k2, p2] twice, k1, m1, k1, [p2 k2] twice, p2, m1, k2, k6, [k2, p2] twice, k1.

Round 2 : k over k stitches, and p over p stitches.

Leg Opening Increases

Round 1: rib9, yon, k6, yon, rib29, yon, k6, yon, rib9.

Round 2-20 & subsequent even rows: knit across with k over k, p over p

Round 3: rib9, yon, k8, yon, rib29, yon, k8, yon, rib9.

Round 5: rib9, yon, k10, yon, rib29, yon, k10, yon, rib9.

Round 7: rib9, yon, k12, yon, rib29, yon, k12, yon, rib9.

Round 9: rib9, yon, k14, yon, rib29, yon, k14, yon, rib9.

Round 11: rib9, yon, k16, yon, rib29, yon, k16, yon, rib9.

Round 13: rib9, yon, k18, yon, rib29, yon, k18, yon, rib9.

Round 15: rib9, yon, k20, yon, rib29, yon, k20, yon, rib9.

Round 17: rib9, yon, k22, yon, rib29, yon, k22, yon, rib9.

Round 19: rib9, yon, k24, yon, rib29, yon, k24, yon, rib9.

You will see the eyelet increases on the shoulder section, the photo below shows one side of the sweater increases:



Continue without increasing foll this patt:

Round 1: rib9, yon, k2tog, k22, k2tog, yon, k29, yon, k2tog, k22, k2tog, yon, rib9

Round 2: knit across with k over k, and p over p.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 three more times (8 rows in total)

Leg Openings

Rib9, k26 and place on holder, cast on and knit 14sts*, rib29, k26 and place on holder, cast on and knit 14sts*, rib9.

Belly

Continue with k over k, and p over p for 30 rounds. (You may lengthen or shorten this part depending on your dog's size.)

Round 31: k over k, p over p until last 7sts, cast off 7sts.

Round 32: cast off first 7sts, k over k, p over p to end.

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Your work will look something like this:



Back Decreases

The next rows will require working straight and turning the work at the end of each row. Sl the first st of each row for neatness. Remember to work the ribbing pattern on the back piece (because you are now working in rows instead of rounds, p over k, and k over p when working the ribs)

Row 1: sl1, k1, k2tog, work to last 4sts, skpo, k2, turn.

Row 2: work k on k, p on p.

The initial cast-off space you created when the 14sts were cast off before will grow larger:



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Repeat rows 1 & 2 until 31sts are left on needles. At some point you might want to transfer all the stitches on a single needle to make life easier. You should have a nice, neat back piece :



Cast off in patt k over k, p over p.

Legs (make 2)

With 3mm needles, pick up 14 sts from cast-on edge on leg opening (*), join in circle with 26sts on holder. (40sts)

Round 1 & 2: knit all stitches

Rounds 3 – 14: rib in [k2, p2] all around.



Cast off in patt.

FINISHING

Weave in loose ends.

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