



the big knit

making winter warmer
for older people



Sheep

If we want to knit a sheep hat, follow these (not very) baaaaaaaad instructions.

Rowan Pure Wool 4 ply in cream and brown

2 stick on eyes

3.25mm needles and size 3.5mm crochet hook

Pattern

Body

1. In the brown yarn cast on 33 stitches. For row 1, knit 1 purl 1 and repeat to the last stitch, then knit 1. For row 2, purl 1 knit 1 and repeat to the last stitch, then purl 1.
2. Now follow the chart below. For the first 2 rows the loops are made in the cream yarn with the brown yarn in the background. From then on all knitting is done in cream. Please note you finish on a knit row. For the black dots you make a loop. In this pattern loops are made in two different ways:

On the right side of the work

Knit 1 but don't slip the stitch off the left needle. Bring yarn to the front of the work between the needles and wrap once round your thumb. Take yarn to the back of the work between the needles and knit the stitch on the left needle. Slip the second stitch on the right needle over the last stitch you just knitted to secure the loop.

On the wrong side of the work

Purl 1 but don't slip the stitch off the left needle. Take yarn to the back of the work between the needles and wrap once round your finger. bring yarn to the front of the work between the needles and purl the stitch on the left needle. Slip the second stitch on the right needle over the last stitch you just knitted to secure the loop.

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- For the next row, purl 2 together across the row until the last stitch, then purl 1 (making 17 stitches).
- For the next row, knit 2 together and at the same time make a loop all the way to the last stitch (9 stitches).
- Thread the yarn through the remaining stitches.

Face

- Using brown yarn cast on 6 stitches.
- For row 1 knit into the front and back of the stitch across all stitches (leaving you with 12 stitches).
- Work 5 rows in stocking stitch starting with a purl row.
- For row 7, knit 1, make 1 stitch by picking up the loop between stitches, then knit 2. Repeat this to the end of the row, then knit 1 (making 18 stitches).
- Then work 5 rows in stocking stitch.
- Knit 2 together across all stitches (making 9 stitches), and purl for the next row.
- Then knit 1, knit 2 together and repeat until the end of the row (ending on a knit 1, and having 5 stitches). Then draw the yarn through the remaining stitches.

Ears - make 2

- Using the crochet hook and brown yarn make a chain of 6 stitches. Treble crochet into third chain from hook, half treble crochet into the next chain, double crochet into the next chain, slip stitch into final chain and fasten off.

To Make up

- Sew hat up side seam.
- Sew face together starting at one end so you can stuff it and place your ears as you go.
- Stick eyes on.

