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===== Squirrel Christmas Jumper Knitting Pattern =====



It's not Christmas without a few questionable themed jumpers making their way out of the wardrobe!... Buck the trend this year by making this very sweet squirrel Christmas jumper instead.

This squirrel Christmas jumper knitting pattern will keep you warm and snuggly on these cold winter days as it uses premium Women's Institute (WI) yarn. Plus, for those who are a fan of foxes, you can simply swap the browns for orange and cream to knit yourself a foxy friend instead!

Pattern and photography with thanks to [Alainea Stark](#).

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You Will Need

- [Four to six balls of WI Premium Acrylic DK 100 grams, in your chosen colour](#) (table below with sizing)
- [One ball WI Premium Acrylic DK Red](#)
- [One ball WIPremium Acrylic DK White](#)
- [One ball WI Premium Acrylic DK Black](#)
- [One ball WI Premium Acrylic DK Biscuit](#)
- [One ball WI Premium Acrylic DK Chocolate](#)
- [A pair of 3.25 mm \(UK 10 / US 3\) knitting needles](#)
- [A pair of 4 mm \(UK 8 / US 6\) knitting needles](#)
- [Circular or set of Double pointed needles 3.25 mm \(UK 10 / US3\)](#)
- [Stitch holders](#)
- [Stitch markers](#)
- [Chart](#)

Adult To Fit	81-86	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127	cm
	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50	In
Main colour						
(Lime)	4	4	4	5	6	

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How to Make

Tension

23 sts and 30 rows over 10 cm / 4 in in stocking stitch on 4 mm needles

Top Tip!...

Take time to check your tension to ensure the correct fit.

Abbreviations

- K = Knit

- P = Purl
- St(s) = stitches
- st st = stocking stitch
- rep = repeat
- inc = increase
- dec = decrease
- beg = beginning
- sl = slip
- patt = pattern
- K2tog = knit two stitches together
- P2tog = purl two stitches together
- tbl = through the back loop
- pssso = pass slipped stitch over
- foll = follow
- alt = alternate

Back

Using 3.25 mm needles and main yarn, cast on using the cable method 107 [115: 127: 139: 153] sts.

Row 1 (RS): *K1, P1, rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 2: P1, *K1, P1, rep from * to end.

These two rows form rib. Work in rib for a further 22 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Change to 4 mm needles.

**Cont in st st in main yarn only until back meas 42 [45: 44: 45: 47] cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape armholes Cast off 6 [6: 7: 8: 8] sts at beg of next two rows. 95 [103: 113: 123: 137] sts.

Next row (RS): K2, sl 1, K1, pssso, K to last 4 sts, K2tog, K2.

Next row: P2, P2tog, P to last 4 sts, P2tog tbl, P2. 91 [99: 109: 119: 133] sts. Working all decs as set by last two rows, dec one st at each end of next one [1: 3: 5: 9] rows. 89 [97: 103: 109: 115] sts.

Next row : Purl.

Next row (RS) : K2, sl 1, K1, pssso, K to last 4 sts, K2tog, K2. 87 [95: 101: 107: 113] sts.

Working all decs as set by last two rows, dec one st at each end of one [4: 3: 4: 5] foll alt rows, then on three [2: 2: 2: 2] foll fourth rows. 79 [83: 91: 95: 99] sts.

Cont straight until armhole measures 20 [21: 24: 27: 29] cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape shoulders and back neck

Next row (RS): Cast off 11 [12: 13: 14: 14] sts, K until there are 16 [16: 18: 18: 18] sts on right needle and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder. Work each side of neck separately.

Cast off four sts at beg of next row.

Cast off rem 12 [12: 14: 14: 14] sts. With RS facing, slip centre 25 [27: 29: 31: 35] sts onto a stitch holder, rejoin yarn to rem sts, K to end. Complete to match first side, reversing shapings.



Front

Work as given for back to **. Cont in main yarn only until front meas 20 [24: 24: 28: 32] cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

Using the intarsia technique now place chart, which is worked entirely in st st beg with a K row as follows :-



Next row (RS): K23 [27: 33: 39: 46] using main yarn, work next 61 sts as row one of chart K23 [27: 33: 39: 46] using main yarn.

Next row : P23 [27: 33: 39: 46] using main yarn, work next 61 sts as row two of chart 23 [27: 33: 39: 39: 46:] using main yarn. These two rows set the st st – work chart in st st using main yarn either side. Keeping chart correct, working rem 83 rows of chart and then completing front in st st using main yarn only, cont as follows:- Cont until front meas 42 [45: 44: 45: 47] cm, ending with RS facing for next row. Work as given for back from shape armholes, until 26 [26: 28: 28: 28] rows less have been worked than on back to shape shoulders, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape Neck

Next row (RS) : K32 [33: 37: 38: 38], and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder. Work each side of neck separately. Dec one st at neck edge of next four rows, then on 2 [2: 3: 3: 3] foll alt rows, then on three [3: 3: 3: 3] foll fourth rows. 23 [24: 27: 28: 28] sts. Work five rows more, ending with RS facing for next row. Shape shoulder Next row (RS) : Cast off 11 [12: 13: 14: 14] sts, K to end. Work one row. Cast off rem 12 [12: 14: 14: 14] sts. With RS facing, slip centre 15 [17: 17: 19: 23] sts onto a stitch holder, rejoin yarn to rem sts, K to end. Complete to match first side, reversing shapings.



Top Tip!...

When changing colours you are advised to twist the new and old colours together so you don't get holes. When you are sewing in the ends you can pull the stitches tighter if you need to help the appearance.

Top Tip!...

After knitting the right side of your work, turn it CLOCKWISE, after purling the wrong side, turn it ANTI CLOCKWISE. This should untangle the yarn.

Top Tip!...

I like to sew in all the ends now as its much easier then waiting to the whole jumper is assembled, so make sure you leave long enough tails to be able to do this

Sleeves

Using 3.25 mm needles and main yarn, cast on 51 [53: 57: 61: 65] sts. Work 20 rows in rib as given for back, ending with RS facing for next row.

Change to 4 mm needles.

work in st st beg with a K row as folls: Inc 1 st at each end of fifth and every foll sixth rows until there are 81 [83: 91: 101: 105] sts. Cont straight until sleeve meas 46 [47: 48: 50: 52] cm, ending with RS facing.

Shape Sleeve Top

Cast off six [6: 7: 8: 8] sts at beg of next two rows. 69 [71: 77: 85: 89] sts. Dec 1 st at each end of next three rows, 63 [65: 71: 79: 83] sts. Then on three [3: 4: 5: 5] foll fourth rows, 57 [59: 63: 69: 73] sts. Then on four [7: 5: 4: 4] foll alt rows, 49 [45: 53: 61: 65] sts. Then on every row to 27 sts all sizes. Cast off seven sts at beg of next two rows. Cast off rem 13 sts

Making Up

Press as stated on ball band. Join right and left shoulder seam using back stitch, or mattress stitch if preferred.

Neckband

With RS facing and using 3.25 mm needles and main yarn, pick up and knit 20 [20: 22: 22: 22] sts down left side of neck, knit across 15 [17: 17: 19: 23] sts from holder at front, pick up and knit 20 [20: 22: 22: 22] sts up right side of neck, four sts down right side of back neck, knit across 25 [27: 29: 31: 35] sts from holder at back and pick up and knit four sts up left side of back neck. 88 [92: 98: 102: 110] sts. Place a stitch marker.

Rib Row (RS): *K1, P1, rep from * Cont in the round.

Option One : Crewe Neck

Cont in rib until neckband measures 4 [5: 5: 5: 5] cm, ending with RS facing for next row. Cast off in rib. One by one rib

Option Two : Polo Neck

Cont in rib until polo neck measures 16 [17: 17: 18: 18] cm, ending with RS facing for next row. Cast off in rib.

Top Tip!...

If you don't like working in the round for the neck then only join the right shoulder seam then the neckband can be knitted using straight needles.

Making Up

Join side and sleeve seams and set in sleeves, using back stitch, or mattress stitch if preferred.





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