



## 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 0617

**B** beige 4-ply – Drops Alpaca shade 0618

**C** off-white 4-ply – 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 4-ply), 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 8 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** P15

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

**Row 6** P17

**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.

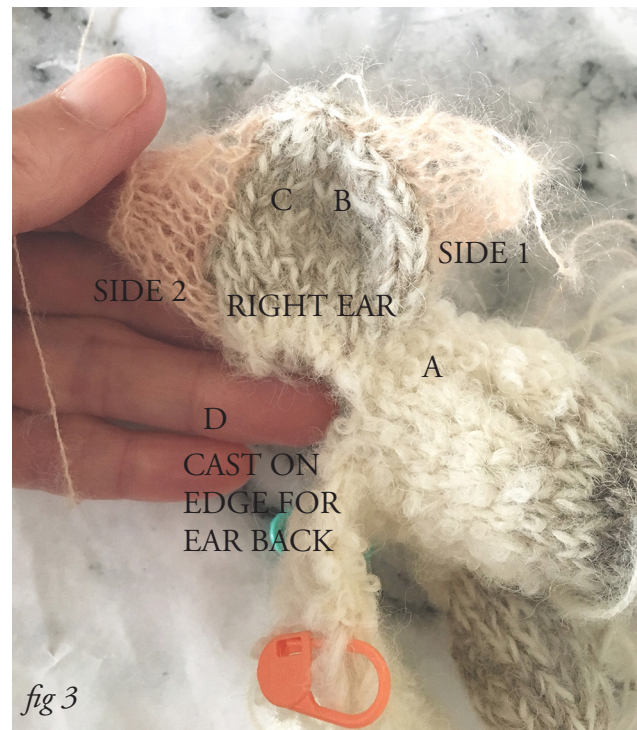
Turn out to RS and pull all the tails ends down and out of the ear (it's best not to have any stuffing for inside the ears and you can use them for head stuffing). **SEE FIG 4.**

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; **fol** = 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

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