

# Clara the Cat

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## Yarn used

### Kit yarn

- 20g/ 80m in grey (MC)
- 15g/ 60m in white (CC1)
- 5g/ 20m in blue (CC2)
- 5g/ 20m in coral (CC3)
- 1g/ 4m in pale pink (CC4)

## About the yarn

- 4-ply; 400m per 100g ball;
- 100% acrylic

## Tension

- 28 sts x 36 rows = 10cm
- measured over St st

## Needles used

- 3mm straight, 20cm

## Other supplies

- 2 cat safety eyes, 7mm
- toy filling
- tapestry needle
- stitch holder

## Sizing

- one size, 17cm tall
- (including ears)

## Abbreviations

- See page 96 of *Knit Now* for
- all abbreviations

Treat yourself or your little ones to an adorable pet, complete with changeable outfit!

## Amanda says...

"Clara has her pretty summer outfit for a day at the beach. Her clothes also fit Dexter the Dog (issue 80), so you can create your own little animal family with a wardrobe to share. You can buy back issues of *Knit Now* from [www.moremags.com](http://www.moremags.com)"

All pieces are worked flat on a pair of straight knitting needles and seamed using mattress stitch. Unless otherwise specified, use the long tail cast-on method. Clara is knitted flat to make the pattern more accessible, but most of the pieces could be converted to knitting in the round if you prefer.

## Start knitting...

### LEFT LEG

With MC, cast on 9 sts, beg at sole of foot.

**Row 1 (WS):** Purl.

**Row 2:** [Kfb] 8 times, k1.  
17 sts

**Row 3:** Purl.

**Row 4:** [K3, kfb] 4 times, k1.  
21 sts

**Rows 5-9:** Starting with a p row, work 5 rows in St st. \*\*

**Row 10:** K9, [k2tog] 5 times, k2. 16 sts

**Rows 11-18:** Starting with a p row, work 8 rows in St st. Place Left Leg sts on hold.

### RIGHT LEG

Work as for Left Leg to \*\*.

21 sts

**Row 10:** K2, [k2tog] 5 times, k9. 16 sts

**Rows 11-18:** Starting with a p row, work 8 rows in St st. Do not break yarn.

### BODY

**Row 19 (joining row):** With WS facing, p16 across Right Leg sts, then with WS facing, p16 across held Left Leg sts. 32 sts

**Row 20:** [K1, kfb, k12, kfb, k1] twice. 36 sts

**Rows 21-35:** Starting with a p row, work 15 rows in St st.

**Row 36:** K6, ssk, k3, k2tog, k10, ssk, k3, k2tog, k6. 32 sts

## Amanda's tip

If you don't have a stitch holder you can thread live stitches onto a piece of yarn to hold them for later

### Row 37 & all foll WS

**rows:** Purl.

**Row 38:** K5, ssk, k3, k2tog, k8, ssk, k3, k2tog, k5. 28 sts

**Row 40:** K4, ssk, k3, k2tog, k6, ssk, k3, k2tog, k4. 24 sts

**Row 42:** k3, ssk, k3, k2tog, k4, ssk, k3, k2tog, k3. 20 sts

**Row 44:** [K2tog] 10 times. 10 sts  
Cast off.

### HEAD

With MC, cast on 9 sts, beg at back of head.

**Row 1 & all foll WS**  
**rows:** Purl.

**Row 2:** [Kfb] 8 times, k1. 17 sts

**Row 4:** [K1, kfb] 8 times, k1. 25 sts

**Row 6:** [K2, kfb] 8 times, k1. 33 sts

**Row 8:** [K7, kfb] 4 times, k1. 37 sts

**Rows 9-19:** Starting with a p row, work 11 rows in St st.

**Row 20:** K7, [ssk, k2] 3 times, k1, [k2tog, k2] 3 times, k5. 31 sts

**Row 22:** K7, [ssk, k1] 3 times, k1, [k2tog, k1] 3 times, k5. 25 sts

**Row 23:** Purl.  
Cast off.

### SNOUT

With CC1, cast on 25 sts.

**Rows 1-3:** Starting with a p row, work 3 rows in St st.

**Row 4:** K9, ssk, k3, k2tog k9. 23 sts

**Rows 5 & 7:** Purl.

**Row 6:** K1, [k2tog, k1] 7 times, k1. 16 sts

**Row 8:** [K2tog] 8 times. 8 sts  
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

### EARS

**Work 2 the same**

With MC, cast on 8 sts, beg at base of ear.

**Rows 1-2:** Knit.

**Row 3:** K1, k2tog, k to end. 1 st dec'd

**Rows 4-7:** Rep Row 3 four more times. 3 sts

**Row 8:** K1, k2tog. 2 sts

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

### ARMS

**Work 2 the same**

With MC, cast on 13 sts, beg at top of arm.

**Rows 1-19:** Starting with a p row, work 19 rows in St st.

**Row 20:** K1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 15 sts

**Row 21:** Purl.

**Row 22:** As Row 20. 17 sts

**Rows 23-27:** Starting with a p row, work 5 rows in St st.

**Row 28:** [K2tog] 8 times, k1. 9 sts

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

### TAIL

With MC, cast on 6 sts, beg at base of tail.

**Rows 1-12:** Starting with a p row, work 12 rows in St st.

Break yarn and thread through sts. Pull tight to fasten.

### KNICKERS Right Side

With CC1, cast on 20 sts.  
Knit 2 rows. \*\*\*

Break yarn and place sts on hold.

### Left Side

Work as given for Right Side to \*\*\*.

### Join sides

**Row 3 (WS, joining row):** With WS facing, p20 Left Leg sts, then p20 held Right Leg sts. 40 sts

**Row 4:** [K1, kfb, k16, kfb, k1] twice. 44 sts

**Rows 5-13:** Starting with a p row, work 9 rows in St st.

**Row 14:** K2, [k2tog, k5] 6 times. 38 sts

Cast off.

### SKIRT

With CC2, cast on 56 sts, beg at hem.

**Row 1 (WS):** Knit.

**Rows 2-15:** Starting with a k row, work 14 rows in St st.

**Row 16:** \*K2, [k2tog, k1, k2tog] five times; rep from \* once more, k2. 36 sts

Cast off.

### SWEATER

With CC1, cast on 26 sts, beg at collar.

**Row 1 (RS):** Knit.

Join in CC3.

**Row 2:** With CC3, purl.

**Row 3:** With CC3, k1, kfb, \*k2, [kfb] twice, k6\*, [kfb] twice, rep

from \* to \* once more, kfb, k1. 34 sts

**Row 4:** With CC1, purl.

**Row 5:** With CC1, k1, kfb, k4, [kfb] twice, k8, [kfb] twice, k4, [kfb] twice, k8, kfb, k1. 42 sts

**Row 6:** With CC3, purl.

**Row 7:** With CC3, k1, kfb, k6, [kfb] twice, k10, [kfb] twice, k6, [kfb] twice, k10, kfb, k1. 50 sts

**Row 8:** With CC1, purl.

**Row 9:** With CC1, k1, kfb, k8, [kfb] twice, k12, [kfb] twice, k8, [kfb] twice, k12, kfb, k1. 58 sts

**Row 10:** With CC3, purl.

**Row 11:** With CC3, k1, kfb, k10, [kfb] twice, k14, [kfb] twice, k10, [kfb] twice, k14, kfb, k1. 66 sts

Break CC3 and cont in CC1 only.

**Row 12:** Purl.

**Row 13:** K1, kfb, k12, [kfb] twice, k16, [kfb] twice, k12, [kfb] twice, k16, kfb, k1. 74 sts

**Row 14:** P22, [p1, pass second st on RH needle over first] 16 times, p20, [p1, pass second st on RH needle over first] 16 times. 42 sts

**Row 15:** K1, using backward loop method cast on 2 sts, k20, using backward loop cast on 2 sts, k21. 46 sts

**Rows 16-20:** Starting with a p row, work 5 rows in St st.

**Rows 21-23:** Work 3 rows in 1x1 rib.

Cast off in rib.



### Making up:

**Body & Legs:** Note that cast-off sts are the neck. Join side edges from neck to crotch (joining row), adding stuffing as you go. Join inside leg seams and stuff legs and feet. Gather cast-on sts to close sole of each foot.

**Head & Snout:** Sew cast-on edge of snout to cast-off edge of head. Sew side edges of snout tog, adding stuffing as you go. This seam runs down centre underside of head. Insert safety eyes on head, then sew tog side edges of head, stuffing as you go. Gather cast-on sts tog at back of head. With CC4, embroider a triangle shape for nose. Sew head on top of body.

**Ears:** Sew side edge of each ear onto top of head.

**Arms:** Sew tog side edges of arm from cast-off sts at hand to cast-on edge. This seam

runs down inside of arm. Stuff hands firmly and lightly stuff top of arms. Sew cast-on edge onto top side of body.

**Tail:** Join side edges and sew cast-on edge onto back of body.

**Knickers:** Sew side edges of legs tog, and sew side edges tog up back seam, leaving a hole in back seam for tail to poke through.

**Skirt:** Leaving a hole for tail to poke through, join back seam. **Sweater:** Sew side edges tog from hem to collar.

**Finishing**  
Weave in all ends. Dress Clara with knickers, skirt and sweater. 🧶