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# *Dress-up* **DEXTER**

Use your free gift with this issue to make Amanda's charming dog and his complete Christmas outfit!

## Designed by

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## Yarn used

Kit yarn  
10g in light brown (MC)  
7g in cream (CC1)  
7g in blue (CC2)  
7g in green (CC3)  
4g in purple (CC4)

## About the yarn

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

## Tension

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

## Needles used

3mm straight

## Other supplies

stitch holder  
4 removable stitch markers or  
waste yarn  
tapestry needle  
toy stuffing  
2 toy safety eyes, 6mm  
11mm button

## Sizing

One size, 16cm tall

## Abbreviations

See page 96 for all abbreviations

All pieces are knitted flat on a pair of straight knitting needles, and seamed using mattress stitch. Unless otherwise specified, use the long tail cast on for all pieces. Dexter is knitted flat to make the pattern more accessible as knitting in the round can be tricky, but most of the toy pieces could be converted to knitting in the round if you prefer.

## Start knitting...

### Dexter

#### HEAD

With MC, cast on 9 sts.

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

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

**Row 3:** Purl.

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

25 sts

**Row 5:** Purl.

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

33 sts

**Rows 7-9:** Beg with a p row, work 3 rows in St st.

**Row 10:** [K7, kfb] 4 times, k1.

37 sts

**Rows 11-13:** Beg with a p row, work 3 rows in St st.

Join in CC1 and cont as

stranded colourwork.

**Row 14:** K18 MC, k1 CC1, k18 MC.

**Row 15:** P17 MC, p3 CC1, p17 MC.

**Row 16:** K17 MC, k3 CC1, k17 MC.

**Rows 17-18:** As rows 15-16.

**Row 19:** As Row 15.

**Row 20:** K14 MC, ssk MC, k1 MC, k3 CC1, k1 MC, k2tog MC, k14 MC. 35 sts

**Row 21:** P16 MC, p3 CC1, p16 MC.

**Row 22:** K4 MC, [ssk MC, k1 MC] 4 times, k3 CC1, [k1 MC, k2tog MC] 4 times, k4 MC. 27 sts

Break MC and cont in CC1 only.

**Rows 23-31:** Beg with a p row, work 9 rows in St st.

**Row 32:** [K1, k2tog] 9 times. 18 sts

**Row 33:** Purl.

**Row 34:** [K2tog] 9 times. 9 sts  
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

#### EARS

**Work 1 in CC1 and 1 in MC**

Cast on 6 sts.

**Rows 1-14:** Work 14 rows in G st.

**Row 15:** K1, [k2tog] twice, k1. 4 sts

**Row 16:** Knit.

**Row 17:** [K2tog] twice, lift second st on RH needle over first st and fasten off.

#### LEGS & BODY

##### Left Leg

With MC, cast on 9 sts.

**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:** Beg with a p row, work 5 rows in St st. \*\*

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

**Rows 11-18:** Beg with a p row, work 8 rows in St st.

Break yarn and place sts on hold until you finish Right Leg.

##### Right Leg

Work as for Left Leg to \*\*.

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

**Rows 11-18:** Beg with a p row, work 8 rows in St st.

##### Join legs

**Row 19 (WS):** P16 of Right Leg, then beg at WS of held sts from Left Leg, p16. 32 sts

##### Body

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

**Rows 21-33:** Beg with a p row, work 13 rows in St st.

**Row 34:** K6, ssk, k3, k2tog, k10, ssk, k3, k2tog, k6. 32 sts

**Rows 35-37:** Beg with a p row, work 3 rows in St st.

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

**Rows 39, 41 & 43:** Purl.

**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.

##### ARMS

**Work 2 the same**

With MC, cast on 13 sts.

**Rows 1-18:** Beg with a p row, work 18 rows in St st.

Break MC and switch to CC1.

**Row 19 (WS):** Purl.

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

**Rows 21-22:** As rows 19-20. 17 sts

**Rows 23-27:** Beg 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 CC1, cast on 8 sts.

**Rows 1-7:** Beg with a p row, work 7 rows in St st.

Break CC1 and switch to MC.

**Rows 8-9:** Beg with a k row, work 2 rows in St st.

**Row 10:** [K2tog] 4 times. 4 sts  
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

## Backpack

##### BODY

With CC4, cast on 9 sts.

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

**Row 2:** K2, p5, k2.

**Row 3 (buttonhole row):** K4, yo, k2tog, k3. 9 sts

**Row 4:** K2, p5, k2.

**Row 5:** Knit.

**Rows 6-11:** Rep rows 4-5 three more times.

**Row 12:** Using cable cast-on method, cast on 13 sts at beg of row, then p to end.

22 sts

**Rows 13-24:** Beg with a k row, work 12 rows in St st.

Cast off.

##### STRAPS

**Work 2 the same**

With CC4, cast on 2 sts.

Work in G st until Strap measures 11cm.

Cast off.

## Sweater

##### FRONT

When knitting the sweater front tree motif, trap the long floats on rows 8-14 at the back of the work to keep an even tension. With CC1, cast on 27 sts.

**Row 1 (WS):** [K1, p1] to last st, k1.

**Row 2:** [P1, k1] to last st, p1.

**Row 3:** As Row 1.

**Rows 4-6:** Beg with a k row, work 3 rows in St st.

Break CC1, join in CC2 and CC3 and cont as stranded colourwork.

**Row 7:** P13 CC2, p1 CC3, p13 CC2.

## Amanda's tip

Marking stitches will help you when sewing together. If you don't have removable markers, you can use a piece of waste yarn in a contrasting colour by threading it through the stitch to be marked and tying a loose knot that can be easily removed later

**Row 8:** K8 CC2, k11 CC3, k8 CC2.

**Row 9:** P9 CC2, p9 CC3, p9 CC2.

**Row 10:** K9 CC2, k9 CC3, k9 CC2.

**Row 11:** P10 CC2, p7 CC3, p10 CC2.

**Row 12:** K10 CC2, k7 CC3, k10 CC2.

Place removable markers at each end of Row 12.

**Row 13:** P11 CC2, p5 CC3, p11 CC2.

**Row 14:** K1 CC2, ssk CC2, k8 CC2, k5 CC3, k8 CC2, k2tog CC2, k1 CC2. 25 sts

**Row 15:** P11 CC2, p3 CC3, p11 CC2.

**Row 16:** K1 CC2, ssk CC2, k8 CC2, k3 CC3, k8 CC2, k2tog CC2, k1 CC2. 23 sts

**Row 17:** P11 CC2, p1 CC3, p11 CC2.

Break CC3 and cont in CC2 only.

**Row 18:** K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. 21 sts

**Row 19:** Purl.

**Rows 20-21:** As rows 18-19. 19 sts

**Row 22:** As Row 18. 17 sts

**Row 23:** P3, k11, p3

Cast off.

##### BACK

With CC1, cast on 27 sts.

**Row 1 (WS):** \*K1, p1; rep from \* to last st, k1.

**Row 2:** \*P1, k1; rep from \* to last st, p1.

**Row 3:** As Row 1.

**Rows 4-6:** Beg with a k row, work 3 rows in St st.

Break CC1 and join in CC2.

**Rows 7-12:** Beg with a p row, work 6 rows in St st.

Place removable markers at each end of Row 12.

**Row 13:** Purl.

**Row 14:** K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. 25 sts

**Rows 15-22:** Rep rows 13-14 four more times. 17 sts

**Row 23:** P3, k11, p3.

Cast off.

**Making up:** With WS of pieces facing each other, join shoulders



## Amanda says

My cuddly little puppy is ready for some festive cheer in his little Christmas jumper, and he has his backpack ready to carry gifts for all his friends

## NEED AN ALTERNATIVE?

### Patons Fairytale Fab 4-ply (Baby Smiles)

Camel Brown (MC), Natural  
Cream (CC1), Aqua Blue  
(CC2), Golf Green (CC3),  
Fuchsia Purple (CC4)

£1.39 per 50g ball

[www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)

of Front and Back by sewing the three shoulder sts at each end of the cast-off edge, leaving neck opening in middle.

## SLEEVES

### Work 2 the same

With RS of sweater facing and with CC2, pu and k21 sts on the side edge between markers.

**Rows 1-15:** Beg with a p row, work 15 rows in St st.

**Row 16:** \*K1, p1; rep from \* to last st, k1.

**Row 17:** \*P1, k1; rep from \* to last st, p1.

**Row 18:** As Row 16.

Cast off. Remove markers.

## Trousers

### First Trouser Leg

With CC3, cast on 20 sts.

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

**Rows 2-6:** Beg with a k row, work 5 rows in St st. \*\*\*

Break yarn and place sts on hold until you finish Second Trouser Leg.

### Second Trouser Leg

Work as for First Trouser Leg to \*\*\*.

### Join legs

**Row 7 (WS):** P20 of Second Trouser Leg, then beg at WS of held sts from First Trouser Leg, p20. 40 sts

### Top of trousers

**Row 8:** [K1, kfb, k16, kfb, k1] twice. 44 sts

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

Cast off.

## Hat

With CC1, cast on 40 sts.

Knit 4 rows.

**Row 5 (RS):** K5, cast off 5 sts (including st on RH needle), k13, cast off 5, k12.

Switch to CC4.

**Row 6:** P12, cast on 5 sts, p13 (including st rem on RH needle), cast on 5 sts, p5.

**Row 7:** Knit.

**Row 8:** Purl.

**Row 9:** \*K3, k2tog; rep from \* to end. 32 sts

**Row 10:** Purl.

**Row 11:** \*K2, k2tog; rep from \* to end. 24 sts

**Row 12:** Purl.

**Row 13:** \*K1, k2tog; rep from \* to end. 16 sts

**Row 14:** Purl.

**Row 15:** \*K2tog; rep from \* to end. 8 sts

Break yarn, thread through rem sts and pull tight to fasten.

### Making up:

**Legs & Body:** Starting at cast-off sts, join side seams from neck to crotch (Row 19), stuffing as you go. Next, join inside leg seams and stuff legs and feet. Gather the cast-on sts tog to close the sole of each foot.

**Head:** Insert toy safety eyes into top of Head, using picture as a guide. Starting at nose (cast-off end), join side edges together, stuffing as you go. This seam runs down the centre underside of Head. Gather cast-on sts tog at back of Head. With MC and using the picture as a guide, embroider a small triangle for the nose and a vertical line beneath the nose. Sew Head to top of Body.

**Ears:** Sew cast-on edge of each Ear to top of Head.

**Arms:** Join side seams of arms from cast-off at paw, up to cast-on edge. This seam runs down the inside of each arm. Stuff paws firmly, but lightly stuff the top of each arm. Sew the cast-on edge to top side of Body.

**Tail:** Sew side edges of Tail tog, and sew cast-on end to the back of Body.

**Sweater:** Join side and sleeve seams of Sweater. With CC4,

embroider decorations on the tree (2 small horizontal sts per decoration).

**Trousers:** Join the side seams of each trouser leg from cast-on sts at hem up to crotch (Row 7). Then join the side edges of trouser top tog (this seam runs down centre back of Trousers), leaving a gap in the back seam for Tail to poke through.

**Hat:** Sew back seam using mattress stitch. Make a small pom-pom with CC1 and attach to top of hat.

**Backpack:** Fold the cast-off edge of Backpack Body in half and sew tog, then join side edges tog. Fold over the flap (cast-on edge) and sew a button onto the bag to correspond with the yo buttonhole (Row 3). Sew the ends of each Strap to corners of the Backpack. 🧶

