

Wee Wildlife Sweaters

by Kathy Lewinski

Some notes on knitting the colorwork: For dark sweaters with lighter colored animals, I carried the yarn around just catching it every 4th or 5th stitch. On the white sweaters, I didn't want the grey to show behind the white all the way around, so I worked the sweater flat and did the colorwork in intarsia. Once it came time to join the arms and work the yoke, I joined the body together to work in the round. When the whole sweater was finished, I seamed up the back. You could also do the animal on both sides of the sweater or duplicate stitch it on after knitting.

Of course, feel free to switch up whether the pattern is light on dark or dark on light with any of these sweaters.

Size: 3.5" (9cm) tall x 6.5" (16.5cm) wide when worked at gauge

Supplies:

- Size 1US(2.25mm) double-pointed needles
- Approx. 11g/55yds Knit Picks Palette (100% Peruvian Highland Wool 50b/231yds) or similar fingering weight yarn in two colors per sweater. The polar bear used MC (Asphalt Heather) 10g/50yds, CC1 (White) 1g/15yds
- Scrap fingering yarn
- Stitch marker
- Tapestry needle

Gauge: 10 stitches and 12 rows per inch

Abbreviations:

- K – knit
- K2tog – knit two together
- M1r – make one right
- M1l – make 1 left
- P – purl
- Rnd(s) – Round(s)
- Ssk – slip, slip, knit
- Sts - stitches
- X – times

Body:

With MC, cast on 60 sts. Divide between three needles. Join together to knit in the round being careful not to twist stitches. Place a stitch marker between the last and first stitch to mark rnds.

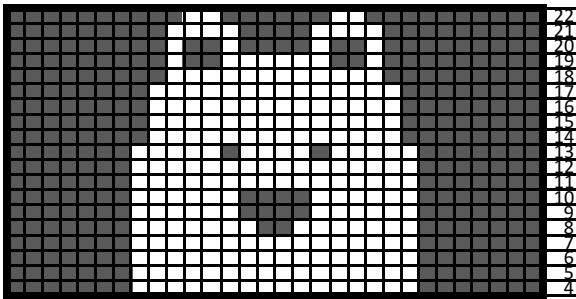
Rnds 1 - 3: (k1, p1)30x

Rnds 4 – 27: Work the directions that follow for each chart.

Polar Bear

Rnds 4 – 22: k15, k30 working the color work chart, k15

Polar Bear Chart



Rnds 23 – 27: k
Set aside.

Sleeves: Make two

With MC, cast on 12 sts. Join together to knit in the round being careful not to twist stitches. Place a stitch marker between the last and first stitch to mark rnds.

Rnds 1 – 3: (k1, p1)6x

Rnd 4: k1, m1l, k10, m1r, k1 (14sts)

Rnds 5 – 9: k

Rnd 10: k1, m1l, k12, m1r, k1 (16sts)

Rnds 11 – 15: k

Rnd 16: k1, m1l, k14, m1r, k1 (18 sts)

Rnds 17 – 21: k

Rnd 22: k1, m1l, k16, m1r, k1 (20 sts)

Rnds 23 – 26: k

Put the two stitches on each side of the stitch marker on a piece of scrap yarn. These four stitches will be your underarm stitches. You will have 16 sts left on the needles.

Yoke: On the first rnd you will be joining the body and the sleeves to knit the yoke.

Rnd 1: Starting with the body, k13, place the next 4 sts on a piece of scrap yarn (underarm sts), k16 sts from one sleeve lining the underarm sts up with those on the body, k26 from the body, place the next 4 sts on a piece of scrap yarn (underarm sts), k16 sts from the other sleeve matching the underarm sts with those on the body, k13 stitches from the body. Place stitch marker. (84 sts)

Rnds 2 – 5: k

Rnd 6: (ssk, k4)14x (70sts)

Rnds 7 – 8: k

Rnd 9: (k3, k2tog)14x (56sts)

Rnds 10 – 11: k

Rnd 12: (ssk, k2)14x (42sts)

Rnd 13: k

Rnd 14: (k1, k2tog)14x (28 sts)

Rnds 15 - 16: (k1, p1)14x (28 sts)

Rnd 17: bind off

Finishing:

Seam the underarm sts on the body and sleeves on each side. Weave in ends. Block.