

# a sheepish sheep

advanced pattern by My Baboo

**You will need:** a pair of 5mm knitting needles, 3 hanks of aran weight wool in cream, green and dark grey (approximately 20gms of each), black wool for eye details, cream or white wool for eye details, a darning needle suitable for yarn and a pair of scissors

We can sense you're woolly excited to get started, so we'll leave you to it.

**tips and techniques:** The hat is simply knitted in one rectangle for the body and one rectangle for the head. Stitches used are garter stitch and stocking stitch - ie. knit one row, purl the next row. When casting on and breaking off yarn, always leave a 'tail' of at least 10cm. This helps when sewing in the ends of the yarn, as it is already secure. If you're a beginner then simply 'knit' every row for a more textured finish in garter stitch. The finished hat measures approximately 5cmx4cm (excluding the head).

## pattern

### for the main hat

Cast on 22 stitches in your main hat colour:

Row 1 (top of hat) - Knit

Row 2 - Purl

Continue in SS for a further 6 rows starting with a knit row and ending on a purl row.

Break off yarn and change to grass colour (green)

Continue in SS starting with a knit row, for a further 3 rows, ending in a knit row, cast off loosely, knit wise.

### for the head

With the dark grey wool cast on 10 stitches.

Starting with a knit row, SS 6 rows and cast off leaving a long tail of yarn (approx 30-40 cm) to sew the head and form the ears.

### to make the ears

Take the longest length of yarn still attached to the head out of one corner and form a loop and then form 5 slip chains and sew the end in to form a loop for the ear. Repeat on the opposite corner.



**Abbreviations** K- Knit P - Purl SS- stocking stitch - knit one row, purl one row alternately



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