

# 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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Next take a length of cream yarn and taking the needle from the back of the head to the front, sew on the eyes. Tie off the cream yarn securely at the back. Next take the black yarn and taking the needle from the back of the head through an eye, sew on the pupils again securing the ends of the yarn at the back.

Why not draw your face on a piece of paper first, experiment with different expressions? Take the head and securely sew it to the top corner of the hat using the cream yarn attached.

Using a length of the grey wool secure to the tail end opposite the head and form 6 slip chains then sew back over to form the tail loop.

#### to make the grass

Finally take a length of the green yarn to form the 'grass' by sewing and knotting three loops to the lower corner of the head, trim then tease the fibers apart to make it more grass-like.

Stand back and imagine your little sheep gamboling through the countryside.

Look how happy he or she is.



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