

Knitted Sheep and Lamb Patterns

You will need

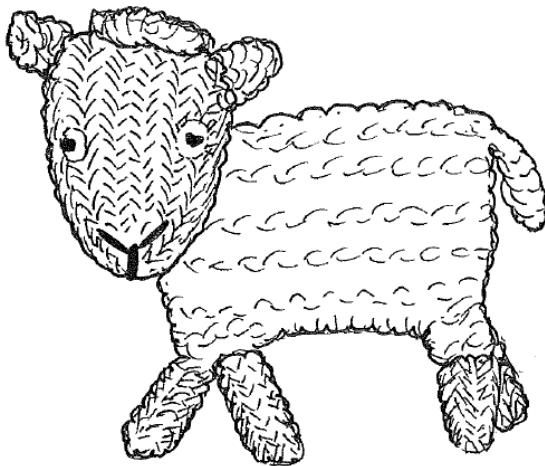
Knitting needles

Size 3mm (US2/3) knitting needles

Size 2.75mm (US2) knitting needles

A yarn needle to sew your work together

An embroidery needle



Yarn for the sheep

7g/ ¼ oz (17 m/18 ½ yd) textured cream yarn

6g/ ¼ oz (14m/15 ½ yd) textured grey yarn

Very small amounts of black and a pale coloured yarn of your choice

20g/ ¾ oz polyester toy filling or cotton wool

Sheep Body

The body is knitted from the rear to the neck.

Make 1

- Using size 3mm (US2/3) needles, cast on 20sts in cream.
- Work 6 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
- K 30 rows.
- Work 6 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
- Cast off.

Sheep Head

The head is knitted from the top of the head to the tip of the nose.

Make 1

- Using size 3mm (US 2/3) needles, cast on 20 sts in grey.
- Work 14 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
- Next row: K2, [ktog] twice, K2, k2tog, ssk, K2, [ssk] twice, K2. (14sts)
- Next row: P2tog, P10, p2tog. (12 sts)
- Next row: [K2tog] 3 times, [ssk] 3 times. (6 sts)
- Break yarn and thread it through rem sts.

Sheep Legs

Make 4

- Using size 3mm (US 2/3) needles, cast on 7 sts in grey.
- Work 8 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
- Break grey yarn and join cream yarn.
- K2 rows.
- Next row: K1, M1m K5, M1, K1. (9 sts)
- K2 rows.
- Cast off.

Sheep Ears

Make 2

- Using size 2.75mm (US2) needles, cast on 4 sts in grey.
- K 4 rows.
- Next row: K2tog, ssk. (2 sts)
- Next row: K2tog. (1 st)
- Break yarn and pull it through rem st.

Sheep Tail

Make 1

- Using size 3mm (US2/3) needles, cast on 8 sts in cream.
- K1 row.
- Cast off.

Making up

Fold the head piece RS together and oversew the back seam, leaving the top open for turning and stuffing. Turn the head RS out and stuff. Make sure that the back seam is in the centre and close the top of the head using mattress stitch.

Fold the body piece in half widthways, with WS together. Seam the lower and back edges using mattress stitch, leaving the neck edge open for stuffing. Stuff the body. Oversew the head to the body. Oversew the ears in place.

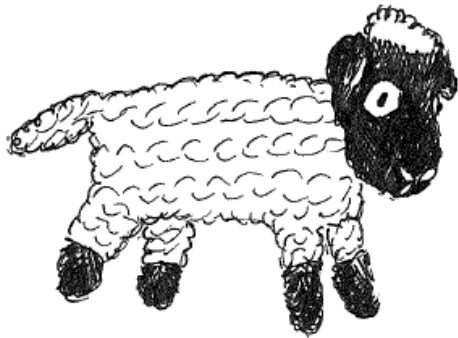
Fold the tail in half lengthways in the way the piece naturally curls. Oversew the seam and stitch in place.

Fold the leg pieces lengthways, WS together.

Oversew the short edges and join the long seams using mattress stitch, leaving the top edge open for stuffing. Stuff and stitch in place.

For the eyes, work two French knots using black yarn. Using pale coloured yarn, work a circle of chain stitch around each French knot. Using black yarn, work three straight titches in a 'Y' shape for the nose and mouth. Using a single strand of black yarn, work three straight stitches above each eye to represent eyelashes. Add a few loops of yarn at the top of the head.

To give your sheep a fuzzy look, dampen her slightly and brush quite vigorously with a small nylon bristle brush.



Yarn for the lamb

Small amount of textured grey yarn

2.5g / $\frac{1}{16}$ oz (6m/7yd) black yarn

Very small amounts of white and pale pink yarn

10 g/ $\frac{3}{8}$ oz polyester toy filling

Lamb Body

Make 1

- Using size 3mm (US 2/3) needles, cast on 15 sts in grey.
- Work 4 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
- K 20 rows.
- Work 4 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
- Cast off.

Lamb Head

Make 1

- Using size 3mm (US 2/3) needles, cast on 18 sts in black.
- Work 8 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
- Next row: K2, k2tog, K2, k2tog, K2, ssk, K2, ssk, K2. (14 sts)
- Next row: K1, [k2tog] twice, K2, [ssk] twice, K1 (8sts)
- Next row: P2tog, P4, p2tog. (6sts)
- Break yarn and thread it through rem sts.

Lamb Legs

Make 4

- Using size 3mm (US 2/3) needles, cast on 6 sts in black.
- Work 4 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
- Break black yarn and join grey yarn.
- K4 rows.
- Cast off.

Lamb Ears

Make 2

- Using size 2.75mm (US 2) needles, cast on 4 sts in black.
- K 2 rows.
- Next row: K2tog, ssk. (2sts)
- Next row: K2tog. (1 s t)
- Break yarn and pull it through rem st.

Lamb Tail

Make 1

- Using size 3mm (US2/3) needles, cast on 6 sts in grey.
- K 1 row.
- Cast off.

Making up

Fold the head piece RS together and oversew the back seam, leaving the top open for turning and stuffing. Turn the head RS out and stuff. Make sure that the back seam is in the centre and close the top of the head using mattress stitch.

Fold the body piece in half widthways, with WS together. Seam the lower and back edges using mattress stitch, leaving the neck edge open for stuffing. Stuff the body. Oversew the head to the body. Oversew the ears in place.

Fold the tail in half lengthways in the way the piece naturally curls. Oversew the seam and stitch in place.

Fold the leg pieces lengthways, WS together.

Oversew the short edges and join the long seams using mattress stitch, leaving the top edge open for stuffing. Stuff and stitch in place.

For the eyes, separate a length of cream yarn into two strands. Use one of these to work two small circles of chain stitch for the outer eye.

Using black yarn, work a French knot in the centre of each chain-stitch circle. Using pink yarn, work three straight stitches in a 'Y' shape for the nose and mouth.