Shaun the Sheep™

Bedtime snuggly

This simple pattern is easy to knit in chunky yarn – it's the perfect pattern for teaching your little ones to knit

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to knit, or need a refresher
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The pieces of this big snuggly
sheep are all easy to knit. All of
the body and most of the legs
and tail are knitted straight in
stocking stitch, so they would
be ideal pieces for a child to
knit. There is simple shaping
in the feet, tail and ears. The
shaping in the head pieces
take a little more concentration,
so you may want to knit these
bits yourself.

Start knitting...

Body
With MC and larger needles,
cast on 40 sts.
Work in St st until piece
measures 40cm.
Cast off.

Head Front
With CC1 and larger needles,
cast on 6 sts.
Row 1 & all WS rows: Purl.
Row 2: [Kfb] 6 times. *12 sts*
Row 4: [Kfb, k1] 6 times. *18 sts*
Row 6: Kfb, k1, kfb, k12, kfb,
k1, kfb. *22 sts*
Row 8: Kfb, k1, kfb, k16, kfb,
k1, kfb. *26 sts*
**Rows 10, 12, 14, 16, 18
& 20:** Knit.
Row 22: K1, ssk, k20, k2tog,
k1. *24 sts*
Row 24: Knit.
Row 26: K1, ssk, k18, k2tog,
k1. *22 sts*
Row 28: Knit.
Row 30: K1, ssk, k16, k2tog,
k1. *20 sts*
Row 32: Knit.
Row 33: Purl.
Cast off.

Head Back
With CC1 and larger needles,
cast on 6 sts
Row 1 & all WS rows: Purl.
Row 2: [Kfb] 6 times. *12 sts*
Row 4: [Kfb, k1] 6 times. *18 sts*
Row 6: K1, kfb, k14, kfb, k1.
20 sts
Rows 7-31: Work in St st
Cast off.

Head Top
With MC and larger needles,
cast on 36 sts.

Beg with a knit row, work 4 rows
in St st.
Row 5: *K2, k2tog; rep from *
to end. *27 sts*
Row 6: Purl.
Row 7: *K1 k2tog; rep from *
to end. *18 sts*
Cast off

Eyes
Make 2 the same
With CC2 and smaller needles,
cast on 6 sts.
Row 1: [Kfb] 6 times. *12 sts*
Row 2: Purl.
Row 3: [Kfb, k1] 6 times. *18 sts*
Row 4: Purl.
Row 5: Knit.
Row 6: Purl.
Row 7: [K2tog k1] 6 times.
12 sts
Change to CC2.
Row 8: Purl.
Row 9: [K2tog] 6 times. *6 sts*
Stuff eye lightly.
Break yarn, thread through rem
sts and pull tight to fasten.

Legs/Arms
Make 4 the same
With CC1 and larger needles,
cast on 12 sts.
Beg with a purl row, work 35
rows in St st, finishing after a
WS row.
Row 36: [K2, kfb] 4 times.
16 sts
Row 37 & all WS rows: Purl.
Row 38: [K3, kfb] 4 times.
20 sts
Row 40: [K4, kfb] 4 times.
24 sts
Row 42: Knit
Row 44: [K2tog] 12 times.
12 sts
Row 46: [K2tog] 6 times. *6 sts*
Break yarn, thread through rem
sts and pull tight to fasten.

Ears
Make 2 the same
With CC1 and larger needles,
cast on 6 sts.
Row 1 & all WS rows: Purl.
Row 2: K1, kfb, k2, kfb, k1.
8 sts
Row 4: Knit.
Row 6: K1, kfb, k4, kfb, k1.
10 sts
Row 8: Knit.

Row 10: K1, kfb, k6, kfb, k1.
12 sts
Rows 12 & 14: Knit.
Row 16: K1, ssk, k6, k2tog, k1.
10 sts
Row 18: K1, ssk, k4, k2tog, k1.
8 sts
Row 20: K1, ssk, k2, k2tog, k1.
6 sts
Row 22: K1, ssk, k2tog, k1.
4 sts
Row 23: [P2tog] twice. *2 sts*
Break yarn, thread through rem
sts and pull tight to fasten.

Tail
With MC and larger needles,
cast on 18 sts.
Row 1 & all WS rows: Purl.
Row 2: Knit.
Row 4: K4, kfb, kfb, k6, kfb,
kfb, k4. *22 sts*
Row 6: Knit.
Row 8: K5, kfb, kfb, k8, kfb,
kfb, k5. *26 sts*
Rows 9-23: Work in St st.
Cast off.

Making up: Sew Head Front
to Head Back along side and
bottom edges, leaving top open
and stuff. Sew back seam of
Head Top and stuff. Attach
to top of head. Sew eyes in
place. Fold body piece in half
lengthways, with purl side
facing out. Sew all seams,
stuffing lightly. Seam and stuff
the tail in the same way. Sew
foot seams and stuff feet
before sewing leg seams. Do
not stuff legs. Sew Legs, Tail
and Head to Body, using photo
as a guide. ◍

Abbreviations

1x1 rib	k1, p1 ribbing	
2x2 rib	k2, p2 ribbing	
alt	Alternate	
beg	Beginning	
CC	Contrast colour	
cdd	Centred double decrease – slip 2 stitches knitwise together, knit 1, pass slipped stitches over	
cm	Centimetres	
CN	Cable needle	
C2B	Cable 2 back – sl st onto CN, hold at back, k1 from LH needle, k1 from CN	
C2F	Cable 2 front – sl st onto CN, hold in front, k1 from LH needle, k1 from CN	
cont	Continue	
dec	Decrease	
DPN	Double-pointed needle	
foll	Following	
g	Grammes	
G st	Garter stitch. Knitting flat: Knit every row. Knitting in the round: Knit and purl alternate rounds	
i-cord	K all sts on DPN. Without turning, slide sts to other end of needle. Rep until cord reaches desired length	
inc	Increase	
incl	Including	
k	Knit	
k-wise	Knitwise	
kfb	Knit one through the front then through the back (same stitch)	

k2tog	Knit two together
LH	Left hand
m1	Make one by lifting the bar between stitches onto LH needle and knitting into it
mb	Make bobble
MC	Main colour
m1l	Insert the LH needle from front to back under the strand of yarn between the st just worked and the next st on the LH needle. Knit this new st through the back loop. 1 st inc'd
m1r	Insert the LH needle from back to front under the strand of yarn between the st just worked and the next st on the LH needle. Knit this new st through the front loop. 1 st inc'd
p	Purl
p-wise	Purlwise
p2tog	Purl two together
patt	Pattern
pm	Place marker
prev	Previous
psso	Pass slipped stitch over
pu	Pick up
rem	Remaining
rep	Repeat
Rev St st	Reverse stocking stitch. As stocking stitch, but knit side is the 'wrong' side
RH	Right hand

rm	Remove marker
rnd	Round
Row	Row
RS	Right side
sk2p	Slip 1, knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over
skp	Slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped stitch over
sl	Slip stitch – slip p-wise unless specified
sm	Slip marker
ssk	Slip one knitwise, slip one purlwise, knit two slipped stiches together
ssp	Slip one, slip one, purl two slipped stitches together
st	Stitch
St st	Stocking stitch. Knitting flat: Alternate knit and purl rows. Knitting in the round: Knit all rounds
tbl	Through back loop
tog	Together
w&t	Wrap and turn. Slip next stitch onto RH needle, take yarn to opposite side of work between needles, slip same stitch back onto LH needle. Turn work ready to begin working in opposite direction
WS	Wrong side
wyib	With yarn in back
wyif	With yarn in front
yo	Yarn over
[]	Repeat instructions
()	Alternative sizes