

**Bitzer, the dog**  
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**Finished Toy size:** Large size 27" (use two strains of yarn), smaller size 20" (use single strain of yarn)

**Yarn:** Approximately 100g (200g for the larger size) of golden brown medium weight yarn. Remnants of dark brown medium weight yarn (for the collar and ears), black yarn (for the muzzle and watch), blue yarn (for hat, and sweat band), white yarn (for sweat band and watch)

**Recommended Needles size:**

For larger size dog (27") Double pointed needles US #7/4.5mm (set of 5), also pair of straight needles in the same size as the DPN. (Knit with double strain of yarn).

For the smaller size dog (20") Double pointed needles US # 5/3.5mm (set of 5), also pair of straight needles in the same size as the DPN. (Knit with single strain of yarn)

**Notions:**

Yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker, row counter, polyester fiberfill (1 small bag), two buttons for his eyes or two safety eyes. Few cleaners pipes to insert inside the tail to shape it. Small amount of white felt for the teeth.

**Abbreviations:** KFB = Knit in front and back of the same st, this creates 2sts from 1st. SSK= slip st, slip st and knit the 2sts together, this decrease 2sts to 1st.

**Gauge:** 18sts & 25 rows = 4" in st. st. (for single yarn use)

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Note:** When casting on leave long tail of yarn, it will be used later on for sewing.

**Collar:** With a dark brown and three double pointed needles cast on 12sts (4sts per needle). Place the stitch marker on the first st and begin working in the round.

**Row 1 - 44:** Knit around (12sts total)

**Row 45:** Knit and bind off. Cut the yarn, leaving long enough tail, and thread the end on a yarn needle. Sew together the cast on and cast off stitches creating the collar. Set aside.

**Body:** With the golden brown yarn and three double pointed needles, cast on 12sts (4sts per needle). Place the stitch marker on the first st and begin working in the round.

**Row 1:** Knit around (12sts total)

**Row 2:** \*KFB, Knit 1; repeat from \* around, 6 sts per needle (18sts total)

**Row 3:** \*KFB, Knit 2; repeat from \* around, 8sts per needle (24sts total)

**Row 4 - 5:** Knit around (24sts total)

**Row 6:** \*KFB, Knit 1; repeat from \* around, 12sts per needle (36sts total)

**Row 7 - 8:** Knit around (36sts total)

**Row 9:** \*KFB, Knit 2; repeat from \* around, 16sts per needle (48sts total)

**Row 10:** Knit around (48sts total) Thread the tail of yarn from the cast on stitches on a yarn needle. Stitch through all of the cast on stitches, pull up tight to close the hole, and stitch to secure.

**Row 11:** \*KFB, Knit 3; repeat from \* around, 20sts per needle (60sts total)

**Row 12:** Knit around (60sts total)

**Row 13:** \*KFB, Knit 4; repeat from \* around, 24sts per needle (72sts total)

**Row 14 - 16:** Knit around (72sts total)

**Row 17:** \*SSK, Knit 10; repeat from \* around, 22sts per needle (66sts total)

**Row 18:** Knit around (66sts total)

**Row 19:** \*SSK, Knit 9; repeat from \* around, 20sts per needle (60sts total)

**Row 20 - 21:** Knit around (60sts total)

**Row 22:** \*SSK, Knit 8; repeat from \* around, 18sts per needle (54sts total)

**Row 23 - 25:** Knit around (54sts total)

**Row 26:** \*SSK, Knit 7; repeat from \* around, 16sts per needle (48sts total)

**Row 27 - 41:** Knit around (48sts total)

**Row 42:** \*SSK, Knit 6; repeat from \* around, 14sts per needle (42sts total)

**Row 43 - 45:** Knit around (42sts total)

**Row 46:** \*SSK, Knit 5; repeat from \* around, 12sts per needle (36sts total)

**Row 47 - 49:** Knit around (36sts total). Begin to stuff the body with fiberfill.

**Row 50:** \*SSK, Knit 4; repeat from \* around, 10sts per needle (30sts total)

**Row 51 - 53:** Knit around (30sts total)

**Row 54:** \*SSK, Knit 3; repeat from \* around, 8sts per needle (24sts total)

**Row 55:** Knit around (24sts total)

**Row 56:** \*SSK, Knit 2; repeat from \* around, 6sts per needle (18sts total)

**Row 57:** \*SSK, Knit 4; repeat from \* around, 5sts per needle (15sts total)

**Row 58 - 65:** Knit around (15sts total)

Finish stuffing the body and the neck. Put the collar around the neck.



**Continue with the head.**

**Row 1:** Knit around (15sts total)

**Row 2:** \*KFB, Knit 4; repeat from \* around, 6sts per needle (18sts total)

**Row 3:** \*KFB, Knit 2; repeat from \* around, 8sts per needle (24sts total)

**Row 4:** Knit around (24sts total)

**Row 5:** \*KFB, Knit 3; repeat from \* around, 10sts per needle (30sts total)

**Row 6:** Knit around (30sts total)

**Row 7:** \*KFB, Knit 4; repeat from \* around, 12sts per needle (36sts total)

**Row 8:** Knit around (36sts total)

**Row 9:** \*KFB, Knit 5; repeat from \* around, 14sts per needle (42sts total)

**Row 10 - 30:** Knit around (42sts total). Continue stuffing the head with fiberfill.

**Row 31:** \*SSK, Knit 5; repeat from \* around, 12sts per needle (36sts total)

**Row 32:** Knit around (36sts total)

**Row 33:** \*SSK, Knit 4; repeat from \* around, 10sts per needle (30sts total)

**Row 34:** Knit around (30sts total)

**Row 35:** \*SSK, Knit 3; repeat from \* around, 8sts per needle (24sts total)

**Row 36:** Knit around (24sts total)

**Row 37:** \*SSK, Knit 2; repeat from \* around, 6sts per needle (18sts total)

**Row 38:** Knit around (18sts total)

**Row 39:** \*SSK, Knit 1; repeat from \* around, 4sts per needle (12sts total)

**Row 40:** Knit around (12sts total). Finish stuffing the head with fiberfill. Cut the yarn, leaving long tail, and thread the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches on needles, gather up and close the hole, stitch to secure.

### **Front muzzle:**

With the golden brown yarn and four double pointed needles cast on 40sts (10sts per needle). Place the stitch marker on the first st and begin working in the round.

**Row 1 - 3:** Knit around (40sts total)

**Row 4:** \*SSK, Knit 6, SSK; repeat from \* around, 8sts per needle (32sts total)

**Row 5:** Knit around (32sts total)

**Row 6:** \*SSK, Knit 4, SSK; repeat from \* around, 6sts per needle (24sts total)

**Row 7:** Knit around (24sts total)

**Row 8:** \*SSK, Knit 2, SSK; repeat from \* around, 4sts per needle (16sts total)

**Row 9:** Knit around (16sts total). **Change the yarn to black yarn.**

**Row 10:** Knit around (16sts total)

**Row 11:** KFB all around, 8sts per needle (32sts total)

**Row 12:** Knit around (32sts total)

**Row 13:** \*KFB, Knit 1; repeat from \* around, 12sts per needle (48sts total)

**Row 14 - 15:** Knit around (48sts total)

**Row 16:** \*SSK, Knit 8, SSK; repeat from \* around, 10sts per needle (40sts total)

**Row 17:** Knit around (40sts total)

**Row 18:** \*SSK, Knit 6, SSK; repeat from \* around, 8sts per needle (32sts total)

**Row 19:** Knit around (32sts total)

**Row 20:** \*SSK, Knit 4, SSK; repeat from \* around, 6sts per needle (24sts total)

**Row 21:** Knit around (24sts total)

**Row 22:** \*SSK, Knit 2, SSK; repeat from \* around, 4sts per needle (16sts total)

**Row 23:** Knit around (16sts total)

**Row 24:** SSK all around, 2sts per needle (8sts total). Cut the yarn, leaving long tail, and thread the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches on needles, gather up and close the hole, stitch to secure. Stuff the muzzle, and with the tail from the cast on sts. sew the muzzle on the face using the picture as a guide.

### **Ears (make 2):**

With dark brown color yarn and two double pointed needles and cast on 10sts. (5sts. per needle). Place a stitch marker on the first st, and begin working in the round.

**Row 1 - 2:** Knit around (10sts total)

**Row 3:** \*KFB, Knit 4; repeat from \* around, 6sts per needle (12sts total)

**Row 4:** \*KFB, Knit 5; repeat from \* around, 7sts per needle (14sts total)

**Row 5:** \*KFB, Knit 6; repeat from \* around, 8sts per needle (16sts total)

**Row 6 - 20:** Knit around (16sts total)

**Row 21:** \*SSK, Knit 4, SSK; repeat from \* around, 6sts per needle (12sts total)

**Row 22:** \*SSK, Knit 2, SSK; repeat from \* around, 4sts per needle (8sts total) Cut the yarn, leaving long tail, and thread the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches on needles, gather up and close the hole, stitch to secure, shape the

ears by flattening them. With the tail from cast on sts sew the ears to the side of the head, using the picture as a guide.

**Hat:**

With blue yarn and three DPN cast on 42sts, divide the stitches evenly on the needles (14sts per needle), place a stitch marker on the first st and begin working in the round.

**Row 1 - 10:** Knit around (42sts total)

**Row 11:** \*SSK, Knit 5; repeat from \* around, 12sts per needle (36sts total)

**Row 12:** Knit around (36sts total)

**Row 13:** \*SSK, Knit 4; repeat from \* around, 10sts per needle (30sts total)

**Row 14:** Knit around (30sts total)

**Row 15:** \*SSK, Knit 3; repeat from \* around, 8sts per needle (24sts total)

**Row 16:** Knit around (24sts total)

**Row 17:** \*SSK, Knit 2; repeat from \* around, 6sts per needle (18sts total)

**Row 18:** Knit around (18sts total)

**Row 19:** \*SSK, Knit 1; repeat from \* around, 4sts per needle (12sts total)

**Row 20:** Knit around (12sts total) Cut the yarn, leaving long tail, and thread the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches on needles, gather up and close the hole, stitch to secure. Weave in the tail from cast on sts. It is also possible to sew on the hat on the head, using the picture as a guide.



**Lips and teeth:** With the golden brown yarn cast on 30sts. Work **5 rows** in stockinette stitch. Cast off. Cut the yarn leaving long enough tail. Sew the cast on edge and cast off edge together and sew it on the dog's face under the muzzle to create the lips. Cut approximately 6 small squares of white felt and glue them, or sew them on the upper lip using the picture as a guide. Those are his teeth.

**Eyes:**

Use two buttons and sew them on the dog's face using the picture as a guide.

**Watch:**

With the white yarn cast and two DPN cast on 10sts (5sts per needle). Place the stitch marker on the first st and begin working in the round.

**Row 1:** Knit around (10sts total)

**Row 2:** \*KFB, Knit 3, KFB; repeat from \* around, 7sts per needle (14sts total)

**Row 3:** \*KFB, Knit 5, KFB; repeat from \* around, 9sts per needle (18sts total)

**Row 4 - 5:** Knit around (18sts total)

**Row 6:** \*SSK, Knit 5, SSK; repeat from \* around, 7sts per needle (14sts total)

**Row 7:** \*SSK, Knit 3, SSK; repeat from \* around, 5sts per needle (10sts total)

**Row 8:** Knit around (10sts total) Change to black yarn.

**Row 9 - 33:** Knit around (10sts total)

**Row 34:** Knit and cast off. Cut the yarn leaving long enough tail. Thread the tail on a yarn needle and sew the cast on sts and cast off sts together, creating the watch. Embroider the watch. Set aside.

**Sweat Band:** With the white yarn and three DPN cast on 18sts (6sts per needle). Place the stitch marker on the first st and begin working in the round. Work the stripes as follow:

**Row 1 - 5:** Knit around (18sts total) in **white** yarn

**Row 6:** Knit around (18sts total) in **blue** yarn

**Row 7:** Knit around (18sts total) in **white** yarn

**Row 8:** Knit around (18sts total) in **blue** yarn

**Row 9 - 11:** Knit around (18sts total) in **white** yarn. Cast off. Sew together the cast on edge and cast off edge. Set aside.

**Arms (make 2):**

With the golden brown yarn and three double pointed needles cast on 12sts (4sts per needle). Place the stitch marker on the first st and begin working in the round.

**Row 1 - 34:** Knit around (12sts total). Keep stuffing the arm with fiberfill as you knit.

**Row 35:** KFB all around, 8sts per needle (24sts total)

**Row 36 - 39:** Knit around (24sts total).

**Row 40:** Divide the sts for 4 fingers, each finger has 6sts. You will need the first 3sts and the last 3sts for the first finger. Leave the remaining sts on a stitch holder. Continue working in the round with 6sts for the first finger.

**Row 41 - 44:** Knit around (6sts total).

**Row 45:** Knit around (6sts total) Finish stuffing the finger. Cut the yarn, leaving long tail, and thread the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches on needles, gather up and close the hole, stitch to secure. Reattach the yarn and continue with the second finger. Use the next 3sts from the front and 3sts from the back of the arm. Repeat the rows 41 - 45 for all other fingers. Weave in all the ends. Put the watch or sweat band on the arm and with the tail from cast on sts sew the arm to the upper side of body, using the picture as a guide.

Repeat for the second arm.

### **Legs (make 2):**

With the golden brown yarn and three double pointed needles cast on 18sts (6sts per needle). Place the stitch marker on the first st and begin working in the round.

**Row 1 - 29:** Knit around (18sts total). Keep stuffing the leg with fiberfill as you knit.

**Row 30:** Knit and cast off.

Repeat for the second leg.



### **Feet (make 2):**

With the golden brown yarn and two double pointed needles cast on 12sts (6sts per needle). Place the stitch marker on the first st and begin working in the round.

**Row 1:** Knit around (12sts total)

**Row 2:** \*KFB, Knit 4, KFB; repeat from \* around, 8sts per needle (16sts total)

**Row 3:** Knit around (16sts total)

**Row 4:** \*KFB, Knit 7; repeat from \* around, 9sts per needle (18sts total)

**Row 5 - 14:** Knit around (18sts total) Keep stuffing the foot.

**Row 15:** Divide the sts for 3 toes, each toe has 6sts You will need the first 3sts and the last 3sts for the first toe. Leave the remaining sts on a stitch holder. Continue working in the round with 6sts for the first toe.

**Row 16 - 18:** Knit around (6sts total).

**Row 19:** Knit around (6sts total) Finish stuffing the toe. Cut the yarn, leaving long tail, and thread the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches on

needles, gather up and close the hole, stitch to secure. Reattach the yarn and continue with the second toe. Use the next 3sts from the front and 3sts from the back of the foot. Repeat the rows 16 - 19 for all other toes. Weave in all the ends. Repeat for the second foot. With the tail from cast on sts close the hole and stitch to secure  
With the tail from cast off sts on the leg sew the leg to the foot, using the picture as a guide. Sew the legs to the bottom side of body, using the pictures as a guide.



**Tail:**

With the golden brown yarn and three double pointed needles cast on 9sts (3sts per needle). Place the stitch marker on the first st and begin working in the round.

**Row 1 - 26:** Knit around (9sts total), keep stuffing the tail with fiberfill as you knit.

**Row 27:** SSK all around, Knit last 1st (5sts total) Finish stuffing and cut the yarn, leaving long tail, and thread the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches on needles, gather up and close the hole, stitch to secure. With the tail from cast on sts sew the tail to middle of the bottom side of back, using the picture as a guide. I have used cleaner's pipes and inserted them in the tail, this way the tail can keep the shape of pointing up.

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