

Dog Chew-No-More Leg Cover



My dog had a reaction to an injection that he received in his upper front leg. He kept chewing and licking the spot, which made the irritation worse. I created this to cover the wound and prevent him from further irritating the sore.

Notes: I made this for a large lab's leg. You may have to adjust the number of stitches and/or change the yarn or needle size to obtain a size that fits your dog.

Materials Needed:

Worsted Weight Yarn – Natural fibers will be less irritating than synthetic fibers

Set of four size 7 double-pointed knitting needles, or size needed to obtain gauge.

Roll of 1 inch wide elastic band.

Needle and thread.

Optional: Fasteners – I used the fasteners from an old set of sheet straps.

Instructions:

With size 7 dpns, cast on 20 stitches.

Join in the round, and work in K1, P1 ribbing for 5 rounds.

Evenly increase 4 stitches on the next round and continue in the K1, P1 ribbing until work from beginning measures about 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

Elbow Opening: Cast off 12 stitches loosely in ribbing. Rib to the end of the round. Cast on 12 stitches and rejoin in round.

Work 5 rounds in K1, P1 ribbing.

Knit all stitches in round until work from the elbow opening measures about 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches (or the length needed for your dog's leg).

Decrease 4 stitches evenly on the next round.

Work 8 rounds in k1, P1 ribbing.

Cast off in ribbing.

Weave in ends.

Elastic band: Cut a piece of 1 inch wide elastic long enough to wrap around the dog. Make sure it is not too loose so the dog can pull the cover down, but you don't want it too tight to make it uncomfortable. My dog is a fat lab, and the elastic I used was about 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches. You can either sew it directly to the leg cover or attach some kind of fastener to be able to remove the strap.

