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Letter from the Editors

Dear Knitters,

Don't you just love Halloween? Not only is the world a colorful swirl of colors during Halloween time, it's the one holiday that explicitly allows you to be anything or anyone you want. Even if it's just for one day, you can be a superhero or a villain, a famous inventor or a movie star. Halloween is the day our fantasies can become a reality, even if only for a brief moment. It's no surprise that there are knitters out there who want to join in on the fun. From decorating to creating homemade Halloween Costumes, we've gathered up some exciting patterns that are sure to delight children and adults alike.

Save a bit of money with these free knitting patterns and make some Halloween magic with your knitting needles. You can easily save a bit of money on decorations by knitting up a couple of One Skein Rats (page 7) to put next to the candy bowl. Try knitting up your own creepy accessory with the Spooky Hands Scarf (page 4) or jazz up your costume with the Gothic Witch Cape (page 28). You'll have the best Halloween night when you're handing out candy while your knitting keeps you toasty warm.

If you have a little one that you're just dying to knit for, why not make up a Halloween costume? With free knitting patterns like the Baby Black Cat Costume (page 21) your child will be the delight of the neighborhood. Getting into the spirit of Halloween is as easy as getting a bit of black yarn and pulling out those knitting needles.

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Happy Knitting,

The Editors of AllFreeKnitting

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Spooky Hands Scarf

By Premier Yarns Design Team

Try out a new look this Halloween with the Spooky Hands Scarf. This knitted scarf pattern is a great way to get into the mood for the scariest holiday of the year. You'll get plenty of comments about this fun and funky scarf. Wrapping this whimsical creation around your neck is a great way to keep warm while you walk the streets with your kids or hand out candy.



Materials

- Deborah Norville Collection Everyday Go Team for Premier Yarns (100% anti-pilling acrylic; 100g/180 yds)
 - DN300-05 Half Time 2 balls
- Needles: US Size 8 (5 mm) set of double pointed needles (or size needed to obtain gauge)
- Notions: Tapestry needle, polyester stuffing, stitch markers, waste yarn (for holding stitches)

Gauge: 18 sts x 24 rows = 4" in Stockinette stitch. Save time, check your gauge.

Finished Measurements: Length: 62" from fingertip to fingertip

Instructions

Note: This scarf is worked in 2 halves. Each half is identical. The cast-on edges are sewn together and form the center of the scarf.

SCARF

First Half Beginning at the start of a yellow or green color change in the yarn, cast on 35 sts. Divide sts evenly among dpns, place marker (pm) and join to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts.

Rnd 1: Knit. Cont in St st until Scarf meas 21" from cast-on edge.

Hand - Thumb Gusset

Next rnd: K16, pm, k3, pm, knit to end. **Inc rnd:** Knit to marker, sl m, m1, knit to marker, m1, sl m, knit to end – 2 sts inc'd. **Next rnd:** Knit. Rep these 2 rnds, 5 more times – 15 sts between markers. **Next rnd:** Knit to marker, remove marker, slip 15 Thumb sts to waste yarn, cast on 3 stitches using backward loop cast-on, remove other marker, knit to end – 35 sts. Cont in St st for $2\frac{3}{7}$ ".

Fingers

Next rnd: K5, place next 4 sts on waste yarn for half of ring finger, place next 4 sts on waste yarn for half of middle finger, place next 10 sts on waste yarn for index finger, next 4 sts on waste yarn for other half of middle finger, next 4 sts on waste yarn for other half of ring finger – 9 sts rem for little finger.

Little Finger

Arrange rem sts evenly on 3 dpns.

Next rnd: Cast on 2 sts using backward loop cast on, k9, place marker for beg of rnd – 11 sts. Work even in St st until Little Finger measures $2\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Dec rnd: [K2tog] 4 times, k3tog – 5 sts rem. Break yarn, thread through tapestry ndl, and pass through rem live sts. Pull taut, fasten off.

Ring Finger

Place each set of 4 sts on a dpn.

Rnd 1: Beg with sts closest to Little Finger, k4, cast on 2 sts, k4, pick up and knit 2 sts from base of Little Finger, place marker for beg of rnd – 12 sts.

Work even in St st until Ring Finger measures 3".

Dec rnd: [K2tog] across rnd – 6 sts rem. Break yarn, thread through tapestry ndl, and pass through rem live sts. Pull taut, fasten off.

Middle Finger

Place each set of 4 sts on a dpn.

Rnd 1: Beg with sts closest to Ring Finger, k4, cast on 2 sts, k4, pick up and knit 2 sts from base of Ring Finger, place marker for beg of rnd – 12 sts. Work even in St st until Middle Finger measures $3\frac{1}{2}$ ". **Dec rnd:** [K2tog] across rnd – 6 sts rem. Break yarn, thread through tapestry ndl, and pass through rem live sts. Pull taut, fasten off.

Index Finger

Place 10 held sts on dpns.

Rnd 1: Pick up and knit 2 sts from base of Index Finger, k10, place marker for beg of rnd – 12 sts. Work even in St st until Index finger measures 3". Complete as for Middle Finger.

Thumb

Place 15 held sts on dpns. Rnd 1: Pick up and knit 3 sts from gap, k15 – 18 sts. **Next rnd:** K1, ssk, k13, k2tog – 16 sts. Place marker for beg of rnd. Work even in St st until Thumb measures 3".

Dec rnd: [K2tog] across rnd – 8 sts rem. Break yarn, thread through tapestry ndl, and pass through rem live sts. Pull taut, fasten off.

SECOND HALF OF SCARF - Work as for First Half.

FINISHING

If necessary, sew closed any holes between Fingers. Stuff Hands, Thumbs, and Fingers with polyester stuffing. With small amount of yarn, tack down scarf about 1" before Thumb shaping begins, to ensure stuffing does not travel up main Scarf.

Sew Second Half of Scarf to First Half of Scarf at cast-on edges. Weave in ends.

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One Skein Rats

By Lily Sugar 'n Cream

With just one ball of yarn, you can create two of these creepy little rats for Halloween. Knit Halloween decorations don't have to be complicated; these One Skein Rats can be made in a matter of hours. Scatter them around your yard for a chilling effect. If you're not into Halloween decor, these rats can easily be turned into cute knit toys by switching their eye color.



Materials

- Lily[®] Sugar'n Cream[®] (70.9 g/2.5 oz; 109 m/120 yds) 00002 (Black) 1 ball
 Note: 1 ball makes 2 Rats
- Size 4 mm (U.S. 6) knitting needles or size needed to obtain gauge
- Pair of size 4 mm (U.S. 6) double-pointed knitting needles
- Stuffing
- Black pipe cleaner
- Small red beads

Gauge: 21 sts and 28 rows = 4" [10 cm] in stocking st.

Finished Measurements: Approx 6½" [16.5 cm] long (excluding tail).

Instructions

BODY

Beg at end of Body, cast on 5 sts.
1st row: (RS). (Inc 1 st in next st) 4 times. K1. 9 sts.
2nd and alt rows: Purl.
3rd row: (Inc 1 st in next st) 8 times. K1. 17 sts.
5th row: (Inc 1 st in next st. K1) 8 times. K1. 25 sts.
7th row: Inc 1 st in first st. K10. (Inc 1 st in next st) twice. K10. Inc 1 st in next st. K1. 29 sts. Beg with a purl row, work 9 rows even.
Next row: (RS). K12. ssk. K1 (mark as center st). K2tog. K12. 27 sts. Beg with a purl row, work 3 rows even.
Next row: Knit to 2 sts before center st. ssk. K1 (center st). K2tog. Knit to end of row. Rep last 4 rows once more. 23 sts.

Beg with a purl row, work 3 rows even.

Next row: K1. (K2tog. K1) 7 times. K1. 16 sts. Purl 1 row. **Next row:** K1. (Inc 1 st in next st. K2) 5 times. 21 sts.

Beg with a purl row, work 7 rows even.

Next row: K1. (K2tog. K5. ssk. K1) twice. 17 sts. Purl 1 row. Next row: K1. (K2tog. K3. ssk. K1) twice. 13 sts. Purl 1 row. Next row: K1. (K2tog. K1. ssk. K1) twice. 9 sts. Purl 1 row. Next row: (K2tog) 4 times. K1. 5 sts. Break yarn, leaving a long end. Draw end tightly through rem sts (nose).

TAIL

**With pair of double-pointed needles, cast on 3 sts.
1st row: (Inc 1 st in next st) twice. K1. 5 sts. Slide sts to opposite end of needle.
2nd row: K5. Slide sts to opposite end of needle.**
Rep last row until Tail measures 6" [15 cm]. Cast off.

Insert pipe cleaner into center of Tail.

LEGS (make 4) Work from ** to ** as given for Tail. Rep last row until Leg measures 1½" [4 cm]. Cast off.

EARS (make 2):
Cast on 3 sts.
1st row: (RS). (Inc 1 st in next st) twice. K1. 5 sts.
Knit 3 rows garter st.
Next row: (RS). K1. Sl1. K2tog. psso. K1. 3 sts. Cast off knitwise (WS).

FINISHING

Sew underbelly seam of Body leaving an opening for stuffing at back end. Stuff Body. Sew seam closed. Sew Ears, Tail and Legs in position as shown. Sew beads in position for eyes. Instructions:

Rnd 1: *k2tog, yo; rep from * to end of round.
Rnd2: knit.
Rnd 3: *yo, k2tog; rep from * to end of round.
Rnd 4: knit.

Repeat Rnds 1-4 until approximately 7" or desired width. Then repeat edging pattern once more. Bind off and weave in all loose ends with yarn needle.

To finish repeat the Edging portion once more.



Spooky Skeleton Sweater

By Bernat

No bones about it, this Spooky Skeleton Sweater is a fun project that your child will adore. Your little one might even want to wear this handmade costume year round! Knit your child his costume this year and he'll love wearing it out. Save some money by making a costume this year.



Materials

- Bernat[®] Berella or Bernat[®] Super Value yarn in black and white (2 balls for size small, 4 for medium, 6 for large, 8 for extra large)
- Sizes 4.5 mm (U.S. 7) and 5 mm (U.S. 8) knitting needles or size needed to obtain gauge
- 2 st holders

Gauge: 18 sts and 24 rows = 4 ins [10 cm] with larger needles in stocking st.

Finished Dimensions

To fit chest measurement: S - 2 21 ins [53.5 cm] M - 4 23 ins [58.5 cm] L - 6 25 ins [63.5 cm] XL - 8 26½ ins [67.5 cm]

Finished chest: S - 2 25½ ins [65 cm] M - 4 27½ ins [70 cm] L - 6 30 ins [76 cm] XL - 8 33 ins [84 cm]

Instructions:

Note: The instructions are written for smallest size. If changes are necessary for larger sizes the instructions will be written thus (). When only one number is given, it applies to all sizes. For ease in working, circle all numbers pertaining to your size.

ВАСК

**With MC and smaller needles, cast on 57 (61-67-73) sts.
1st row: (RS). K1. *P1. K1. Rep from * to end of row.
2nd row: P1. *K1. P1. Rep from * to end of row.

Rep last 2 rows of (K1. P1) ribbing for 1 inch [2.5 cm], ending on a 2nd row and inc 1 st at center of last row. 58 (62-68-74) sts.**

Change to larger needles and proceed in stocking st until work from beg measures 7½(8-9-11) ins [19 (20.5-23-28) cm], ending with a purl row.

Shape Armholes

Cast off 4 (4-6-6) sts beg next 2 rows. 50 (54-56-62) sts. Cont even until armhole measures $5\frac{1}{2}$ (6-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -7) ins [14 (15- 16.5-18) cm], ending with a purl row.

Shape Shoulders

Cast off 6 (7-7-8) sts beg next 2 rows, then cast off 7 (7-7-9) sts beg following 2 rows. Leave rem 24 (26-28-28) sts on a st holder.

FRONT

Note: When working from chart, carry yarn not in use loosely across WS of work but never over more than 5 sts. When it must pass over more than 5 sts, weave it over and under color in use on next st at center point of sts it passes over. The colors are never twisted around one another.

Work from ** to ** as given for Back.

Change to larger needles and proceed in stocking st for 0 (4-6-10) rows.

Place chart:

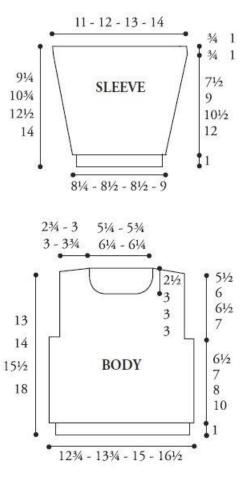
1st row: (RS). K10 (12-9-12). Knit 1st row of Chart I (I-II-II) across next 38 (38-50-50) sts, reading row from right to left. Knit to end of row.

2nd row: P10 (12-9-12). Purl 2nd row of Chart I (I-II-II) across next 38 (38-50-50) sts, reading row from left to right. Purl to end of row. Keeping cont of chart, as placed in last 2 rows, cont even until work from beg measures same length as Back to armholes, ending with a purl row.

Shape armholes

Cast off 4 (4-6-6) sts beg next 2 rows. 50 (54-56-62) sts.

Cont even until armhole measures 3½ (3½-4-4½) ins [9 (9-10-11.5) cm], ending with a purl row.



Shape Neck

Next row: K20 (22-22-25) (neck edge). Turn.

Leave rem sts on a spare needle. Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 4 rows, then on every following alt row 3 (4-4-4) times. 13 (14-14-17) sts.

Cont even until armhole measures same length as Back to beg of shoulder shaping, ending with a purl row.

Shape shoulder

Cast off 6 (7-7-8) sts beg next row. Work 1 row even. Cast off rem 7 (7-7-9) sts. With RS facing, slip next 10 (10-12-12) sts onto a st holder. Join MC to rem sts and knit to end of row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 4 rows, then on every following alt row 3 (4-4-4) times. 13 (14-14-17) sts. Cont even until armhole measures same length as Back to beg of shoulder shaping, ending with a knit row.

SLEEVES

With MC and smaller needles, cast on 33 (35-35-37) sts. Work 1 inch [2.5 cm] in (K1. P1) ribbing as given for Back, inc 4 sts evenly across last row. 37 (39-39-41) sts.

Change to larger needles and proceed in stocking st, inc 1 st each end of 5th and every following 4th row until there are 41 (47-47-53) sts, then on every following 6th row until there are 49 (55-59-63) sts.

Cont even until work from beg measures 8½(10-11½-13) ins [21.5 (25.5-29-33) cm] ending with RS facing for next row. Place markers at each end of last row. Work 4 (4-6-6) rows even. Cast off.

FINISHING

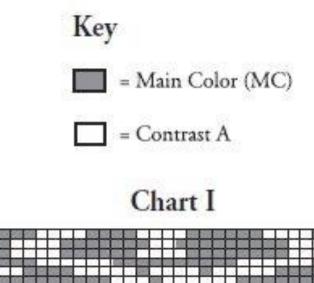
Pin garment pieces to measurements. Cover with damp cloth, leaving cloth to dry.

Neckband: Sew right shoulder seam. With RS of work facing and smaller needles, pick up and knit 13 (15-15-15) sts down left front neck edge. K10 (10-12-12) from front st holder. Pick up and knit 13 (15-15-15) sts up left front neck edge. K24 (26-28-28) from back st holder, dec 1 st at center. 59 (65-69-69) sts.

Beg on a 2nd row, work 7 rows in (K1. P1) ribbing as given for Back. Cast off in rib.

Sew left shoulder and neckband seam. Sew in sleeves, placing rows above markers along cast off sts of front and back to form square armholes. Sew side and sleeve seams.

Charts:



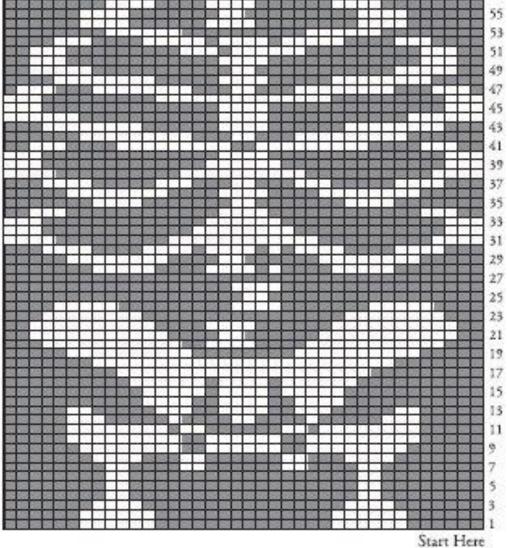
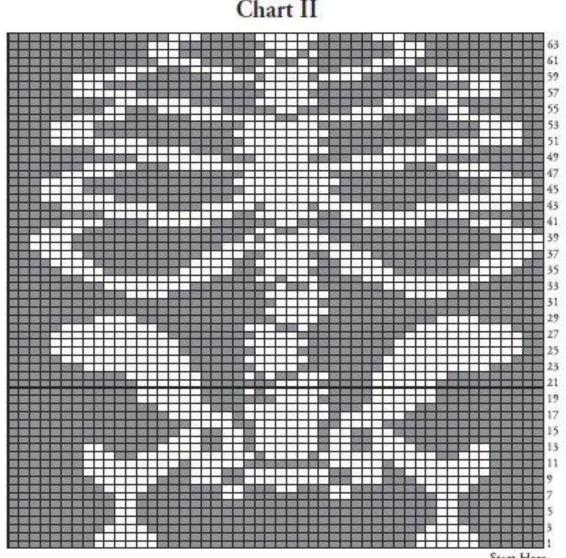


Chart II



Start Here

Jekyll and Hide Hat

By Sas from Sas Knits Again

What a strange, strange case this Jekyll and Hide Hat free knitting pattern has become. You can start out the day wearing a cute knitted hat, but with a change of mood and attitude, this hat can help you become something else. When you don't feel like being nice, pull down this hat and turn yourself into a monster. If you were looking for a Halloween knitting project, this is just for you.



Materials

- Lana Grossa Bingo [100% Merino wool; 88yd/80m per 50g ball]; color: #5 Cream; 4 balls
- Small amount of black yarn, used for embroidery only.
- 1 set of 5 US #8/5mm double-point needles
- 1 16-inch US #8/5mm circular needle (optional)
- Stitch markers
- Stitch holder
- Tapestry needle (for weaving in ends)
- Pins
- Sharp needle with large eye (for working embroidery)

Gauge: 18 sts/29 rows = 4 inches in stockinette st

Instructions:

Special Stitch Instructions:

2x2 Rib (Worked in the round over a multiple of 4 sts):

ROUND 1: [K2, p2] to end. Repeat this round for 2x2 Rib.

Ssp: Slip next 2 sts knitwise, one at a time, to right needle. Slip them both, purlwise, back to left needle. Purl them together through their back loops.

NECK/BRIM

Using circular or double-point needles, CO 100 sts. If using double-point needles, divide sts evenly between needles. Place marker and join to begin working in the round, being careful not to twist Work 8 rounds in garter st. Work 3 inches in stockinette st. Work 4 inches in 2x2 Rib. Work measures 8 inches.

FACE/HEAD

Next Round: [K2, k2tog] to last 4 sts, k4. 76 sts. Work 4 inches in stockinette st. Work measures 12 inches.

Shape Eyeholes

Next Round: BO 2 sts, k11 (12 sts on right needle after bound-off sts) and place these sts on st holder; BO 2 sts, k to end. 60 sts. Row 1 [WS]: P2tog, p to last 2 sts, ssp. Row 2 [RS]: Ssk, k to last 2 sts, k2tog. Row 3 [WS]: P all sts. Row 4 [RS]: Work as for Row 2. 56 sts. Rows 5-6: Work in stockinette st. **Row 7 [WS]:** P1, m1, p to last st, m1, p1. Row 8 [RS]: K all sts. Row 9 [WS]: Work as for Row 7. Row 10 [RS]: K1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1. 62 sts. Break yarn. If you are using double-point needles, divide

these sts between 3 needles so that you have 2 free needles. If using circular needle, leave sts on needle.

Place held sts on a double-point needle and rejoin yarn with WS facing. Work Rows 1-9 as above. At the end of Row 4, there will be 6 sts.

Row 10 [RS]: K1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1, CO 2 sts, k the 61 sts on the circular needle or other doublepoint needles, CO 2 sts; join to resume working in the round, k6. 76 sts.

This point will now be beginning of round. If using double-point needles, place 19 sts on each needle. Work 3 inches in stockinette st.

CROWN

If using circular needle, switch to double-point needles, placing 19 sts on each needle. Decrease Round: [K2tog, k to last 2 sts on needle, k2tog] 4 times. 8 sts decreased.

K 1 round.

Repeat these 2 rounds 3 times more. 44 sts. Work Decrease Round 5 times. Break yarn, draw through remaining 4 sts and pull tight.

FINISHING

Weave in ends.

Put on balaclava and use pins to mark location of mouth.

Work horizontal line of mouth using Split Stitch. Using this stitch will constrict the fabric slightly, preventing it from stretching when worn and defining the mouth more clearly.

Using photo as guide, embroider lines for teeth and nostrils.

To wear as a hat, fold the brim up so that the lower edge is level with the top of the crown, then fold the lower half of the brim back down so that the lower edge is slightly below the first fold.



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Knit Pumpkin Hat

By Maddy Cranley from Maddycraft

Get your child ready for the holiday with this adorable knitted hat. This Knit Pumpkin Hat is the perfect way to celebrate Halloween without dressing up as something scary. Your child will also be able to wear this warm hat throughout autumn, not just for one night.



Materials

- Small amounts of additional yarn in DK weight yarn (22 sts = 4"/10cm) in two contrast colors (CC) for stem and leaves.
- Chunky weight yarn (MC) 110 (130)yd/100 (120)m
- One pair each sizes 5.5mm (US9/CAN5) and 4mm (US6/ CAN8) needles
- Size 4mm (US6/CAN8) double-pointed needes, OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE
- Row counter

Gauge: 15 sts x 20 rows = 4"/10cm over st st using larger needles. PLEASE TAKE YOUR TIME TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE BEFORE BEGINNING.

Sizes

(2-4), (4-6) yrs Instructions are for the smaller size with a larger size in parentheses. If only one figure is given, it applies to all sizes. An (0) indicates the instruction does not apply to that size. Finished Size

Hat circumference: 16 (18½)"/40.5 (47) cm

Instructions:

With larger needles and MC, cast on 61 (71) sts.

Work even in st st until piece measures 6 (7)"/15 (18)cm from beg, ending with a WS row.

CROWN SHAPING

Row 1 (RS): *K1, SKP, k6 (8), k2tog, k1; rep from * 4 times more, end k1—51 (61) sts. Row 2: Purl. Row 3: *K1, SKP, k4 (6), k2tog, k1; rep from * 4 times more, end k1—41 (51) sts. Row 4: Purl.

Cont to dec in this manner every other row, having 2 sts less between decrease stitches every RS row, 2 (3) times more -21 sts.

Next row (WS): Purl. Next row (RS): *K1, SKP, k1; rep from * 4 times more, end k1—16 sts. Purl one row. Next row (RS): *K2tog; rep from * to end—8 sts. Next row (WS): *P2tog; rep from * to end—4 sts. Cut Col A, leaving a length for sewing side seam.

STEM

Transfer rem 4 sts of top of hat to a dp needle. Join CC yarn and work I-Cord for 5cm /1". Bind off all sts. Sew back seamof hat.

LEAVES (make2)

With a CC yarn and smaller needles, cast on 5 sts.

Row 1 (RS): K2, yo, k1, yo, k2—7 sts. Row 2: and every WS row Purl. Row 3: K3, yo, k1, yo, k3—9 sts. Row 5: Ssk, k5, k2tog—7 sts. Row 7: Ssk, k3, k2tog—5 sts. Row 9: Ssk, k1, k2tog—3 sts. Row 11: Sl 1, k2tog, psso—1 st.

FINISHING

Fasten off. Sew leaves at base of stem.

Baby Black Cat Costume

By Mary Jane Protus for Red Heart

This adorable Baby Black Cat Costume is one of the cutest Halloween costumes we've seen. The pattern is separated into a hat-and-sweater set, making it a fun Halloween knitting project for the intermediate knitter. We like black yarn for the classic black cat look, but consider using a different color for a personalized costume. No matter how spooky your Halloween gets, this is one black cat that you won't mind running into.



Materials

- RED HEART[®] Super Saver[®]: 1 (1, 1, 2) skeins 312 Black A
- 1 skein 319 Cherry Red B.
- Knitting Needles: 4.5 mm [US 7] and 6mm [US 10]
- Stitch holders
- Stitch markers
- Two 5/8" buttons
- Yarn needle

Gauge: 15 sts = 4"; 20 rows = 4", in Stockinette st (knit on Right Side, p on Wrong Side) using larger needles. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.

Finished Dimensions:

- Finished Chest: 22 (24, 25, 26)"
- Finished Length: 11 (12, 13, 14)"
- Hat to Fit: 16–18 (19–21)" head circumference

Instructions:

Using your color A yarn, cast on 180 stitches, place marker, and join in round. Next, purl 5 rows for the edging. Then, knit one more row.

SWEATER

Back
With smaller needles and A, cast on 41 (45, 47, 49) sts.
Ribbing Row 1 (Wrong Side): Knit.
Row 2: Knit.
Rows 3–7: Beginning with a Wrong Side row, work in 1x1 Rib for 5 rows.
Rows 8 and 9: Knit.

Place a marker in last row for Wrong Side. Change to larger needles. Beginning with a Right Side (knit) row work even in St st until piece measures 9 (10, 11, 12)" from beginning, end with a Wrong Side (purl) row.

Shape Neck

Row 1 (Right Side): K15 (16, 17, 17) sts, join a 2nd ball of yarn, k11 (13, 13, 15) and place these sts on a holder for back neck, knit to end of row—15 (16, 17, 17) sts for each shoulder.

Work both shoulders at the same time using a separate ball of yarn for each shoulder.

Row 2: Purl across sts of both shoulders.

Row 3 (Right Side): Knit to last 3 sts of first shoulder, k2tog, k1; on 2nd shoulder, k1, skip, knit to end of row—14 (15, 16, 16) sts on each shoulder.

Rows 4–7: Repeat last 2 rows 2 more times—12 (13, 14, 14) sts on each shoulder. Continue in St st over both shoulders until piece measures 11 (12, 13, 14)" from beginning. Bind off.

Front

Work same as back until piece measures 8 (9, 10, 11)" from beginning, end with a Wrong Side row.

Shape Neck Row 1 (Right Side): K15 (16, 17, 17) sts, join a 2nd ball of yarn, k11 (13, 13, 15) and place these sts on a holder for front neck, knit to end of row—15 (16, 17, 17) sts for each shoulder.

Work both shoulders at the same time using a separate ball of yarn for each shoulder.

Row 2: Purl across sts of both shoulders.

Row 3 (Right Side): Knit to last 3 sts of first shoulder, k2tog, k1; on next shoulder, k1, skp, knit to end of row—14 (15, 16, 16) sts on each shoulder.

Rows 4–7: Repeat last 2 rows 2 more times—12 (13, 14, 14) sts on each shoulder. Continue in St st over both shoulders until piece measures same as back. Bind off.

Sleeves (Make 2)

With smaller needles and A, cast on 25 (29, 31, 33) sts.

Ribbing Row 1 (Wrong Side): Knit.
Row 2: Knit.
Rows 3–7: Work in 1x1 Rib for 5 rows.
Row 8: Knit.
Row 9: Knit across working 1 (1, 0, 2) increases (M1) near middle of row—26 (30, 31, 35) sts. Place a marker in last row for Wrong Side. Beginning with a Right Side row, work even in St st for 2 (2, 4, 6) rows.

Increase Row (Right Side): K1, M1, knit to last st, M1, k1–28 (32, 33, 37) sts. Work even in St st for 3 (5, 5, 5) rows. Repeat Increase Row—30 (34, 35, 39) sts. Repeat last 4 (6, 6, 6) rows 2 more times—34 (38, 39, 43) sts. Work even in St st until piece measures $6\frac{1}{2}$ ($7\frac{1}{2}$, $8\frac{1}{2}$, $9\frac{1}{2}$)" from beginning. Bind off.

TAIL

With smaller needles and A, cast on 9 sts. Work even in St st until piece measures 8" from beginning, end with a Wrong side row.

Shape Tip Row 1: K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog—7 sts.Row 2: Purl.Repeat last 2 rows until only 3 sts remain.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through sts of last row and pull to gather. Use remainder of tail to sew seam. Sew tail to center of back of sweater.

FINISHING

Sew right shoulder seam.

Neckband Set Up

With Right Side facing, smaller needles and A, cast on 5 sts for button tab, working around neck edge and beginning at left side of neck edge, pick up and k11 sts across left front neck, knit across 11 (13, 13, 15) sts on front neck holder, pick up and k11 sts across right front neck, pick up and k8 sts across right back neck, knit across 11 (13, 13, 15) sts on back neck holder, pick up and k8 sts across left back neck — 65 (69, 69, 73) sts.

Rows 1 and 2: Knit.

Rows 3 and 4: Beginning with a Wrong Side row, work in 1x1 Rib for 2 rows. **Row 5 (buttonhole):** K1, *p1, k1; repeat from * to last 6 sts, p1, k2tog, yo, k1, p1, k1. Rows 6 and 7: Beginning with a Right Side row, work in 1x1 Rib for 2 rows.

Rows 8 and 9: Knit. Bind off as if to knit.

Sew left shoulder seam, leaving ends of neckband unsewn. Sew button to neckband, opposite buttonhole. Measure and mark 4½ (5, 5¼, 5¾)" from shoulder on front and back, for armhole. Place sleeve between markers and sew into armhole. Repeat for other sleeve. Sew sleeve and side seams. Weave in ends.

HAT With smaller needles and A, Cast on 53 (59) sts.

Front Ribbing Row 1 (Wrong Side): Knit.
Row 2: Knit.
Rows 3–7: Work in 1x1 Rib for 5 rows.
Row 8: Knit.
Row 9: K26 (29), M1, knit to end of row—54 (60) sts.

Change to larger needles. Beginning with a Right Side (knit) row work even in St st until piece measures 5½ (6½)" from beginning, end with a Wrong Side (purl) row. Place a marker at the beginning and end of this last row.

Shape Back of Hat
Row 1 (Right Side): *K4, k2tog; repeat from * to end of row—45 (50) sts.
Row 2: Purl.
Row 3: *K3, k2tog; repeat from * to end of row—36 (40) sts.
Row 4: Purl.
Row 5: *K2, k2tog; repeat from * to end of row—27 (30) sts.
Row 6: Purl.
Row 7: *K1, k2tog; repeat from * to end of row—18 (20) sts.
Row 8: Purl.
Row 9: *K2tog; repeat from * to end of row—9 (10) sts.
Row 10: Purl.
Row 11: K1 (0), *k2tog; repeat from * to end of row—5 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Weave tail through sts of last row and pull to gather. Fold cast-on edge in half (fold runs across top of head). Use remaining tail to sew back seam, from down to markers at beginning of back of head shaping.

EARS (make 2)

Back of Ear with smaller needles and A, cast on 5 sts. **Row 1:** K2, yo, k1, yo, k2—7 sts. **Row 2:** Knit all sts, knitting into the back loop of each yo. **Row 3:** K3, yo, k1, yo, k3—9 sts. **Row 4:** Repeat Row 2. **Row 5:** K4, yo, k1, yo, k4—11 sts. **Row 6:** Repeat Row 2. **Row 7:** K5, yo, k1, yo, k5—13 sts. **Row 8:** Repeat Row 2. **Row 9:** K6, yo, k1, yo, k6—15 sts. **Row 10:** Repeat Row 2. **Row 11:** K7, yo, k1, yo, k7—17 sts. **Row 12:** Repeat Row 2. Change to B.

Front of Ear Row 1 (Right Side): With B, knit. Row 2: Purl. Row 3: Skp, k5, s2kp, k5, k2tog—13 sts. Row 4: Purl. Row 5: Skp, k3, s2kp, k3, k2tog—9 sts. Row 6: Purl. Row 7: Skp, k1, s2kp, k1, k2tog—5 sts. Row 8: Purl. Row 9: Skp, k1, k2tog—3 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through sts of last row and pull to gather, knot and secure. Fold front of ear over back of ear, with A sew all edges together.

FINISHING

Neckband Set Up:

With Right Side facing, smaller needles and A, CO 18 (22) sts for buttonhole tab, beginning at lower front corner of hat, pick up and k41 (49) sts evenly spaced across lower edge (the lower edge is the edge that does not yet have ribbing) to opposite lower front corner—59 (71) sts.

Rows 1 and 2: Knit.

Rows 3 and 4: Beginning with a Wrong Side row, work in 1x1 Rib for 2 rows.
Row 5 (buttonhole): K1, *p1, k1; repeat from * to last 6 sts, p1, k2tog, yo, k1, p1, k1
Rows 6 and 7: Beginning with a Right Side row, work in 1x1 Rib for 2 rows.
Rows 8 and 9: Knit. Bind off as if to knit. Sew button to neckband, opposite buttonhole. Using photograph as a guide for placement, sew ears to top of hat.
Weave in ends.

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Gothic Witch Cape

By Ann Regis for Red Heart Yarn

Who said Halloween is just for kids? Cast a spell with this spooky knit cape pattern. The Gothic Witch Cape is sure to be one of the best homemade Halloween costumes on your block. The bewitching pattern features a long flowing cape with a spider web style collar. Add a black hat, tights, a broom, and you've got yourself a costume! Both comfortable and easy to dress up, The Gothic Witch Cape is an affordable costume you'll love for Halloweens to come.



Materials

- RED HEART[®] Super Saver[®]
 - 2 skeins 312 Black A
 - o 1 skein 358 Lavender B
- Susan Bates[®] Circular Knitting Needles: 8mm [US 11] 24" [60 cm] and 9mm [US 13] 24" [60 cm]
- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle

Gauge: 10 sts = 4" [10 cm]; 14 rows = 4" [10 cm] in St st with larger needle; width from point to point on chevron = 7" [18 cm]. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needle to obtain the gauge.

Instructions:

CAPE With larger needle and A, cast on 148 sts. Knit 4 rows. With B, knit 2 rows.

Next Row: With A, k8, [k2tog, k12] 10 times – 138 sts.
Row 1 (Right Side): K7, place marker, [yo, k10, k2tog, ssk, k10, yo, k1] 4 times, yo, k10, k2tog, ssk, k10, yo, place marker, k7. Slip markers every row.
Row 2: K7, purl to last marker, k7.
Repeat Rows 1 and 2 four times more, then Row 1 again.

B Stripe Next Row: With B, knit.

Next Row: Repeat Row 1. With A, repeat Rows 1 and 2 nine times, then Row 1 again. Repeat B Stripe. With A, repeat Rows 1 and 2 seven times, then Row 1 again. Repeat B Stripe. With A, repeat Rows 1 and 2 three times, then Row 1 again. Repeat B Stripe. With A, repeat Rows 1 and 2 once, then Row 1 again. Repeat B Stripe. Change to smaller needle. With A, k7, purl to last 7 sts, k7.

Dec Row 1 (Right Side): With A, k7, k11, ssk, k23, k2tog, k22, k2tog, ssk, k22, ssk, k23, k2tog, k11, k7 – 132 sts.
Next Row: K7, purl to last 7 sts, k7.
Dec Row 2: K7, k11, ssk, k21, k2tog, k21, k2tog, ssk, k21, ssk, k21, k2tog, k11, k7 – 126 sts.
Next Row: K7, purl to last 7 sts, k7.
Dec Row 3: K7, k11, ssk, k19, k2tog, k20, k2tog, ssk, k20, ssk, k19, k2tog, k11, k7 – 120 sts.
Next Row: K7, purl to last 7 sts, k7.
Dec Row 4: K7, k11, ssk, k17, k2tog, k19, k2tog, ssk, k19, ssk, k17, k2tog, k11, k7 – 120 sts.
Next Row: K7, purl to last 7 sts, k7.
Dec Row 4: K7, k11, ssk, k17, k2tog, k19, k2tog, ssk, k19, ssk, k17, k2tog, k11, k7 – 114 sts.
Next Row: K7, purl to last 7 sts, k7.
Continue in this same manner, decreasing 6 sts every right side row until 78 sts remain, end right side row.
With B, knit 2 rows.
With A, knit 2 rows.

Eyelet Row (Wrong Side): With A, k2, * yo, k2tog; repeat from * across.

With A, knit 1 row. With B, knit 2 rows.

COLLAR

Next Row (Wrong Side): With larger needle and B, knit across wrapping yarn 3 times for each st.Next Row: Knit, dropping extra wraps.Next Row: Knit. Repeat last 3 rows twice more. Bind off very loosely.

FINISHING

Cord With smaller needle and B, cast on 200 sts. Bind off. Weave cord through eyelets at neck edge. Gather to fit around neck and tie in front. Weave in ends.

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