

Buster by Berroco Designs

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One Size

SIZE

Fits dog approximately 16" from back of neck to tail.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Chest (measure around dog just behind front legs) – 21".

Length (from back neck down to just start of back legs) – 11½".

MATERIALS

BERROCO SOFTWIST (50 grs), 3 hanks #9455 Cool Red.

Straight knitting needles, sizes 7 and 8 OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE.

Two ½" buttons.

4 Stitch holders.

GAUGE

20 sts = 4"; 28 rows = 4" in St st on size 8 needles.
TO SAVE TIME, TAKE TIME TO CHECK GAUGE.

BACK SECTION

With smaller needles, cast on 77 sts.

Row 1 (RS): K1, * p1, k1, rep from * across.

Row 2: P1, * k1, p1, rep from * across. Rep these 2 rows until piece measures 1" from beg, end on WS, dec 17 sts evenly spaced across last row – 60 sts.

Change to larger needles and work in St st, inc 1 st each side every 8th row 4 times – 68 sts. Work even until piece measures 7½" from beg, end on WS.

Shape Legholes: Bind off 3 sts at beg of the next 2 rows – 62 sts. Dec 1 st at each end of every row 4 times – 54 sts. Dec 1 st at each end of every RS row 5 times – 44 sts. Work even until piece measures 11½" from beg, end on WS.

Shape Shoulders and Neck: Next Row (RS): Bind off 4 sts, k until there are 10 sts on RH needle, sl center 16 sts onto holder for back neck, join another hank of yarn and k to end. Working both sides at once, bind off 4 sts at beg of the next row, then 3 sts at beg of the next 4 rows. AT THE SAME TIME, bind off 4 sts at each neck edge once.

FRONT SECTION

With smaller needles, cast on 41 sts. Work in ribbing same as for back for 1", end on WS, dec 10 sts evenly spaced across last row – 31 sts. Change to larger needles and work in St st, inc 1 st each side every 8th row 4 times – 39 sts.

Work even until piece measures 7½" from beg, end on WS.

Shape Legholes: Bind off 3 sts at beg of the next 2 rows – 33 sts. Dec 1 st each end of every RS row 4 times – 25 sts. Work even until piece measures 8½" from beg, end on WS.

Front Placket Opening: Next Row (RS): k10, slip center 5 sts to holder for front placket, join another hank of yarn and k10. Working both sides at once with a separate hank of yarn for each, inc 1 st at each armhole edge every 4th row 4 times – 14 sts each side. Work even until piece measures 11½" from beg, end on WS.

Shape Shoulders and Neck: Row 1 (RS): Bind off 4 sts, k until there are 6 sts on RH needle, slip the next 4 stitches onto holder for left front neck; with 2nd hank of yarn, k4 and slip these stitches onto holder for right front neck, k10.

Row 2: Bind off 4 sts, p5; with 2nd hank of yarn, p6 – 6 sts each side.

Row 3: Bind off 3 sts, k2; with 2nd hank of yarn, k6.

Row 4: Bind off 3 sts, p2; with 2nd hank of yarn, p3.

Row 5: Bind off 3 sts; with 2nd hank of yarn, k3.

Row 6: Bind off 3 sts.

SLEEVES

With smaller needles, cast on 52 sts. Work in ribbing same as for back for 1", end on WS, dec 12 sts evenly spaced across last row – 40 sts. Change to larger

needles and work in St st, inc 1 st each end of every RS row 5 times – 50 sts. Work even until sleeve measures 3½" from beg, end on WS.

Shape Cap: Bind off 5 sts at beg of the next 2 rows – 40 sts. Bind off 7 sts at beg of the next 2 rows – 26 sts. Bind off remaining sts.

FINISHING

Left Frontband: With RS facing, slip 5 sts from front placket holder onto smaller needle. Join yarn and M1k – 6 sts.

Row 1 (RS): * P1, k1, rep from * across. Rep this row until frontband measures 1", end on WS.

Buttonhole (RS): P1, k1, yo, k2 tog, p1, k1. Rep Row 1 until frontband measures 2", end on WS. Make another buttonhole. Rep Row 1 until frontband measures 3", end on WS. Bind off all sts. Sew inner edge of frontband to left front placket edge.

Right Frontband: Using smaller needles, cast on 6 sts.

Row 1 (RS): * K1, p1, rep from * across. Rep this row until frontband measures 3" from beg. Bind off all sts. Sew inner edge of frontband to right front placket edge. Lap left frontband over right frontband and sew cast-on edge of right frontband to inside of left frontband. Sew shoulder seams. Sew in sleeves. Sew side and sleeve seams.

Collar: Using smaller needles, with RS facing you, pick up and k2 sts in inner 2 sts of right frontband, k4 sts from right front neck holder, pick up and k6 sts along right back neck edge, k16 sts from back neck holder, pick up and k5 sts along left back neck edge, k4 sts from left front neck holder, then pick up and k2 sts in inner 2 sts of left frontband – 39 sts.

Inc Row (WS): K1, * M1k, k1, repeat from * across – 77 sts.

Row 1 (RS): P1, * k1, p1, rep from * across.

Row 2: K1, * p1, k1, rep from * across. Rep Rows 1 and 2 until collar measures 3¾", end on WS. Bind off all stitches in ribbing. Sew buttons to right frontband opposite buttonholes.