

## Knitted Lamb

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### MATERIALS

About half a skein of white yarn. If you have a nubby yarn or a boucle, that works even better. But truly, any white yarn would do.

-coordinating needle size on the small side.

Gauge: gauge is not important in this pattern.

### INSTRUCTIONS

Cast on 20.

Knit 20 rows.

At the end of row 20, cast on 6 stitches (26 stitches).

Cast on 6 stitches at the end of row 21. (32 stitches)

Knit 6 rows even.

Next row: Purl 6 stitches, thread a darning needle and pull through next 20 stitches to take them off the needle, continue purling last 6 stitches.

Knit a row, purl a row over these 12 stitches, repeat twice for a total of 6 rows knitted and purlled. Thread yarn through a darning needle and pull through all stitches on the needle to gather.

Sew up back of head and under the lamb's chin. Sew up the lamb's back. Gather the 20 stitches on the yarn. Stuff head first, then body. Stuff the head firmly, and leave a bit of "give" in the neck. Gather the cast-on edge, sewing that up last. Run a line of sewing around the neck to define the neck. If you use the lamb as a puppet and want the neck to have more "give", stuff the neck loosely and gather the neck tightly.

**Legs:** Cast on 8, knit 10 rows even, cast off. Make 4 legs. To finish legs, gather the short bottom edge and sew up the long edge. Wrap a glass stone (like the kind that are put in planters) in stuffing wool and place in the bottom of the leg to give it weight, making sure it is flat to create a bit of a foot. Alternatively, fill fabric tea bags with millet and hand-sew into a leg shape to weight the legs. Stuff the rest of the leg loosely, or firmly if the puppet is going to be played with a lot.. Sew the legs on firmly, right under the lamb's body, imagining the legs are as legs of a table and placing them accordingly. Adjust your sewing

to keep the legs as straight as possible.

**Ears:** cast on 5, knit 4 rows, knit 2 together at the beginning of each row until you have one stitch remaining, pull yarn through last loop. Make another one. Sew the ears on by folding them slightly and placing them on the sides of the head.

**Tail:** Crochet a tail 5 stitches long, or cast on 5 stitches, cast off 5. Sew onto your lamb.

Enjoy!

