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# Little Knitted Polar Pug

The Little Knitted Polar Pug is a woolly companion to accompany you through the snow-covered tale of *Pugs of the Frozen North* by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre. Knit your pug and hug it tight to protect it from the blizzards.

## Stuff you need

- 4mm knitting needles
- 4mm double-pointed needle (DPN) or stitch holder for i-cord
- Yarn: 50g tan DK acrylic yarn
- Yarn: 25g black/brown DK acrylic yarn
- Yarn: very small amount of white yarn (for muzzle specks)
- 10cm x 10cm white felt (for eyes)
- 5cm x 5cm blue felt (for irises)
- Small amount of pink felt (for tongue)
- Very small amount of black felt (for pupils)
- Sewing needle and white thread
- Felt or fabric glue
- Scissors
- Tapestry needle
- Stuffing
- An old woolly jumper with sleeves around 9cm wide
- A tasty dog biscuit to treat your Polar Pug



## Size

20cm (7.5 inches) approx.  
Gauge: 18 sts and 28 rows = 10cm (4in) in st st

## Skills you'll need

Knitting. Purling. Increasing. Decreasing. Basic sewing-up. Basic sewing.

## Abbreviations

K = knit P = purl  
K2tog = knit two stitches together  
Inc1 = increase one stitch by knitting into the front and back of stitch  
St st = stocking stitch (a row of knit then a row of purl alternately)  
DPN = double-pointed needle

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## Pattern

The Arctic Pug is knitted flat in 9 pieces and then cleverly sewn together and stuffed to shape it.

### HEAD

Cast on 6 sts in tan yarn

Row 1. P across

Row 2. Inc1 across (12 sts)

Row 3 and all odd rows to Row 53. P across

Row 4. (K, inc1) across (18 sts)

Row 6. (K2, inc1) across (24 sts)

Row 8. (K3, inc1) across (30 sts)

Row 10. (K4, inc1) across (36 sts)

Row 12. (K5, inc1) across (42 sts)

Row 14. (K6, inc1) across (48 sts)

Row 16. (K7, inc1) across (54 sts)

Row 18. (K8, inc1) across (60 sts)

Row 20. (K9, inc1) across (66 sts)

Row 22. (K10, inc1) across (72 sts)

Row 24. (K11, inc1) across (78 sts)

Row 26. (K12, inc1) across (84 sts)

Row 28. (K12, k2tog) across (78 sts)

Row 30. (K11, k2tog) across (72 sts)

Row 32. (K10, k2tog) across (66 sts)

Row 34. (K9, k2tog) across (60 sts)

Row 36. (K8, k2tog) across (54 sts)

Row 38. (K7, k2tog) across (48 sts)

Row 40. (K6, k2tog) across (42 sts)

Row 42. (K5, k2tog) across (36 sts)

Row 44. (K4, k2tog) across (30 sts)

Row 46. (K3, k2tog) across (24 sts)

Row 48. (K2, k2tog) across (18 sts)

Row 50. (K, k2tog) across (12 sts)

Row 52. k2tog across (6 sts)

Cut yarn leaving a 20cm tail, thread through remaining stitches, pull tight to close.

### Sewing and stuffing head

1. Fold the head in half to make a flat circular shape. The fabric should be inside out so that the two smoother knit sides are facing inwards and the bumpy purl sides face outwards.
2. Using your yarn tail sew together the edges of the circle leaving a large enough opening (about 5cm) to turn it the right way out and stuff it.
3. Turn the head the right side out through the gap.
4. Stuff the head, making sure it is nicely round.
5. Sew up the final gap with tan yarn.

### BODY

**Pattern note: the body is knitted in two parts: the main part and the body bottom. The body bottom will go under the body.**

#### Main body

Cast on 40 sts in tan yarn

Row 1 to 12. Knit in st st (starting with a knit row)

Row 13. (K2, k2tog) across (30 sts)

Row 14 to 21. Knit in st st (starting with a purl row)

Row 22. P across

Cast off.

#### Body bottom

Cast on 7 stitches in tan yarn

Row 1. K across

Row 2 and all even rows. P across

Row 3. K, inc1, k3, inc1, k (9 sts)

Row 5. K, inc1, k5, inc1, k (11 sts)

Row 7. K, inc1, k7, inc1, k (13 sts)

Row 9. K, inc1, k9, inc1, k (15 sts)

Row 11. K across

Row 13. K, k2tog, k7, k2tog, k (13 sts)

Row 15. K, k2tog, k5, k2tog, k (11 sts)

Row 17. K, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k (9 sts)

Row 19. K, k2tog, k, k2tog, k (7 sts)

Cast off, cut yarn leaving about 20cm for sewing up.

#### Sewing up the body

1. Fold the main body in half widthways to make a flat shape with the edges meeting. The fabric should be inside out so that the two smoother knit sides are facing inwards and the purl sides face outwards.
2. Using the yarn tail sew the edges together to make a tube. Leave the top and bottom open.
3. Sew the body bottom to the wider end of the tube, with the smoother knit side facing in, to make a cylinder with one end open.
4. Turn right side out.

#### Sewing the head onto the body

1. Stuff the body making sure it's an even cylinder and not lumpy.
2. Sew the head onto the top of the body with tan yarn. Make sure the head is central on top of the body.



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## LEGS (make four)

**Pattern note: the legs are knitted flat and then sewn and stuffed into shapes.**

Cast on 10sts in tan yarn

Knit 7 rows in st st starting with a knit row

Change to black/brown yarn and knit 3 rows

Cut yarn leaving a 20cm tail, thread through remaining stitches, pull tight to close.

### Sewing legs

1. Fold a leg in half lengthways to make a flat rectangle with the long edges together. The fabric should be inside out so that the two smoother knit sides are facing inwards and the purl sides face outwards. To make it easier you can slip it onto your finger to sew with the drawn together end sitting on your fingertip.
2. Sew the two long sides together.
3. Turn inside out. You should have a tube shape with a closed rounded end.
4. Stuff the leg lightly.
5. Repeat for other legs.

### Sewing legs to the body

**Pattern note: here you are sewing the legs to the main body.**

1. Sew two legs to the front of the body about 1cm from the top of the open end (see photo for reference).
2. Sew two legs at the bottom of the body in line with the top legs.

## TAIL

**Pattern note: the tail is knitted in one piece.**

Cast on 6 sts in black/brown

Knit 13 rows as i-cord

Row 14. K2tog three times as i-cord

Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through remaining stitches, pull tight to close.

### Sewing tail to body

Sew tail to the bottom of the body at the back.

### How to knit i-cord

1. Knit stitches on DPN or needle.
2. Push stitches to opposite end of DPN OR slide stitches onto a holder, carefully turn them around and slide them back onto the needle so the last stitch is first.
3. Knit the stitches, pulling the yarn tight on the first stitch.
4. Repeat step 2 over and over to create i-cord.

## EARS (make two)

**Pattern note: The ears are knitted separately and sewn onto the head.**

Cast on 8 sts in black/brown.

Row 1 to 10. Knit in st st starting with a knit row

Row 11. K, inc1, k4, inc1, k (10 sts)

Row 12. P across

Row 13. K, inc1, k6, inc1, k (12 sts)

Row 14. P across

Row 15. K across

Cut yarn and pass through stitches and pull tight to round off the tip of the ear. Darn in ends.

### Sewing ears onto head

Sew the ears either side of the head, with tan yarn, about 5cm from the centre with the purl side facing towards the front.

## MUZZLE

**Pattern note: the muzzle is knit in one piece and sewn into place.**

Cast on 15 sts in black/brown

Row 1. K, inc1, k11, inc1, k (17 sts)

Row 2. P across

Row 3. K, inc1, k13, inc1, k (19 sts)

Row 4. P across

Row 5. K, k2tog, k13, k2tog, k (17 sts)

Row 6. P across

Row 7. Cast off in the following pattern:

K, k2tog, k11, k2tog, k

Cut yarn leaving long tail for sewing up.

### Sewing muzzle onto head

Sew the muzzle onto the centre of the lower half of the face with the purl side out (to give it a different texture). Make sure you leave enough room for the eyes above it. It should be a sausage shape that droops at each end.

**Optional:** you can lightly stuff the muzzle before sewing the last few centimetres if you want it to stick out more.



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## Finishing

Here you will add the eyes, tongue and other bits.

1. Embroider nostrils above the muzzle in the middle with black yarn.
2. Cut a small tongue shape from the pink felt and sew it into place in the centre of the muzzle at the bottom.
3. Embroider a few dots either side of the muzzle with white yarn.
4. Cut two 5cm circles from the white felt.
5. Cut two 1.5cm circles from the blue felt.
6. Cut two small dot from the black felt.
7. Using white thread sew the two white circles to the front of the head above the muzzle making sure they are evenly spaced and facing the front.
8. Using the fabric glue stick on the irises and then the pupils.
9. You're all done. Give it a hug before making his cosy Jumper Jacket!

## Making the Pug Jumper Jacket

**Pattern note: the Jumper Jacket is made from a real jumper sleeve just like in the book! If you'd prefer to knit your own pug jumper, turn to the next page for the pattern.**

1. Take your jumper and cut straight across about about 15cm from the cuff. You should have a tube.
2. Slip your Polar Pug's body into the sleeve cuff first and roll the end of the sleeve down around the neck to make the collar. If the sleeve is far too long you can trim it until it's the right length. Better to cut too long first than too short.
3. Mark the places where its two top legs are by making dots with a pen. Don't worry you're going to cut these bits out.
4. Remove the sleeve.
5. Carefully cut two small holes where the top legs will stick out. Don't worry about getting them perfect. The knitting will stretch a little once you pull the leg through.
6. (Optional but probably a good idea) Fold the cut end over and sew the fold together to make a very basic hem. It doesn't have to look fancy or too neat. It's just to stop the sleeve unravelling.



### Important tip for cutting jumper holes:

It's a good idea to turn your jumper sleeve inside out and cover the back where you are cutting the hole with PVA or fabric glue and let it dry first.

This will hold the stitches together. If you have a jumper with bigger thick stitches you can glue felt to the back around the area you are going to cut to keep it together. Wait for it to dry before putting the jumper on the pug.

## Your Little Knitted Polar Pug lives!

### Pattern tips

- Don't leave your Polar Pug out in the cold for too long. It will get grumpy and no one likes a grumpy pug.
- You can make tons of Jumper Jackets from lots of different jumpers. Keep an eye out for good colours at your local charity shop.



This Little Knitted Polar Pug is a Whodunnknit pattern by Lauren 'Deadly Knitshade' O'Farrell and is based on illustrations from the *Pugs of the Frozen North* book. No pugs or jumpers were harmed unnecessarily in the making of this pattern.



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## JUMPER

If you don't have an old jumper to chop up and turn into a pug warmer you can knit your own and just pretend you chopped one up like they did in the book (we won't tell).

### Materials

4mm knitting needles Yarn: 10g blue DK acrylic yarn (or colour of your choice) Yarn: 10g white DK acrylic yarn (or colour of your choice) Scissors Tapestry needle

### Size/Gauge

20cm (7.5inches) approx. **Gauge:** 18 sts and 28 rows = 10cm (4in) in st st.

### Skills you'll need

Knitting. Purling. Basic sewing-up. Basic sewing.

### Abbreviations

**K** = knit **P** = purl

## Pattern

**The Polar Pug jumper is knitted flat in rib stitch and then sewn together with one seam.**

Cast on 44 sts in blue yarn.

Row 1. (K4, p4) repeat to end of row

Row 2. (P4, k4) repeat to end of row

Row 3 to 20. Repeat rows 1 and 2

Change colour to white leaving a 20cm tail

Row 21. K to end of row

Row 22. (P4, k4) repeat to end of row

Row 23. (K4, p4) repeat to end of row

Row 24. (P4, k4) repeat to end of row

Row 25. (K4, p4) repeat to end of row

Row 26. P4, k4, p4, k4, cast off 4, k4, cast off 4, k4, p4, k4, p4 (You should have two gaps in the middle)

Row 27. K4, p4, k4, p4, cast on 4, p4, cast on 4, p4, k4, p4, k4 (You should have now bridged the two gaps)

Row 28. (P4, k4) repeat to end of row

Change colour to blue leaving a 20cm tail

Row 29. K to end of row

Row 30. (P4, k4) repeat to end of row

Row 31. (K4, p4) repeat to end of row

Row 32. (P4, k4) repeat to end of row

Row 33 to 40. Repeat rows 31 and 32

Cast off loosely in pattern (knitting the knits and purling the purls as you go) leaving a 20cm tail.

## Finishing the Polar Pug Jumper

1. Fold the jumper in half so that the side with the colour change is on the outside (you can see this because the colour changing stitches will make a line along the top of the stripe) and the holes are one on top of the other.
2. Using the yarn tails sew the long sides together to make a tube. Use the correct coloured tail for each stripe to keep things neat.
3. Turn tube inside out so the colour change is now hidden inside.
4. Fold or roll the long stripe down to make the collar of your jumper.
5. Pull the jumper onto your Polar Pug from the bottom up and pop its paws through the holes.
6. Stand back to admire your cosy Polar Pug in all its woolly wonder.

### Pattern tips:

- Choose whichever colour you like for your pug jumper. It could be pretty in pink or dashing in daffodil. The choice is yours.
- If you change the stripe pattern remember to knit a plain row of knitting for the colour change to avoid messy stripes.

