

The Gansey Kid

Body

Cast on 4 stitches

Row 1: K increasing in first 3 stitches (7 sts)

Row 2: P

Row 3: K increasing in every stitch (14 sts)

Row 4: P

Row 5: K increasing in every stitch (28 sts)

Row 6: P

Row 27: K2 together all along (14 sts)

Row 28: P Row 29: K2 together all along (7 sts)

Row 30: P

Row 31: K2 together to last stitch, K1

Break off yarn and thread through remaining stitches. Stuff and stitch up



Head

Cast on 18 stitches

Work 14 rows in stocking stitch

Row 15: K2 together all along (9 sts)

Row 16: P

Row 17: K2 together to last stitch, K1

Break off yarn and thread through remaining stitches. Stitch seam, stuff, run a thread through cast on stitches and draw together. Stitch to one end of body. Embroider eyes.

Tail

Work a 4 stitch I-cord approx. 6cm long; stitch to rear of body.

Ears

Cast on 4 stitches

SS 4 rows

Next row K2 tog twice

Next row K2 tog and fasten off

If you have enough wool, make 4 pieces, so that each ear is double; pleat and stitch to head.

Legs

These are knitted sideways – make 4!

Cast on 11 stitches

Work 10 rows in stocking stitch. Cast off.

The knitting will automatically curl inwards with the purl side on the outside – use them like this.

Cut 4 pieces from a plastic drinking straw – each about 4.75cm – they need to be about 2 stitches shorter than the width of your knitting. Roll thin wadding round each piece till it just fits inside the roll of knitting. Stitch up, pulling some of the wadding over the ends of the straw to stop it working its way through the knitting. A bead, inside each of the back leg straws, secured with stuffing, will help to counterbalance the head. Stitch legs to body.

Jumper

This is worked from tail to head.


Cast on 33 stitches and work 29 rows

Cast off 26 stitches

Work a further 10 rows on the remaining 7 stitches to go across the front of the chest.

Cast off. Stitch up, leaving a gap for the tail and head.

The lamb pictured has a gansey inspired pattern on the main part of his jumper. The pattern chart is below. Odd numbered rows are right side rows, even numbered rows are wrong side rows.

The  represents a stitch which appears as a purl stitch on the right side of the work, so on a wrong side row you need to knit these stitches, and vice versa with the blank boxes. Thus row 1 is a purl row, row 2 a knit row; Row 3: K4, (P1 K3 repeat to last 4 sts, K4); Row 4: K4, (P1 K1) repeat to last 4 sts, K4; and so on. The chest strip is knitted in reverse stocking stitch, with the 3 stitch garter stitch border at the bottom.

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