

Kids garment	
Reindeer Jumper	
This fun and cosy jumper will be an instant Christmas classic for boys and girls	
Yarn used	DROPS Nepal
About the yarn	Aran; 75m per 50g ball; 65% wool, 35% alpaca
Where to buy	www.woolwarehouse.co.uk
Tension	17 sts x 22 rnds = 10cm measured over St st on larger needles
Needles used	4mm DPNs 4mm straight 5mm DPNs 5mm straight
Other supplies	stitch holders or waste yarn stitch marker 4mm crochet hook (for reindeer's necklace) charm or button, 2cm diameter with hole pompom maker or cardboard circles tapestry needle
Sizing	2 (3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12) years See table for finished measurements
Abbreviations	See page 94 for all abbreviations

	2 yrs	3-4 yrs	5-6 yrs	7-8 yrs	9-10 yrs	11-12 yrs
Finished chest circumference (cm)						
A: Front/Back width (cm)	31	33	35	38	40	42
B: Length to armhole (cm)	21	23	26	29	32	35
C: Armhole depth (cm)	12	13	14	15	16	17
D: Total length (cm)	33	36	40	44	48	52
E: Sleeve length (cm)	26	60	64	68	42	46
	DROPS Nepal					
Red 3620 (MC)	4	5	5	6	7	8
Denim blue 6314 (CC1)	1	1	1	2	2	2
Beige 0300 (CC2)	1	1	1	1	1	1
Light beige 0206 (CC3)						
Medium brown 0612 (CC4)	1	1	1	1	1	1
Goldenrod 2923 (CC5)	1	1	1	1	1	1

The Front and Back of this jumper are worked flat from the bottom up. The Sleeves are worked in the rnd from the cuff up. Wind off smaller balls of yarn before you begin and work the chart using the intarsia technique, crossing the yarns when changing colour to avoid holes. You can work the Back of the jumper without the reindeer if preferred, but this will require one extra ball of red yarn.

Start knitting...

BACK

With smaller needles and CC1, cast on 54 (58, 62, 66, 70, 74) sts.

Set-up Row (WS): Purl.

Row 1: K1, *k2, p2; rep from * to last st, k1.

Row 2: K1, *k2, p2; rep from * to last st, k1.

Rep rows 1-2 until work measures 2 (2, 2, 3, 3, 3) cm, ending after a WS row. **

Change to larger needles.

Row 1 (RS): Knit.

Row 2: K1, p to last st, k1.

Rep rows 1-2 a further 4 (5, 6, 7, 9, 11) times.

Change to MC.

If working Back of jumper plain, work the whole of these next 2 rows in MC and ignore instructions for working from Chart.

Next Row (RS): K14 (16, 18, 20, 22, 24) MC, work Row 1 of Chart A, k14 (16, 18, 20, 22, 24) MC.

Next Row: K1 MC, p13 (15, 17, 19, 21, 23) MC, work Row 2 of Chart A, p13 (15, 17, 19, 21, 23) MC.

These 2 rows set position of Chart, St st at each side and 1-st G St selvages.

Cont in patt until Back measures 21 (23, 26, 29, 32, 35) cm, ending after a WS row.

Shape armholes

Maintaining patt, cast off 1 st at beg of next 2 rows. 52 (56, 60, 64, 68, 72) sts.

Cont in patt until Chart A has been completed. Break CCs and cont in MC only.

Cont in St st with 1-st G St selvages as set until Back measures 31 (34, 38, 42, 46, 50) cm, ending after a WS row.

Shape neck

Next Row (RS): K17 (18, 19, 20, 22, 23) and place these sts on hold, cast off 18 (20, 22, 24, 24, 26) sts, k to end. 17 (18, 19, 20, 22, 23) sts attached to working yarn for Left Back neck

Next Row: P to last st, k1.

Next Row: Cast off 1 st, k to end. 16 (17, 18, 19, 21, 22) sts

Cont in patt until work measures 32 (35, 39, 43, 47, 51) cm, ending after a RS row.

Work 3 rows in G St.

Cast off.

With WS facing, return to held 17 (18, 19, 20, 22, 23) sts and rejoin MC.
Next Row (WS): Cast off 1 st, p to last st, k1. 16 (17, 18, 19, 21, 22) sts
Cont in patt until work measures 32 (35, 39, 43, 47, 51) cm, ending after a WS row.
Work 3 rows in G St.
Cast off.

FRONT

Work as given for Back as far as **. 54 (58, 62, 66, 70, 74) sts
Change to larger needles.
Row 1 (RS): Knit.
Row 2: K1, p to last st, k1.
Rep rows 1-2 a further 0 (1, 2, 3, 5, 7) times.

Next Row (RS): K12 (14, 16, 18, 20, 22) MC, work Row 1 of Chart B, k12 (14, 16, 18, 20, 22) MC.
Next Row: K1 MC, p11 (13, 15, 17, 19, 21) MC, work Row 2 of Chart B, p11 (13, 15, 17, 19, 21) MC.
These 2 rows set position of Chart, St st at each side and 1-st G St selvages.
Cont in patt until Row 8 of Chart B has been worked.
Break CC1 and change to MC as background colour.
Cont in patt until Front measures 21 (23, 26, 29, 32, 35) cm, ending after a WS row.

Shape armholes

Maintaining patt, cast off 1 st at beg of next 2 rows. 52 (56, 60, 64, 68, 72) sts.
Cont in patt until Chart B has been completed. Break CCs and cont in MC only.
AT THE SAME TIME cont in St st with 1-st G St selvages until Front measures 30 (31, 35, 38, 42, 45) cm, ending after a WS row.

Shape neck

Next Row (RS): K19 (20, 22, 23, 25, 27), place next 14 (16, 16, 18, 18, 18) sts on hold for Front neck, k to end. 19 (20, 22, 23, 25, 27) sts attached to working yarn for Right Front neck
Next Row: P to last st, k1.
Next Row: Cast off 2 sts, k to end. 17 (18, 20, 21, 23, 25) sts
Next Row: P to last st, k1.
Next Row: Cast off 1 st, k to end. 16 (17, 19, 20, 22, 24) sts
Rep the last 2 rows 0 (0, 1, 1, 1, 2) more times. 16 (17, 18, 19, 21, 22) sts
Cont in patt until work measures 32 (35, 39, 43, 47, 51) cm, ending after a RS row.
Work 3 rows in G St.
Cast off.

With WS facing, return to held 19 (20, 22, 23, 25, 27) sts and rejoin MC.
Next Row (WS): Cast off 2 sts, p to last st, k1. 17 (18, 20, 21, 23, 25) sts
Next Row: Knit.
Next Row: Cast off 1 st, p to last st, k1. 16 (17, 19, 20, 22, 24) sts
Rep the last 2 rows 0 (0, 1, 1, 1, 2) more times. 16 (17, 18, 19, 21, 22) sts

Cont in patt until work measures 32 (35, 39, 43, 47, 51) cm, ending after a WS row.

Work 3 rows in G St.

Cast off.

SLEEVES

Work both the same

With MC and smaller DPNs, cast on 28 (28, 32, 32, 32, 36) sts. Join to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist. Pm to mark beg of rnd.

Set-up Rnd: Knit.

Work in 2x2 rib until Sleeve measures 2 (2, 2, 3, 3, 3) cm.

Change to larger DPNs.

Work in St st until Sleeve measures 6 (6, 6, 6, 8, 8) cm.

Next Rnd (inc): K1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1. 2 sts inc'd

[Work 7 (6, 7, 7, 6, 7) rnds even. Rep inc rnd.] 5 (7, 7, 8, 10, 10) times. 40 (44, 48, 50, 54, 58) sts

Cont in St st until Sleeve measures 26 (30, 34, 38, 42, 46) cm.

Cast off loosely.

Making up: Block pieces to measurements given in table. Join shoulder and side seams. Set sleeves into armholes.

NECKBAND

With RS facing, MC, smaller DPNs and starting at centre front, k across held 14 (16, 16, 18, 18, 18) sts, pu and k32 (34, 38, 40, 44, 48) sts evenly around remainder of neck. Join to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist. Pm to mark beg of rnd. 46 (50, 54, 58, 62, 66) sts

Next Rnd (inc): K2 (2, 3, 2, 3, 3). [m1, k5 (5, 5, 5, 7, 7)] 3 (3, 3, 1, 1, 3) times, [m1, k4 (5, 6, 4, 6, 6)] 3 (3, 3, 11, 7, 3) times, [m1, k5 (5, 5, 5, 7, 7)] 3 (3, 3, 1, 1, 3) times, m1, k2 (3, 3, 2, 3, 3). 56 (60, 64, 72, 72, 76) sts

Work in 2x2 rib until Neckband measures 3 (3, 3, 3, 4, 4) cm.

Cast off in rib.

HAIR

Cut 2 strands of CC4, 8cm long. Lay the strands together then use the crochet hook to pull them around a st at the top of the reindeer's head, between the CC2 and CC4 sections of chart, using photograph as a guide. Tie a double knot. Repeat twice more on the Front and then 3 more times on the Back.

EYES

Make 2

Cut 3 strands of CC4, 40cm long. Make 3 loose knots around a 5mm knitting needle, then make 1 more knot and tighten the strand on this knot. Place the eyes on the front of the reindeer's head, just above the CC3 section using photograph as a guide. Pull the strand-ends through the garment on each side of one stitch and tie them securely at on the WS.

NOSE

Make a pompom with MC, approximately 6cm in diameter; remember to leave 2 long strands to fasten the pompom. Attach the pompom to the reindeer's head in the middle of the CC3 section. Thread the strand ends through the garment on each side of one stitch and tie together on the wrong side.

NECKLACE FRONT

Using crochet hook and CC5, chain for 18cm. Thread charm onto the chain stitches and tie a knot so that the charm stays in the middle of the row. Place the necklace across the reindeer's neck on the front piece. Fasten the strand-ends on the wrong side of the garment.

NECKLACE BACK

(If Back worked with Chart)

Using crochet hook and CC5, chain for 14cm. Place the necklace across the reindeer's neck on the Back. Fasten the strand-ends on the wrong side of the garment.

Finishing

Weave in all ends.