

## Stuffed Animal Sweater for Various Sizes

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### Materials:

Stuffed animal  
Worsted weight yarn (vest can be made of any yarn with suitable hook)  
I hook (for worsted weight (#4 yarn) – see note above)  
Tape measure  
Tapestry needle  
Stitch markers or scrap yarn



### Abbreviations:

Bphdc = Back post half double crochet  
Fphdc = Front post half double crochet

### Instructions:

#### Front:

With I hook (for worsted – see note above), leaving an 8 inch tail, chain the length that you need your sweater width to be, plus 2 stitches.

**Row 1F:** Hdc in 3rd ch from hook, and in each ch across. Ch 2, turn.

**Row 2F:** Hdc in each st across. Ch 2, turn.

Repeat row 2 until you reach length needed for body.

#### Neckline Row:

Find center front and place marker. Measure the width across animal's chest just below neck. This is the width for the neckline opening. From center measure one half the width for your neck opening, mark with stitch marker on each side of center.

Hdc to first marker (neck opening), ch the same number of sts as between the 2 markers. Skip the sts between the markers, hdc in remaining sts across. Ch 2, turn.

#### Back:

**Row 1B:** Hdc in each hdc and each ch. Ch 2, turn.

**Row 2B:** Hdc in each st across. Ch 2, turn.

Repeat row 2 until the back has the same number of rows as the front of the sweater. Fasten off leaving tail long enough for sewing side seam.

To finish sew side seams, leaving an opening for the arms (legs).

### Options:

#### Mock turtleneck:

**Round 1:** Attach yarn in hdc at side of neck edge. \*Ch 2, hdc in each st around neck, slipstitch in top of beginning hdc to join.

**Round 2:** Ch 2, hdc in each st around, slipstitch in top of first hdc to join.

**Ribbed collar:**

**Round 1:** Attach yarn in hdc at side of neck edge. \*Ch 2, hdc in each st around neck, slipstitch in top of first hdc to join.

**Round 2:** Ch 2, work a bphdc around hdc, work fphdc around next hdc, repeat from \* around, ending with a fphdc. Join with a bphdc around the first bphdc. If you happen to end with a bphdc don't fret about it. You can fudge it by joining with a fphdc around the chain 2 instead of the first bphdc.

**Round 3:** Ch 2, work a fphdc around each fphdc and a bphdc around each bphdc. Join with a slipstitch around first fphdc.

**Notes:**

**1:** With worsted weight yarn and an I (5.5 mm) hook, 24 stitch chain fits a 15 inch tummy.

**2:** These are the length of starting chains that work for me for different sized animals.

23 in = 38 sts

17 in = 28 sts

16 in = 26 sts

15 in = 24 sts

14 in = 22 sts

13 in = 21 sts

12 in = 20 sts

11 in = 18 sts

10 in = 17 sts

9 in = 15 sts

8 in = 13 sts

7 in = 11 sts

6 in = 9 sts

5 in = 7 sts

