



Penguin Sweater

No.1006-171-9745

Size: 6 months (2Y, 4Y, 6Y)

Skill Level: Intermediate

Crochet Hook: 3.5 mm Crochet Hook (E US Size)

Materials: Easy Care Wool (50 grams/185 meters)

How much yarn do you need?

6 months – 170 grams / 630 m / 687 yds (150 gram main color - 20 gram for penguin pattern)

2Y – 200 grams / 735 m / 800 yds (180 gram main color - 20 gram for penguin pattern)

4Y – 250 grams / 875 m / 954 yds (230 gram main color - 20 gram for penguin pattern)

6Y – 270 grams / 1010 m / 1100 yds (250 gram main color - 20 gram for penguin pattern)

*important to use the same type of yarn as for the main color for the penguin pattern too.

Buy the yarn here:

<http://shop.hobbii.com/penguin-sweater>

Abbreviations used in this pattern

Ch = chain

Hdc = half double crochet

Dc = double crochet

FPDC = front post double crochet

BPDC = back post double crochet

Sl st = slip stitch

St(s) = stitch (es)

Inc = increase (1 hdc, ch 2, 1 hdc)

Dec = decrease (sc2tog = 2 single crochet worked together)

About the Design

This cute sweater is a top-down sweater made with the raglan technique. We will work the top part, then separate the sleeves from the body and then work the 3 parts individually. The penguin pattern is made as we go, using the tapestry crochet technique.

Along with the pattern details I will give you some tips on how to work this Penguin Pattern easier and how to make this sweater look almost like knit.

The Holiday Penguin Sweater is designed to have a closer fit. If you want the sweater to look looser you can make a bigger size or you can make more rounds on the yoke.

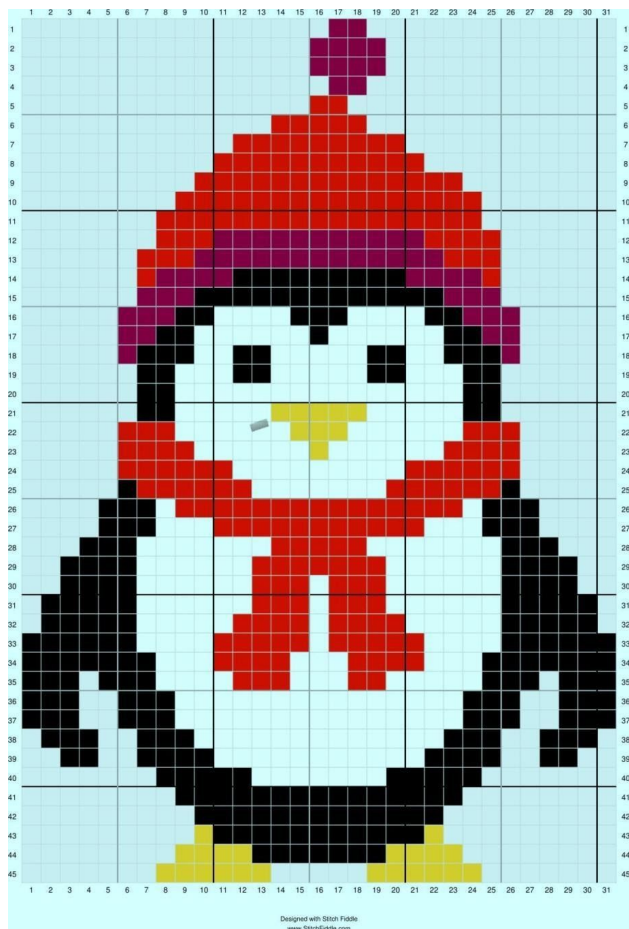
About the stitch and working technique

For this sweater we are using the half double crochet stitch. What is different is that I made the stitches inserting the hook through all 3 loops of the previous round stitch.

We will work in rounds, but we will work on the right side and wrong side. Why? Working in rounds only on the right side, the stitches will start to move to the right side. Having a center pattern on the front side we have to keep the stitches straight. That's why we will work on the right side and on the wrong side. Basically after each round we will turn and work on the opposite side.

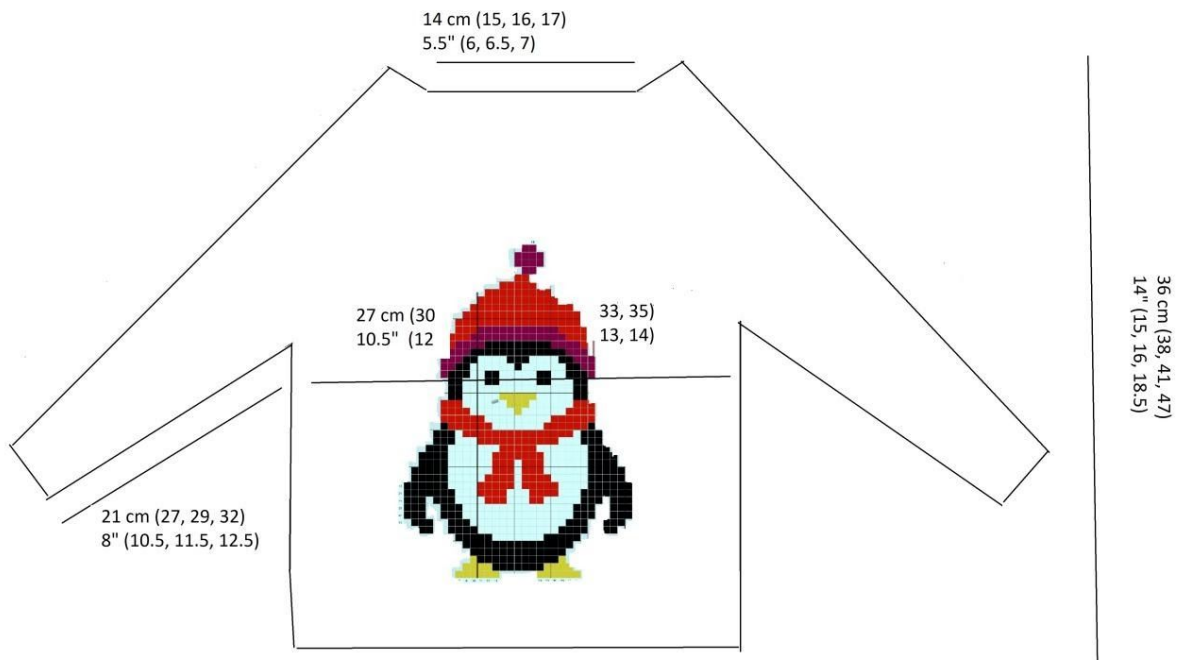
The penguin pattern is worked with the tapestry crochet technique. To avoid carrying on the yarn for the entire round, we will use 2 skeins of the main color and we will use one for the first half before the penguin, and the other for the other half of the sweater, after the penguin.

The penguin is worked using the cross stitch pattern bellow.



Each small square represent one stitch/row. You can choose any colors you want or match with the main color you choose.

The final measurements of the sweater for each size are represented in the diagram below.



*first line = values in cm. Second line = values in inches.

*1st value is for size 2 years. Between brackets are the values for sizes (4, 6 and 8 years old.)

Pattern

Now that we have all the details to begin with, let's start making this super cute sweater.

As I said this sweater is a top down and we will start with a ribbed band.

But first the foundation chain:

6 months – 72 sts

2Y – 80 sts

4Y – 88 sts

6Y - 96 sts

Sl st to join the ends of the chain.

Round 1 Ribbed band

Ch 2, 1 dc in each st around. Sl st with the first dc

*we will work the ribbed band only on the right side, so don't turn the work.

Round 2 Ribbed band

Ch 3, [1 FPDC in the next st, 1 BPDC in the next one]. Repeat the section between [] to the end of the round. Join with a sl st with the 3rd st of the starting ch.

Round 3 Ribbed Band

Repeat round 2.

*If you want the ribbed band to be higher, repeat round 2 as many times as you want.

Yoke

*for the yoke the number of sts for sizes 2Y, 4Y, 6Y are written between brackets.

Round 1

Ch 2, 1 hdc in first 11 (12, 13, 14) sts, 1 inc (1 hdc, ch 2, 1 hdc) in next st, 1 hdc in next 12 (14, 16, 18) sts, 1 inc in next, 1 hdc in next 22 (24, 26, 28) sts, 1 inc in next, 1 hdc in next 12 (14, 16, 18) sts, 1 inc in next, 1 hdc in last 11 (12, 13, 14) sts. Join with a sl st with the first hdc. Ch 2 and turn.

Round 2

[1 hdc (make the hdc inserting the hook through all 3 loops) in each st until you get to the next corner (ch 2 space from the previous round), 1 inc in the ch 2 space]. Repeat to the end of the round. Join with a sl st with the first hdc. Ch 2 and turn.

We will repeat the round 2 until we start the penguin pattern

6 months – 11 rounds

2Y – 13 rounds

4Y – 15 rounds

6Y – 19 rounds

Starting with the next round we will insert the second color. (the color we use for the pom-pom beanie of the penguin, in my case white).

But first, we will prepare all the colors we need to make the penguin. I used small cups in which I put a small amount of yarn in the colors I needed. I made one small hole on one side of the cup and pulled the end of the yarn through. Also, as I said at the beginning you will use another skein of main color for the second half of the sweater. This is to avoid carrying the main color to the end of the round.



Because we will need to center the penguin pattern you will have to count the number of sts that you have for the front side. The penguin pattern has 31 sts wide. After counting the number of sts for the front side, mark 31 sts in the middle. You will have to have the penguin pattern on hand, printed or on an electronic device, because from now on you will need to count the sts to know when to change color.

Round 12 (14, 16, 20)

Start the round as usual. Continue to increase in corners because the yoke is not done yet. When you get to the first st marker (which represent the first st of the penguin pattern), start counting the penguin pattern and how many sts you have until you need to change color. The method is the same until you finish the penguin. Finish the last st with the main color, with the

second one, and make the number of sts with the second color as the penguin pattern requires. Join a second skein of the main color, drop the second one and continue the round as usual to the end.

Continue working like this, until you finish the yoke and you will have in total:

6 months – 23 rounds

2Y – 26 rounds

4Y – 30 rounds

6Y – 32 rounds



After finishing the yoke, we will separate the body of the sweater and the sleeves and start working the 3 parts individually.

Body

Round 1

Start the round as usual. 1 hdc in each st until you get to the first corner. In the first corner make 1 partial hdc (yarn over, insert the hook, pull out a loop). Skip the sts for the sleeve and move to the next corner. In the next corner make a second partial hdc and then yarn over and pull the yarn through all the loops on the hook. On the front side keep following the penguin pattern

*To make it easier to follow the penguin pattern, count how many sts you have with another color, before and after the sts with another color of the previous round.

After finishing the front side and reaching the 3rd corner, you will have to proceed the same as for the first sleeve. Make one partial hdc in the 3rd corner, skip the sts for the sleeve, 1 partial hdc in the 4th corner, yarn over and pull the yarn through all the loops on the hook. Continue with 1 hdc in each st until you get to the end of the round.

From now on, you will have to work 1 hdc in each st around. On the front side keep following the penguin pattern.

When you have to work with more than one color, you will have to use the tapestry crochet technique and carry the yarn on the back side, but only for the penguin sts.

For example, if you have black, white, black. You will make the sts with black, than change with white and carry the black behind until you get to use it again for the second part. When you finish the sts with the white, you drop it.



After finishing the penguin pattern, you have to work a few more rounds in the main color to get to the desired length of the sweater.

Make as many rounds as you want for the body of the sweater or, until you have in total:

6 months – 38 rounds

2Y – 42 rounds

4Y – 46 rounds

6Y – 50 rounds

At the end add the ribbed band.

Sleeves

Insert the yarn to the armpit. We will work in rounds the same as the rest of the sweater, working on the right side and on the wrong side.

2 Years:

Round 1

1 hdc in each st around.

Round 2

1 dec (sc2 tog), 1 hdc in each st until you have 2 sts left, 1 dec. Join with a sl st with first sc cluster.

Rounds 3 – 7 (5 rounds)

1 hdc in each st around.

Repeat rounds 2-7 5 times and then add the ribbed band

4 Years:

Round 1

1 hdc in each st around.

Round 2

1 dec (sc2 tog), 1 hdc in each st until you have 2 sts left, 1 dec. Join with a sl st with first sc cluster.

Rounds 3 – 9 (7 rounds)

1 hdc in each st around.

Repeat rounds 2-9 6 times and then add the ribbed band

6 Years:

Round 1

1 hdc in each st around.

Round 2

1 dec (sc2 tog), 1 hdc in each st until you have 2 sts left, 1 dec. Join with a sl st with first sc cluster.

Rounds 3 – 8 (6 rounds)

1 hdc in each st around.

Repeat rounds 2-8 7 times and then add the ribbed band

8 Years:

Round 1

1 hdc in each st around.

Round 2

1 dec (sc2 tog), 1 hdc in each st until you have 2 sts left, 1 dec. Join with a sl st with first sc cluster.

Rounds 3 – 9 (7 rounds)

1 hdc in each st around.

Repeat rounds 2-9 7 times and then add the ribbed band.

