STRIPES KNIT DOG SWEATER

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SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE | NEEDLES: 5 MM (US 8) | TIME: WEEKEND PROJECT

MATERIALS & YARN SPECIFICATIONS

- Yarn: Red Heart® With Love™ (7 oz/198 g; 370 yds/338 m) — Cobalt Blue: 1 ball; Holly Berry: 1 ball; Iced Aqua: 1 ball
- Needles: Size U.S. 8 (5 mm) Susan Bates® Silvalume® circular knitting needle 16" [40 cm] long and set of 4 size U.S. 8 mm) Susan Bates® Silvalume® double-pointed needles
- Notions: Susan Bates® yarn needle

SIZING GUIDE & MEASUREMENTS

Size	To Fit Chest	Finished Dimensions
XS	15" [38 cm]	11" [28 cm]
S	19" [48 cm]	14" [35.5 cm]
M	23" [58.5 cm]	18" [46 cm]
L	27" [68.5 cm]	21½" [54.5 cm]

Gauge Swatch (Tension): 18 sts and 36 rows = 4" [10 cm] in Slip St Pat.

ABBREVIATIONS & CRAFT GLOSSARY

Abbr	Meaning	Abbr	Meaning
M1	Lift strand between needles to left-hand needle and knit strand through the back loop, twisting it to prevent a hole.	M1P	Lift strand between needles to left-hand needl and purl strand through the back loop, twistin it to prevent a hole.

Maker Notes & Tips:

- Always knit a gauge swatch before starting your project to ensure your finished sweater matches the intended sizing and drape.
- Instructions for larger sizes are given in parentheses; I find it incredibly helpful to circle or highlight my size before I even cast on a stitch!
- When working the Slip Stitch Stripes Pattern, remember to carry the unused yarn loosely up the edge, twisting the yarns together every other row to avoid long loops and maintain a neat finish.

STEP-BY-STEP PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

SWEATER: INITIAL CAST ON AND RIBBING

1. With Cobalt Blue, cast on 45 (55-65-75) sts.
2. Work in rows of K1, P1 Ribbing until piece measures 2 (2½-2½-3)" [5 (6.5-6.5-7.5) cm] from beg, ending with a wrong side row.

SWEATER: LEASH SLIT

1. Mark center 5 sts for Leash Slit.
2. Next row (RS): Work in rib as established to first marker, bind off 5 sts, work in rib as established to end of row.
3. Next row: Work in rib as established to first marker, cast on 5 sts, work in rib as established to end of row.
4. Change to Holly Berry and knit 1 row on right side.

SWEATER: SHAPE BODY

1. Start Slip Stitch Stripes Pattern working 1 row without shaping.
2. Next 2 rows: Increase (as directed above), work pattern to last st, increase.
3. Next row: Work 1 row in pattern without shaping.
4. Repeat last 3 rows until there are 69 (85-101-123) sts.
5. Continue to work in pattern stitch without shaping for next 2" [5 cm], ending with a 5th, 11th or 17th row of pattern.

SWEATER: FRONT LEGHOLES

1. Next row (RS): Keeping in pattern stitch, work 8 (10-11-14) sts, using waste yarn, knit next 11 (14-17-20) sts, slide waste yarn sts back to left hand needle and knit across with working yarn, keeping in pattern stitch, work across next 31 (37-45-55) sts, using waste yarn, knit next 11 (14-17-20) sts, slide waste yarn sts back to left hand needle and knit across with working yarn, work in pattern stitch to end of row.
2. Keeping in pattern stitch, work until sweater measures 9 (12-16-19½)" [23 (30.5-40.5-49.5) cm], or desired length of back, from Leash Slit.

SWEATER: BACK END SHAPING - SIZE XS ONLY



1. 1st - 4th rows: Keeping in pattern stitch, bind off 2 sts at beg of each row – 61 sts rem on last row worked.
2. 5th - 6th rows: Keeping in pattern stitch, bind off 3 sts at beg of each row – 55 sts rem on last row worked.
3. 7th - 10th rows: Keeping in pattern stitch, bind off 4 sts at beg of each row – 39 sts rem on last row worked.
4. 11th - 12th rows: Keeping in pattern stitch, bind off 6 sts at beg of each row – 27 sts rem on last row worked.
5. 13th - 14th rows: Keeping in pattern stitch, bind off 8 sts at beg of each row – 11 sts rem on last row worked. Bind off reming sts.

SWEATER: BACK END SHAPING - SIZE S ONLY

1. 1st - 4th rows: Keeping in pattern stitch, bind off 2 sts at beg of each row – 77 sts rem on last row worked.
2. 5th - 6th rows: Keeping in pattern stitch, bind off 4 sts at beg of each row – 69 sts rem on last row worked.
3. 7th - 8th rows: Keeping in pattern stitch, bind off 5 sts at beg of each row – 59 sts rem on last row worked.
4. 9th - 10th rows: Keeping in pattern stitch, bind off 7 sts at beg of each row – 45 sts rem on last row worked.
5. 11th - 14th rows: Keeping in pattern stitch, bind off 8 sts at beg of each row – 13 sts rem on last row worked. Bind off reming sts.

SWEATER: BACK END SHAPING - SIZE M ONLY

1. 1st - 6th rows: Keeping in pattern stitch, bind off 2 sts at beg of each row – 89 sts rem on last row worked.
2. 7th - 8th rows: Keeping in pattern stitch, bind off 3 sts at beg of each row – 83 sts rem on last row worked.
3. 9th - 10th rows: Keeping in pattern stitch, bind off 5 sts at beg of each row – 73 sts rem on last row worked.
4. 11th - 12th rows: Keeping in pattern stitch, bind off 8 sts at beg of each row – 57 sts rem on last row worked.
5. 13th - 14th rows: Keeping in pattern stitch, bind off 10 sts at beg of each row – 37 sts rem on last row worked.
6. 15th - 16th rows: Keeping in pattern stitch, bind off 12 sts at beg of each row – 13 sts rem on last row worked. Bind off rem sts.

SWEATER: BACK END SHAPING - SIZE L ONLY

1. 1st - 4th rows: Keeping in pattern stitch, bind off 2 sts at beg of each row – 115 sts rem on last row worked.
2. 5th - 6th rows: Keeping in pattern stitch, bind off 3 sts at beg of each row – 109 sts rem on last row worked.
3. 7th - 8th rows: Keeping in pattern stitch, bind off 5 sts at beg of each row – 99 sts rem on last row worked.
4. 9th - 12th rows: Keeping in pattern stitch, bind off 7 sts at beg of each row – 71 sts rem on last row worked.
5. 13th - 16th rows: Keeping in pattern stitch, bind off 9 sts at beg of each row – 35 sts rem on last row worked.
6. 17th - 18th rows: Keeping in pattern stitch, bind off 10 sts at beg of each row – 15 sts rem on last row worked. Bind off rem sts.

FINISHING: SEAMING

1. Sew side edges together from ribbing through start of Back End Shaping.

FINISHING: BACK EDGING

1. With right side facing and circular needle, join Cobalt Blue at seam edge at back and pick up and knit 60 (74-84-108) sts evenly spaced around Back End Shaping. Join to work in rnds. Place marker for beg of rnd.
2. Work in K1, P1 Ribbing for 5 (6-6-7) rnds.
3. Bind off in rib.



FINISHING: LEG EDGINGS

1. With right side facing and using a double pointed needle, pick up right leg of the first 5 (7-8-10) sts from bottom of waste yarn. With a second needle, pick up rem 6 (7-9-10) sts from bottom of waste yarn. Flip sweater so that top of waste yarn is facing and repeat process – 22 (28-34-40) sts.
2. Carefully remove waste yarn.
3. 1st rnd: With Cobalt Blue, knit around, picking up a st in each gap between top and bottom half of leghole opening – 24 (30-36-42) sts. Divide sts evenly around needles. Place marker for beg of rnd.
4. Work in K1, P1 Ribbing for 7 (9-10-12) rnds.
5. Bind off in rib.

FINISHING, BLOCKING & GARMENT CARE

Weaving Ends & Assembly

After completing all knitting steps for your stripes knit dog sweater pattern, it's time to weave in all those pesky yarn tails. Grab your Susan Bates® yarn needle and carefully thread each end through the wrong side of your work, ensuring they are secure but don't distort the fabric. A neat finish makes all the difference!

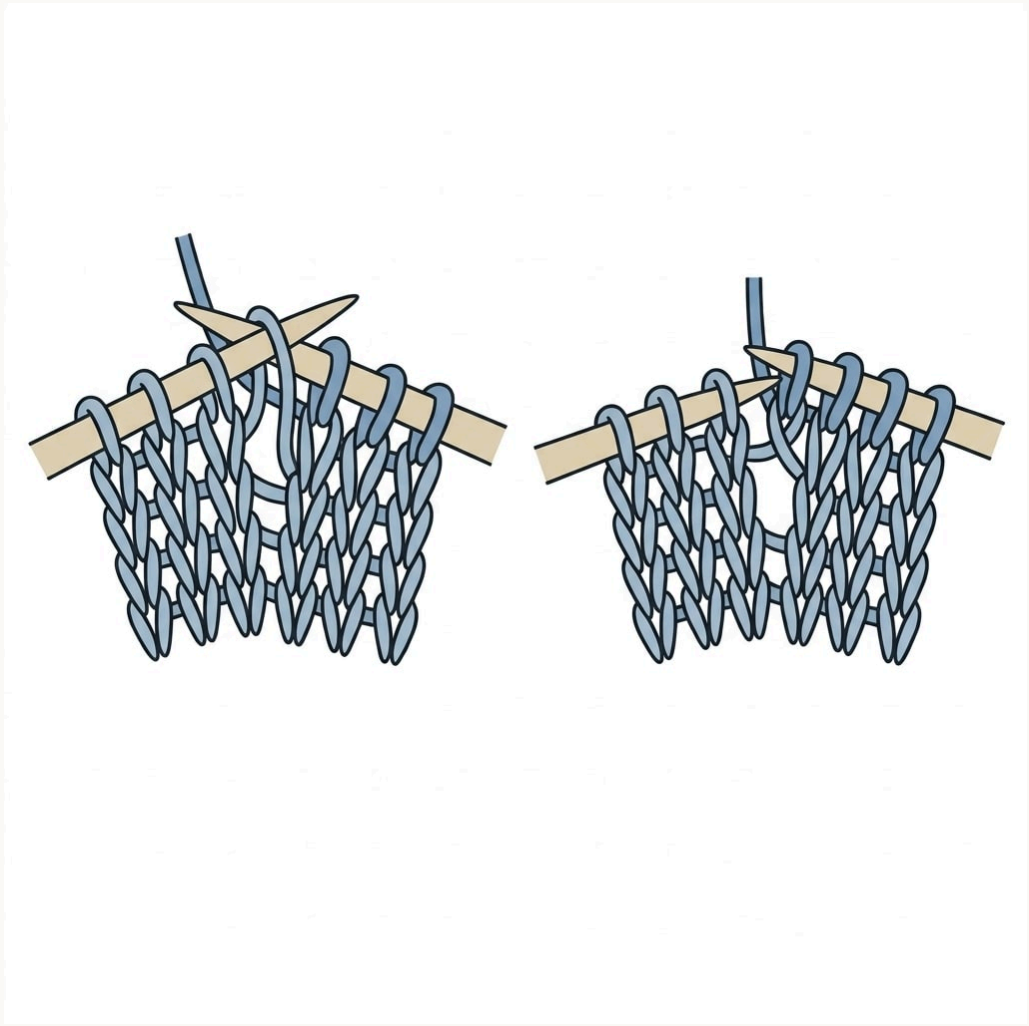
Blocking for Perfect Drape

Blocking is like magic for knitted garments! Give your completed dog sweater a gentle wet block. Soak it in cool water, gently squeeze out excess water (never wring!), and then lay it flat on a towel. Gently shape it to the finished measurements and let it air dry completely. This relaxes the fibers and sets your stitches beautifully.

Washing & Garment Care

To keep your precious handmade dog sweater looking its best, I always recommend hand-washing in cool water with a gentle, wool-safe detergent. After washing, roll the sweater in a clean towel to absorb excess moisture, then lay it flat to dry away from direct heat or sunlight. This will help maintain its shape and the vibrant colors of your stripes knit dog sweater pattern for years to come.

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