

Before you begin

Winnie is made by first knitting the back legs, which are worked into the body. The head is knitted separately and stitched in place, along with the front legs. Ears, collar and patch of fluff are added last, along with face details. Leave 30cm tails on all pieces to allow for easy stitching up.

LEGS

All four legs follow the same starting rows, starting at the paw.

Cast on 8 stitches in colour one.

1. Knit row
2. Increase into every stitch (16 stitches)
3. Purl row

For front legs

4. K2, K3tog four times, k2 (8 stitches)
 5. Purl row
 6. Knit row
 7. *P1, INC* repeat to end of row (12 stitches)
 8. Bind off knitwise
- Stitch up, leaving top open.
Stuff lightly.

For right back leg

4. K4, K3tog four times. (8 stitches)
 5. Purl row
 6. Knit row
 7. P2, INC in next four stitches, P2 (12 stitches)
 8. Knit row, holding colour one and two together.
- Next row in colour two only.
9. *P1, INC* to end of row (18 stitches)
 10. Knit row
 11. P13, bind off 5 (13 stitches)
- Move active stitches onto scrap yarn. Stitch up, leaving the top open; stuff lightly.

For left back leg

4. K3tog four times, K4 (8 stitches)
 5. Purl row
 6. Knit row
 7. P2, Inc in next four stitches, p2 (12 stitches)
 8. Knit row, holding colour one and two together.
- Next row in colour 2 only.
9. *P1, INC* to end (18 stitches)
 10. Knit row
 11. Bind off 5, k13 (13 stitches)
- Move active stitches onto scrap yarn. Stitch up, leaving the top open; stuff lightly.

BODY

The shaping of the body involves using short rows. We have used the 'wrap and turn' style, but you may want to use your preferred method.

1. Cast on 1 stitch in colour two.
- Place the right leg stitches onto your left needle and knit across (making sure the knit side is facing you). Cast on 3 stitches.
- Place the right leg onto your left needle and knit across.
- Cast on 1 stitch (31 stitches)

1. Purl row
2. Knit row
3. P18, w&t
4. K5, w&t
5. P7 w&t
6. K9, w&t
7. P11 w&t
8. K13, w&t
9. P15, w&t
10. K17, w&t
11. P19, w&t
12. K21, w&t
13. P23, w&t
14. K25 w&t
15. P27 w&t
16. Knit back across row
17. Purl row
18. K24, w&t
19. P17, w&t
20. K19, w&t
21. P21, w&t
22. K23, w&t
23. P25, w&t
24. Knit back across row

25. - 34. Starting with a purl row, work 9 rows in stocking stitch
35. K2tog until last stitch, k1 (16)
36. Purl row
37. K2tog eight times (8)

Bind off

Stitch up the body and legs, stuffing them as you go.

HEAD

- Cast on 8
1. Knit row
 2. Purl row
 3. K1, INC, K4, INC, K1 (10 stitches)
 4. Purl row

5. K2, INC, K4, INC, K2 (12 stitches)
 6. Purl row
 7. K3, INC, K4, INC, K3 (14 stitches)
 8. Purl row
 9. K4, INC, K4, INC, k4 (16 stitches)
 10. Purl row, holding colour one and two together. Next row in colour two only.
 11. K2, INC, K2, INC, K1, INC, K2, IN, K2 (20 stitches)
 12. Purl row
 13. K13, w&t
 14. P5, w&t
 15. K7, w&t
 16. P9, w&t
 17. K11, w&t
 18. P13, w&t
 19. K15, w&t
 20. P17, w&t
 21. Knit back across row
 22. Purl row
 23. Knit row
 24. Purl row
- Bind off
- Stitch up and stuff the head.

EARS

- Cast on 1 stitch
1. INC (2 stitches)
 2. Purl row
 3. INC, INC (4 stitches)
 4. Purl
 5. INC, k2, INC (6 stitches)
 6. Purl row
 7. Knit row
 8. P2, P2tog, P2 (5 stitches)
- Bind off
- Cast-on tail can be stitched into the main fabric on the ears and snipped back.

NECK AND CHEST FLUFF

- Cast on 4
1. Knit row
 2. INC, K2, INC (6 stitches)
 3. Knit row
 4. INC, K4, INC (8 stitches)
 5. - 20. Knit 16 ROWS
 21. K2tog, K6 (7 stitches)
 22. K2tog, K5 (6 stitches)
 23. - 32. Knit 10 ROWS
 33. INC, K5 (7 stitches)
 34. INC, K6 (8 stitches)
 35. INC, K7 (9 stitches)
 36. INC, K8 (10 stitches)

37. - 46. Knit 10 ROWS
 47. K2tog, K6, K2tog (8 stitches)
 48. K2tog, K4, k2tog (6 stitches)
 49. K2tog, k2, k2tog (4 stitches)
 50. K2tog, K2tog (2 stitches)
 51. K2tog (1 stitch)
- Cut yarn and pull through final stitch to bind off.

TAIL

- Cast on 12 stitches
1. Knit one row
- Cast off

COLLAR

Use a ribbon or chunky yarn or: cast on 22 stitches

1. Purl row
 2. *K2tog, YO* to last two stitches, K2
 3. Purl
- Bind off
- Fold the cast-on row to meet the bind-off row, allowing the YO row to create a rippled edge. Stitch together.

MAKING UP

Front legs Stitch the legs a few stitches apart just before the body turns into the chest.

Head Stitch up head and stuff. Stitch onto the top side of the body.

Ears Position the ears at slight angles on the top of the head. Play with their position to give your dog character.

Neck and chest fluff The cast-on edge sits under the dog's chin, with the thinner part fitting through the front legs. Try using long and short stitches to blend the fluff into the body.

Tail Stitch in half and catch one end to the corner of the dog's rear.

Collar If using, it can be tied or stitched to the neck.

Extra details Add a nose and eyes using long stitches. Surface stitches can be used to add patterns to the body. Make small double knots and trim to 5mm for extra fluff.

Download this tag from MY WI, punch a hole in it and tie onto the collar.

