



**Free Knitting Pattern**  
**Lion Brand® Vanna's Choice®**  
**Knitted Farm Animals Sheepdog**  
Pattern Number: KFAsheepdog



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Herding dogs, often referred to as sheepdogs, are a common sight on farms. They respond to a variety of herding commands, indicated by a hand movement, whistle, or voice. Different breeds herd animals in different ways. Some breeds, such as the Australian cattle dog, nip the heels of animals to control them, while the Border Collie, for instance, gets in front of the animals and stares them into submission!

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**SKILL LEVEL:** Easy +

**SIZE:** One Size

8 inches (20cm) in height

**CORRECTIONS:** None as of Feb 5, 2013. To check for later updates, click [here](#).

#### MATERIALS

- 860-153 [Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Yarn: Black](#)  
1 Ball (A)
- 860-100 [Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Yarn: White](#)  
1 Ball (B)
- [Lion Brand Large-Eye Blunt Needles \(Set of 6\)](#)
- Additional Materials  
Size US3 (3.25mm) needles Polyester fiberfill Straight pins

#### GAUGE:

26 sts x 34 rows measure 4" (10cm) square over St st using size 3 U.S. (3.25mm) needles before stuffing.

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE. When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. If it takes you fewer stitches and rows to make a 4 in. [10 cm] square, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.



### Body (make 2 pieces)

Beg at lower edge using the thumb method and A, cast on 30 sts.

**First and foll 2 alt rows (WS):** Purl.

**Inc row:** K9, m1, k12, m1, k9 (32 sts).

**Inc row:** K10, m1, k12, m1, k10 (34 sts).

**Inc row:** K11, m1, k12, m1, k11 (36 sts).

Beg with a purl row, work in St st for 11 rows.

#### Shape sides

**Dec row:** K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog tbl.

Beg with a purl row, work in St st for 3 rows.

Rep last 4 rows twice (30 sts).

**Dec row:** K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog tbl.

**Next row:** Purl.

Rep last 2 rows 6 times more (16 sts).

Bind off.

### Base

Using the thumb method and A, cast on 14 sts.

**First row (WS):** Purl.

**Inc row:** K1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1.

Rep first 2 rows 4 times more (24 sts).

Beg with a purl row, work in St st for 5 rows.

**Dec row:** K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog tbl.

**Next row:** Purl.

Rep last 2 rows 4 times more (14 sts).

Bind off.



## Head

Beg at center back of head using the thumb method and B, cast on 10 sts.

**First and foll 4 alt rows (WS):** Purl.

**Inc row:** K1, (m1, k1) to end (19 sts).

**Inc row:** K1, (m1, k2) to end (28 sts).

**Inc row:** K1, (m1, k3) to end (37 sts).

**Inc row:** K1, (m1, k4) to end (46 sts).

**Inc row:** K1, (m1, k5) to end (55 sts).

Beg with a purl row, work in St st for 13 rows.

**Dec row:** K10, (k2tog, k1) 12 times, k9 (43 sts).

Beg with a purl row, work in St st for 3 rows.

**Dec row:** K7, (k2tog, k1) 10 times, k6 (33 sts).

**Next and foll alt row:** Purl.

**Next row:** (K1 tbl) to end.

**Dec row:** K5, (k2tog, k1) 8 times, k4 (25 sts).

Beg with a purl row, work in St st for 5 rows.

**Dec row:** (K3, k2tog) to end (20 sts).

Purl 1 row.

**Dec row:** (K2tog) to end (10 sts).

Thread yarn through sts on needle, pull tight, and secure.

## Hind legs (make 2)

Beg at paw using the thumb method and B, cast on 8 sts.

**First row (WS):** Purl.

**Inc row:** K1, (m1, k1) to end.

Rep first 2 rows once (29 sts).

Beg with a purl row, work in St st for 9 rows.

**Dec row:** K3, (k2tog, k1) 8 times, k2 (21 sts).

Purl 1 row.

Change to A and work in St st for 12 rows.

Bind off.

## Forelegs (make 2)

Beg at paw using the thumb method and B, cast on 7 sts.

**First row (WS):** Purl.

**Inc row:** K1, (m1, k1) to end.

Rep first 2 rows once (25 sts).

Beg with a purl row, work in St st for 5 rows.

**Dec row:** K4, (k2tog, k1) 6 times, k3 (19 sts).

Purl 1 row.

Change to A and work in St st for 14 rows.

**Dec row:** K1, (k2tog, k1) to end.

**Next row:** Purl.

Rep last 2 rows once (9 sts).

Thread yarn through sts on needle, pull tight, and secure.

## Ears (make 2)

Using the thumb method and A, cast on 4 sts.

Purl 1 row.

**Inc row (RS):** K1, (m1, k1) to end (7 sts).

**Next row:** Purl.

**Inc row:** K1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1.

Rep last 2 rows twice (13 sts).

Beg with a purl row, work in St st for 11 rows.

**Dec row:** K1, (k2tog, k1) to end (9 sts).

Purl 1 row.

**Dec row:** (K2tog) twice, k1, (k2tog) twice (5 sts).

Thread yarn through sts on needle, pull tight, and secure.

## Nose

Using the thumb method and A, cast on 5 sts.

Purl 1 row.

**Dec row:** K2tog, k1, k2tog tbl (3 sts).



Thread yarn through sts on needle, pull tight, and secure.

### **Tail**

Using the thumb method and A, cast on 20 sts.

Beg with purl row, work in St st for 25 rows.

Change to B and work in St st for 4 rows.

**Dec row:** K2tog, k to end.

**Next row:** Purl.

Rep last 2 rows 4 times more (15 sts).

**Dec row:** (K2tog, k1) to end (10 sts).

Thread yarn through sts on needle and leave loose.

### **Assembly**

#### **Body**

Place the two halves of the body together matching all edges and join row ends. Stuff body leaving neck and lower edge open, filling out base with plenty of stuffing.

#### **Base**

Pin base to lower edge of body and sew base to body leaving a gap. Adjust stuffing in base, adding more stuffing if needed, and close gap.

#### **Head**

Gather cast-on stitches of head, pull tight, and secure. Join row ends leaving a gap, stuff, pushing stuffing into nose and top of head, and close gap. Pin and sew head to body, adding more stuffing to body if needed.

#### **Hind legs**

Gather cast-on stitches of hind legs, pull tight, and secure. Join row ends of hind legs and stuff. Place body on a flat surface and pin and sew bound-off stitches of hind legs to body all the way around.

#### **Forelegs**

Gather cast-on stitches of forelegs, pull tight, and secure. Join row ends leaving a gap, stuff, and close gap. Sew forelegs to each side of body.

#### **Ears**

Join row ends of ears by oversewing on right side, and with these seams facing inward and the ear pointing upward, sew cast-on stitches and approx 1/2" (1cm) of shaped row ends of ears to either side of head. Fold ears forward and sew in place.

#### **Tail**

Roll tail up, starting at base of edge with shaped row ends, toward straight row ends, pull stitches tight on a thread, and secure. Sew straight row ends in place. To make tail curved, sew a running stitch along inside edge of curve, pull slightly, and secure. Sew tail to back of Sheepdog.

#### **Features**

To make eyes, tie 2 knots in 2 lengths of black yarn, winding the yarn around 6 times to make each knot (Editor's Note: [click here](#) for French Knot tutorial). Now tie eyes to head with 4 clear stitches in between and weave ends into head. Sew nose to center front of muzzle and embroider mouth using straight stitches in black, as shown in picture. Embroider 3 toes in black on hind legs and forelegs, sewing 2 short stitches close together for each toe.

#### **ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES**

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k = knit

k2tog = knit 2 together

M1 = make 1

St st = Stockinette stitch

st(s) = stitch(es)

tbl = through the back loop

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