Knitting for Dogs

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These patterns originated at Angela's Essendon Knitting Club. Angela 'a cat lover' set us a task of designing and knitting for our dogs. Here are a few of the patterns that were presented with photos at the club.

Note that only the measurements are given, so if you would like to knit one of the patterns you will definitely have to KNIT A SWATCH with the yarn you intend to use.

TIPS IN KNITTING A COAT FOR YOUR DOG

Take the following measurements
1. Length of the dog's body from shoulder blades to base of tail.
2. Widest part of the chest
3. Width of body of dog at bottom of rib cage.
4. Width of neck. 5. Length from neck edge between front legs to bottom of rib cage. (Vary this length according to sex.) **Note dogs vary so much in shape and size that you will have to make adjustments according to the type of dog you have, but somewhere between the patterns given for a small Caboodle to a big Rottweiler you should be able to work out a pattern for your best friend.**

There are four patterns below designed by members of the Essendon Machine Knitting Club
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1. A Cushion for Douglas the Golden Retriever
Designed by Von Bird and Barbara Brown

The cushion measured 61cm long and 38cm wide with rounded corners. It was knitted with a tan coloured yarn with two rows of Golden Retriever motifs in gold of course.
An insert was made of scrap material and Von suggests that the insert should be slightly larger than the knitted cover.

2. A coat for Bella the Staffy.
Knitted by Kathie Pegoraro

This coat was adapted from a pattern from Inknitters , Number 20. It was over several pages. I used 8 ply acrylic moda vera (marvel) from Spotlight approx 150gr. The measurement of the jumper are top length 24" across 18" the under side is 18" width also with elastic threaded and the length is 15".
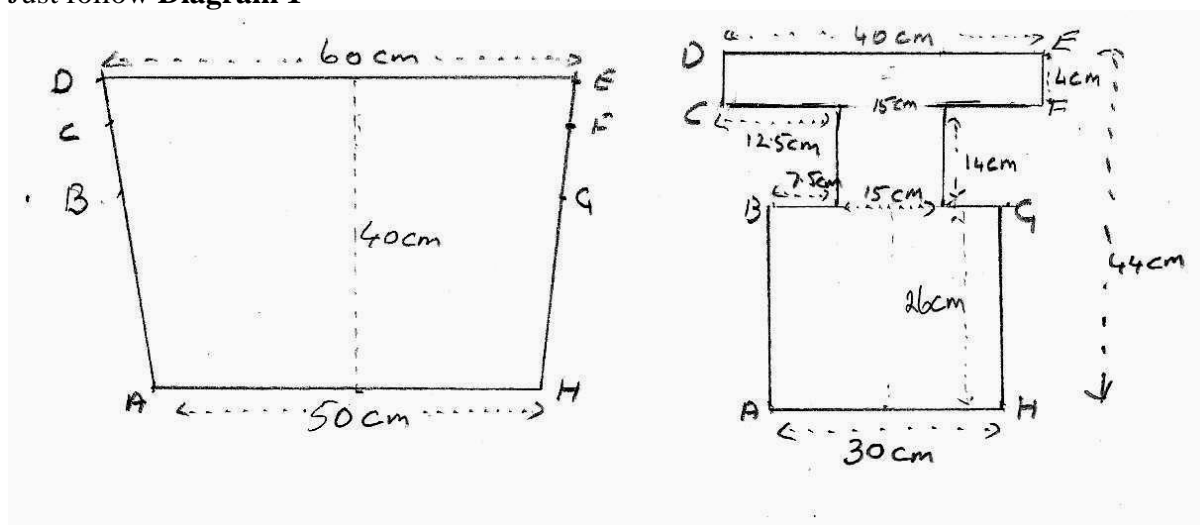
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3. A tutu and ballet slippers for Reiker the Rottie Cross

Designed and knitted by Elisabeth Kauer

Reiker is a pretty big boofy boy and sports a double coat (outer rain and inner down), which he also distributes all over the house). He doesn't really need a warm coat, so a wussy dressup seems the way to go.

Just follow **Diagram 1**

Join letters together and seam A to B; G to H; C-D; E to F.

Attach several layers of tule netting on A to H on the Larger section as well as a feather boa.

Attach feather boa around neck.

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Slippers were just a circular tube knitted to Reiker's foot and leg size. A satin ribbon was attached at the back

Fairisle coat for Buckley the Caboodle
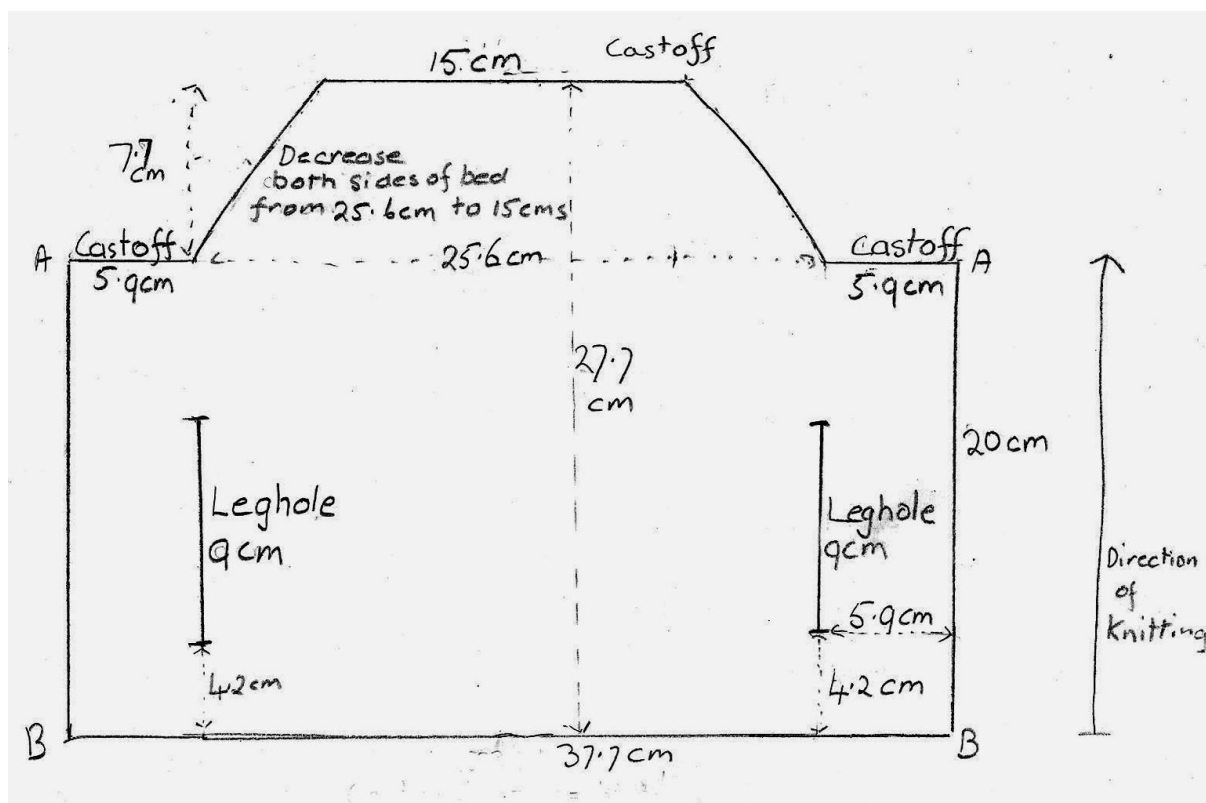### Designed and knitted by Della Chirico.

Tip: Beware puppies grow very fast!! So knit quickly or wait until they stop growing!!
See Diagram 2 for knitting the coat. Della also suggests to start the coat at right angles to the direction indicated. In this way you will avoid problems while knitting the 'legholes' To form a nice finish to the leghole edge, you can cast off in a thicker yarn then cast on the 'leghole' with the same thick yarn.
Instructions:
Replace waste yarn with ribbed band, gathering in the knitted coat to suit your dog's neck.
Join A to A, B to B and seam from A to B. Add a worm edge or your preference from A to A.
If needed edge the legholes.

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15 cm Castoff

7.7 cm

Decrease both sides of bed from 25.6cm to 15cms

A Castoff 5.9cm .... 25.6cm .... Castoff 5.9cm A

27.7 cm

Leghole 9cm

Leghole 9cm

20cm

5.9cm

Direction of Knitting

4.2cm

4.2 cm

B

B

37.7cm

Start with waste yarn & follow the diagram. Or as suggested by Della above, start at right angles A-B