

Knitting
Knit your own Jack Russell

The Jack Russell is a big dog in a small dog's body: knit your very own and stuff it full of personality with this pattern by Sally Muir and Jo Osborne, extracted from their new book, Best in Show: Knit your own dog (£11.69, Guardian Bookshop)

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A simple pattern, but you may need to shorten or lengthen the legs to match your own Jack Russell.

Measurements
 Length: 15cm (6in)
 Height to top of head: 14cm (5½in)

What you need
 Pair of 23/4mm (US 2) knitting needles
 4 spare 23/4mm (US 2) knitting needles or small stitch holders or safety pins
 20g (¾oz) of Rowan Cashsoft 4ply in Cream 433 (cr)
 10g (¼oz) of Rowan Cashsoft 4ply in Bark 432 (bk)
 Small amount of Rowan Cashsoft 4 ply in Cherish 453 (ch) for collar
 Tiny amount of Rowan Cashsoft 4ply in Black 422 (bl) for nose and eyes
 2 pipecleaners for legs

Abbreviations
inc: work into front and back of next stitch to increase by one stitch
k: knit
k2tog: knit next two stitches together
P2tog: purl two together
st: stitch

Right Back Leg
 With cr, cast on 9 sts.
 Beg with a k row, work 2 rows st st.
Row 3: Inc, k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1, inc. (9 sts)
Row 4: Purl.
 Rep last 2 rows once more.
 Work 4 rows st st.

Row 11: Inc, k7, inc. (11 sts)
 Work 3 rows st st.**
Row 15: K4, inc, k1, inc, k4. (13 sts)
Row 16: Purl.

Row 17: K5, inc, k1, inc, k5. (15 sts)
Row 18: Purl.
Row 19: K6, inc, k1, inc, k6. (17 sts)
Row 20: Purl.
Row 21: K7, inc, k1, inc, k7. (19 sts)
Row 22: Purl.*
Row 23: Cast (bind) off 9 sts, k to end (hold 10 sts on spare needle for Right Side of Body).

Left Back Leg
 Work as for Right Back Leg to *.
Row 23: K10, cast (bind) off 9 sts (hold 10 sts on spare needle for Left Side of Body).

Right Front Leg
 Work as for Right Back Leg to **.
Row 15: Inc, k9, inc. (13 sts)
Row 16: Purl.***
Row 17: Cast (bind) off 6 sts, k to end (hold 7 sts on spare needle for Right Side of Body).

Left Front Leg
 Work as for Right Front Leg to ***.
Row 17: K7, cast (bind) off 6 sts (hold 7 sts on spare needle for Left Side of Body).

Right Side of Body
Row 1: With cr, cast on 1 st, with RS facing k7 from spare needle of Right Front Leg, cast on 5 sts. (13 sts)
Row 2: Purl.
Row 3: K13, cast on 4 sts. (17 sts)
Row 4: Purl.
Row 5: Inc, k16, cast on 3 sts. (21 sts)
Row 6: Purl.
Row 7: Inc, k20, with RS facing k10 from spare needle of Right Back Leg, cast on 2 sts. (34 sts)
 Work 4 rows st st.
Row 12: P25cr, join in bk, p4bk, p5cr.
Row 13: K4cr, k6bk, k24cr.
Row 14: P23cr, p8bk, p3cr.
Row 15: K3cr, k8bk, k23cr.
Row 16: P10cr, p3bk, p11cr, p7bk, p3cr.
Row 17: K4cr, k5bk, k11cr, k5bk, k9cr.
Row 18: P2bk, p7cr, p6bk, p10cr, p5bk, p4cr.
Row 19: K3cr, k6bk, k9cr, k8bk, k2cr, k4bk, k2togbk. (33 sts)
Row 20: P2togbk, p4bk (hold 5 sts on spare needle for tail), cast (bind) off 9 sts bk, 7 sts cr, p2cr icos, p3bk, p6cr (hold 11 sts on spare needle for neck).

Left Side of Body
Row 1: With cr, cast on 1 st, with WS facing p7 from spare needle of Left Front Leg, cast on 5 sts. (13 sts)
Row 2: Knit.
Row 3: P13, cast on 4 sts. (17 sts)
Row 4: Knit.
Row 5: Inc, p16, cast on 3 sts. (21 sts)
Row 6: Knit.
Row 7: Inc, p20, with WS facing p10 from spare needle of Left Back Leg, cast on 2 sts. (34 sts)
 Work 4 rows st st.
Row 12: K24cr, join in bk, k4bk, k6cr.
Row 13: P5cr, p6bk, p23cr.
Row 14: K22cr, k8bk, k4cr.
Row 15: P4cr, p8bk, p22cr.
Row 16: K1bk, k7cr, k4bk, k10cr, k8bk, k4cr.
Row 17: P4cr, p8bk, p9cr, p7bk, p4cr, p2bk.
Row 18: K14bk, k9cr, k6bk, k5cr.
Row 19: P6cr, p4bk, p10cr, p12bk, p2togbk. (33 sts)
Row 20: K2togbk, k4bk (hold 5 sts on spare needle for tail), cast (bind) off 7 sts bk and 9 sts cr, k1cr icos, k3bk, k7cr (hold 11 sts on spare needle for neck).

Neck and Head
Row 1: With cr, and with RS facing k11 from spare needle of Right Side of Body then k11 from spare needle of Left Side of Body. (22 sts)
Row 2: Purl.
Row 3: K5, k2tog, k8, k2tog, k5. (20 sts)
Row 4: Purl.
Row 5: K5, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k5. (18 sts)
Row 6: Join in bk, p5bk, p8cr, p5bk.
Row 7: K7bk, k4cr, k4bk, pult (pick up loop below next st on left needle by inserting tip of right needle from back through loop - this stops a hole forming when turning work - then turn, leaving rem 3 sts on left needle unworked).
 Cont in bk.
Row 8: Working top of head on centre 12 sts only, p2tog (first st of p2tog is loop picked up at end of last row), p11, pult.
Row 9: K2tog, k11, pult.
 Rep last 2 rows once more.
Row 12: P2tog, p11, pult.
Row 13: K2tog, k to end. (18 sts in total)
Row 14: P8bk, p2cr, p8bk.
Row 15: K8bk, k2cr, k4bk, pult (leave 4 sts unworked on left needle).
Row 16: P2togbk, p3bk, p2cr, p4bk, pult.
Row 17: K2togbk, k3bk, k2cr, k4bk, pult.
 Rep last 2 rows once more.
Row 20: P2togbk, p3bk, p2cr, p4bk, pult.
Row 21: K2togbk, k3bk, k2cr, k8bk. (18 sts in total)
Row 22: P2cr, p6bk, p2cr, p6bk, p2cr.
Row 23: K2cr, k2togcr, k2bk, k2togbk, k2cr, k2togbk, k2bk, k2togcr, k2cr. (14 sts)
Row 24: P4cr, p2bk, p2cr, p2bk, p4cr.
 Cont in cr.
 Work 2 rows st st.
Row 27: K2tog, k10, k2tog. (12 sts)
Row 28: Purl.
Row 29: K2tog, k8, k2tog. (10 sts)
Row 30: P2tog, p6, p2tog. (8 sts)
 Cast (bind) off.

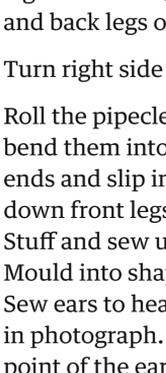
Tail
Row 1: With bk, and with RS facing k3, k2tog from spare needle of Left Side of Body then k2tog, k3 from spare needle of Right Side of Body. (8 sts)
 Work 3 rows st st.
Row 5: K2, k2tog twice, k2. (6 sts)
Row 6: Purl.
Row 7: Join in cr, k2cr, k2bk, k2cr.
 Cont in cr.
 Work 3 rows st st.
Row 11: K1, k2tog twice, k1. (4 sts)
Row 12: P2tog twice. (2 sts)
Row 13: K2tog and fasten off.

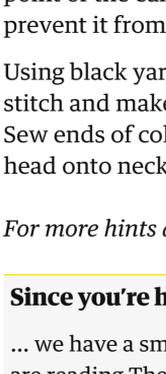
Tummy
 With cr, cast on 8 sts.
 Beg with a k row, work 2 rows st st.
Next row: K2tog, k4, k2tog. (6 sts)
Next row: P2tog, p2, p2tog. (4 sts)
 Work 6 rows st st.
Next row: Inc, k2, inc. (6 sts)
Next row: Inc, p4, inc. (8 sts)
 Work 6 rows st st.
Next row: K2tog, k4, k2tog. (6 sts)
 Work 15 rows st st.
Next row: K2tog, k2, k2tog. (4 sts)
 Work 5 rows st st.
Next row: Inc, k2, inc. (6 sts)
Next row: Inc, p4, inc. (8 sts)
 Work 8 rows st st.
Next row: K2tog, k4, k2tog. (6 sts)
 Work 5 rows st st.
Next row: K2tog, k2, k2tog. (4 sts)
 Work 15 rows st st.
Next row: K2tog twice. (2 sts)
 Work 5 rows st st.
Next row: K2tog and fasten off.

Ear
 (make 2 the same)
 With bk, cast on 5 sts.
 Beg with a k row, work 2 rows st st.
 Knit 6 rows.
Next row: K2tog, k1, k2tog. (3 sts)
 Knit 2 rows.
 Cast (bind) off.

Collar
 With ch, cast on 26 sts.
 Knit one row.
 Cast (bind) off.

To Make Up
 Sew in ends, leaving ends from cast on and cast (bound) off rows for sewing up.

 Using mattress or whip stitch, sew up legs starting at paw. Sew up tail and stuff with the ends of yarn.

 Using mattress or whip stitch, sew along back of dog and down bottom. At head, fold in half and sew cast (bound) off edges of nose together.

Using mattress or whip stitch, sew cast on row of tummy to bottom end of dog and sew cast (bound) off row to nose. Ease and sew tummy to fit body, matching curves to legs. Leave a 2.5cm (1in) gap between front and back legs on one side.

Turn right side out.
 Roll the pipecleaners in some stuffing and bend them into a U shape. Fold over the ends and slip into body, one pipecleaner down front legs and one down back legs. Stuff and sew up gap with mattress stitch. Mould into shape.

Sew ears to head at a slight angle as shown in photograph. Use the end of yarn at the point of the ear and sew down the ear to prevent it from flicking up.

Using black yarn, embroider nose in satin stitch and make two French knots for eyes. Sew ends of collar together and slide over head onto neck.

For more hints and tips, see the book!

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