MATERIALS

- Small quantity of DK weight yarn (preferably wool) in cream/grey/black sheep colours
- Small quantity of DK weight yarn (preferably wool) in two contrasting colours for the woolly jumper (plus extra colours if you wish to add some decorative embroidery)
- Oddment of black/grey 4ply yarn or embroidery thread for embroidering the face
- Small amount of toy stuffing
- Stitch marker
- 3.5mm hook

ABBREVIATIONS

ch = chain
st(s) = stitch(es)
sl st = slip stitch
dc = double crochet
htr = half treble
dc2tog = double crochet decrease worked across two stitches

Note : this pattern is written using UK crochet terms

THE PATTERN

HEAD

Note : rounds are worked in a continuous spiral, use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round to keep track

To begin : Ch 2.
Round 1 : In 2nd ch from hook, work 6 dc [6 sts]
Round 2 : 2 dc in each stitch [12 sts]
Round 3 : (2 dc in first st; 1 dc in each of the next 3 sts) three times [15 sts]
Round 4 : 1 dc in each stitch [15 sts]
Round 5 : Repeat round 4
Round 6 : (dc2tog; 1 dc in each of the next 3 sts) three times [12 sts]
Round 7 : 1 dc in each stitch [12 sts]
**Round 8:** (dc2tog; 1 dc in each of the next 2 sts) three times [9 sts]

**Round 9:** (dc2tog; 1 dc in next st) three times [6 sts]

Fasten off. Darn yarn through remaining 6 stitches, pulling the hole neatly closed.

**EARS (make 2)**

*To begin:* Ch 4

**Row 1:** Begin in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook, work 1 dc; 1 htr in next st; (1 dc; sl st) in next st. Fasten off, leaving a tail end for stitching.

**TAIL**

*To begin:* Ch 5

**Row 1:** Begin in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook and work 1 dc in each of the next 4 ch. Fasten off, leaving a tail end for stitching.

**BODY**

*To begin:* Ch 31

**Row 1:** Begin in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook and work 1 dc in each st across. Turn. [30 sts]

**Row 2:** Ch 1; 1 dc in each st across. Turn. [30 sts]

**Row 3:** Repeat Row 2.

**Row 4:** Ch 1; 1 dc in each of the next 27 sts. Leave the remaining 3 sts un worked. Turn. [27 sts]

**Row 5:** Ch 1; 1 dc in each of the next 24 sts. Leave the remaining 3 sts un worked. Turn. [24 sts]

**Row 6:** Ch 1; 1 dc in each st across. Turn. [24 sts]

**Rows 7 – 12:** Repeat Row 6.

**Row 13:** Ch 1; work 1 dc into each of the next 10 sts. Leave the remaining 10 sts unworked. Turn. [10 sts]

**Row 14:** Starting in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook, work 1 dc in each of the next 3 ch's; 1 dc in each of the next 24 sts; chain 4. Turn. [27 sts + ch 4]

**Row 15:** Starting in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook, work 1 dc in each of the next 3 ch's; 1 dc in each of the next 27 sts. Turn. [30 sts]

**Row 16:** Ch 1; 1 dc in each st across. Turn [30sts]

**Row 17:** Repeat Row 16. Fasten off.

**WOOLLY JUMPER**

*To begin:* Ch 21

**Row 1:** Begin in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook and work 1 dc in each st across. Turn. [20 sts]

**Row 2:** Ch 1; 1 dc in each st across. Turn. [20 sts]

**Rows 3 – 12:** Repeat Row 2

**Row 13:** Ch 1; work 1 dc into each of the next 10 sts. Leave the remaining 10 sts unworked. Turn. [10 sts]
Row 14: Ch 1; dc2tog; Work 1 dc into each of the next 8 sts. Turn. [9 sts]
Row 15: Ch 1; work 1 dc into each of the next 7 sts; dc2tog. Turn. [8 sts]
Row 16: Ch 1; dc2tog; work 1 dc into each of the next 6 sts. Turn. [7 sts]
Row 17: Ch 1; work 1 dc into each of the next 5 sts; dc2tog. Turn. [6 sts]
Row 18: Ch 1; dc2tog; work 1 dc into each of the next 4 sts. Turn. [5 sts]
Row 19: Ch 1; work 1 dc into each of the next 5 sts. Fasten off. 
Join yarn in the 11th st of Row 13.
Row 20: Ch 1; work 1 dc into same st; work 1 dc into each of the next 9 sts. Turn. [10 sts]
Row 21: Ch 1; work 1 dc into each of the next 8 sts; dc2tog. Turn. [9 sts]
Row 22: Ch 1; dc2tog; work 1 dc into each of the next 7 sts. Turn. [8 sts]
Row 23: Ch 1; work 1 dc into each of the next 6 sts; dc2tog. Turn. [7 sts]
Row 24: Ch 1; dc2tog; work 1 dc into each of the next 5 sts. Turn. [6 sts]
Row 25: Ch 1; work 1 dc into each of the next 4 sts; dc2tog. Turn. [5 sts]
Row 26: Ch 1; work 1 dc into each of the next 5 sts. Fasten off, leaving a tail end for stitching up.

MAKING UP

BODY

First stitch up the legs – fold each leg section in half and stitch together using a neat whip stitch. 
Note: The leg seams should be stitched so that each seam faces upwards. This is the Wrong Side.
Now stitch up the front and back of the body. Fold the body in half so that the rows of crochet run vertically. 
Make sure the wrong side is facing outwards and you can see the seams of each leg.

Bring the front legs together and stitch together the front seam, starting at the top of the front legs and working upwards.
Bring the back legs together and stitch together the back seam, starting at the top of the back legs and working upwards.
Turn the body so that all seams are on the inside and the Right Side is facing outwards. Stuff the body, gently stretching out the crochet fabric as you go to create a neat body shape. Don't over stuff. Stitch the bottom of the sheep's tummy closed, adding a few extra strengthening stitches between the front legs and back legs. Stitch the tail in place.

**HEAD**

Stitch the ears to the side of the head, positioning them approximately three rows down from the top of the head. Using black/grey fine yarn or embroidery thread, embroider the facial features on the lower part of the sheep's head. Position the sheep's head so that it's facing to the side (not the front). You should be able to see the sheep's face when you look at the side of the sheep. Stitch the head securely to the body. Your sheep should be sturdy enough to stand up by itself – now he/she just needs a woolly jumper to keep warm!
WOOLLY JUMPER

Fold the woolly jumper in half so that the rows of crochet run vertically. Stitch the front vertical seam using whip stitch. *Note: this is a very short seam made up of the five stitches at the end of rows 20 and 27. For the rear seam, begin at the bottom and stitch upwards using whip stitch. *Note: only stitch two thirds of the way up – leave a hole at the top for the sheep's tail to poke out!*

Turn the woolly jumper so that both seams are on the inside and the Right Side is facing outwards.

Using a contrasting colour, join the yarn at the base of the rear seam. Ch 1, then work a round of double crochet all along the bottom edge of the woolly jumper. Slip Stitch into the beginning ch-1 to close, then fasten off neatly and darn in ends.

Now your sheep is ready to get dressed – pop the head through the sloping hole at the front of the jumper, and pull the tail through the hole at the rear of the jumper. Baaaaarilliant!!

Credit for the original design concept is given to Frankie Brown - her knitted “Sheep in Sheep's Clothing” was the inspiration for this collaborative project. You can find Frankie's knitting patterns on Ravelry at www.ravelry.com/designers/frankie-brown.