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## Knits for Nature

### **PENGUIN REHABILITATION JUMPER PATTERN**

Please note: This knitting pattern has been tried and tested over 20 years and is the right fit for little penguins. Please follow the directions carefully.

**8 ply Pattern** Directions given Australia (U.K., USA)

#### **You will need:**

8 ply (D.K., Sport/Worsted) yarn  
1 pr 3.75mm (no.9, US no.5)

#### **Method:**

##### **BACK**

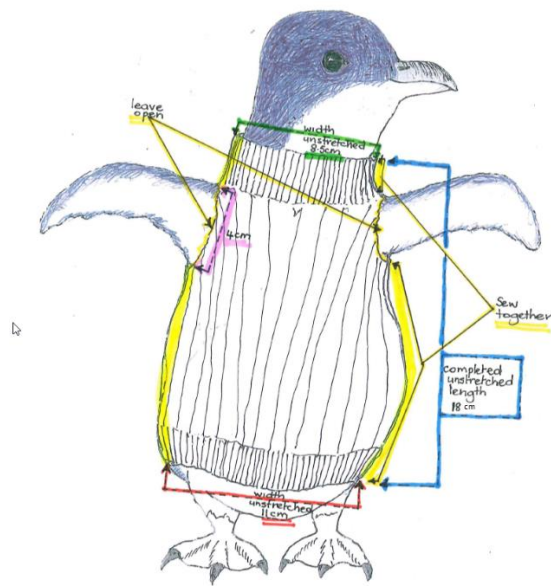
- Cast on 36 sts.
- K1 P1 to the end of the row.
- Repeat for 7 more rows.
- Change to K2 P2 and inc. 8 sts. evenly across this row. (44sts.)
- Continue until the work measures 12cm.
- Dec. 1 st. each end of every row till 28 sts.
- Dec. one stitch in the middle of the next row. (27 sts)
- Change to K1P1 rib for 10 rows. Cast off.

##### **FRONT**

- Knit same as the Back.
- Using a flat seam join the neck edges together (about 4cm)
- Stitch the sides to the beginning of the upper decreasing (opening for each flipper). Side seam should be 12cm approximately. Flipper opening about 4cm in length.

Total length of finished jumper should be no more than 18cm, width should be no more than 12cm, base width should be no more than 11cm.

For further information please contact the Penguin Foundation at [info@penguinfoundation.org.au](mailto:info@penguinfoundation.org.au).



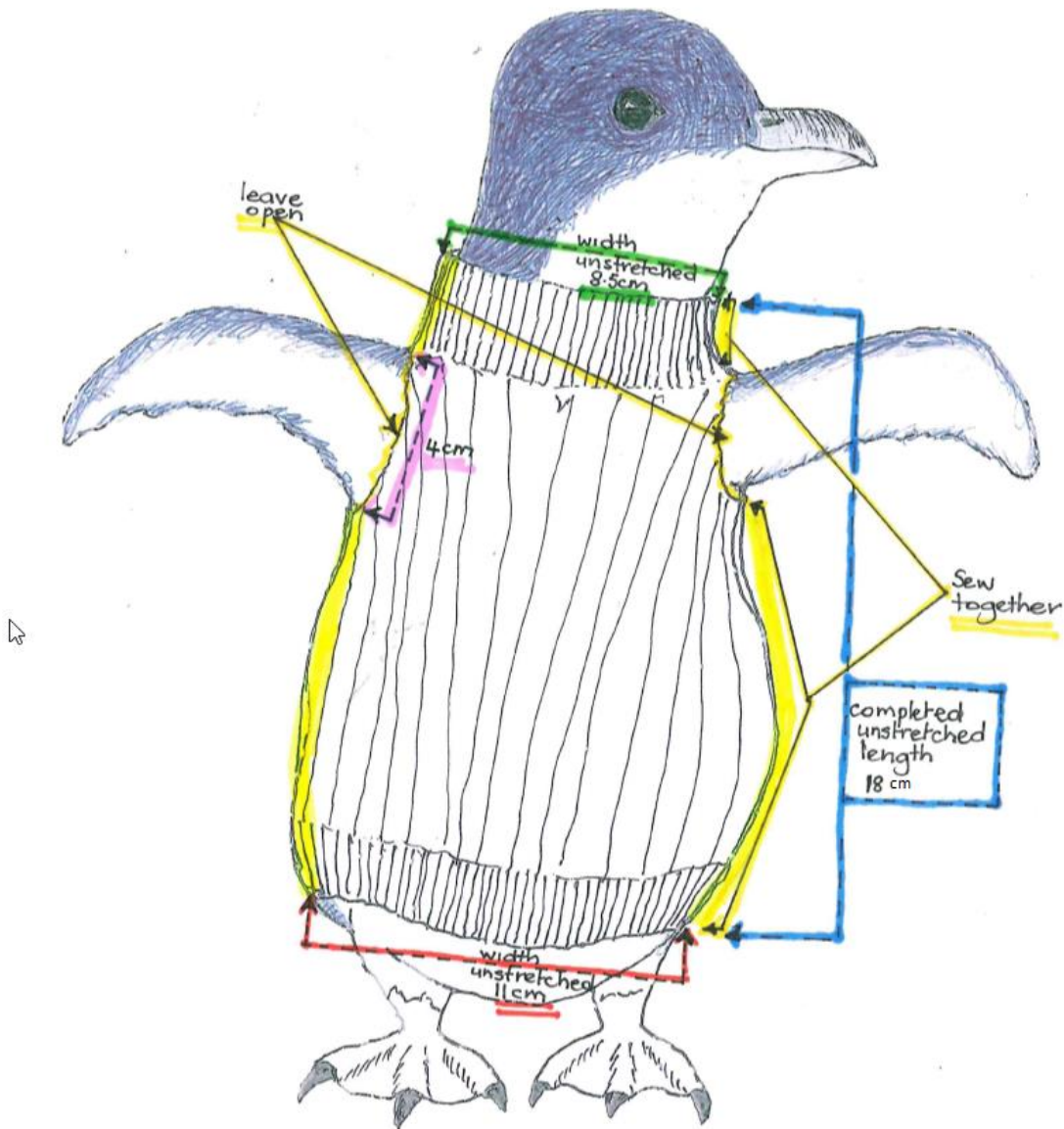
*Penguin jumper measurement diagram. See larger image next page.*



*Little penguin in knitted jumper recovering from oil pollution at the Phillip Island Wildlife Clinic*

**Please send finished jumpers to :**

Knits for Nature  
Penguin Foundation  
PO Box 97  
Cowes  
Victoria 3922 AUSTRALIA



### Frequently Asked Questions

**Can I use acrylic or do I need to use pure wool?**

For little penguin rehabilitation jumpers, wool is best, however acrylic does do the job. The purpose of a little penguin rehabilitation jumper is to act as a barrier, it prevents oiled little penguins from reaching and preening their oily feathers with their beaks and ingesting the oil which can kill them. These jumpers are placed on rescued oiled penguins temporarily before they can be washed clean at the Phillip Island Wildlife Clinic. So, in this emergency situation, both wool types serve the purpose, it's just that pure wool is more 'breathable' and of course natural, so is preferred.

If you're keen to knit the more creative jumpers that we sell on soft penguin toys to raise funds for little

penguin conservation at Phillip Island, acrylic is absolutely fine. For further information please visit <https://penguinfoundation.org.au/penguin-jumpers>

**Can I crochet a jumper?**

Little penguin rehabilitation jumpers do need to be knitted, this provides just the right amount of stretch to fit the jumper over a penguin and have it fit snug around their bodies. This is important to prevent them from getting their beak through the neck hole to reach oily feathers.

If you would like to create a little jumper that can be sold on soft penguin toys to raise funds for little penguin conservation at Phillip Island, these can be crocheted. Further information can be found at <https://penguinfoundation.org.au/penguin-jumpers>.

**Where do I post my penguin jumpers?**

Our postage address is: Penguin Foundation PO Box 97 Cowes, Victoria 3922 Australia

**Where can I find further information?**

Please visit <http://www.penguinfoundation.org.au/penguin-jumpers>

**What is D.K., Sport/Worsted Yarn?**

These are other terms for 8ply yarn generally used in the U.K and USA.

**My jumper is too loose.**

If your jumper is measuring too loose around the neck and/or base then adjust the needle size to 10 (3.25mm) or decrease by one needle size per centimetre. Here is a useful conversion chart from 'Purl Two Together': <http://p2tog.com/conversionchart.html>

**Can I knit on the round/use round needles?**

Yes, you can; however, we do not have a pattern for these methods.

**Do you have a tension gauge?**

No, a tension gauge is irrelevant as this is a ribbed stitch; not a stocking stitch. Please follow the directions in the pattern.