



Little Penguin Jumpers – Crochet Version

NOTE: Crochet jumpers are used in the retail stores to raise funds for the Penguin Foundation as this method is unsuitable for penguin rehabilitation. If you would like to knit little penguin jumpers please see our website for the pattern download.

Using DK (8ply) wool (pure or acrylic) with a 5mm hook:

Body

Base: Chain 25

Row 1: Single crochet (sc) into base chain, turn.

Row 2: sc 6, front post single crochet (fp) 19, turn.

Row 3: fp 19, sc 6, turn.

Repeat rows 2 and 3 until the piece measures approximately 2.5cm wide, ending on a Row 2.

From a Row 2, without turning, chain 10 (increase made). Turn.

Row 4: sc 10 into your chain. fp 19, sc 6, turn.

Row 5: sc 6, fp 29, turn.

Row 6: fp 29, sc 6, turn.

Repeat rows 5 and 6 until the piece measures approximately 10cm wide, ending on a Row 6.

Row 7: sc 6, fp 19, turn (decrease made).

Repeat rows 2 and 3 until the decreased section measures approximately 2.5cm wide, ending on a Row 2.

From a Row 2, without turning, chain 10 (increase made). Turn.

Repeat rows 4 to 6 until the entire piece measures 20cm wide. Bind off.

Neck and Finishing

Fold the jumper in half and seam along Base Chain.

Now we will add the neck. Starting in the centre back (if your Penguin Jumper has a back), fp to flipper hole.

Chain 5 (this may vary, depending on your gauge) over the flipper hole. fp over front; chain over second flipper hole and fsc to centre back. Join to your starting stitch with a slip-stitch.

Back post single crochet (bpsc) around. Make three decreases (bpsc; skip one fp; bpsc), evenly spaced around.

Continue making rounds without decreasing, alternating fp and bpsc.

When the neck measures about 5cm high, bind off, and thread a piece of elastic through the waist.

KNITS FOR NATURE Little Penguin Jumpers

Knitted penguin jumpers play an important role in saving little penguins affected by oil pollution. A patch of oil the size of a thumb nail can kill a little penguin. Oiled penguins often die from exposure and starvation. Oil separates and mats feathers, allowing water to get in which makes a penguin very cold, heavy and less able to successfully hunt for food.

When oiled penguins are admitted to the Wildlife Clinic at Phillip Island Nature Parks, a knitted jumper is placed on the penguins to prevent them from preening and swallowing the toxic oil before they are washed and the oil removed by staff.

453 little penguins were affected by the last major oil spill near Phillip Island in 2001. 96% were successfully saved and rehabilitated at the Wildlife Clinic and released back into the wild.



The Penguin Foundation raises vital funds for little penguin research, conservation and the Wildlife Clinic through the sale of little penguin jumpers we receive that are the wrong size, shape, type of wool or in excess. Little penguin jumpers are also used as an educational tool to teach students and others about the devastating effects marine and coastal pollution has on marine wildlife and the environment.

Please know that we do not urgently require little penguin jumpers for rehabilitation and have a good supply of these which we use on any rescued oiled penguins and in the event of an oil spill, these jumpers are also sent to other wildlife rescue centres if required. If you are interested, we do encourage participation in our Knits for Nature program and we accept all donations (wool and acrylic) at any time, each are put to good use in a way that supports little penguin conservation on Phillip Island.

Further information can be found at [Penguin Foundation • Knits for Nature jumpers - pattern download](#) or email info@penguinfoundation.org.au.

We thank you sincerely for your time and generosity in supporting the little penguins of Phillip Island through Knits for Nature.

The Penguin Foundation Team