

# Sheep knitting pattern

## You will need:

50g main colour 4 ply/double knit/Aran wool, in two small balls  
20g contrasting colour 4 ply/double knit/Aran wool, in two small balls  
Knit the sheep with two strands together  
5mm or 6mm knitting needles  
Toy stuffing  
Googly eyes, buttons or felt circles

(This is an accommodating pattern: the exact thickness of the wool, needles size & tension do not matter!)

## Body (all in garter stitch)

Cast on 10 stitches in main colour  
Garter stitch for 2 rows  
Increase in every stitch (20sts)  
Knit one row  
Increase one every 5 stitches (24sts)  
Work in garter stitch for 20 rows  
Knit two together to end  
Cast off

## Head

Cast on 14 stitches in main colour  
K 3 rows  
Increase into every stitch (28sts)  
K 3 rows  
Change to contrast colour  
Purl one row.  
\*k2, k2tog\* to end  
Purl  
\*k1, k2tog\* to end  
Purl  
\*k2tog\*  
Thread yarn through remaining  
stitches

## Ears

In contrast colour  
Cast on 4 stitches  
Cast off

## Legs

In contrast colour  
Cast on 8 stitches

Work 6 rows in stocking stitch

\*k2tog\* to end

Thread yarn through remaining  
Stitches

## Assembly

Sew the body of the sheep. Keep the  
neck end open.

Sew up the side of the head, leaving  
the neck open.

Stuff both body and head and sew  
the head straight on to the body.

Do the same with the legs, then sew  
on the ears and stitch on a cute face!  
Use stick-on googly eyes, buttons or  
felt for the eyes.

(Optional) Make a small pompom or  
whatever kind of tail you like eg:

Cast on 8 stitches; cast off 8 stitches

Give your sheep a name and attach it  
securely to the sheep. Either display the  
sheep or deliver it to Pippa by 9<sup>th</sup>  
December.

IMPORTANT: if displaying your sheep,  
email Pippa it's name and location by 9<sup>th</sup>  
December to include it in the Trail.

Thank you and have fun!



# Displaying your sheep

Be sure a name is firmly attached to the sheep.

**IMPORTANT:** let Pippa the Rector know where your sheep's name and where it is located before 9<sup>th</sup> December, so it can be included in the Christmas Trail.

Your sheep needs to be displayed somewhere where people can see it from the pavement, or if you are willing for sheep hunters to come into your garden, in another easily visible place. How about a windowsill? A front porch?

Can you make it easy to spot your sheep? Here are some ideas:

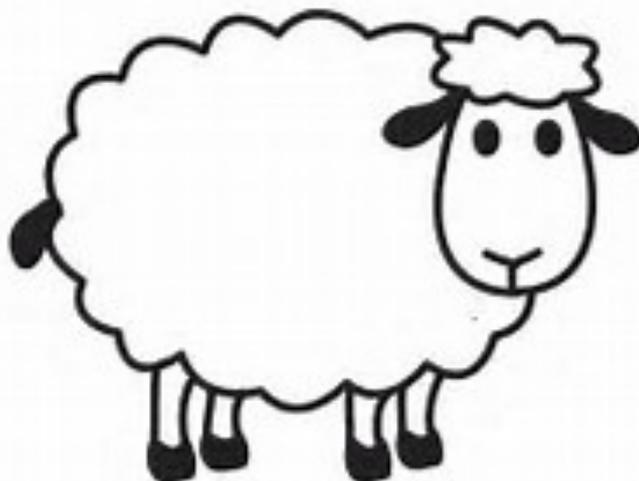
Stand it on a box to raise it up

Display an enlarged copy of the sheep (below), to show a sheep is nearby

Light your sheep well. How about a desk light with an energy saving bulb?  
(but ensure the light is not touching curtains or causing other fire risks)

Check that the sheep's name is clearly visible from outside your house and display it from 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> December.

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December please bring your sheep to the village Carol Service at 5pm – it might be voted the favourite sheep!



# Information needed for your sheep to be included in the Christmas Trail

Please fill in details for your sheep, cut and paste them into an email and send them to Pippa the Rector. Thank you.

Your name            *eg Madgwick family*

Your address            *eg 19 Digby Drive, North Luffenham*

Your sheep's name            *eg Cyril*

Your sheep's location            *eg front window, 19 Digby Drive*

Your email address will only be used to send you the Christmas Trail leaflet (when that has been compiled) and if the church is organising a similar event.

And thank you so much for taking part – I hope this provides a bit of Christmas fun!

Pippa the Rector  
19 Digby Drive  
North Luffenham



# North Luffenham Christmas Trail 2017

Thank you for your interest in this trail: we need your help to make it happen!

Can you knit a sheep? If so, an easy pattern is below, plus details of how to get your sheep included in the Christmas Trail.

Can you offer a home to a knitted sheep for the week December 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>? See the useful information below about displaying a sheep.

Do you just want to go sheep hunting? Email me by 10<sup>th</sup> December and I'll send a Christmas Trail leaflet listing locations where sheep can be spotted.

[rectorrwb@gmail.com](mailto:rectorrwb@gmail.com)

Bring your sheep and completed Trail leaflets to the village Carol Service at 5pm on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December. We'll discover your favourite sheep and tell the Christmas story with the help of the sheep.

## **Any questions?**

What if I have nowhere to display a sheep? Or if I love knitting sheep and make lots? – no problem - any spare sheep delivered to the Rectory by 9<sup>th</sup> December will be found a location to be displayed.

What if I can't knit but want to display a sheep? – no problem – there will be some spare sheep looking for a location, so tell me by 9<sup>th</sup> December.

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