

Bruno's Sweater Coat

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I went looking for a coat for my dog Bruno. As a Shar Pei mix, his shape is, well, not every coat pattern out there would work. So, out comes the measuring tape, hook and yarn!



You will need:

- Yarn (scrap yarn works great here). Worsted weight
- H hook
- Measuring tape
- Parachute Buckle, $\frac{5}{8}$ inch (with contour shape)

Bruno's coat is 14 inches long 12 inches wide at the chest, 9 inches wide at the back (tail). Every dog is different, so start measuring and adjust as needed.

I added a slit for a harness clip to poke through. Remember to put the harness on your dog and measure where it fastens (neck to clip). If you don't plan on using a harness then you can skip that slit (hole) and do complete rows instead of those short rows. I also skipped 1 stitch when starting the slit and added a ch 1 when finishing the slit as our harness metal loop was thick. You could omit skipping both and make it a smaller slit for a smaller dog.

I used two colors. A bright orange for visibility and a green camouflage.

Ch- chain

Sc- single chain

Hdc- half double crochet

Sl st- slip stitch

Hdc2tog- hdc two together

Ch 70 plus 2 = 72

1) HDC in 3rd st from hook and across

2) CH 2, HDC across

3) CH2, HDC2tog, HDC across

Rows 4-9 .Repeat row 3

10) Repeat row 3, BUT stop one st short of center (this is a short row)

11) To make an opening for harness, turn, CH 2, and HDC back

12) Ch 2, HDC2tog, HDC across. A slit this length worked for us. Add more short rows if needed. The harness "ring" will poke through here so the leash can be attached. Cut yarn.

13) Go back to row 10 and where you stopped on that row. Skip one st (center st) and sl st to next st. Ch 2, HDC across to opposite side. This completes a short row.

- 14) CH 2, HDC2tog, HDC to end. (short row)
- 15) CH 2, HDC to end (short row)
- 16) CH 2 HDC2tog, HDC across to center, CH 1, continue to HDC to end to complete entire row across.
- 17) Repeat row 3
- 18) CH 2, HDC across (no decreasing)
Rows 19-32), Repeat row 18
Rows 33-37), repeat row 3
- 38) Sl St A to B, about 5 rows.
- 39) CH 2, SL St up 1 row, HDC in corresponding ch on other side, Sl St up 1 row, turn
- 40) CH 2, HDC in HDC from row 39, CH 1, HDC, Ch 2, Sl St, turn
- 41) Ch 2, space 3 HDC across, sl st, turn
- 42) Ch 2, space 4 HDC across, sl st, turn
- 43) Ch 2, space 5 HDC across, sl st, turn
- 44) Ch 2, space 6 HDC across, sl st, turn
- 45) Ch 2, space 7 HDC across, sl st, cut yarn.
- 46) With coat right side out, Sl St anywhere for border, Ch 1, SC all around.
- 47) Hole for harness clip/loop. Sl st, ch 1, and SC around to reinforce.
- 48) Sl st to any st around neck, ch 2, HDC around neck while doing 15 HDC decreases spread out on this round.
- 49) ON 2nd round around neck, HDC around and spread out 12 HDC decreases.
- 50) Measure where you want the strap across the dog's belly to go.
- 51) Sl St and HDC 6 st., turn
- 52) Ch 2, HDC across, turn
Rows 53-66) Repeat row 52. Measure your dog! This worked for my dog but may be too big/small for your dog!
- 67) Sl St into one end of the buckle, cut yarn
You may need to use a smaller hook or you can sew the buckle on.
- 68) Sew other side of buckle to other side of coat. If possible, put the coat on the dog.
This is your last chance to adjust!

You can use any colors you like. I wanted to add a bright orange for visibility (walking and camping).



