



## Dominique Pomp-a-Poodle

*Who wouldn't want this "poodle girl"? Requests for a knitted Pomp-a-Poodle brought Dominique to life. Make yours pink if you want to match our crocheted version!*

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**Poodle measures 10" tall, measured from nose to back end, not including tail.**

**RED HEART® Super Saver®:** 1 skein each 316 Soft White **A**, 400 Grey Heather **B**, and small amount 312 Black **C**.  
**RED HEART® Pomp-a-Doodle™:** 1 ball 9945 Night & Day **D**.

**Knitting Needles:** 4mm [US 6] – 32" circular needle, or four 4mm [US 6] double pointed needles, and 5.5mm [US 9] circular needle or four 5.5mm [US 9] double pointed needles (for head pouf only).

Stitch marker, two ¾" black buttons (for eyes), fiberfill stuffing, plastic pellets and knee high stocking (optional, for additional weight), small piece of brown paper (for tail insert), black embroidery floss (for eyelashes), sharp embroidery needle, dark powder blush and large make-up brush (optional, for cheeks), pins, ribbon (optional for top of head), yarn needle.

**GAUGE:** 20 sts = 4"; 28 rows = 4" in St st (knit on Right Side, purl on Wrong Side) with smaller needle(s). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.**

### Special Stitches

**kfb** (Knit into front and back) = Knit next st but do not remove from needle, knit into back loop of same st and remove from needle.

### NOTES

1. Poodle is worked in rounds on circular needle, using the magic loop technique. Optionally, double-pointed needles can be used.
2. Pieces are worked separately and sewn together.
3. Collar, leg and ear poufs are worked with one strand each of Pomp-a-Doodle and Super Saver held together. For ease in completing stitches, yarn over with each strand of yarn separately before completing stitch (yarn over with Pomp-a-Doodle, yarn over with Super Saver, then complete stitch).
4. When working with Pomp-a-Doodle, make two stitches per space between pompoms. Occasionally make only one stitch per space for a fluffy, looser look.
5. Take care to keep pompoms on the outside of the work.
6. To aid in keeping the pompoms on the outside, work in rows of Garter stitch for the Pomp-a-Doodle rows of legs and ears. After the Pomp-a-Doodle rows are complete, resume knitting in the round. The hole created when reverting to rows can be closed using yarn tail. The Garter stitch will not be visible underneath the Pomp-a-Doodle.

### HEAD

Beginning at back of head, with smaller needle(s) and **A**, cast on 6 sts. Place marker for beginning of round.

**Round 1:** Kfb in each st around—12 sts.

**Round 2:** \*Kfb, k1; repeat from \* around—18 sts.

**Round 3:** \*Kfb, k2; repeat from \* around—24 sts.

**Round 4:** \*Kfb, k3; repeat from \* around—30 sts.

**Round 5:** \*Kfb, k4; repeat from \* around—36 sts.



**Round 6:** \*Kfb, k5; repeat from \* around—42 sts.  
**Round 7:** \*Kfb, k6; repeat from \* around—48 sts.  
**Round 8:** \*Kfb, k7; repeat from \* around—54 sts.  
**Round 9:** \*Kfb, k8; repeat from \* around—60 sts.  
**Rounds 10-18:** Knit. Place a marker on any stitch of Round 17 for neck placement.  
**Round 19:** \*K8, k2tog; repeat from \* around—54 sts.  
**Round 20:** Knit.  
**Round 21:** \*K7, k2tog; repeat from \* around—48 sts.  
**Rounds 22-29:** Knit.  
**Round 30:** \*K1, k2tog; repeat from \* around—32 sts.  
**Round 31:** \*K2, k2tog; repeat from \* around—24 sts.  
**Rounds 32-42:** Knit.  
**Round 43:** Repeat Round 31—18 sts.  
 Stuff head firmly and continue to stuff until piece is complete.  
**Round 44:** Repeat Round 30—12 sts.  
**Round 45:** Knit.  
 Change to **C**.  
**Round 46-50:** Knit.  
**Round 51:** [K2tog] 6 times—6 sts.  
 Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Stuff nose with scrap yarn. Thread tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. Weave in tail securely.

### NECK

**Note:** Neck can be worked directly onto underside of head or worked separately and sewn to head.

With smaller needle(s) and **A**, cast on 24 sts.

OR

With smaller needle(s) and **A**, working on underside of head and beginning on Round 17 (marked), pick up and k6 sts across Round 17, [turn piece clockwise one quarter turn, pick up and k6 sts evenly spaced] 3 times. Place marker for beginning of round.

**Rounds 1-6:** Knit—24 sts.

**Round 7:** \*K3, kfb; repeat from \* around—30 sts.

**Round 8:** Knit.

Bind off. If you began neck by working cast on 24 sts, leave a long tail for sewing neck to body.

### RIBBED SWEATER COLLAR

With smaller needle(s) and **B**, cast on 28 sts. Work back and forth in rows.

**Rows 1-7:** \*K1, p1; repeat from \* across.

Pick up strand of **D** and hold together with strand of **B**.

**Row 8:** Knit, working 1 pompom for every 2nd or 3rd st.

Cut **D**. Bind off with **B** only, leaving a long tail for seaming the back and sewing collar to neck.

### BODY

Beginning at back end, with smaller needle(s) and **B**, cast on 6 sts. Place marker for beginning of round.

**Rounds 1-9:** Work same as Rounds 1-9 of head—60 sts.

**Rounds 10-19:** Knit.

**Round 20:** \*K8, k2tog; repeat from \* around—54 sts.

**Rounds 21-60:** Knit.

**Round 61:** \*K7, k2tog; repeat from \* around—48 sts.

**Round 62:** \*K6, k2tog; repeat from \* around—42 sts.

**Round 63:** \*K5, k2tog; repeat from \* around—36 sts.

**Round 64:** \*K4, k2tog; repeat from \* around—30 sts.

**Round 65:** \*K3, k2tog; repeat from \* around—24 sts.

Begin stuffing body. Place optional plastic pellets first. Continue to stuff until piece is complete.

**Round 66:** \*K2, k2tog; repeat from \* around—18 sts.

**Round 67:** \*K1, k2tog; repeat from \* around—12 sts.

**Round 68:** [K2tog] 6 times—6 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. Weave in tail securely.

### EARS (make 2)

With smaller needle(s) and **A**, leaving a long beginning tail for sewing ear to head, cast on 12 sts. Place marker for beginning of round.

**Rounds 1-8:** Knit.

**Round 9:** \*K1, kfb; repeat from \* around—18 sts.

**Rounds 10-20:** Knit.

Pick up strand of **D** and hold together with strand of **A**.

**Rows 21-23:** Working back and forth in rows, knit, keeping pompoms on right side of piece.

Cut **D**. Resume working in rounds with **A** only.

**Round 24:** \*K1, k2tog; repeat from \* around—12 sts.

**Round 25:** [K2tog] 6 times—6 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. Weave tail through opening caused by working rows during the Pomp-a-Doodle portion. Weave in tail securely.

### LEGS (make 4)

Beginning at foot, with smaller needle(s) and **B**, leaving a long beginning tail for sewing legs to body, cast on 6 sts. Place marker for beginning of round.

**Rounds 1-3:** Work same as Rounds 1-3 of head—24 sts.

**Rounds 4-9:** Knit.

Change to **A**.

**Round 10:** Knit.

Pick up strand of **D** and hold together with strand of **A**.

**Rows 11 and 12:** Working back and forth in rows, knit, keeping pompoms on right side of piece.

Cut **D**. Resume working in rounds, with **A** only.



**Rounds 13 and 14:** Knit.

**Round 15:** \*K2, k2tog; repeat from \* around—18 sts.

**Round 16:** \*K7, k2tog; repeat from \* around—16 sts.

**Rounds 17–38:** Knit.

Bind off.

### TAIL

With smaller needle(s) and **B**, cast on 5 sts.

**I-Cord:** \*Knit all the sts, do not turn work. Slide all the stitches to opposite end of needle. Carry yarn tightly across back of work, and knit all the stitches. Repeat from \* for a total of 10 rounds.

Bind off, leaving a long tail for sewing tail to body.

### TAIL POUF

With smaller needle(s) and **B**, leaving a long beginning tail for sewing pouf to I-cord tail, cast on 12 sts. Place marker for beginning of round.

Change to **D**. Cut **B**.

**Round 1:** With **D** only, knit.

**Round 2:** \*K1, k2tog; repeat from \* around—8 sts.

**Round 3:** \*K2, k2tog; repeat from \* around—6 sts.

**Round 4:** \*K2tog; repeat from \* around—3 sts.

Bind off. Fold a 2" piece of paper in half, roll tightly to form a cylinder. Insert paper into I-cord tail, carefully trim end of paper. With beginning tail of pouf, sew pouf to tip of tail (cast on end of tail).

### HEAD POUF

With larger needle(s) and **A**, leaving a long beginning tail for finishing pouf and sewing to head, cast on 30 sts. Place marker for beginning of round.

Change to **D**. Cut **A**.

**Round 1:** With **D** only, knit loosely.

**Round 2:** \*K3, k2tog; repeat from \* around—24 sts.

**Round 3:** \*K2, k2tog; repeat from \* around—18 sts.

**Round 4:** \*K1, k2tog; repeat from \* around—12 sts.

**Round 5:** \*K1, k2tog; repeat from \* around—8 sts.

Cut **D**. Thread beginning tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. Knot securely and weave back through to inside of pouf. Do not trim tail, it will be used later to sew pouf to top of head.

### FINISHING

Using photograph as a guide, sew ears to head. Make sure that the ears are not too far apart and that the tops will be covered by the head pouf.

**Sculpt Eyes (work 2):** Locate eye positions and mark each with a pin. With yarn needle and **A**, sew a small stitch in first eye location. Insert needle into head at first eye location and out through 2nd eye location. Pull tightly to



form indents for eye sockets. Repeat once more (working from 2nd eye, back to first eye) and knot securely. Hide yarn end inside head, bringing excess up through top of head and trim.

**Eyelashes and Eyes:** With embroidery needle and all 6 strands of black embroidery floss, embroider eyelashes, as follows: Insert needle in middle of eye socket, bringing it out about ½" from origin. Insert needle back into original spot to form lash. Repeat 2 more times. Embroider eyelashes on other side in same manner. Sew buttons over the center of the eyelashes, covering any knots and yarn that was used to sculpt the eyes.

**Head Pouf:** Arrange head pouf on crown of head, making certain to cover top edges of ears. With yarn tail, sew pouf to head.

**Neck:** If neck was worked separately, sew narrow end of neck to underside of head. Stuff neck firmly. With yarn tail, sew wide end of neck to front of body.

**Collar:** Wrap ribbed sweater collar around poodle's neck and whipstitch (or use Kitchener st) back seam. Keeping seam to the back of neck, tack collar to neck in a few places.

**Legs:** With beginning yarn tails, sew legs to body, making sure that they are even and level.

**Tail:** With yarn tail, sew tail to back end of body.



**Cheeks:** With dark powder blush and a large makeup brush or stenciling brush, load brush as if to apply makeup to own face. Tap off excess blush. Locate cheek area and apply powder using a tamping or pouncing motion. Hold the brush straight and perpendicular to the desired location. Do not use a brushing or sweeping motion. Apply in layers until desired effect is achieved.

**Bow (optional):** Tie ribbon in a bow and tack to top of head. Weave in ends



**RED HEART® Super Saver®**, Art. E300 available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yd (333 m); multicolor, heather and print 5 oz (141 g), 244 yd (223 m), flecks 5 oz (141g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins.



**RED HEART® Pomp-a-Doodle™** Art. E765 available in 3.5 oz (100 g), 54 yd (50 m) balls.

**ABBREVIATIONS:** **A, B, C, and D** = Color A, Color B, Color C, and Color D; **BO** = bind off; **CO** = cast on; **k** = knit; **k2tog** = knit next 2 sts together; **p** = purl; **st(s)** = stitch(es); \* = repeat whatever follows the \* as indicated.