

Mewyblue's Cat-tastic Designs

Buster's Doggie Leash

Buster needed a walking leash that was easy on the hands. Here is how I made it.

The finished leash should be between 5 and 6 feet long depending on the stretch of the yarn used. (It is suitable for small dogs and maybe medium ones...I am not responsible for the loss of your doggie or the quality of your finished product!)

Using an i-cord maker and worsted yarn, make about 24 feet of i-cord.

Fasten the ends off and then double the cord in on itself. (2 layers of cord)

Holding both ends even and the length taut, slip a latch of your choosing to the center (I put the harness directly on the leash).

Then, with help a friend or enemy holding one end (a couch potato works well here), twist the i-cord at one end until it doubles back on itself.

Bring the ends together and allow it to twist on itself. Arrange the twist so that it is even throughout. (4 layers here)

Tie the handle end into one knot using all cord layers so that the handle is at a comfortable size.

Sew the ends together making a double corded handle.

WALKIES!!!

Big Dog in Da Hoodie

Cat Hoodie by Kirsten Roach Ravelry, June 2011 Rear extension pattern posted here.

The leash turned out so nice that I decided to make Buster a Cat Hoodie by Kirsten Roach (Ravelry, June 2011)! I really like this cat hoodie pattern but Buster's owner requested that his back and rump get covered, so I am revising it with a rump extension and narrower at the waist(?).

Directions:

Access Kirsten's Cat Hoodie pattern at Ravelry.com.

Worsted weight or Aran weight yarn in two colors

10.5 circular needle

8 circular needle for all ribbing.

With main color and larger needle, cast on 20 stitches. Work in ss adding a stitch on each edge on the knit side until 30 stitches are on the needles. Knit 2 inches then increase both edges on knit side, repeat until 34 stitches reached. Cast 34 stitches on smaller needle using contrasting yarn and join with tail end; continue knitting on piece using rib stitch. Join round and continue with rib stitch as noted in Cat Hoodie pattern. Change to larger needle for ss stitch. Knit all ribbing with smaller needle. If adding a hole for a leash, knit in Cat Hoodie pattern until armholes have been formed and joined to main sweater. Find the center back and bind off two stitches on either side of center back. On return pass, knit to bind off hole and cast on four stitches; continue with hoodie pattern until finished. Using contrasting color and small needle, pick up stitches around rump end edges from ribbing edge to ribbing edge. Knit matching amount of ribbing around rump end, joining to sweater edge as you continue knitting or by sewing edges together after binding off. Fasten all loose ends. Put on small critter. Walkies!