A Tale of Two Tails







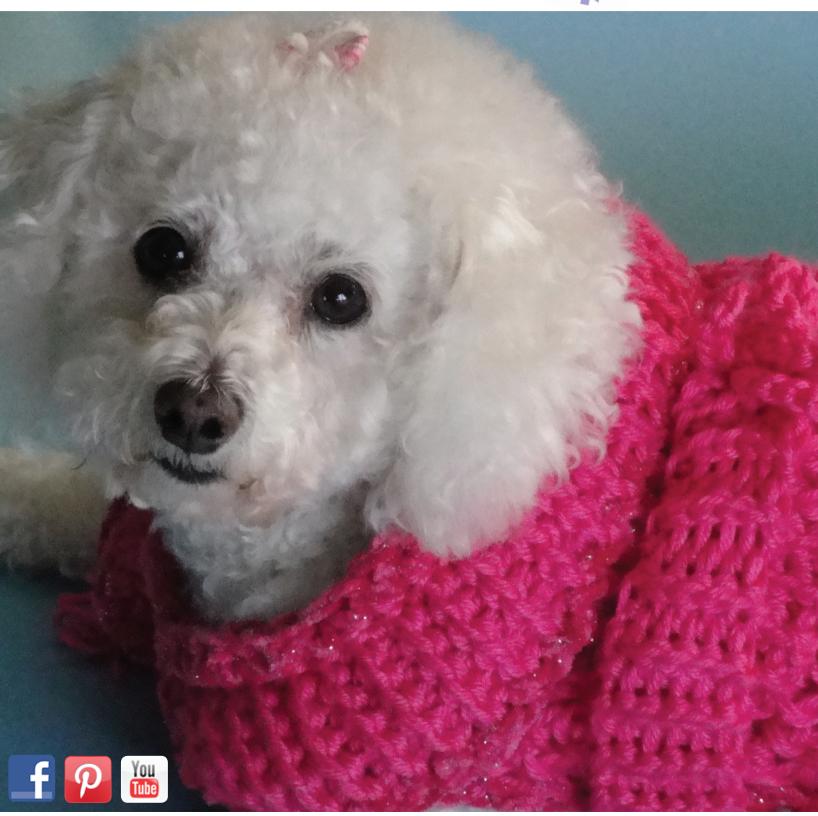
A Tale of Two Tails is the story of Cali, a charming Bichon Frise who's not afraid to pose for the camera in this soft and cozy cuddle coat.







This soft and cozy cuddle coat will be your four-footed friend's favorite.



Cuddle Coat





FINISHED SIZE:

One size $(13" \times 14")$

Medium (14-20 lb. dog)

YARN: 8 oz. worsted weight yarn (color A); 1 oz. bulky weight fancy yarn (color B); 1 oz. worsted weight yarn (color C)

A worsted weight bright pink

B bulky weight fancy yarn in bright pink/metallic (for edging)

C worsted weight yarn in white for pom pom

TOOL TENSION: Using the easyloop® tool, PULL NEEDLE BACK 1 1/2 inches and PUSH NEEDLE INTO LOOP 1 1/2 inches.

GAUGE: 7 sts and 8 rows = 4 inches for single fauxchét® stitch with double strand worsted (back and neck band pieces).

5 sts and 4 1/2 rows = 2 inches for double slip stitch with double strand worsted (collar and belt pieces).

STITCHES USED: SINGLE FAUXCHÉT® with double strand worsted (push tool through BOTH FRONT and BACK LOOPS) turning work at the end of rows.

DOUBLE SLIP STITCH with double strand worsted (push tool through BOTH FRONT and BACK LOOPS) turning work at the end of rows.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES USED: SINGLE FAUXCHÉT® EDGING; SEAMING; CHAIN STITCH LACES.

CUDDLE COAT

BACK (piece is stitched horizontally and turned vertically for assembly) (single fauxchét® stitch is worked with the WRONG SIDE facing you).

FOUNDATION CHAIN: Using a double strand of yarn color A, chain 20 plus 1 turning stitch. Turn work.

ROW 1: With color A, slip stitch across row, making 1 turning stitch at the end of row. Turn work.

ROWS 2-25: With color A, single fauxchét® stitch across rows, making 1 turning stitch at the end of each row before turning work.

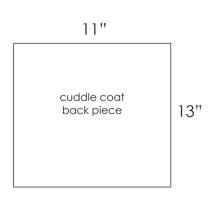
At the end of row 25, end work by fastening off with 1 extra chain stitch into the last stitch.

FINISHING

Cut yarn and weave loose ends in.

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23''	
cuddle coat belt	2''
20"	
cuddle coat neck band	3"
16"	
cuddle coat collar 3"	

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NECK BAND (piece is stitched horizontally and turned vertically for assembly) (single fauxchét® stitch is worked with the WRONG SIDE facing you).

FOUNDATION CHAIN: Using a double strand of yarn color A, chain 6 plus 1 turning stitch. Turn work.

ROW 1: With color A, slip stitch across row, making 1 turning stitch at the end of row. Turn work.

ROWS 2-37: With color A, single fauxchét® stitch across rows, making 1 turning stitch at the end of each row before turning work.

At the end of row 37, end work by fastening off with 1 extra chain stitch into the last stitch.

FINISHING

Cut yarn and weave loose ends in.

COLLAR (Double slip stitch has no RIGHT or WRONG SIDE).

FOUNDATION CHAIN: Using a double strand of yarn color A, chain 6 plus 1 turning stitch. Turn work.

ROW 1: With color A, slip stitch across row, making 1 turning stitch at the end of row. Turn work.

ROWS 2-33: With color A, double slip stitch across rows, making 1 turning stitch at the end of each row before turning work.

At the end of row 33, end work by fastening off with 1 extra chain stitch into the last stitch.

FINISHING: Cut yarn, weave ends in.

BELT

FOUNDATION CHAIN: Using a double strand of yarn color A, chain 5 plus 1 turning stitch. Turn work.

ROW 1: With color A, slip stitch across row, making 1 turning stitch at the end of row. Turn work.

ROWS 2-45: With color A, double slip stitch across rows, making 1 turning stitch at the end of each row before turning work.

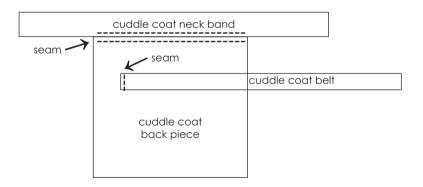
At the end of row 45, end work by fastening off with 1 extra chain stitch into the last stitch.

FINISHING

Cut yarn and weave loose ends in.

SEAMING (BACK and NECK BAND)

Using the SEAMING TECHNIQUE and the easyloop® tool, with RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER, sew the BACK piece to the NECK BAND (as shown on diagram).

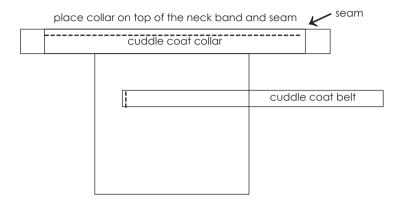


EDGING

After the BACK and NECK BAND pieces are joined, single fauxchét® stitch around the edges with yarn color B and single fauxchét® around the edges of the COLLAR with yarn color B.

SEAMING (COLLAR to BACK and NECK BAND)

Using the SEAMING TECHNIQUE, with RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER, seam the COLLAR piece to the edge of the NECK BAND (as shown on diagram).



SEAMING (BELT to BACK)

Using the SEAMING TECHNIQUE, with RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER, sew the BELT piece to BACK (see diagram).



LACES (make 2)

With color A yarn, thread the tool with a double strand. **TIP**: By pulling the yarn at both ends of the skein (from the center and from the outside end) it's easy to stitch with a double strand from a single skein of yarn. Chain 50.

End work by fastening off with 1 extra chain stitch into the last stitch.

FINISHING: Cut yarn and weave ends in.

EMBELLISHMENT

TASSELS: With color A yarn make 2 tassels (1 1/2" long) and attach to both ends of laces.

POM POM (Optional): Make a 2" pom pom with white worsted yarn to be attached to the back piece as a "faux tail".

ATTACHING LACES and POM POM

Push the laces through the holes in the fabric of the NECK BAND and BELT (as indicated on placement diagram). The laces can be tied in a bow when worn. Attach the pom pom with a piece of yarn that can be tied with a bow at the back side of the fabric and removed when desired.

