

# THE ORANGE SHIRT PROJECT



## Crocheting a Tiny Orange Sweater



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# Introduction

The Orange Shirt Project was developed to acknowledge the impact of residential school in Indigenous people in Canada. As of January 2022, over 7000 unmarked graves have been discovered. In each grave is a child who did not return to their family and home.

This dark legacy has not been widely acknowledged in Canada although there are intentions such as this project that aim to ensure that this does not continue. In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation this project provides an opportunity to stand with Indigenous people and to recognise their loss and pain. It is also offered as a way for healing.

The Tiny Orange Sweater Project, initiated by Jennifer Kent Symons on [Facebook](#) in summer 2021 now has 448 members across Canada. Lorrie Miller and Shannon Leddy have participated in this project and were inspired to develop a related project here at UBC.

The Orange Shirt Project at UBC is hosted by Department of Curriculum & Pedagogy. This is an invitation to contribute by providing your version of a shirt or sweater in orange that can be added to an art installation in the Scarfe Building at UBC.

The following pages provide you with some ideas and directions for making shirts and sweaters.

You can submit your handmade contributions at any time, but the first stage of the installation will require your work by mid-April 2022.

Do not forget to take pictures of your students as they create their orange shirts and sweaters as well as any displays created. Images provided with your creations will be uploaded to the [project website](#) for others to see. Please make sure that any images of people do not have any identifying features.

Your tiny orange shirts and sweaters should be sent to:

Lorrie Miller  
Orange Shirt Project  
Department of Curriculum & Pedagogy  
2125 Main Mall, Vancouver, BC  
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## Supplies:

- Orange Yarn
- Crochet hook (I use a 4.5 gauge)
- Darning needle
- Scissors



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## Pattern:

15 stitches across (plus one for transition to next row)

7 rows for the bodice (x2)

5 rows for the sleeves (x2)

1. Fold one 5 row panel in half and sew along one side to create a sleeve. Repeat with second 5 row panel.

2. Join the two 7 row panels and begin sewing the together along one side, stopping about half way. Fit one of the sleeves so that it is flush with the top of the sweater, then continue sewing up, attaching just one side of the sleeve.

3. When you get to the top, join the sleeve and sweater front to the sweater back with one stitch, and then stitch along the shoulder panel for about an inch, leaving space for the neck hole.

4. Stitch back along the shoulder until you reach the sleeve again, then stitch down the back panel, joining the back of the sleeve as you go. When you reach the armpit, push the needle through to the inside, tie and tie a knot.

5. Repeat steps 2-4 on the other side. Et voilà!  
Your Tiny Orange Sweater is complete!





## Supporting Materials:

[How to crochet: Basic Crochet Stitches by Karen Costello Soltys](#)

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