

THE ORANGE SHIRT PROJECT



Knitting 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.

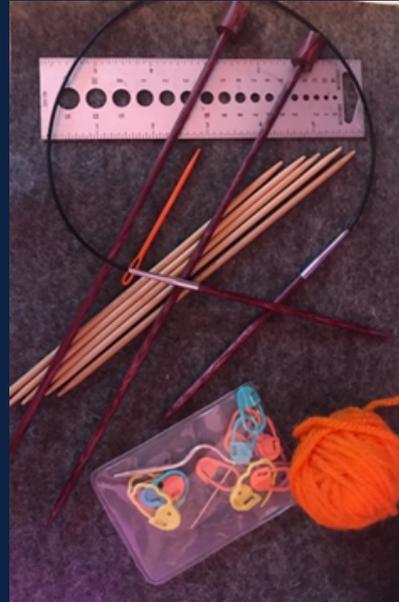
Do not forget to take pictures of your students as they create their orange shirts and sweaters as well as any displays created. Images provided with your creations will be uploaded to the project website for others to see. Please make sure that any images of people do not have any identifying features.

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:



- Knitting needles 3.5 mm – 5 mm (use whatever you have on hand in this range) (Options: - circular, double-pointed (DP) or straight).

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Instructions: these will vary depending on your needles and skill level.

Total Beginner:

1. Cast on 14 stitches using **Longtail** cast-on method. Make a slip knot leaving about 30 cm of a tail and then cast on 16 stitches (see [here](#) to learn how to cast on)



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Beginner: Straight needles (or circular).

Yarn – Use any shade of orange and of any fibre you like. I suggest an Aran or worsted weight yarn. If you use sock-yarn, I recommend doubling up the yarn and use two strands.

1. Cast on 14 stitches and knit until you have a square. Complete three more squares and then assemble as a sweater using one square for the front, one for the back, and one for each sleeve. See images to follow.



2. Stitching rows – you may use garter stitch or stockinette stitch. The garter stitch is knitting each row. Stockinette is knit one row, Purl one row.

See [How to Knit: Easy for Beginners](#) and [How to Knit and Purl](#)

Complete 4 cm of length (so you have about a square of completed knitting)

3) Cast on 8 stitches then knit the rest of the row.

4) Cast on 8 more stitches and knit the rest of the row. You now have 30 stitches on your needle.

5) Knit 3 more rows.

6) Knit 12 stitches, bind off 6, then knit to the end of the row.

7) Purl 12 stitches, cast on 6 stitches (easy cast on) and continue Purl to the end of the row. Now you have 32 stitches again.

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8) Knit/Purl 3 more rows.

Bind off 8 stitches, knit the rest of the row

9) Bind off 8 stitches, knit the rest of the row. You now have 14 stitches again.



10) Knit until you have a matching side to the first half with the break (neck) in the middle.

11) Bind off all 14 stitches.

12) Sew around the sides (not the hand holes) and you have a nice tiny sweater. See [here](#) for how to cast off.



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Raglan Sleeve pattern.

With DP needles or circular (using 'magic loop') cast on 8 stitches with 4 on 2 circular needles, or 2 DP. Place stitch marker after first stitch and before last stitch on each needle.

- Rounds 1 – 3, knit.
- Round 4 – knit one stitch front and back to make a new stitch. Slip stitch marker, and knit stitch front and back. Knit to one stitch before next marker, then knit front and back. Slip marker knit front and back.



- Round 5, knit and slip markers as they appear.
- Rounds 6, 8 & 10 Add stitches by knitting front and back on the stitch prior and after the stitch markers. This will give the angle line of the Raglan Sleeve.
- Round 7 & 9: knit only

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- Now you will have 10 stitches per sleeve.
- Row 11, Knit until the second marker. Take off the marker and slip the last 5 stitches of that needle onto a scrap of yarn or a stitch holder. Then slip the first 5 stitches of the next needle to that same stitch holder, drop the marker, and then knit to the last stitch marker, and slip the next 5 and the following 5 to a second stitch holder. Your work should look somewhat like below.



- Continue knitting in the round to complete the torso of the sweater.
- Bind off when sweater is of sufficient length (about 6 – 8 cm).
- At this point you will complete the sleeves by picking up the held stitches, one sleeve at a time, and knit in the round until the sleeve are about 5 – 6 cm.
- Bind off and weave in loose ends.
- Alternately, you can bind off the sleeves at the earlier stage rather than adding them to a stitch holder and create a short-sleeved jumper.





Supporting Materials:

[Longtail Cast On for Beginners](#)

[How to Knit: Easy for Beginners](#)

[How to Knit and Purl | 1x1 Rib](#)

[Tutorial: Binding / casting off](#)

