This project is created using the Boye 5.5 inch round knitting loom made of blue plastic. Light colored yarns are preferred because the stitches are easier to see. The project takes about 2 - 3 hours. The Lion Brand Hometown USA $2.23 skein contains enough yarn for 2 small dog sweaters. The weight is Number 6. The yarn is machine washable acrylic (about $2.50 at Walmart).

A knitting tool and plastic needle are included in the Boye Round Knitting Loom Set (about $15). You will also need a scissors and masking tape to mark pegs used for the leg openings.

The hanger shown in this photo was cut from a plastic hanger with smooth shoulder sections (without divots). A tin snips is a good tool for cutting through thick plastic. Example: Wiss M4R Metalmaster Pipe & Duct Snips, $24.01 (Walmart)
(Left) Gina Lay’s step-by-step video for creating a Small-Medium dog sweater on a Knifty Knitter 7 inch round loom provided inspiration for this dog sweater project. Gina’s sweater is larger than the sweater in this project, but her steps are similar.

The Boye 7.5 inch round loom is similar to Gina’s Knifty Knitter 7 inch round loom. The small sweater is created on the smallest loom in the Boye Loom Kit (5.5 inches).

Isela Phelps has created a very helpful glossary of terms for loom knitting.

http://isela.typepad.com/loomknitting/terminology.html
Project: Dog Sweater, Size Small (Small Breeds, e.g. Yorkshire Terrier)

(Left) Gina Lay’s step-by-step video for creating a Small-Medium dog sweater is a more complex project than the sweater described in these notes. Gina’s first rows in her dog sweater create the neck. This project starts with the body of the sweater as shown on this page. Gina also uses perl knitting stitches that have been omitted from this project.
Gina Lay’s dog sweater project can be adapted for a very small breed such as a Yorkshire Terrier. The steps are slightly different than the sweater in her video because of the number of pegs.

(Left) In this example, the peg opposite the anchor peg is marked peg # 1 and the peg to the right is marked peg # 24.

The pegs that have been shaded are the pegs that need to be marked with masking tape along the base of the loom.

**Steps (5.5 in loom)**

**Prepare the Loom**

1. Select the smallest round loom in the kit you purchased with a base that measures 5.5 inches in diameter (an approximate measurement). This loom has 24 pegs.

2. Cut small masking tape pieces and mark 4 pegs for each leg opening on either side of the anchor peg. Leave 3 pegs between the pegs that you mark.

3. Make sure you have a bulky yarn. Example: Walmart’s $2.50 Lion Brand Hometown USA skein.

**Knit the Body of the Sweater: Begin by Casting On (CO)**

4. The neck section in Gina’s video is the body of the sweater in this project. Gina works on this section first.

5. Make a slip knot with your yarn, loop it around the peg, opposite the anchor peg (peg #1), pull the knot closed and place the short end of the working yarn inside the loom. Start an e-wrap on the peg to the right of the peg where you attached a slip knot (peg #24). Gina’s demonstration of this step is very clear and easy to follow:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d_KXGY4RUt0
Knit the Body of the Sweater: Begin by Casting On (CO), Continued

E-wrap refers to wrapping yarn around a peg so as to form a cursive lower case “e.” Start e-wrapping on peg #24 and continue around the loom ending on peg #2.

6. E-wrap a second row as Gina demonstrates in her video. Counting row numbers backwards from row 14 will help you keep track of the total. A second row is number 13. This second e-wrapped row will begin on peg #1 and end on peg #2. This is the peg where you will begin to knit.

Notice how Gina secures her working yarn with her thumb. Use the loom hook to loop the bottom row over the top row and keep moving to the left. The last stitch in each row will be located opposite the anchor peg (peg #1).

Note: Watch Gina push a new knitted row of stitches to the base of the knitting loom with her fingers. This makes room for a new e-wrap.

Also, when taking a break, plan to break at a point when you finish knitting a row. Tell yourself the row number where you will resume. Repeat this plan to yourself. When you pick up your project, you will e-wrap at peg #1.

Knit the Body of the Sweater: Knit 14 Rows

7. Begin e-wrapping row #12 with your working yarn on the peg to the left of the anchor peg (peg #2) starting the e-wrap on peg #1. When you have completed the new e-wrap, begin knitting your new row on the peg to the left of the anchor peg (peg #2). Continue knitting to the left. Count backwards as you knit and remind yourself which row you are working on. Example: “I am working on row 12,” or, say the row number each time you e-wrap or knit.

Bind Off (also called Casting Off) Pegs Marked with Masking Tape

8. When you finish knitting row #1, your working yarn will be on peg #2 to the right of the 4 pegs marked for a leg opening. Watch Gina bind off these 4 pegs. When she completes the bind off, the working yarn is on peg #7 to the left of the leg opening.

9. Next, Gina e-wraps to the left of the leg opening. Notice she holds the base of the loom with the pegs pointing to the right. Her first e-wrap is behind the first peg (peg #7), then across the front then behind the second peg and then down around front. Then, up, behind and around a new peg and then down in front ending and securing her yarn just before the right edge of the second leg opening (peg #19).

10. Next, starting with the peg to the right of the second leg opening (peg #19), Gina knits around to the right ending to the left of the first leg opening (peg #7). Note: the yarn on the first peg in this group is tight.

11. Gina’s working yarn (that she needs to bind off the second leg opening) is at peg #19. Gina uses the working yarn to bind off the second leg opening.

12. When the second leg opening is complete, the working yarn is on the right most peg of the three-peg group between the leg openings (peg #24). This is the location where Gina creates a strap.
Use a U-Stitch to Make a Strap Between the Leg Openings
13. Watch Gina work with a U-Stitch to make a strap. She wraps the working yarn from right to left in front of a peg and knits. To go back, she wraps the working yarn from left to right around the front of a peg and knits making 10 rows with the working yarn ending up on the right (peg #24).

Note: Gina says 9 rows in the video, but 10 are needed for the yarn to end up on the right.

Close the Leg Openings
14. With the strap complete and the working yarn on the right, Gina holds the base of the loom with the pegs pointing to the right.

Gina begins her e-wrap on peg #24 which is the right-most peg that is part of the strap. She e-wraps to the right to close the leg openings moving the working yarn up and around the back of each new peg and in front. She ends the e-wrap on the first two pegs that belong to the strap.

This step adds a single row across the leg holes and double rows on the other pegs. Gina secures her working yarn and starts knitting to the left beginning on peg #1 leaving a double row on peg #24. Gina knits this last.

Note: Some of the pegs will have a single row of yarn. Knit those that have a double row.

Knit the Upper Part of the Sweater Including the Neck Opening: Knit 12 Rows
15. Consider the row to close the leg openings to be row #12. Using the same e-wrap and knit technique used to form the body of the sweater, create 11 additional rows. The e-wrap for each new row should begin on peg #1 opposite the anchor peg. Knitting begins on the peg #2.

Bind Off the Sweater
16. When row #1 is complete, the working yarn is on peg #2. The steps to bind off the sweater are identical to the steps to bind off a leg opening. You can start the bind off on the pegs marked for the left leg opening.

17. When there is a single stitch left at the end of the bind off step (peg #1), cut the working yarn about 9 inches from the stitch. Guide this yarn through the loop that forms the stitch and pull it to form a knot.

18. Use the plastic yarn needle that comes with the knitting loom to work the excess yarn through the knitting at the edges. Loop and knot the yarn a few times to secure the ends.

Other Size Sweaters
The Web version of this project contains steps for a Medium and Large sweater: http://housing.x10host.com/looms_walmart_09_09_18.pdf