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Hello and welcome...



...to the December issue of *Knitting & Crochet* – your bumper pattern collection designed especially for the festive season and well into the new year, too.

We're kicking off with some fantastic makes for the kids (p6): six super-cool designs that you'll love to knit and they'll love to wear.

For my Ed's Choice (p22), I've chosen some fun last-minute makes to help you celebrate Christmas Jumper Day on 16 December. It's inspired by the *Woman's Weekly* team's annual dash to create something the night before they take part in this charitable day!

If you're looking to whip up something a little special for yourself this party season, then this month's archive pattern (p27) could be just the thing – a simple, lacy top knitted in a lovely sequined yarn. If crochet is your thing, though, then maybe the Best of *Woman's Weekly* pattern (p47) – a sparkly tunic top – will suit. Both are simply gorgeous!

Now, back to my earlier promise of festive makes... This issue's seasonal collection (p29) comprises five Nordic-inspired projects to knit and crochet for your home and your Christmas tree. They're classic designs that you'll want to bring out every year.

Still on the subject of all things Christmassy, our toy of the month is an adorable snowman (p45), updated from the original *WW* 1970s' pattern.

I think this is a fantastic issue; but if this is your first look at our lovely magazine, don't just take my word for it – have a flick through before you buy.

See you next month!

Kandy

Kandy Regis EDITOR



PS: Another great idea for a Christmas present, this time from The Craft Network – the 'Knit Your Own Gruffalo Kit' contains yarn and pattern and is available from WH Smith and all good retailers, price £9.99.



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Whether you're a seasoned *Woman's Weekly* reader or picking up our fabulous *Knitting & Crochet* magazine for the first time, we're aware that, while of course you'll love to knit and/or crochet, you'll also have different skills at different levels. So we've signposted each project in the magazine with a rating, from Easy Peasy to Quite A Challenge, as a guide to help you decide if the pattern suits your ability. However, we pride ourselves on our clear instructions, so you can try something that's more challenging or simply enjoy your skill.

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Sequin Top

Measurements

To fit ages 4-5 (6-7) (8-9) (10-11) years.

Actual measurements 65 (73) (80) (87) cm/25½ (28½) (31½) (34¼) in.

Side seam 21 (24) (27) (30) cm/8¼ (9½) (10½) (11¾) in.

Length to back neck 32.5 (37) (40.5) (45) cm/12¾ (14½) (16) (17¾) in.

Sleeve seam 5 (6) (6) (7) cm/2 (2½) (2½) (2¾) in.

Materials

2 (2) (3) (3) 50g (175m) balls of King Cole Galaxy DK (65% acrylic, 31% wool, 4% soft payette) in Pink (679)*. Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles; 2 buttons.

Tension

22 stitches and 28 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 4mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **skpo**, slip 1, k1, pass slip st over; **yf**, yarn forward to make a st.

Note

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. Instructions are given for small size. Where they vary, work figures in round brackets for larger sizes. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

Back

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 72 (80) (88) (96) sts.

K 5 rows.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, work in ss until back measures 21 (24) (27) (30) cm from beginning, ending with a p row.

Shape raglan armholes: Cast off 5 (6) (7) (8) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Next row: K2, skpo, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2.

Next row: P to end.

Repeat last 2 rows, 14 (16) (17) (19) times more – 32 (34) (38) (40) sts.

Leave these sts on a st holder.

Front

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 72 (80) (88) (96) sts.

K 5 rows.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, work in ss until front measures 21 (24) (27) (30) cm from beginning, ending with a p row.

Shape raglan armholes: Cast off 5 (6) (7) (8) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Next row: K2, skpo, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2.

Next row: P to end.

Repeat last 2 rows, 2 (4) (5) (7) times more – 56 (58) (62) (64) sts.

Mark beginning of last row.

Continue to dec 1 st at each end as before on next row and 11 following alternate rows – 32 (34) (38) (40) sts.

P 1 row. Leave these sts on a st holder.

Right sleeve

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 58 (64) (70) (76) sts.

K 5 rows.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, work in ss until sleeve measures 5 (6) (6) (7) cm from beginning, ending with a p row.

Shape raglan top: Cast off 5 (6) (7) (8) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Next row: K2, skpo, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2.

Next row: P to end.

Repeat last 2 rows, 2 (4) (5) (7) times more – 42 (42) (44) (44) sts.

Mark end of last row.

Continue to dec 1 st at each end of next

row and 11 following alternate rows – 18 (18) (20) (20) sts. P 1 row.

Leave these sts on a st holder.

Left sleeve

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 58 (64) (70) (76) sts.

K 5 rows.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, work in ss until sleeve measures 5 (6) (6) (7) cm from beginning, ending with a p row.

Shape raglan top: Cast off 5 (6) (7) (8) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Next row: K2, skpo, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2.

Next row: P to end.

Repeat last 2 rows, 14 (16) (17) (19) times more – 18 (18) (20) (20) sts.

Leave these sts on a st holder.

Neckband

Join both back and left front raglan seams. With right side facing and using 3¼mm needles, k17 (17) (19) (19) sts from right sleeve, k last st tog with first st on back, k30 (32) (36) (38), k last st on back tog with first st on left sleeve, k16 (16) (18) (18), k last st tog with first st on front, k31 (33) (37) (39) sts of front – 97 (101) (113) (117) sts.

K 2 rows. Cast off.

Button band

With right side facing and using 3¼mm needles, pick up and k18 sts along right sleeve raglan edge from marker to top of neckband. Cast off kwise.

Buttonhole band

With right side facing and using 3¼mm needles, pick up and k18 sts along right front raglan edge from top of neckband to marker.

Buttonhole row: [K6, yf, k2tog] twice, k2. K 1 row. Cast off.

To make up

Join right front raglan seam from markers to beginning of raglan shaping. Lap buttonhole band over button band and catch down row-ends of buttonhole band at marker end.

Join side and sleeve seams. Sew on buttons.



Easy Peasy



A Bit More
Tricky



Hard-ish



Quite A
Challenge

Star & Stripes Sweater

Measurements

To fit ages 3-4 (5-6) (7-8) years.

Actual measurements 72 (79) (86) cm/28¼ (31) (33¾) in.

Side seam 24 (27) (30) cm/9½ (10½) (11¾) in.

Length to centre back neck 37.5 (42.5) (48) cm/14¾ (16¾) (18¾) in.

Sleeve seam 28 (30) (32) cm/11 (11¾) (12½) in.

Materials

3 (4) (5) 50g (125m) balls of DMC Woolly (100% wool) in Grey (124), 1 (1) (2) ball(s) in Navy (076) and 1 ball in Red (058)*. Pair of 3mm (No. 11) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles.

Tension

22 stitches and 28 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 4mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **sl**, slip; **tog**, together; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **psso**, pass sl st over; **skpo**, (sl1, k1, psso); **p2togb**, p2tog through back of sts.

Note

Yarns amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. Instructions are given for small size. Where they vary, work figures in round brackets for larger sizes.

Back

With 3mm needles and Navy, cast on 81 (89) (97) sts.

K 1 row. Join in Grey.

K 2 rows Grey and 2 rows Navy.

Repeat last 4 rows, 4 (5) (5) times more.

K 2 rows Red.

K 2 rows Navy and 2 rows Grey.

Repeat last 4 rows, 1 (2) (2) time(s) more.

K 2 rows Navy. **

Change to 4mm needles.

Continue in Grey only.

Beginning with a k row, work in ss until back measures 24 (27) (30) cm from beginning, ending with a p row.

Shape raglan armholes: Cast off 4 sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Next row: K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Next row: P1, p2tog, p to last 3 sts, p2togb, p1.

Repeat last 2 rows, once more – 65 (73) (81) sts.

Next row: K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Next row: P to end.

Repeat last 2 rows, 15 (18) (21) times more – 33 (35) (37) sts.

Leave these sts on a spare needle.

Front

Work as back to **.

Change to 4mm needles.

Continue in Grey only.

Beginning with a k row, work in ss until front is 22 rows less than back to armhole shaping, ending with a p row.

Using separate small balls of yarn for each coloured area, twisting yarns together on wrong side at joins to avoid holes and reading chart (see page 12) from right to left on right-side (k) rows

and from left to right on wrong-side (p) rows, work star motif from chart thus:

1st row: With Grey, k26 (30) (34), k across 29 sts of 1st row of chart, with Grey, k26 (30) (34).

2nd row: With Grey, p26 (30) (34), p across 29 sts of 2nd row of chart, with Grey, p26 (30) (34).

Continue working star motif from chart as set for another 20 rows.

Shape raglan armholes: Keep working from chart, cast off 4 sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Next row: K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Next row: P1, p2tog, p to last 3 sts, p2togb, p1.

Repeat last 2 rows, once more – 65 (73) (81) sts.

Next row: K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Next row: P to end.

Repeat last 2 rows, 5 times more, thus completing star motif – 53 (61) (69) sts. Continue in Grey only.

Dec 1st at each end as before on next row and 5 (8) (11) following alternate rows – 41 (43) (45) sts. P 1 row.

Shape neck: **Next row:** K1, skpo, k5, k2tog, turn and work on these 8 sts for left side neck.

Left side neck: P 1 row.

Next row: K1, skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2tog. Repeat last 2 rows, once more – 4 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, sl1, k2tog, psso – 2 sts. P 1 row. K2tog and fasten off.

Right side neck: With right side facing, sl centre 21 (23) (25) sts on to a st holder, rejoin yarn to remaining sts, skpo, k5, k2tog, k1 – 8 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Skpo, k to last 3 sts k2tog, k1. Repeat last 2 rows, once more – 4 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K3tog, k1 – 2 sts.

P 1 row. K2tog and fasten off.

Left sleeve

With 3mm needles and Navy, cast on 43 (47) (51) sts.

K 1 row. Join in Grey.

K 2 rows Grey and 2 rows Navy.

Repeat last 4 rows, twice more.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, work in ss and stripes of 2 rows Grey and 2 rows Navy and inc 1 st at each end of next row and 9 (10) (11) following 6th rows – 63 (69) (75) sts.

Continue straight until sleeve measures 25 (27) (29) cm from beginning, ending with 2 rows Navy.

Join in Red and ss 2 rows. Break off Red.

Beginning with 2 rows Navy, continue in striped pattern as before until sleeve measures 28 (30) (32) cm from beginning ending with a wrong side row.



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Star & Stripes Sweater continued

*** **Shape raglan top:** Next row: Cast off 4 sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Next row: K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Next row: P1, p2tog, p to last 3 sts, p2togb, p1.

Repeat last 2 rows, 4 times more – 35 (41) (47) sts.

Next row: K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Next row: P to end.

Repeat last 2 rows, 12 (15) (18) times more – 9 sts.

Leave these sts on a safety pin.

Right sleeve

With 3mm needles and Navy, cast on 43 (47) (51) sts.

K 1 row. Join in Grey.

K 2 rows Grey and 2 rows Navy.

Repeat last 4 rows, twice more.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, work in ss and stripes of 2 rows Grey and 2 rows Navy and inc 1 st at each end of next row and following 6th row – 47 (51) (55) sts.

Pattern 1 row.

Join in Red and ss 2 rows. Break off Red.

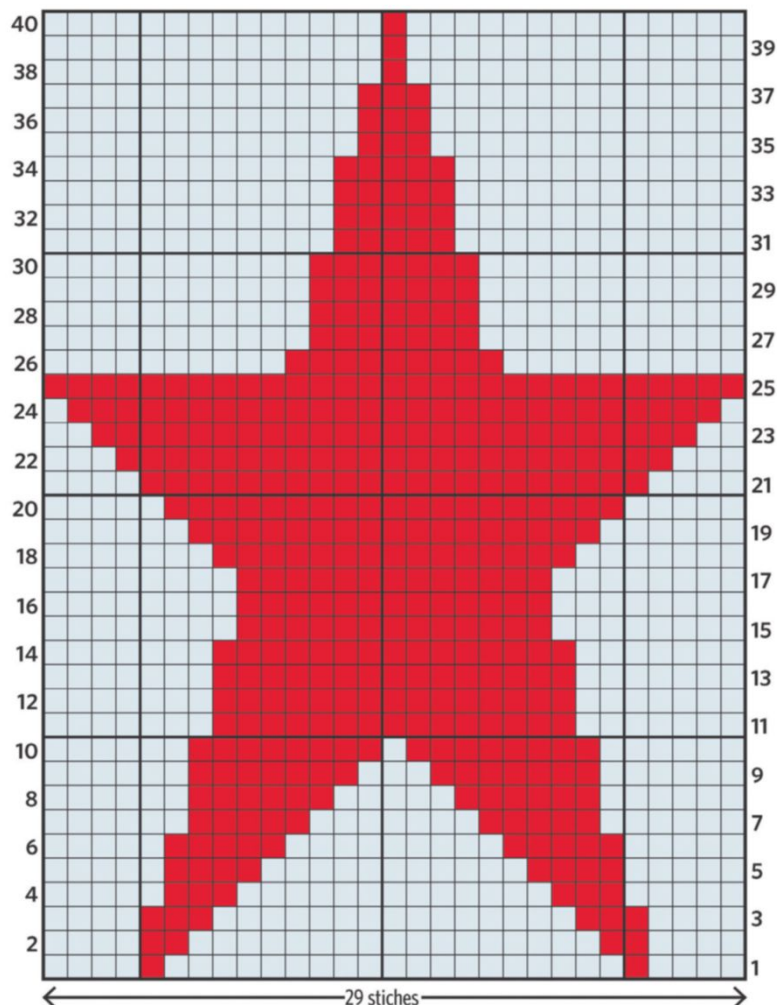
Beginning with 2 rows Navy, continue in stripes as before, inc 1 st at each end of 3rd row and 7 (8) (9) following 6th rows – 63 (69) (75) sts.

Continue straight until sleeve measures 28 (30) (32) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Work as left sleeve from *** to end.

Neckband

Join raglan seams leaving left back raglan open. With right side facing, using 3mm needles and Navy, k9 sts of left sleeve, pick up and k8 sts down left front neck, k21 (23) (25) sts at centre front, pick up and k8 sts up right front neck, k9



sts of right sleeve, and finally, k33 (35) (37) sts at back neck – 88 (92) (96) sts.

K 1 row Navy, 2 rows Grey, 2 rows Navy, 2 rows Grey and 1 row Navy.

Cast off knitwise in Navy.

Key for chart

Grey 124

Red 058

To make up

Join left back raglan seam and neckband. Join side and sleeve seams.



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Ribbed Slippers

Measurements

To fit ages 2-4 (6-8) years, shoe sizes 25-27 (28-31).

Materials

2 (3) 50g (90m) balls of Bergere de France Sport (51% wool, 49% acrylic) in Cristal (51736)*. Pair of 3¾mm (No. 9) knitting needles, 2 buttons; pair of sew on slipper soles.

Tension

22 stitches and 40 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over rib pattern, using 3¾mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **sl**, slip; **tog**, together; **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **k2togb**, k2tog through back of sts; **k1d**, k next st 1 row down.

Note

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. Instructions are given for small size. Where they vary, work instructions in round brackets for larger size. Instructions in round brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

*Yarn subject to availability

Right slipper

Main piece: Beginning at top edge, with 3¾mm needles, cast on 41 (47) sts. P 1 row.

1st rib row (right side): K1, k1d, [p1, k1d] to last st, k1.

2nd rib row: K1, p1, [k1d, p1] to last st, k1.

These 2 rows form rib pattern.

Pattern another 20 (24) rows, ending with a wrong side row.

Dividing row: Pattern 12 (14), k2tog, k1 turn and work on these 14 (16) sts for first side.

First side: Next row: K1, p1, pattern to end.

Dec row: Pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. Repeat last 2 rows, twice more – 11 (13) sts.

Pattern 11 (15) rows straight.

Cast off in pattern.

Second side: Next row: With right side facing, return to end of dividing row, slip next 11 (13) sts onto st holder for instep, rejoin yarn to remaining sts and k1, k2togb, pattern to end.

Next row: Pattern to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

Dec row: K1, k2togb, pattern to end.

Repeat last 2 rows, twice more – 11 (13) sts.

Pattern 11 (15) rows straight.

Cast off in pattern.

Instep: With right side facing, pick up and k11 (13) sts along row-ends of inner edge of first side, pattern 11 (13) sts on st holder, then pick up and k11 (13) sts along row-end of inner edge of second side – 33 (39) sts.

Next row: P11 (13), pattern 11 (13), p to end.

Beginning with a 1st rib row, pattern 4 rows.

Shape foot: 1st row: K1, k2togb, pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

2nd row: K1, p1, pattern to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

3rd row: K2, pattern to last 2 sts, k2.

4th row: As 2nd row.

Repeat last 4 rows, 7 (8) times more – 17 (21) sts.

Repeat 1st and 2nd rows, 3 (4) times – 11 (13) sts. Cast off.

Join centre back seam.

Cuff: With 3¾mm needles, cast on 15 (17) sts. P 1 row.

1st rib row (right side): K1, k1d, [p1, k1d] to last st, k1.

2nd rib row: K1, p1, [k1d, p1] to last st, k1.

These 2 rows form rib pattern.

Repeat last 2 rows until cuff is long enough to fit around cast-on edge of main part, with an overlap of 2cm, ending with a 2nd row. Cast off in rib.

To make up

Pin main part of slipper to sole, then using cross stitch, sew main part to sole. Place right side of cuff and wrong side of main part together with 2cm of cuff ends overlapped right over left, level with ankle. Sew edge of cuff inside top edge of main part. Fold cuff to right side and add a button at overlap, sewing through all layers.

Left slipper

Work as right slipper, but overlap cuff ends left over right.



Fair Isle Slippers



Measurements

To fit ages 2-4 (6-8) years, shoe sizes 25 to 27 (28 to 31).

Materials

1 (2) 50g (90m) ball(s) of Bergere de France Sport (51% wool, 49% acrylic) in A (Pink 29983) and 1 ball in each of B (Aigrette 22770) and C (Cristal 51736). Pair of 3¼mm (No. 9) and 4½mm (No. 7) knitting needles, pair of sew on slipper soles.

Tension

23 stitches and 27 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over pattern, using 3¼mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **sl**, slip; **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts together); **nil**, meaning nothing is worked here for this size.

Note

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approx. Instructions are given for small size. Where they vary, work instructions in round brackets for larger size. Instructions in round brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

Main piece (make 2)

Beginning at top edge, with 4½mm needles and A, cast on 54 (62) sts.

1st rib row: P2, [k2, p2] to end.

2nd rib row: K2, [p2, k2] to end.

Repeat these 2 rows, 3 (4) times more.

Change to 3¼mm needles.

Rib a further 9 (10) rows, dec 1 st in centre of last row – 53 (61) sts.

Beginning with a p (k) row, work in ss and stripes of [1 row B, 1 row C and 1 row A] 1 (2) time(s).

Stranding yarn not in use loosely along wrong side and reading chart from right to left on right side (k) rows and from left to right on wrong side (p) rows, work in pattern from chart (right) thus:

1st row: [K across 4-st repeat of 1st row of chart] to last st, k1 edge st.

2nd row: P1 edge st of 2nd row of chart, [p across 4-st repeat] to end.

The last 2 rows set position of pattern.

Pattern another 9 rows from chart.

Dividing row: Pattern 33 (38), sl last 13 (15) sts just worked on to a st holder for instep, pattern to end and work on last 20 (23) sts for first side.

First side: Work in ss and stripes of [1 row B, 1 row C and 1 row A] twice, at the same time, dec 1 st at end of 1st of these rows and at same edge on next 4 (5) rows – 15 (17) sts. Beginning with 1st row, continue in pattern

from chart thus:

Next row: K1B, [3A, 1B] to last 2 (nil) sts, k2 (nil) A.

Next row: P1 (nil) A, 3 (2) B, [1A, 3B] to last 3 sts, 1A, 2B.

Pattern another 6 (8) rows from chart as set. Cast off.

Second side: Next row: With right side facing, rejoin B to 20 (23) sts on other side of sts on st holder, dec, k to end.

Work in ss and stripes of 1 row C, 1 row A, 1 row B, 1 row C and 1 row A, at the same time, dec 1 st at end of 1st of these rows and at same edge on next 3 (4) rows – 15 (17) sts. Beginning with 1st row, continue in pattern from chart thus:

Next row: K2 (nil) A, 1B, [3A, 1B] end.

Next row: P2B, 1A, [3B, 1A] to last nil (2) sts, p nil (2) B.

Pattern another 6 (8) rows from chart as set. Cast off.

Instep: With right side facing and using B, pick up and k12 (15) sts along row-ends of inner edge of first side, k13 (15) sts on st holder, then pick up and k12 (15) sts along row-ends of inner edge of second side – 37 (45) sts.

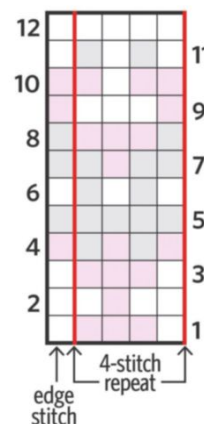
Ss 1 row C, 1 row A, 1 row B, 1 row C and 1 row A.

Work 1st to 12th rows of pattern from chart.

Shape foot: Work in ss and stripes of [1 row B, 1 row C and 1 row A] 3 (4) times, then work 1 row B, at the same time, dec 1 st at each end of every row – 17 (19) sts. Cast off.

To make up

Join centre back seam on main part, reversing seam on welt to allow for fold back. Pin main part of slipper to sole, then using cross stitch, sew main part to sole.



Key for chart

■ A (Pink 29983)

□ B (Aigrette 22770)

■ C (Cristal 51736)

Fair Isle Cardigan

Measurements

To fit ages 3-4 (5-6) (7-8) years.

Actual chest measurements 73

(78) (83) cm/28¾ (30¾) (32½) in.

Side seam All sizes 22 (25) (28) cm/
8½ (9¾) (11) in.

Length to shoulder 36 (41) (46) cm/
14 (16) (18) in.

Sleeve seam 27.5 (30) (32) cm/
10¾ (11¾) (12½) in.

Materials

2 (2) (3) 50g (125m) balls of DMC
Woolly DK (100% wool) in A (Silver
121), 2 balls in each of B (Light Pink
042) and C (White 01), 1 (2) (2) ball(s)
in D (Grey 124) and 1 ball in E (Dark
Pink 043)*. Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10)
and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles; 6
(6) (7) buttons.

Tension

25 stitches and 27 rows, to 10 x 10cm,
over pattern, using 4mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**,
together; **dec**, decrease (by working
2 sts tog); **inc**, increase (by working
twice into same st); **ss**, stocking st (k
on right side and p on wrong side);
yf, yarn forward to make a st; **nil**,
meaning nothing is worked here
for this size.

Note

Yarns amounts are based on average
requirements and are therefore approx.
Instructions are given for small size.
Where they vary, work figures in
round brackets for larger sizes.
Instructions in square brackets are
worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

*Yarn subject to availability

Key for chart

	Silver 121		Light Pink 042
	Grey 124		White 01
	Dark Pink 043		

Back and fronts

Worked in one piece to armholes.

With 3¼mm needles and B, cast on 166
(177) (188) sts.

Break off B. Join in A and k 5 rows.

Next row: Cast off 5 sts, k to last 5 sts,
cast off last 5 sts – 156 (167) (178) sts.
Break off A. Join in B.

Change to 4mm needles.

Inc row: K6 (8) (11), [inc in next st, k5] to
last 6 (9) (11) sts, inc in next st, k5 (8) (10)
– 181 (193) (205) sts.

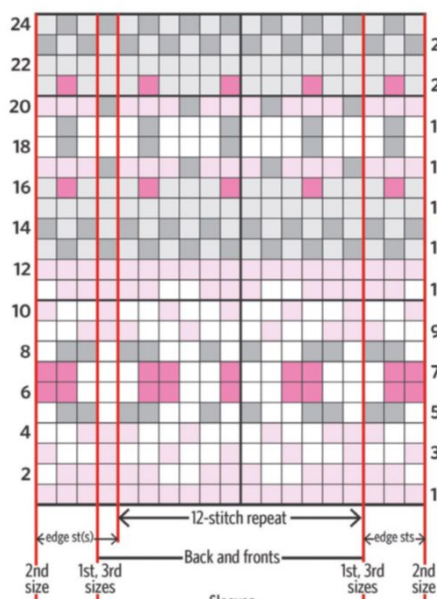
Stranding yarn not in use loosely across
wrong side and reading chart (below)
from right to left on right side (k) rows
and from left to right on wrong side (p)
rows, work pattern from chart thus:

Next row: P1 edge st of 2nd row of
chart, [p across 12-st repeat] to end.

Next row: [K across 12-st repeat of 3rd
row of chart] to last st, k1 edge st.
Work another 21 rows from chart as set.
Now continue working 1st to 24th rows
from chart throughout until work
measures 22 (25) (28) cm from
beginning, ending with a wrong side
row.

Dividing row: Pattern 44 (47) (50), turn,
cast on 1 st and work on these 45 (48)
(51) sts for right front.

Right front: Continue in pattern until
armhole measures 9 (10) (11) cm, ending
with a wrong side row.



Shape neck: Cast off 7 sts at beginning
of next row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 9 (10) (11)
rows – 29 (31) (33) sts.

Continue straight until armhole
measures 14 (16) (18) cm, ending with a
6th, 12th, 18th or 24th pattern row.
Cast off for shoulder.

Back: With right side facing, rejoin yarn
to end of dividing row, cast on 1 st,
pattern to last 44 (47) (50) sts, turn and
cast on 1 st.

Work on these 95 (101) (107) sts only
until armholes measure 14 (16) (18) cm,
ending with a 6th, 12th, 18th, or 24th
pattern row.

Cast off, marking 29 (31) (33) sts in from
side edges for shoulders.

Left front: With right side facing, rejoin
yarn to remaining sts, cast on 1 st,
pattern to end – 45 (48) (51) sts.

Continue in pattern until armhole
measures 9 (10) (11) cm, ending with a
wrong side row.

Shape neck: Next row: Pattern to last 7
sts, cast off last 7 sts.

With wrong side facing, rejoin yarn to
remaining 38 (41) (44) sts.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 9 (10) (11)
rows – 29 (31) (33) sts.

Continue straight until armhole
measures 14 (16) (18) cm from
beginning, ending with a 6th, 12th, 18th
or 24th pattern row. Cast off for shoulder.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 3¼mm needles and B, cast on 41
(46) (51) sts.

Break off B. Join in A and k 6 rows.

Break off A. Join in B.

Change to 4mm needles.

Inc row: K3, [inc in next st, k4] to last 3
sts, inc in next st, k2 – 49 (55) (61) sts.

Next row: P1 (4) (1) edge st(s) of 2nd row
of chart, [p across 12-st repeat] to last nil
(3) (nil) sts, p nil (3) (nil) edge sts.

Next row: K nil (3) (nil) edge sts of 3rd
row of chart, [k across 12-st repeat] to
last 1 (4) (1) st(s), k1 (4) (1) edge st(s).

These 2 rows set position of pattern.
Pattern another 3 rows.

Taking extra sts into pattern as they
occur, inc 1 st at each end of next row
and 9 (11) (12) following 6th rows – 69



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Fair Isle Cardigan

continued

(79) (87) sts.

Pattern 11 (5) (5) rows straight, ending with a 24th (6th) (12th) pattern row.

Cast off.

Buttonhole band

With right side facing and using 3¼mm needles, rejoin A at inside edge of 5 cast-off sts on right front welt, pick up and k61 (70) (78) sts evenly along row-ends of front edge to neck edge. K 2 rows.

Buttonhole row: K9 (10) (9), yf, k2tog, [k10 (12) (11), yf, k2tog] 4 (4) (5) times, k2. K 2 rows.

Break off A. Join in B to base edge of welt.

Next row: Pick up and k4 sts from row-ends of welt, then k61 (70) (78) sts of band – 65 (74) (82) sts. Cast off knitwise.

Button band

With right side facing, and using 3¼mm needles, rejoin A at beginning of neck edge of left front, pick up and k61 (70) (78) sts along row-ends of front to top of 5 cast-off sts on welt. K 5 rows.

Break off A. Join in B.

Next row: K to end, then pick up and k4 sts from row-ends of welt – 65 (74) (82) sts. Cast off knitwise.

Neckband

Join shoulder seams. With right side facing, using 3¼mm needles and A, pick up and k4 sts from row-ends of buttonhole band, 17 (18) (19) sts up right front neck, 28 (29) (30) sts across centre back neck, 17 (18) (19) sts down left front neck and 4 sts from row-ends of button

band – 70 (73) (76) sts. K 2 rows.

Buttonhole row: K to last 2 sts, yf, k2tog. K 2 rows. Break off A.

Join in B to start of pick up row at right front edge of neckband and pick up and k4 sts along row-ends of neckband, k70 (73) (76) sts of neckband, then pick up and k4 sts along row-ends of neckband at left front edge – 78 (81) (84) sts. Cast off kwise.

To make up

Press as on ball band. Sew cast-off edge of sleeves to row-ends of armholes. Join sleeve seams. Sew row-ends of front bands to 5 cast-off stitches at top of welt at lower edge. Sew on buttons.

Hat

Measurements

To fit an average child's head.

Materials

1 x 100g (115m) ball of Rico Design Essentials Super Super Chunky (50% wool, 50% acrylic) in Cream (001)*. Pair of 10mm (No. 000) knitting needles. 1 x 13cm Rico Design fake fur pompom in Fuchsia (383176.007).

Tension

9 stitches and 12 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 10mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **dec**, decrease; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side).

Note

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To make

With 10mm needles, cast on 43 sts. Beginning with a k row, work 18 rows in ss.

Shape top: 1st dec row: [K5, k2tog] 6 times, k1 – 37 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: [K4, k2tog] 6 times, k1 – 31 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: [K3, k2tog] 6 times, k1 – 25 sts. P 1 row.

4th dec row: [K2, k2tog] 6 times, k1 – 19 sts.

5th dec row: P1, [p2tog, p1] 6 times – 13 sts.

6th dec row: [K2tog] 6 times, k1 – 7 sts.

7th dec row: P1, [p2tog] 3 times – 4 sts. Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off securely.

Join seam, reversing seam on first 6 rows for roll back. Sew pompom to top.

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This month, I'd like to tell you about Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day – its annual fundraising campaign – on Friday 16 December. It's a lovely day when silliness will sweep the nation with everyone ditching their usual top in favour of a festive knit.

All this fun has a serious purpose, though. By sticking on a silly sweater and donating £2 to Save the Children (£1 if you're at school) at christmasjumperday.org, you'll be saving children's lives, and helping the charity do whatever it takes to make sure the world's forgotten children get the chance of a brighter future.

So, if you're like many of us who like to participate in this fab fundraiser, but are rarely organised enough to sort a jumper in advance, our speedy makes are ideal. They're knitted and crocheted seasonal motifs that can be made in an evening or weekend and sewn onto a cheap sweatshirt or a knit from your wardrobe in no time at all.

Save the Children has a host of celebrities supporting this great event along with lots of other opportunities to for you to get involved. If you have a festive sweater you no longer want, Save the Children would like you to take it along to one of its stores – then maybe buy a replacement while you're there! Also, WHSmith is selling two Christmas Jumper Day bears, called Benji and Bruno, at £4.99 – with £1 from every bear sold going to Save the Children.



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Doing it for the kids

Update an existing sweater for Christmas Jumper Day with our quick-make festive motifs and raise money for Save the Children





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CHRISTMAS SWEATER EMBELLISHMENTS

Materials

1 x 50g (125m) balls of Debbie Bliss Baby Cashmerino (55% wool, 33% acrylic, 12% cashmere) in each of White (100), Jade (080) and Red (034)*. Length of Black and Orange yarn for embroidery. Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) knitting needles; size 3.50 crochet hook; 2m of narrow gold ribbon; fabric glue; 5mm pearl beads; matching sewing thread and sewing needle.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **st**, stitch; **dc**, double crochet; **tr**, treble; **htr**, half treble; **dtr**, double treble; **chsp**, chain space; **chlp**, chain loop; **slst**, slip stitch.

Note

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end. Thread end through sts, pull up tightly and secure. Beginning and ending at centre, fold cord in zigzag manner to form tree shape. Take attached end of yarn through centre of tree to secure in position. Using sewing needle and matching thread, sew one bead to each folded end of tree.

Snowman

Head: **1st round:** With 3.50 hook and White, make slip ring as follows: wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form a ring, insert hook into ring, yarn over hook and pull through, 3ch (counts as 1tr throughout), 11tr in ring, slst in 3rd of 3ch, pull end of yarn tightly to close ring – 12 sts.

2nd round: 3ch, 1tr in base of 3ch, [2tr in next tr] 11 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 24 sts.

3rd round: 3ch, 1tr in base of 3ch, 1tr in next tr, [2tr in next tr, 1tr in next tr] 11 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 36 sts.

Fasten off.

Body: Work 1st to 3rd rounds of head.

4th round: 3ch, 1tr in base of 3ch, 1tr in each of next 2tr, [2tr in next tr, 1tr in each of next 2tr] 11 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 48 sts. Fasten off.

To make up: Overlap head over body and secure in position. With Black, embroider eyes and mouth on head and three buttons on body. With Orange, embroider nose.

HO HO HO

Letter H

(make 3)

First leg: With 3.50 hook and Red, make 22ch.

1st row: 1htr in 3rd ch from hook (counts as 2 sts), 1htr in each of next 9ch, 1tr in each of next 6ch, 1dtr in each of last 4ch, turn – 21 sts.

2nd row: 1ch, [1dc in next st] to end. Fasten off.

Second leg: With 3.50 hook and Red, make 22ch.

Presents

Make one in each colour.

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 18 sts. Knit 36 rows. Cast off.

Cut off 2 lengths from gold ribbon wide enough to go across the knitted piece, allowing about 2cm extra at each end for turn over. Glue one length across horizontally and one vertically across centre of knitted piece, turning ends over to back. Cut another length from gold ribbon and make a bow. Attach bow at top of present.

Christmas tree

Make one in each of Jade and Red.

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 4 sts.

Knit 1 row, do not turn.

Pattern row: Slip the 4 sts on right needle back onto left needle, bring yarn across back of work to beginning of the 4 sts, pulling it tightly, knit 4.

Repeat pattern row until cord is about 40cm long. Break off yarn, leaving 10cm

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1st row: 1htr in 3rd ch from hook (counts as 2 sts), 1htr in each of next 9ch, 1tr in each of next 6ch, 1dtr in each of last 4ch, turn - 21 sts.

2nd row: 1ch, 1dc in each of next 9 sts, 6ch, with wrong side facing, slst to 10th and 11th sts on 2nd row of first leg, 1dc in each of 6ch, 1dc in each of last 11 sts on second leg. Fasten off.

Letter O

(make 3)

With 3.50 hook and Red, make 20ch, slst in first ch to form ring.

Next round: 3ch, work 11tr, 6dtr and 12tr all in ring, slst in 3rd of 3ch. Fasten off.

To complete

Place letters on your sweater to form Ho Ho Ho words and sew in position.

Snowflake

1st round: With 3.50 hook and White, make slip ring as follows: wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form a ring, insert hook into ring, yarn over hook and pull through, 7ch (counts as 1tr and 4ch), work [1tr, 4ch] 5 times in

ring, slst in 3rd of 7ch, pull end of yarn tightly to close the ring - 6 chsp.

2nd round: Slst in first chsp, 8ch, slst in 3rd ch from hook - picot made, 3ch, 1htr in same chsp as first slst, [work 1htr, 6ch, slst in 3rd ch from hook, 3ch and 1htr all in next chsp] 5 times, slst in 2nd of 8ch.

3rd round: * Work 2dc around chlp of first side of next chsp, 8ch, slst in 3rd ch from hook, [3ch, slst in 3rd ch from hook] twice, slst in 5th of 8ch, 4ch, miss picot, 2dc around chlp of second side of same chsp, repeat from * 5 times more, slst in first dc. Fasten off.

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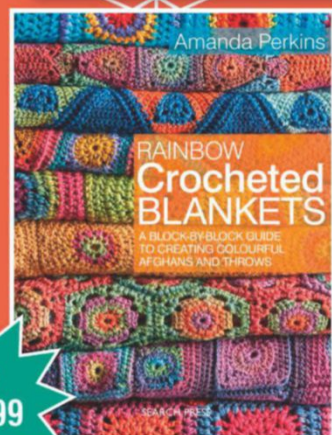
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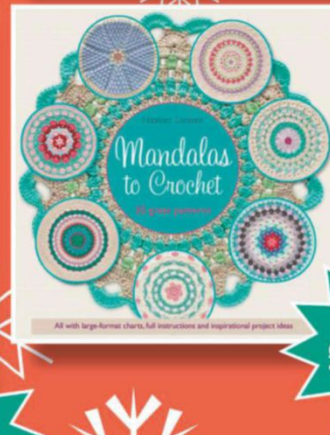
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Great Lace

Our timeless top – originally featured in 1955 – is perfect for day or evening festivities



We're so lucky to have such a rich back catalogue of *Woman's Weekly* knitting and crochet patterns. This pretty top featured in the 28 August 1955 issue.



Measurements

To fit bust sizes 76-81 (86-91) (97-102) (107-112) (117-122) cm/30-32 (34-36) (38-40) (42-44) (46-48) in.

Actual measurements 86.5 (97) (108) (118) (129) cm/34 (38¼) (42½) (46½) (50¾) in.

Side seam All sizes 32cm/12½in.

Length to centre back neck 48.5 (49.5) (51.5) (52.5) (54.5) cm/19 (19½) (20¼) (20½) (21½) in.

Sleeve seam, including edging
All sizes sizes 8.5cm/3¼in.

Materials

4 (4) (4) (5) (5) 50g (175m) balls of King Cole Galaxy DK (65% acrylic, 31% wool, 4% soft payette) in Mercury (683)*. Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles.

Tension

26½ stitches and 32 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over pattern, using 4mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **rss**, reverse stocking st (p on right side and k on wrong side); **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **yrn**, yarn round needle to make a st; **yon**, yarn over needle to make a st.

Note

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Back

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 103 (117) (129) (143) (155) sts.

1st rib row: K2, [p1, k1] to last 3 sts, p1, k2.

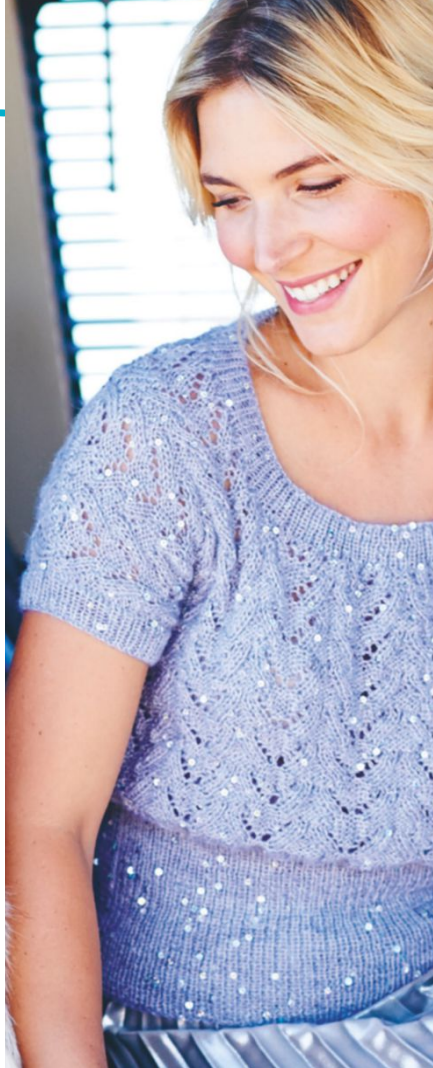
2nd rib row: K1, [p1, k1] to end.

Repeat last 2 rows until work measures 15cm from beginning, ending with a 1st rib row.

Inc row: Rib 2 (3) (6) (6) (2), [inc, rib 8 (9) (8) (9) (9)] 11 (11) (13) (13) (15) times, inc, rib 1 (3) (5) (6) (2) – 115 (129) (143) (157) (171) sts.

Change to 4mm needles.

1st row: P4, [p2tog, k2, yrn, p1, yon, k2,



p2tog, p5] to last 13 sts, p2tog, k2, yrn, p1, yon, k2, p2tog, p4.

2nd row: K5, [p2, k3, p2, k7] to last 12 sts, p2, k3, p2, k5.

3rd row: P3, [p2tog, k2, yrn, p3, yon, k2, p2tog, p3] to end.

4th row: K4, [p2, k5] to last 6 sts, p2, k4.

5th row: P2, [p2tog, k2, yrn, p5, yon, k2, p2tog, p1] to last 15 sts, p2tog, k2, yrn, p5, yon, k2, p2tog, p2.

6th row: K3, [p2, k7, p2, k3] to end.

7th row: P1, p2tog, [k2, yrn, p7, yon, k2, p3tog] to last 14 sts, k2, yrn, p7, yon, k2, p2tog, p1.

8th row: K2, [p2, k9, p2, k1] to last 15 sts, p2, k9, p2, k2.

These 8 rows form pattern.

Continue in pattern until work measures 32cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape for sleeves: Taking extra sts into rss, inc 1 st at each end of next 6 rows, then cast on 8 sts at beginning of following 2 rows – 143 (157) (171) (185) (199) sts. ** Working in pattern across all sts, continue straight until back measures 13 (14) (16) (17) (19) cm from beginning of sleeve shaping, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape shoulders: Cast off loosely 7 (8) (9) (10) (11) sts at beginning of next 10 rows and 7 (7) (7) (8) (8) sts at beginning of following 2 rows – 59 (63) (67) (69) (73) sts. Leave these sts on a st holder.

Front

Work as back to **.

Working in pattern across all sts, continue straight for another 8 (10) (12) (14) (16) rows.

Shape neck: Next row: Pattern 47 (52) (57) (63) (68), turn and work on these sts for left front neck.

Left front neck: Keeping pattern correct, dec 1 st at neck edge on next 5 rows – 42 (47) (52) (58) (63) sts.

Continue straight until work measures the same as back to shoulder shaping, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 7 (8) (9) (10) (11) sts at beginning of next row and 4 following alternate rows – 7 (7) (7) (8) (8) sts. Pattern 1 row. Cast off.

Right front neck: With right side facing, slip next 49 (53) (57) (59) (63) sts on to a st holder, rejoin yarn to remaining sts and pattern to end – 47 (52) (57) (63) (68) sts.

Keeping pattern correct, dec 1 st at neck edge on next 5 rows – 42 (47) (52) (58) (63) sts.

Continue straight until work measures same as back to shoulder shaping, ending with a right side row.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 7 (8) (9) (10) (11) sts at beginning of next row and 4 following alternate rows – 7 (7) (7) (8) (8) sts. Pattern 1 row. Cast off.

Neckband

Join right shoulder seam. With right side facing, using 3¼mm needles, pick up and k32 (32) (33) (35) (38) sts down left front neck, k49 (53) (57) (59) (63) sts at centre front, pick up and k32 (32) (33) (35) (38) sts up right front neck, then k 59 (63) (67) (69) (73) sts at centre back neck, inc 1 st at centre of these sts – 173 (181) (191) (199) (213) sts.

Beginning with a 2nd rib row, work 8 rows in rib as given on back.

Cast off loosely in rib.

Sleeve edgings

Join left shoulder and neckband seam. With right side facing and using 3¼mm needles, pick up and k69 (75) (85) (91) (101) sts evenly around sleeve edge. Beginning with a 2nd rib row, work 8 rows in rib as given on back. Using 4mm needle, cast off in rib.

To make up.

Join side and sleeve seams, including sleeve edgings.

Deck The Halls

Charming Nordic style for a welcoming Christmas home



Your Place

Dress the table in festive colours

Crochet

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 **Easy Peasy**

 A Bit More Tricky

 Hard-ish

 Quite A Challenge



Frosty Feel

Fluffy pompoms in white and cream make a great winter wreath

Craft

Instructions on p37



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Challenge





Little Decs

Knit lots of these for the tree

Knitting

Instructions on p38



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Comfort & Joy

Our comfy cushion has true festive style

Knitting

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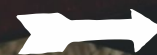
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Heaven Sent

An angel who'll appear year after year

Crochet

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Deck The Halls Patterns

Coaster And Placemat Set

Measurements

Coaster: Approx 12cm x 12cm/4¾ x 4¾in.

Placemat: Approx 31cm x 36cm/ 12 x 14in.

Materials

1 x 100g (330m) ball of Patons 100% Cotton 4 Ply in each of Red (1115) and Cream (1692)*. Size 3.00 crochet hook.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **st**, stitch; **dc**, double crochet; **tr**, treble; **htr**, half treble; **yoh**, yarn over hook; **tr2cl**, 2tr cluster (yoh, insert hook into 3rd ch from hook, yoh and pull through, yoh and pull through 2 loops on hook, yoh, insert hook into same ch as before, yoh and pull through, yoh and pull through 2 loops on hook, yoh and pull through all 3 loops on hook); **spike**, (insert hook into next tr, yoh and pull through, insert hook into base of same tr 1 row below, yoh and pull long loop through, insert hook into top of same tr as at beginning, yoh and pull through all 3 loops on hook); **dbl spike**, double spike (insert hook into next tr, yoh and pull through, insert hook at base of tr 1 row below and 2 sts forward, yoh and pull long loop

through, insert hook at base of tr 1 row below and 2 sts backwards, yoh and pull long loop through, insert hook into top of same tr as at beginning, yoh and pull through all 4 loops on hook); **fwd spike**, forward spike (insert hook into next tr, yoh and pull through, insert hook at base of tr 1 row below and 2 sts forward, yoh and pull long loop through, insert hook in top of same tr as at beginning, yoh and pull through all 3 loops on hook); **bkd spike**, backward spike (insert hook into next tr, yoh and pull through, insert hook at base of tr 1 row below and 2 sts backwards, yoh and pull long loop through, insert hook in top of same tr as at beginning, yoh and pull through all 3 loops on hook); **slst**, slip st; **tr3tog**, work 3tr together thus: [yoh, insert hook in next st, yoh and pull through, yoh and pull through 2 loops on hook] 3 times, yoh and pull through all 4 loops on hook).

Note

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

5th round: Slst in each of next 3dc and close up, 3ch, 1tr in previous slst, miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc, work 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in corner dc, * [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] 5 times, work 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in corner dc, repeat from * twice more, [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] 3 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 52tr.

6th round: 1ch, 1dc in base of ch, 1dc in each of next 4tr, 1dc in next ch, 3dc in corner tr, [1dc in next ch, 1dc in each of next 12tr, 1dc in next ch, 3dc in corner tr] 3 times, 1dc in next ch, 1dc in each of last 7tr, slst in first dc – 68dc.

7th round: 3ch, 1tr in previous dc, [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] 3 times, work 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in corner dc, * [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] 8 times, work 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in corner dc, repeat from * twice more, [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] 4 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 76tr.

8th round: 1ch, 1dc in base of ch, 1dc in each of next 8tr, 1dc in next ch, 3dc in corner tr, [1dc in next ch, 1dc in each of next 18tr, 1dc in next ch, 3dc in corner tr] 3 times, 1dc in next ch, 1dc in each of last 9tr, slst in first dc – 92dc. Break off Red. Join in Cream.

9th round: 1ch, 1dc in base of ch, 1dc in each of next 10dc, 3dc in corner dc, [1dc in each of next 22dc, 3dc in corner dc] 3 times, 1dc in each of last 11dc, slst in first dc – 100dc.

10th round: Slst in next dc, 5ch, tr2cl in 3rd ch from hook, [miss next 2dc, 1htr in next dc, 3ch, tr2cl in 3rd ch from hook] twice, miss next 2dc, 1htr in each of next 2dc, 3ch, tr2cl in 3rd ch from hook, miss corner dc, 1htr in each of next 2dc, * [3ch, tr2cl in 3rd ch from hook, miss next 2dc, 1htr next dc] 7 times, 1htr in next dc, 3ch, tr2cl in 3rd ch from hook, miss corner dc, 1htr in each of next 2dc, repeat from * twice more, [3ch, tr2cl in 3rd ch from

Coaster

1st round: With 3.00 hook and Red, make a slip ring as follows: wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form a ring, insert hook into ring, yarn over hook and pull through, 1ch (does not count as a st throughout), 12dc in ring, slst in first dc, pull end of yarn tightly to close ring – 12dc.

2nd round: 1ch 1dc in base of ch, 3dc in next dc for corner, [1dc in each of next 2dc, 3dc in next dc for corner] 3 times, 1dc into last dc, slst in first dc – 20dc.

3rd round: Slst in next dc, 3ch (counts as

1tr throughout), 1tr in same place as previous slst, work 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in corner dc, * [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] twice, work 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in corner dc, repeat from * twice more, miss next dc, 1tr in last dc, 1tr in missed dc, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 28tr.

4th round: 1ch, 1dc in base of ch, 1dc in each of next 2tr, 1dc in next ch, 3dc in corner tr, [1dc in next ch, 1dc in each of next 6tr, 1dc in next ch, 3dc in corner tr] 3 times, 1dc in next ch, 1dc in each of last 3tr, slst in first dc – 44dc.

hook, miss next 2dc, 1htr in next dc] 3 times, 3ch, tr2cl in 3rd ch from hook, slst into 2nd of 5ch.

11th round: 5ch (counts as 1htr and 3ch), 1htr in next htr, 3ch, 1htr in next htr, 3ch, miss next htr, 1htr in next htr, 7ch, miss next htr, 1htr in next htr, * [3ch, 1htr in next htr] 6 times, 3ch, miss next htr, 1htr in next htr, 7ch, miss next htr, 1htr in next htr, repeat from * twice, [3ch, 1htr in next htr] 3 times, 3ch, slst in 2nd of 5ch.

Fasten off.

Neaten ends. Press and pull into square shape.

Placemat

With 3.00 hook and Red, make 13ch.

1st round: 2dc into 2nd ch from hook, 1dc in each of next 10ch, 3dc in last ch, work along other side of chain thus: 1dc in each of next 10ch, 1dc in base of 2dc at beginning, slst in first dc – 26dc.

2nd round: 1ch (does not count as a st throughout), 1dc in base of ch, 3dc in next dc for corner, 1dc in each of next 10dc, 3dc in next dc for corner, 1dc in next dc, 3dc in next dc for corner, 1dc in each of next 10dc, 3dc in next dc for corner, slst in first dc – 34dc.

3rd round: 1ch, 1dc in base of ch, 1dc in next dc, 3dc in corner dc, 1dc in each of next 12dc, 3dc in corner dc, 1dc in each of next 3dc, 3dc in corner dc, 1dc in each of next 12dc, 3dc in corner dc, 1dc in last dc, slst in top of first dc – 42dc.

4th round: 3ch (counts as 1tr throughout), miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc, * work 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in corner dc, [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] 7 times, work 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in corner dc, miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc *, 1tr in next dc, miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc, work from * to * once, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 58 sts.

5th round: 1ch, 1dc in base of ch, 1dc in each of next 3tr, 1dc in next ch, 3dc in corner tr, * 1dc in next ch, 1dc in each of next 16tr, 1dc in next ch, 3dc in corner tr, 1dc in next ch *, 1dc in each of next 7tr, 1dc in next ch, 3dc in corner tr, work from * to * once, 1dc in each of last 3tr, slst in top of first dc – 66 sts.

6th round: 3ch, 1tr in next dc, * [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] twice, work 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in corner dc, [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] 10 times, work 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in corner dc, [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] twice *, tr3tog, work from * to * once, 1tr in last dc, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 80 sts.

7th round: 1ch, 1dc in base of ch, 1dc in



each of next 6tr, * 1dc in next ch, 3dc in corner tr, 1dc in next ch, 1dc in each of next 22tr, 1dc in next ch, 3dc in corner tr, 1dc in next ch *, 1dc in each of next 5tr, 3dc in next sts, 1dc in each of next 5tr, work from * to * once, 1dc in each of last 6tr, slst in top of first dc – 90 sts.

8th round: 3ch, * [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] 4 times, work 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in corner dc, [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] 13 times, work 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in corner dc, [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] 4 times *, 1tr in next dc, work from * to * once, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 106 sts.

9th round: 1ch, 1dc in base of ch, 1dc in each of next 9tr, * 1dc in next ch, 3dc in corner tr, 1dc in next ch, 1dc in each of next 28tr, 1dc in next ch, 3dc in corner tr, 1dc in next ch *, 1dc in each of next 19tr, work from * to * once, 1dc in each of last 9tr, slst in top of first dc – 114dc.

Join in Cream.

10th round: 1ch, 1dc in base of ch, * [1dc in next dc] to corner dc, 3dc in corner dc, work from * 3 times more, [1dc in next dc] to end, slst in top of first dc.

11th round: 3ch, * [1tr in next dc] to corner dc, 5tr in corner dc, work from * 3 times more, [1tr in next dc] to end, slst in 3rd of 3ch. Break off Cream.

Change to Red.

12th round: 1ch, dbl spike in first st, 1dc in each of next 3tr, [dbl spike, 1dc each of next 3tr] twice, bkd spike, * 1dc in

each of next 2tr, work 1dc, spike and 1dc in corner tr, 1dc in each of next 2tr, fwd spike, [1dc in each of next 3tr, dbl spike] 3 times, 1dc in each of next 3tr, bkd spike, fwd spike, [1dc in each of next 3tr, dbl spike] 3 times, 1dc in each of next 3tr, bkd spike, 1dc in each of next 2tr, work 1dc, spike and 1dc in corner tr, 1dc in each of next 2tr, fwd spike *, [1dc in each of next 3tr, dbl spike] 5 times, 1dc in each of next 3tr, bkd spike, work from * to * once, [1dc in each of next 3tr, dbl spike] twice, 1dc in each of last 3tr, slst in first st – 146sts.

13th round: 1ch, 1dc in base of ch, * [1dc in next st] to corner st, 3dc in corner st, work from * 3 times more, [1dc in next st] to end, slst in top of first dc.

14th round: 3ch, * [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] 8 times, work 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in corner dc, [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] 21 times, work 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1tr in corner dc, [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] 8 times *, 1tr in next st, work from * to * once, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 170 sts.

15th round: 1ch, 1dc in base of ch, * [1dc in next tr] to 1ch before corner tr, 1dc in next ch, 3dc in corner tr, 1dc in next ch, work from * 3 times more, [1dc in next tr] to end, slst in top of first dc.

16th round: 3ch, 1tr in next dc, * [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] 9 times, work 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1tr in corner dc, [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] 24 times, work 1tr, 1ch,

1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in corner dc, [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] 9 times *, tr3tog, work from * to * once, 1tr in last dc, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 192 sts.

17th round: 1ch, 1dc in base of ch, * [1dc in next tr] to 1ch before corner tr, 1dc in next ch, 3dc in corner st, 1dc in next ch *, work from * to * once, 1dc in each of next 19tr, 3dc in next st, work from * to * twice, [1dc in next tr] to end, slst in top of first dc – 202dc.

18th round: 3ch, * [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] 11 times, work 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in corner dc, [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] 27 times, work 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in corner dc, [miss next dc, 1tr next dc, 1tr in missed dc] 11 times *, 1tr in next dc, work from * to * once, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 218 sts.

19th round: 1ch, 1dc in base of ch, * [1dc in next tr] to 1ch before corner tr, 1dc in next ch, 3dc in corner tr, 1dc in next ch, work from * 3 times more, [1dc in next tr] to end, slst in top of first dc. Join in Cream.

20th and 21st rounds: Work 10th and 11th rounds. Break off Cream. Change to Red.

22nd round: 1ch, dbl spike in first st, [1dc in each of next 3tr, dbl spike] 6 times, * 1dc in each of next 4tr, work 1dc, spike and 1dc all in corner tr, 1dc in each of next 4tr, [dbl spike, 1dc in each of next 3tr] 7 times, bkd spike, fwd spike, [1dc in each of next 3tr, dbl spike] 7 times, 1dc in

each of next 4tr, work 1dc, spike and 1dc in corner tr, 1dc in each of next 4tr *, [dbl spike, 1dc in each of next 3tr] 12 times, dbl spike, work from * to * once, [dbl spike, 1dc in each of next 3tr] 6 times, slst in first st – 258 sts.

23rd round: As 13th round.

24th round: 3ch, * [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] 15 times, work 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in corner dc, [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] 35 times, work 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in corner dc, [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] 15 times *, 1tr in next dc, work from * to * once, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 282 sts.

25th round: As 15th round.

26th round: 3ch, 1tr in next dc, * [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] 16 times, work 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in corner dc, [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] 38 times, work 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in corner dc, [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] 16 times *, tr3tog, work from * to * once, 1tr in last dc, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 304 sts.

27th round: 1ch, 1dc in base of ch, * [1dc in next tr] to 1ch before corner tr, 1dc in next ch, 3dc in corner tr, 1dc in next ch *, work from * to * once, 1dc in each of next 33tr, 3dc in next st, work from * to * twice, [1dc in next tr] to end, slst in top of first dc – 314dc.

28th round: 3ch, * [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] 18 times, work 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in corner dc,

[miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] 41 times, work 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in corner dc, [miss next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in missed dc] 18 times *, 1tr in next dc, work from * to * once, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 330 sts.

29th round: As 15th round.

Break off Red. Join in Cream.

30th round: As 10th round.

31st round: 5ch, tr2cl in 3rd ch from hook, miss next 2dc, 1htr in next dc, [3ch, tr2cl in 3rd ch from hook, miss next 2dc, 1htr in next dc] 12 times, 1htr in next dc, 3ch, tr2cl in 3rd ch from hook, miss corner dc, 1htr in each of next 2dc, * [3ch, tr2cl in 3rd ch from hook, miss next 2dc, 1htr in next dc] 29 times, 1htr in next dc, 3ch, tr2cl in 3rd ch from hook, miss corner st, 1htr in each of next 2dc *, [3ch, tr2cl in 3rd ch from hook, miss next 2dc, 1htr in next dc] 26 times, 1htr in next dc, 3ch, tr2cl in 3rd ch from hook, miss corner dc, 1htr in each of next 2dc, work from * to * once, [3ch, tr2cl in 3rd ch from hook, miss next 2dc, 1htr in next dc] 12 times, 3ch, tr2cl in 3rd ch from hook, slst in 2nd of 5ch.

32nd round: 5ch (counts as 1htr and 3ch), 1htr in next htr, * [3ch, 1htr in next htr] to 2 to htr before corner, miss next htr, 1htr in next htr, 7ch, miss next htr, 1htr in next htr, work from * 3 times more, [3ch, 1htr in next htr] to end, ending 3ch, slst in 2nd of 5ch. Fasten off. Neaten ends. Press and pull into rectangular shape.

Pompom Wreath

Measurements

Approximately 40cm/15¾in diameter.

Materials

2 x 100g (140m) balls of Wendy Serenity Chunky (70% acrylic, 20% alpaca, 10% wool) in Cream (3213); 1 x 100g (350m) ball of Wendy Fleur DK (44% cotton, 28% tencel, 28% acrylic) in Jasmine (3350); 1 x 50g ball (112m) ball of Celeste DK (39% acrylic, 35% polyester, 13% mohair, 13% wool) in Veil (3331)*. 1 wire clothes hanger, length of ribbon.

Note

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate.

To make

Make 12 large-size pompoms using two different yarns together at a time for each.

Holding lengths used to tie pompom in one hand, trim each to 10cm diameter.

Make 12 medium-size pompoms as before and trim each to 6cm in diameter.

With remaining yarn, make small pompoms and trim each to 3cm in diameter.

Take wire clothes hanger and reshape lower part into ring. Wind ribbon around hook and secure in position.

Arrange large- and medium-size pompoms alternately around wire ring and tie securely in position. Fill gaps with small-size pompoms.

Hang wreath in desired place, tweaking pompoms if pivoted to desired position.





Tree Decorations

Materials

For the set: 1 x 50g (125m) ball of DMC Woolly (100% wool) in each of White (01) and Red (052)*. Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) knitting needles; 35 x 35cm piece of red and white gingham fabric; fabric stiffener; 8 wooden buttons; tapestry needle; sewing needle and red and white sewing threads; scissors.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **sl**, slip; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **p2togb**, p2tog through back of sts; **yf**, yarn forward to make a st; **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and k or p into back of it; **skpo**, sl1, k1, pass sl st over.

Note

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

Red tree

(make 2)

With 3¼mm needles and Red, cast on 2 sts.

1st row: [K into front and back of next st] twice – 4 sts.

2nd row: K2, yf, k to end.

3rd to 13th rows: Repeat last row, 11 times more – 16 sts.

14th row: Cast off 4 sts – 1 st on right hand needle, k1, yf, k to end.

15th row: As 14th row – 10 sts.

16th to 25th rows: As 2nd row – 20 sts.

26th and 27th rows: As 14th row – 14 sts.

28th to 37th rows: As 2nd row – 24 sts.

38th row: K2, [yf, k2tog] 10 times, yf, k2 – 25 sts.

39th row: K to end. Cast off loosely.

With wrong sides on the inside, place two pieces together and join around outer edges. Make a twisted cord approximately 20cm long. Sew centre of cord to top of tree. Sew a button to each side at base of

cord. Knot ends of cord together to secure, trim ends leaving a small tassel.

Red heart

(make 2)

With 3¼mm needles and Red, cast on 3 sts.

1st row (wrong side): K1, p1, k1.

2nd row: K1, yf, k1, yf, k1 – 5 sts.

3rd row: K2, p1, k2.

4th row: K2, yf, k1, yf, k2 – 7 sts.

5th row: K3, p1, k3.

6th row: K3, yf, k1, yf, k3 – 9 sts.

7th row: K4, p1, k4.

8th row: K4, yf, k1, yf, k4 – 11 sts.

9th row: K5, p1, k5.

10th row: K5, yf, k1, yf, k5 – 13 sts.

11th row: K6, p1, k6.

12th row: K6, yf, k1, yf, k6 – 15 sts.

13th row: K7, p1, k7.

14th row: K7, yf, k1, yf, k7 – 17 sts.

15th row: K8, p1, k8.

16th row: K8, yf, k1, yf, k8 – 19 sts.

17th row: K9, p1, k9.

18th row: K9, yf, k1, yf, k9 – 21 sts.

19th row: K10, p1, k10.

20th row: K10, yf, k1, yf, k10 – 23 sts.

21st row: K11, p1, k11.

22nd row: K11, yf, k1, yf, k11 – 25 sts.

23rd row: K12, p1, k12.

24th row: K12, yf, k1, yf, k12 – 27 sts.

25th row: K13, p1, k13.

26th row: K13, yf, k1, yf, k13 – 29 sts.

27th row: K14, p1, k14.

Divide for top: **Next row:** K13, skpo, turn and work on these 14 sts for first side.

First side: **Next row:** K to end.

Next row: K2tog, k to end – 13 sts.

Next row: K to end.

Repeat last 2 rows, twice more then work first of these rows again – 10 sts.

Next row: K to last 2 sts, skpo – 9 sts.

Cast off working k2tog at beginning and skpo at end.

Second side: With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 14 sts and k to end.

Next row: K to end.

Next row: K to last 2 sts, skpo – 13 sts.

Next row: K to end.

Repeat last 2 rows, twice more, then work first of these rows again – 10 sts.

Next row: K2tog, k to end – 9 sts.

Cast off, working k2tog at beginning and skpo at end.

With wrong sides on the inside, place two pieces together and join around outer edges. Make a twisted cord approximately 20cm long. Sew centre of cord to top of heart. Sew a button to each side at base of cord. Knot ends of cord together to secure, trim ends leaving a small tassel.

White snowflake

With 3¼mm needles and White, cast on 7 sts.

1st row: P to end.

2nd row: K1, [yf, k1] 6 times – 13 sts.

3rd row: P1, [k1, p1] 6 times.

4th row: K1, [yf, k1] 12 times – 25 sts.

5th row: P1, [k3, p1] 6 times.

6th row: K1, [yf, k3, yf, k1] 6 times – 37 sts.

7th row: P1, [k2, p1] 12 times.

8th row: K1, [yf, k2, yf, skpo, k1, yf, k1] 6 times – 49 sts.

9th row: P1, [k2, p1, k1, p1, k2, p1] 6 times.

10th row: K1, [yf, k1, k2tog, yf, k1, yf, skpo, k1, yf, k1] 6 times – 61 sts.

11th row: P1, [k2, p1, k3, p1, k2, p1] 6 times.

12th row: K1, [yf, k1, k2tog, yf, k3, yf, skpo, k1, yf, k1] 6 times – 73 sts.

13th row: P1, [k2, p1, k5, p1, k2, p1] 6 times.

14th row: K1, [yf, k1, k2tog, yf, k2, yf, skpo, k1, yf, skpo, k1, yf, k1] 6 times – 85 sts.

15th row: P1, [k2, p1, k7, p1, k2, p1] 6 times.

Cast-off and picot tips: K into front of first st but do not drop st off left needle, * for picot [yf, pass st just made over yf] 3 times, k into back of same st on left

needle and drop st off left needle, pass first st over on right needle, then cast off next 13 sts, k into front of next st but do not drop st off left needle, pass first st over on right needle, work from * 5 times more, casting off last st at end.

Taking half a stitch from each edge into seam, join side edges to form snowflake shape. Gather in and secure centre to close hole. Treat with fabric stiffener and pull into shape as snowflake dries making sure picot tips are defined. Make a twisted cord approximately 20cm long. Thread



cord through loop of one picot tip. Knot ends of cord together to secure, trim ends leaving a small tassel.

White star

With 3¼mm needles and White, cast on 10 sts.

1st row: K to end.

2nd row: K into front and back of first st, k to last 2 sts, k2tog – 10 sts.

3rd to 12th rows: Repeat last 2 rows, 5 times more – 10 sts.

13th row: K to end.

14th row: Cast off 9 sts – 1 st on right hand needle, do not turn, pick up and k 9sts along side edge of last 13 rows worked – 10 sts.

Repeat last 14 rows, 4 times more, then work 1st to 13th rows again. Cast off. Join cast-on and cast-off edge to form the star shape. Gather in and secure centre to close hole.

Using knitted star as template and allowing 1cm for seam, cut star shape lining from gingham fabric. Snip lining at each inner corner on seam allowance only. Fold points of each tip to wrong side, then fold seam allowance at each side of points and press. With wrong sides together, using matching thread, sew lining to outer edges of star. Sew a button to both sides at centre of star. With matching yarn, make a twisted cord approximately 20cm long. Sew centre of cord at one tip of star. Knot ends of cord together to secure, trim ends leaving a small tassel.

Red and white star

With 3¼mm needles and Red, cast on 10 sts. Twisting yarns together on wrong side when changing colours, continue thus:

1st row: With Red, k to end.

2nd row: With Red, k into front and back of first st, with White, k to last 2 sts, k2tog – 10 sts.

3rd row: With White, k8, with Red, k2.

4th row: With Red, k into back and front of first st, k to last 2 sts, k2tog.

5th row: With Red, k to end.

6th to 11th rows: Repeat 2nd to 5th rows, once, then work 2nd and 3rd rows again – 10 sts.

12th row: As 4th row, weaving in White along wrong side of work as you go and

leave in this position.

13th row: As 5th row.

14th row: With Red, cast off 9 sts – 1 st on right hand needle, do not turn, pick up and k9 sts along side edge of last 13 rows worked – 10 sts.

Repeat last 14 rows, 4 times more, then work 1st to 13th rows again. Cast off. Complete as given for white star.

Stocking

With 3¼mm needles and White, cast on 28 sts.

K 1 row White, 2 rows Red, 2 rows White, 2 rows Red and 2 rows White.

Continue in Red only.

Beginning with a k row, ss 18 rows.

Shape foot: 1st row: K13, up1k, k2, up1k, k13 – 30 sts.

2nd row: P14, up1p, p2, up1p, p14 – 32 sts.

3rd row: K15, up1, k2, up1, k15 – 34 sts.

4th row: P16, up1, p2, up1, p16 – 36 sts.

5th row: K17, up1, k2, up1, k17 – 38 sts.

6th row: P18, up1, p2, up1, p18 – 40 sts.

7th row: K19, up1, k2, up1, k19 – 42 sts.

8th row: P20, up1, p2, up1, p20 – 44 sts.

Ss 4 rows.

Shape sole: Next row: Cast off 6 sts – 1 st on right hand needle, k11 sts more, skpo, sl1, k2, sl1, k2tog, k18 – 36 sts.

Next row: Cast off 6 sts – 1 st on right hand needle, p10 sts more, p2tog, sl1, p2, sl1, p2togb, p11 – 28 sts.

Next row: Cast off 6 sts – 1 st on right hand needle, k 3 sts more, skpo, sl1, k2, sl1, k2tog, k10 – 20 sts.

Next row: Cast off 6 sts – 1 st on right hand needle, p a further 2 sts, p2tog, sl1, p2, sl1, p2togb, p3 – 12 sts. Cast off, dec each side of 2 centre sts as before.

Using White, Swiss darn 7-stitch motif from chart (right) just below top edge on each side of centre, with motifs 4 stitches apart. Join centre back seam. With Red, make a twisted cord approximately 20cm long. Sew centre of cord inside top edge of centre back seam. Knot ends of cord together to secure, trim ends leaving a small tassel.

Mittens

(make 2)

With 3¼mm needles and Red, cast on 15 sts.

K 1 row Red, 2 rows White, 2 rows Red, 2 rows White and 2 rows Red.

Continue in White only.

Shape thumb: 1st row: K3, [up1, k2] 6 times – 21 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P.

3rd row: K10, up1, k1, up1, k10 – 23 sts.

5th row: K10, up1, k3, up1, k10 – 25 sts.

7th row: K10, up1, k5, up1, k10 – 27 sts.

9th row: K17, turn, p7, turn and work on these 7 sts for thumb.

Thumb: K 1 row and p 1 row.

Next row: [K2tog] 3 times, k1 – 4 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long end. Thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off securely. Join thumb seam. With right side facing, rejoin yarn to inner edge at base of thumb and k to end – 20 sts.

Ss 5 rows.

Shape top: Next row: [Skpo, k6, k2tog] twice – 16 sts.

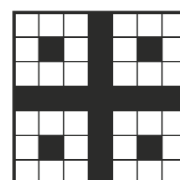
Next row: P.

Next row: [Skpo, k4, k2tog] twice – 12 sts.

Next row: P2tog, p to last 2 sts, p2togb – 10 sts. Cast off.

Using Red, Swiss darn 7-stitch motif from chart (below) at centre of stitches at right of thumb on one mitten and left of thumb on other mitten. Join cast-off stitches and side seam.

With Red, make a twisted cord approximately 20cm long. Knot ends and sew one end inside side seam on cuff of each mitten.



Key for chart

■ Embroidery colour

□ Background colour



Crochet Angel

Measurements

Approximately 14cm/5½in tall.

Materials

1 x 100g (330m) ball of Patons 100% Cotton 4ply in each of White (1691) and Cream (1692)*; small amount of Black for embroidery. Size 3.00 crochet hook; small amount of washable toy stuffing.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **st**, stitch; **dc**, double crochet; **tr**, treble; **htr**, half treble; **slst**, slip st; **chsp**, chain space; **yoh**, yarn over hook; **tr3cl**, 3htr cluster thus: [yoh, insert hook in st indicated, yoh and pull through] 3 times, yoh and pull through all 7 loops on hook; **tr2cl**, 2htr cluster thus: [yoh, insert hook in st indicated, yoh and pull through] twice, yoh and pull through all 5 loops on hook; **dc2tog**, work 2dc together thus: insert hook in next st, yoh and pull through] twice yoh and pull through all loops on hook.

Note

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

Head

1st round: Begin at top. With 3.00 hook and Cream, make a slip ring as follows: wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form ring, insert hook into ring, yarn over hook and pull through and 1ch (does not count as a st), work 6dc in ring, pull end of yarn tightly to close ring – 6dc. Mark end of last round and move this marker up at end of every round.

2nd round: [2dc in next dc] 6 times – 12dc.

3rd round: [2dc in next dc, 1dc in next dc] 6 times – 18dc.

4th round: [2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 2dc] 6 times – 24dc.

5th round: [2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 3dc] 6 times – 30dc.

6th round: [2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 4dc] 6 times – 36dc.

7th to 13th rounds: [1dc in next dc] 36 times.

14th round: [Dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 4dc] 6 times – 30dc.

15th round: [Dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 3dc] 6 times – 24dc.

16th round: [Dc2tog, 1dc in each of next

2dc] 6 times – 18dc.

17th round: [Dc2tog, 1dc in next dc] 6 times – 12dc.

Break off yarn leaving a long end. Stuff head firmly and close opening.

Body

With White, work 1st to 6th rounds as given for head.

7th to 11th rounds: [1dc in next dc] 36 times.

12th round: [2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 5dc] 6 times – 42dc.

13th and 14th rounds: [1dc in next dc] 42 times.

15th round: [2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 6dc] 6 times – 48dc.

16th and 17th rounds: [1dc in next dc] 48 times.

18th round: [2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 7dc] 6 times – 54dc.

19th round: 2ch, htr2cl in next dc, 1ch, miss next dc, [htr3cl in next dc, 1ch, miss next dc] to end, slst in top of htr2cl – 27 clusters.

20th round: Slst in next chsp, 2ch, htr2cl in same place as slst, 1ch, miss next cluster, [htr3cl in next chsp, 1ch, miss next cluster] to end, slst in top of htr2cl.

21st round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 2dc in same place as slst, [1dc in each of next 8 sts, 2dc in next st] to last 8 sts, 1dc in each of last 8 sts, slst in first dc – 60dc.

22nd round: 2ch, htr2cl in same place as slst, 1ch, miss next dc, [htr3cl in next dc, 1ch, miss next dc] to end, slst in top of htr2cl – 30 clusters.

23rd round: Slst in next chsp, 2ch, htr2cl in same place as slst, 1ch, miss next cluster, [htr3cl in next chsp, 1ch, miss next cluster] to end, slst in top of htr2cl.

24th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 2dc in same place as slst, [1dc in each of next 9 sts, 2dc in next st] to last 9 sts, 1dc in each of last 9 sts, slst in first dc – 66dc.

25th round: As 22nd round – 33 clusters.

26th round: As 23rd round.

27th and 28th rounds: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as slst, [1dc in next st] to end, slst in first dc – 66dc. Fasten off.

Sew head securely to first round of body.

Arms

(both alike)

1st round: With 3.00 hook and White, make a slip ring as follows: wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form a ring, insert hook into ring, yarn over hook and pull through, 1ch (does not count as a st), work 6dc in ring, pull end of yarn tightly to close ring – 6dc.

Mark end of last round and move this



marker up at end of every round.

2nd round: [2dc in next dc, 1dc in next dc] 3 times – 9dc.

3rd to 16th rounds: [1dc in next dc] 9 times.

17th round: [2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 2dc] 3 times – 12dc and close up.

Break off White. Join in Cream.

18th round: Working in back loops on this round only, [work dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 2dc] 3 times – 9dc.

19th and 20th rounds: [1dc in next dc] 9 times.

Break off yarn leaving a long end. Stuff arms firmly. Thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off securely. Attach White section of arms to body. Catch tips of Cream sections together at fastened-off edge.

Wings

(worked in one piece)

1st row: With 3.00 hook and White, make a slip ring as follows: wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form a ring, insert hook into ring, yarn over hook and pull through, 3ch (counts as 1tr throughout), work 3tr, 1ch and 4tr all in ring, pull end of yarn tightly to close ring, turn – 9 sts.

2nd row: 3ch, 3tr in base of 3ch, work 3tr, 1ch and 3tr all in chsp, 4tr in 3rd of 3ch, turn – 15 sts.

3rd row: 3ch, 3tr in base of 3ch, 3tr in space between 3tr groups, work 3tr, 1ch and 3tr all in chsp, 3tr in space between 3tr groups, 4tr in 3rd of 3ch, turn – 21 sts.

4th row: 3ch, 3tr in base of 3ch, [3tr in space between 3tr groups] twice, work 3tr, 1ch and 3tr all in chsp, [3tr in space between 3tr groups] twice, 4tr in 3rd of 3ch, turn – 27 sts.

5th row: 3ch, 3tr in base of 3ch, [3tr in space between 3tr groups] 3 times, work 3tr, 1ch and 3tr all in chsp, [3tr in space between 3tr groups] 3 times, 4tr in 3rd of 3ch, turn – 33 sts.

6th row: 3ch, 3tr in base of 3ch, [3tr in space between 3tr groups] 4 times, work 3tr, 1ch and 3tr all in chsp, [3tr in space between 3tr groups] 4 times, 4tr in 3rd of 3ch, do not turn – 39 sts.

Top edging: [Work 3dc in st at end of next row] 12 times – 36dc. Fasten off.
With top edging approx three rounds below back neck, sew centre of wings to centre back of body, leaving lower 2 rows of wings free.

Hair bun

With White, work 1st to 3rd rounds as

given for head.

4th and 5th rounds: [1 dc in next dc] 18 times.

Break off yarn leaving a long end.

To complete

With Black, embroider two small French knots on head for eyes. For hair, cut White into strands long enough to be folded in

half, knotted in place and pulled back into a bun at the nape of the neck. Allowing for a centre parting, knot a few rows at either side of parting and around face for long fringe, then working in rounds, cover remainder of head.

Pull fringe and hair to back and knot into a tight bun. Stuff hair in hair bun and sew hair bun in place securely over hair.

Yuletide Cushion

Measurements

Approximately 40 x 30cm/16 x 12in.

Materials

2 x 50g (120m) balls of Sublime Superfine Alpaca DK (100% alpaca) in Cream (Tusk 430) and 1 ball in Red (Taylor 460)*. Pair of 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles; 40 x 30cm cushion pad.

Tension

22 stitches and 28 rows, to 10 x 10cm,

over stocking stitch, using 4mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side).

Note

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approx. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.



Front

With 4mm needles and Cream, cast on 84 sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows.

Join in Red.

Stranding yarn not in use loosely across wrong side, work thus:

1st row: K3 Cream, 1 Red, [5 Cream, 1 Red] to last 2 sts, 2 Cream.

2nd row: P3 Cream, 1 Red, [3 Cream, 1 Red, 1 Cream, 1 Red] to last 8 sts, 3 Cream, 1 Red, 4 Cream.

3rd row: K5 Cream, [1 Red, 1 Cream, 1 Red, 3 Cream] to last 7 sts, 1 Red, 1 Cream, 1 Red, 4 Cream.

4th row: P5 Cream, [1 Red, 5 Cream] to last 7 sts, 1 Red, 6 Cream.

Break off Red.

Continue in Cream only.

Ss 6 rows. Mark each end of last row.

Ss another 48 rows.

Mark each end of last row.

Ss 6 rows. Join in Red. Work border pattern thus:

1st row: K6 Cream, [1 Red, 5 Cream] to end.

2nd row: P4 Cream, [1 Red, 1 Cream, 1 Red, 3 Cream] to last 8 sts,

1 Red, 1 Cream, 1 Red, 5 Cream.

3rd row: K4 Cream, 1 Red, [3 Cream, 1 Red, 1 Cream, 1 Red] to last 7 sts, 3 Cream, 1 Red, 3 Cream.

4th row: P2 Cream, 1 Red, [5 Cream, 1 Red] to last 3 sts, 3 Cream.

Break off Red. Continue in Cream only. Ss 3 rows. Cast off.

Beginning and ending 5 sts in from each side and using Red, Swiss darn 'Yule Tide' logo across centre 74 sts and over 48 rows between markers.

Back

With 4mm needles and Cream, cast on 84 sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 74 rows.

Cast off.

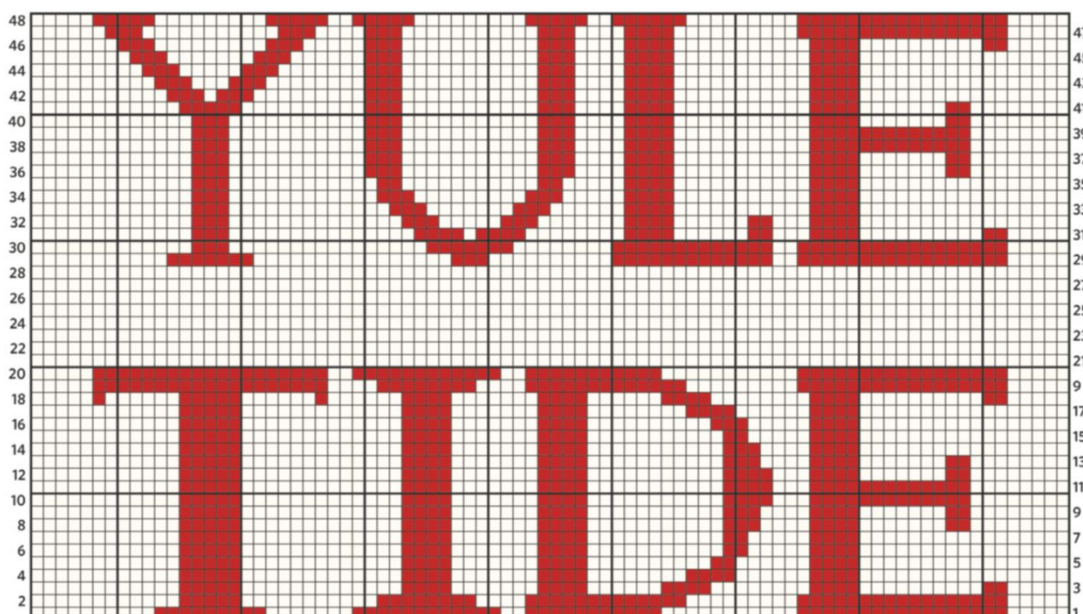
To make up

Join side seams, leaving an opening.

Insert cushion pad and close opening.

Key for chart

□ Cream (Tusk 430) ■ Red (Taylor 460)



Cable Guy

Treat the man in your life to our stylish cable sweater in easy-care wool

YARN OF THE MONTH

This month's yarn selection is Rowan Pure Wool Superwash DK (100% wool) – a great go-to yarn for all your double-knitting projects, as it can be washed in the machine!

Its soft and durable quality offers great stitch definition, which makes it the perfect choice for this cable jumper. With a super range of 18 shades to choose from, it'll be easy to find a colour the man you're making it for will love.

And, just like many of the yarns from this British brand – which is popular worldwide and has been producing quality, luxurious yarns for over 25 years now – it glides across the needles for effortless knitting. Just don't tell him that!



Measurements

To fit chest sizes 97 (102) (107) (112) (117) cm/38 (40) (42) (44) (46) in.

Actual measurements 110 (115) (120) (125) (129.5) cm/43¼ (45¼) (47¼) (49¼) (51) in.

Side seam 41.5 (42.5) (42.5) (43.5) (43.5) cm/16¼ (16¾) (16¾) (17) (17) in.

Length to shoulder 63.5 (65.5) (65.5) (67.5) (69) cm/25 (25¾) (25¾) (26½) (27) in.

Sleeve seam 45.5 (46.5) (46.5) (47.5) (47.5) cm/18 (18¼) (18¼) (18¾) (18¾) in.

Materials

12 (13) (14) (14) (15) 50g (125m) balls of Rowan Pure Wool Superwash DK (100% wool) in Flint (015)*. Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles; cable needle.

Tension

25 stitches and 34 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over pattern, using 4mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **dec**, decrease (by taking 2 sts together); **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **up1**,

pick up loop lying between needles and p into the back of it; **c4b**, cable 4 back (slip 2 sts on cable needle and leave at back, k2, then k2 from cable needle); **nil**, meaning nothing is worked here for this size.

Note

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approx. Instructions are given for small size. Where they vary, work figures in round brackets for larger sizes. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

*Yarn subject to availability



Easy Peasy



**A Bit More
Tricky**



Hard-ish



Quite A
Challenge

Back

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 126 (130) (138) (142) (150) sts.

1st rib row: K2, [p2, k2] to end.

2nd rib row: P2, [k2, p2] to end.

Rib another 7 rows.

Increase row: Rib 17 (10) (23) (16) (29), [up1, rib 9] nil (1) (nil) (1) (nil) time, [up1, rib 2, up1, rib 16] 5 times, up1, rib 2, up1, [rib 9, up1] nil (1) (nil) (1) (nil) time, rib to end – 138 (144) (150) (156) (162) sts.

Change to 4mm needles.

Work pattern thus: **1st row:** K16 (19) (22) (25) (28), [p1, k4, p1, k14] 5 times, p1, k4, p1, k to end.

2nd row: P16 (19) (22) (25) (28), [k1, p4, k1, p14] 5 times, k1, p4, k1, p to end.

3rd row: K16 (19) (22) (25) (28), [p1, c4b, p1, k14] 5 times, p1, c4b, p1, k to end.

4th row: As 2nd row.

5th to 20th rows: Repeat 1st to 4th rows, 4 times.

21st row: As 1st row.

22nd row: K17 (20) (23) (26) (29), [p4, k16] 5 times, p4, k to end.

23rd row: As 3rd row.

24th row: As 22nd row.

These 24 rows form pattern.

Pattern another 108 (112) (112) (116) (116) rows.

Shape armholes: Keeping pattern correct, cast off 6 sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 5 following alternate rows – 114 (120) (126) (132) (138) sts. **

Pattern another 63 (65) (65) (69) (73) rows.

Shape shoulders and neck: Cast off 12 (13) (14) (14) (15) sts at beginning of next row.

Next row: Cast off 12 (13) (14) (14) (15) sts, pattern 27 (28) (30) (32) (33) sts more, cast off next 34 (36) (36) (38) (40) sts, pattern to end and work on last 28 (29) (31) (33) (34) sts for right shoulder.

Right shoulder: Cast off 12 (13) (14) (14) (15) sts at beginning of next row and 4 sts on following row – 12 (12) (13) (15) (15) sts. Cast off.

Left shoulder: With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 28 (29) (31) (33) (34) sts and pattern to end. Cast off 12 (13) (14) (14) (15) sts at beginning of next row and 4 sts on following row – 12 (12) (13) (15) (15) sts. Cast off.

Front

Work as given for back to **.

Pattern another 42 (44) (44) (46) (50) rows.

Shape neck: Next row: Pattern 49 (51) (54) (57) (59) sts, cast off next 16 (18) (18) (18) (20) sts, pattern to end and work on last 49 (51) (54) (57) (59) sts for left half neck.

Left half neck: Pattern 1 row.

Cast off 5 sts at beginning of next row. Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 3 rows and 5 (5) (5) (6) (6) following alternate rows – 36 (38) (41) (43) (45) sts. Pattern another 5 rows.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 12 (13) (14) (14) (15) sts at beginning of next row and following alternate row – 12 (12) (13) (15) (15) sts. Work 1 row. Cast off.

Right half neck: With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 49 (51) (54) (57) (59) sts and pattern to end. Pattern 1 row.

Cast off 5 sts at beginning of next row. Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 3 rows and 5 (5) (5) (6) (6) following alternate rows – 36 (38) (41) (43) (45) sts. Pattern another 5 rows.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 12 (13) (14) (14) (15) sts at beginning of next row and following alternate row – 12 (12) (13) (15) (15) sts. Work 1 row. Cast off.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 54 (54) (58) (58) (62) sts.

Work 9 rows in rib as given on back.

Increase row: Rib 1 (1) (1) (1) (3), [up1, rib 2] nil (nil) (1) (1) (1) time, up1, [rib 16, up1, rib 2, up1] twice, rib 16, up1, [rib 2, up1] nil (nil) (1) (1) (1) time, rib 1 (1) (1) (3) – 60 (60) (66) (66) (70) sts.

Change to 4mm needles.

Work pattern thus: **1st row:** K nil (nil) (nil) (nil) (2), p nil (nil) (1) (1) (1), k2 (2) (4) (4) (4), p1, [k14, p1, k4, p1] twice, k14, p1, k2 (2) (4) (4) (4), p nil (nil) (1) (1) (1), k nil (nil) (nil) (nil) (2).

2nd row: P nil (nil) (nil) (nil) (2), k nil (nil) (1) (1) (1), p2 (2) (4) (4) (4), k1, [p14, k1, p4, k1] twice, p14, k1, p2 (2) (4) (4) (4), k nil (nil) (1) (1) (1), p nil (nil) (nil) (nil) (2). **3rd row:** K nil (nil) (nil) (nil) (2), p nil (nil) (1) (1) (1), k2 (2) (c4b) (c4b) (c4b), p1, [k14, p1, c4b, p1] twice, k14, p1, k2 (2) (c4b) (c4b) (c4b), p nil (nil) (1) (1) (1), k nil (nil) (nil) (nil) (2).

4th row: As 2nd row.

These 4 rows set position of pattern. Continue in pattern to match back, working extra sts into pattern as they occur, inc 1 st at each end of next row and 20 (22) (19) (21) (19) following 6th rows – 102 (106) (106) (110) (110) sts. Pattern another 21 (13) (31) (23) (35) rows.

Shape top: Cast off 6 sts at beginning



of next 2 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 5 following alternate rows, then 1 st at each end of next row – 76 (80) (80) (84) (84) sts. Cast off.

Neckband

Join right shoulder seam. With right side facing and using 3¼mm needles, pick up and k26 (26) (26) (29) (29) sts down left front neck, 16 (18) (18) (18) (20) sts from centre front, 26 (26) (26) (29) (29) sts up right front neck, 42 (44) (44) (46) (48) sts from centre back neck – 110 (114) (114) (122) (126) sts. Beginning with 2nd row, work 35 rows in rib as given for back. Cast off loosely in rib.

To make up

Join left shoulder seam and neckband. Set in sleeves, then join side and sleeve seams.

Cool Dude

An adorable snowman toy who's not just for Christmas – he'll be played with all year round!



We've adapted this cute toy from a pattern that originally featured in the 30 September 1978 issue of *Woman's Weekly*.

Measurements

Approximately 30cm/12in high.

Materials

2 x 50g (145m) balls of Rico Design Baby Teddy Aran (75% polyester, 25% polyamide) in White (001). 2 x 50g (100m) balls of Rico Design Essentials Soft Merino Aran (100% wool) in Red (008) and 1 ball in Natural (060)*. Oddments of DK yarn in each of Orange and Black. Pair of 3¾mm (No. 9) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles; washable toy stuffing.

Tension

20 stitches and 30 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 3¾mm needles and Teddy yarn.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease (by taking 2 sts tog); **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side).

Note

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.



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Base

With 3¾mm needles and White, cast on 12 sts. P 1 row. Continue in ss and inc 1 st at each end of next row and 5 following alternate rows – 24 sts. Ss 13 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 5 following alternate rows – 12 sts. P 1 row. Cast off.

Body and head

Body: With 3¾mm needles and White, cast on 72 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 46 rows.

Shape shoulders: 1st dec row: [K2tog, k6] to end – 63 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: [K2tog, k5] to end – 54 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: [K2tog, k4] to





end – 45 sts. P 1 row.

4th dec row: [K2tog, k3] to end – 36 sts.

5th dec row: [P1, p2tog] to end – 24 sts.

Ss 2 rows.

Head: 1st inc row: Inc kwise in each st – 48 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: [Inc in next st, k3] to end – 60 sts. Ss 25 rows.

1st dec row: [K4, k2tog] to end – 50 sts.

2nd dec row: [P2tog, p3] to end – 40 sts.

3rd dec row: [K2, k2tog] to end – 30 sts.

4th dec row: [P2tog, p1] to end – 20 sts.

5th dec row: [K2tog] to end – 10 sts.

Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Join row-ends on head then body leaving an opening. Sew in base. Stuff head and body firmly and close opening. Run length of White along neck, draw up slightly and secure.

Feet

(make 2)

With 3¾mm needles and White, cast on 9 sts. P 1 row.

1st inc row: [Inc kwise in next st] to last st, k1 – 17 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: K1, [inc in next st, k1] to end – 25 sts. P 1 row.

3rd inc row: K1, [inc in next st, k2] to end – 33 sts. P 1 row.

4th inc row: K1, [inc in next st, k3] to end – 41 sts. Ss 5 rows.

1st dec row: K1, [k2tog, k3] to end – 33 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K1, [k2tog, k2] to end – 25 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: K1, [k2tog, k1] to end – 17 sts. P 1 row. ** Cast off.

Gather cast-on edge, pull up tightly and secure, then join row-ends. Stuff firmly and sew open edge to lower edge at front of body.

Arms

(make 2)

Work as feet to ** for hand.

Next inc row: Inc in first st, [k1, inc in next st] to end – 26 sts.

Ss 28 rows.

Next dec row: P7, [p2tog] 6 times, p7 – 20 sts. Cast off.

Gather cast-on edge, pull up tightly and secure, then join row-ends. Stuff hands firmly, leaving arms unstuffed. Run length of White along wrist, draw up slightly and secure. Flatten top edge and sew this edge to neck edge at side of body.

Nose

With 3¾mm needles and Orange, cast on 10 sts. P 1 row, k 1 row and p 1 row.

Next row: K1, [k2tog, k1] 3 times – 7 sts.

P 1 row. Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends. Stuff firmly and sew open edge to centre of face.

Eyes

(make 2)

With 3¾mm needles and Black, cast on 10 sts.

Break off yarn and thread end through sts on needle, pull up tightly and secure. Join tiny row-end. Sew eyes in position. With Black, embroider mouth.

Hat

With 3¾mm needles and Red, cast on 71 sts. K 3 rows.

Change to 4mm needles.

Stranding yarn not in use loosely across wrong side, work pattern thus:

1st row: K1 Red, [1 Natural, 3 Red] to last 2 sts, 1 Natural, 1 Red.

2nd row: P1 Natural, [1 Red, 1 Natural] to end.

3rd row: K3 Red, [1 Natural, 3 Red] to end.

P 1 row in Red.

Reading chart (right) from right to left on right side (k) rows and from left to right on wrong side (p) rows, continue in ss and pattern from chart until 13th row of chart has been worked.

P 1 row in Red.

Work 3rd row, then 2nd row then 1st row. Continue in Red only. P 1 row.

Shape crown: 1st dec row: K1, [k2tog, k5] 10 times – 61 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K1, [k2tog, k4] 10 times – 51 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: K1, [k2tog, k3] 10 times – 41 sts. P 1 row.

4th dec row: K1, [k2tog, k2] 10 times – 31 sts. P 1 row.

5th dec row: K1, [k2tog, k1] 10 times – 21 sts. P 1 row.

6th dec row: K1, [k2tog] 10 times – 11 sts. P 1 row.

7th dec row: K1, [k2tog] 5 times – 6 sts.

Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends. With Red and Natural make a pom-pom and attach to top of hat. Place hat on the snowman's head and secure in position.

Scarf

With 3¾mm needles and Red, cast on 17 sts. K 3 rows.

Change to 4mm needles.

Stranding yarn not in use loosely across wrong side, and twisting yarns together on wrong side 2 sts in at each end of every row, work pattern thus:

* **1st row:** K2 Red, [1 Natural, 3 Red] to last 3 sts, 1 Natural, 2 Red.

2nd row: With Red, k2, p1, [1 Natural, 1 Red] to last 2 sts, k2 Red.

3rd row: K4 Red, [1 Natural, 3 Red] to last 5 sts, 1 Natural, 4 Red.

4th row: With Red, k2, p13, k2.

Reading chart (below) from right to left on right side rows and from left to right on wrong side rows, work pattern from chart thus:

Next row: K2 Red, k across 13 sts of 1st row of chart, k2 Red.

Next row: K2 Red, p across 13 sts of 2nd row of chart, k2 Red.

Continue working from chart in this way until 13th row of chart has been worked. Work 4th, 3rd, 2nd then 1st rows. *

Continue in Red only.

Next row: K2, p13, k2.

Next row: K.

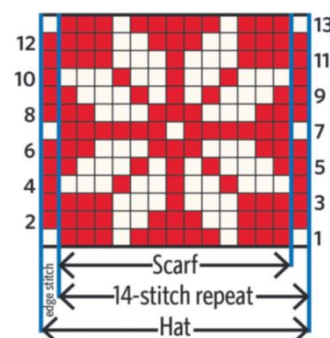
Repeat last 2 rows, 57 times more, then work first of these 2 rows again.

Work from * to * again.

Change to 3¾mm needles.

K 3 rows in Red. Cast off with Red.

Cut Red into 7cm lengths. Using 1 strand at a time, work fringe into each stitch along cast-on and cast-off edges. Trim fringe.



Key for chart

Red 008 Natural 060



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Soft Metal

Every wardrobe should feature something in shimmery metallic – it's bang on-trend and perfect for parties



Measurements

To fit sizes 76 (81-86) (91-97) cm/30 (32-34) (36-38) in.

Actual measurements 83 (92) (100) cm/32¾ (36¼) (39½) in.

Side seam All sizes 44cm/17¼in.

Length to shoulder 65 (66.5) (68) cm/25½ (26¼) (26¾) in.

Sleeve seam All sizes 8.5cm/3½in.

Materials

10 (11) (12) 25g (100m) of Anchor Artiste Metallic (80% viscose and 20% metallized polyester) in Gold (300)*. Sizes 3.00, 3.50 and 4.50 crochet hooks.

Tension

29 stitches and 12 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over shell pattern, using size 4.50 hook.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **dc**, double crochet; **st**, stitch; **sp**, space; **sl**, slip; **tr**, treble; **nil**, meaning nothing is worked here for this size.

Note

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approx. Instructions are given for small size. Where they vary, work figures in round brackets for larger sizes. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

Back

**** Lower border:** With 3.00 hook, make 122 (134) (146) ch for top edge.

Foundation row: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, [5ch, miss 3ch, 1dc in next ch] to end, turn – 30 (33) (36) chsp.

Work border pattern thus: **1st row:** 5ch (counts as 1tr and 2ch), 1dc in first chsp, [8tr in next chsp, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, 1dc in next chsp] to last 2 chsp, 8tr in next chsp, 1dc in next chsp, 2ch, 1tr in last st (3rd of 8ch on following repeats), turn – 10 (11) (12) 8tr groups.

2nd row: 1ch, 1dc in first tr, * [1tr in next tr, 3ch, slst in tr just worked – picot made] 7 times, 1tr in next tr, 1dc in next chsp, repeat from * to end, turn.

3rd row: 8ch (counts as 1tr and 5ch), miss first 2 picots, [1dc in next picot, 5ch, miss 1 picot, 1dc in next picot, 5ch, miss 2 picots, 1tr in next dc, 5ch, miss 2 picots, 1tr in next dc, 5ch, miss 1 picot, 1dc in next picot, 5ch, miss 2 picots, 1tr in last dc, turn.

These 3 rows form border pattern.

Pattern another 5 rows.

Change to 3.50 hook and pattern

another 9 rows. Fasten off.

Bodice: With right side facing and using 4.50 hook, rejoin yarn at corner of lower border top edge, 5ch (counts as 1tr and 2ch), 1dc in first chsp, [5tr in centre ch of next chsp – shell made, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, 1dc in next chsp] to last 2 chsp, 5tr in centre ch of next chsp, 1dc in last chsp, 2ch, 1tr in last st, turn – 10 (11) (12) shells.

Work shell pattern thus: **1st row:** 1ch, 1dc in first tr, 5ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of first shell, [5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell] to last chsp, 5ch, 1dc in 3rd of 5ch, turn.

2nd row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 2tr in first dc, 1dc in first chsp, [5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 5tr in next dc, 1dc in next chsp] to last chsp, 5ch, 1dc in last chsp, 3tr in last dc, turn.

3rd row: 1ch, 1dc in first tr, [5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell] to last chsp, 5ch, 1dc in last chsp, 5ch, 1dc in top of 3ch, turn.

4th row: 5ch (counts as 1tr and 2ch), 1dc in first chsp, [5tr in next dc, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, 1dc in next chsp] to last chsp, 5tr in next dc, 1dc in last chsp, 2ch, 1tr in last dc, turn.

These 4 rows form shell pattern.

Shell pattern another 30 rows.

Shape armholes: 1st row: 1ch, 1dc in first tr, 3ch, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell, pattern to last chsp, 5ch, 1dc in last chsp, 1ch, 1tr in top of 3ch, turn.

2nd row: 1ch, 1dc in first sp, pattern to last chsp, 5tr in next dc, 1dc in last chsp, turn.

3rd row: Slst to 3rd tr of first shell, 1ch, 1dc in same tr as slst, pattern to end, turn.

4th row: 1ch, 1dc in first chsp, 5tr in next dc, 1dc in next chsp, pattern to end, turn.

5th row: As 3rd row.

Work 4th row of shell pattern – 8 (9) (10) shells. **

Shell pattern another 14 (16) (18) rows.

Shape neck: Dividing row (wrong

side): 1ch, 1dc in first tr, [5ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell] nil (1) (nil) time, [5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell] 2 (2) (3) times, 2ch, 1tr in next chsp, turn and work on these sts for left side neck.

Left side neck: * 1st row:** 1ch, 1dc in first sp, [5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 5tr in next dc, 1dc in next chsp] 2 (2) (3) times, 2 (5) (2) ch, 1dc in nil (next) (nil) chsp, 1 (3) (1) tr in last dc, turn – 2 (2) (3) shells.

2nd row: 1ch, 1dc in first tr, [5ch, 1dc in next chsp] nil (1) (nil) time, [5ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell, 5ch, 1dc in next chsp] 1 (1) (2) time(s), 5ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell, 2ch, 1tr in next chsp, turn.

3rd row: 1ch, 1dc in first sp, [5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 5tr in next dc, 1dc in next chsp] 1 (2) (2) time(s), 5 (2) (5) ch, 1dc in next (nil) (next) chsp, 3 (1) (3) tr in last dc, turn.

4th row: 1ch, 1dc in first tr, [4ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell] nil (1) (nil) time, [4ch, 1dc in next chsp, 4ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell] 1 (1) (2) time(s), 4ch, 1dc in next chsp, 2ch, 1tr in last dc.

Fasten off. ***

Right side neck: With wrong side facing, return to end of dividing row, rejoin yarn to base of last tr, [4ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell, 4ch, 1dc in next chsp] 3 times, [5ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell, 5ch, 1dc in next chsp] 2 (2) (3) times, [5ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell] nil (1) (nil) time, 5ch, 1dc in third of 3 (5) (3) ch, turn.

****** 1st row:** 5 (3) (5) ch, 1dc in first (nil) (first) chsp, [2tr in first dc, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, 1dc in next chsp] nil (1) (nil) time, [5tr in next dc, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, 1dc in next chsp] 1 (1) (2) time(s), 5tr in next dc, 1dc in next chsp, 2ch, 1tr in next chsp, turn – 2 (2) (3) shells.

2nd row: 1ch, 1dc in first sp, [5ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell, 5ch, 1dc in next chsp] 1 (2) (2) time(s), [5ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell] 1 (nil) (1) time, 5ch, 1dc in 3rd of 5 (3) (5) ch, turn.

3rd row: 3 (5) (3) ch, 1dc in nil (first) (nil) chsp, 2 (5) (2) tr in first (next) (first) dc, 1dc in next chsp, [5ch, 1dc in next chsp,

5tr in next dc, 1dc in next chsp] 1 (1) (2) time(s), 5ch, 1dc in next chsp, turn.

4th row: 5ch, 1dc in first chsp, [4ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell, 4ch, 1dc in next chsp] 1 (1) (2) time(s), [4ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell] nil (1) (nil) time, 4ch, 1dc in 3rd of 3 (5) (3) ch. Fasten off. ****

Front

Work as back from ** to **. Shell pattern another 10 (12) (14) rows.

Shape neck: Dividing row (wrong side): 1ch, 1dc in first tr, [5ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell] nil (1) (nil) time, [5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell] 3 (3) (4) times, 2ch, 1tr in next chsp, turn and work on these sts for right side neck.

Right side neck: 1st row: 1ch, 1dc in first sp, [5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 5tr in next dc, 1dc in next chsp] 3 (3) (4) times, 2 (5) (2) ch, 1dc in nil (next) (nil) chsp, 1 (3) (1) tr in last dc, turn – 3 (3½) (4) shells.

2nd row: 1ch, 1dc in first tr, [5ch, 1dc in next chsp] nil (1) (nil) time, [5ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell, 5ch, 1dc in next chsp] 2 (2) (3) time(s), 5ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell, 2ch, 1tr in next chsp, turn.

3rd row: 1ch, 1dc in first sp, [5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 5tr in next dc, 1dc in next chsp] 2 (3) (3) time(s), 5 (2) (5) ch, 1dc in next (nil) (next) chsp, 3 (1) (3) tr in last dc, turn.

4th row: 1ch, 1dc in first tr, [5ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell] nil (1) (nil) time, [5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell] 2 (2) (3) times, 2ch, 1tr in last dc.

Work as back from *** to ***.

Left side neck: With wrong side facing, return to end of dividing row, rejoin yarn to base of last tr, 4ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell, 4ch, 1dc in next chsp, [5ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell, 5ch, 1dc in next chsp] 3 (3) (4) times, [5ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell] nil (1) (nil) time, 5ch, 1dc in third of 3 (5) (3) ch, turn.

1st row: 5 (3) (5) ch, 1dc in first (nil) (first) chsp, [2tr in first dc, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, 1dc in next chsp] nil (1) (nil) time, [5tr in next dc, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, 1dc in next chsp] 2 (2) (3) times, 5tr in next dc, 1dc in next chsp, 2ch, 1tr in next chsp, turn – 3 (3½) (4) shells.

2nd row: 1ch, 1dc in first sp, [5ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell, 5ch, 1dc in next chsp] 2 (3) (3) times, [5ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell] 1 (nil) (1) time, 5ch, 1dc in 3rd of 5 (3) (5) ch, turn.

3rd row: 3 (5) (3) ch, 1dc in nil (first) (nil) chsp, 2 (5) (2) tr in first (next) (first) dc, 1dc in next chsp, [5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 5tr in next dc, 1dc in next chsp] 2 (2) (3)



times, 2ch, 1tr in next chsp, turn.

4th row: 1ch, 1dc in first sp, [5ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell, 5ch, 1dc in next chsp] 2 (2) (3) times, [5ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell] nil (1) (nil) time, 5ch, 1dc in 3rd of 3 (5) (3) ch, turn.

Work as back from **** to ****.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 4.50 hook, make 72 (82) (92) ch.

Foundation row: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, [5ch, miss 4ch, 1dc in next ch] to end, turn – 14 (16) (18) chsp.

Beginning with a 4th row, work 2 rows of shell pattern as on back.

1st row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 4tr in first dc, 1dc in next chsp, pattern to last chsp, 5ch, 1dc in last chsp, 5tr in last dc, turn.

2nd row: 5ch, miss first 2tr, 1dc in next tr, pattern to end, 2ch, 1tr in top of 3ch, turn.

3rd row: 1ch, 1dc in first tr, 5ch, miss first sp, 1dc in next chsp, pattern to last 2 chsp, 5tr in next dc, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, 1dc in 3rd of 5ch, turn.

4th row: 8ch, 1dc in first chsp, 5ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of first shell, pattern to last chsp, 5ch, 1dc in last chsp, 5ch, 1tr in last dc, turn.

5th row: 5ch, 1dc in first chsp, 5tr in next dc, 1dc in next chsp, pattern to end, 2ch, 1tr in 3rd of 8ch, turn – 8 (9) (10) shells.

Mark each end of last row.

Shape top: 1st row: 1ch, 1dc in first tr, 5ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell, pattern to

last chsp, 2ch, 1tr in third of 5ch, turn.

2nd row: 1ch, 1dc in first sp, 5ch, 1dc in next chsp, pattern to last 2 chsp, 5tr in next dc, 1dc in next chsp, 2ch, 1tr in last chsp, turn.

3rd row: 1ch, 1dc in first sp, 5ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of first shell, pattern to last chsp, 2ch, 1tr in last chsp, turn.

4th row: 1ch, 1dc in first sp, pattern to end, 2ch, 1tr in last chsp, turn.

5th row: 1ch, 1dc in first sp, [4ch, 1dc in 3rd tr of next shell, 4ch, 1dc in next chsp] to end. Fasten off.

Neck edging

Join shoulder seams. With right side facing and using 3.00 hook, join yarn at left shoulder seam, 1ch, work 1 row of dc evenly around neck edge making total of dc divisible by 6, slst in first dc.

Next round: 1ch, 1dc in same st as slst, * miss 2dc, in next dc work [1tr, 3ch, slst in top of tr just worked – picot made] 5 times, 1tr in same dc as last tr, miss 2dc, 1dc in next dc, repeat from * to end, ending last repeat with slst in 1st dc. Fasten off.

Cuff edgings

(both alike)

Join sleeve seams to markers.

Work cuff edgings as neck edging.

To make up

Join side seams. Set in sleeves.

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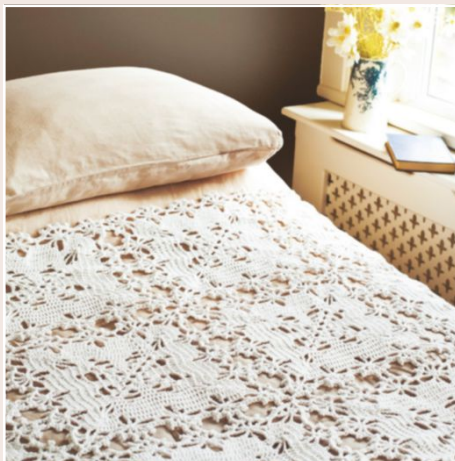
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Crochet a nattily dressed bunny for your favourite little one

Measurements

Approximately 30cm/12in tall.

Materials

2 x 50g (125m) balls of Debbie Bliss Baby Cashmerino (55% wool, 33% acrylic, 12% cashmere) in Slate (09) and 1 ball in each of Indigo (207), Royal (70), Butter (83), Baby Blue (204), Navy (08) and White (100)*; length of Black for embroidery; 3.00 and 3.50 crochet hooks; toy stuffing; pair of 10mm safety eyes; waist length of elastic cord; 4 toggles, 2 buttons.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **dc**, double crochet; **st**, stitch; **inc**, increase; **dec**, decrease; **dc2tog**, [insert hook in next st, yarn round hook and pull through] twice, yarn round hook and pull through all 3 loops on hook; **dc3tog**, [insert hook in next st, yarn round hook and pull through] 3 times, yarn round hook and pull through all 4 loops on hook; **slst**, slip stitch.

Note

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

CROCHET RABBIT

Arms

(make 2)

With 3.50 hook and Slate, make 12ch, slst in first ch to form ring.

1st round: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in next ch] to end – 12 sts.

Mark end of last round and move marker up at end of every round.

2nd round: [1dc in each of next 2 sts, 2dc in next st] 4 times – 16 sts.

3rd round: [1dc in each of next 3 sts, 2dc in next st] 4 times – 20 sts.

4th round: [1dc in next st] to end.

5th to 12th rounds: As 4th round.

13th round: [1dc in each of next 3 sts, dc2tog] 4 times – 16 sts.

14th to 20th rounds: As 4th round.

21st round: [1dc in each of next 2 sts, dc2tog] 4 times – 12 sts.

22nd to 24th rounds: As 4th round.

25th round: [1dc in each of next 4 sts, dc2tog] twice – 10 sts.

26th round: As 4th round. Fasten off. Flatten chain edge and join together. Stuff arms firmly, then flatten top edge and over sew this edge.

Legs

(make 2)

With 3.50 hook and Slate, make 8ch for centre of sole.

1st round: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook (counts as 1 st), 1dc in each of next 5ch,

3dc in last ch, work along other side of ch thus: 1dc in each of next 5ch, 2dc in last ch, slst in first dc – 16 sts.

2nd round: 1ch (does not count as a st throughout), [1dc in each of next 7 sts, 3dc in next st] twice, slst in first dc – 20 sts.

3rd round: 1ch, [1dc in each of next 7 sts, 2dc in each of next 3 sts] twice, slst in first dc – 26 sts.

4th round: 1ch, working in back loop of every st, [1dc in next st] to end, slst in first dc.

5th round: 1ch, [1dc in next st] to end. Mark end of last round and move this marker up at end of every round.

6th round: [1dc in next st] to end.

7th round: As 6th round.

Shape instep: 8th round: 1dc in each of first 8 sts, [dc2tog] 3 times, 1dc in each of last 12 sts – 23 sts.

9th round: 1dc in each of first 8 sts, dc3tog, 1dc in each of next 10 sts, dc2tog – 20 sts.

10th to 27th rounds: As 6th round. Fasten off.

Body

Flatten top edge of legs with instep shaping at centre front.

1st round: With back of first leg facing and using 3.50 hook, attach Indigo at right side fold, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in each of next 20 sts of first leg, then with front of second leg facing,



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work 1dc in each of 20 sts of second leg – 40 sts.

Place marker at end of last round and move marker up at end of every round.

2nd round: [1dc in next st] to end.

3rd round: [1dc in each of next 9 sts, 2dc in next st] 4 times – 44 sts.

44th round: As 2nd round.

5th round: [1dc in each of next 10 sts, 2dc in next st] 4 times – 48 sts.

6th to 9th rounds: As 2nd round.

Join in Slate.

10th and 11th rounds: As 2nd round.

12th round: [1dc in each of next 10 sts, dc2tog] 4 times – 44 sts.

13th to 16th rounds: As 2nd round.

17th round: [1dc in each of next 9 sts, dc2tog] 4 times – 40 sts.

18th to 21st rounds: As 2nd round.

22nd round: [1dc in each of next 8 sts, dc2tog] 4 times – 36 sts.

23rd to 26th rounds: As 2nd round.

27th round: [1dc in each of next 7 sts, dc2tog] 4 times – 32 sts.

28th round: As 2nd round.

29th round: 1dc in each of first 6 sts, * place top edge of arm in front of next 5 sts on body, [work 1dc through both layers of arm top and next dc on body] 5 times *, 1dc in each of next 11 sts, work from * to *, 1dc in each of last 5 sts.

30th round: As 2nd round. Fasten off. Stuff legs and body firmly. Gather top edge, pull up slightly and secure.

Ears

(make 2)

1st round: With 3.50 hook and Slate, make a slip ring as follows: wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form ring, insert hook into ring, yarn round hook and pull through, 1ch (does not count as a st), work 4dc in ring, slst in first dc, then pull end of yarn tightly to close ring.

2nd round: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in next st, 2dc in next st] twice – 6 sts.

Mark end of last round and move marker up at end of every round.

3rd round: [1dc in each of next 2 sts, 2dc in next st] twice – 8 sts.

4th round: [1dc in each of next 3 sts, 2dc in next st] twice – 10 sts.

5th round: [1dc in each of next 4 sts, 2dc in next st] twice – 12 sts.

6th round: [1dc in each of next 5 sts, 2dc in next st] twice – 14 sts.

7th round: [1dc in each of next 6 sts, 2dc in next st] twice – 16 sts.

8th round: [1dc in each of next 7 sts, 2dc in next st] twice – 18 sts.

9th round: [1dc in next st] to end.

10th to 17th rounds: As 9th round.

18th round: [1dc in each of next 7 sts, dc2tog] twice – 16 sts. Fasten off.

Flatten fastened off edge and over sew the edge together. Bring folded sides of oversewn edge to centre to form pleat and secure in position.

Head

1st round: With 3.50 hook and Slate, make slip ring as follows: wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form ring, insert hook into ring, yarn round hook and pull through, 1ch (does not count as a st), work 8dc in ring, slst in first dc, then pull end of yarn tightly to close ring.

2nd round: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in next st, 2dc in next st] 4 times – 12 sts.

Mark end of last round and move marker up at end of every round.

3rd round: [1dc in each of next 2 sts, 2dc in next st] 4 times – 16 sts.

4th round: [1dc in each of next 3 sts, 2dc in next st] 4 times – 20 sts.

5th round: [1dc in each of next 4 sts, 2dc in next st] 4 times – 24 sts.

6th round: [1dc in each of next 5 sts, 2dc in next st] 4 times – 28 sts.

7th round: [1dc in each of next 6 sts, 2dc in next st] 4 times – 32 sts.

8th round: [1dc in each of next 7 sts, 2dc in next st] 4 times – 36 sts.

9th round: [1dc in each of next 8 sts, 2dc in next st] 4 times – 40 sts.

10th round: [1dc in each of next 9 sts, 2dc in next st] 4 times – 44 sts.

11th round: [1dc in each of next 10 sts, 2dc in next st] 4 times – 48 sts.

12th round: [1dc in next st] to end.

13th to 17th rounds: As 12th round.

18th round: 1dc in each of first 16 sts, 5ch, miss 5 sts – ear slot made, 1dc in each of next 6 sts, 5ch, miss 5 sts, 1dc in each of last 16 sts.

19th round: 1dc in each of first 16 sts, 1dc in each of next 5ch, 1dc in each of next 6 sts, 1dc in each of next 5ch, 1dc in each of last 16 sts.

20th round: As 12th round.

21st round: [1dc in each of next 6 sts, dc2tog] 6 times – 42 sts.

22nd round: [1dc in each of next 5 sts, dc2tog] 6 times – 36 sts.

23rd round: [1dc in each of next 4 sts, dc2tog] 6 times – 30 sts.

24th round: [1dc in each of next 3 sts, dc2tog] 6 times – 24 sts.

Position and secure safety eyes between 10th and 11th rounds. Insert base of ears in the slots and sew in securely. Stuff head firmly.

25th round: [1dc in each of next 2 sts, dc2tog] 6 times – 18 sts.



26th round: [1dc in next st, dc2tog] 6 times – 12 sts.

27th round: [Dc2tog] 6 times – 6 sts. Fasten off.

Gather fastened off edge, pull up tightly and secure. Sew head to top of body. With Black, embroider nose and mouth as shown in photo.

Trousers

First leg: With 3.50 hook and Royal, make 28ch, slst in first ch to form ring.

1st round: 1ch, [1dc in next ch] to end – 28 sts.

Mark end of last round and move marker up at end of every round.

2nd and 3rd rounds: Working in back loop only, [1dc in next st] to end.

4th round: [1dc in next st] to end.

5th to 20th rounds: As 4th round.** Fasten off.

Second leg: Work as first leg to **.

21st round: 1dc in each st of second leg, then 1dc in each st of first leg – 56 sts.

22nd to 24th rounds: As 4th round.

25th round: 1dc in each of next 54 sts, now make opening for tail: 2ch, miss last 2 sts.

26th round: Make 2 more ch, miss first 2 sts, 1dc in each of next 10 sts, dc2tog, [1dc in each of next 8 sts, dc2tog] 4 times, 1dc in each of next 2ch – 51 sts.

27th round: 1dc in each of next 2ch, 1dc each of next 49 sts.

28th and 29th rounds: As 4th round.





30th round: 1dc in each of next 9 sts, dc2tog, [1dc in each of next 8 sts, dc2tog] 4 times – 46 sts.
Change to Indigo.

31st to 37th rounds: As 4th round.
Fasten off.

With right side facing and Indigo at back, work a round of slst between 30th and 31st rounds. Fasten off.

Tie ends of elastic together to form ring. Fold over top of edge of trousers to wrong side, enclosing elastic ring and slip stitch in position.

Tail

With White, make a small pompom and attach to back of body to line up with tail opening on trousers.

T-shirt

Front: With 3.50 hook and Baby Blue, make 28ch.

Foundation row: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook (counts as a 1 st), [1dc in next ch] to end, turn – 27 sts.

Pattern row: 1ch (does not count as a st throughout), [1dc in next st] to end, turn. Pattern another 8 rows.

Dec row: 1ch, miss next st, [1dc in next st] to last 2 sts, miss next st, 1dc in last st, turn – 25 sts. Pattern 1 row.

Using separate small balls of yarn for each coloured area and changing colour on last stage of last st before colour

change, work motif as follows:

1st row: With Baby Blue 1ch, 1dc in each of first 8 sts, with Indigo, 1dc in next st, with Baby Blue, 1dc in each of next 7 sts, with Indigo, 1dc in next st, with Baby Blue, 1dc in each of last 8 sts, turn.

2nd row: With Baby Blue, 1ch, 1dc in each of first 8 sts, with Indigo, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, with Baby Blue, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, with Indigo, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, with Baby Blue, 1dc in each of last 8 sts, turn.

3rd row: With Baby Blue, 1ch, 1dc in each of first 9 sts, with Indigo, 1dc in each of next 7 sts, with Baby Blue, 1dc in each of last 9 sts, turn.

4th row: With Baby Blue, 1ch, 1dc in each of first 10 sts, with Indigo, 1dc in each of next 5 sts, with Baby Blue, 1dc in each of last 10 sts, turn.

Shape raglan armholes: Next row:

With Baby Blue, slst in each of first 3 sts, 1ch, 1dc in each of next 5 sts, with Indigo, 1dc in each of next 9 sts, with Baby Blue, 1dc in each of next 5 sts, turn – 19 sts.

Next row: With Baby Blue 1ch, 1dc in each of first 3 sts, with Indigo, 1dc in each of next 13 sts, with Baby Blue, 1dc in each of last 3 sts, turn.

Next row: With Baby Blue, 1ch, miss first st, 1dc in each of next 7 sts, with Indigo, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, with Baby Blue, 1dc in each of next 6 sts, miss next st,

1dc in last st, turn – 17 sts.

Next 2 rows: With Baby Blue, 1ch, 1dc in each of first 8 sts, with Indigo, 1dc in next st, with Baby Blue, 1dc in each of last 8 sts, turn.

Continue in Baby Blue only.

Pattern 1 row.

Work dec row – 15 sts. Pattern 2 rows. Fasten off.

Back: Using Baby Blue only, work as front.

Sleeves (both alike): With 3.50 hook and Baby Blue, make 24ch.

Work foundation row as on front – 23 sts. Pattern 5 rows as on front.

Shape raglan top: Next row: Slst in each of first 3 sts, 1ch, 1dc in each of next 17 sts, turn – 17 sts.

Dec row: 1ch, miss first st, [1dc in next st] to last 2 sts, miss next st, 1dc in last st, turn.

Repeat last row, 6 times more – 3 sts.

Pattern 1 row. Fasten off.

To make up: Join all raglan seams, then join side and sleeve seams.

Coat

Back: With 3.50 hook and Butter, make 33ch.

Foundation row: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, (count as 1 st), [1dc in next ch] to end, turn – 32 sts.

Pattern row: 1ch (does not count as a st throughout), [1dc in next st] to end, turn.

Pattern another 3 rows.

Dec row: 1ch, miss first st, [1dc in next st] to last 2 sts, miss next st, 1dc in last st, turn. Pattern 5 rows.

Work dec row – 28 sts. Pattern 9 rows.

Shape armholes: Next row: Slst in each of first 3 sts, 1ch, 1dc in each of next 22 sts, turn – 22 sts. Pattern 3 rows.

Work dec row. Pattern 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, twice more, then work dec row again – 14 sts. Fasten off.

Right front: With 3.50 hook and Butter, make 20ch.

Work foundation row as on back – 19 sts. Pattern 4 rows as on back.

1st dec row: 1ch, miss next st, [1dc in next st] to end, turn. Pattern 5 rows.

Work 1st dec row – 17 sts. Pattern 9 rows.

Shape armhole: Next row: Slst in each of first 3 sts, 1ch, [1dc in next st] to end, turn – 14 sts. Pattern 3 rows.

Work 1st dec row. Pattern 1 row, then work 1st dec row again – 12 sts.

Shape neck: Next row: Slst in each of first 3 sts, 1ch, [1dc in next st] to end, turn – 9 sts.

2nd dec row: 1ch, miss first st, [1dc in next st] to last 2 sts, miss next st, 1dc in last st, turn – 7 sts.

Work 1st dec row then 2nd dec row – 4 sts. Fasten off.

Left front: Work as right front.

Sleeves (both alike): With 3.50 hook and Butter, make 27ch.

Work foundation row as on back – 26 sts. Pattern 12 rows as on back.

Shape top: Next row: Slst in each of first 3 sts, 1ch, 1dc in each of next 20 sts, turn – 20 sts.

Dec row: 1ch, miss first st, [1dc in next st] to last 2 sts, miss next st, 1dc in last st, turn.

Repeat last row, 7 times more – 4 sts. Fasten off.

Hood: Join shoulder seams.

With right side facing and using 3.50 hook, miss first 3 sts on top of right front neck shaping, join in Butter and work, 1ch (does not count as a st throughout), 6dc up right front neck, 6dc across back neck, then 6dc down left front neck to within 3 sts of front edge, turn – 18 sts. Mark centre of last row.

Inc row: 1ch, 1dc in each st to within 1 st of marker, 2dc in each of next 2 sts, 1dc in each st to end, turn.

Repeat last row, 11 times more – 42 sts.

Dec row: 1ch, 1dc in each st to within 2 sts of marker, [dc2tog] twice, 1dc in each st to end, turn.

Repeat last row, 13 times more – 14 sts.

Fold top of hood in half with wrong sides together and join by working slst through both layers. Fasten off.

To make up: Sew in sleeves, then join side and sleeve seams.

Left front toggle loops: With right side of left front facing and beginning 5 sts in from front edge, using 3.00 hook and holding Navy at back, slst in each of the last 5 sts along top of 10th row to front edge, make 10ch, then slst in each of first 5 sts along top of 9th row of front. Fasten off.

Make another toggle loop 7 rows apart.

Right front button loops: With right side of right front facing and beginning 5 sts in from front edge, using 3.00 hook and holding Navy at back, slst in each of the last 5 sts along top of 9th row to front edge, make 2ch, then slst in each of the first 5 sts along top of 10th row of front. Fasten off.

Make another button loop 7 rows apart. Sew on toggles on right side of fronts at beginning of each loop, then sew on buttons on wrong side of left front behind toggles.

Hat

1st round: With 3.50 hook and Navy, make slip ring as follows: wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form slip ring, insert hook into ring, yarn round hook and pull through, 1ch (does not count as a st), work 6dc in ring, slst in first dc, then pull end of yarn tightly to close ring.

2nd round: [2dc in next st] 6 times – 12 sts.

3rd round: [1dc in next st, 2dc in next st] 6 times – 18 sts. Change to White.

4th round: [1dc in each of next 2 sts, 2dc in next st] 6 times – 24 sts.

5th round: [1dc in each of next 3 sts, 2dc in next st] 6 times – 30 sts. Change to Navy.

6th round: [1dc in each of next 4 sts, 2dc in next st] 6 times – 36 sts.

7th round: [1dc in each of next 5 sts, 2dc in next st] 6 times – 42 sts. Change to White.

8th round: [1dc in each of next 6 sts, 2dc in next st] 6 times – 48 sts.

9th round: [1dc in next st] 48 times. Change to Navy and repeat 9th round, twice.

Change to White.

Next round: 1dc in each of first 14 sts, 7ch, miss next 7 sts – ear opening made,

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1dc in each of next 6 sts, 7ch, miss next 7 sts, 1dc in each of last 14 sts.

Next round: 1dc in each of first 14 sts, 1dc in each of next 7ch, 1dc in each of next 6 sts, 1dc in each of next 7ch, 1dc in each of last 14 sts.

Change to Navy and repeat 9th round, twice.

Next 2 rounds: Working in back loop only of each st, [1dc in next st] 48 times. Fasten off.

With Navy, make a pompom and attach to top of hat.



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This month, celebrate the 20th anniversary of a special yarn, have a giggle with a handmade tea cosy, look chic in a classic cardi and let in a little winter magic



NORO SILK GARDEN: The 20th anniversary collection

(Sixth & Spring Books, £14.99)

Silk Garden yarn is gorgeous, drapes beautifully and is surprisingly hard-wearing. It's made from natural fibres, and has been produced and hand-dyed in Japan and sold across the world for the last 20 years. Now, to celebrate that anniversary, some top knitwear designers have created a collection of 30 patterns using Silk Garden. You'll find shawls and cowls by Jacqueline van Dillen, Manda Shah, Angela Tong, scarves by Lisa Craig, Sarah Thieneman, Wei Wilkins, as well as socks, mittens, bags and cardigans. All are bright, vibrant and eminently wearable.

KNITTED TEA COSIES

by Jenny Occleshaw (New Holland, £12.99)

Where there's tea, there's happiness. And one way to make the most of your happiness is to dress it up and put a bobble on it. Or several bobbles. Or make it look like an owl or a bumble bee. These are tea cosies with a sense of humour, to make you smile, to brighten up your breakfast table and set you off on the right footing for the rest of the day. There are 40 of them in the book. Which means there's a tea cosy to tickle every kind of funny bone. And patterns for beginners and the more experienced alike. All of them would look great on any kitchen sideboard, pulled over any teapot.

CROCHET SNOWFLAKES STEP-BY-STEP: A delightful flurry of 40 patterns

by Caitlin Sainio (Search Press, £10.99)

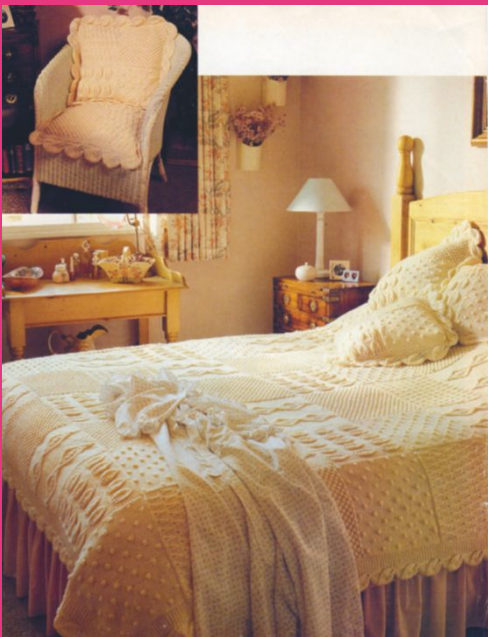
There's magic in Caitlin Sainio's new collection of crocheted snowflakes. And the patterns have been put together with the beginner in mind, with step-by-step instructions alongside clear photo tutorials. Caitlin's helpfully included many ideas for things to do once you've crocheted a number of individual snowflakes. You could stitch them together to make a shawl, attach them to a dress or a cushion cover, drape them over your mantelpiece or hang them on your Christmas tree. They're fashionable, they're chic, they're decorative. And great fun.

ESSENTIAL CARDIGANS: 10 hand knit designs

(Quail Studio, £7.95)

Some things are forever. And a classic cardigan is one of them. The cardis in this new collection of patterns are timeless and elegant. They're all to be made using Rowan yarns in stone shades, pastels, greys and fawns. Colours that make each design immediately compatible with most other things in your wardrobe. Pack one into your suitcase and you have a garment that works just as well at night as it does during the day. From the knee-length cardi on the cover, to the cosy, casual boyfriend cardigan and the more fitted, pullover style, there's a cardigan for every occasion. These are seriously classy cardis.





Our gorgeous co-ordinating bedroom set has been updated from a pattern originally featured in *Woman's Weekly* in 1988. Doesn't it look fantastic?



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Collect & Create

PART 7

Bed Topper & Cushion

Create this stunning patchwork bedroom set with our latest 'Knit-A-Long'. The penultimate pattern in this eight-part series is for the topper and cushion edging

Welcome to the seventh pattern in our knitting Collect & Create series, to make a gorgeous quilted bed set. We've already given you a different pattern square to create for topper and cushion, plus the back panels or piece; this issue we're giving you the edgings, with making-up instructions to follow next month. Making a project as big as this one can seem daunting. We've made it easier by spreading the work to help you finish it in no time. Why not join with friends to make it a 'Knit-A-Long'?

Bed Topper and Cushion



Measurements

Bed topper: Each square measures approximately 25 x 25cm/10 x 10in. When completed, topper will measure approximately 168 x 193cm/66 x 76in, including edging.

Cushion: Each square measures approximately 20 x 20cm/8 x 8in. Cushion cover measures approximately 40 x 40cm/15¾ x 15¾in.

Materials

For complete bed topper: 36 x 100g (200m) balls of Sirdar Cotton Rich Aran (60% cotton, 40% acrylic) in Fresh Cream (0001)*; a cable needle; 30 buttons.

Cushion: 3 x 100g (200m) balls of Sirdar Cotton Rich Aran (60% cotton, 40% acrylic) in Fresh Cream (0001)*. 40 x 40cm cushion pad.

Both items: Pair of 4mm (No. 8) and 4½mm (No. 7) knitting needles.

Tension

18 stitches and 24 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 4½mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **sl**, slip; **tog**, together; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **psso**, pass slip st over; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **skpo**, sl1, k1, psso; **yon**, yarn over needle to

make a st; **yrn**, yarn round needle to make a st; **yf**, yarn forward to make a st; **yfb**, yarn to back; **c4**, cable 4 (sl next 2 sts onto cable needle and leave at back, k2, then k2 from cable needle); **c3b**, cable 3 back (sl next st onto cable needle and leave at back, k2, then k1 from cable needle); **c3f**, cable 3 front (sl next 2 sts onto cable needle and leave at front, k1, then k2 from cable needle); **cr3rt**, cross 3 right (sl next st onto cable needle and leave at back, k2, then p1 from cable needle); **cr3lt**, cross 3 left (sl next 2 sts onto cable needle and leave at front, p1, then k2 from cable needle); **3 from 1**, work k1, p1 and k1 all in next st; **mb**, make bobble (work k1, p1, k1 and p1 all in next st, pass 2nd, 3rd and 4th st over 1st st).

Note

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

The entire bed topper will require 9 diamond pattern squares, 9 blackberry stitch squares, 8 Eiffel Tower squares, 8 leaf pattern squares, 8 bobble stitch squares, 3 panels for back and edging. The cushion will require 1 blackberry stitch square, 1 Eiffel Tower square, 1 leaf pattern square, 1 bobble stitch square, 1 back square and edging.

Edging

With 4½mm needles, cast on 11 sts for topper or 6 sts for cushion.

1st row: K to last 3 sts, yf, k1, yf, k2.

2nd row: Sl1 kwise, p5, inc in next st, k to end.

3rd row: K to last 7 sts, p1, k2, yf, k1, yf, k3.

4th row: Sl1 kwise, p7, inc in next st, k to end.

5th row: K to last 10 sts, p2, k3, yf, k1, yf, k4.

6th row: Sl1 kwise, p9, inc in next st, k to end.

7th row: K to last 13 sts, p3, k4, yf, k1, yf, k5.

8th row: Sl1 kwise, p11, inc in next st, k to end.

9th row: K to last 16 sts, p4, yfb, skpo, k7, k2tog, k1.

10th row: Sl1 kwise, p9, inc in next st, k to end.

11th row: K to last 15 sts, p5, yfb, skpo, k5, k2tog, k1.

12th row: Sl1 kwise, p7, inc in next st, k2, p1, k to end.

13th row: K to last 14 sts, p1, k1, p4, yfb, skpo, k3, k2tog, k1.

14th row: Sl1 kwise, p5, inc in next st, k3, p1, k to end.

15th row: K to last 13 sts, p1, k1, p5, yfb, skpo, k3, k2tog, k1.

16th row: Sl1 kwise, p3, inc in next st, k4, p1, k to end.

17th row: K to last 12 sts, p1, k1, p6, yfb, sl1, k2tog, psso, k1.

18th row: P2tog, counting the st on right as first st, cast off 5 sts kwise – 1 st on right needle, k1, p1, k to end.

These 18 rows form the pattern.

Repeat these 18 rows, 77 times more for topper and 19 times more for cushion. Cast off.

Beginners, Please

Knitting Project

A baby with blue eyes is wearing a white knitted hat with two small pom-poms. The baby is sitting next to a white knitted teddy bear. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white.

Ear, Ear!

Our polar-bear hat for baby is easy-peasy
and crazily cute

Our cosy babies' beanie is too sweet for words – when friends see its little ears, you'll hear a lot of aahs!



Measurements

To fit ages 12-18 months (2-4) years.

Materials

1 (2) 50g (115m) ball(s) of Sublime Evie (94% cotton, 6% nylon) in Nougat (508). Pair of 4½mm (No. 7) and 5mm (No. 6) knitting needles.

Tension

18 stitches and 24 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 5mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side).

Note

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. Instructions are given for small size. Where they vary, work figures in round brackets for larger size. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

Hat

With 4½mm needles, cast on 73 (79) sts.

1st rib row: K1, [p1, k1] to end.

2nd rib row: P1, [k1, p1] to end.

Repeat these 2 rows, 3 times more.

Change to 5mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, work in ss until hat measures 11 (14) cm from beginning, ending with a p row.

Shape top: 2nd size only: Next row:

K1, [k7, k2tog, k15, k2tog] 3 times – 73 sts. P 1 row.

Both sizes: 1st row: [K6, k2tog] 9 times, k1 – 64 sts.

2nd row and every following alternate row: P to end.

3rd row: [K5, k2tog] 9 times, k1 – 55 sts.

5th row: [K4, k2tog] 9 times, k1 – 46 sts.

7th row: [K3, k2tog] 9 times, k1 – 37 sts.

9th row: [K2, k2tog] 9 times, k1 – 28 sts.

11th row: [K1, k2tog] 9 times, k1 – 19 sts.

13th row: [K2tog] 9 times, k1 – 10 sts.

14th row: P to end.

Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off securely. Join seam.

Ears

(make 2)

With 4½mm needles, cast on 20 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 6 rows.

1st dec row: [K3, k2tog] 4 times – 16 sts. P 1 row

2nd dec row: [K2, k2tog] 4 times – 12 sts. P 1 row.

Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off securely. Join seam.

Leaving a 3.5cm gap between ears, sew ears to top of hat.

Beginners, Please

Crochet Project



Bear Facts

Teddy is small, sweet, super-squeezable and simple to make



CROCHET TEDDY

Measurements

Approximately 24cm/9½in high, excluding ears.

Materials

1 x 50g (115m) ball of Sublime Evie (94% cotton, 6% nylon) in Nougat (508)*. Size 4.00 crochet hook; oddments of black yarn for embroidery or pair of 9mm toy safety eyes and 1 toy safety nose – see note; washable toy stuffing.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **dc**, double crochet; **st**, stitch; **slst**, slip stitch; **dc2tog**, work 2 sts together thus: [insert hook in next st, yarn round hook and pull through] twice, yarn round hook and pull through all 3 loops on hook.

Note

Safety eyes and nose are suitable for children 3 years and over. Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

Body and head

With 4.00 hook, make 19ch for base of body.

Foundation round: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook (counts as 1dc), 1dc in each of next 16ch, 3dc in last ch, do not turn but work along opposite side and thus: 1dc in each of next 16ch, 2dc in last ch – 38 dc. Mark end of last round and move this marker up at end of every round.

Working in back loops only throughout, excluding ears, continue thus:

1st round: [1dc in next dc] 38 times.

2nd to 19th rounds: As 1st round.

20th round: [1dc in next dc, dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 14dc, dc2tog] twice – 34dc.

21st round: [1dc in next dc, dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 12dc, dc2tog] twice – 30dc.

22nd round: [1dc in next dc, dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 10dc, dc2tog] twice, slst in first dc – 26dc. Fasten off.

Fix safety eyes if used approximately 6 stitches apart at centre between 6th and 7th rounds down from top edge. Stuff and close opening at top of head. Embroider eyes with Black if safety eyes are not used.



Arms

(make 2)

With 4.00 hook, make 6ch.

Foundation round: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook (counts as 1dc), 1dc in each of next 3ch, 3dc in last ch, do not turn but work along opposite side thus: 1dc in each of next 3ch, 2dc in last ch – 12dc. Mark end of last round and move this marker up at end of every round.

1st round: [1dc in next dc] 12 times.

2nd to 6th rounds: As 1st round.

Slst in first dc and fasten off.

Stuff arms and sew to sides of body.

Legs

(make 2)

With 4.00 hook, make 7ch.

Foundation round: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook (counts as 1dc), 1dc in each of next 4ch, 3dc in last ch, do not turn but work along opposite side thus: 1dc in each of next 4ch, 2dc in last ch – 14 dc. Mark end of last round and move this marker up at end of every round.

1st round: [1dc in next dc] 14 times.

2nd to 8th rounds: As 1st round.

Slst in first dc and fasten off.

Stuff legs and close opening. Sew legs to lower edge of body.

Muzzle

With 4.00 hook, make 8ch.

Foundation round: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook (counts as 1dc), 1dc in each of

next 5ch, 3dc in last ch, do not turn but work along opposite side thus: 1dc in each of next 5ch, 2dc in last ch – 16dc. Mark end of last round and move this marker up at end of every round.

1st round: [2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 5dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in next dc] twice – 20dc.

2nd round: 1dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 5dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 3dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 5dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of last 2dc – 24dc.

3rd round: [1dc in next dc] 24 times, slst in first dc. Fasten off.

Fix safety nose if used to centre of muzzle. Stuff muzzle and sew to centre of head, just below eyes. Embroider nose with Black if safety nose is not used.

Ears

(make 2)

With 4.00 hook, make 2ch.

1st round: Work 5dc in 2nd ch from hook – 5dc.

2nd round: [2dc in next dc] 5 times – 10dc.

3rd round: [1dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc] 5 times – 15dc.

4th and 5th rounds: [1dc in next dc] 15 times.

6th round: [1dc in next dc, dc2tog] 5 times, slst in first dc – 10dc. Fasten off. Sew on ears.



Tina's Tips & Tricks

Get the little things right and your knitting will be beautiful

We want your knitting to be the best it can be. So it's a good job we have Tina. A true knitting professional, Tina's been the Technical Knitting Editor at *Woman's Weekly* for 17 years. And now she's here to help you! Every month, Tina answers the most common questions you've sent in and resolves some of the issues we face as knitters. Together, we'll make your knitting beautiful!

Which is left and right?

Q Does anyone else get their left and right mixed up? I find it so confusing! I've been knitting for ages, but I find it really hard to tell which is the right side of a piece of knitting and which is the left. Also, which is the side edge, which is the front edge, and how can I tell the right side from the wrong side when I'm working in garter stitch or moss stitch?

A Working out which is the right side and which is the left can be really hard. And for that reason, we go to some effort in this magazine to avoid using those terms in our patterns. But there is a simple way to tell the right side from the wrong side, at least. Just place a marker on the right side when you start work on a piece. And it's worth remembering that the left and right of front pieces and the right and left back pieces are as they would be when they're worn, and not as you are looking at them. The same goes for sleeves, if they are not alike, and for toys. But, do bear in mind that there can still be references to the left and right side of each piece, and that would be left or right as you are looking at it. So, the side edge on the left front is at the right side – and on the left side on the right front as you are looking at it with the right-side facing. The front edge will be at the opposite side. It's confusing at first, I know. But if you remember these rules, you should be able to identify each side.

Can't find a circular pad

Q It took me some time, but I finally finished the round cushion cover you featured in the magazine some time ago. I was really pleased with my work. But try as I might, I couldn't find a round cushion pad in my local shops. I can't get one online as I don't have access to the internet.

A I'm sorry you haven't been able to get your hands on a round cushion pad. But there are ways around this. You could buy a square cushion pad and sew-in the corners to make it round. Or you could make a cushion pad of your own! Cut some lining material to the required size and sew all around it, leaving just a small opening. Now, fill the empty pad with toy stuffing and sew up the opening. And if the fabric of your knitted cushion cover is dense enough, you might consider stuffing it without having to make a pad lining first.

Can I substitute techniques?

Q I love colour work. Since I've been knitting, I've mastered the Fair Isle and Intarsia techniques. When I'm following a pattern, I always make sure to follow the instructions and use the colour-work technique advised. But sometimes, the pattern will suggest Swiss-darning a colourful motif on top of the fabric, rather than knitting it in. I've never done Swiss-darning before. Do you think I could get away with knitting the motif instead, using the Fair Isle or Intarsia techniques I know?

A Yes! If Swiss darning is recommended in a pattern, there's no reason why you can't use the Intarsia technique instead. With Intarsia, you end up with a single-layered fabric that looks, feels and behaves like a fabric knitted from one colour. It's a good technique to use if you're working large areas of colour, but can be fiddly and time-consuming if you're working small areas or single stitches of a different colour. Swiss-darning is a form of embroidery – you cover the stitches of the fabric with stitches in another colour, making it great for smaller, more simple motifs. You wouldn't want to use Swiss-darning over a larger area because it makes the fabric twice as thick. It can also make a knitted fabric feel rigid, and cause some puckering. If you're happier, use Intarsia instead of Swiss-darning, but I would urge you to give Swiss-darning a go. You can use it to correct mistakes in colour work, too. And it's good for mending damaged stitches in plain knitting.



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Abbreviations

Practically all knitting and crochet patterns use some sort of abbreviations to make the instructions concise and easy to follow. Each pattern will have its own brief description of the most common abbreviations (**k**, knit or **ch**, chain) with a more detailed description of specific abbreviations, like how to work cable or cluster. Also, the most regularly used words are either shortened (**fol** – following) or letters are used to describe what is needed to be done next (**tbl** – through back of stitches).

Some widely used abbreviations have more or less the same meaning, but there could be exceptions. Listed below in alphabetical order are the most commonly used abbreviations, with an extended description of their meanings.

alt, alternate – worked on every other row or stitch.

beg, begin or beginning – to start as specified or position to be worked at or from, measured from or marked edges.

ch, chain (see page 72).

cont, continue – carry on working.

dc, double crochet (see page 72).

dc2tog, work 2 double crochet together – [insert hook from front to back under two strands of next stitch, yarn round hook and pull through] twice, yarn round hook and pull through all 3 loops on hook.

dc3tog, work 3 double crochet together – [insert hook from front to back under two strands of next stitch, yarn round hook and pull through] 3 times, yarn round hook and pull through all 4 loops on hook.

dec, decrease or decreasing – by working 2 or more stitches together.

In crochet, decreases are made by working specified number of stitches to last stage of each stitch, then joined into one at final stage. In knitting, if no specific instructions are given, here is how to decrease:

dec 1 st – the right-hand needle is inserted knitwise or purlwise in next 2 stitches on left-hand needle at the same time and complete as if knitting or purling 1 stitch.

dec 2 sts – the right-hand needle is inserted knitwise or purlwise in next 3 stitches on left-hand needle at the same time and complete as if knitting or purling 1 stitch.

dtr, double treble (see page 73).

fol, following.

gst, garter stitch – knit or purl every stitch on every row. Also refers to texture of fabric produced by knitting or purling every stitch.

htr, half treble (see page 72).

inc, increase or increasing – by working twice or

more times into same stitch.

In crochet, the instruction will specify how to increase. Usually 1, 2 or more stitches are worked into base of starting chain at beginning of row and 2, 3 or more stitches are worked in last stitch.

In knitting, if no specific instructions are given, here is how to increase:

inc 1 st – knit or purl in next stitch, but do not drop this stitch off left-hand needle, work into back of it again, then drop this stitch off left-hand needle.

inc 2 or more sts – keep working into front and back of stitch until required number of stitches are increased (the number of times worked into a stitch would be the number of stitches increased, plus first original stitch).

k, knit (see page 70).

k row or rows, knit every stitch across each row(s).

k1tbl or k1b, knit 1 stitch through back loop (with yarn at back, insert right-hand needle from right to left in back of stitch on left-hand needle, bring yarn under and over the right-hand needle, draw loop through and drop the stitch off left-hand needle).

k2tog, knit 2 stitches together (see page 71).

k2tog tbl or k2togb, knit 2 stitches together through back of loops – insert right-hand needle from right to left in back loop of next 2 stitches, bring yarn under and over right-hand needle and pull through, dropping the 2 stitches of left-hand needle.

k3tog or more stitches, work as k2tog, but inserting needle through 3 or more stitches.

m1 or up1, make one or pick up 1 (see page 71).

p, purl (see page 71).

p row or rows, purl every stitch across each row.

patt, pattern – texture of fabric created by stitches as set out on stated rows. Also means continue working or maintain working stitches as set out before.

psso, pass slipped stitch over – insert left-hand needle into front of slipped stitch (second stitch) on right-hand needle, lift this stitch and place over first stitch.

p1tbl or p1b, purl next stitch through back loop (with yarn at front, insert right-hand needle from left to right in back of stitch on left-hand needle, bring yarn over and under right-hand needle, draw loop through and drop the stitch off left-hand needle).

p2sso, pass 2 slipped stitches over – insert left-hand needle into front of second and third slipped stitches on right-hand needle, lift these stitches and place over first stitch.

p2tog, purl 2 stitches together (see page 71).

p2tog tbl or p2togb, purl 2 stitches together through back of loops (insert right-hand needle in from left to right in back loops

of second then first stitches, bring yarn over and under right-hand needle and pull through, dropping the 2 stitches off left-hand needle).

p3tog or more stitches, work as p2tog, but inserting needle through 3 or more stitches.

rem, remain or remaining.

rep, repeat.

RS, right side.

skpo, slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped stitch over (see page 71).

sl, slip.

sl1, insert right-hand needle in front of next stitch on left-hand needle knitwise (from left to right) or purlwise from (right to left) and slip this stitch off left-hand needle without working into it.

slst or ss, slip stitch.

st(s), stitch or stitches.

stst or ss, stocking stitch – knit stitches on right side rows and purl stitches on wrong side rows. Also means the texture of fabric that is created by knitting and purling alternately to produce smooth surface on knit (right) side and ridged surface on purl (wrong) side.

tbl, through back of loop (see k1tbl, p1tbl).

tog, together – work 2 or more stitches together at the same time.

tr, treble (see page 73).

tr2tog, work 2 treble together – [yarn round hook, insert hook from front to back under two strands of next stitch, yarn round hook and pull through, yarn round hook and pull through first 2 loops on hook] twice, yarn round hook and pull through all 3 loops on hook.

tr3tog, work 3 treble together – [yarn round hook, insert hook from front to back under two strands of next stitch, yarn round hook and pull through, yarn round hook and pull through first 2 loops on hook, 3 times, yarn round hook and pull through all 4 loops on hook.

ws, wrong side.

yf or yfwd, yarn forward – is usually worked between 2 knit stitches; bring yarn from back to front between needles, then over right-hand needle to make a st.

yo, yarn over (see yarn forward, yarn round needle and yarn over needle).

yon, yarn over needle – is usually worked between purl and knit stitches; take yarn from front to back over right-hand needle to make a st.

yrh or yoh, yarn round hook or yarn over hook; take yarn from back over and under hook to back again.

ym, yarn round needle.

worked between 2 purl stitches, take yarn from front over and under right-hand needle, bringing it to front again to make a stitch.

worked between knit and purl stitches, take yarn from back to front between needles, then over and under right-hand needle, bringing it to front again to make a stitch.

Glossary

Tension

Practically every knitting instruction will state a tension, with a few exceptions, like toys or small accessories.

Tension is the number of stitches and rows that an average knitter will achieve to stated measurements, using specific yarn, pattern and needles. It is used to translate measurements into the number of stitches and rows to be worked.

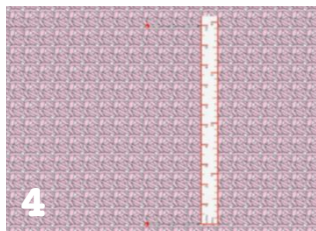
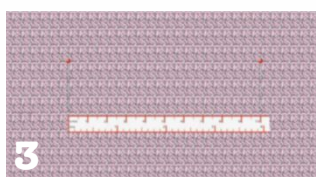
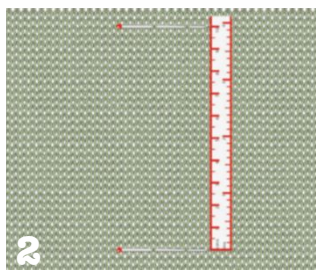
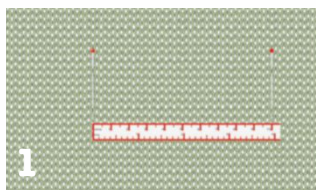
Before commencing a specific project, check your tension by working a swatch about 13cm square in pattern, yarn and needles or crochet hooks as stated. Stretch swatch in each direction and allow to rest. Mark 10cm horizontally in the middle of the test piece (diag. 1 and 3) and count stitches between markers. Mark 10cm vertically in the middle of test piece (diag. 2 and 4) and count the rows between markers. If the number of stitches and rows is less than quoted, knit another swatch, using smaller needles or hooks. If the number of stitches and rows is greater, use larger needles or hooks.

You may need to knit or crochet samples a few times until the stated tension is achieved.

It is more important to obtain the right number of stitches than rows.

Diagrams 1 and 2 show stitching and rows of stocking stitch of standard double knitting tension.

Diagrams 3 and 4 show stitches and rows of double crochet of average double knitting tension.



Knitting needles conversion

Metric	Imperial
2	14
2.25	13
2.5	-
2.75	12
3	11
3.25	10
3.5	-
3.75	9
4	8
4.5	7
5	6
5.5	5
6	4
6.5	3
7	2
7.5	1
8	0
9	00
10	000
12	-
15	-
20	-
25	-

Crochet hook conversion

Metric	Imperial
2	14
2.25	13
2.5	12
3	11
3.25	10
3.5	9
3.75	8
4	7
5	6
5.5	5
6	4
6.5	3
7	2
8	0
9	00
10	000
12	-
15	-
20	-
25	-

Substituting yarns

If you are intending to use yarns other than specified, look for a type of yarn that has the same texture and fibre content: wool for wool, cotton for cotton, with same or similar standard tension and same thickness as original yarn.

The best indicators of the thickness of the yarn are the tension and size of needles or hooks used. A standard crochet tension is not usually available.

Here, we list the standard knitting tension of classic yarns, although these may vary:

4 ply yarn is 28 stitches and 36 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 3¼mm needles.

Double knitting yarn is 22 stitches and 28 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 4mm needles.

Aran yarn is 18 stitches and 24 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 5mm needles.

Chunky yarn is 14 stitches and 19 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 6½mm needles.

For example: If the pattern states 30 stitches and 38 rows over stocking

stitch, you may be able to use 4 ply yarn for this, but using 3mm needles instead of 3¼mm.

In both knitting and crochet, yarn amounts may differ when using substituted yarn, so check the ball band for weight and length informations. If the length is different, work out your amounts by multiplying the length of original yarn by the amount of balls quoted, divide this figure by the number of metres stated on the substituted yarn and that will give you the number of balls needed in the yarn you intend to use.



Care symbols



Machine Wash, Normal



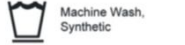
Machine Wash, Cold



Machine Wash, Warm



Machine Wash, Wool Cycle



Machine Wash, Synthetic



Machine Wash, Gentle or Delicate



Hand Wash



Hand Wash, Cold



Hand Wash, Warm



Do Not Wash



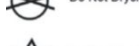
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Dryclean, Any Solvent



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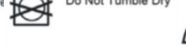
Do Not Bleach



Tumble Dry, Normal



Tumble Dry, Normal Low Heat



Do Not Tumble Dry



Dry Flat



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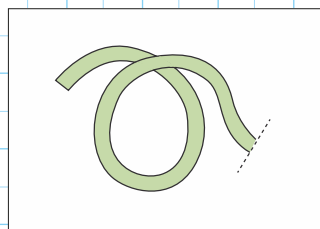
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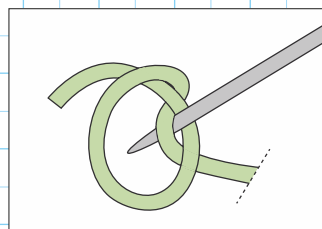
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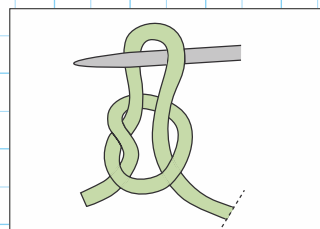
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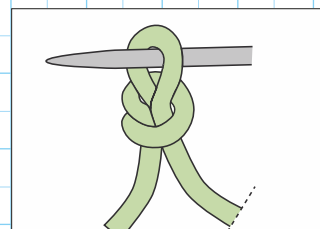
1 Loop the yarn with the ball end on top (the ball end is shown with a broken line).



2 Dip the needle into the loop, catch the ball end and pull it through the loop.



3 Pull both ends to tighten the knot.



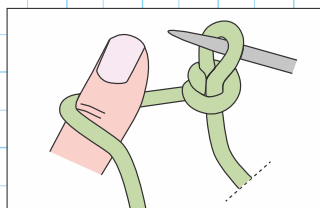
4 Pull the ball end to bring the knot up to the needle.

Holding the yarn and needles

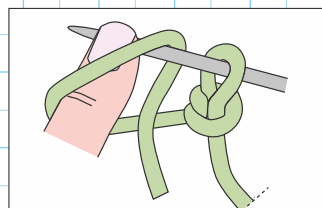
To make even stitches, control the yarn by taking it over the first finger of the right hand, under the second, over the third and under the fourth, or even around the fourth if necessary. Your

right hand also holds the needle that makes the new stitches. Hold this like a knife or a pencil – whichever is more comfortable. Your left hand holds the needle with the stitches already made.

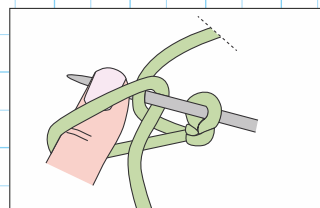
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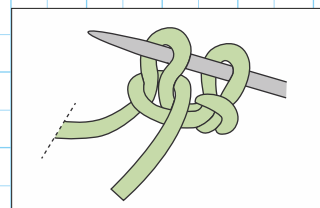
1 Leaving a long end, hold the yarn in the left hand and take the left thumb under the yarn and upwards.



2 Insert the needle in the loop just made on the thumb.

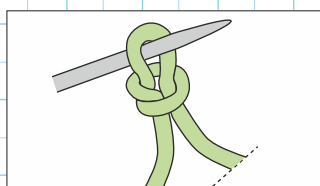


3 Take the ball end of the yarn around the needle and bring it through the loop, slipping the loop off the thumb.

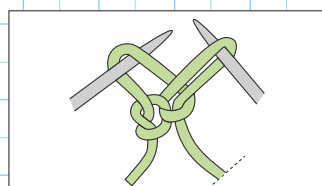


4 Pull the yarn end to close the stitch up to the needle. Continue to cast on stitches as steps 1-4.

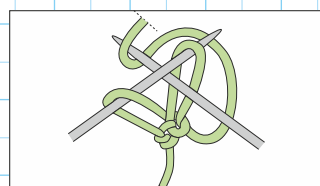
Casting on by cable method



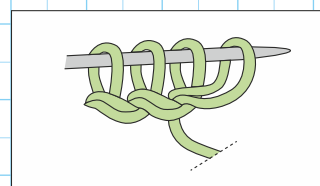
1 Make a slip knot, then hold the needle in your left hand.



2 Knit one without slipping the stitch off.

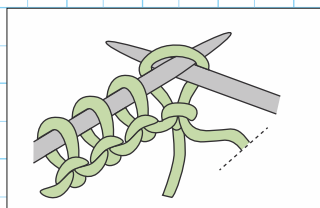


3 Insert the right-hand needles between the last 2 stitches just made, yarn round needle and pull the loop through, thus making new stitch. Slip the new stitch onto left needle.

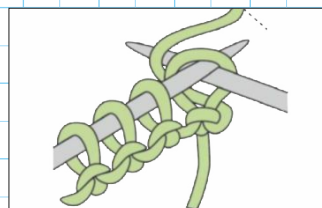


4 Continue making stitches as step 3, until you have the number of stitches you need.

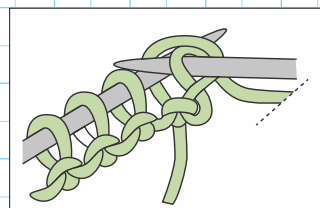
Knit stitch (k)



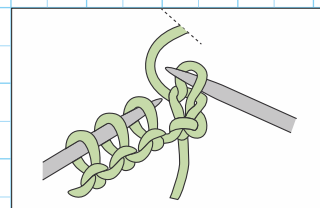
1 Turn the cast-on so that it's in the left hand and insert the right-hand needle from left to right in the front of the first stitch.



2 Take the yarn from behind to bring it under, up and over the right-hand needle.

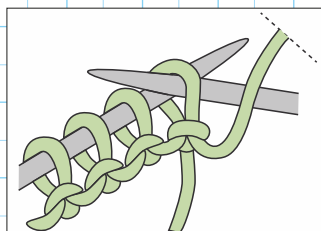


3 Use the tip of the right-hand needle to pull the yarn through.

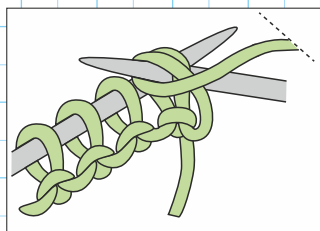


4 Slip the stitch off the left-hand needle to complete the new stitch on the right-hand needle. Continue to make knit stitches as steps 1-4.

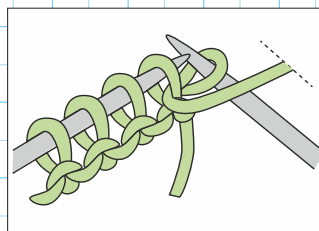
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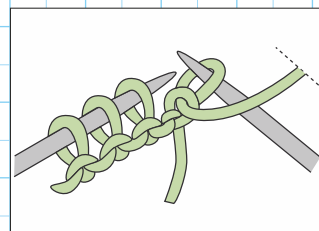
1 With the yarn to the front, insert the right-hand needle from right to left in the front of the first stitch.



2 Take the yarn up and around the right-hand needle.



3 Use the tip of the right-hand needle to pull the yarn through.



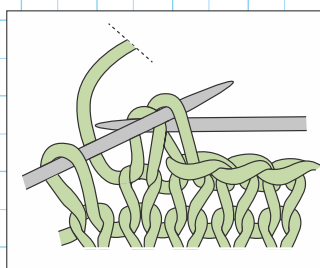
4 Slip the stitch off the left-hand needle to complete the new stitch on the right-hand needle.

Casting off

Knit two stitches, then * use the left-hand needle to lift the first stitch over the second.

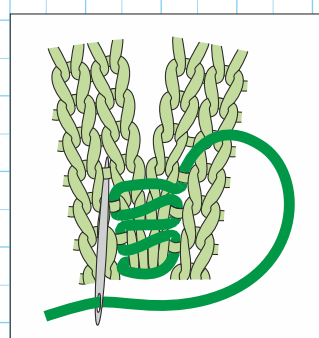
Knit the next stitch, then repeat from * until one stitch is left.

Break the yarn, take it through this stitch and draw up.

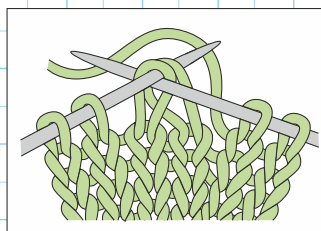


Invisible seaming

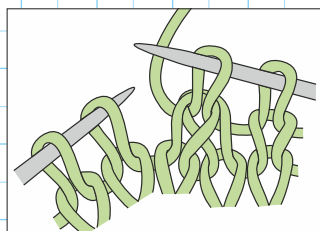
Sometimes called ladder or mattress stitch, this method of sewing up gives the neatest seams. Place the two edges together, right sides upwards and starting at the cast-on edge, take the yarn underneath the strand beside the edge stitch at one side and then the other. After a few stitches pull up the yarn to tension the seam.



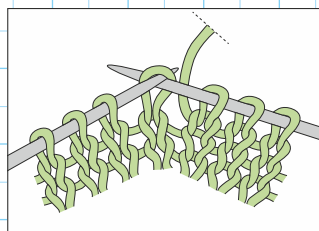
Decrease by knitting two stitches together (k2tog)



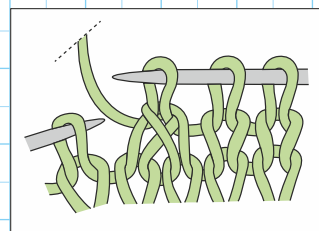
1 Insert the needle in the next two stitches knitwise (that is, through the front of the loops).



2 Yarn round needle, pull through both stitches and slip these stitches off together. The resulting decrease has the top stitch slanting to the right.

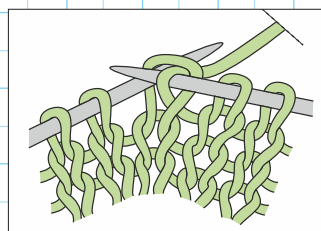


1 Insert the needle in the next stitch knitwise (through the front of the loop) to slip it on to the right-hand needle.

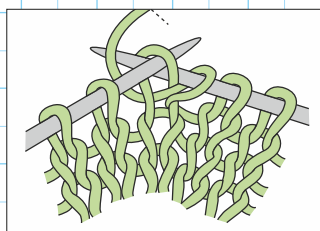


2 Knit the next stitch, then use the left-hand needle to lift the slipped stitch over the knitted one. The resulting decrease has the top stitch slanting to the left.

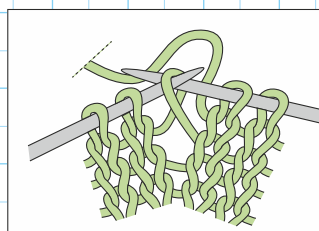
Increase by knitting in the front and then the back of one stitch (kfb)



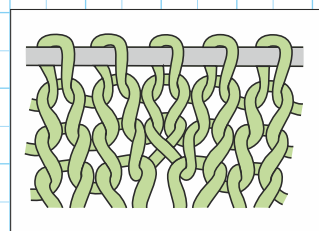
1 Knit the stitch in the usual way, but without slipping it off.



2 Take the right-hand needle to the back and knit the stitch again.



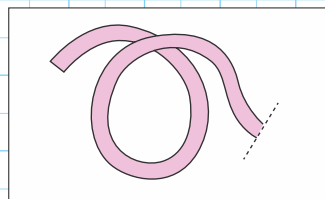
1 Pick up the strand lying between needles and knit in the back of it.



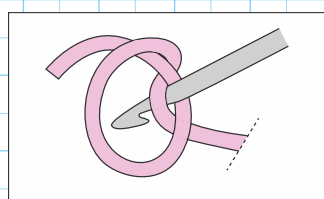
2 This makes a new stitch that fits closely between existing stitches.

Crochet Class

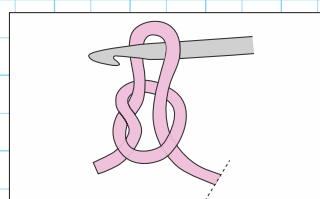
Slip knot



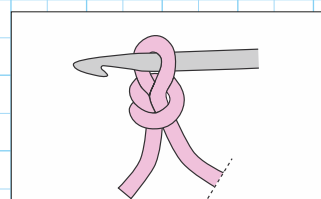
1 Loop the yarn with the ball end on top (the ball end is shown with a broken line).



2 Dip the hook into the loop, catch the ball end and pull it through the loop.



3 Pull both ends to tighten the knot.



4 Pull the ball end to bring the knot up to the hook.

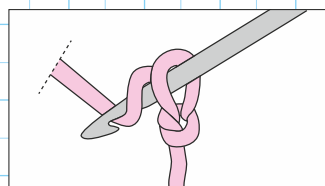
Holding the yarn and hook

Both crochet and yarn are held in the left hand, with the right hand holding the hook preferably like a pencil, but like a knife if you prefer. The work is held between thumb and first finger, with the ball end of

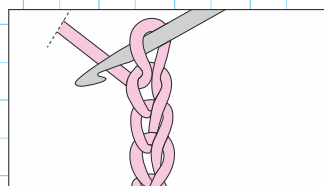
the yarn taken over the first three fingers and under the fourth, or around the fourth if necessary.

Extending the second finger holds the yarn taut for hooking.

Chain (ch)

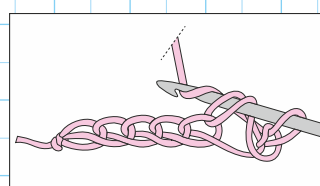


1 Twist the hook under and over the yarn – yarn round hook (yrh). Pull the yarn through the loop on hook and drop it off to make first chain.

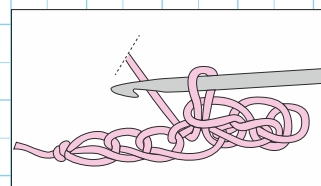


2 Continue to make chain in this way.
Each chain is made up of three strands, with the V shape the 'right side'. When counting chain don't count the loop on the hook.
At the start of a row chain will stand for the first stitch.

Slip stitch (slst)

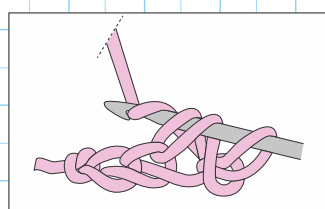


1 Make a length of chain. Insert the hook under two strands of second chain from hook and yarn round hook.

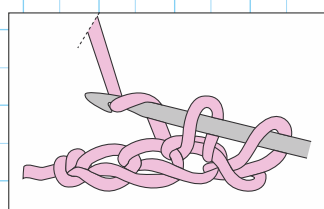


2 Pull the yarn through the chain and loop on the hook. This stitch has virtually no height.

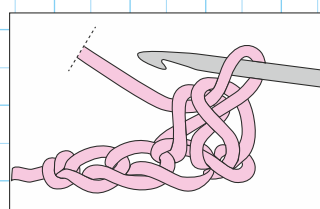
Double crochet (dc)



1 Insert the hook under the top two strands of the second chain from the hook. Yarn round hook.



2 Pull the yarn through to make loops on the hook. Yarn round hook again.

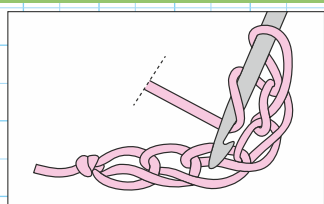


3 Pull the yarn through both loops on the hook to make one double crochet. Insert the hook in the next chain and repeat steps 1-2.

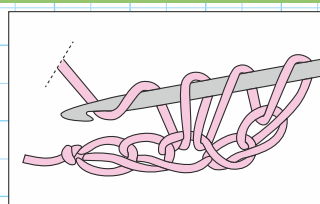
Remember not to take the yarn round hook before inserting the hook. When working into stitches always insert the hook under the top two strands of yarn unless instructed otherwise.

Half treble (htr)

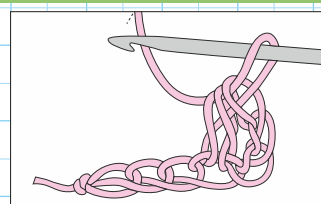
In height the half treble is halfway between a double crochet and a treble and is frequently used as a transitional stitch between the two.



1 Yarn round hook and insert the hook in the third chain from the hook.



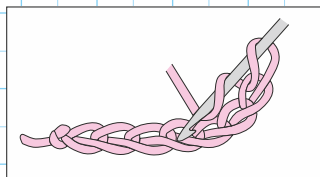
2 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through to make a loop on the hook, then yarn round hook again.



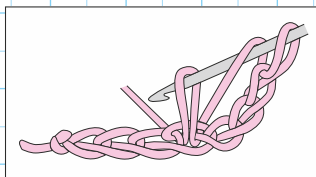
3 Pull the yarn through all three loops on the hook to complete the stitch.

Treble (tr)

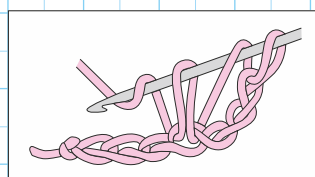
Treble stitch is twice the height of double crochet, because it has an initial yarn round hook, which requires additional steps (wraps) to complete the stitch. The height of stitches is dictated by the number of wraps worked.



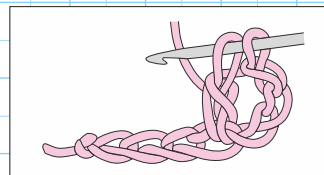
1 Yarn round hook before inserting the hook under two strands of the fourth chain from the hook.



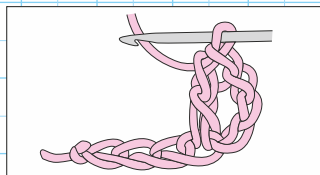
2 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through to make three loops on the hook.



3 Yarn round hook again.



4 Pull the yarn through first two loops on hook, making two loops on the hook.



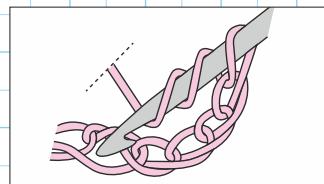
5 Yarn round hook for the last time and pull it through the remaining two loops to complete the stitch.

6 To continue making treble, yarn round hook and insert the hook in the next chain, then repeat steps 2-5. At the beginning of a row three chain usually stand in for the first treble.

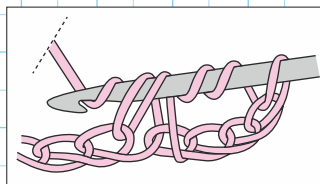
On the next row make sure that the treble following the chain is made in the second

stitch of the previous row, because if it's made in the stitch immediately below you will have made an extra stitch. The last treble of the row will be made in the top chain that started the previous row. Understanding row-end stitches will keep the edges under control.

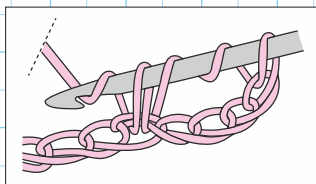
Double treble (dtr)



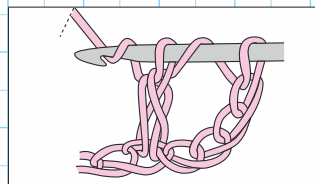
1 Yarn round the hook twice before inserting the hook under the top two strands of the fifth chain from the hook.



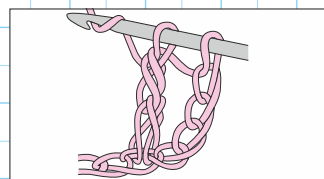
2 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through to make four loops on the hook.



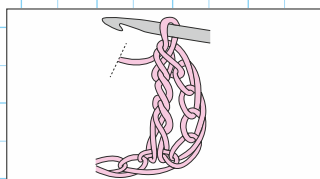
3 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through the first two loops on the hook to make three loops on the hook.



4 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through the next two loops on the hook to make two loops on the hook.



5 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through the remaining two loops on the hook.



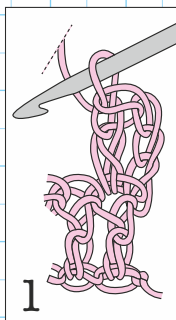
6 The finished double treble. To continue making double treble, yarn round hook twice and insert the hook in the next chain or stitch, then repeat steps 2-5.

Fastening off

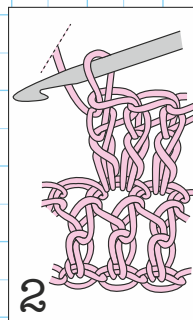
Simply break the yarn, take it through the last loop and draw it up.

Increases

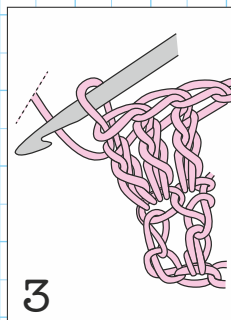
For clarity these are shown as single increases worked in treble, but the principle is the same in double crochet, double treble, etc.



1 At the beginning of a row, instead of working into the next stitch after the chain that counts as the first stitch, work into the stitch below. This increases one stitch.



2 Mid row simply work the two additional stitch, or



stitches, in the place indicated.

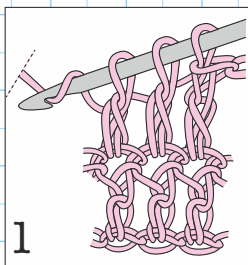
3 At the end of a row, work two stitches in the top chain that formed the first stitch of the previous row. This increases one stitch.

Decreases

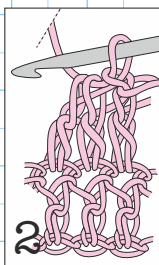
Decreases are part stitches worked into a stated number of stitches and then joined into one in the last stage of the stitch.

Decreasing one treble stitch is shown, but the principle is the same in all stitches and for any number of decreases.

1 Without making the last wrap of each make a treble in each of the next two stitches: * yarn round hook, insert hook in next stitch, yarn round hook, pull through, yarn round hook, pull it through two loops; repeat from * once, leaving three loops on the hook.



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2 Yarn round hook and pull it through all three loops on the hook.

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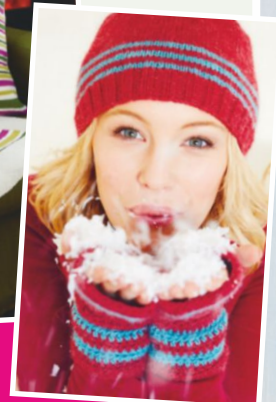


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