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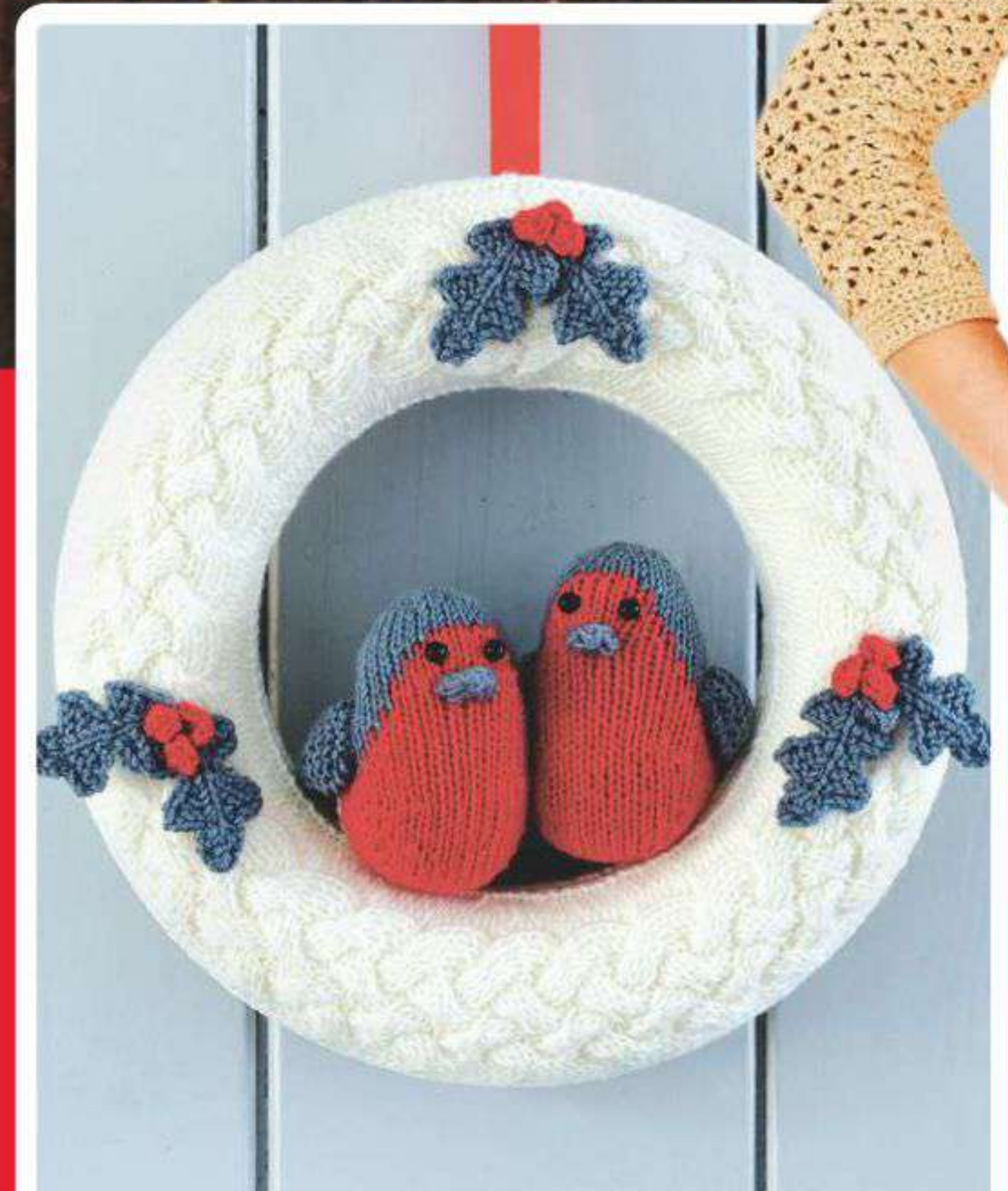
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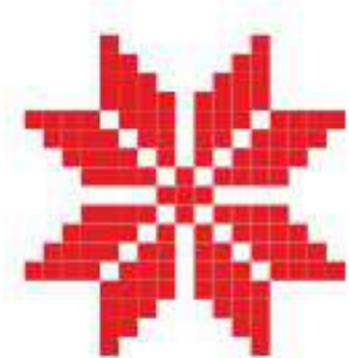
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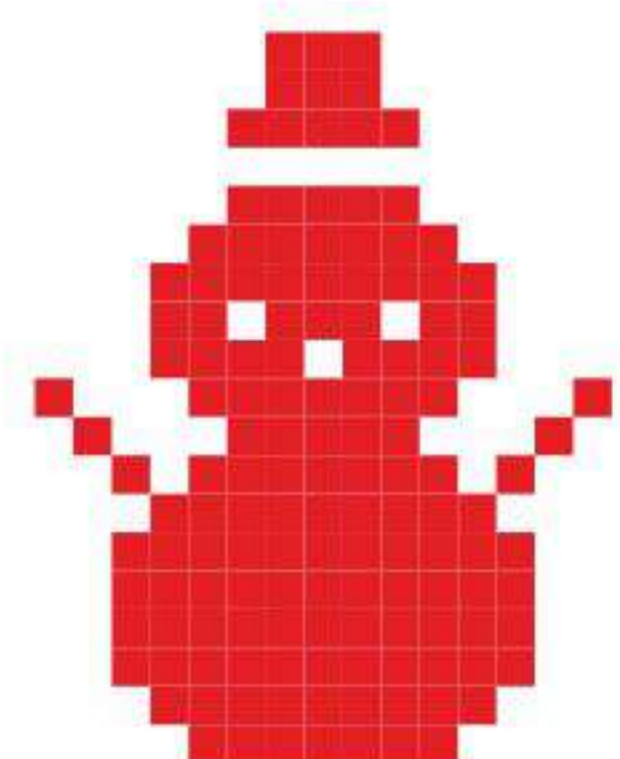


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Hello and welcome...



... to the December issue of Knitting & Crochet – with a bumper pattern collection designed especially for the forthcoming festive season.

First up, we have **six fabulous colour-popping makes** (p6) – funky collar, chic scarf, simple top, neat gilet, flattering tunic and a cross-over top. All just perfect for parties or dressed-up daytime outings.

We've not forgotten the boys – in **Take A Look At...** (p38), we've got two stylish jumpers, one striped and one plain, that he'll wear again and again.

We're focusing on festive fundraising with our annual knits to mark **Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day**. This year we have two fun designs with a Christmas pudding theme: one for babies (p46) and the other, more modern look for grown-ups (p19). Why not give this worthy cause your support on 15 December?

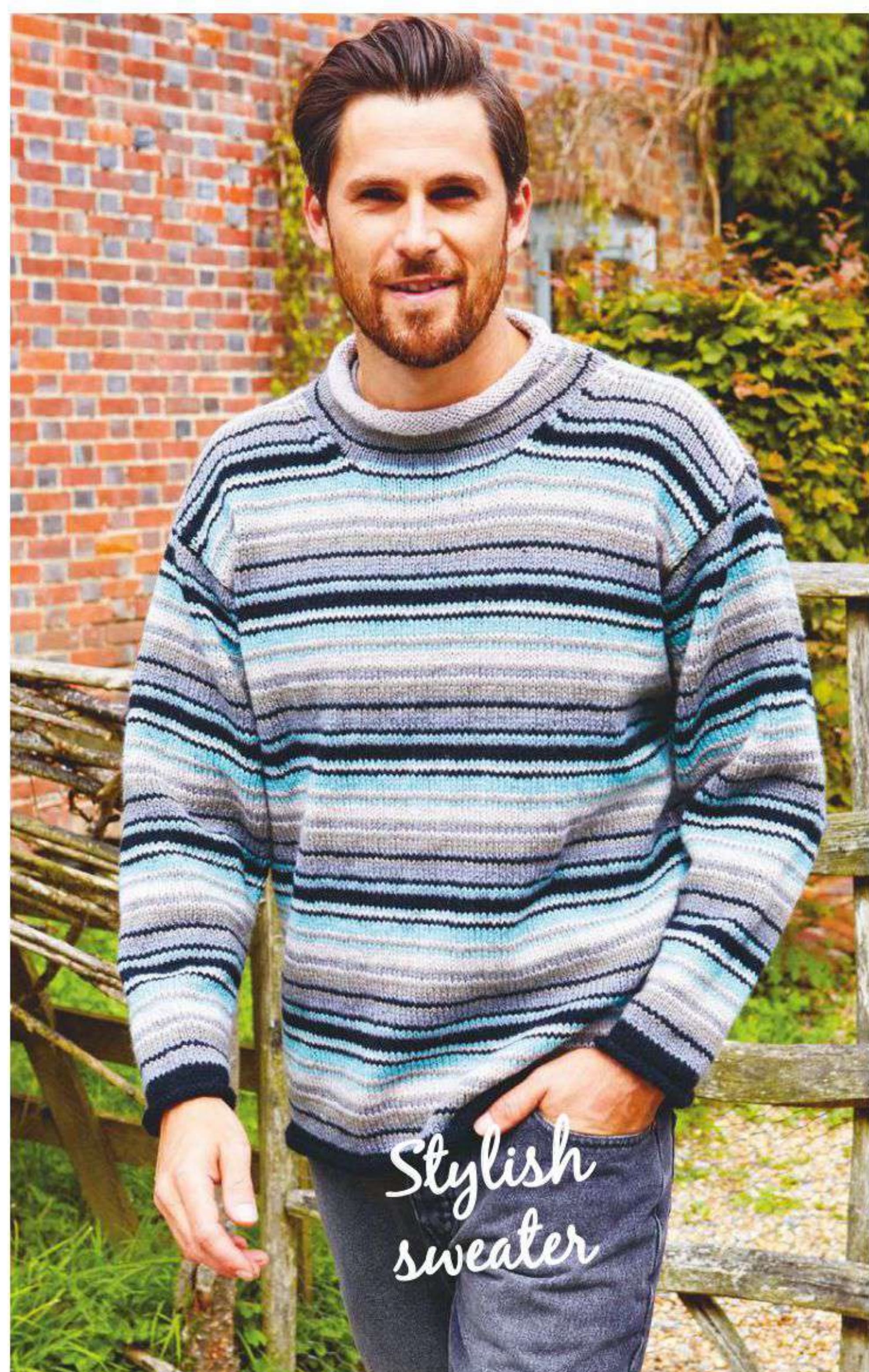
Continuing with all things Christmassy... This issue's seasonal collection (p23) offers **five great gift ideas** – one for every member of the family, including your pet! Our toy of the month is a rather **cheeky Santa** (p52), complete with chimney stocking. The best of WW is a pretty **robin-decorated wreath** (p49). And for the beginners among you, there are easy **crochet reindeer and knitted penguin toys** (p55 & 57), plus a glitzy **knitted chain** made from just one ball of yarn (p45).

Merry Christmas and a very happy new year!

Kandy

Kandy Regis, editor

PS I've just room to say farewell to you all, as this is my last issue as editor of Knitting & Crochet from Woman's Weekly. It's been my absolute pleasure to work on this fabulous title since its launch in 2014. I wish the new editor, Teresa Conway, all the very best when she takes over the reins next issue.



Stylish sweater



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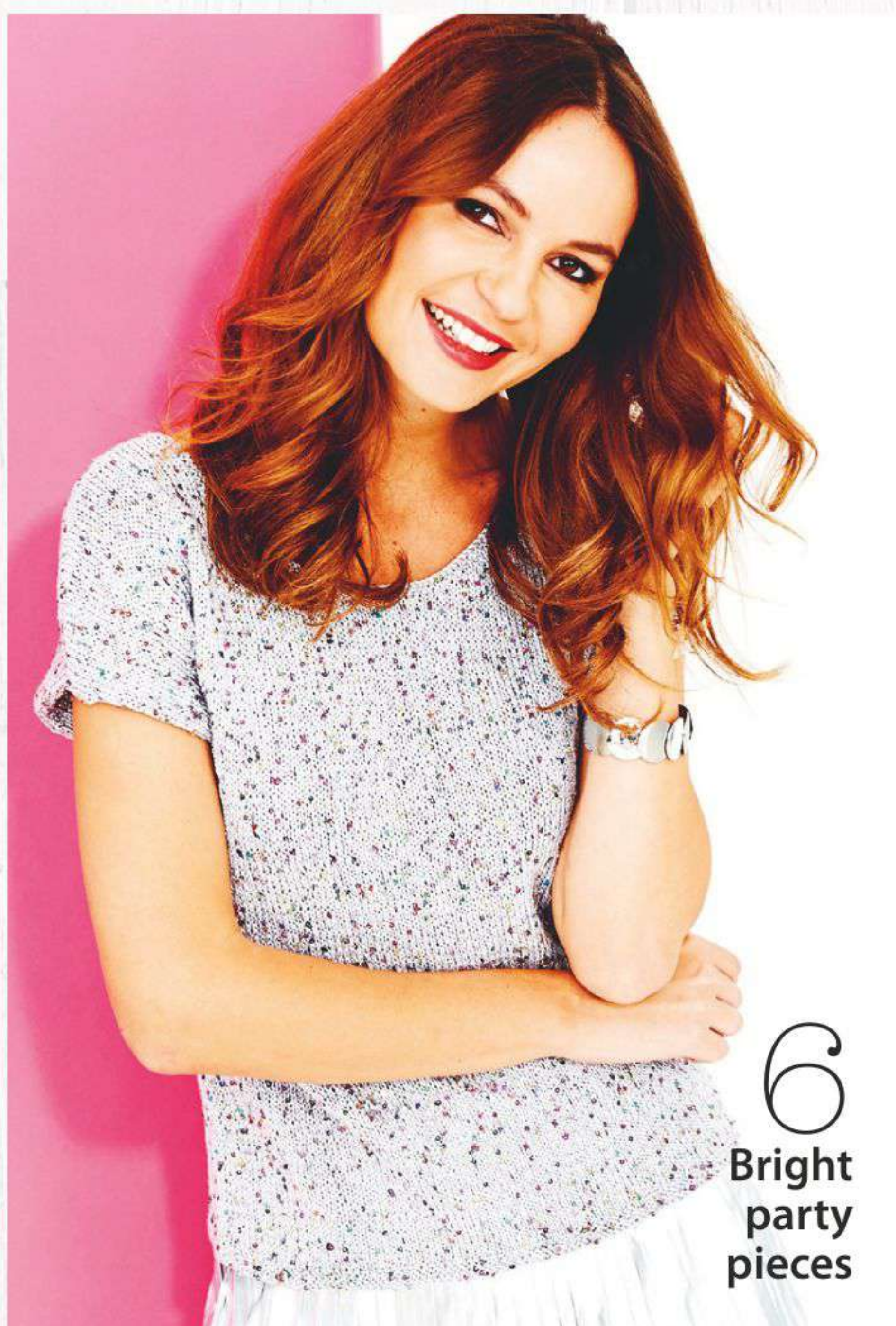
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Whether you're a seasoned *Woman's Weekly* reader or picking up our fabulous *Knitting & Crochet* magazine for the first time, we're aware that, while of course you'll love to knit and/or crochet, you'll also have different skills at different levels. 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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pieces



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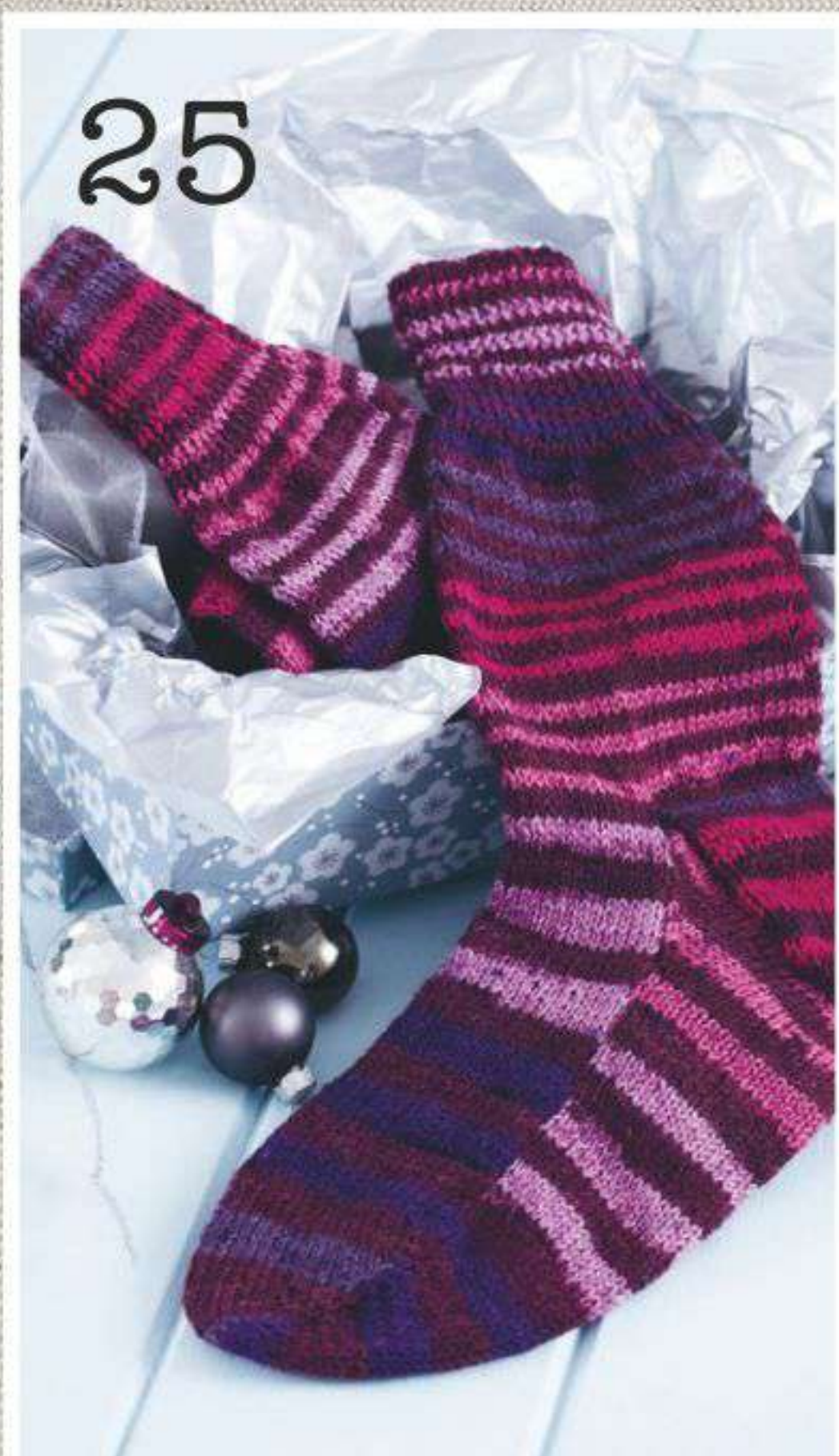
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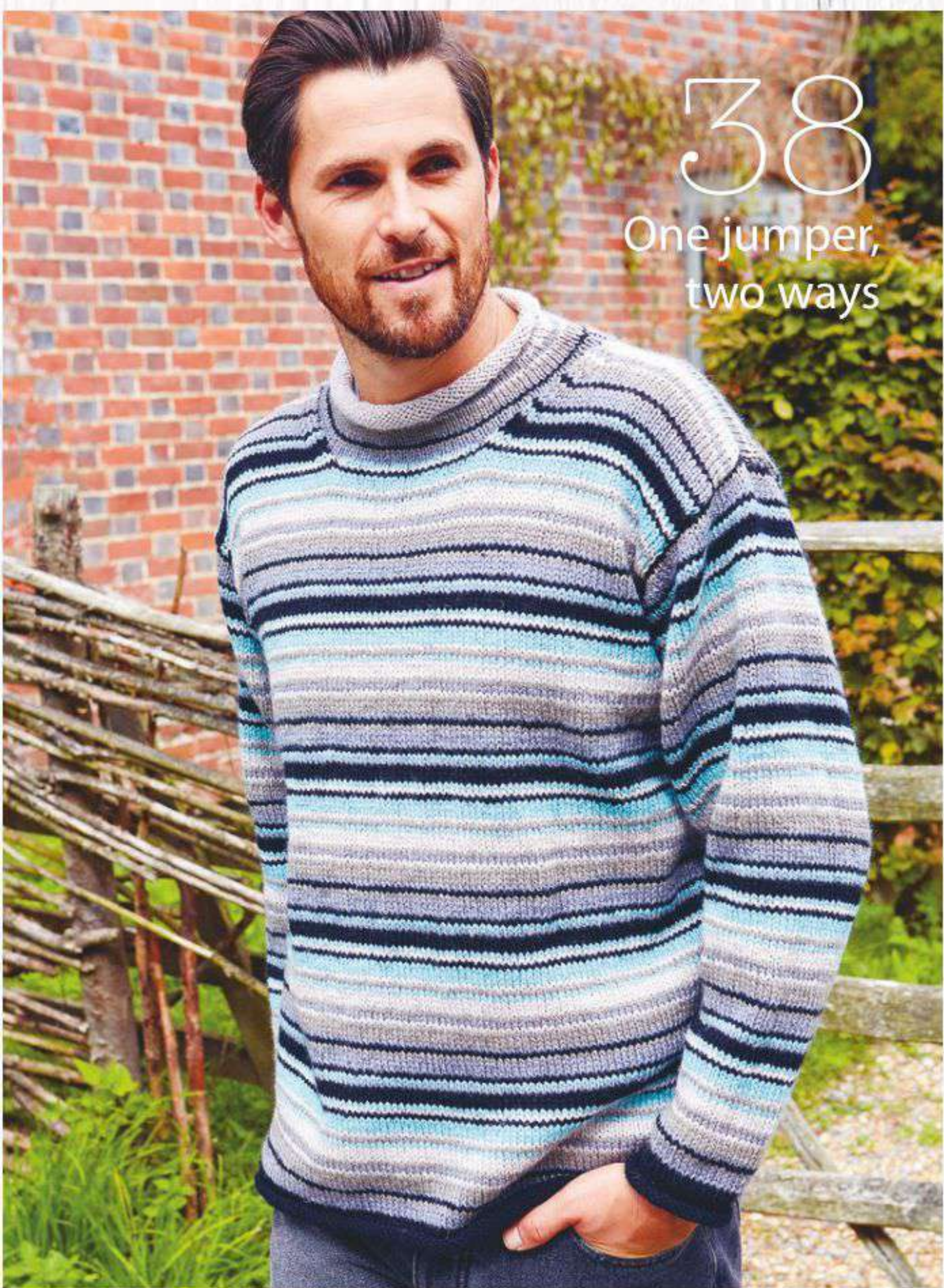
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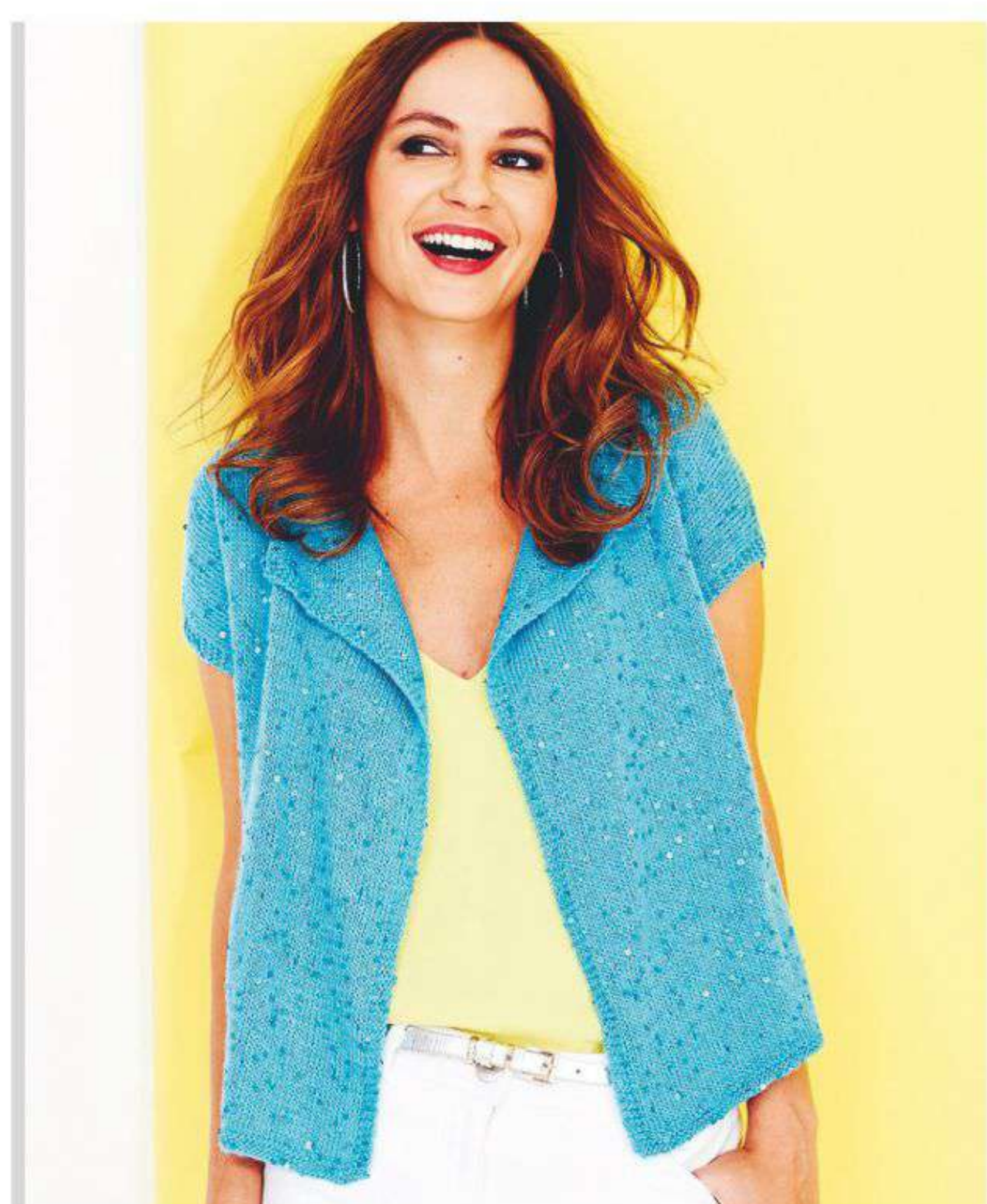
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Cross-over Top

Measurements

To fit bust 82 (86) (92) (97) (102) (107) (112) (117) cm/32 (34) (36) (38) (40) (42) (44) (46) in.

Actual measurements 85 (91) (96) (102) (107) (112) (118) (124) cm/33½ (35¾) (37¾) (40) (42) (44) (46½) (48¾) in.

Length to shoulder 54 (55) (55) (56) (56) (57) (57) (58) cm/21¼ (21¾) (21¾) (22) (22) (22½) (22½) (22¾) in.

Sleeve seam All sizes 15cm/6in.

Materials

7 (8) (8) (9) (10) (10) (11) (12) 50g (112m) balls of Wendy Celeste DK (13% mohair, 13% wool, 39% acrylic, 35% polyester) in Turquoise (Breeze 3340)*. Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles; stitch holder.

Tension

22 stitches and 31 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 4mm needles.

Abbreviations

St(s), stitch(es); **k**, knit; **p**, purl; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **rev ss**, reverse stocking st (p on right side and k on wrong side); **dec**, decrease, by working k2tog on k row and p2tog on p row; **k2tog**, k 2 sts together (to decrease 1 st); **p2tog**, p 2 sts together (to decrease 1 st); **p2togb**, p2tog through back of sts (to decrease 1 st); **skpo**, slip 1 st, k 1 st, pass slipped st over the knitted st (to decrease 1 st); **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and work into the back of it (to increase 1 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 and side fronts

With 4mm needles, cast on 116 (124) (132) (140) (148) (156) (164) (172) sts.

1st row: K58 (62) (66) (70) (74) (78) (82) (86), p58 (62) (66) (70) (74) (78) (82) (86).

2nd row: K58 (62) (66) (70) (74) (78) (82) (86), p58 (62) (66) (70) (74) (78) (82) (86). These 2 rows form the ss and rev ss pattern. Pattern a further 98 rows.

Shape right front armholes: 1st row: K8 (9) (9) (10) (10) (11) (11) (12), turn and work on these sts for right front and slip remaining 108 (115) (123) (130) (138) (145) (153) (160) sts onto a st holder for back and left front.

Next row: P to end.

Decrease row: K to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 7 (8) (8) (9) (9) (10) (10) (11) sts.

Repeat the last 2 rows another 6 (7) (7) (8) (8) (9) (9) (10) times – 1 st.

Fasten off.

Back: With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining sts, cast off 8 (8) (10) (10) (12) (12) (14) (14) which leaves one loop on right needle, pattern next 83 (89) (93) (99) (103) (109) (113) (119) sts, turn and work on these 84 (90) (94) (100) (104) (110) (114) (120) sts for back and slip remaining 16 (17) (19) (20) (22) (23) (25) (26) sts onto a st holder for left front.

Next row: Pattern to end.

Decrease row: K1, skpo, pattern to last 3 sts, p2tog, p1 – 82 (88) (92) (98) (102) (108) (112) (118) sts.

Next row: Pattern to end.

Repeat the last 2 rows another 6 (7) (7) (8) (8) (9) (9) (10) times – 70 (74) (78) (82) (86) (90) (94) (98) sts.

Pattern a further 40 rows.

Shape shoulders: Cast off 14 (15) (16) (17) (18) (19) (20) (21) sts at beginning of next 2 rows. Cast off remaining 42 (44) (46) (48) (50) (52) (54) (56) sts.

Left front: With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining sts, cast off 8 (8) (10) (10) (12) (12) (14) (14), p to end – 8 (9) (9) (10) (10) (11) (11) (12) sts.

Next row: K to end.

Decrease row: P1, p2tog, p to end – 7 (8) (8) (9) (9) (10) (10) (11) sts.

Repeat the last 2 rows another 6 (7) (7) (8) (8) (9) (9) (10) times – 1 st.

Fasten off.

Front

With 4mm needles, cast on 132 (136) (140) (144) (148) (152) (156) (160) sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 156 (158) (160) (162) (164) (166) (168) (170) rows.

Cast off.

Right sleeve

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 58 (60) (62) (64) (66) (68) (70) (72) sts.

K 5 rows.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, continue in ss thus:

** Ss 2 rows.

Increase row: K3, up1, k to last 3 sts, up1, k3 – 60 (62) (64) (66) (68) (70) (72) (74) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 5 rows.

Repeat the last 6 rows another 4 times, then repeat the increase row again – 70 (72) (74) (76) (78) (80) (82) (84) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 5 rows.

Shape top: Cast off 5 (5) (6) (6) (7) (7) (8) (8) sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 60 (62) (62) (64) (64) (66) (66) (68) sts.

Decrease row: K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 58 (60) (60) (62) (62) (64) (64) (66) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows.

Repeat the last 4 rows another 4 times – 50 (52) (52) (54) (54) (56) (56) (58) sts.

Decrease row: K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 48 (50) (50) (52) (52) (54) (54) (56) sts.

Next row: P to end.

Repeat the last 2 rows another 5 (6) (6) (7) (7) (8) (8) (9) times – 38 sts.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 4 rows – 30 sts.

Cast off 3 sts at beginning of next 4 rows – 18 sts.

Cast off.

Left sleeve

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 58 (60) (62) (64) (66) (68) (70) (72) sts.

K 5 rows.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a p row, continue in rev ss and work as given for right sleeve from **, reading k for p and p for k. For decrease rows, read p2tog for skpo and p2togb for k2tog.

To make up

Press according to ball band. Join right shoulder seam of back and front pieces. Join right front side and front seam from cast-on edges to top of right front armhole shaping.

Bringing cast-on edge of front up to back left shoulder and creating cross-over, join left shoulder seam, and then join left front side and front seam. Join sleeve seams. Sew in sleeves.



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Scoop-neck Top

Measurements

To fit bust sizes 82 (86) (92) (97) (102) (107) (112) (117) cm/32 (34) (36) (38) (40) (42) (44) (46) in.

Actual measurements 89 (94) (100) (105) (111) (116) (121) (126) cm/35 (37) (39½) (41¼) (43¾) (45½) (47½) (49½) in.

Length to shoulder 50 (51) (52) (53) (54) (55) (56) (57) cm/19¾ (20) (20½) (21) (21¼) (21½) (22) (22½) in.

Side seam 32 (33) (33) (34) (34) (35) (35) (36) cm/12½ (13) (13) (13½) (13½) (13¾) (13¾) (14¼) in.

Sleeve seam All sizes 8cm/3¼in.

Materials

4 (4) (5) (5) (5) (6) (6) (6) 50g (158m) balls of King Cole Giza 4ply (100% cotton) in Silver (2193) and 2 (2) (3) (3) (3) (3) (3) 25g (393m) balls of King Cole Cosmos (76% glitter yarn, 24% payette) in Silver (Starburst 1100)*. Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles; 2 stitch holders.

Tension

22 stitches and 30 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 4mm needles and one strand of each yarn held together.

Abbreviations

St(s), stitch(es); **k**, knit; **p**, purl; **ss**, stocking stitch (k on right side and p on wrong side); **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and k into back of it (to increase 1 st); **dec**, decrease 1 st, by working k2tog on k row and p2tog on p row; **sl**, slip.

Note

Use one strand of each yarn together. 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.

Back and front

(both alike)

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 97 (103) (109) (115) (121) (127) (133) (139) sts. K 5 rows.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row work in ss until work measures 32 (33) (33) (34) (34) (35) (35) (36) cm from cast-on edge, ending with a p row.

Shape cap sleeves: 1st row: Cast on 6 sts, k to end.

2nd row: Cast on 6 sts, p to end – 109 (115) (121) (127) (133) (139) (145) (151) sts.

3rd row: K8, up1, k to last 8 sts, up1, k8 – 111 (117) (123) (129) (135) (141) (147) (153) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows.

Next row: K9, up1, k to last 9 sts, up1, k9 – 113 (119) (125) (131) (137) (143) (149) (155) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows.

Next row: K10, up1, k to last 10 sts, up1, k10 – 115 (121) (127) (133) (139) (145) (151) (157) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows.

Continue to increase in this way on next row and 4 following 4th rows, working one more st before 1st increase and after 2nd increase as before, thus ending with a right side row – 125 (131) (137) (143) (149) (155) (161) (167) sts.

Next row: P.

Shape neck: Next row: K56 (58) (60) (62) (64) (66) (68) (70), turn and work on these sts for first side of neck shaping.

Next row: Cast off 2 sts, p to end – 54 (56) (58) (60) (62) (64) (66) (68) sts.

Continue to increase at sleeve edge on next row and 3 following 4th rows and at the same time cast off 2 sts at beginning of next and 2 following wrong side rows, thus ending with a right side row – 52 (54) (56) (58) (60) (62) (64) (66) sts.

Next row: P.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 12 rows – 40 (42) (44) (46) (48) (50) (52) (54) sts. Ss a further 0 (0) (2) (2) (4) (4) (6) (6) rows.

Shape upper arm: Cast off 4 sts at beginning of next and 5 following right side rows – 16 (18) (20) (22) (24) (26) (28) (30) sts.

Next row: P.

Shape shoulder: Next row: Cast off 8 (9) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) sts, k to end – 8 (9) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) sts.

Next row: P.

Cast off remaining 8 (9) (10) (11) (12) (13)

(14) (15) sts.

With right side facing, slip centre 13 (15) (17) (19) (21) (23) (25) (27) sts onto a st holder, rejoin yarn to remaining sts, k to end.

Next row: P.

Continue to increase at sleeve edge on next row and 3 following 4th rows and at the same time cast off 2 sts at beginning of next row and 3 following right side rows, thus ending with a right side row. Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 12 rows – 40 (42) (44) (46) (48) (50) (52) (54) sts. Work a further 0 (0) (2) (2) (4) (4) (6) (6) rows.

Shape upper arm: Cast off 4 sts at beginning of next row and 5 following wrong side rows.

Next row: K.

Shape shoulder: Next row: Cast off 8 (9) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) sts, p to end.

Next row: K.

Cast off remaining 8 (9) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) sts.

Neck edging

Join right shoulder and upper arm seam. With right side facing and 3¼mm needles, pick up and k34 (34) (36) (36) (37) (37) (39) (39) sts down left side of front neck, k13 (15) (17) (19) (21) (23) (25) (27) from front neck st holder, pick up and k34 (34) (36) (36) (37) (37) (39) (39) sts up right side of front neck, pick up and k34 (34) (36) (36) (37) (37) (39) (39) sts down right side of back neck, k13 (15) (17) (19) (21) (23) (25) (27) from back neck st holder, pick up and k34 (34) (36) (36) (37) (37) (39) (39) sts up left side of back neck – 162 (166) (178) (182) (190) (194) (206) (210) sts.

K 2 rows.

Cast off.

Arm edging

Join left shoulder, upper arm and neckband seam.

With right side facing and 3¼mm needles, pick up and k72 (72) (75) (75) (78) (78) (81) (81) sts evenly around armhole edge.

K 2 rows.

Cast off.

To make up

Press according to ball band. Join side and sleeve seams.



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Waterfall Cardigan

Measurements

To fit bust sizes 82 (86) (92) (97) (102) (107) (112) (117) cm/32 (34) (36) (38) (40) (42) (44) (46) in.

Actual measurements 89 (94) (100) (105) (111) (116) (121) (126) cm/35 (37) (39½) (41¼) (43¾) (45½) (47½) (49½) in.

Length to shoulder 50 (51) (52) (53) (54) (55) (56) (57) cm/19¾ (20) (20½) (21) (21¼) (21½) (22) (22½) in.

Side seam 32 (33) (33) (34) (34) (35) (35) (36) cm/12½ (13) (13) (13½) (13½) (13¾) (13¾) (14¼) in.

Sleeve seam All sizes 5½cm/2¼in.

Materials

4 (4) (5) (5) (5) (6) (6) (6) 50g (175m) balls of King Cole Galaxy DK (65% acrylic, 31% wool, 4% soft payette) in Turquoise (1628)*. Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles.

Tension

22 stitches and 30 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 4mm needles.

Abbreviations

St(s), stitch(es); **k**, knit; **p**, purl; **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 sizes.

Back

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 97 (103) (109) (115) (121) (127) (133) (139) sts.

K 5 rows.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, work in ss until back measures 32 (33) (33) (34) (34) (35) (35) (36) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape sleeves: Cast on 6 sts at beginning of next 4 rows – 121 (127) (133) (139) (145) (151) (157) (163) sts.

1st row: K to end.

2nd row: K4, p to last 4 sts, k4.

These 2 rows form pattern. Pattern until back measures 46 (47) (48) (49) (50) (51) (52) (53) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape upper arm: Cast off 4 sts at beginning of next 12 rows – 73 (79) (85) (91) (97) (103) (109) (115) sts.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 8 (9) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) sts at beginning of next 4 rows – 41 (43) (45) (47) (49) (51) (53) (55) sts.

Leave sts on a spare needle.

Left front

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 69 (73) (77) (81) (85) (89) (93) (97) sts.

K 5 rows.

Change to 4mm needles.

1st row: K to end.

2nd row: K4, p to end.

These 2 rows form pattern. Pattern until front measures 32 (33) (33) (34) (34) (35) (35) (36) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape sleeve: Cast on 6 sts at beginning of next and following right side row – 81 (85) (89) (93) (97) (101) (105) (109) sts.

1st row: K4, p to last 4 sts, k4.

2nd row (right side): K to end.

These 2 rows form pattern. Pattern until front measures 46 (47) (48) (49) (50) (51) (52) (53) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape upper arm: Cast off 4 sts at beginning of next and 5 following right side rows – 57 (61) (65) (69) (73) (77) (81) (85) sts.

Work 1 row.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 8 (9) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) sts, k to end.

Work 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows once more – 41 (43) (45) (47) (49) (51) (53) (55) sts.

Leave sts on a spare needle.

Right front

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 69 (73) (77) (81) (85) (89) (93) (97) sts.

K 5 rows.

Change to 4mm needles.

1st row: K to end.

2nd row: P to last 4 sts, k4.

These 2 rows form pattern. Pattern until front measures 32 (33) (33) (34) (34) (35) (35) (36) cm from beginning, ending with a right side row.

Shape sleeve: Cast on 6 sts at beginning of next and following wrong side row – 81 (85) (89) (93) (97) (101) (105) (109) sts.

1st row: K to end.

2nd row: K4, p to last 4 sts, k4.

These 2 rows form pattern. Pattern until front measures 46 (47) (48) (49) (50) (51) (52) (53) cm from beginning, ending with a right side row.

Shape upper arm: Cast off 4 sts at beginning of next and 5 following wrong side rows – 57 (61) (65) (69) (73) (77) (81) (85) sts.

Work 1 row.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 8 (9) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) sts, p to last 4 sts, k4.

Work 1 row.

Next row: Cast off 8 (9) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) sts, p to last 4 sts, k4 – 41 (43) (45) (47) (49) (51) (53) (55) sts.

Leave sts on a spare needle.

Neckband

With right side facing and using 3¼mm needles, k41 (43) (45) (47) (49) (51) (53) (55) sts from right front, then k41 (43) (45) (47) (49) (51) (53) (55) sts from back neck and k41 (43) (45) (47) (49) (51) (53) (55) sts from left front – 123 (129) (135) (141) (147) (153) (159) (165) sts.

K 4 rows.

Cast off.

To make up

Press according to ball band. Join shoulder and upper arm seams. Join side and sleeve seams.



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Shoulder Cape

Measurements

To fit sizes small (medium) (large).

Actual measurements

Neck 45.75 (45.75) (45.75) cm/18 (18) (18) in.

Depth 22 (27) (32) cm/10½ (11½) (12½) in.

Lower edge circumference 119.25 (129.5) (139.75) cm/47 (51) (55) in.

Materials

4 (4) (4) 50g (90m) balls King Cole Moments (100% polyester) in Yellow (1610)*. Pair of 3¾mm (No. 9) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles; 1 large hook and eye.

Tension

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

Abbreviations

St(s), stitch(es); **k**, knit; **p**, purl; **ss**, stocking stitch (k on right side and p on wrong side); **skpo**, slip 1 st, k 1 st, pass slipped st over the knitted st (to decrease 1 st); **k2tog**, k 2 sts together (to decrease 1 st); **nil**, meaning nothing is worked here for this size; **gst**, garter stitch (every row k).

Note

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Back

With 3¾mm needles, cast on 132 (144) (156) sts.

K 3 rows.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 6 (4) (2) rows.

1st decrease row: K12, [skpo, k14 (16) (18), k2tog] 6 times, k12 – 120 (132) (144) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 9 rows.

2nd decrease row: K12, [skpo, k12 (14) (16), k2tog] 6 times, k12 – 108 (120) (132) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 9 rows.

3rd decrease row: K12, [skpo, k10 (12) (14), k2tog] 6 times, k12 – 96 (108) (120) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 9 rows.

4th decrease row: K12, [skpo, k8 (10) (12), k2tog] 6 times, k12 – 84 (96) (108) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 9 rows.

5th decrease row: K12, [skpo, k6 (8) (10), k2tog] 6 times, k12 – 72 (84) (96) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 9 rows.

6th decrease row: K12, [skpo, k4 (6) (8), k2tog] 6 times, k12 – 60 (72) (84) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 9 rows.

7th decrease row: K12, [skpo, k2 (4) (6), k2tog] 6 times, k12 – 48 (60) (72) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows.

2nd and 3rd sizes only

8th decrease row: K12, [skpo, knil (2) (4), k2tog] 6 times, k12 – 48 (48) (60) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows.

3rd size only

9th decrease row: K12, [skpo, knil (nil) (2), k2tog] 6 times, k12 – 48 (48) (48) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows.

All sizes

Change to 3¾mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 3 rows.

Cast off.

Left front

With 3¾mm needles, cast on 66 (72) (78) sts.

K 3 rows.

Change to 4mm needles.

1st row: K.

2nd row: K4, p to end.

These 2 rows set the ss with gst edging. Repeat these 2 rows another 2 (1) (nil) times.

**** 1st decrease row:** K6, [skpo, k14 (16) (18), k2tog] 3 times, k6 – 60 (66) (72) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 9 rows, maintaining gst edging (here and throughout).

2nd decrease row: K6, [skpo, k12 (14) (16), k2tog] 3 times, k6 – 54 (60) (66) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 9 rows.

3rd decrease row: K6, [skpo, k10 (12) (14), k2tog] 3 times, k6 – 48 (54) (60) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 9 rows.

4th decrease row: K6, [skpo, k8 (10) (12), k2tog] 3 times, k6 – 42 (48) (54) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 9 rows.

5th decrease row: K6, [skpo, k6 (8) (10), k2tog] 3 times, k12 – 36 (42) (48) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 9 rows.

6th decrease row: K6, [skpo, k4 (6) (8), k2tog] 3 times, k6 – 30 (36) (42) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 9 rows.

7th decrease row: K6, [skpo, k2 (4) (6), k2tog] 3 times, k6 – 24 (30) (36) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows.

2nd and 3rd sizes only

8th decrease row: K6, [skpo, knil (2) (4), k2tog] 3 times, k6 – 24 (24) (30) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows.

3rd size only

9th decrease row: K6, [skpo, knil (nil) (2), k2tog] 3 times, k6 – 24 (24) (24) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows.

All sizes

Change to 3¾mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 3 rows.

Cast off. **

Right front

With 3¾mm needles, cast on 66 (72) (78) sts.

K 3 rows.

Change to 4mm needles.

1st row: K.

2nd row: P to last 4 sts, k4.

These 2 rows set the ss with gst edging. Repeat these 2 rows another 2 (1) (nil) times.

Work as given for left front from ** to **, maintaining gst edging.

To make up

Join side seams. Sew on hook and eye.



- ☒ EASY PEASY
- ☐ A BIT MORE TRICKY
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Simple Top

Measurements

To fit bust sizes 82 (86) (92) (97) (102) (107) (112) cm/32 (34) (36) (38) (40) (42) (44) in.

Actual measurements 89 (95) (100) (105) (111) (116) (122) cm/35 (37½) (39¼) (43¼) (43¾) (45½) (48) in.

Length to shoulder 65 (66) (67) (68) (69) (70) (71) cm/25½ (25¾) (26¼) (26½) (27) (27½) (27¾) in.

Sleeve seam 46cm/18in.

Side seam All sizes 53cm/20¾in.

Materials

5 (5) (5) (5) (6) (6) (6) 25g (200m) balls of Wendy Air (70% kid mohair, 30% nylon) in Lime Green (Daisy 2616)*. Pair of 4½mm (No. 7) and 5mm (No. 6) knitting needles; 2 stitch holders; 4 removable markers or waste yarn in a contrast colour.

Tension

18 stitches and 24 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 5mm needles.

Abbreviations

St(s), stitch(es); **k**, knit; **p**, purl; **gst**, garter stitch (every row k); **ss**, stocking stitch (k on right side and p on wrong side); **skpo**, slip 1 st, k 1 st, pass slipped st over the knitted st (to decrease 1 st); **k2tog**, k 2 sts together (to decrease 1 st); **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and k into back of it (to increase 1 st); **inc**, increase (by working into same st twice).

Note

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Back

With 4½mm needles, cast on 106 (111) (116) (121) (126) (131) (136) sts.

Gst 5 rows.

Change to 5mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.

Decrease row: K10, skpo, k to last 12 sts, k2tog, k10 – 104 (109) (114) (119) (124) (129) (134) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 9 rows.

Repeat the last 10 rows another 10 times then repeat the decrease row once more – 82 (87) (92) (97) (102) (107) (112) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 7 rows.

Shape armholes: Cast off 7 sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 68 (73) (78) (83) (88) (93) (98) sts.

Next row: K2, skpo, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 – 66 (71) (76) (81) (86) (91) (96) sts.

Next row: P.

Repeat the last 2 rows another 4 (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10) times – 58 (61) (64) (67) (70) (73) (76) sts. **

Continue in ss until armhole measures 19 (20) (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) cm, ending with a p row.

Shape shoulders: Cast off 11 (12) (13) (14) (15) (16) (17) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Slip remaining 36 (37) (38) (39) (40) (41) (42) sts onto a st holder.

Front

Work as given for back to **.

Continue in ss until 24 rows fewer have been worked than on back to shoulder shaping.

Shape left neck: Next row: K19 (20) (21) (22) (23) (24) (25), skpo, turn and work on these sts only for first side of neck shaping – 20 (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) (26) sts.

Next row: P.

Next row: K to last 2 sts, skpo – 19 (20) (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) sts.

Repeat the last 2 rows another 8 times – 11 (12) (13) (14) (15) (16) (17) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 5 rows.

Cast off.

With right side facing, slip centre 16 (17) (18) (19) (20) (21) (22) sts onto a stitch holder, rejoin yarn to remaining 21 (22) (23) (24) (25) (26) (27) sts, k2tog, k to end – 20 (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) (26) sts.

Next row: P.

Next row: K2tog, k to end.

Repeat the last 2 rows another 8 times – 11 (12) (13) (14) (15) (16) (17) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 5 rows.

Cast off.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 4½mm needles, cast on 32 (35) (38) (41) (44) (47) (50) sts.

Gst 3 rows.

Change to 5mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 12 rows.

Increase row: K3, up1, k to last 3 sts, up1, k3 – 34 (37) (40) (43) (46) (49) (52) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 13 rows.

Repeat the last 14 rows another 5 times, then repeat the increase row once more – 46 (49) (52) (55) (58) (61) (64) sts.

Continue in ss until sleeve measures 46cm from beginning, ending with a p row.

Mark each end of last row with removable markers or waste yarn in a contrast colour.

Ss another 10 rows.

Decrease row: K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 44 (47) (50) (53) (56) (59) (62) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows.

Repeat the last 4 rows twice more – 40 (43) (46) (49) (52) (55) (58) sts.

Next row: K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 38 (41) (44) (47) (50) (53) (56) sts.

Next row: P.

Repeat the last 2 rows another 11 (12) (13) (14) (15) (16) (17) times – 16 (17) (18) (19) (20) (21) (22) sts.

Cast off 3 sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 10 (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) (16) sts.

Cast off.

Neck edging

Join right shoulder seam.

With right side facing, using 4½mm needles, pick up and k24 sts down left side of front neck, k16 (17) (18) (19) (20) (21) (22) sts from front neck holder, pick up and k24 sts up right side of front neck, k36 (37) (38) (39) (40) (41) (42) sts from back neck holder – 100 (102) (104) (106) (108) (110) (112) sts.

Gst 2 rows.

Cast off.

To make up

Join left shoulder and neckband seam. Join side seams. Join each sleeve seam from cast-on edge to marked row. Sew in sleeves.



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KNITTING

Garter-stitch Scarf

Measurements

Approximately 11 x 193cm/4½ x 76in from tip to tip.

Materials

2 x 50g (107m) balls of Stylecraft Mystique (70% polyester, 30% viscose) in Bright Pink (Fuxia 2562)*. Pair of 8mm (No. 0) knitting needles.

Tension

12 stitches and 24 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over garter stitch measured on bias, using 8mm needles.

Abbreviations

St(s), stitch(es); **k**, knit; **inc**, increase (by knitting twice into same st); **k2tog**, k 2 sts together (to decrease 1 st).

Note

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

Photos: Liz McAulay. Stylist: Anne Hartnett. Hair and make-up: Sarah Jane Green. *Yarn subject to availability

To make

With 8mm needles, cast on 25 sts.

1st row: K.

2nd row: Inc, k to last 2 sts, k2tog.

The last 2 rows form the pattern. Pattern until scarf measures approximately 172cm from the shorter end of the cast-on edge, ending with a 2nd row. Cast off. Note that the bias knitting will add extra length to your scarf as the cast on and cast off stitches create a diagonal edge.

To make up

Press according to ball band.



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WHAT'S TRENDING

Festive Fundraising

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Myleene Klass, singer and presenter



Save the Children



CHRISTMAS PUDDING JUMPER

Measurements

To fit bust 82 (86) (92) (97) (102) (107) (112) (117) cm/32 (34) (36) (38) (40) (42) (44) (46) in.

Actual measurements 94 (100) (106) (113) (120) (126) (133) (140) cm/37 (39½) (41¾) (44½) (47¼) (49½) (52½) (55) in.

Side seam All sizes 44cm/17¼in.

Length to shoulder 65 (66) (67) (68½) (69½) (71) (72) (73½) cm/25½ (26) (26½) (27) (27½) (28) (28½) (29) in.

Sleeve length All sizes 45cm/17¾in.

Materials

11 (11) (12) (12) (13) (13) (14) (14) 50g (80m) balls of King Cole Merino Blend Aran (100% wool) in Grey (Clerical 1767) and 2 (2) (3) (3) (3) (4) (4) (4) in Cream (Aran 776)*. Small amounts of King Cole Merino Blend DK (100% wool) in each of Green (Bottle 33) and Red (Cranberry 703)*. Pair of 4½mm (No. 7) and 5mm (No. 6) straight and circular knitting needles; pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) knitting needles; brooch back; stitch holder.

Tension

18 stitches and 24 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 5mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st(s)**, stitch(es); **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **ytf**, bring yarn to front of work; **ytb**, take yarn to back of work; **sl**, slip; **skpo**, sl 1 st, k 1 st, pass slipped st over the knitted st (to decrease 1 st); **k2tog**, k 2 sts together (to decrease 1 st); **p2tog**, p 2 sts together (to decrease 1 st); **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and work into back of it; **nil**, meaning nothing worked for this size; **wrap 1 (on a k row)**, ytf, sl 1, ytb, place slipped st back on left-hand needle, on following k row, using right-hand needle, pick up the wrap and knit it together with the wrapped stitch; **wrap 1 (on a p row)**, ytb, sl 1, ytf, place slipped st back on left-hand needle, on following p row, using right-hand needle, pick up the wrap and purl it together with the wrapped stitch; **dec**, decrease by working k2tog.

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holder, rejoin yarn to remaining sts and k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 – 24 sts.

Next row: P to last st, sl 1.

Decrease row: Cast off 3 sts, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 – 20 sts.

Repeat the last 2 rows last 2 rows another 4 times – 4 sts.

Next row: P2tog, p2 – 3 sts.

Cast off the remaining sts.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 4½mm needles and Grey, cast on 34 (38) (42) (46) (50) (54) (58) (62) sts.

Rib row: [K1, p1] to end.

Rib another 11 rows.

Change to 5mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.

Increase row: K4, up1, k to last 4 sts, up1, k4 – 36 (40) (44) (48) (52) (56) (60) (64) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 7 rows.

Repeat the last 8 rows another 9 times, then repeat the increase row again – 56 (60) (64) (68) (72) (76) (80) (84) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 11 rows.

Shape raglan top: Cast off 4 (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10) (11) sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 48 (50) (52) (54) (56) (58) (60) (62) sts.

Decrease row: K2, skpo, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 – 46 (48) (50) (52) (54) (56) (58) (60) sts.

Next row: P.

Repeat the last 2 rows another 6 (7) (8) (9) (10) (11) (12) (13) times – 34 sts.

Next 2 rows: K2, skpo, k to last 4 sts, wrap 1, turn, p to last 3 sts, wrap 1, turn.

Next 2 rows: K to last 8 sts, wrap 1, turn, p to last 7 sts, wrap 1, turn.

Next 2 rows: K to last 12 sts, wrap 1, turn, p to last 11 sts, wrap 1, turn.

Next row: K to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 – 32 sts.

Next row: P2tog, p to last 2 sts, p2tog – 30 sts.

Leave the remaining sts on a spare needle.

Yoke

Join the 4 short raglan seams.

With 5mm circular needle and Grey, k30 sts from top of left sleeve, pick up and k20 sts down left side of front neck, k across 26 (28) (30) (32) (34) (36) (38) (40) sts from centre front, pick up and k20 sts up right side of front, k30 sts from top of right sleeve, k across k60 (62) (64) (66) (68) (70) (72) (74) sts from back neck – 186 (190) (194) (198) (202) (206) (210) (214) sts.

Work in rounds in ss (knit all rounds) thus:

1st round: K to end, dec 2 (6) (2) (6) (2) (6) (2) (6) sts evenly – 184 (184) (192) (192) (200) (200) (208) (208) sts.

Stranding yarn when not in use loosely

Back

With 4½mm needles and Grey, cast on 86 (92) (98) (104) (110) (116) (122) (128) sts.

1st row: [K1, p1] to end.

2nd row: P to end.

Repeat the last 2 rows another 5 times.

Change to 5mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 94 rows.

Shape raglan armholes: Cast off 4 (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10) (11) sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 78 (82) (86) (90) (94) (98) (102) (106) sts. **

Decrease row: K2, skpo, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 – 76 (80) (84) (88) (92) (96) (100) (104) sts.

Next row: P.

Repeat the last 2 rows another 6 (7) (8) (9) (10) (11) (12) (13) times and then repeat the decrease row again – 62 (64) (66) (68) (70) (72) (74) (76) sts.

Next row: P2tog, p to last 2 sts, p2tog – 60 (62) (64) (66) (68) (70) (72) (74) sts.

Leave the remaining sts on a spare needle.

Front

Work as given for Back to **.

Decrease row: K2, skpo, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 – 76 (80) (84) (88) (92) (96) (100) (104) sts.

Next row: P.

Repeat the last 2 rows another nil (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) times – 76 (78) (80) (82) (84) (86) (88) (90) sts.

Shape neck: **Next row:** K2, skpo, k21, turn and work on these 24 sts only for left side neck.

Left side neck

1st decrease row: Cast off 3 sts, p to end.

2nd decrease row: K2, skpo, k to last st, sl 1 – 20 sts.

Repeat the last 2 rows another 4 times – 4 sts.

Next row: P2, p2tog – 3 sts.

Cast off the remaining sts.

Right side neck

With right side facing, slip centre 26 (28) (30) (32) (34) (36) (38) (40) sts onto a st



across wrong side, work pattern as follows:

2nd round: [K2 Cream, k6 Grey] to end.

3rd round: K3 Cream, [k4 Grey, k4 Cream] to last 5 sts, k4 Grey, k1 Cream.

4th round: K4 Cream, k2 Grey, [k6 Cream, k2 Grey] to last 2 sts, k2 Cream. Continue in Cream only.

K 6 rounds.

1st decrease round: K3, [k2tog, k6] to last 5 sts, k2tog, k3 – 161 (161) (168) (168) (175) (175) (182) (182) sts.

K 8 rounds.

2nd decrease round: K2, [k2tog, k5] to last 5 sts, k2tog, k3 – 138 (138) (144) (144) (150) (150) (156) (156) sts.

K 8 rounds.

3rd decrease round: K1, [k2tog, k4] to last 5 sts, k2tog, k3 – 115 (115) (120) (120) (125) (125) (130) (130) sts.

K 3 rounds.

4th decrease round: [K2tog, k3] to end – 92 (92) (96) (96) (100) (100) (104) (104) sts.

Change to 4½mm circular needle.

Rib round: [K1, p1] to end.

Rib another 11 rounds.

Cast off in rib.

To make up

Press according to ball band. Join side and sleeve seams.

BROOCH

Leaves

(make 2 alike)

Using 3¼mm needles and Green, cast on 10 sts.

Cast off these 10 sts knitwise and fasten off but do not break the yarn, turn.

With attached yarn, pick up and k the first 8 sts along the cast-off edge, leaving last 2 sts unworked, turn.

* **Next 2 rows:** Cast on 2 sts, cast off 4 sts, k to last 2 sts, sl 1, ytf, place slipped st back on left-hand needle, turn, k4.

Next row: Cast on 2 sts, cast off 4 sts, place st used in casting off back onto left-hand needle, cast on 3 sts, cast off remaining 7 sts, fasten off *, do not break yarn.

With attached yarn, pick up and k the first 8 sts from cast-on edge, leaving last 2 sts unworked, turn.

Repeat from * to * once again. Break off yarn and fasten off.

Berries

(make 3 alike)

With 3¼mm needles and Red, cast on 1 st, k1 but do not drop st off left-hand needle, ytf, k into st again then drop st from



left-hand needle, turn – 3 sts.

Next row: K into front and back of first 2 sts, k1 – 5 sts.

K 2 rows.

Next row: Skpo, k1, k2tog – 3 sts.

Next row: Sl 1, k2tog, pass slipped stitch over knitted sts and fasten off.

To make up

Attach leaves and berries to brooch back.

HAT

Measurements

To fit an average adult head.

Actual measurement (brim circumference) 53cm/21in.

Materials

2 x 50g (80m) balls of King Cole Merino Blend Aran (100% superwash wool) in Grey (Clerical 1767), 1 x 50g (80m) ball in each of Cream (Aran 776) and Red (Cranberry 703)*. 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

St(s), stitch(es); **k**, knit; **p**, purl; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **k2tog**, k 2 sts together (to decrease 1 st).

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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Hat

With 4½mm needles and Grey, cast on 98 sts.

Rib row: [K1, p1] to end.

Rib another 7 rows.

Change to 5mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 46 rows.

Stranding yarn when not in use loosely across wrong side, work pattern as follows:

Next row: K2 Cream, [k6 Grey, k2 Cream] to end.

Next row: P3 Cream, p4 Grey, [p4 Cream, p4 Grey] to last 3 sts, p3 Cream.

Next row: K4 Cream, k2 Grey, [k6 Cream, k2 Grey] to last 4 sts, k4 Cream.

Continue in Cream.

Next row: P.

Shape crown: 1st decrease row: [K6, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 – 86 sts.

Next row: P.

2nd decrease row: [K5, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 – 74 sts.

Next row: P.

3rd decrease row: [K4, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2 – 62 sts.

Continue in this way, decreasing 12 sts on every right side row until

14 sts remain.

Next row: P.

Next decrease row: [K2tog] to end – 7 sts. Break off yarn, thread through remaining sts, pull tight and fasten off.

To make up

Join seam using mattress stitch. Using Red, make a large pom-pom and attach to top.



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Bed Time

Because pets need presents, too!

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Star Jumper

...for baby's Christmas and beyond

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Impress your man with a special pair

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Evening Glam

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Three Bears

The cutest hat and mittens set

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Gifts Galore!

Instructions

Entrelac Pet Bed

Measurements

Approximately 40 x 40cm/16 x 16in.

Materials

2 x 100g (280m) balls of Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic) in Raspberry (Flower Power 689)* and 2 x 100g (296m) balls of Hayfield Bonus Glitter DK (95% acrylic, 5% polyester) in Grey (Glisten 226)*. Size 6.00 Tunisian crochet hook or 18cm/7in long straight hook and a bung or point protector for the end; 45¾ x 45¾cm/18 x 18in cushion pad; approximately 250g of fibre filling; optional zip 30cm/12in long.

Tension

2 x 2 entrelac blocks, to 10 x 10cm, over pattern, using 6.00 hook.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **st(s)**, stitch(es); **dc**, double crochet; **slst**, slip stitch; **yrh**, yarn round hook; **tss**, Tunisian simple stitch; **bind off**, miss first vertical bar at base of loop on hook, [insert hook under next vertical bar,

yrh, pull loop through vertical bar and through loop on hook] to end.

Note

This project uses entrelac crochet with Tunisian simple stitch (tss) in 2 colours. Double crochet is used to join pieces. Entrelac crochet is a form of crochet that uses Tunisian techniques to create small diamond blocks. A centre block is made first, then more blocks are joined around the centre in rounds. With Tunisian crochet you do not turn the work, you work with the right side facing you at all times. Each row consists of picking up loops on one row, followed by a return row which involves taking the loops off the hook. The pet bed is constructed as a base cushion and 4 side cushions which are filled with fibre filling and crocheted together. Cords are added to the side cushion corners and tied together to create the bed shape. Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approx. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.



Work 3 more corner diamonds in Raspberry for each corner of centre block.

3rd round: With Grey, make 8 blocks around the 2nd round, consisting of 4 fill blocks and 4 corner blocks, thus:

**** Fill diamond block:** Join Grey to top right corner of a block from previous round (to the start of the bind off row).

1st row: Insert hook through each st along top of block, yrh and pull loop through (6 loops on hook), insert hook through edge st of adjoining block, yrh and pull loop through (7 loops on hook), [yrh and pull through 2 loops] 6 times (1 loop remains on hook) – 6 tss.

2nd row: Miss first vertical bar at base of ch on hook, [insert hook under next vertical bar, yrh and pull loop through] 5 times, insert hook through edge st of adjoining block, yrh and pull loop through (7 loops on hook), [yrh and pull through 2 loops] 6 times (1 loop remains on hook) – 6 tss.

Repeat 2nd row another 4 times.

Next row: Bind off (1 loop remains on hook), insert hook through edge st of adjoining block, yrh and pull loop through edge st and through loop on hook (1 loop remains on hook). Fasten off.

Next, work a corner block following 2nd round instructions. **

Repeat from ** to ** 3 times more.

Base

(make 2 alike)

Centre diamond block: With Grey, make 7ch.

1st row: Insert hook in 2nd ch from hook, yrh and pull loop through, [insert hook in next ch, yrh and pull loop through] 5 times (7 loops on hook), yrh and pull through 1 loop, [yrh and pull through 2 loops] 6 times (1 loop remains on hook) – 6 tss.

2nd row: Miss first vertical bar at base of ch on hook, [insert hook under next vertical bar, yrh and pull loop through] 5 times, insert hook under last vertical bar and through side of st at end of row, yrh and pull loop through (7 loops on hook), yrh and pull through 1 loop, [yrh and pull through 2 loops] 6 times (1 loop remains on hook) – 6 tss. Repeat 2nd row another 4 times.

Next row: Bind off (1 loop remains on hook). Fasten off.

2nd round: With Raspberry, make 4 corner diamonds around the centre

block, thus:

Corner diamond block: Join Raspberry to a corner of centre block and make 6ch.

1st row: Insert hook in 2nd ch from hook, yrh and pull through, [insert hook in next ch, yrh and pull loop through] 4 times, insert hook through edge st of adjoining block, yrh and pull loop through (7 loops on hook), [yrh and pull through 2 loops] 6 times (1 loop remains on hook) – 6 tss.

2nd row: Miss first vertical bar at base of ch on hook, [insert hook under next vertical bar, yrh and pull loop through] 5 times, insert hook through edge st of adjoining block, yrh and pull loop through (7 loops on hook), [yrh and pull through 2 loops] 6 times (1 loop remains on hook) – 6 tss.

Repeat 2nd row another 4 times.

Next row: Bind off (1 loop remains on hook), insert hook through edge st of adjoining block, yrh and pull loop through edge st and through loop on hook (1 loop remains on hook). Fasten off.



4th round: With Raspberry, work 12 blocks around 3rd round as [corner diamond and 2 fill diamonds] 4 times.

5th to 7th rounds: Continuing to alternate colours, work as for 4th round, adding an extra fill block between each corner block for each successive round.

Final round: The final round consists of triangles to 'square off' the diamond pattern. With Raspberry, make 6 triangles along each side, thus:

Triangle: Rejoin Raspberry to top right of a corner block from previous round.

1st row: Insert hook through each st along top of block, yrh and pull loop through (6 loops on hook), insert hook through edge st of adjoining block, yrh and pull loop through (7 loops on hook), [yrh and pull through 2 loops] 6 times (1 loop remains on hook) – 6 tss.

2nd row: Miss first vertical bar, insert hook under next 2 vertical bars, yrh and pull loop through, [insert hook under next vertical bar, yrh and pull loop through] 3 times (5 loops on hook), insert hook through edge st of adjoining block, yrh and pull loop through (6 loops on hook), [yrh and pull through 2 loops] 5 times (1 loop remains on hook) – 5 tss.

3rd row: Miss first vertical bar, insert hook under next 2 vertical bars, yrh and pull loop through, [insert hook under next vertical bar, yrh and pull loop through] twice (4 loops on hook), insert hook through edge st of adjoining block,

yrh and pull loop through (5 loops on hook), [yrh and pull through 2 loops] 4 times (1 loop remains on hook) – 4 tss.

4th row: Miss first vertical bar, insert hook under next 2 vertical bars, yrh and pull loop through, insert hook under next vertical bar, yrh and pull loop through (3 loops on hook), insert hook through edge st of adjoining block, yrh and pull loop through (4 loops on hook), [yrh and pull through 2 loops] 3 times (1 loop remains on hook) – 3 tss.

5th row: Miss first vertical bar, insert hook under next 2 vertical bars, yrh and pull loop through, insert hook through edge st of adjoining block, yrh and pull loop through (3 loops on hook), [yrh and pull through 2 loops] twice (1 loop remains on hook) – 2 tss.

6th row: Miss first vertical bar, insert hook through next vertical bar and edge st together (2 loops on hook), yrh and pull through 2 loops (1 loop remains on hook), slst to top of the next block. Repeat triangle along the fill blocks and at corner block. Fasten off. Rejoin yarn on other side of corner block and repeat the triangles along the remaining 3 sides of the base.

Sides

(make 6 alike)

Worked in rows in Tunisian simple stitch with 2 colours.

With Grey, make 51 ch.

1st row: Insert hook in 2nd ch from hook, yrh and pull loop through, [insert hook in next ch, yrh and pull loop through] to end, drop Grey, do not fasten off, join Raspberry, yrh and pull through 1 loop, [yrh and pull through 2 loops] to end – 50 sts.

2nd row: Continue with Raspberry, miss first vertical bar, [insert hook under next vertical bar, yrh and pull loop through] to last vertical bar, insert hook under last vertical bar and through side of st at end of row, drop Raspberry, do not fasten off, pick up Grey, yrh and pull through 1 loop, [yrh and pull through 2 loops] to end.

Repeat 2nd row another 18 times, changing colours at left side after picking up loops.

Next row: Bind off (1 loop remains on hook). Fasten off.

Front

(make 2 alike)

Work as for sides to end of 6th row, fasten off colour not in use on left-hand side.

Right-hand side of front: Next row: Miss first vertical bar, [insert hook under

next vertical bar, yrh and pull loop through] 12 times (13 loops on hook), drop Grey and join Raspberry, yrh and pull through 1 loop, [yrh and pull through 2 loops] to end.

Repeat 2nd row as given for sides, working over only 12 sts for another 13 rows.

Left-hand side of front: Next row:

Rejoin Grey to 13th st of 6th row 6, bind off next 26 sts, pick up loops from next 12 vertical bars (including last bar and side of st), drop Grey, do not fasten off, rejoin Raspberry, yrh and pull through 1 loop, [yrh and pull through 2 loops] to end.

Repeat 2nd row as given for sides, working over only 12 sts for another 13 rows.

To make up

First, place the front and back base pieces together with right sides facing outwards. Join the pieces using dc, working through both thicknesses around all 4 sides to join and inserting the cushion pad before joining the final side. If using a zip, join 3 sides and on the 4th side, leave an opening long enough for the zip. Position and pin zip then hand sew in place using small stitches.

Next, place the 2 front pieces together with right sides facing outwards and dc around to join, working through both thicknesses and stuff with fibre fill as you go.

Next, place 2 side pieces together with right sides facing outwards, and dc around to join, working through both thicknesses and stuff with fibre fill as you go. Join the remaining side pieces in the same way.

Join sides and front to base, thus: Join each side piece to the base using dc. Do not fasten off after joining each side; simply continue along the next side. Next make 8 cords, thus: **1st row:** Join yarn to top corner of any side piece with a slst, pick up loops through each of next 4 dc (5 loops on hook), yrh and pull through 1 loop, [yrh and pull through 2 loops] to end – 4 tss.

2nd row: Miss first vertical bar, pick up loop through each of next 4 vertical bars, (5 loops on hook) yrh and pull through 1 loop, [yrh and pull through 2 loops] to end.

Repeat 2nd row another 28 times.

Fasten off. Sew each cord to the corner of each side piece and tie adjacent cords in a bow.



Baby's Star Jumper

Measurements

To fit ages 0-6 (6-12) (12-18) (18-24) months.

Actual measurements 50 (55) (61) (66) cm/19½ (21½) (24) (26) in.

Length to shoulder 28 (31) (34) (37) cm/11 (12¼) (13¼) (14½) in.

Sleeve seam 16 (18) (20) (22) cm/6¼ (7) (7¾) (8½) in.

Materials

3 (3) (4) (4) 50g (116m) balls of Sublime Extra Fine Merino DK (100% wool) in Cream (Alabaster 003) and 1 ball in Mustard (Sunday 349)*. Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles; 3 small buttons; 4 stitch holders; stitch marker.

Tension

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

Abbreviations

St(s), stitch(es); **k**, knit; **p**, purl; **ss**, stocking stitch (k on right side and p on wrong side); **skpo**, slip one, k1, pass slip st over (to decrease 1 st); **k2tog**, k 2 sts together (to decrease 1 st); **inc**, increase (by working twice in same st); **sl**, slip; **p2togb**, p 2 sts together through back of sts; **yf**, yarn forward; **yrn**, yarn round needle; **gst**, garter stitch (every row k).

Note

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 and Mustard, cast on 55 (61) (67) (73) sts.

1st rib row: K1, [p1, k1] to the end.

2nd rib row: P1, [k1, p1] to the end. Repeat last 2 rows twice more. Break off Mustard.

Change to 4mm needles and Cream. Beginning with a k row, ss 42 (48) (52) (58) rows.

Shape raglan armholes: Cast off 2 (3) (3) (4) sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 51 (55) (61) (65) sts.

Next row: K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 49 (53) (59) (63) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows.

Next row: K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 47 (51) (57) (61) sts.

Next row: P.

Repeat last 2 rows another 12 (13) (15) (16) times – 23 (25) (27) (29) sts.

Leave sts on st holder.

Front

With 3¼mm needles and Mustard, cast on 55 (61) (67) (73) sts.

1st rib row: K1, [p1, k1] to end.

2nd rib row: P1, [k1, p1] to end.

Repeat last 2 rows twice more. Break off Mustard.

Change to 4mm needles and Cream.

Beginning with a k row, ss 22 (28) (32) (38) rows.

Continue in ss and follow pattern from chart (right). Using separate small balls of yarn for each coloured area and twisting yarns on wrong side at join, work as follows:

1st row: K15 (18) (21) (24) Cream, k across 1st row of chart, k15 (18) (21) (24) Cream.

2nd row: P15 (18) (21) (24) Cream, p across 2nd row of chart, p15 (18) (21) (24) Cream.

Continue working from chart as set, for another 18 rows.

Shape raglan armholes: Keeping chart pattern correct, continue thus: cast off 2 (3) (3) (4) sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 51 (55) (61) (65) sts.

Next row: K1, skpo, pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 49 (53) (59) (63) sts.

Pattern 3 rows.

Next row: K1, skpo, pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 47 (51) (57) (61) sts.

Pattern 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows twice more to complete chart – 43 (47) (53) (57) sts. Continue in Cream only, decreasing as set on next row and 3 (4) (5) (6) following alternate rows, ending after p row – 35 (37) (41) (43) sts.

Shape neck: **Next row:** K1, skpo, k6 (6) (7) (7), k2tog, k1, turn and leave remaining sts on needle – 10 (10) (11) (11) sts.

Continue on these 10 (10) (11) (11) sts for left front neck.

**** Next row:** P.

Next row: K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 8 (8) (9) (9) sts.

Next row: P.

Rep last 2 rows twice more – 4 (4) (5) (5) sts.

Next row: K1, skpo, k to end – 3 (3) (4)



(4) sts.

Next row: P.

Repeat last 2 rows another 1 (1) (2) (2) time(s) – 2 (2) (2) (2) sts.

K2tog then fasten off. **

With right facing, sl centre 11 (13) (15) (17) sts onto st holder, join in Cream at neck edge to remaining sts, k1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 10 (10) (11) (11) sts. Work to match first side from ** to **.

Sleeves (make 2 alike)

With 3¼mm needles and Mustard, cast on 31 (33) (37) (41) sts.

1st rib row: K1, [p1, k1] to end.

2nd rib row: P1, [k1, p1] to end.

Repeat last 2 rows twice more. Break off Mustard.

Change to 4mm needles and Cream.

Beginning with a k row, continue in ss, inc 1 st at each end of first row and 8 (9) (9) (10) following 4th (4th) (5th) (5th) rows – 49 (53) (57) (63) sts.

Ss another 9 (11) (7) (9) rows.

Shape raglan armholes: Cast off 2 (3) (3) (4) sts at beg of next 2 rows – 45 (47) (51) (55) sts.

Next row: K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 43 (45) (49) (53) sts.

Next row: P1, p2tog, p to last 3 sts, p2togb, p1 – 41 (43) (47) (51) sts.

Repeat last 2 rows another 1 (1) (nil) (1) time – 37 (39) (47) (47) sts.

Next row: K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 35 (37) (45) (45) sts.

Next row: P.

Repeat last 2 rows another 12 (13) (16) (16) times – 11 (11) (13) (13) sts.

Leave sts on st holder.

Buttonband

On left back raglan edge place a marker 20 (22) (24) (26) rows down from top. With right side facing, using 3¼mm needles and Cream, pick up and k16 (17)



(19) (20) sts from top of left back raglan edge to marker.
Next row: Buttonhole row: K4 (4) (5) (5), yf, k2tog, k5 (5) (6) (6), yf, k2tog, k3 (4) (4) (5).
Next row: K.
 Cast off.

Neckband

With right sides facing, using 3¼mm needles and Mustard, k across 11 (11) (13) (13) sts from one sleeve, pick up and k5 (5) (5) (6) sts down left front neck, k across 11 (13) (15) (17) sts at centre front, pick up and k5 (5) (6) (6) sts up right front neck, k across 11 (11) (13) (13) sts from other sleeve, k across 23 (25) (27) (29) back neck sts, pick up and k2 sts from row ends of buttonhole band – 68 (72) (82) (86) sts.

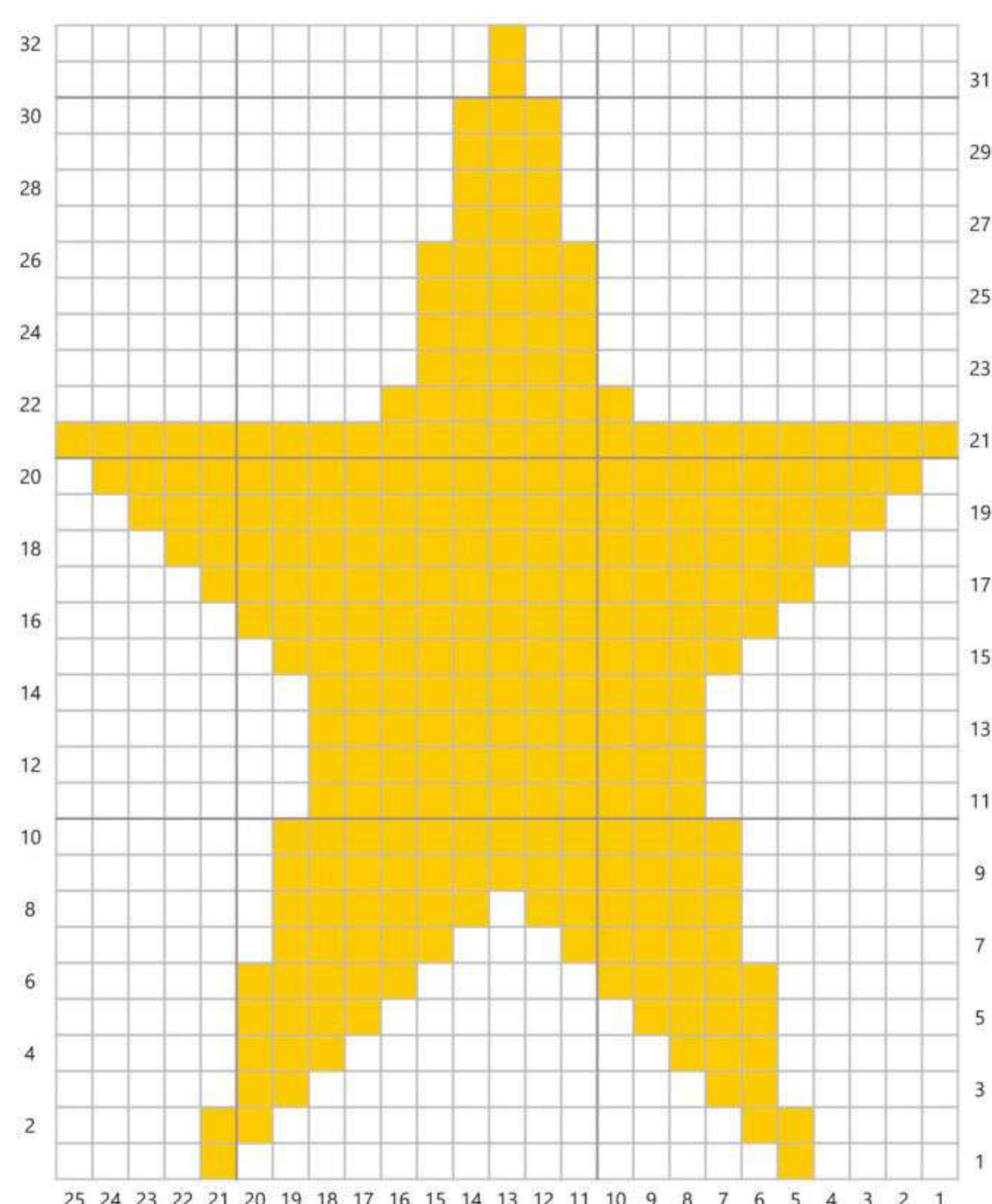
Next row: Buttonhole row: K2, yrn, p2tog, [k1, p1] to end.

Next row: [K1, p1] rib to last 2 sts, k2. Keeping 2 sts at buttonhole band edge in gst, rib another 2 rows.
 Cast off in rib.

To make up

Join raglan seams, leaving an opening to match buttonhole band at left back. Overlap row ends of buttonhole band over edge of left back opening and sew down. Join side and sleeve seams. Sew buttons to edge of left sleeve top to match buttonholes.

Star chart



- ☐ Right side: knit; wrong side: purl
- ☐ Cream
- ☒ Mustard

*Yarn subject to availability



Measurements

To fit an average man's foot.

Length of foot from toe to back of heel 27cm/10½in (adjustable).

Length from top of sock to base of heel 30cm/11¾in.

Materials

1 x 100g (448m) ball of King Cole Zig Zag 4ply (75% superwash wool, 25% nylon) in Amethyst (3157)*. Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) and 2¾mm (No. 12) knitting needles; 3 stitch holders.

Tension

28 stitches and 36 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 3¼mm needles.

Abbreviations

St(s), stitch(es); **k**, knit; **p**, purl; **ss**, stocking stitch (k on right side and p on wrong side); **inc**, increase (by working twice in same st); **k2tog**, k 2 sts together (to decrease 1 st); **p2tog**, p 2 sts together (to decrease 1 st); **p2togb**, p 2 sts together through back of sts; **sl**, slip; **skpo**, slip 1, k 1, pass slip stitch over (to decrease 1 st).

Note

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

Men's Socks

Socks

(both alike)

Beginning at top of sock. With 2¾mm needles, cast on 68 sts.

1st row: [K1, p1] to end.

Rep 1st row another 31 times.

Change to 3¼mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 50 rows.

Break off yarn.

Top of foot: Next row: Sl first 18 sts onto st holder. With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining sts, inc in first st, k30, inc in next st, turn and leave remaining 18 sts on second st holder. Continue on these 34 sts for top of foot. Beginning with a p row, ss 57 rows (adjust length here if required).

Shape toe: Next row: K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 32 sts.

Next row: P.

Repeat last 2 rows another 9 times – 14 sts.

Leave sts on st holder.

Heel

With right side facing, using 3¼mm needles, rejoin yarn to 18 sts on second st holder at left top of foot, k to last 2 sts, k2tog, k across 18 sts on first st holder, k2tog, k to end – 34 sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 29 rows.

Next row: Sl1, k22, k2tog, k1, turn.

Next row: Sl1, p13, p2tog, p1, turn.

Next row: Sl1, k14, k2tog, k1, turn.



Next row: Sl1, p15, p2tog, p1, turn. Work 6 rows more as set, working 1 st more before the decrease on every row – 24 sts.

Break off yarn.

With right side facing, using 3¼mm needles, rejoin yarn to first row of heel. Pick up and k17 sts from row ends of first side of heel, k across 24 heel sts, then pick up and k17 sts from second side of heel – 58 sts.

Next row: P.

Shape instep: Next row: K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 56 sts.

Next row: P1, p2tog, p to last 3 sts, p2togb, p1 – 54 sts.

Repeat last 2 rows another 5 times – 34 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss another 44 rows (adjust length here, to match top of foot if required).

Shape toe: Next row: K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 32 sts.

Next row: P.

Repeat last 2 rows another 9 times.

14 sts.

Hold both sets of toe sts with right sides together and taking 1 st from each side and working them together, cast off toe sts.

To make up

Press, following instructions on ball band. Join back leg seam and sides of foot seams using mattress stitch.

Crochet Purse

Measurements

Approximately 15 x 18cm/6 x 7in.

Materials

1 x 50g (168m) ball of Sublime Baby Cashmere Merino Silk 4ply (75% merino wool, 20% silk, 5% cashmere) in Pale Yellow (Blossom 359)*. Size 3.50 crochet hook; 17 x 38cm fabric for lining; sewing needle and matching sewing thread; 15cm purse frame and chain strap (optional); stitch marker.

Tension

29 stitches and 14 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over pattern, using 3.50 hook.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **st(s)**, stitch(es); **slst**, slip stitch; **dc**, double crochet; **tr**, treble; **7tr-cl**, 7 treble cluster thus: thus, yrh, [insert hook

into st indicated, yrh, pull up loop, yrh, pull hook through first 2 loops on hook leaving last loop of tr on hook] 7 times (8 loops remain on hook), yrh and pull through all loops on hook; **4tr-cl**, 4 treble cluster thus: as for 7tr-cl working repeat only 4 times (5 loops remain on hook) yrh and pull through all loops on hook; **yrh**, yarn round hook.

Note

The bag is made in the round from the bottom upwards, turning at the end of each round. It is then split for the bag opening and worked in rows.

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Foundation chain: With 3.50 hook, make 44ch.

1st round: 2dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc in each st to last st, 3dc in last st, rotate and work back along opposite side of foundation chain, 1dc in each st to end, 1dc in same st as first 2dc, slst to first dc – 88 dc.

Place marker in first st, (which is referred to as the first edge st), move this marker at end of every round and work the first st of each round in the first edge st.

2nd round: 3ch (does not count as st), 1tr in first edge st, 1tr in next st, 4tr in next st, [miss 3 sts, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, miss 3 sts, 7tr in next st] 3 times, miss 3 sts, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, miss 3 sts, 4tr in next st, 1tr in each of next 3 sts, 4tr in next st, [miss 3 sts, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, miss 3 sts, 7tr in next st] 3 times, miss 3 sts, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, miss 3 sts, 4tr in next st, 1tr in last st of round, slst to top of first tr, turn.

3rd round: 1ch (does not count as st), 1dc in first edge st, [1dc in each of next 3 sts, 3ch, 7tr-cl over next 7 sts, 3ch] 4 times, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, 1dc in edge st, [1dc in each of next 3 sts, 3ch, 7tr-cl over next 7 sts, 3ch] 4 times, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, slst to first dc of round, turn.

4th round: 1ch (does not count as st), 1dc in first edge st, [1dc in each of next 3 sts, miss 3ch, 7tr in next st (formed by 7tr-cl of previous round), miss next 3ch] 4 times, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, 1dc in edge st, [1dc in each of next 3 sts, miss 3ch, 7tr in next st (formed by 7tr-cl of previous round), miss next 3ch] 4 times, 1dc in each of last 3 sts, slst to first dc of round, turn.

5th round: 3ch (does not count as st), 1tr in first edge st, 1tr next st, 4tr-cl over next 4 sts, 3ch, [1dc in each of next 3 sts, 3ch, 7tr-cl over next 7 sts, 3ch] 3 times, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, 3ch, 4tr-cl over next 4 sts, 1tr in next st, 1tr in edge st, 1tr in next st, 4tr-cl over next 4 sts, 3ch, [1dc in each of

next 3 sts, 3ch, 7tr-cl over next 7 sts, 3ch] 3 times, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, 3ch, 4tr-cl over next 4 sts, 1tr in last st, slst to top of first tr of round, turn.

6th round: 3ch (does not count as st), 1tr in first edge st, 1tr in next st, 4tr in next st, [miss 3 ch, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, miss 3 ch, 7tr in next st] 3 times, miss 3 ch, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, miss 3 ch, 4tr in next st, 1tr in each of next 3 sts, 4tr in next st, [miss 3 ch, dc in each of next 3 sts, miss 3 ch, 7tr in next st] 3 times, miss 3 ch, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, miss 3 ch, 4tr in next st, 1tr in last st of round, slst to top of first tr, turn.

Repeat 3rd to 6th rounds another 3 times.

Next round: Repeat 3rd round.

**** 1st row (start of bag opening):** Slst in first st, 1ch (not counted as st), [1dc in each of next 3 sts, miss 3ch, 7tr in next st (formed by 7tr-cl of previous round), miss 3 ch] 4 times, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, turn.

2nd row: 3ch (counts as first tr), 4tr-cl over next 4 sts, 3ch, [1dc in each of next 3 sts, 3ch, 7tr-cl over next 7 sts, 3ch] 3 times, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, 3ch, 4tr-cl over next 4 sts, 1tr in last st, turn.

3rd row: 3ch (counts as first tr), 4tr in next st, miss 3 ch, [1dc in each of next 3 sts, miss



3 ch, 7tr into next st (formed by 7tr-cl of previous row), miss 3 ch] 3 times, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, miss 3 ch, 4tr in next st, tr last st, turn.

4th row: 1ch (not counted as st), [1dc in each of next 3 sts, 3ch, 7tr-cl over next 7 sts, 3ch] 4 times, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, turn.

5th row: 1ch (not counted as st), [1dc in each of next 3 sts, miss 3 ch, 7tr in next st (formed by 7tr-cl of previous round), miss 3ch] 4 times, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, turn.

6th row: 3ch (counts as first tr), 4tr-cl over next 4 sts, 3ch, [1dc in each of next 3 sts, 3ch, 7tr-cl over next 7 sts, 3ch] 4 times, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, 3ch, 4tr-cl over next 4 sts, 1tr in last st. Fasten off. **

Rejoin yarn and repeat from ** to ** for other side of bag.

Rejoin yarn with slst, 1ch (not counted as st), work dc evenly all around bag opening. Fasten off.



To make up

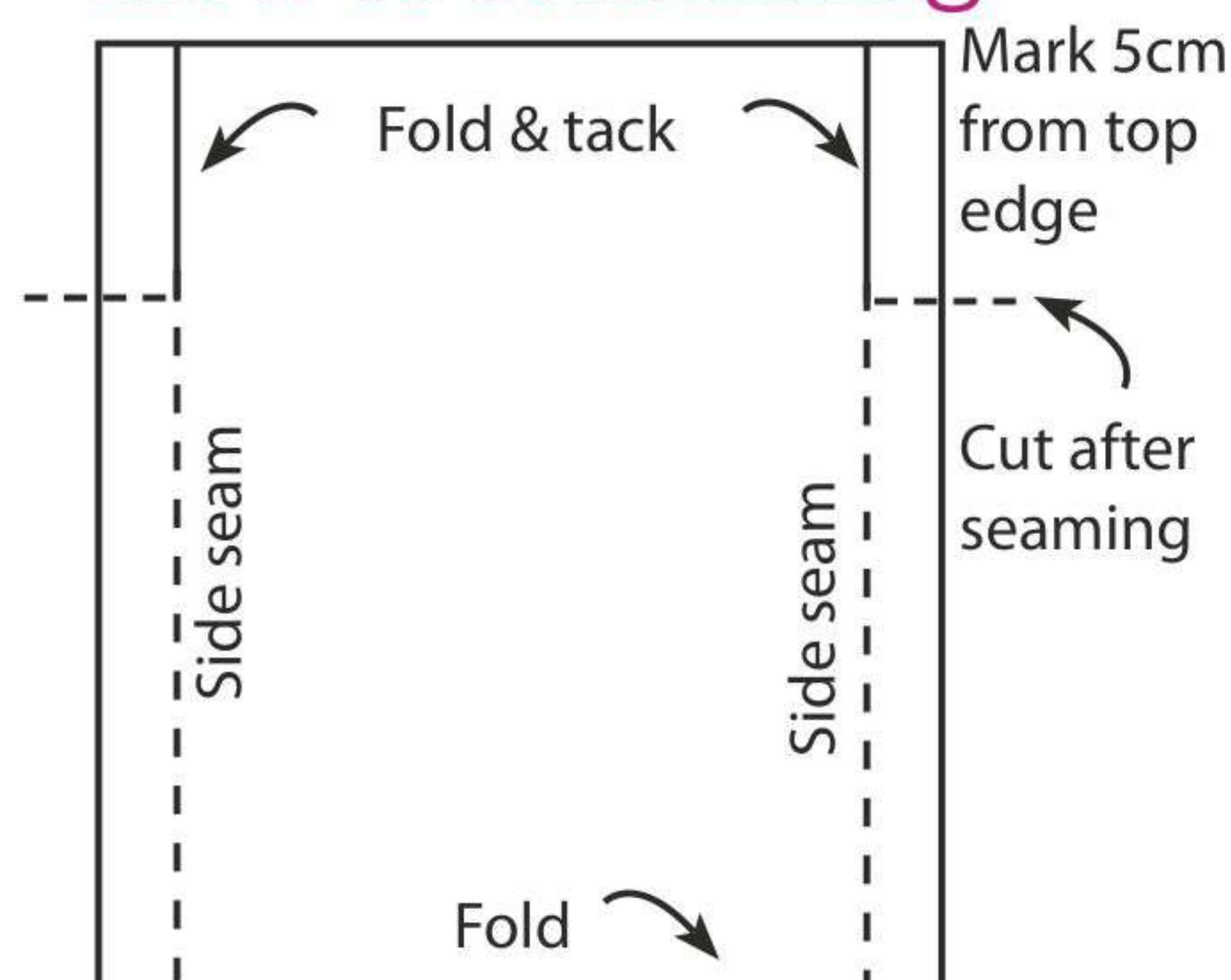
Lining: Allow a 1cm seam allowance on sides and at tops. Fold fabric in half lengthways with right sides facing to give a tall rectangle. Mark 5cm down from open edge on either side. Sew sides from folded edge up to 5cm mark and secure.

At 5cm mark, snip each edge horizontally 1cm up to seam just made so that you can now fold out the edge above the 5cm mark and tack.

For one side of the lining, fold top 1cm seam allowance to wrong side of fabric and pin the side to the top inside of crocheted bag. With sewing needle and matching thread, hand stitch up from 5cm mark on one side, across top, and back down to 5cm mark on other side to secure lining in bag. Now repeat for the opposite side of lining.

Frame: Using yarn and yarn needle, sew bag to 15cm purse frame, holding bag on outer edge of frame and sewing through frame holes to secure. Attach chain strap if desired.

How to fold lining



Hat and Mittens Set

Measurements

To fit ages 2-3 (4-5) years.

Actual measurements Hat

circumference 45 (50) cm/18 (19¾) in; mitten circumference 13 (16) cm/ 5¼ (6¼) in.

Materials

2 (3) 50g (80m) balls of King Cole Merino Blend Aran (100% wool) in Cream (Aran 776), 1 ball in each of Pale Blue (1539) and Pink (Old Rose 1771)* and an oddment of black double knitting yarn for embroidery. Pair of 5mm (No. 6) and 4½mm (No. 7) knitting needles.

Tension

18 stitches and 25 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 5mm needles.

Abbreviations

St(s), stitch(es); **k**, knit; **p**, purl; **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and k into back of it (to increase 1 st); **ss**, stocking stitch (k on right side and p on wrong side); **k2tog**, k 2 sts together (to decrease 1 st); **p2tog**, p 2 sts together (to decrease 1 st); **psso**, pass slipped stitch over; **skpo**, slip 1 st, k 1 st, pass slipped st over the knitted st (to decrease 1 st); **dec**, decrease, by working k2tog on k row and p2tog on p row; **sl**, slip; **inc**, increase (by working into same st twice), **dec**, decrease, by working k2tog on a k row and p2tog on a p row.

Note

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*Yarn subject to availability

HAT

With 4½mm needles and Cream, cast on 71 (79) sts.

1st row: K1, [p1, k1] to end.

2nd row: P1, [k1, p1] to end.

Repeat last 2 rows once more, then repeat 1st row again.

Change to 5mm needles.

Increase row (wrong side): P4 (8), [up1, k7] 9 times, up1, p4 (8) – 81 (89) sts.

Continue in ss and colour pattern as given below, stranding yarn not in use

loosely across wrong side of work, thus:

1st row: K2 Cream, [k1 Blue, k3 Cream] to last 3 sts, k1 Blue, k2 Cream.

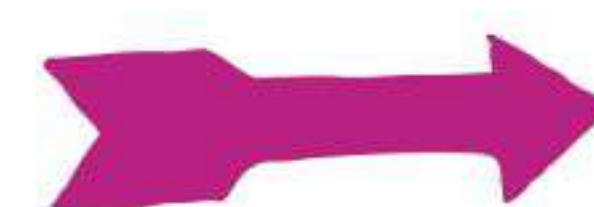
2nd row: P1 Cream, [p3 Blue, p1 Cream] to end.

3rd row: K2 Blue, [k1 Cream, k3 Blue] to last 3 sts, k1 Cream, k2 Blue.

4th row: P1 Pink, [p3 Blue, p1 Pink] to end.

5th row: K2 Pink, [k1 Blue, k3 Pink] to last 3 sts, k1 Blue, k2 Pink.

6th row: P1 Cream, [p3



Pink, p1 Cream] to end.

7th row: K2 Pink, [k1 Cream, k3 Pink] to last 3 sts, k1 Cream, k2 Pink.

8th row: P1 Pink, [p3 Cream, p1 Pink] to end.

Continue in Cream only, beginning with a k row, work in ss until work measures 14 (16) cm from beginning, ending after p row.

Shape crown: Next row: K3, [sl1, k2tog, psso, k5] to last 6 sts, sl1, k2tog, psso, k3 – 61 (67) sts.

Next row: P.

Next row: K2, [sl1, k2tog, psso, k3] to last 5 sts, sl1, k2tog, psso, k2 – 41 (45) sts.

Next row: P.

Next row: K1, [sl1, k2tog, psso, k1] to end – 21 (23) sts.

Next row: P.

Next row: K1, [k2tog] to end – 11 (12) sts. Break off yarn, thread end through remaining sts, draw up tightly and secure.

Hat ears

(make 2 alike)

With 4½mm needles and Cream, cast on 4 sts.

Next row: K.

Continue in ss, inc 1 st at both ends of next 2 rows and following alternate row – 10 sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 11 rows.

Dec 1 st at both ends of next row.

P 1 row.

Dec 1 st at both ends of next 2 rows.

Cast off remaining 4 sts.

Fold ear in half and sew around shaped edge.

To make up

Join back seam. Sew folded edge of ears to sides at top of hat. Using photo as a guide, embroider eyes and nose with black yarn.

Mittens

(make 2 alike)

With 4½mm needles and Cream, cast on 21 (25) sts.

1st row: K1, [p1, k1] to end.

2nd row: P1, [k1, p1] to end.

Repeat last 2 rows twice more, then repeat 1st row once.

Change to 5mm needles.

Increase row (ws): P3 (5), [up1, p5] 3 times, up1, p3 (5) – 25 (29) sts.

Continue in ss and colour pattern as given below, stranding yarn not in use loosely across wrong side of work, thus:

1st row: K2 Cream, [k1 Blue, k3 Cream] to last 3 sts, k1 Blue, k2 Cream.

2nd row: P1 Cream, [p3 Blue, p1 Cream] to end.



3rd row: K2 Blue, [k1 Cream, k3 Blue] to last 3 sts, k1 Cream, k2 Blue.

4th row: P1 Pink, [p3 Blue, p1 Pink] to end.

5th row: K2 Pink, [k1 Blue, k3 Pink] to last 3 sts, k1 Blue, k2 Pink.

6th row: P1 Cream, [p3 Pink, p1 Cream] to end.

7th row: K2 Pink, [k1 Cream, k3 Pink] to last 3 sts, k1 Cream, k2 Pink.

8th row: P1 Pink, [p3 Cream, p1 Pink] to end.

Continue in Cream only, ss 2 (4) rows.

Shape thumb: 1st row: K12 (14), up1, k1, up1, k12 (14) – 27 (31) sts.

2nd row: P.

3rd row: K12 (14), up1, k3, up1, k12 (14) – 29 (33) sts.

4th row: P.

5th row: K12 (14), up1, k5, up1, k12 (14) – 31 (35) sts.

6th row: P.

7th row: K12 (14), up1, k7, up1, k12 (14) – 33 (37) sts.

8th row: P.

9th row: K12 (14), up1, k9, up1, k12 (14) – 35 (39) sts.

10th row: P.

11th row: K23 (25), turn.

12th row: P11, turn.

Continuing on these 11 sts for thumb, ss 2 rows.

Next row: K2, [k2tog, k1] 3 times – 8 sts.

Next row: [P2tog] 4 times – 4 sts.

Break off yarn, thread end through remaining sts, draw up tightly and secure. With right side facing, rejoin Cream yarn at base of thumb, cast on 1 st, k this st, k12 (14) – 25 (29) sts.

Next row: P.

Beginning with a k row, ss 4 (6) rows.

Shape top: Next row: K1, [k2tog, k2] to end – 19 (22) sts.

Next row: P.

Next row: K1, [k2tog, k1] to end. 13 (15) sts.

Next row: P.

Next row: K1, [k2tog] to end – 7 (8) sts.

Break yarn, thread end through remaining sts, draw up tightly and secure.

Mitten ears

(make 4 alike)

With 4½mm needles and Cream, cast on 2 sts.

K 1 row.

Continue in ss, inc 1 st at both ends of next 2 rows – 6 sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 7 rows.

Dec 1 st at both ends of next 2 rows. Cast off remaining 2 sts.

Fold ear in half, bringing cast on and cast off edges together and seam all around shaped edge.

To make up

Join side and thumb seams. Sew folded edge of ears to near top of back of each mitt, then with Black yarn embroider eyes and nose, using photo as a guide.

NEW

COLLECT & *Create* ALPHABET THROW

Part 3



- ☐ EASY PEASY
- ☒ A BIT MORE TRICKY
- ☐ HARD-ISH
- ☐ QUITE A CHALLENGE

Welcome to the latest project in our Knit-A-Long series – a bright, cheery throw. In the third part, we're creating the letters I to M



ALPHABET THROW

Measurements

Complete throw will measure approximately 91 x 109cm/36 x 43in.

Materials

Of Sublime Extra Fine Merino Wool DK (100% wool) in 50g (116m) balls, the entire blanket will require:

2 balls in each of Cream (Alabaster 003), Blue (Riviera 489), Light Green (Peridot 487), Grey (Salty Grey 010), Yellow (Sunday 349) and Lilac (Organza 448)*.

1 ball in each of Teal (Spruce 362), Pink (Duffy 446), Mint (Julep 307), Red (Redcurrant 017) and Turquoise (Betty 410)*. Pair of 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles; size 4.00 crochet hook. Yarn is available from theknittingnetwork.co.uk

Tension

Each square measures approximately 18 x 18cm, using 4mm needles.

Abbreviations

St(s), stitch(es); **k**, knit; **p**, purl; **mst**, moss st; **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and k into the back of it; **k2tog**, k 2 sts together (to decrease 1 st).

Note

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

Letter I square

With 4mm needles and Teal, cast on 33 sts.

Mst row: K1, [p1, k1] to end.

Mst another 6 rows.

Using separate small balls for each coloured area and twisting yarns together on wrong side at joins, work as follows:

Increase row (right side): With Teal, mst 5, with Cream, k5, [up1, k4, up1, k5] twice, with Teal, mst 5 – 37 sts.

1st row: With Teal, mst 5, with Cream, p27, with Teal, mst 5.

2nd row: With Teal, mst 5, with Cream, k27, with Teal, mst 5.

Repeat last 2 rows, twice more, then work 1st row again.

Reading chart from right to left on right side (k) rows and from left to right on wrong side (p) rows, work from chart I as follows (if preferred, the letter can be Swiss darned):

1st row: With Teal, mst 5, k 1st row of chart I, with Teal, mst 5.

2nd row: With Teal, mst 5, p 2nd row of

chart I, with Teal, mst 5.

Work another 22 rows from chart as set.

Next row: With Teal, mst 5, with Cream, k27, with Teal, mst 5.

Next row: With Teal, mst 5, with Cream, p27, with Teal, mst 5.

Repeat last 2 rows, 3 times more.

Break off Cream.

Decrease row: With Teal, mst 5, k5, [k2tog, k3, k2tog, k4] twice, mst 5 – 33 sts. Mst 6 rows across all sts. Cast off in mst.

Letter J square

With 4mm needles and Blue, cast on 33 sts.

Mst row: K1, [p1, k1] to end.

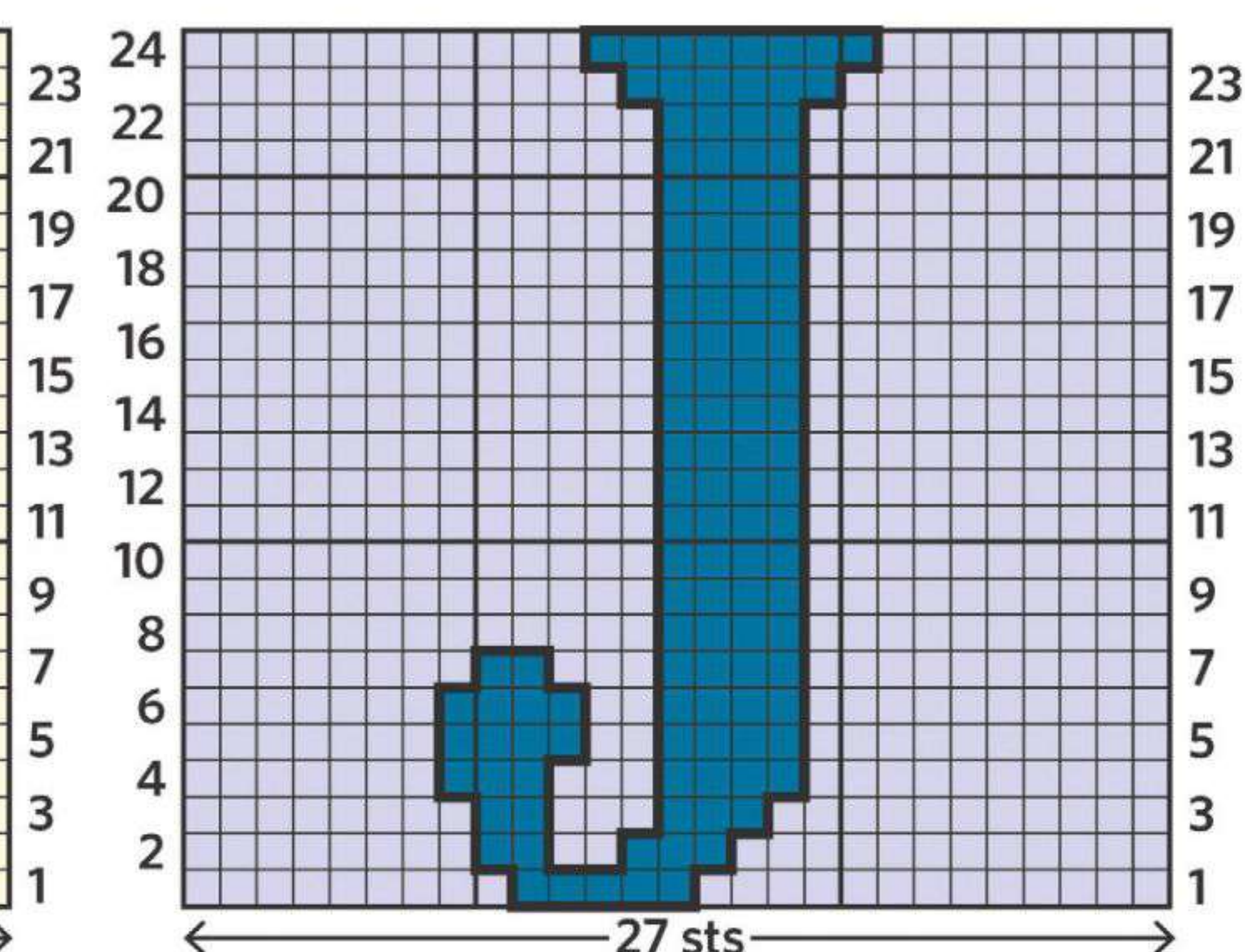
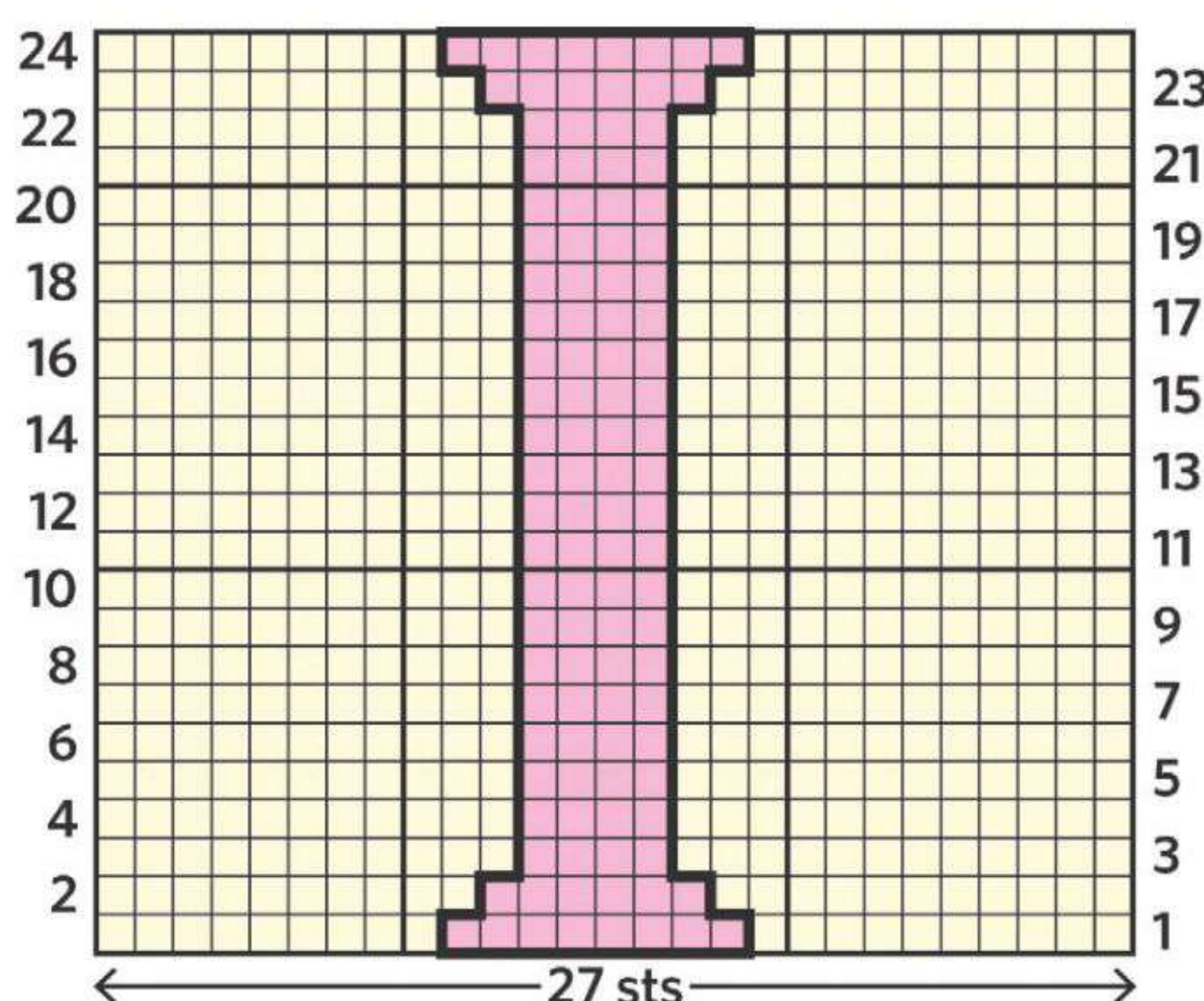
Mst another 6 rows.

Increase row (right side): With Blue, mst 5, with Lilac, k5, [up1, k4, up1, k5] twice, with Blue, mst 5 – 37 sts.

1st row: With Blue, mst 5, with Lilac, p27, with Blue, mst 5.

2nd row: With Blue, mst 5, with Lilac, k27, with Blue, mst 5.

Repeat last 2 rows, twice more, then work 1st row again.





Work from chart J as follows:

1st row: With Blue, mst 5, k 1st row of chart J, with Blue, mst 5.
2nd row: With Blue, mst 5, p 2nd row of chart J, with Blue, mst 5.
 Work another 22 rows from chart as set.
Next row: With Blue, mst 5, with Lilac, k27, with Blue, mst 5.
Next row: With Blue, mst 5, with Lilac, p27, with Blue, mst 5.
 Repeat last 2 rows, 3 times more.
 Break off Lilac.
Decrease row: With Blue, mst 5, k5, [k2tog, k3, k2tog, k4] twice, mst 5 – 33 sts.
 Mst 6 rows across all sts. Cast off in mst.

Letter K square

With 4mm needles and Yellow, cast on 33 sts.

Mst row: K1, [p1, k1] to end.
 Mst another 6 rows.
Increase row (right side): With Yellow, mst 5, with Grey, k5, [up1, k4, up1, k5] twice, with Yellow, mst 5 – 37 sts.
1st row: With Yellow, mst 5, with Grey, p27, with Yellow, mst 5.

2nd row: With Yellow, mst 5, with Grey, k27, with Yellow, mst 5.
 Repeat last 2 rows, twice more, then work 1st row again.

Work from chart K as follows:

1st row: With Yellow, mst 5, k 1st row of chart K, with Yellow, mst 5.
2nd row: With Yellow, mst 5, p 2nd row of chart K, with Yellow, mst 5.
 Work another 22 rows from chart as set.
Next row: With Yellow, mst 5, with Grey, k27, with Yellow, mst 5.
Next row: With Yellow, mst 5, with Grey, p27, with Yellow, mst 5.
 Repeat last 2 rows, 3 times more.
 Break off Grey.
Decrease row: With Yellow, mst 5, k5, [k2tog, k3, k2tog, k4] twice, mst 5 – 33 sts.
 Mst 6 rows across all sts. Cast off in mst.

Letter L square

With 4mm needles and Turquoise, cast on 33 sts.

Mst row: K1, [p1, k1] to end.
 Mst another 6 rows.
Increase row (right side): With Turquoise, mst 5, with Mint, k5, [up1, k4, up1, k5] twice, with Turquoise, mst 5 – 37 sts.
1st row: With Turquoise, mst 5, with Mint, p27, with Turquoise, mst 5.
2nd row: With Turquoise, mst 5, with Mint, k27, with Turquoise, mst 5.
 Repeat last 2 rows, twice more, then work 1st row again.

Work from chart L as follows:

1st row: With Turquoise, mst 5, k 1st row of chart L, with Turquoise, mst 5.
2nd row: With Turquoise, mst 5, p 2nd row of chart L, with Turquoise, mst 5.
 Work another 22 rows from chart as set.
Next row: With Turquoise, mst 5, with Mint, k27, with Turquoise, mst 5.
Next row: With Turquoise, mst 5, with Mint, p27, with Turquoise, mst 5.
 Repeat last 2 rows, 3 times more.
 Break off Mint.

Decrease row: With Turquoise, mst 5, k5, [k2tog, k3, k2tog, k4] twice, mst 5 – 33 sts.
 Mst 6 rows across all sts. Cast off in mst.

Letter M square

With 4mm needles and Light Green, cast on 33 sts.

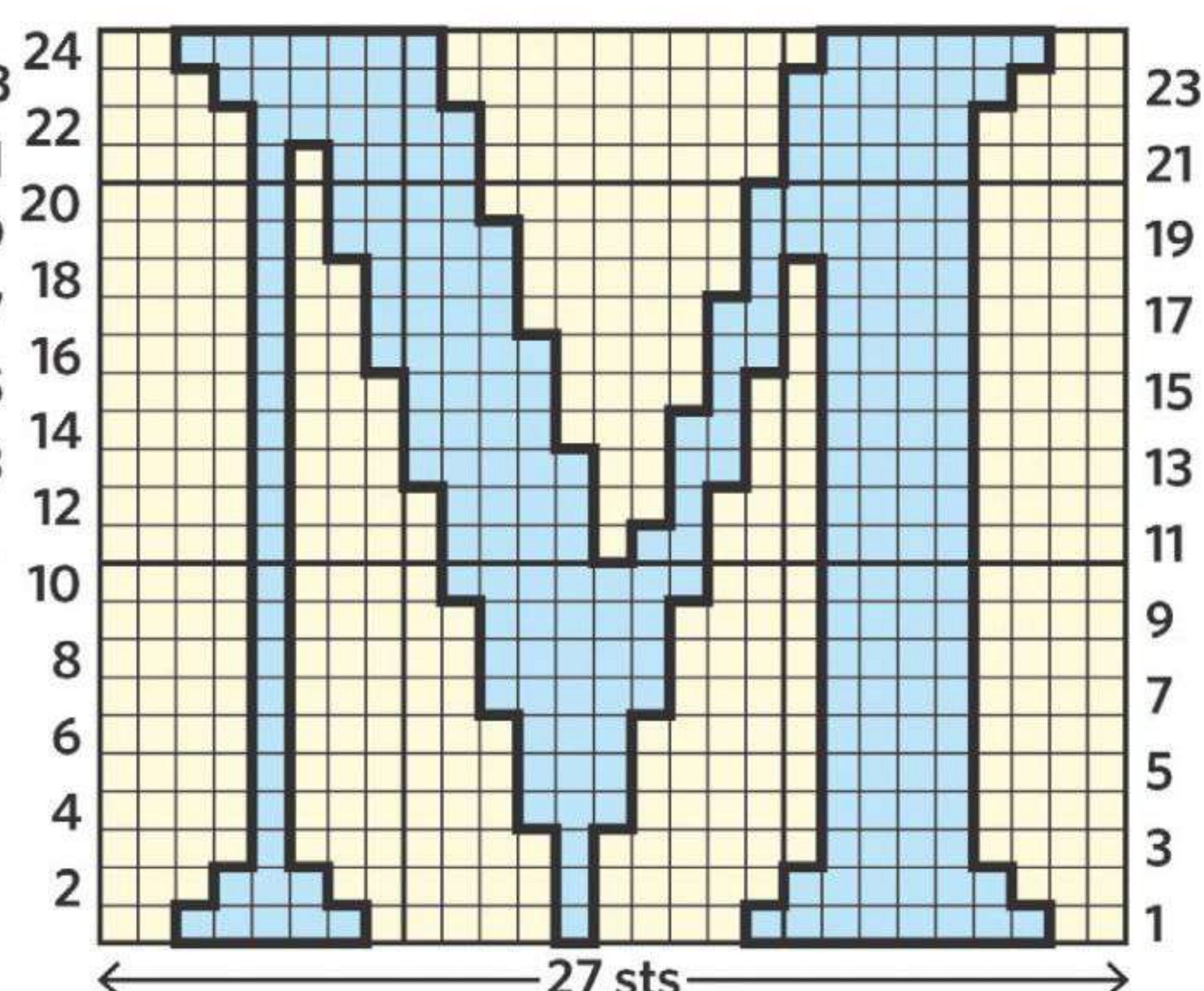
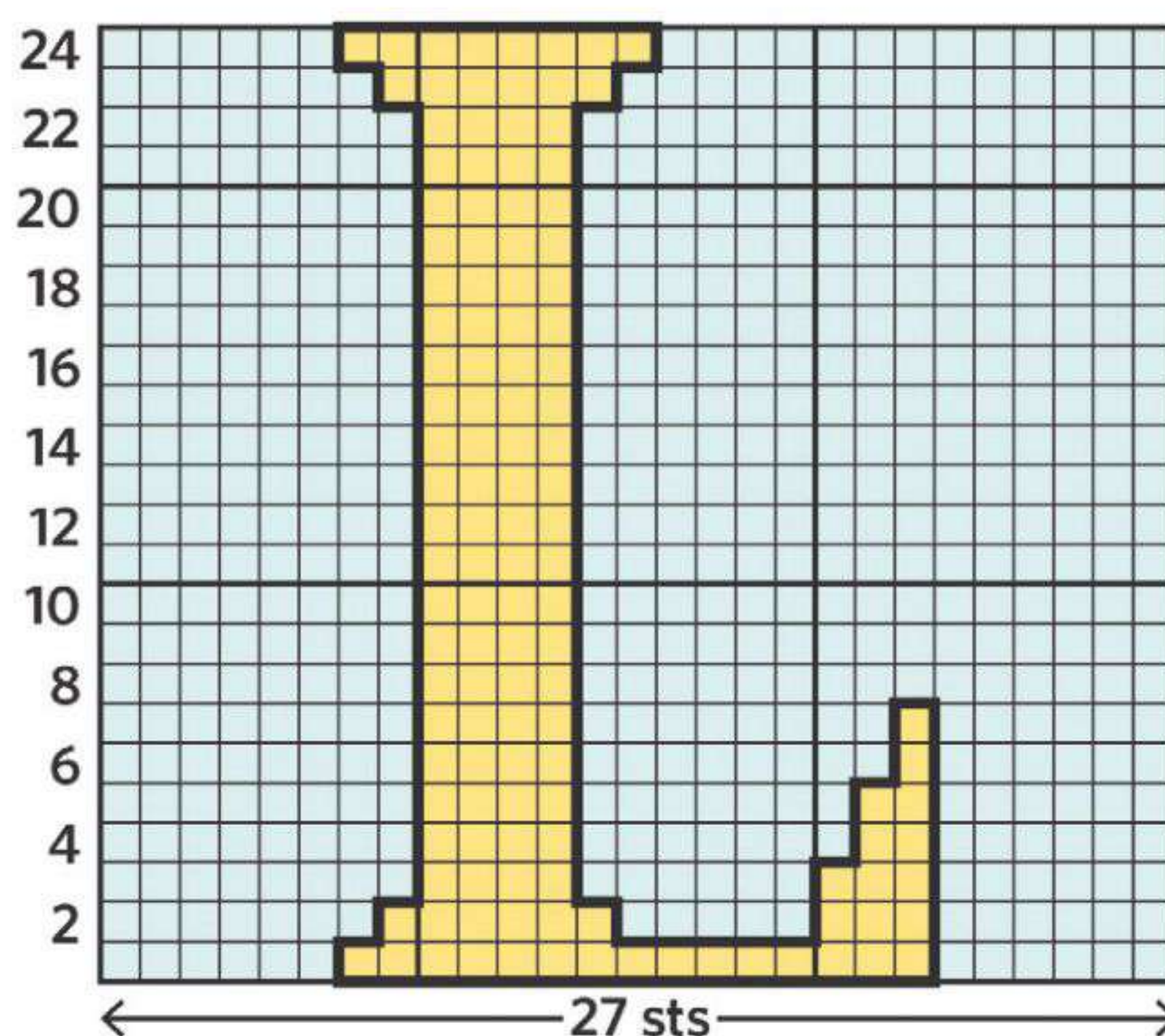
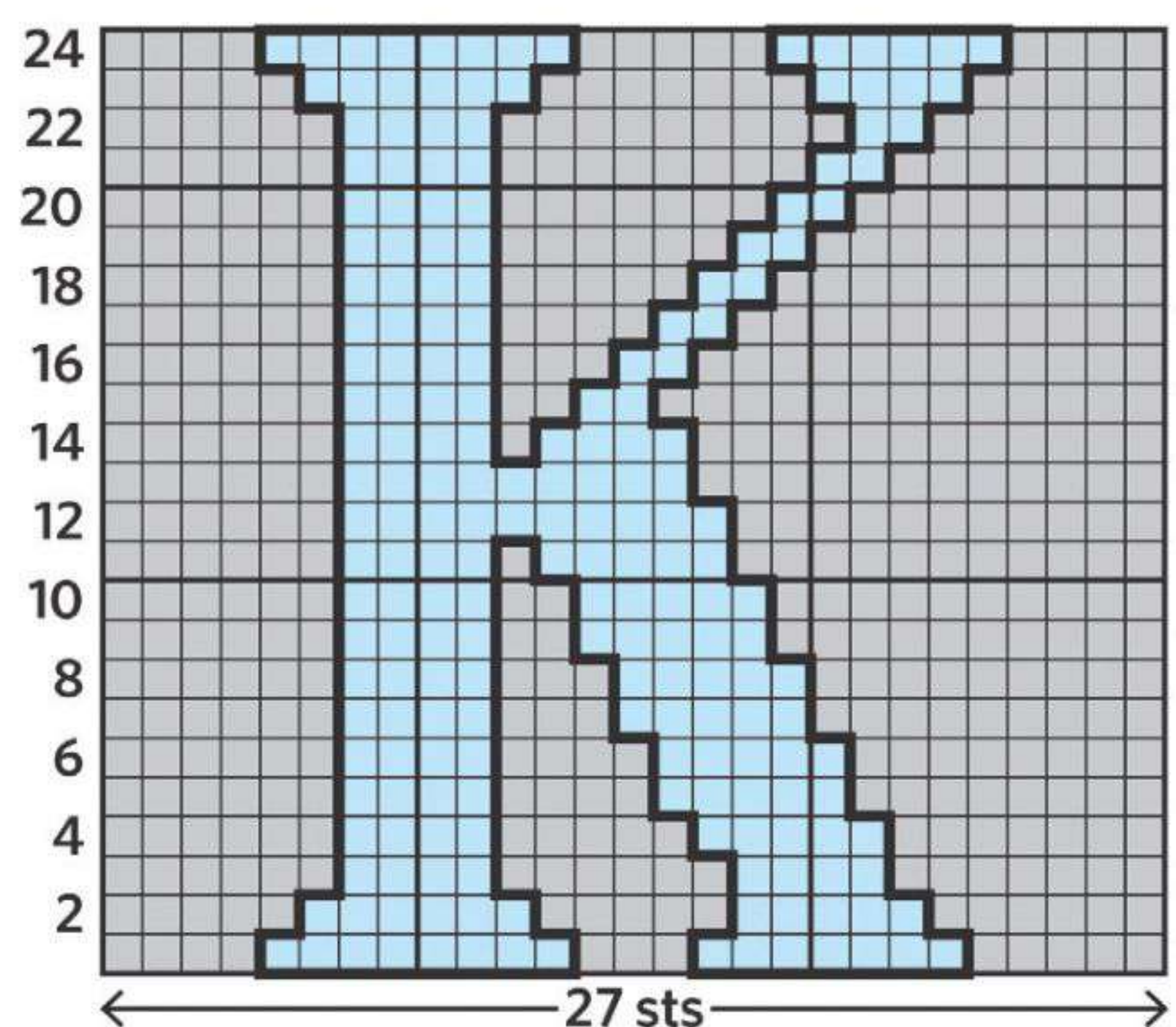
Mst row: K1, [p1, k1] to end.
 Mst another 6 rows.
Increase row (right side): With Light Green, mst 5, with Cream, k5, [up1, k4, up1, k5] twice, with Light Green, mst 5 – 37 sts.
1st row: With Light Green, mst 5, with Cream, p27, with Light Green, mst 5.
2nd row: With Light Green, mst 5, with Cream, k27, with Light Green, mst 5.
 Repeat last 2 rows, twice more, then work 1st row again.

Work from chart M as follows:

1st row: With Light Green, mst 5, k 1st row of chart M, with Light Green, mst 5.
2nd row: With Light Green, mst 5, p 2nd row of chart M, with Light Green, mst 5.
 Work another 22 rows from chart as set.
Next row: With Light Green, mst 5, with Cream, k27, with Light Green, mst 5.
Next row: With Light Green, mst 5, with Cream, p27, with Light Green, mst 5.
 Repeat last 2 rows, 3 times more.
 Break off Cream.
Decrease row: With Light Green, mst 5, k5, [k2tog, k3, k2tog, k4] twice, mst 5 – 33 sts.
 Mst 6 rows across all sts. Cast off in mst.

Key for charts

	Cream		Lilac
	Blue		Teal
	Grey		Pink
	Yellow		Mint



Double Take

One sweater pattern,
two very different looks.
We reckon he'll love both!

- ☐ EASY PEASY
- ☒ A BIT MORE TRICKY
- ☐ HARD-ISH
- ☐ QUITE A CHALLENGE



TAKE A LOOK AT...

We've got the guys on our mind this month. In Christmas comedy shows, we often see sketches featuring poor male relations wearing their gift of an ill-fitting handknitted sweater and looking thoroughly unhappy. However, if truth be told, most men would love a cosy jumper as their Christmas present; something easy to throw on with their favourite jeans. So, don't be put off by those tongue-in-cheek gags – get knitting for the boys!

Measurements

To fit chest sizes 86 (91) (97) (102) (107) (112) cm/34 (36) (38) (40) (42) (44) in.

Actual measurements 116 (121) (126) (131.5) (137) (142) cm/45½ (47½) (49½) (51¾) (54) (56) in.

Side seam 47 (47.5) (48.5) (49) (49) cm/18½ (18¾) (19) (19¼) (19¼) in.

Length to shoulder 69 (69.5) (71) (72) (73) (73) cm/27 (27¼) (28) (28¼) (28¾) (28¾) in.

Sleeve seam 47 (47.5) (48.5) (49) (49) (49) cm/18½ (18¾) (19) (19¼) (19¼) (19¼) in.

Materials

Striped sweater: 3 (3) (4) (4) (4) (4) 50g (87m) hanks of Erika Knight Vintage Wool (100% British wool) in Mint Green (Iced Gem 312), 3 (3) (4) (4) (4) (4) in Brown (Bambi 306), 3 (3) (4) (4) (4) (4) in Beige (Flax 300), 3 (3) (4) (4) (4) (4) in Grey (Drizzle 301) and 4 (4) (5) (5) (5) (5) in Black (Pitch 304)*.

Plain sweater: 14 (15) (16) (17) (17) (18) 50g (87m) hanks of Erika Knight Vintage Wool (100% British wool) in Turquoise (Leighton 305)*. Pair of 4mm (No. 8) and 4½mm (No. 7) knitting needles; stitch holder; 2 removable markers or waste yarn in a contrast colour.

Tension

19 stitches and 25 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 4.5mm needles.

Abbreviations

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Versatile stripes - team with black or blue jeans



Back

With 4mm needles and Black, cast on 104 (109) (114) (119) (124) (129) sts. Beginning with a k row, ss 6 rows. Change to 4½mm needles.

Ss another 4 rows.

Continuing in ss and carrying yarns not used along the side edge, work in stripe pattern thus:

3 rows Grey, 1 row Brown, 1 row Black, 1 row Grey, 3 rows Brown, 1 row Beige, 1 row Grey, 1 row Brown, 3 rows Beige, 1 row Mint Green, 1 row Brown, 1 row Beige, 3 rows Mint Green, 1 row Black, 1 row Beige, 1 row Mint Green, 3 rows Black, 1 row Grey, 1 row Mint Green, 1 row Black.

The last 30 rows form stripe pattern.

Pattern another 2 rows.

Increase row: K2, up1, k to last 2 sts, up1, k2 – 106 (111) (116) (121) (126) (131) sts.

Pattern another 11 rows.

Repeat the last 12 rows once more, then repeat the increase row again – 110 (115) (120) (125) (130) (135) sts.

Pattern another 51 (53) (55) (57) (57) rows.

Shape armholes: Keeping stripe pattern correct, cast off 2 sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 106 (111) (116) (121) (126) (131) sts.

Decrease row: K2, k2tog, k to last 4 sts, skpo, k2 – 104 (109) (114) (119) (124) (129) sts.

Pattern 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows another 6 times, then repeat the decrease row again – 90 (95) (100) (105) (110) (115) sts. **

Pattern another 37 (37) (39) (39) (41) (41) rows. Cast off.

Mark 25 (27) (29) (31) (33) (35) sts in from each end for the shoulders.

Front

Work as given for back to **. Pattern another 19 (19) (21) (21) (23) (23) rows.

Shape neck: Next row: K30 (32) (34) (36) (38) (40), skpo, k3, turn and work on these 34 (36) (38) (40) (42) (44) sts only for left half of neck.

Left side neck: Pattern 1 row.

Decrease row: K to last 5 sts, skpo, k3 – 33 (35) (37) (39) (41) (43) sts.

Repeat the last 2 rows another 8 times – 25 (27) (29) (31) (33) (35) sts.

Pattern another 3 rows (note: front is 4 rows longer than the back).

Cast off.

Right side neck: With right side facing, sl centre 20 (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) sts onto st holder, rejoin yarn to remaining sts and k3, k2tog, k to end – 34 (36) (38)

(40) (42) (44) sts.

Pattern 1 row.

Decrease row: K3, k2tog, k to end – 33 (35) (37) (39) (41) (43) sts.

Repeat the last 2 rows another 8 times – 25 (27) (29) (31) (33) (35) sts.

Pattern another 3 rows.

Cast off.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 4mm needles and Black, cast on 43 (43) (45) (45) (47) (47) sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 6 rows.

Change to 4½mm needles.

Ss another 4 rows.

Work in stripe pattern as given for back for 2 rows.

Keeping stripe pattern correct, shape sleeve thus:

Increase row: K2, up1, k to last 2 sts, up1, k2 – 45 (45) (47) (47) (49) (49) sts.

Pattern another 3 rows.

Repeat the last 4 rows another 20 times, then repeat the increase row again – 87 (87) (89) (89) (91) (91) sts.

Pattern another 21 (23) (25) (27) (27) (27) rows.

Shape top: Cast off 2 sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 83 (83) (85) (85) (87) (87) sts.

Decrease row: K2, k2tog, k to last 4 sts, skpo, k2 – 81 (81) (83) (83) (85) (85) sts.

Pattern 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows another 6 times then repeat the decrease row again – 67 (67) (69) (69) (71) (71) sts.

Cast off.

Neckband

Join right shoulder seam.

With right side facing and using 4mm needles, rejoin Grey yarn and pick up and k21 sts down left front neck, k across 20 (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) sts at front neck, pick up and k21 sts up right front neck and 40 (41) (42) (43) (44) (45) sts between markers across back neck – 102 (104) (106) (108) (110) (112) sts.

Beginning with a p row, work in ss and stripe pattern thus:

2 rows Grey, 1 row Brown, 1 row Black, 1 row Grey, 3 rows Brown, 1 row Beige, 1 row Grey, 1 row Brown.

Continue in Beige and work 2 rows.

Decrease row: [K2tog, k1] twice, k2tog, k46 (47) (48) (49) (50) (51), [skpo, k1] 3 times, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k28 (29) (30) (31) (32) (33), [skpo, k1] twice – 92 (94) (96) (98) (100) (102) sts.

Ss another 9 rows.

Cast off.

To complete

Press according to yarn band. Join left shoulder and neckband seam, reversing seaming on last 12 rows of neckband for roll back. Set in sleeves then join side and sleeve seams, reversing seam on first 6 rows at lower edges and cuffs for roll back.

PLAIN SWEATER

Work as given for striped sweater but using one colour throughout.



Gold Star

Hunting for your dream party dress? Look no further than this crocheted number, worked in a gorgeous glitter yarn. It's guaranteed to make your evenings sparkle...

Measurements

To fit bust sizes 79 (86) cm/31 (34) in.

Actual measurements 81 (89) cm/32 (35) in.

Armhole shaping to shoulder

15 (17) cm/6 (6¾) in.

Side seam 20 (20) cm/8 (8) in.

Skirt length 61 (61) cm/24 (24) in.

Length 96 (98) cm/37¾ (38½) in.

Sleeve seam 35.5 (35.5) cm/14 (14) in.

Materials

15 (17) 50g (130m) balls of Rico Fashion Cotton Métallisé (53% cotton, 35% acrylic, 12% metallic) in Gold (003)*. Size 3.00 and 4.00 crochet hooks; 1 medium button.

Tension

For the bodice, 2½ repeats of '1 group and 5 treble' pattern and 9½ rows, to 10 x 10cm, using 3.00 hook.

For the skirt, 6 rows of shell pattern measure 10cm in depth, using 4.00 hook.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **dc**, double crochet; **tr**, treble; **gp**, group (1tr, 2ch, 1tr); **slst**, slip stitch; **sh**, shell (4tr, 3ch, 4tr) all into same st or space.

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.

Back bodice

With 3.00 hook, make 68 (74) ch.

1st foundation row: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end, turn – 67 (73) dc.

2nd foundation row: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in first dc, 1dc in each dc to end, turn.

Repeat 2nd foundation row once more.

1st pattern row (wrong side): 3ch (counts as 1tr), miss next 2dc, 5tr in next dc, [miss next 2dc, 1gp in next dc, miss next 2dc, 5tr in next dc] to last 3dc, miss next 2dc, 1tr in last dc, turn – 11 (12) 5tr groups.

2nd pattern row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1gp in centre tr of next 5tr, [5tr in centre of next gp, 1gp in centre tr of next 5tr] to end, 1tr in top of 3ch, turn – 10 (11) 5tr groups.

3rd pattern row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 5tr in centre of next gp, [1gp in centre tr of next 5tr, 5tr in centre of next gp] to end, 1tr in top of 3ch, turn – 11 (12) 5tr groups. The 2nd and 3rd rows form the pattern. Pattern another 16 rows.

Shape armholes: Next row: Slst along into each st and into the centre tr of the 2nd 5tr group, 3ch (counts as 1tr), pattern to last 2 5tr groups, 1tr in centre tr of next 5tr, turn. **

Pattern another 3 (5) rows.

Divide for back opening: Next row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), [5tr in centre of next gp, 1gp in centre tr of next 5tr] 3 (4) times; for smaller size only, 5tr in centre of next gp, 1tr in centre tr of next 5tr, turn and work on this half for the right half back; for larger size only, 1tr in next gp, turn and work on this half for the right half back.

Pattern 6 more rows finishing at neck edge.

Shape neck: Next row: Slst along and into the centre tr of 2nd 5tr group, 3ch (counts as 1tr), 5tr in centre of next gp, pattern to end, turn.

Pattern 2 rows then fasten off.

Left half back: Return to dividing

row, rejoin yarn to same st where the last tr of the dividing row was worked, 3ch (counts as 1tr), pattern to end, turn. Pattern 6 rows, finishing at armhole edge.

Shape neck: Next row: Pattern until 2 5tr groups have been worked, 1tr in centre tr of next 5tr group, turn. Pattern 2 rows then fasten off.

Back skirt

With right side of lower edge facing, using 4.00 hook, rejoin yarn to end dc and work along foundation row as follows:

1st row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), [miss 2dc, 1sh in next dc, miss 2dc, 1tr in next dc] to end, turn – 11 (12) sh.

2nd row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), [1sh in centre of next sh, 1tr in next tr] to end, working last tr in 3ch at end, turn. Repeat the last row twice more.

5th row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), [1ch, 1sh in centre of next sh, 1ch, 1tr in next tr] to end, working last tr in 3ch at end, turn. Repeat the last row another 3 times.

9th row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), [2ch, 1sh in centre of next sh, 2ch, 1tr in next tr] to end, working last tr in 3ch at end, turn. Repeat the last row another 27 times. Fasten off.

Front bodice

Work as given for back bodice to **. Pattern 8 (10) rows.

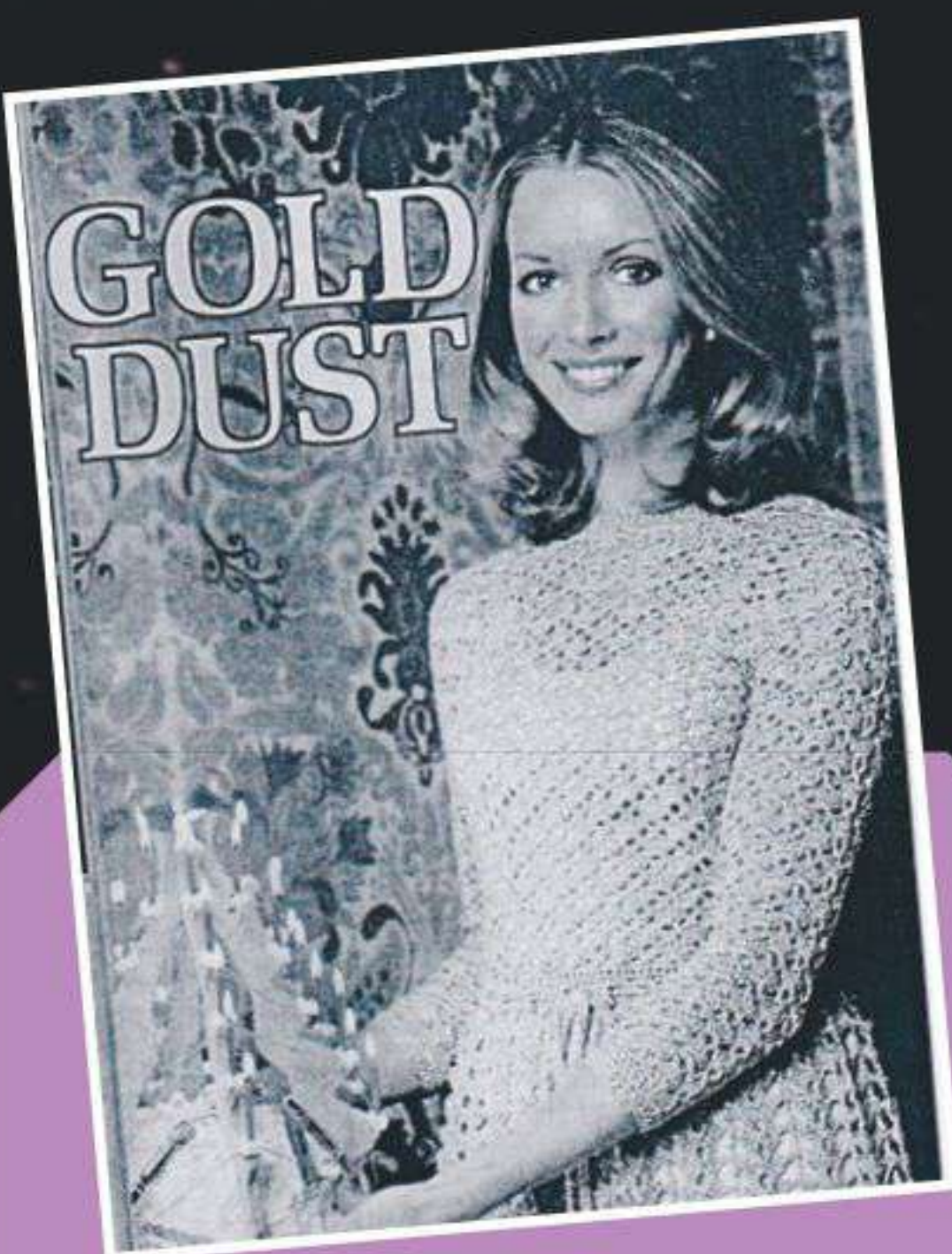
Divide for neck: Next row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), pattern until 2 5tr groups have been worked, 1tr in centre tr of next 5tr, turn and work on this half for the right front neck.

Right neck front: Pattern 4 rows. Fasten off.

Left neck front: Return to dividing row, with wrong side of work facing, rejoin yarn to centre of 3rd 5tr group from armhole edge, 3ch (counts as 1tr), 5tr into centre of next gp, pattern to end, turn. Pattern 4 rows. Fasten off.

Front skirt

Work as given for back skirt to end.



We're so lucky to have such a rich back catalogue of *Woman's Weekly* knitting and crochet patterns. This glamorous dress featured in the 23 November 1974 issue.

- ☐ EASY PEASY
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Sleeves

(both alike)

With 3.00 hook, make 38 (44) ch and work 1st and 2nd foundation rows as given for back bodice – 37 (43) dc.

Repeat 2nd foundation row once more.

Work 1st pattern row as given for back bodice – 6 (7) 5tr groups.

Now work the 2nd and 3rd pattern rows of back bodice 5 times.

1st increase row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 2tr in same place, pattern until 1 st remains, 3tr in 3ch at end, turn.

2nd increase row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1gp in next tr, miss 1tr, pattern until 3 sts remain, miss 1tr, 1gp in next tr, 1tr in top of 3ch, turn.

Pattern 3 rows.

Repeat the last 5 rows once more.

Pattern 8 rows straight.

Shape sleeve top: 1st row: Slst along into each st and into the centre tr of 1st 5tr group, 3ch (counts as 1tr), 5tr in centre of next gp, pattern until 1 5tr group remains, 1tr in centre tr of last 5tr group, turn.

Repeat last row another 5 (6) times.

Fasten off.

Neck edging

First join both shoulder seams.

Using 3.00 hook, rejoin yarn to neck edge of left half back and work a row of dc evenly all around neck edge, turn and work a further 2 rows of dc. Do not fasten off, but make 3ch for buttonhole, then continue in dc down the back opening and up to the top of the left back neck. Fasten off.

Sleeve edgings

(both alike)

With right side of work facing, rejoin yarn and using 3.00 hook, work 3 rows of dc all along the lower edge of the sleeve.

Fasten off.

Belt

With 3.00 hook, make a 150cm length of ch.

Work 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc in each remaining ch to end.

Fasten off.

To complete

Press lightly on the wrong side, with a cool iron over a damp cloth. Set in sleeves, then join side and sleeve seams.

Add button at back neck to correspond with buttonhole. Thread belt through first row of skirt pattern, weaving belt over shells and under trebles to tie at centre front.



*Wear with a
nude slip for an
on-trend look*

Sparkling Addition

'Five gold rings' (and more!) link to make a shimmering decoration

ONE-BALL
MAKE

Measurements

Each chain strip is approximately 11cm/4¼in long by 2cm/¾in high.

Materials

1 x 25g (100m) ball of Twilleys of Stratford Goldfingering (20% metallized polyester, 80% viscose) in Gold (2)*.

Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) needles.

Tension

36 stitches and 50 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over garter stitch, using 3¼mm knitting needles.

Abbreviations

St(s), stitch(es); **gst**, garter st (every row k).

Note

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

Chain strips

With 3¼mm needles and Gold, cast on 40 sts.

gst 10 rows. Cast off.

Repeat all instructions above, until you have run out of yarn.

To make up

Take the first strip and sew row ends together to form a ring. Weave in ends and trim. *Thread the next strip through the ring and sew row ends together to form the next ring in the chain. Weave in ends and trim. Continue in this way from * until you have used up all the strips.

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The Sweetest Thing

This mini Christmas pud outfit – hat, jumper and socks – is a work of genius!

Measurements

Jumper: To fit ages 6-12 (12-18) (24-36) (36-48) months.

Actual chest measurements 56 (61) (65) (70) cm/22 (24) (25¾) (27½) in.

Side seam 18 (20.5) (21.5) (23) cm/7 (8) (8½) (9) in.

Length to back neck 32 (36) (39.5) (43.5) cm/12½ (14¼) (15½) (17¼) in.

Sleeve seam 20.5 (22) (24) (25.5) cm/8 (8¾) (9½) (10) in.

Hat and socks: To fit ages 6-18 (24-48) months.

Materials

Jumper: 3 (4) (4) (5) 50g (85m) balls of Patons Merino Extrafine Aran (100% wool) in Suede (212); 1 (2) (2) (2) ball(s) in Cream (202); 1 ball in Camel (205)*. Pair of 3¾mm (No. 9) and 4½mm (No. 7) knitting needles; a short 3¾mm (No. 9) and 4½mm (No. 7) circular knitting needles; 1 button; stitch holders.

Hat and socks: 2 (3) 50g (85m) balls of Patons Merino Extrafine Aran (100% wool) in Suede (212); 1 ball in each of Cream (202) and Camel (205)*. Pair of 3¾mm (No. 9) and 4½mm (No. 7) knitting needles.

Holly decoration: 1 x 50g (120m) ball of

Patons Merino Extrafine DK (100% wool) in each of Forest (172) and Cherry (131)*. Pair of 3¾mm (No. 10) knitting needles.

Tension

18 stitches and 25 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 4½mm needles and Aran yarn.

Abbreviations

Sts, stitch(es); **k**, knit; **p**, purl; **sl**, slip; **tog**, together; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease 1 st, by working k2tog on a k row and p2tog on a p row; **ss**, stocking stitch (k on right side and p on wrong side); **nil**, meaning nothing is worked here for this size; **pssso**, pass sl st over; **skpo**, slip 1 st, k 1 st, pass slipped st over the knitted st (to decrease 1 st); **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.

35 (39) (43) (47) sts.

Work 8 rows in rib as given for back. Change to 4½mm needles.

Work 6 rows of pattern as given for back. Taking extra sts into pattern as they occur, inc 1 st at each end of next row and 5 following 6th (8th) (8th) (8th) rows – 47 (51) (55) (59) sts.

Pattern another 7 (1) (5) (9) row(s).

Shape top: Cast off 2 sts at beginning of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row and nil (1) (2) (3) following alternate row(s) – 41 (43) (45) (47) sts. Pattern 1 row. Leave these sts on a spare needle.

Yoke

With right side facing, using 4½mm circular needle and Suede, skpo, k17 (18) (19) (20), k2tog, k18 (19) (20) (21), k2tog across left sleeve, skpo, k19 (20) (21) (22), k2tog, k20 (21) (22) (23), k2tog across front, skpo, k17 (18) (19) (20), k2tog, 18 (19) (20) (21), k2tog across right sleeve, skpo, k19 (20) (21) (22), k2tog, k20 (21) (22) (23), k2tog across back – 160 (168) (176) (184) sts.

Slip first 2 (5) (nil) (3) sts on to right needle and place marker here to denote new beginning of rounds. Stranding yarn when not in use loosely across wrong side, work pattern thus:

1st round: [K2 Cream, k6 Suede] to end.

2nd round: K3 Cream, [k4 Suede, k4 Cream] to last 5 sts, k4 Suede, k1 Cream.

3rd round: K4 Cream, k2 Suede, [k6 Cream, k2 Suede] to last 2 sts, place marker here to denote new beginning of rounds. Continue in Cream only. K 1 round.

1st decrease round: [K6, k2tog] to end – 140 (147) (154) (161) sts.

K 6 (7) (8) (9) rounds.

2nd decrease round: [K5, k2tog] to end – 120 (126) (132) (138) sts.

K 6 (7) (8) (9) rounds.

3rd decrease round: [K4, k2tog] to end – 100 (105) (110) (115) sts.

K 3 (4) (4) (5) rounds.

4th decrease round: [K3, k2tog] to end

JUMPER

Back and front (both alike)

With 3¾mm needles and Suede, cast on 51 (55) (59) (63) sts.

1st rib row: K1, [p1, k1] to end.

2nd rib row: P1, [k1, p1] to end.

Repeat last 2 rows another 3 times.

Change to 4½mm needles.

1st row: With Suede, k to end.

2nd row: With Suede, p to end.

3rd row: K1 Suede, [k1 Camel, k3 Suede] to last 2 sts, k1 Camel, k1 Suede.

4th row: With Suede, p to end.

5th row: With Suede, k to end.

6th row: P3 Suede, [p1 Camel, p3 Suede] to end.

These 6 rows form pattern.

Pattern another 32 (36) (40) (44) rows.

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

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and nil (1) (2) (3) following alternate row(s) – 45 (47) (49) (51) sts. Pattern 1 row.

Leave these sts on a spare needle.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 3¾mm needles and Suede, cast on



*Great fun -
and possibly the
cutest look ever*



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– 80 (84) (88) (92) sts.

K 2 (3) (3) (4) rounds.

5th decrease round: [K2, k2tog] to end – 60 (63) (66) (69) sts. K 4 rounds, dec 1 st centre of last row on 2nd and 4th sizes only – 60 (62) (66) (68) sts.

Neckband: Change to 3¾mm circular needle.

Work forward and backwards in rows.

Next row: [K1, p1] to end, turn.

Work another 5 rows in k1, p1 rib. Cast off in rib, leaving a long end.

HOLLY DECORATION

Leaf (make 2): With 3¼mm needles and Forest, cast on 10 sts.

Cast off these 10 sts knitwise and fasten off but do not break off the yarn, turn and pick up and k first 8 sts along cast-off edge, leaving last 2 sts unworked, turn.

* **Next 2 rows:** Cast on 2 sts, cast off 4 sts, k to last 2 sts, sl1, bring yarn to front, place sl st back on to left needle, turn, k4.

Next row: Cast on 2 sts, cast off 4 sts, place st used in casting off back on to left needle, cast on 3 sts, cast off remaining 7 sts, fasten off. *

Do not break off the yarn.

With attached yarn, pick up and k first 8 sts from cast-on edge, leaving last 2 sts unworked, turn.

Work from * to *.

Berry (make 2): With 3¼mm needles and Cherry, cast on 1 st, k1 but do not drop st off left needle, yf, k into st again, dropping it off left needle, turn, k into front and back in each of next 2 sts, k1, turn, [k5, turn] twice, skpo, k1, k2tog, turn, sl1, k2tog, pssso, fasten off.

To make up

With attached yarn, make a buttonhole loop on back edge of neckband and sew button to other end. Join sleeve tops to armholes, then join side and sleeve seams. Sew the holly decoration at left side of front yoke as in photo.

SOCKS

(both alike)

With 3¾mm needles and Cream, cast on 32 (40) sts.

Work 4 rows in k1, p1 rib.

Change to 4½mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.

Stranding yarn not in use loosely along wrong side, work topping edge pattern thus: **1st row:** K1 Suede, [k6 Cream, k2 Suede] to last 7 sts, k6 Cream, k1 Suede.

2nd row: P2 Suede, [p4 Cream, p4 Suede] to last 6 sts, p4 Cream, p2 Suede.

3rd row: K3 Suede, [k2 Cream, k6 Suede]

to last 5 sts, k2 Cream, k3 Suede.

With Suede, p 1 row, dec 1 st at centre of last row – 31 (39) sts.

Work main pattern thus: **1st row:** K1 Suede, k1 Camel, [k3 Suede, k1 Camel] to last st, k1 Suede.

2nd row: With Suede, p to end.

3rd row: With Suede, k to end.

4th row: P3 Suede, [p1 Camel, p3 Suede] to end.

5th row: With Suede, k to end.

6th row: With Suede, p to end.

These 6 rows form main pattern.

Main pattern another 2 (4) rows. Break off yarns.

Divide for instep: **Next row:** With right side facing, sl first 8 (10) sts on to first st holder, rejoin yarns and pattern 15 (19) sts, turn and work on these sts only, leaving remaining 8 (10) sts on a second st holder. Pattern 11 (15) rows on centre 15 (19) sts.

Shape toe: Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 2 following alternate rows – 9 (13) sts. Pattern 1 row.

Break off yarn.

Shape side and sole: With right side facing and using 3¾mm needles, rejoin Suede to outside edge of 8 (10) sts on first st holder, k these sts, pick up and k14 (17) sts along first row-ends of instep, k9 (13) toe sts, pick up and k14 (17) sts along other row-ends of instep, then k8 (10) sts on second st holder – 53 (67) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 4 (6) rows.

Shape sole: 1st decrease row: [K2, k2tog] twice, k10 (17), k2tog, k2, k2tog, k5, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k10 (17), [k2tog, k2] twice – 45 (59) sts.

K 1 row.

2nd decrease row: [K1, k2tog] twice, k10 (17), k2tog, k1, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k10 (17), [k2tog, k1] twice – 37 (51) sts.

K 1 row.

3rd decrease row: [K2tog] twice, k10 (17), [k2tog] twice, k1, [k2tog] twice, k10 (17), [k2tog] twice – 29 (43) sts.

2nd size: K 1 row. **4th decrease row:** [K2tog] twice, k13, [k2tog] twice, k1, [k2tog] twice, k13, [k2tog] twice – 35 sts.

Both sizes: Next decrease row: K14 (17), k2tog, k13 (16) – 28 (34) sts.

K 1 row.

Divide sts evenly on to two needles with points of needles at outside edge. Fold sock in half with right side together. Using spare needle and taking 1 st from each needle and working them tog, cast off sole sts.

Join back seam.

Make 2 sets of holly decorations as given for jumper and sew to back of each sock.



HAT

With 3¾mm needles and Suede, cast on 79 (87) sts.

1st rib row: K1, [p1, k1] to end.

2nd rib row: P1, [k1, p1] to end.

Repeat these 2 rows, twice more.

Change to 4½mm needles.

1st row: With Suede, k to end.

2nd row: With Suede, p to end.

3rd row: K1 Suede, k1 Camel, [k3 Suede, k1 Camel] to last st, k1 Suede.

4th row: With Suede, p to end.

5th row: With Suede, k to end.

6th row: P3 Suede, [p1 Camel, p3 Suede] to end.

These 6 rows form main pattern.

Pattern another 15 (21) rows.

P 1 row, inc 1 st at centre – 80 (88) sts.

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

1st row: K1 Cream, k6 Suede, [k2 Cream, k6 Suede] to last st, k1 Cream.

2nd row: P2 Cream, p4 Suede, [p4 Cream, p4 Suede] to last 2 sts, p2 Cream.

3rd row: K3 Cream, k2 Suede, [k6 Cream, k2 Suede] to last 3 sts, k3 Cream.

Continue in Cream only. P 1 row.

Shape crown: 1st decrease row: K2tog, [k5, sl1, k2tog, pssso] 9 (10) times, k4, k2tog – 60 (66) sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd decrease row: K2tog, [k3, sl1, k2tog, pssso] 9 (10) times, k2, k2tog – 40 (44) sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd decrease row: K2tog, [k1, sl1, k2tog, pssso] 9 (10) times, k2tog – 20 (22) sts. P 1 row.

4th decrease row: [K2tog] to end – 10 (11) sts.

Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Join back seam. Make holly decorations as given for jumper and sew to top of hat.



Rockin' Robins

- ☐ EASY PEASY
- ☐ A BIT MORE TRICKY
- ☒ HARD-ISH
- ☐ QUITE A CHALLENGE

Perch these festive friends on our cosy cable wreath, or around your home





Measurements

Wreath: 25cm/9¾in in diameter.

Robin: 9cm/3½in high.

Materials

Wreath: 2 x 50g (125m) balls of DMC Woolly (100% wool) in Cream (003) and small amount in each of Grey (122) and Red (051)*. Pair of 2¾mm (No. 12) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles; cable needle; 25cm polystyrene ring.

Pair of robins: 1 x 50g (125m) ball of DMC Woolly (100% wool) in each of Grey (122) and Red (051) and small amount in Cream (003)*. Pair of 2¾mm (No. 12) knitting needles; 2 pairs of 6mm safety eyes; toy filling.

Abbreviations

St(s), stitch(es); **k**, knit; **p**, purl; **tog**,

together; **p2togb**, p2tog through back of sts; **sl**, slip; **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and work into the back of it; **p3tog**, p 3 sts together (to decrease 2 sts); **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **ss**, stocking st (k on right side, p on wrong side); **skpo**, slip 1, k1, pass slip st over; **wrap1**, slip next st on to right-hand needle, take yarn between needles to opposite side (front of work after k st and back of work after p st), place the slipped st back on left-hand needle; **kwise**, knitwise (as if to knit); **pwise**, purlwise (as if to purl).

Note

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To make up: Pair leaves together and join at lower edge. Sew 3 berries at join of each set. Sew holly randomly spaced on wreath.

ROBIN

Head: With 2¾mm needles and Grey, cast on 7 sts.

1st increase row: Inc kwise in each st – 14 sts. P 1 row. **2nd increase row:** [K1, inc in next st] to end – 21 sts. P 1 row.

3rd increase row: [K2, inc in next st] to end – 28 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Using separate small balls for each coloured area and twisting yarns together on wrong side at joins, work thus:

1st row: K12 Grey, 4 Red, 12 Grey.

2nd row: P11 Grey, 6 Red, 11 Grey.

3rd row: With Grey, k1, up1, k10, with Red, k6, with Grey, k10, up1, k1 – 30 sts.

4th row: With Grey, p2, up1, p9, with Red, p8, with Grey, p9, up1, p2 – 32 sts.

5th row: K12 Grey, 8 Red, 12 Grey.

6th row: P11 Grey, 10 Red, 11 Grey.

7th row: K11 Grey, 10 Red, 11 Grey.

8th row: With Grey, p1, p2tog, p8, with Red, p3, p2tog, p2togb, p3, with Grey, p8, p2togb, p1 – 28 sts.

Body: **9th row:** With Grey, inc in first st, k8, with Red, k10, with Grey, k8, inc in last st – 30 sts.

10th row: With Grey, inc in first st, p9, with Red, p10, with Grey, p9, inc in last st – 32 sts.

11th row: With Grey, inc in first st, k9, with Red, k12, with Grey, k9, inc in last st – 34 sts.

12th row: With Grey, inc in first st, p10, with Red, p12, with Grey, p10, inc in last st – 36 sts.

13th row: With Grey, inc in first st, k10, with Red, k14, with Grey, k10, inc in last st – 38 sts.

14th row: With Grey, inc in first st, p11, with Red, p14, with Grey, p11, inc in last st – 40 sts.

15th row: With Grey, inc in first st, k11, with Red, k16, with Grey,

WREATH

Cover: With 4mm needles and Cream, cast on 39 sts.

1st row: K6, p2, k2, p2, k15, p2, k2, p2, k6. **2nd row:** P6, k2, p2, k2, p15, k2, p2, k2, p6. **3rd row:** K6, p2, k2, p2, k3, [sl next 3 sts on to cable needle and leave at front, k3, then k3 from cable needle] twice, p2, k2, p2, k6. **4th row:** As 2nd row.

5th row: As 1st row. **6th row:** As 2nd row. **7th row:** K6, p2, k2, p2, [sl next 3 sts on to cable needle and leave at back, k3, then k3 from cable needle] twice, k3, p2, k2, p2, k6. **8th row:** As 2nd row. These 8 rows form pattern. Pattern another 207 rows. Cast off.

Join cast-on and cast-off edges. Place cover over ring and join row-ends at back.

Holly leaf (make 6): With 2¾mm needles and Grey, cast on 3 sts.

1st row: Inc kwise in each of first 2 sts, k1 – 5 sts. **2nd row:** P1, [k1, p1] twice.

3rd row: Inc kwise in first st, k to last 2 sts, inc kwise in next st, k1. **4th row:** P1, [k2, p1] twice.

5th row: As 3rd row – 9 sts.

6th row: P1, [k3, p1] twice.

7th row: Cast off 3 sts kwise, k to end.

8th row: Cast off 3 sts pwise (1 st on needle), p1, k1 – 3 sts.

Work 1st to 8th rows again.

17th row: K1, [up1, k1] twice – 5 sts.

18th row: As 2nd row. **19th row:** K.

20th row: P1, p3tog, p1.

K3tog and fasten off.

Berries (make 9): With 2¾mm needles and Red, cast on 1 st.

Work k1, p1 and k1 in one st, turn, p3, turn, k3, turn, p3, turn, k3, then pass 2nd and 3rd sts over first st.

Fasten off. Bring ends of yarn together and tie to create a ball.

k11, inc in last st – 42 sts. **16th row:** With Grey, inc in first st, p11, with Red, p18, with Grey, p11, inc in last st – 44 sts. **17th row:** With Grey, inc in first st, k11, with Red, k20, with Grey, k11, inc in last st – 46 sts.

18th row: With Grey, inc in first st, p11, with Red, p22, with Grey, p11, inc in last st – 48 sts. **19th row:** With Grey, cast on 12 sts for tail, with Grey, k20, with Cream, k5, with Red, k15, wrap1, turn, p8, wrap1, turn, k10, wrap1, turn, p12, wrap1, turn, k14, wrap1, turn, p16, wrap1, turn, k19, with Cream, k5, with Grey, k8 – 60 sts. **20th row:** With Grey, cast on 12 sts for tail, with Grey, p20, with Cream, p5, with Red, p22, with Cream, p5, with Grey, p20 – 72 sts.

21st row: K19 Grey, 6 Cream, 22 Red, 6 Cream, 19 Grey. **22nd row:** P19 Grey, 6 Cream, 22 Red, 6 Cream, 19 Grey.

23rd row: With Grey, cast off 4 sts, k10 sts more, k2tog, k1, with Cream, k7, with Red, k3, k2tog, k12, skpo, k3, with Cream, k7, with Grey, k1, skpo, k15 – 64 sts.

24th row: With Grey, cast off 4 sts, p12 sts more, with Cream, p7, with Red, p20, with Cream, p7, with Grey, p13 – 60 sts. **25th row:** With Grey, cast off 4 sts, k6 sts more, k2tog, with Cream, k2tog, k5, with Red, k3, k2tog, k10, skpo, k3, with Cream, k5, skpo, with Grey, skpo, k11 – 50 sts.

26th row: With Grey, cast off 4 sts, p7 sts more, with Cream, p6, with Red, p18, with Cream, p6, with Grey, p8 – 46 sts. **27th row:** With Grey, cast off 4 sts, k1 st more, k2tog, with Cream, k2tog, k4, with Red, k3, k2tog, k8, skpo, k3, with Cream, k4, skpo, with Grey, skpo, k6 – 36 sts.

28th row: With Grey, cast off 4 sts, p2 sts more, with Cream, p5, with Red, p16, with Cream, p5, with Grey, p3 – 2 sts. **29th row:** With Grey, cast off 2 sts, (1 st on needle), with Cream, [k2tog] twice, k1, with Red, k3, k2tog, k6, skpo, k3, with Cream, k1 [skpo] twice, with Grey, k3 – 24 sts.

30th row: With Grey, cast off 2 sts, (1 st on needle), with Cream, p3, with Red, p14, with Cream, p3, with Grey, p1 – 22 sts. **31st row:** With Grey, k1, with Cream, k2tog, k1, with Red, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k4, skpo, k1, skpo, with Cream, skpo, k1, with Grey, k1 – 16 sts.

Cast off with colours as set. Gather cast-on edge, pull up tightly and secure, then join back head seam.

Attach safety eyes on front of head. Join seam of body and around tail. Stuff firmly. Gather cast-off edge, pull up tightly and secure.

Left wing: With 2¾mm needles and Grey, cast on 5 sts, leaving 30cm end.

Increase row: K1, inc in next st, k to last 2 sts, inc in next st, k1. K 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, once more, then work inc row again – 11 sts. K 4 rows.

1st rib row: K1, [p1, k1] to end.

2nd rib row: P1, [k1, p1] to end.

Rib 1 row. **

Dec 1 st at end of next row and 4 following 4th rows – 6 sts.

Next row: [Rib 1, work 2tog] twice – 4 sts. **Next row:** [Work 2tog] twice – 2 sts. Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Sew wing to body along

cast-on and shaped edge. Wind the long end into a small ball and place under garter stitch part of the wing, securing it in position.

Right wing: As left wing to **.

Dec 1 st at beginning of next row and 4 following 4th rows – 6 sts.

Next row: [Work 2tog, rib 1] twice – 4 sts. Complete as left wing.

Beak: With 2¾mm needles and Grey, cast on 10 sts. P 1 row.

1st decrease row: K2tog, k1, [k2tog] twice, k1, k2tog – 6 sts. P 1 row.

2nd decrease row: K2tog, k2, k2tog – 4 sts.

Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends. With this seam underneath, sew beak to face.





Santa's Stuck In The Chimney!

Fun makes for the festivities – a brick-effect stocking and Father Christmas toy

Photos: Simon Whitmore. Stylist: Jennifer Morgan. Designer: Louise Watling. *Yarn subject to availability

Measurements

Santa: Approximately 25cm/10in tall.

Chimney stocking: Approximately 34cm/13½in long and 21cm/8¼in wide across foot.

Materials

Santa: 1 x 100g (280m) ball of Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic) in each of Signal Red (977) and Flesh Tone (963); 1 x 50g (140m) ball of Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic) in each of White (961) and Black (965)*. Pair of 3mm (No. 11) knitting needles; washable toy stuffing; red colouring pencil.

Chimney stocking: 1 x 100g (236m) ball of Sirdar Supersoft Aran (100% acrylic) in each of Red Poppy (824) and White (830)*. Pair of 4½mm (No. 7) knitting needles.

Tension

26 stitches and 36 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 3mm

needles and DK yarn. 19 stitches and 28 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 4½mm needles and Aran yarn.

Abbreviations

St(s), stitch(es); **k**, knit; **p**, purl; **sl**, slip; **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **inc**, increase (by working twice in same st); **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **rss**, reverse stocking st (p on right side and k on wrong side); **kwise**, knitwise (insert needle into next st as if to knit); **pwise**, purlwise (insert needle into next st as if to purl).

Note

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

SANTA

Body and head

Base: With 3mm needles and Signal Red, cast on 12 sts. P 1 row.

1st increase row: Inc kwise in each st – 24 sts. P 1 row.

2nd increase row: [Inc in next st, k1] to end – 36 sts. P 1 row.

3rd increase row: [Inc in next st, k2] to end – 48 sts. P 2 rows.

Body: Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows. Change to White. K 2 rows and p 1 row. Change to Signal Red.

Beginning with a p row, ss 7 rows.

1st decrease row: [K4, k2tog] to end – 40 sts. Ss 5 rows.

2nd decrease row: [K3, k2tog] to end – 32 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd decrease row: [K2, k2tog] to end – 24 sts. Ss 3 rows.

4th decrease row: [K1, k2tog] to end – 16 sts.

Head: Change to Flesh Tone. P 1 row.

Next increase row: Inc in every st – 32 sts. Ss 17 rows.



*If you like, fill the
stocking with
Christmas goodies
instead of Santa!*

- ☐ EASY PEASY
- ☒ A BIT MORE TRICKY
- ☐ HARD-ISH
- ☐ QUITE A CHALLENGE



Next decrease row: [K2, k2tog] to end – 24 sts. Ss 3 rows.
Next decrease row: [K1, k2tog] to end – 16 sts. P 1 row.
Next decrease row: [K2tog] to end – 8 sts. P 1 row.
 Break off yarn, thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Gather cast-on edge, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends together leaving an opening.
 Stuff firmly and close opening.

Legs

(make 2)

With 3mm needles and Black, cast on 18 sts for centre of sole.
 Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.
Shape instep: Next row: K4, cast off next 10 sts, k to end – 8 sts. The cast-off stitches will become the instep. Continue across the remaining 8 sts.
 Beginning with a p row, ss 5 rows.
 Change to White.
 K 2 rows and p 1 row.
 Change to Signal Red.
 Beginning with a p row, ss 18 rows.
 Cast off.
 Fold each leg in half and join cast-off sts together on top of instep. Join sole and back leg seam, stuffing as you sew.
 Sew open tops to body base.

Arms

(make 2)

With 3mm needles and Black, cast on 4 sts.
Next row: Inc kwise in each st – 8 sts.
 Beginning with a p row, ss 2 rows.
 Change to White.
 P 2 rows and k 1 row.
 Change to Signal Red.
 Beginning with a k row, ss 16 rows.
 Cast off.
 Gather cast-on edge, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends, stuffing as you sew. Flatten open edge on each arm and attach arms to sides of body, sewing through both layers of arms.

Hat

With 3mm needles and White, cast on 40 sts. K 1 row and p 1 row.
 Change to Signal Red.
 Beginning with a p row, ss 5 rows.
1st decrease row: [K3, k2tog] to end – 32 sts. Ss 3 rows.
2nd decrease row: [K2, k2tog] to end – 24 sts. Ss 3 rows.
3rd decrease row: [K1, k2tog] to end – 16 sts. Ss 3 rows.
4th decrease row: [K2tog] to end – 8 sts. P 1 row.
 Change to White for bobble.

5th decrease row: [K2tog] to end – 4 sts.
Increase row (wrong side): Inc kwise in each st – 8 sts. Beginning with a p row, rss 3 rows.
Next decrease row (wrong side): [K2tog] to end – 4 sts.
 Break off yarn, thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends together. Stuff bobble firmly. Run a gathering thread at base of bobble, pull up tightly and secure. Place hat on head and sew in position.

Facial features

Beard: With 3mm needles and White, cast on 20 sts.
 Beginning with a k row, rss 2 rows.
Decrease row (wrong side): K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog – 18 sts. P 1 row.
 Repeat last 2 rows, 6 times more, then work dec row again – 4 sts.
 Cast off pwise.
 With cast-on edge uppermost, sew beard to front of face.
Nose: With 3mm needles and Flesh Tone, cast on 3 sts.
 Ss 2 rows. Cast off.
 Gather round outer edges of nose, pull up to form a ball. Sew ball to centre of face just above top of beard. With Black, embroider a single chain stitch for each eye and two straight stitches in a V-shape for mouth. With red pencil, lightly colour the cheeks.
 With White, embroider a couple of single chain stitches for buttons on front of body.

CHIMNEY STOCKING

With 4½mm needles and White, cast on 76 sts for centre of sole.
Increase row: Inc in first st, k35, inc in each of next 2 sts, k36, inc in next st, k1 – 80 sts.
1st row (wrong side): With Red Poppy, [p5, with yarn at front, sl1pwise] to last 2 sts, p2.
2nd row: With Red Poppy, k2, [with yarn at back, sl1pwise, k5] to end.
3rd row: With White, p.
4th row: With White, k.
5th row: With Red Poppy, p2, [with yarn at front, sl1pwise, p5] to end.
6th row: With Red Poppy, [k5, with yarn at back, sl1pwise] to last 2 sts, k2.
7th row: With White, p.
8th row: With White, k.
 These 8 rows form brick pattern.
 Pattern another 22 rows.
Shape instep: Keeping pattern correct, cast off 15 sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 50 sts.
 Pattern another 47 rows.
 With White and beginning with a p row, rss 14 rows. Cast off.
 With 4½mm needles and White, cast on 32 sts for hanging loop. Cast off.

Fold stocking in half and join seam along cast-on sts of sole, row-ends of front of foot, cast-off sts of instep and row-ends of front of leg. Fold hanging loop in half. With ends on top of each other, sew them to inside at back of leg.



Beginners, Please KNITTING PROJECT

Love Bird

A cuddly penguin who'd win over any child's heart



*Our adorable chum
would be brilliant as
a Christmas stocking
filler or tree treat*

Measurements

Approximately 11cm/4¼in tall.

Materials

1 x 50g (115m) ball of Sublime Evie (94% cotton, 6% nylon) in each of Grey (Haze 512), Cream (Nougat 508) and Green (Honeydew 517)*, oddment of double knitting yarn in Yellow. Pair of 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles; toy filling; pair of 6mm toy safety eyes.

Tension

Tension is not critical for this project. Use a smaller needle than recommended for your yarn so that the toy filling is not visible through the stitches.

Abbreviations

St(s), stitch(es); **k**, knit; **p**, purl; **inc**, increase (by knitting into same st twice); **skpo**, slip 1 st, k 1 st, pass slipped st over the knitted st (to decrease 1 st); **k2tog**, k 2 sts together (to decrease 1 st); **p2tog**, p 2 sts together (to decrease 1 st); **ss**, stocking stitch (k on right side and p on wrong side); **gst**, garter stitch (every row k); **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and k into back of it (to increase 1 st); **sl**, slip; **purlwise**, insert needle into stitch as if to purl.

Note

The penguin is knitted in rows from the base to the head and the seam is sewn closed. The tummy section is knitted using the intarsia method. The ear-muffs, scarf, wings and beak are knitted separately and sewn in place. The wings and beak are knitted sideways and a very simple short row technique is used to make them wider at one end. Before you begin, wind the ball of Grey into two smaller balls for the intarsia section of the tummy. Use a separate ball of yarn for this section, twisting the yarn at each colour change to avoid making a hole. Yarn quantities are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

Base

With Grey, cast on 11 sts.

1st row (wrong side row): P.

2nd row (right side row): Inc in every st – 22 sts.

3rd row: P.

4th row: [K1, inc in next st] to end – 33 sts.

5th row: P.

K 2 rows. Continue with body.

Body

Remember to use separate balls of Grey yarn for each side and twist yarns at colour change to avoid making a hole.

1st row: K13 Grey, k7 Cream, k13 Grey.

2nd row: P13 Grey, p7 Cream, p13 Grey.

Repeat last 2 rows another 3 times.

Decrease row: (K3, skpo, k8) Grey, k7 Cream, (k8, k2tog, k3) Grey – 31 sts.

Next row: P12 Grey, p7 Cream, p12 Grey.

Next row: K12 Grey, k7 Cream, k12 Grey.

Next row: P12 Grey, p7 Cream, p12 Grey.

Decrease row: (K3, skpo, k7) Grey, k7 Cream, (k7, k2tog, k3) Grey – 29 sts.

Next row: P11 Grey, p7 Cream, p11 Grey.

Next row: K11 Grey, k7 Cream, k11 Grey.

Next row: P11 Grey, p7 Cream, p11 Grey.

Decrease row: ([K1, skpo] 3 times, k2) Grey, k7 Cream, (k2, [k2tog, k1] 3 times) Grey – 23 sts. Continue with head.

Head

Next row: P8 Grey, p7 Cream, p8 Grey.

Next row: K8 Grey, k7 Cream, k8 Grey.

Next row: P8 Grey, p7 Cream, p8 Grey.

Repeat last 2 rows another 4 times.

Next row: K9 Grey, k5 Cream, k9 Grey.

Break off Cream and continue in Grey.

Beginning with a p row, ss 4 rows.

Next row: [P2tog] to last st, p1 – 12 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long tail end and thread onto a yarn needle. Thread through remaining sts to gather, pull tight and secure gathers. Fasten off all other loose ends of yarn. Sew the head and body seam then fix the toy safety eyes to the face area, approximately 3 rows down from the top of the Cream section, spaced 3 sts apart. Fill with toy filling, making sure that the bottom of the penguin is larger than the top. Sew the remaining base seam and gather the cast on sts to close the hole.

Scarf

With Green, cast on 4 sts.

Gst 80 rows. Cast off. Place scarf around neck and sew in place, stretching scarf slightly and crossing the ends at the centre front.

Beak (make 2 alike)

With Yellow, cast on 4 sts.

1st row: K2, turn.

Next row: Take yarn to the back between

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needles, sl 1 purlwise, k1, turn.

Next row: K3, turn.

Next row: Take yarn to the back between needles, sl 1 purlwise, k2, turn.

Next row: K4, turn.

Cast off.

Using matching yarn, sew the 2 pieces together using whip stitch around 2 edges then sew the third edge to the head, just above the scarf.

Ear muffs (make 2 alike)

With Cream, cast on 15 sts.

K 2 rows.

Decrease row: [K1, k2tog] to end – 10 sts.

Next row: K.

Next row: [K2tog] to end – 5 sts.

Break off yarn leaving a long tail end and thread onto a yarn needle. Thread through remaining sts to gather. Secure gathers with a few stitches then whip stitch the side seam closed. Using Green, sew a small knot in the centre of each muff.

For the headband, with Cream, cast on 16 sts and gst 2 rows. Cast off.

Sew the headband across the top of the head and sew the ear-muffs to each end, using image as a guide to placement.

Wings (make 2 alike)

With Grey, cast on 9 sts.

K 2 rows.

Next row: K3, turn.

Next row: Take yarn to back between needles, sl 1 purlwise, k2, turn.

Next row: K5, turn.

Next row: Take yarn to back between needles, sl 1 purlwise, k4, turn.

Next row: K7, turn.

Next row: Take yarn to back between needles, sl 1 purlwise, k6, turn.

K 2 rows.

Cast off and sew each wing to the side of the body, just below the scarf.

Beginners, Please CROCHET PROJECT

Red-Nose Rudy

Everyone's favourite reindeer – with scarf to keep him cosy on his travels



*Rudolph has never looked
so cool – add him to your
festive collection*



Measurements

24cm/9½in tall from tip of antler to foot.

Materials

1 x 50g (115m) ball of Sublime Evie (94% cotton, 6% nylon) in each of Grey (Haze 512), Cream (Nougat 508)*, oddments of double knitting yarn in Green and Red. Size 4.00 crochet hook; toy filling; pair of 6mm toy safety eyes; stitch marker.

Tension

Tension is not critical for this project. Use a smaller hook than recommended for your yarn so that the toy filling is not visible through the stitches.

Abbreviations

St(s), stitch(es); **ch**, chain; **dc**, double crochet; **dc2tog**, [insert hook in next st, yrh and pull through] twice, yrh and pull through all 3 loops on hook; **htr**, half treble crochet; **slst**, slip stitch; **yrh**, yarn round hook.

Note

All parts, except for the antlers and scarf, are worked in a spiral without joining each round. Use a stitch marker to mark the 1st stitch of the round and move it up as you work. Yarn quantities are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

Eyes

With 4.00 hook and Grey, make 2ch.

1st round (right side): 6dc and 1 slst in 2nd ch from hook – 6 sts.

Fasten off and put to one side.

Head

Begin at snout.

With 4.00 hook and Cream, make 2ch.

1st round (right side): 6dc in 2nd ch from hook – 6 sts.

Continue to work in a spiral.

2nd round: [2dc in next st] to end – 12 sts.

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

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

5th to 7th rounds: [1dc in next st] to end.

8th round: [1dc in each of next 2 sts, dc2tog] 6 times – 18 sts.

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

10th round: 1dc in front loop only of next 6 sts, 2dc in front loop only of next 6 sts, 1dc in front loop only of next 6 sts – 24 sts.

11th to 12th rounds: [1dc in next st] to end.

13th round: [1dc in each of next 5 sts, 2dc

into next st] 4 times – 28 sts.

14th to 15th rounds: [1dc in next st] to end.

16th round: [1dc in each of next 5 sts, dc2tog] 4 times – 24 sts.

17th round: [1dc in each of next 2 sts, dc2tog] 6 times – 18 sts.

18th round: [1dc in next st] to end.

19th round: [1dc in next st, dc2tog] 6 times – 12 sts.

At this point, place the eyes centrally above 10th round, approximately 2 sts apart. Push toy safety eyes through the crocheted eyes and into the head and fix washer onto the stems of the eyes.

Fill head firmly with toy filling.

20th round: [1dc in next st] to end.

21st round: [Dc2tog] 6 times – 6 sts.

Slst in next st and fasten off. Push a little more toy filling into the gap with the end of your crochet hook then gather the sts to close the hole. Put head to one side.

Nose

With 4.00 hook and Red, make 2ch.

Work as given for 1st and 2nd rounds of head.

3rd round: [1dc in next st] to end.

Slst in next st and fasten off*. Sew nose to centre front face and add a little toy filling as you sew.

Ears

(make 2 alike)

With Grey, work as given for nose to *.

Pinch one end of ear and sew together with a few sts. Sew ears to each side of head (use image as a guide to placement).

Antlers

(make 2 alike)

With 4.00 hook and Grey, make 10ch.

Row 1: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end, turn – 9 sts.

Row 2: Ch1 (does not count as st), 1dc in front loop only of each st to end, turn. Fold piece in half with wrong sides together, bringing the long edges of the rows together and lining up the sts. Now work into the back loops of each set of stitches together, to join the edge, thus:

Row 3: Ch1 (does not count as st), 1 slst in each of next 3 sts, ch4, 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc in each of next 2 ch, continue along the main edge, 1slst in each st to end. Fasten off.

Sew to top of head, in between the ears, using image as a guide to placement.

Body

Begin at the bottom.

With 4.00 hook and Cream, make 2ch.

Work as given for 1st to 4th rounds of head.

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

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

7th to 11th rounds: [1dc in next st] to end.

12th round: [1dc in each of next 4 sts, dc2tog] 6 times – 30 sts.

13th round: [1dc in next st] to end.

14th round: [1dc in each of next 3 sts, dc2tog] 6 times – 24 sts.

15th round: [1dc in next st] to end.

16th round: [1dc in each of next 2 sts, dc2tog] 6 times – 18 sts.

17th round: [1dc in next st] to end.

18th round: [1dc in next st, dc2tog] 6 times – 12 sts.

Fill body firmly with toy filling then continue.

18th round: [Dc2tog] 6 times – 6 sts.

Slst in next st and fasten off.

Place head centrally onto body and sew in place.

Rear legs

(make 2 alike)

With 4.00 hook and Cream, make 2ch.

1st round (right side): 6dc in 2nd ch from hook – 6 sts.

Continue to work in a spiral.

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

3rd round: [1dc in next st, dc2tog] 3 times – 6 sts.

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

Repeat last round another 11 times.

Slst into next st and fasten off. Fill feet with toy filling, using the end of your hook to push the filling down to the bottom and leaving the legs unstuffed.

Sew rear legs to bottom edge of body.

Front legs

(make 2 alike)

Work as given for rear legs to **.

Repeat 4th round another 8 times.

Slst in next st and fasten off. Fill with toy filling as given for rear legs. Sew front legs to each side of body.

Scarf

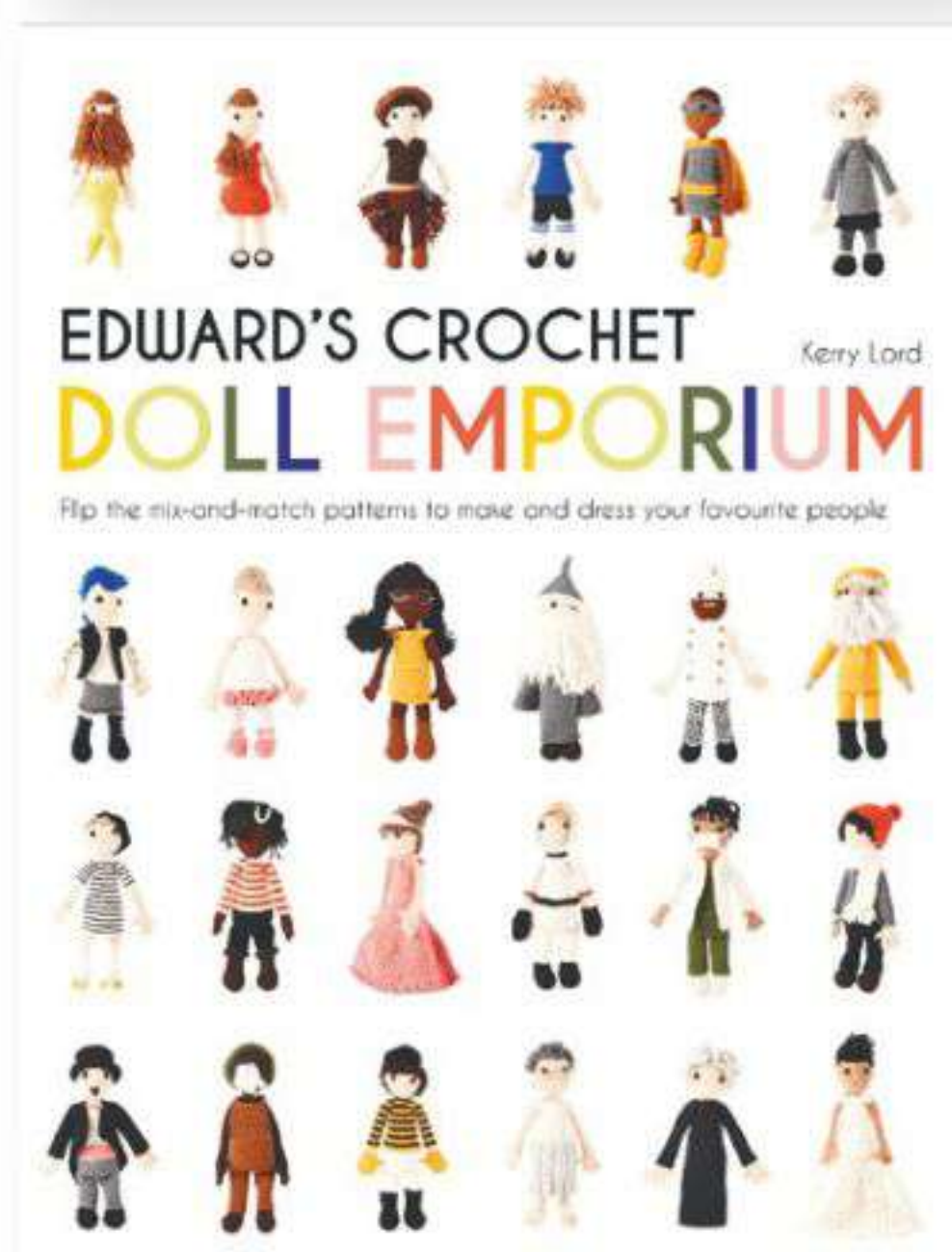
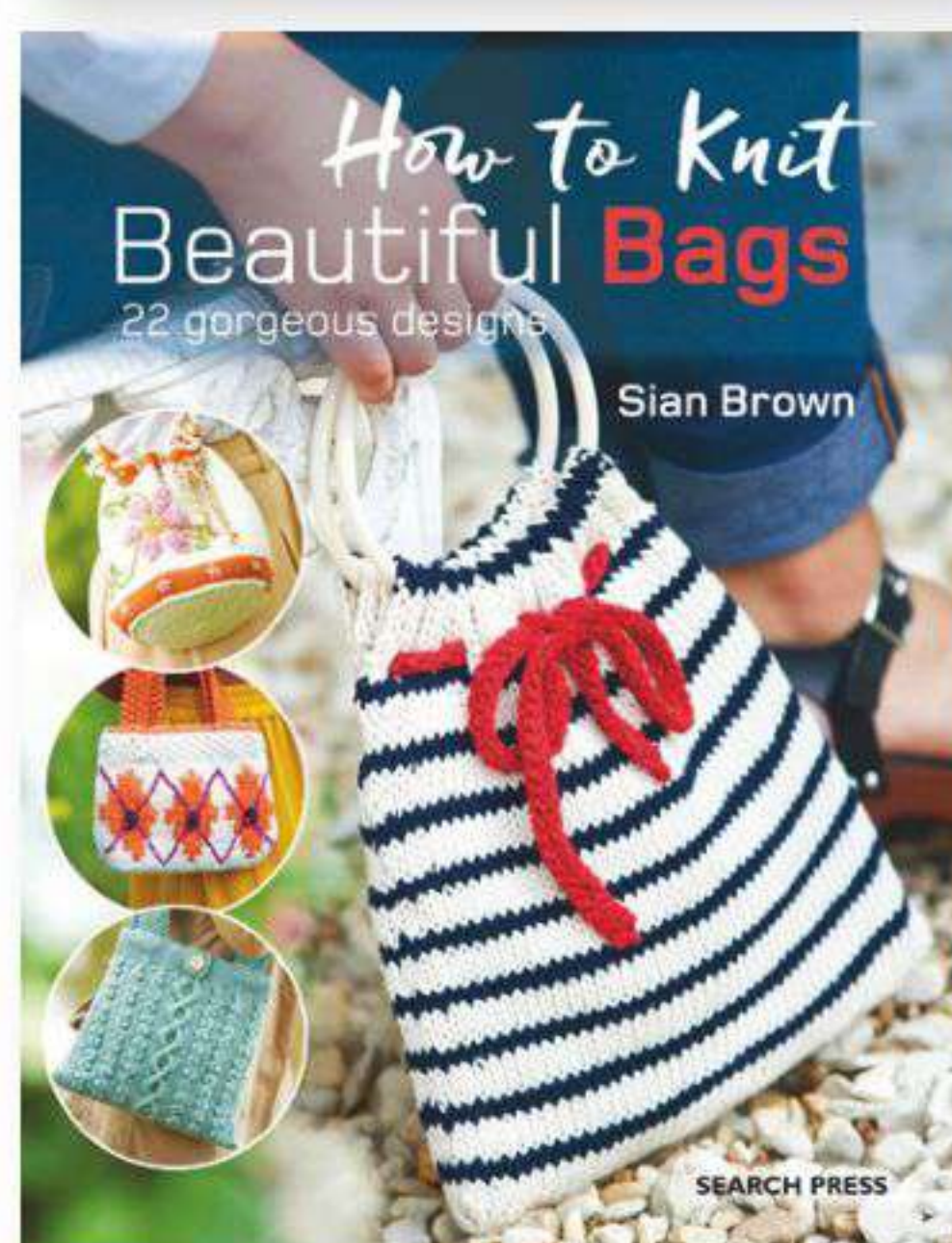
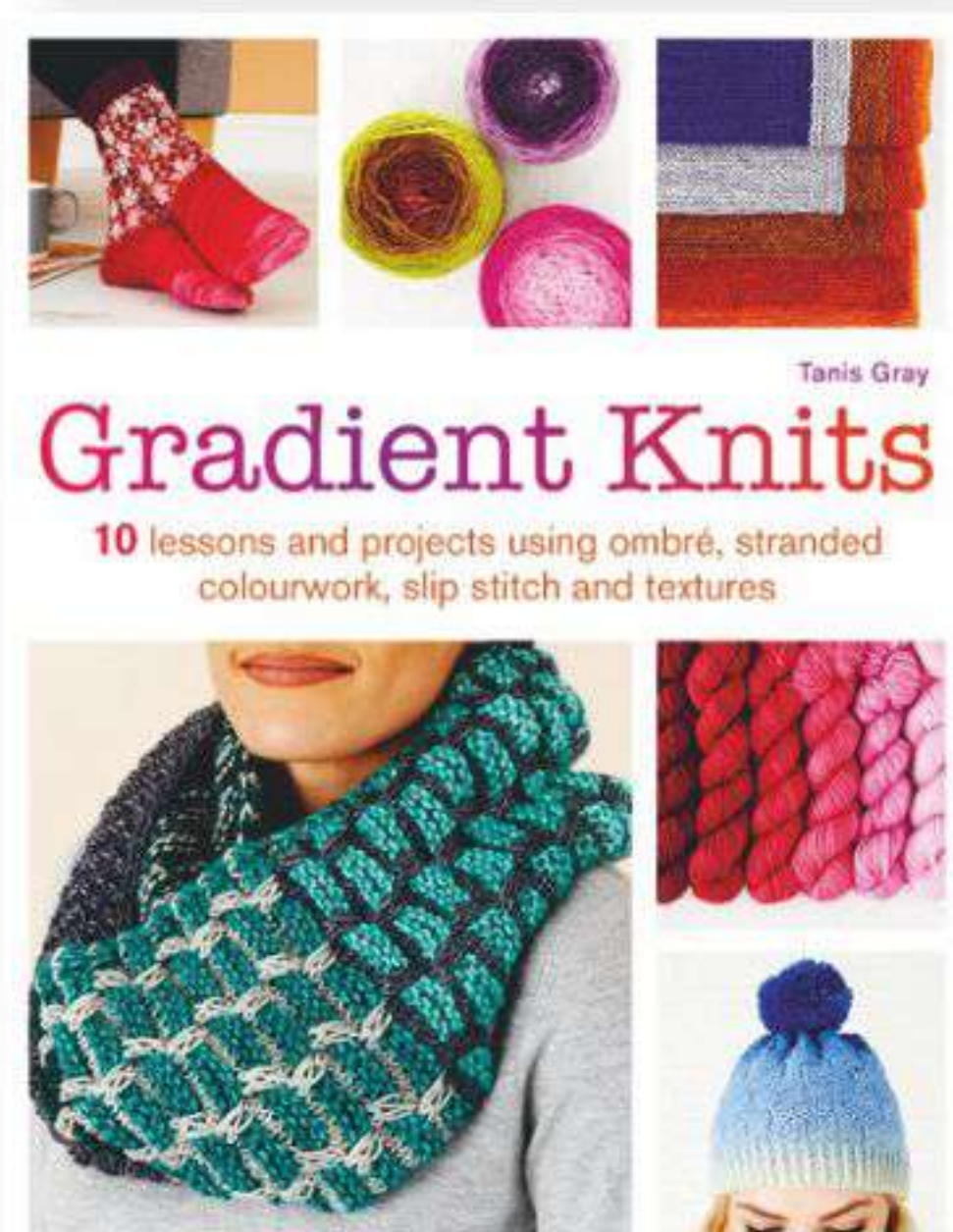
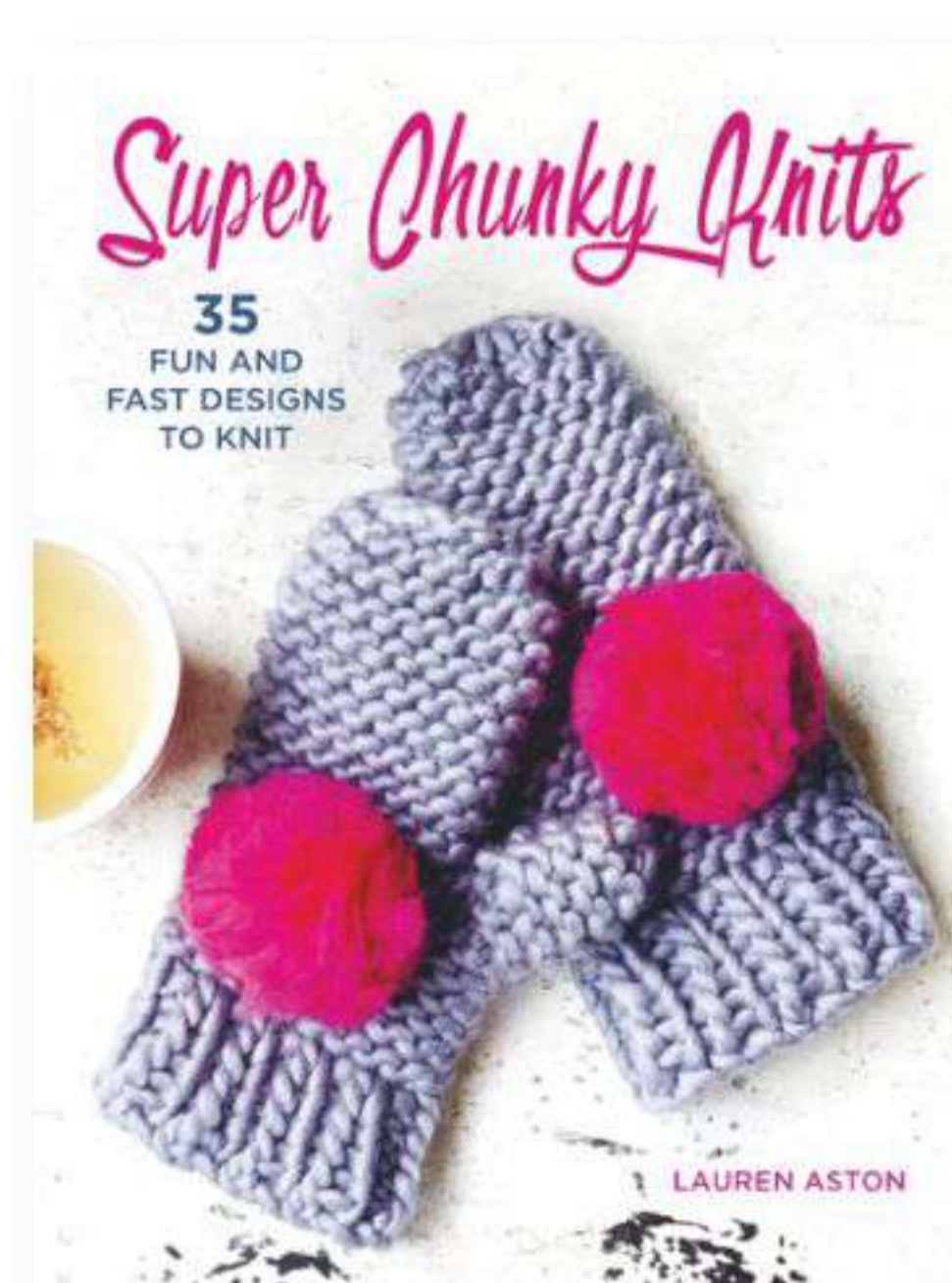
With 4.00 hook and Green, make 42ch.

1st row: 1htr in 3rd ch from hook, [1htr in next st] to end – 41 sts.

Fasten off. Cut 8-10 short lengths of yarn and use crochet hook to attach to scarf ends. Sew scarf in place around neck, crossing the ends at one side.



This month, knit big and bold, take a journey through shades of colour, create a stylish bag for any occasion and crochet a doll your way



Bookshelf

SUPER CHUNKY KNITS 35 fun and fast designs to knit

by Lauren Aston (CICO Books, £12.99)

Super chunky knitting is more than a book of knitting patterns. For Lauren Aston, it's a way of life. Her philosophy: 'The goal is to get fun, impactful results fast,' she said when she announced the publication of this, her first book. 'There's a real variety of patterns from beginners to expert and plenty you can do in an evening or weekend without having to dedicate months of your life to one item – I'm not patient enough for that!' Lauren started knitting as a little girl and went on to get a degree in Knitwear from the Winchester School of Art. Since then, she's had her work and patterns featured in a host of magazines. She only knits with jumbo needles and jumbo yarns. And only ever uses the most exquisite colours. Most of the patterns are for homeware and accessories, all designed to bring colour and life to every room of the house.

GRADIENT KNITS 10 lessons and projects using ombre, stranded colourwork, slip stitch and textures

by Tanis Gray (Search Press, £12.99)

A gradient yarn is one that goes from a light shade of a colour to a darker shade. They can add dimension to your knitting, a little bit of something unique. And if you've never used one before, you might want to take a look at this new collection of patterns from gradient-yarn specialists around the world. Each pattern has been chosen by USA-based designer Tanis Gray. Who better than Tanis to choose a selection of fashion-forward, on-trend garments? She's worked as Yarn Editor for *Vogue Knitting*, appeared on Martha Stewart and HBO, and published more than 450 patterns of her own. And for each pattern, she has written a lesson to demonstrate a particular skill, making these patterns accessible no matter your level. Knitting with a gradient yarn is like going on a journey in colour and shade. And perhaps the best thing about a journey is that we all arrive somewhere different. No two garments knitted with a gradient yarn end up the same. Knit something beautiful...and something unique to you.

HOW TO KNIT BEAUTIFUL BAGS 22 gorgeous designs

by Sian Brown (Search Press, £12.99)

There are bags of every kind in Sian Brown's new book. Shopping bags, tote bags, evening bags. Bags decorated with beads, embroidery, pompoms or flowers. Lace bags, cable bags, textured bags. All of them lined and wadded, zipped and fastened to help them keep their shape, and to give them that professional touch. Sian's designs are fresh and bright, and, like any good bag, they can add a splash of class and colour to any outfit. The patterns have been written with knitters of every level in mind, with detailed explanations of all the techniques needed. Even better, because of their size, these projects are quick to complete. You could have a brand-new bag in a weekend that'll leave your friends green with envy. Sian's bags are practical, they're stylish and they're on-trend. You'll want to have one for every occasion.

EDWARD'S CROCHET DOLL EMPORIUM

Flip the mix-and-match patterns to make and dress your favourite people

by Kerry Lord (Pavilion Books, £16.99)

Ever wanted a crochet version of your granny? Your best friend or your next-door neighbour? Your husband, partner or boyfriend? Or perhaps you'd rather have a crocheted George Clooney or Jean-Claude Van Damme? Well, now you can crochet any person you like. You could even crochet yourself. Kerry Lord's new book is a sort of encyclopaedia of different body shapes, hair-dos, widths and heights. You just have to mix and match the body parts and body types until you have a tailor-made pattern, a blueprint, to crochet the individual you want. Then, you can have fun dressing your new crochet friend or family member exactly how you want. You could make your granny into an astronaut, your best friend into a mermaid, your husband into a ballerina. And you might even decide to leave George Clooney and Jean-Claude Van Damme au naturel. The point is, it's up to you. Your doll. Your way. The options are endless. And so are the laughs.

GLOSSARY

Abbreviations

alt, alternate
beg, begin or beginning
ch, chain
cont, continue
dc, double crochet
dc2tog, work 2 double crochet together
dc3tog, work 3 double crochet together
dec, decrease or decreasing by working 2 or more stitches together
dtr, double treble
foll, following
gst, garter stitch – knit or purl every stitch on every row
htr, half treble
inc, increase or increasing by working twice or more times into the same stitch
k, knit
k row or rows, knit every stitch across each row(s)
k1tbl or k1b, knit 1 stitch through back loop
k2tog, knit 2 stitches together
k2tog tbl or k2togb, knit 2 stitches together through back of loops
m1, make one
p, purl
p row or rows, purl every stitch across each row
patt, pattern
psso, pass slipped stitch over
p1tbl or p1b, purl next stitch through back loop
p2sso, pass 2 slipped stitches over
p2tog, purl 2 stitches together
p2tog tbl or p2togb, purl 2 stitches together through back of loops
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
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
tbl, through back of loop (see k1tbl, p1tbl)
tog, together – work 2 or more stitches together at the same time
tr, treble
tr2tog, work 2 treble together
tr3tog, work 3 treble together
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 stitch
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
yrn, 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

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.



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.

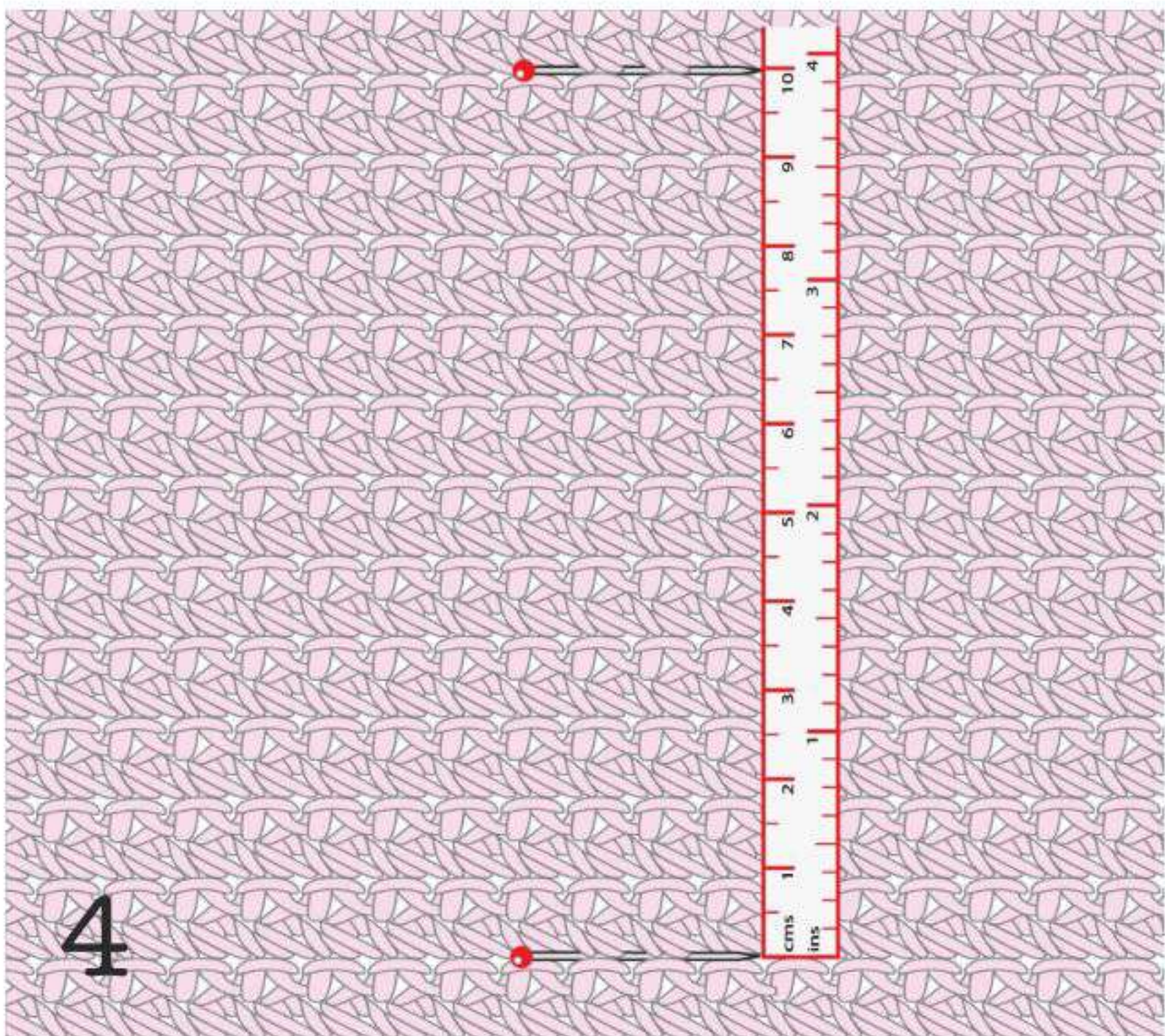
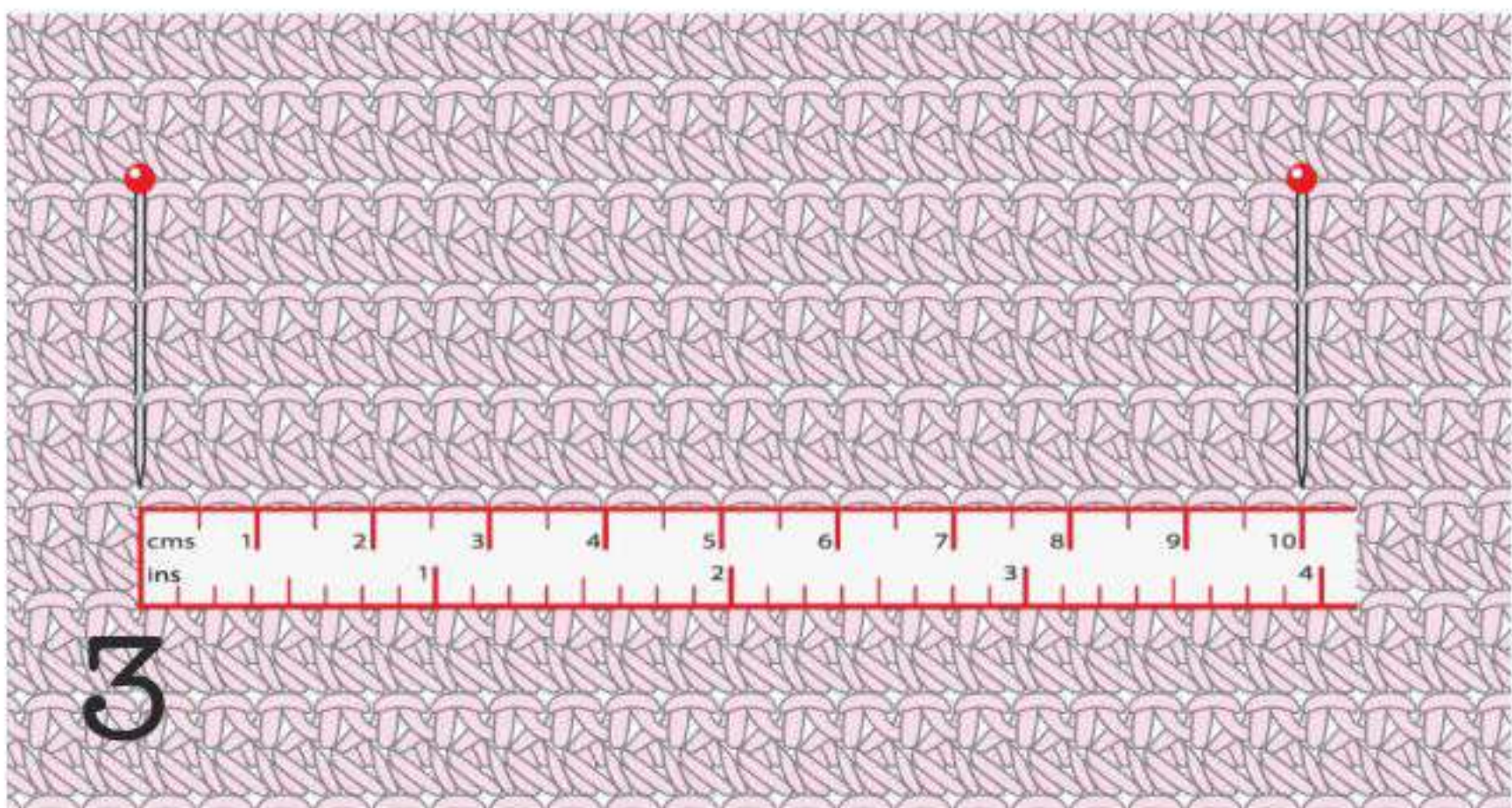
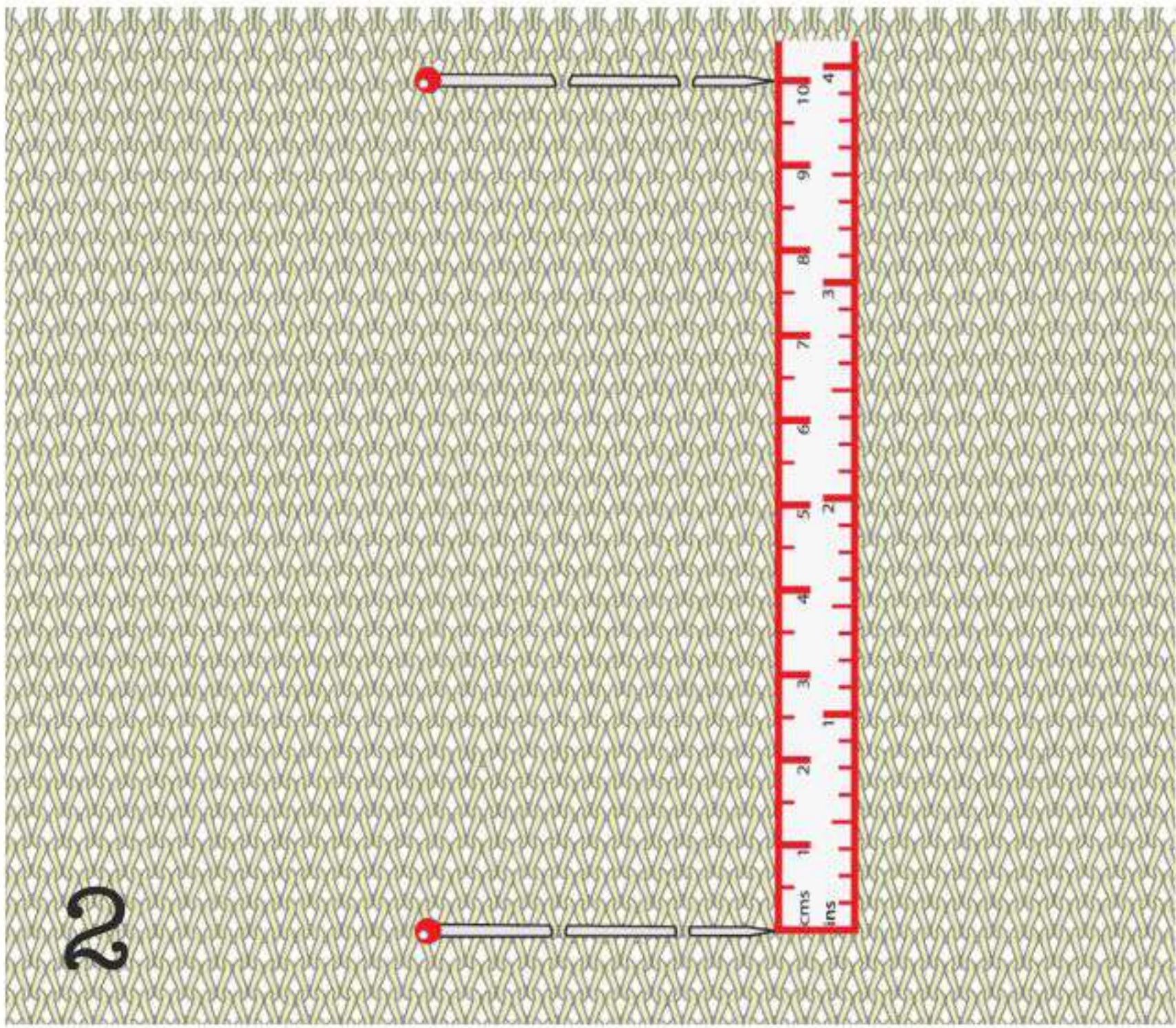
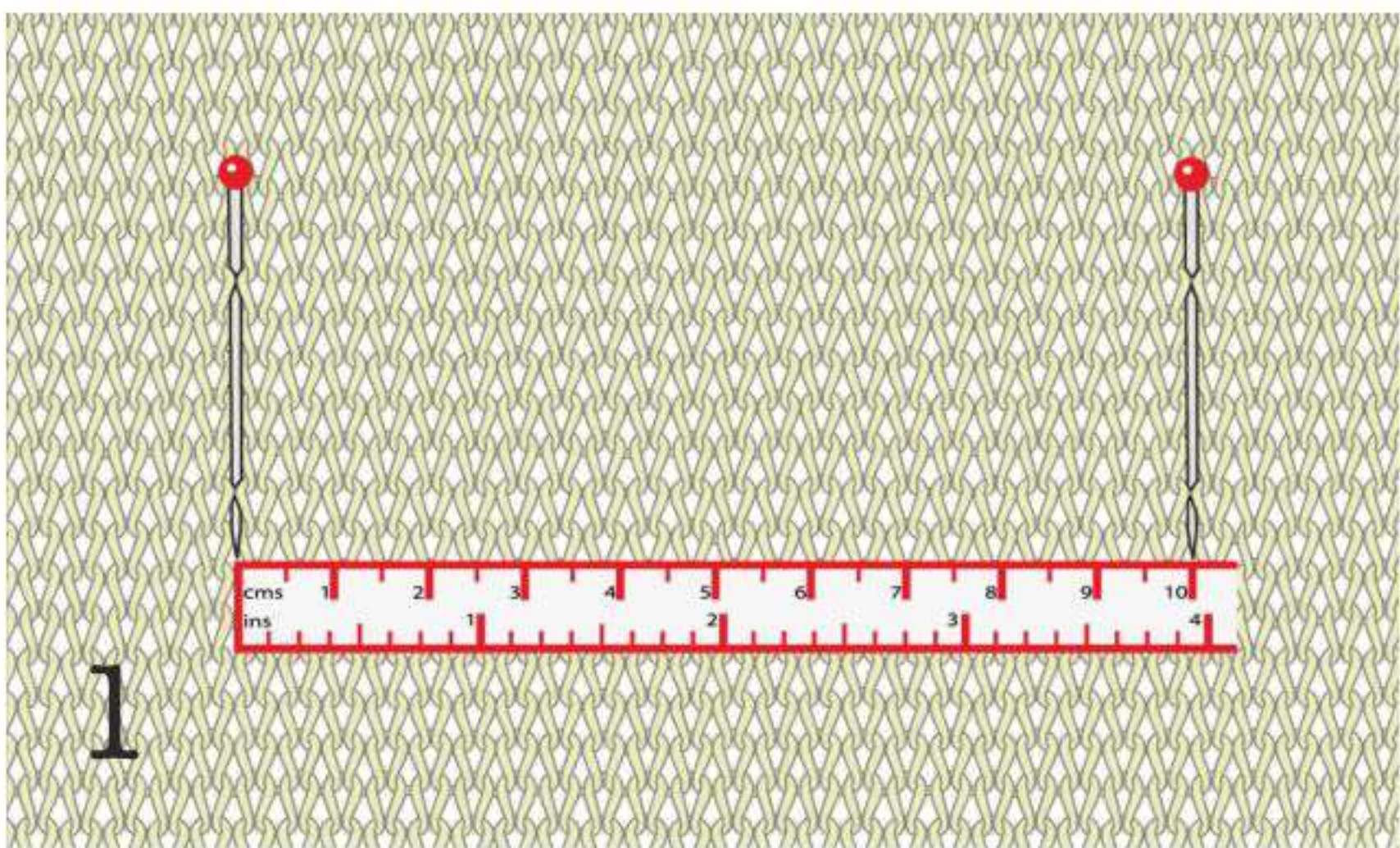
Before commencing a specific project, check your tension by working a swatch about 13cm square in pattern, yarn and needles or crochet hooks as stated. Stretch swatch in each direction and allow to rest. Mark 10cm horizontally in the middle of the test piece (diag. 1 and 3) and count stitches between 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	-

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

Dryclean

Dryclean, Any Solve

May Be Dryclean

Do Not Dryclean

Do Not Bleach

Tumble Dry, Normal

Tumble Dry, Normal Low Heat

Do Not Tumble Dry

Dry Flat

Dry In Shade

Do Not Wring

Iron, Steam or Dry

Iron, Low

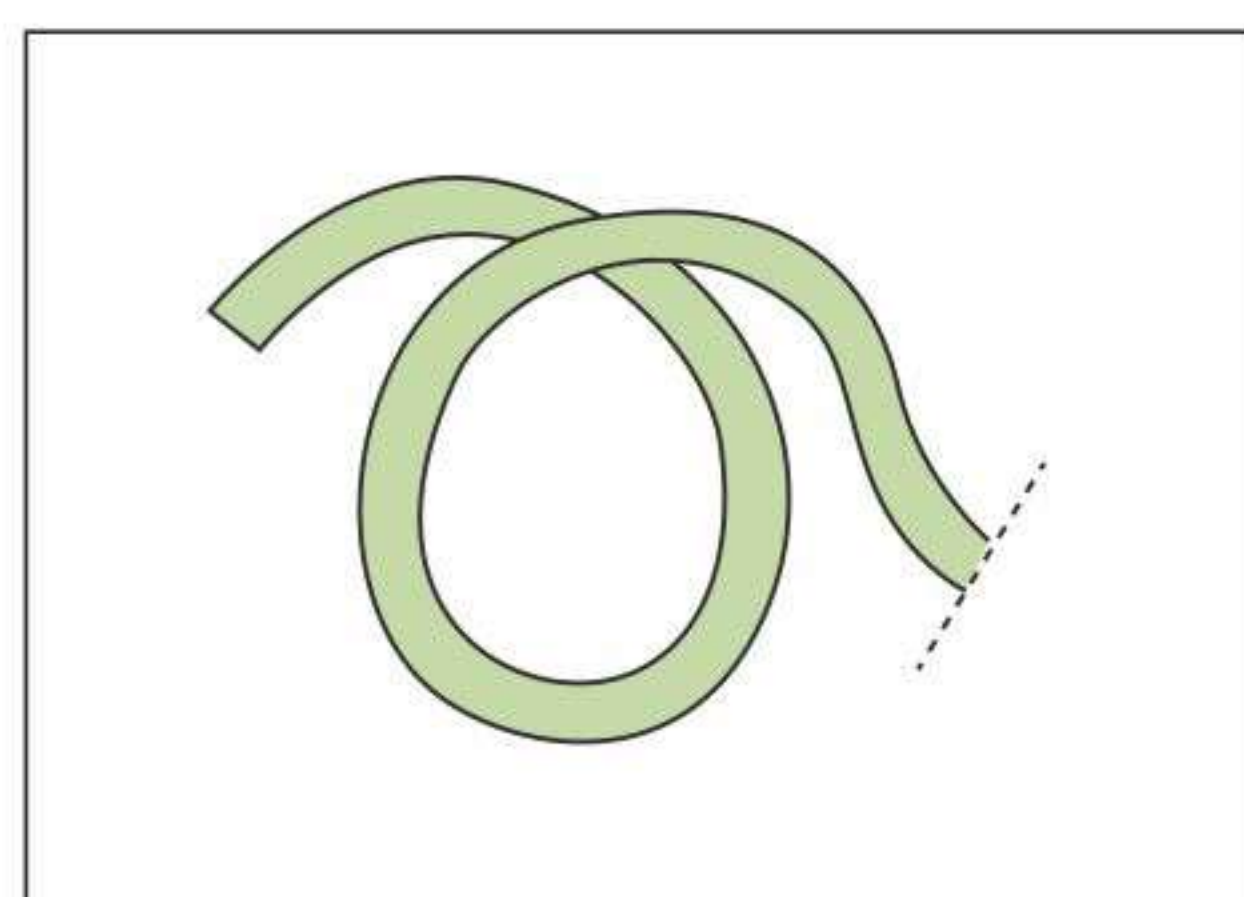
Iron, Medium

Do Not Steam

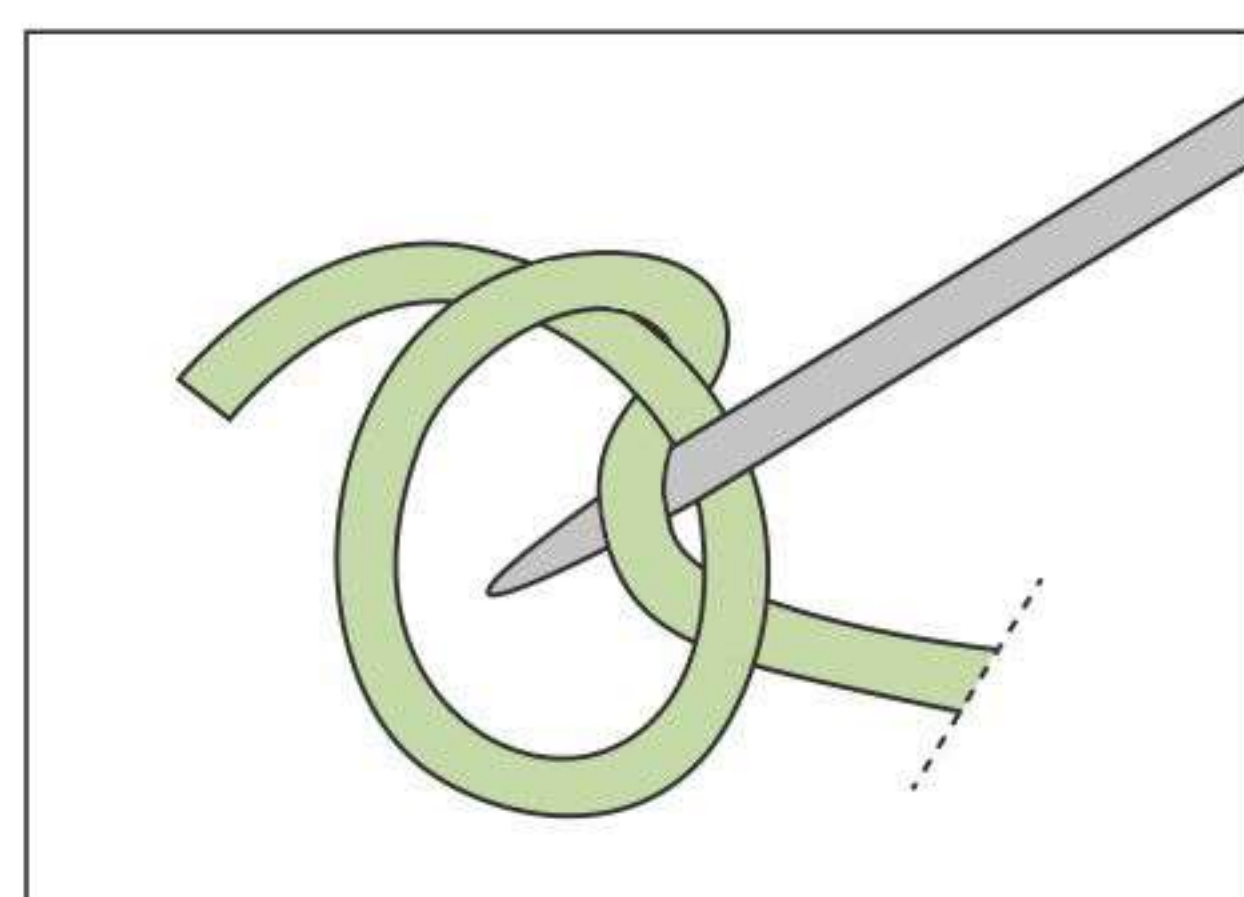
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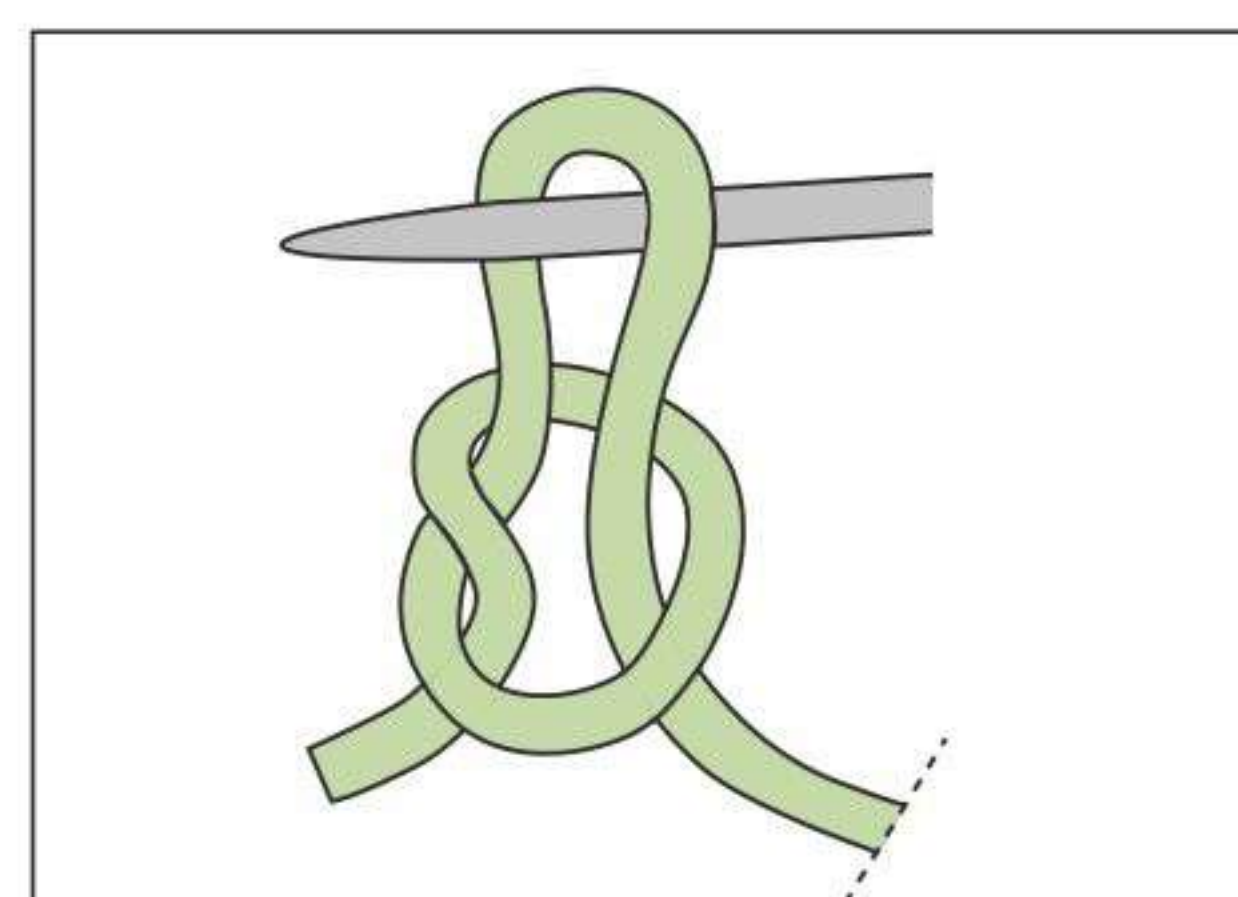
Slip knot



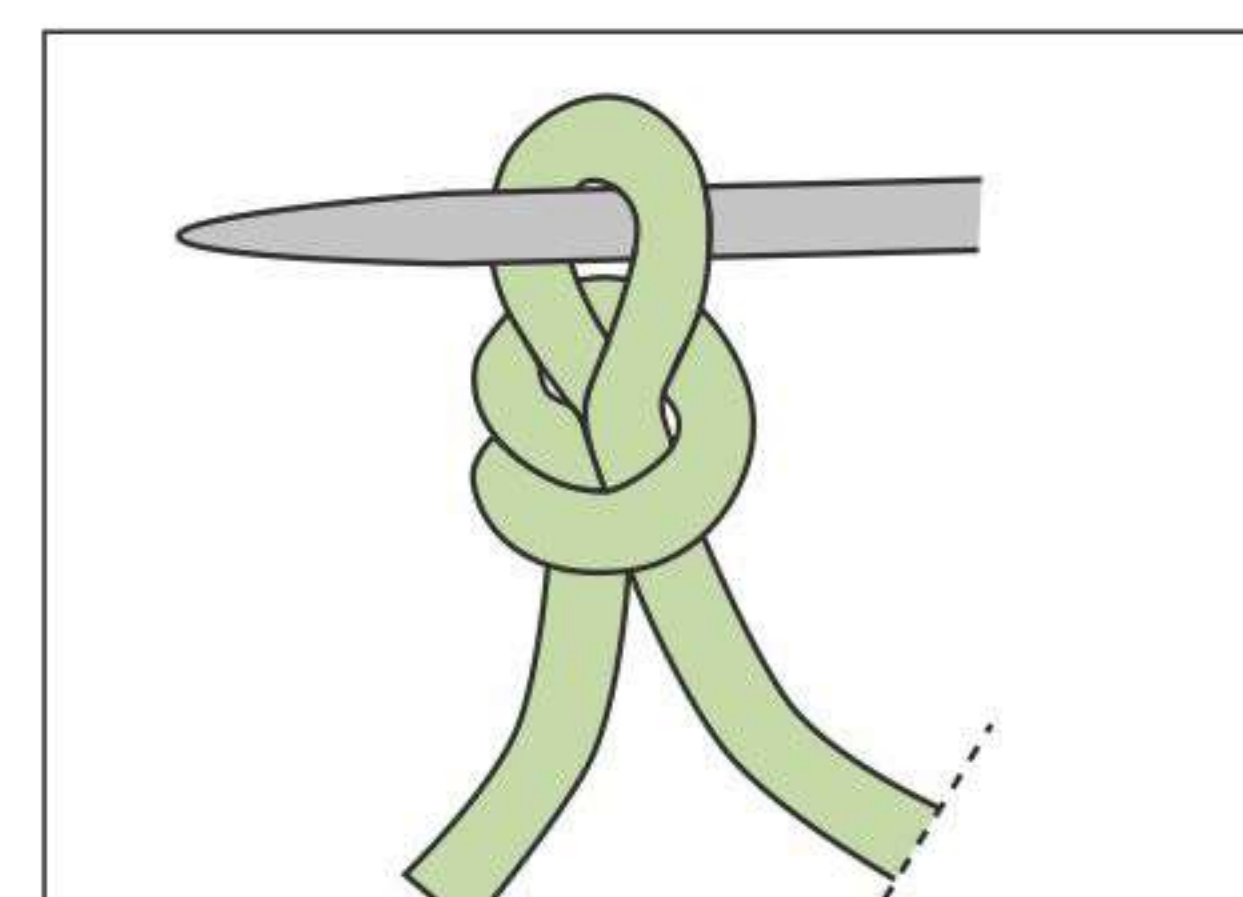
1 Loop the yarn with the ball end on top (the ball end is shown with a broken line).



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.



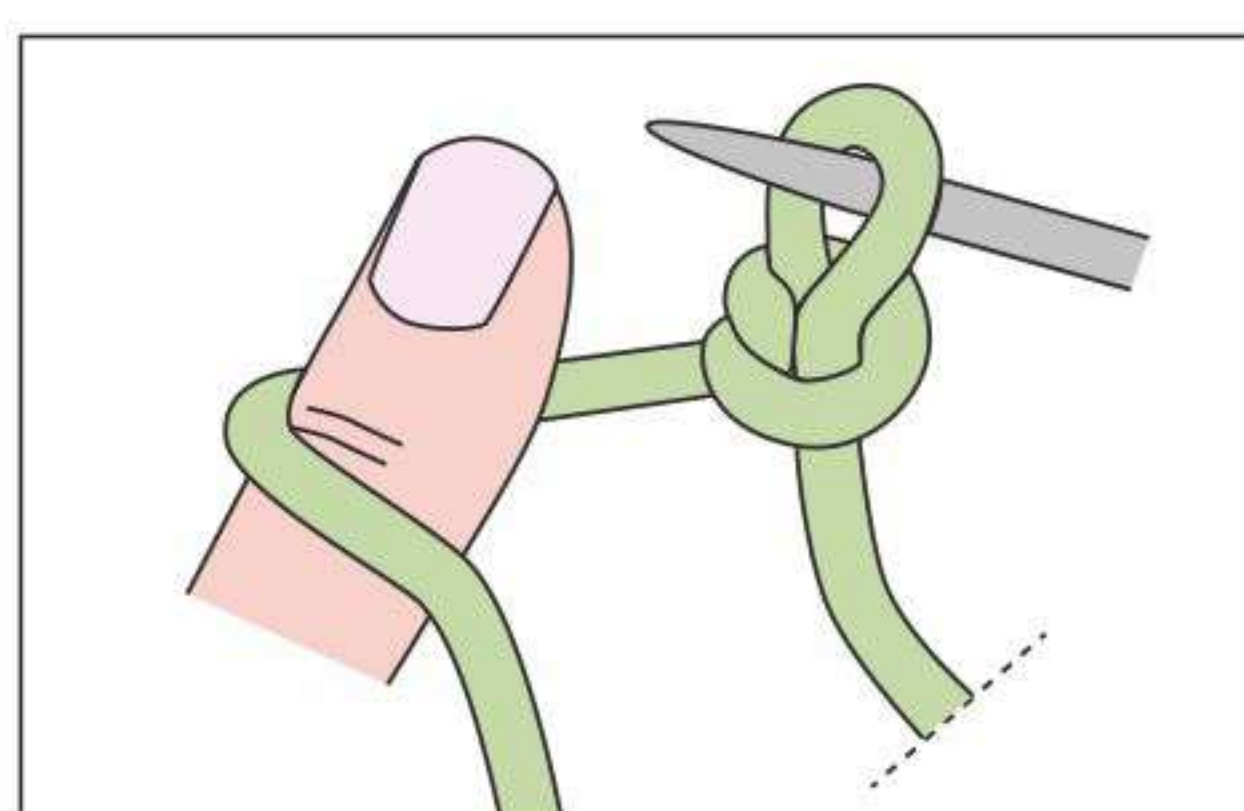
4 Pull the ball end to bring the knot up to the needle.

Holding the yarn and needles

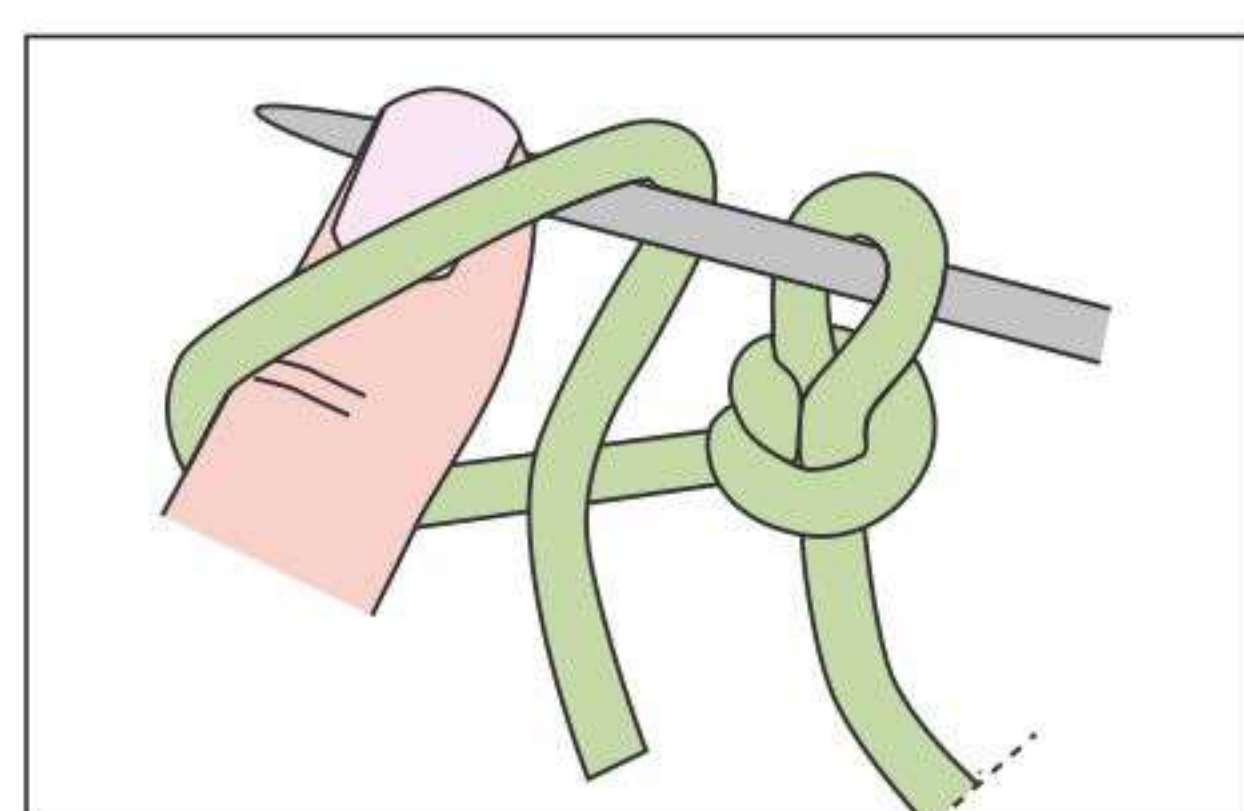
To make even stitches, control the yarn by taking it over the first finger of the right hand, under the second, over the third and under the fourth, or even around the fourth if necessary. Your

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.

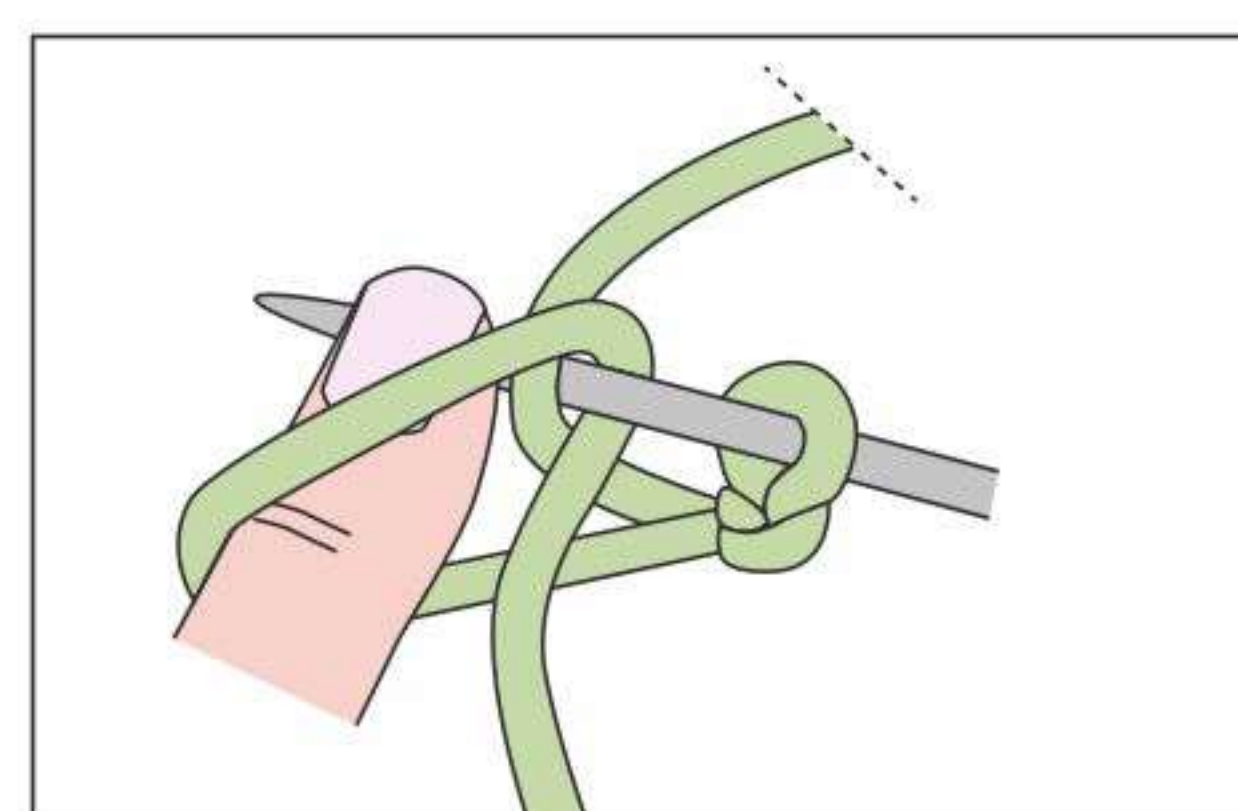
Casting on by thumb method



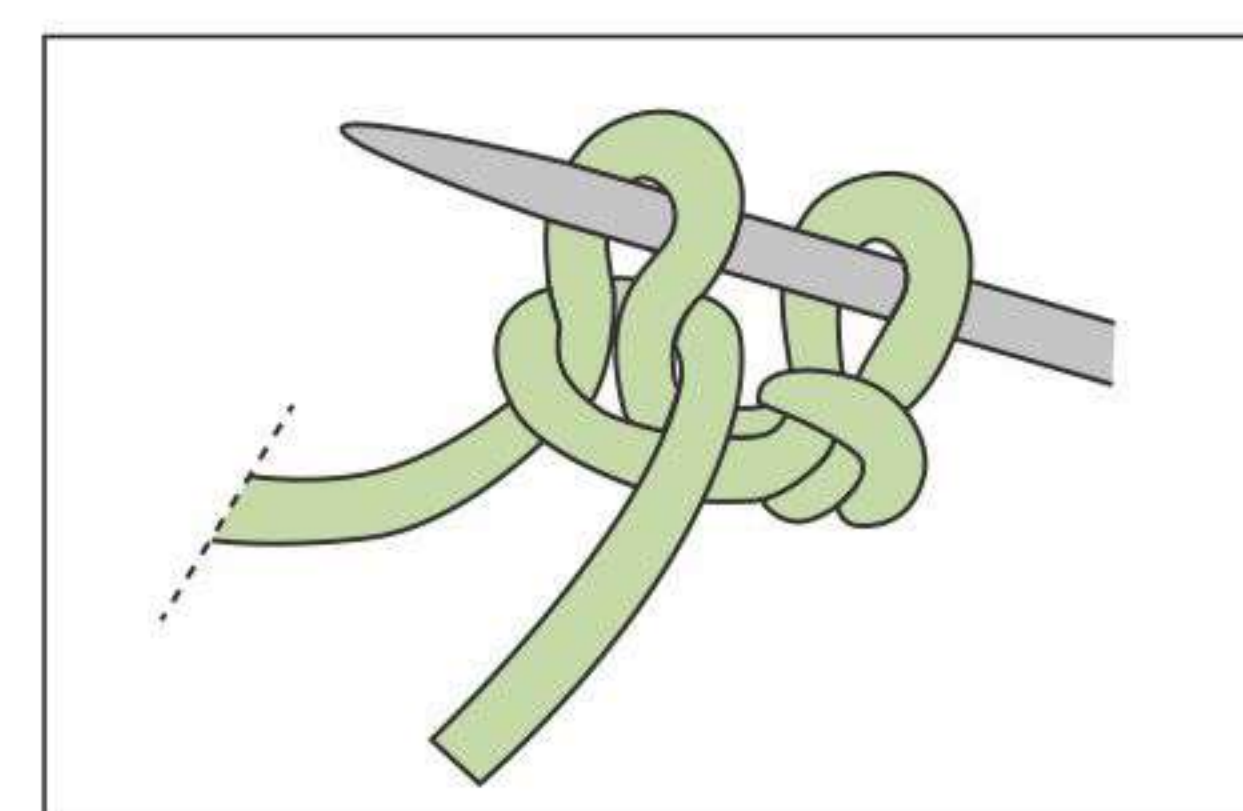
1 Leaving a long end, hold the yarn in the left hand and take the left thumb under the yarn and upwards.



2 Insert the needle in the loop just made on the thumb.

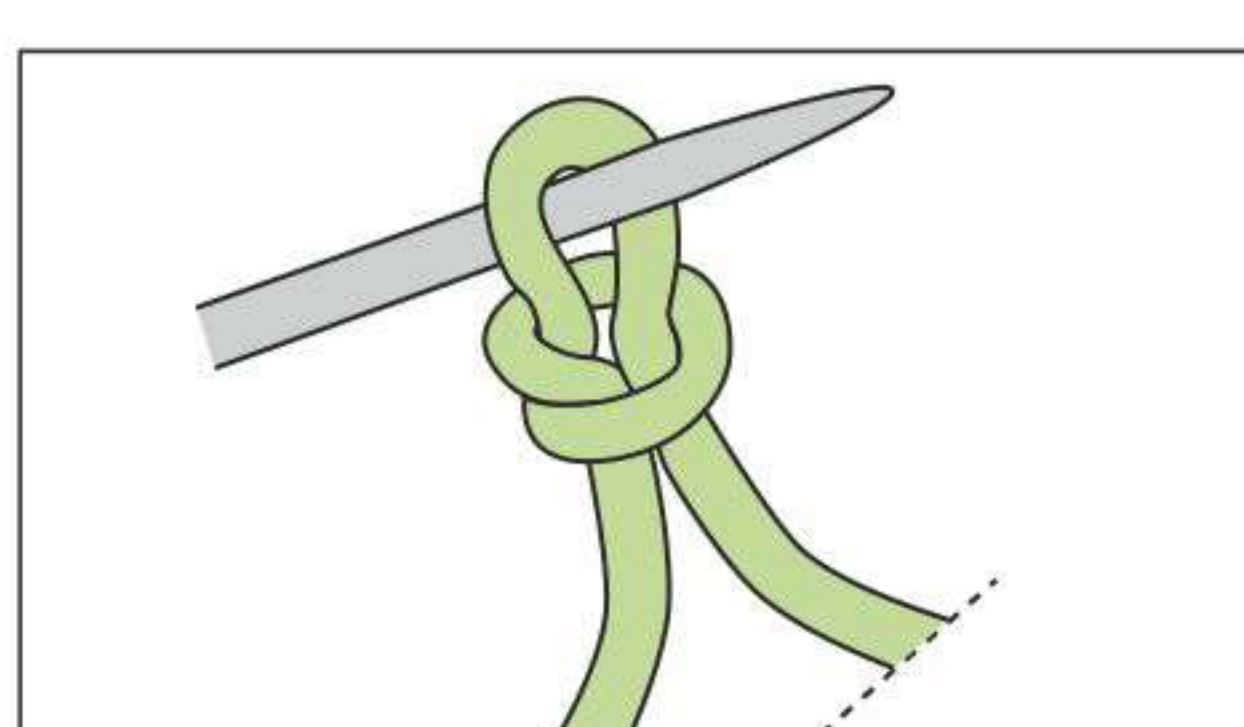


3 Take the ball end of the yarn around the needle and bring it through the loop, slipping the loop off the thumb.

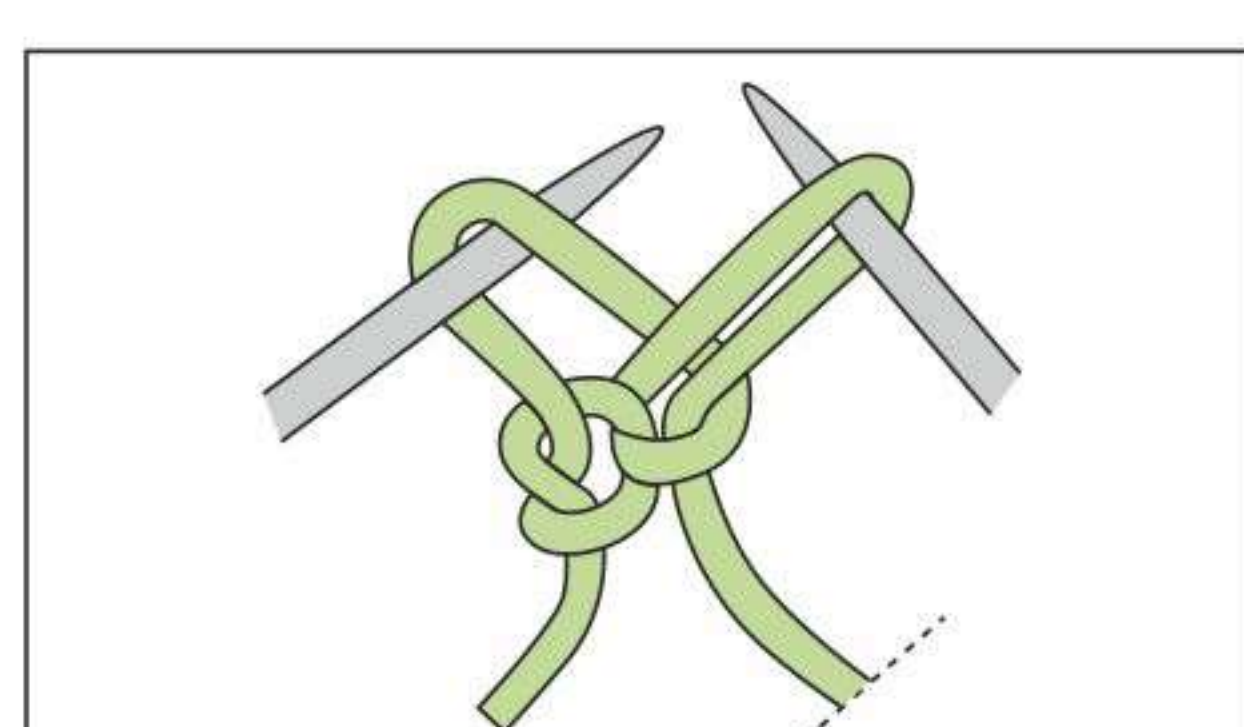


4 Pull the yarn end to close the stitch up to the needle. Continue to cast on stitches as steps 1-4.

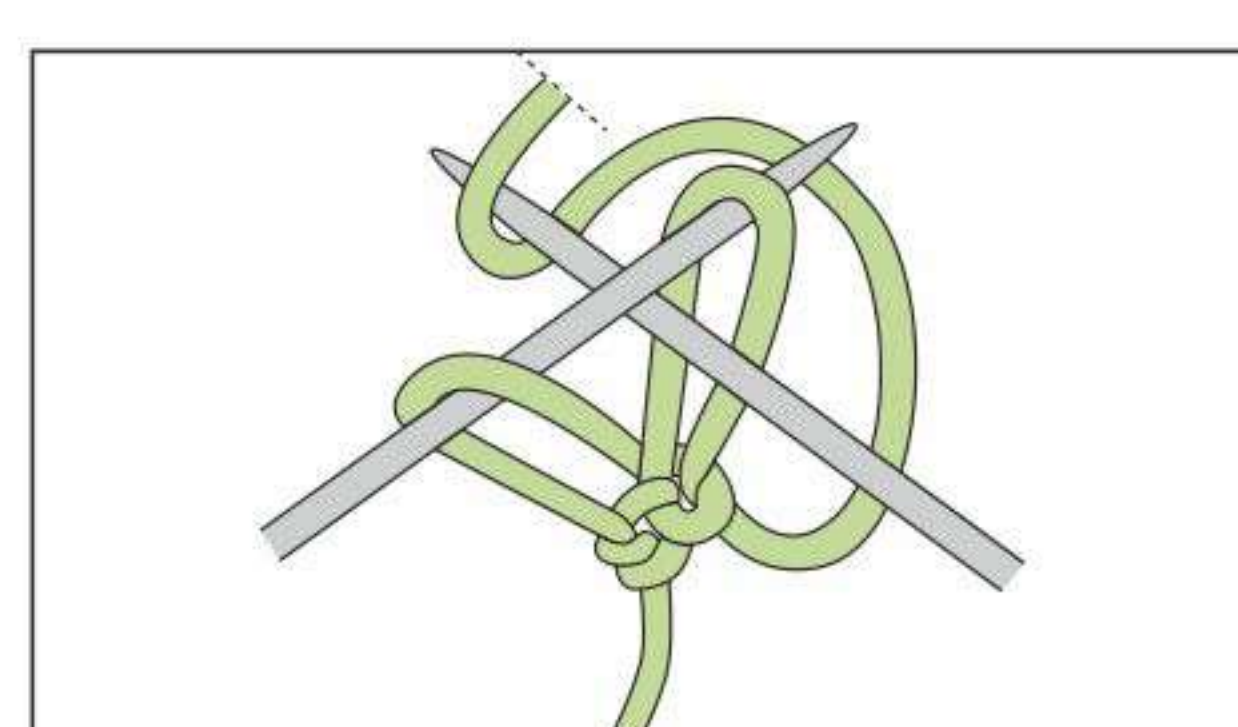
Casting on by cable method



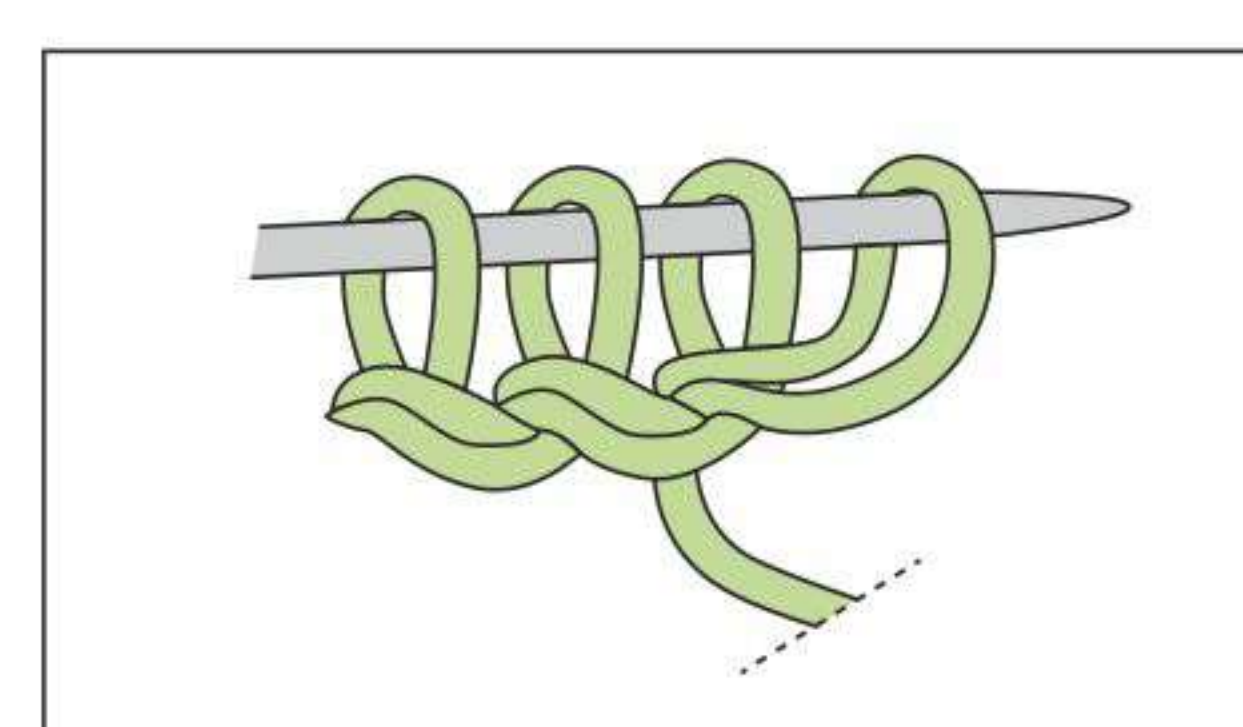
1 Make a slip knot, then hold the needle in your left hand.



2 Knit one without slipping the stitch off.

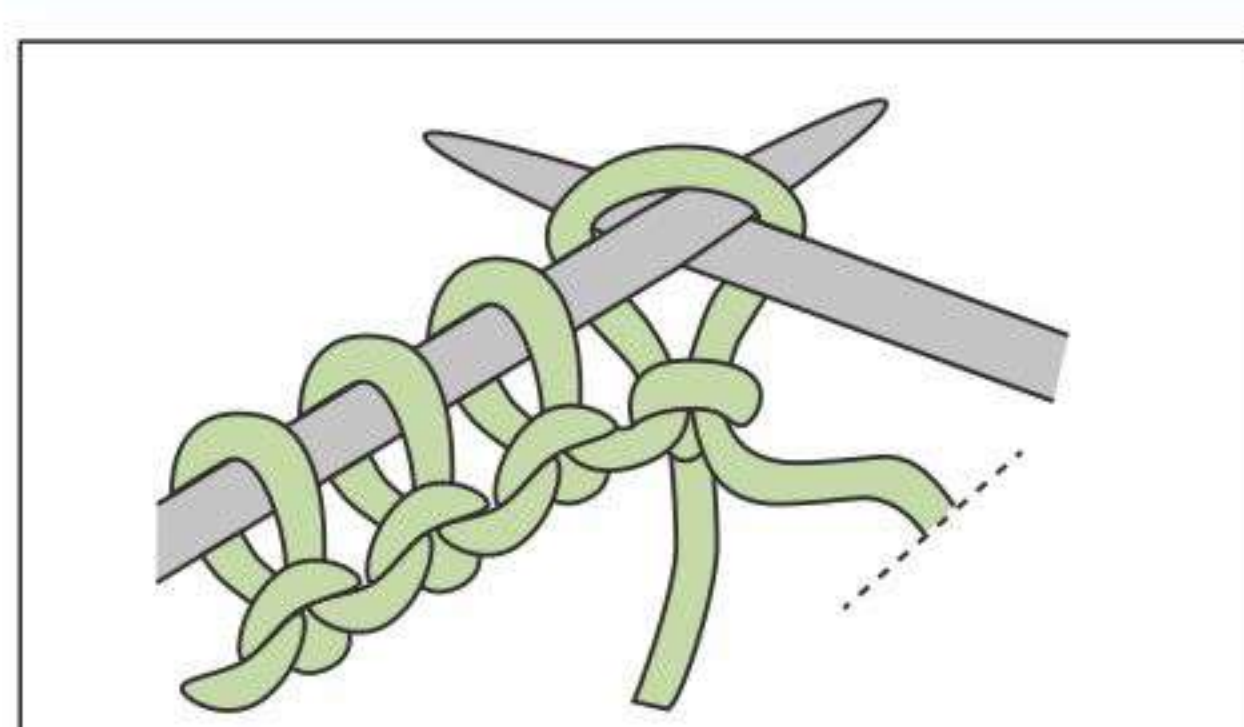


3 Insert the right-hand needles between the last 2 stitches just made, yarn round needle and pull the loop through, thus making new stitch. Slip the new stitch onto left needle.

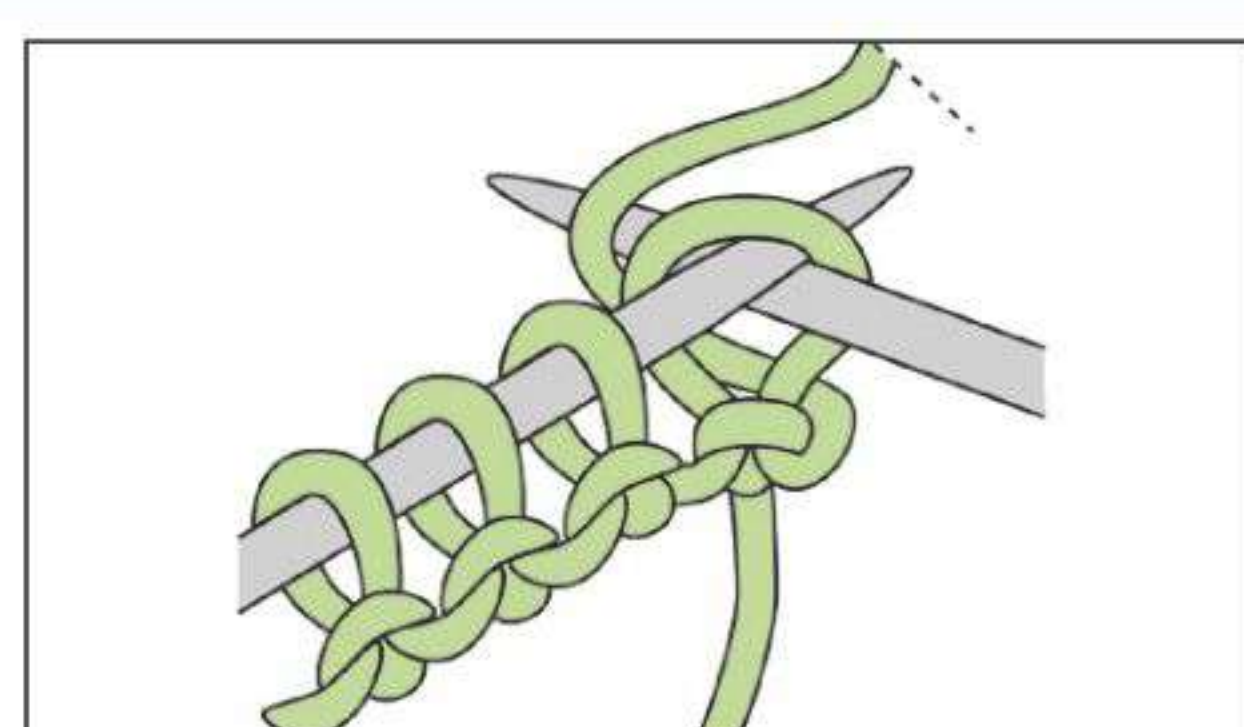


4 Continue making stitches as step 3, until you have the number of stitches you need.

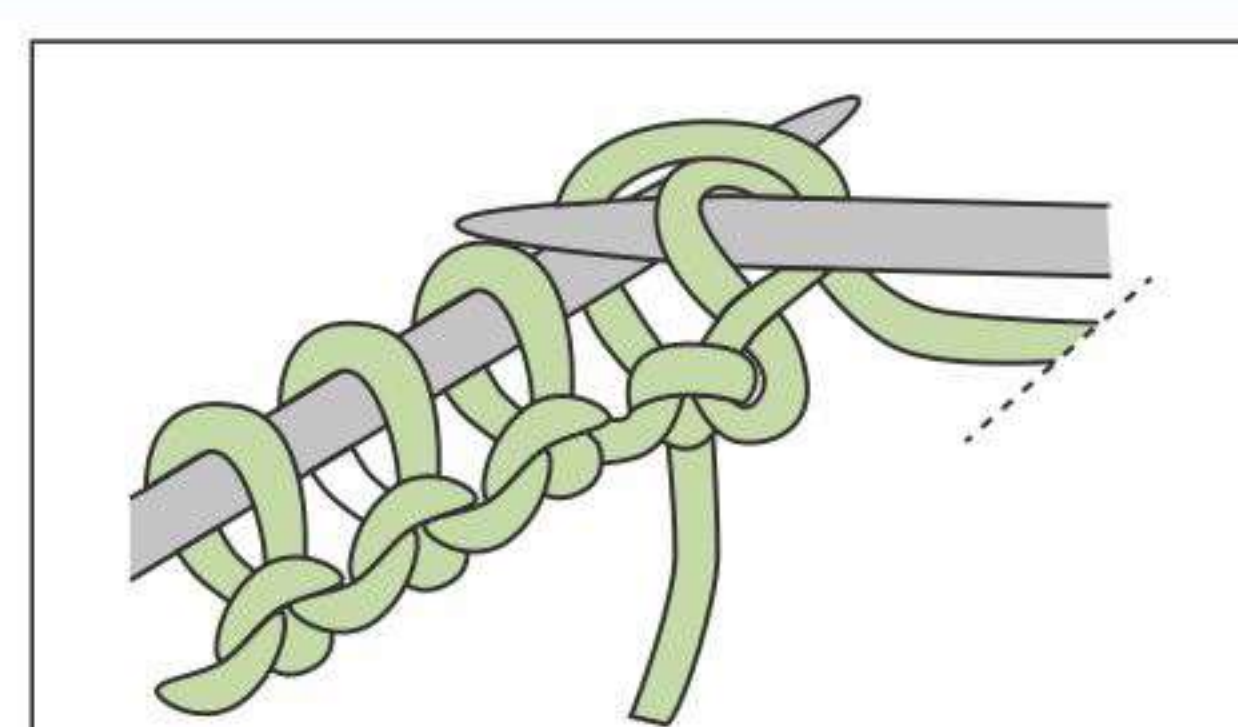
Knit stitch (k)



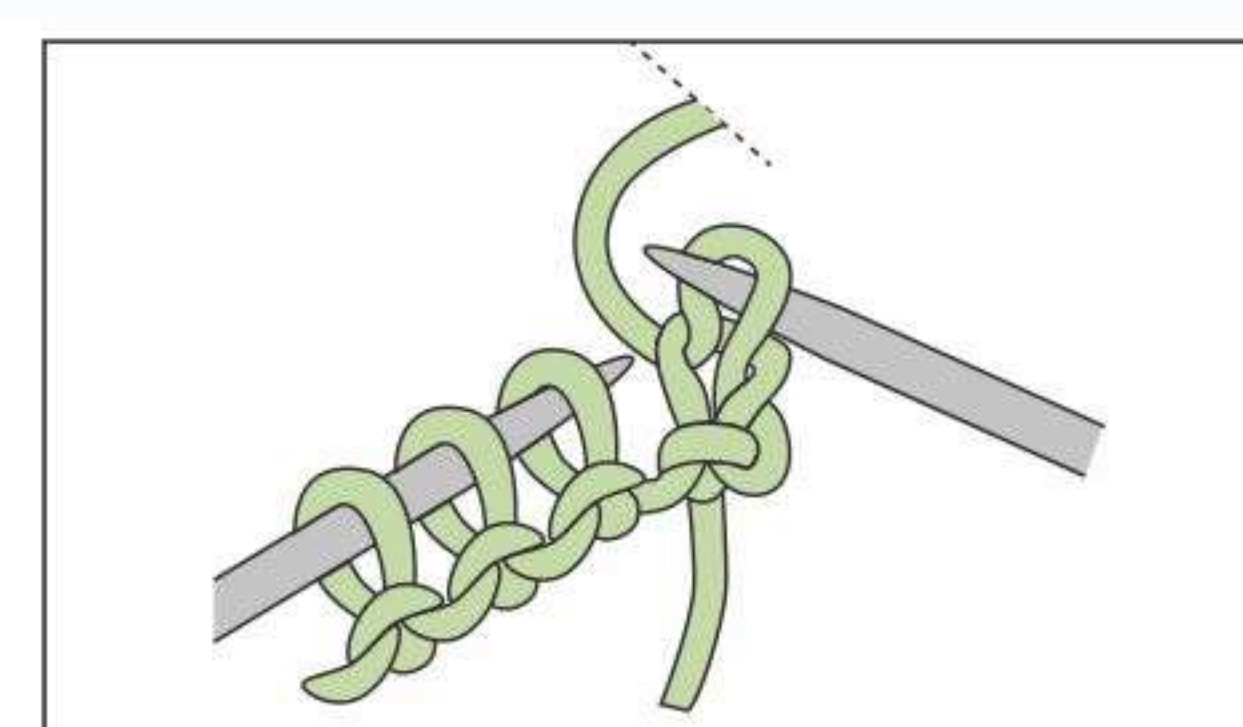
1 Turn the cast-on so that it's in the left hand and insert the right-hand needle from left to right in the front of the first stitch.



2 Take the yarn from behind to bring it under, up and over the right-hand needle.

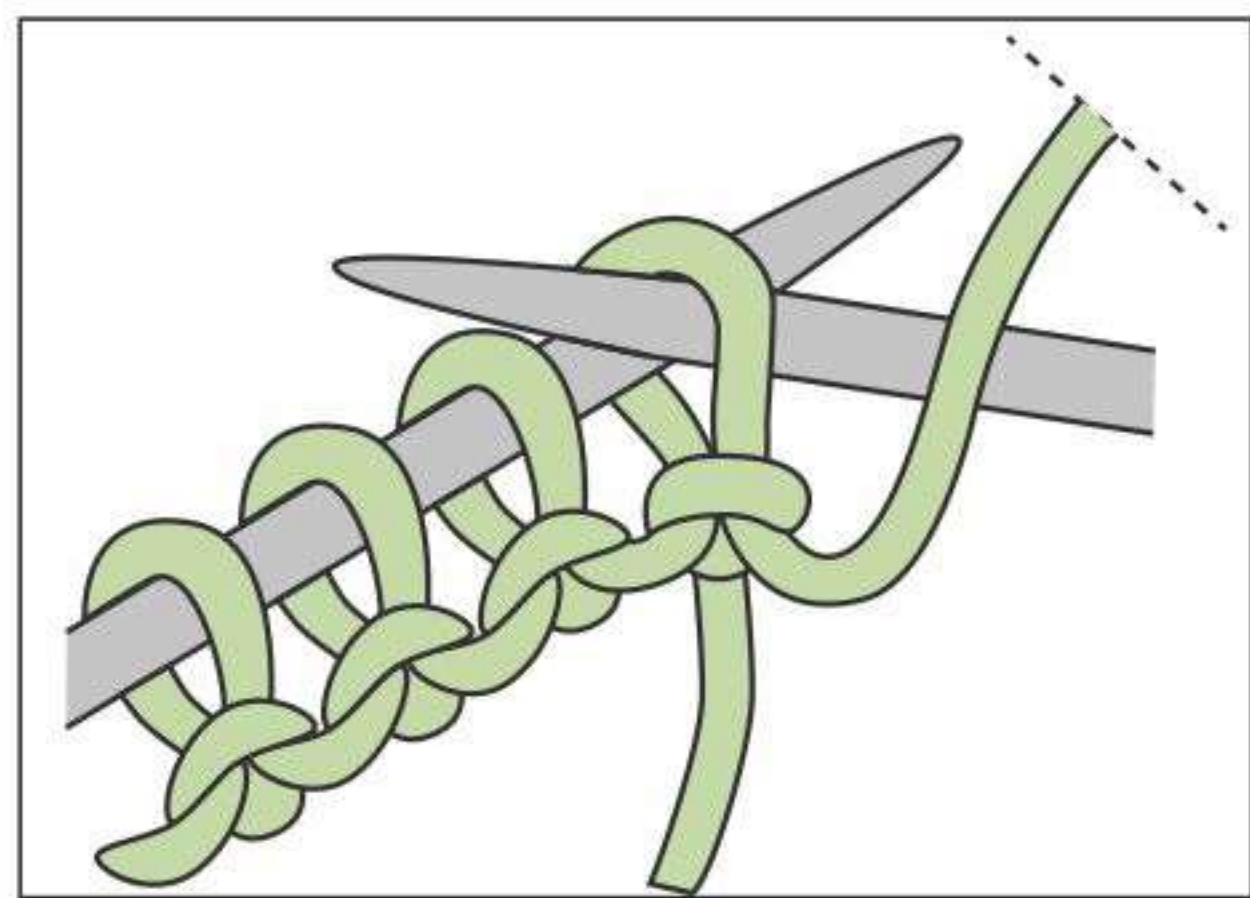


3 Use the tip of the right-hand needle to pull the yarn through.

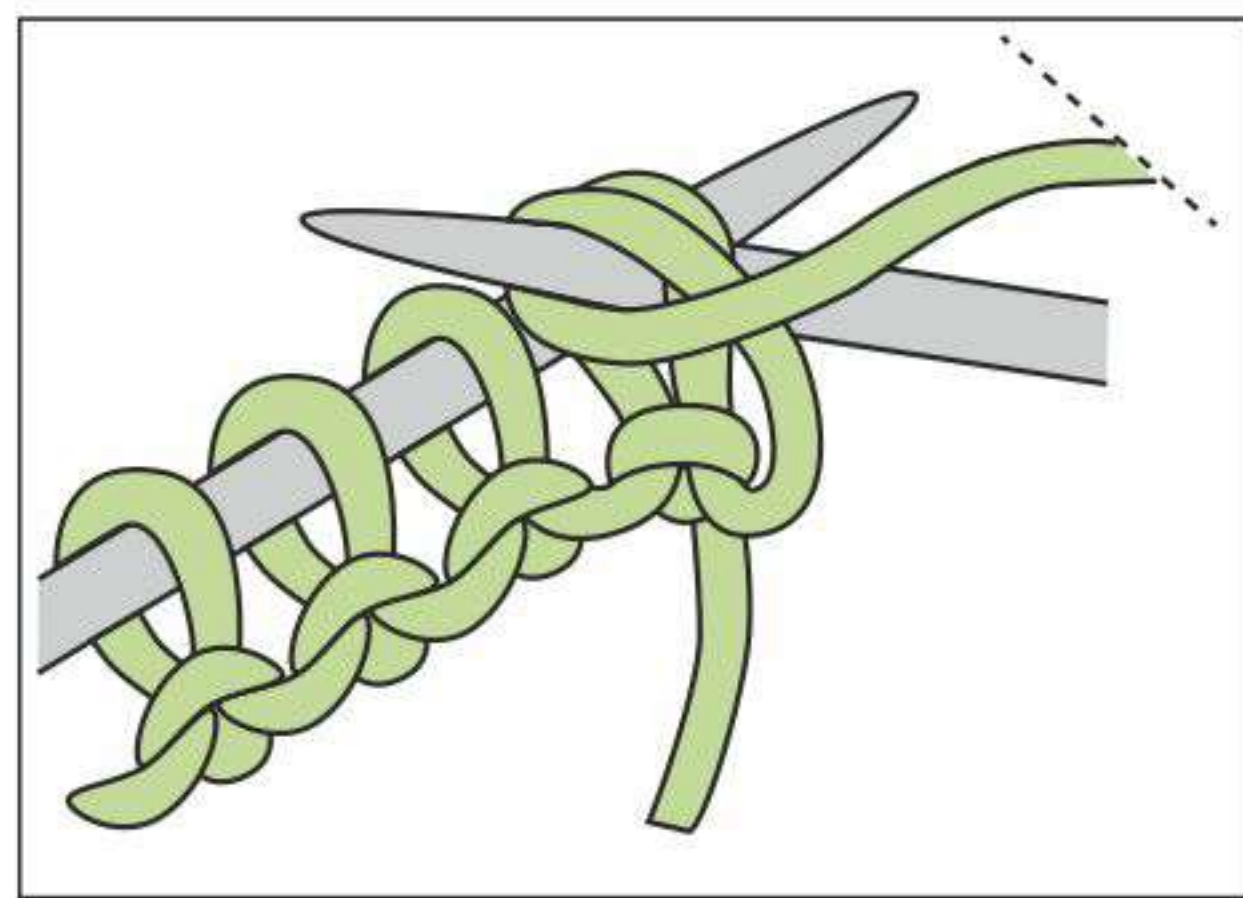


4 Slip the stitch off the left-hand needle to complete the ne60-65w stitch on the right-hand needle. Continue to make knit stitches as steps 1-4.

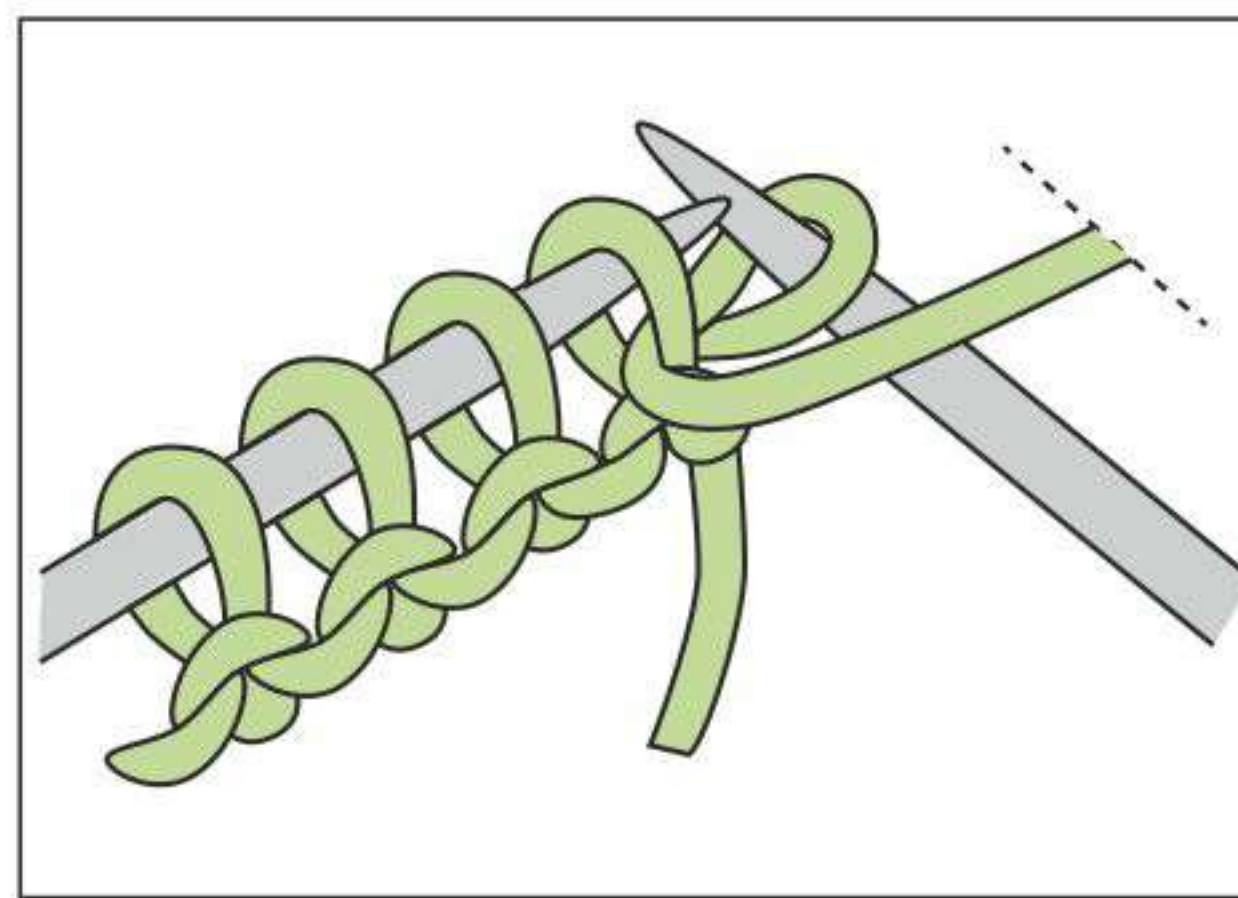
Purl stitch (p)



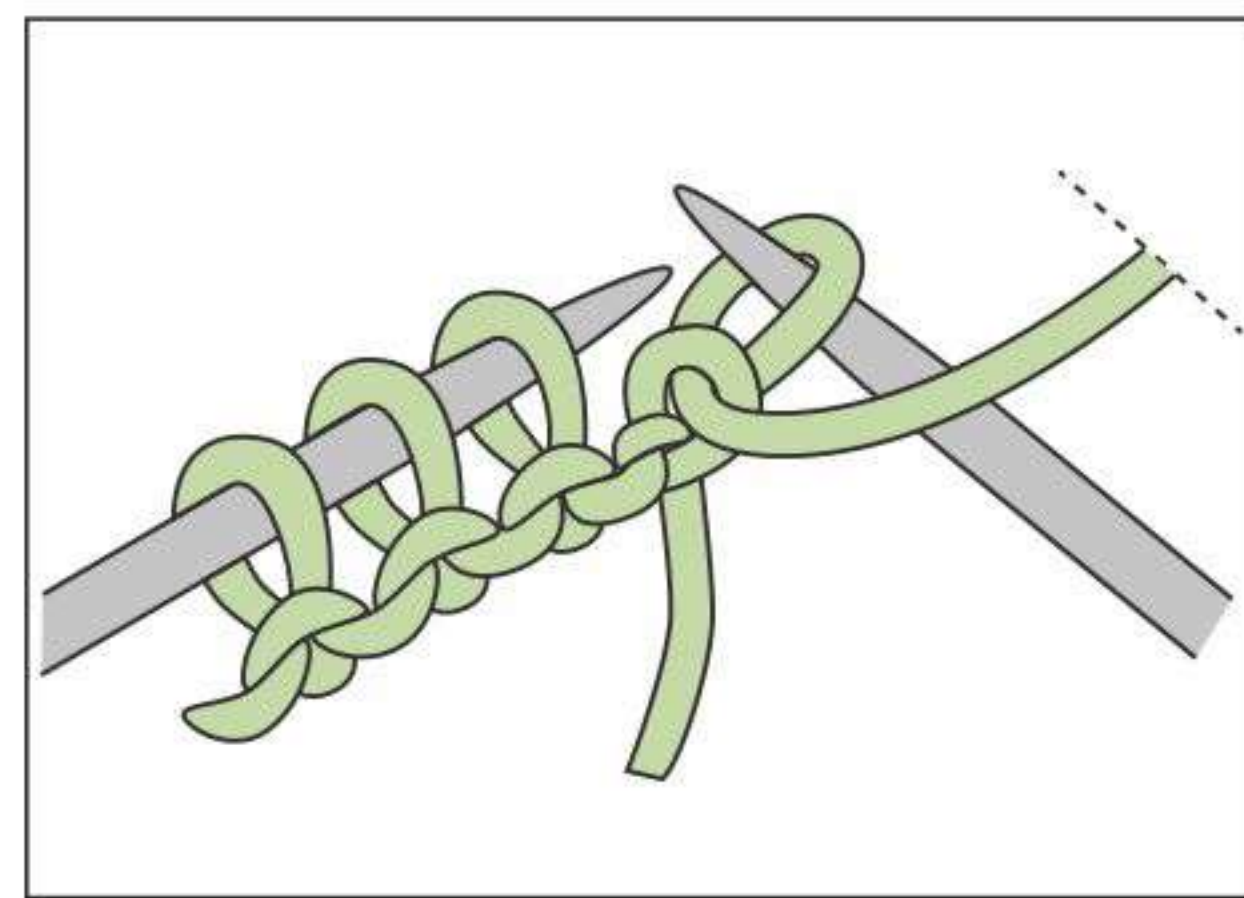
1 With the yarn to the front, insert the right-hand needle from right to left in the front of the first stitch.



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.



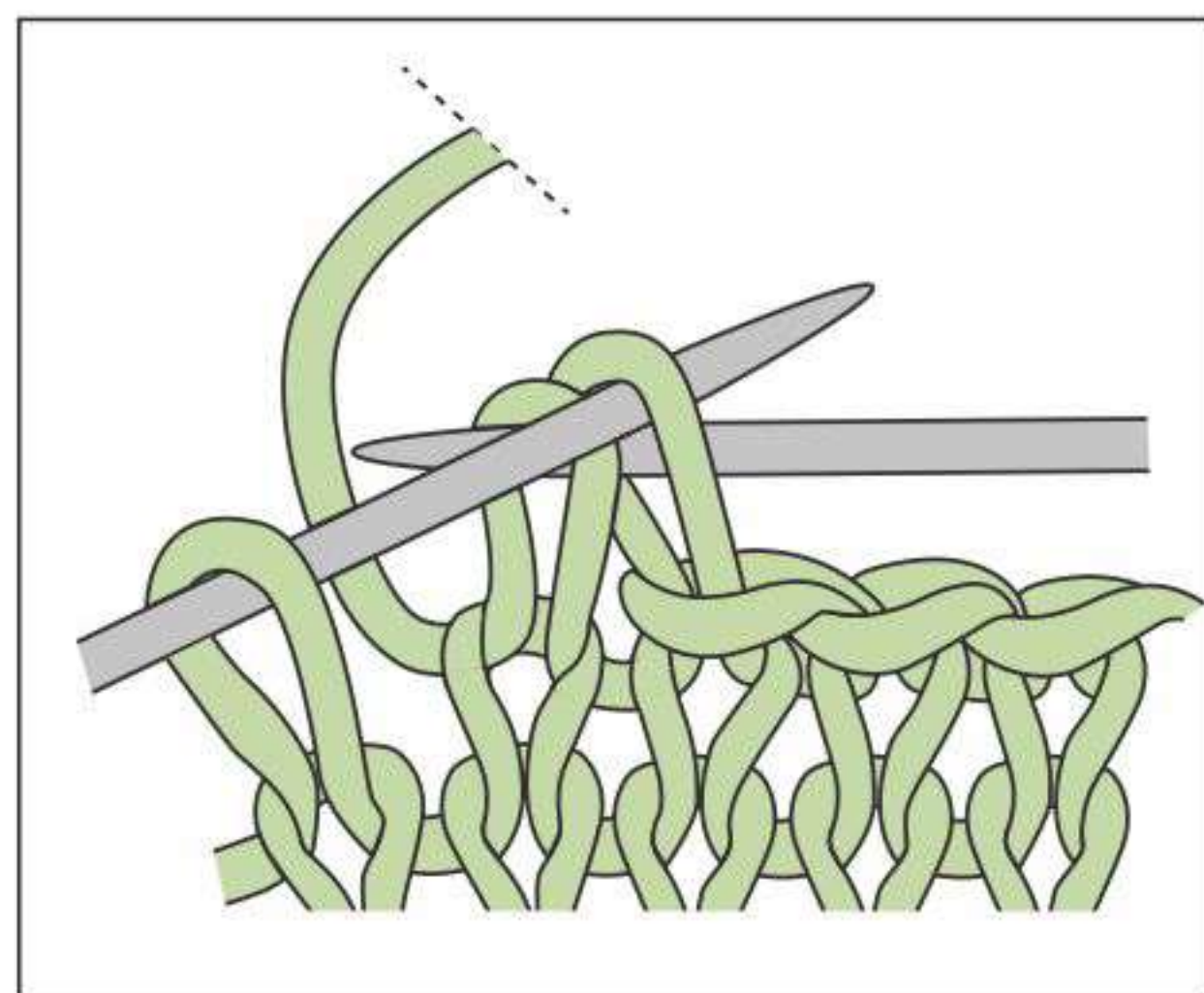
4 Slip the stitch off the left-hand needle to complete the new stitch on the right-hand needle.

Casting off

Knit two stitches, then * use the left-hand needle to lift the first stitch over the second.

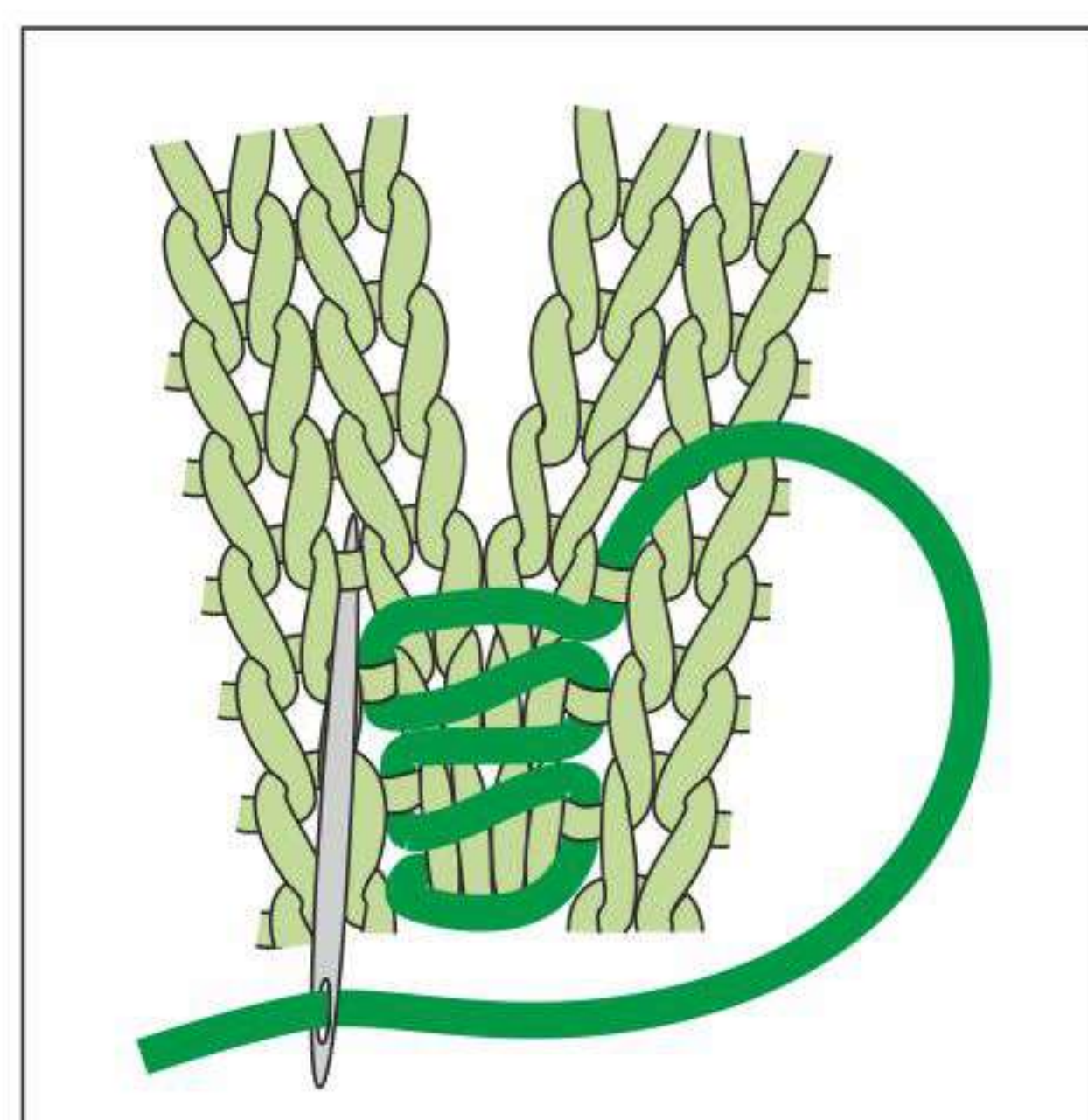
Knit the next stitch, then repeat from * until one stitch is left.

Break the yarn, take it through this stitch and draw up.

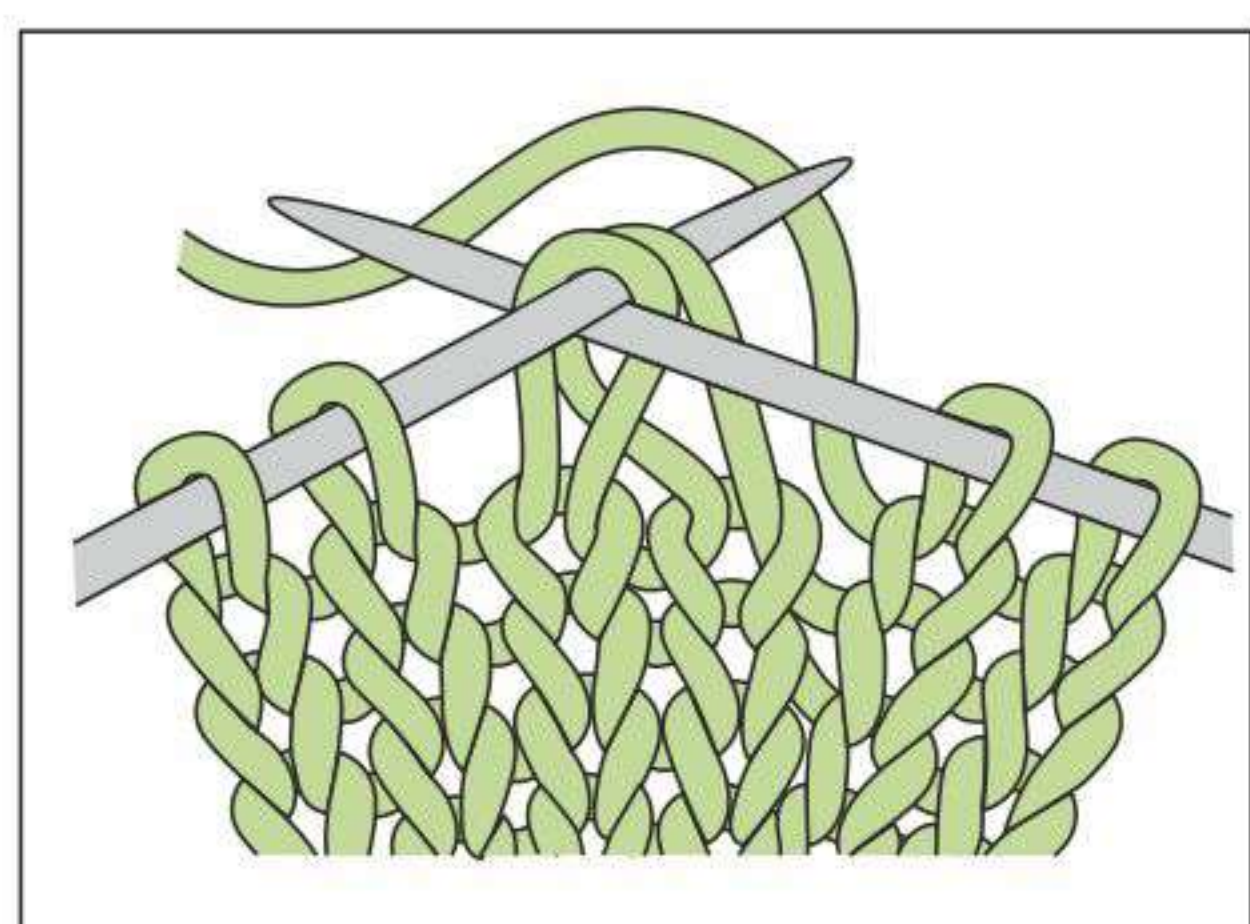


Invisible seaming

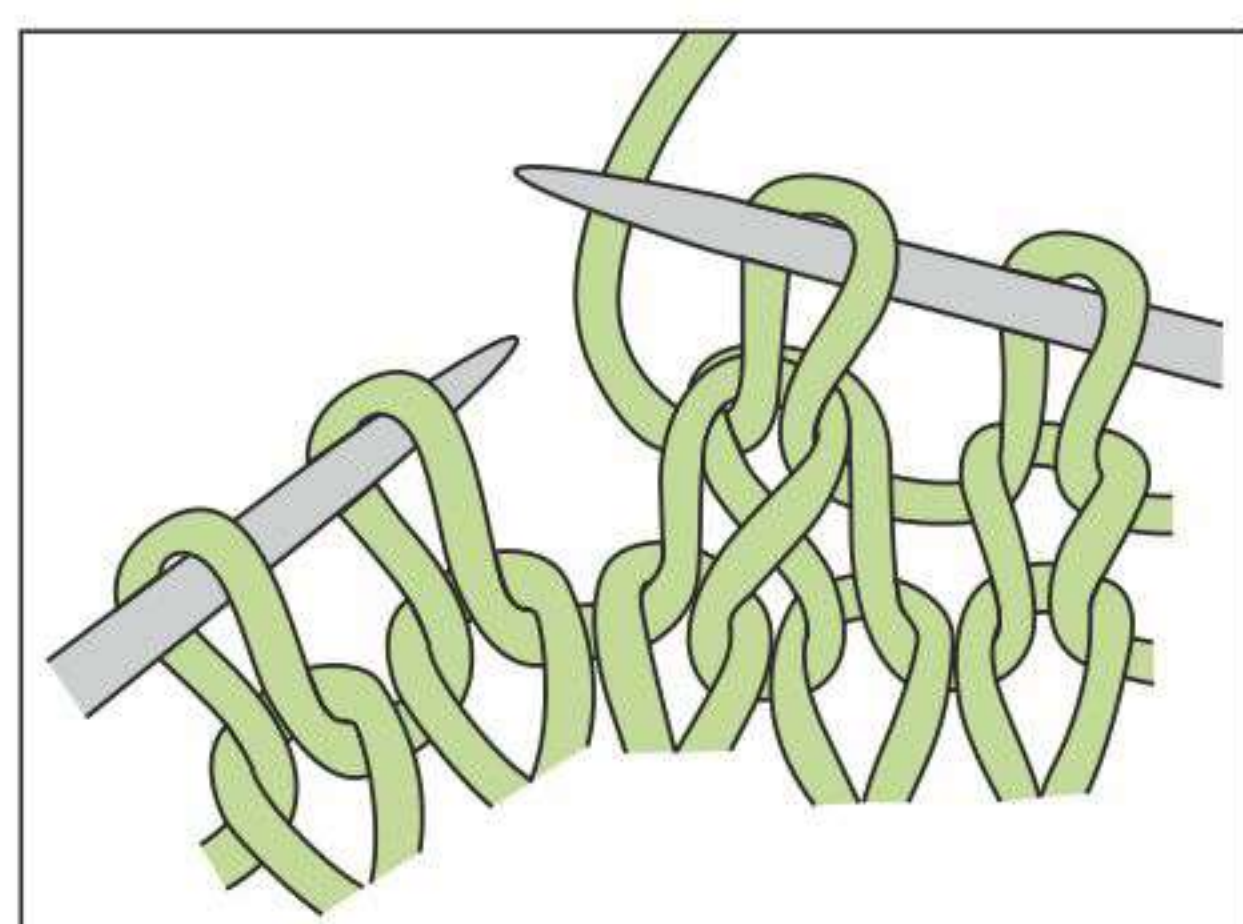
Sometimes called ladder or mattress stitch, this method of sewing up gives the neatest seams. Place the two edges together, right sides upwards and starting at the cast-on edge, take the yarn underneath the strand beside the edge stitch at one side and then the other. After a few stitches pull up the yarn to tension the seam.



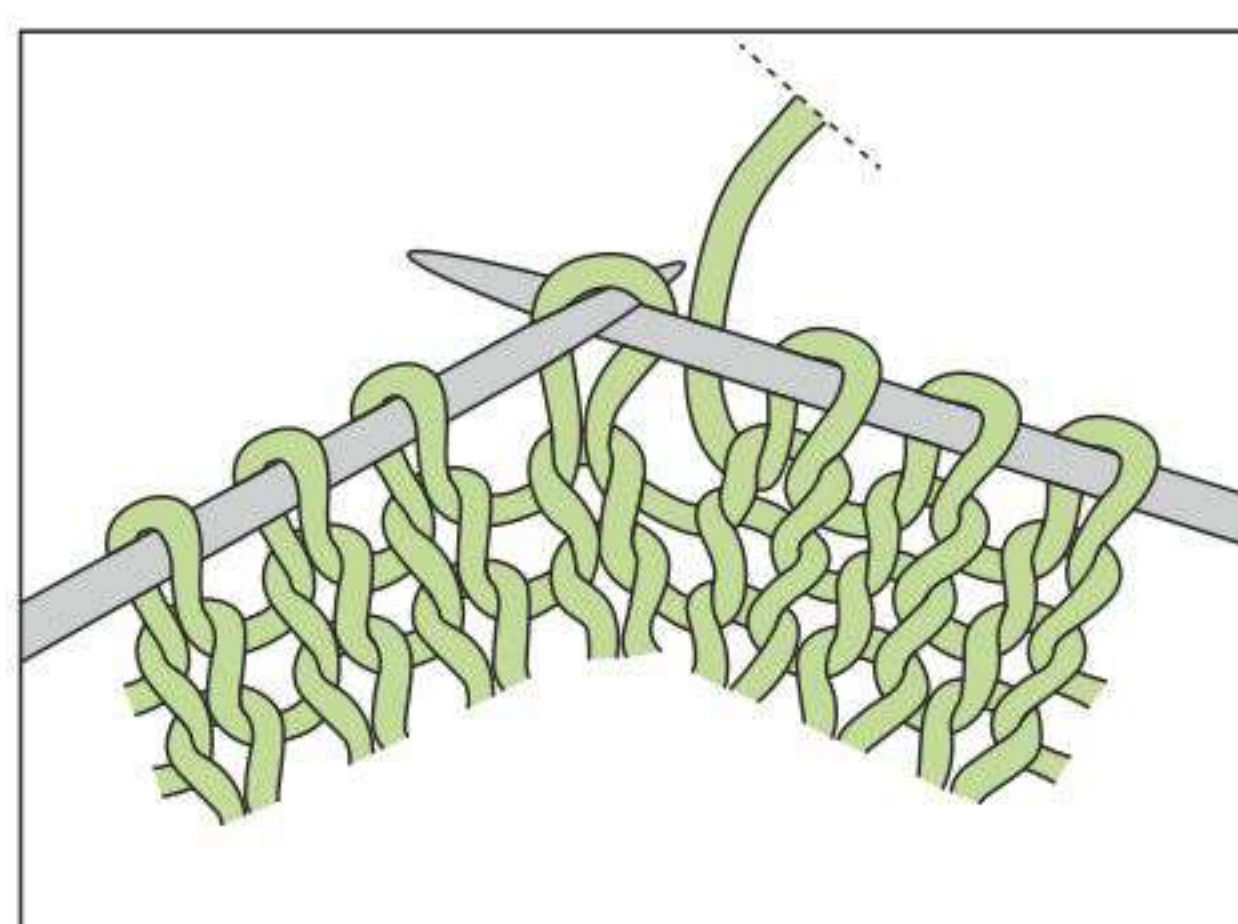
Decrease by knitting two stitches together (k2tog)



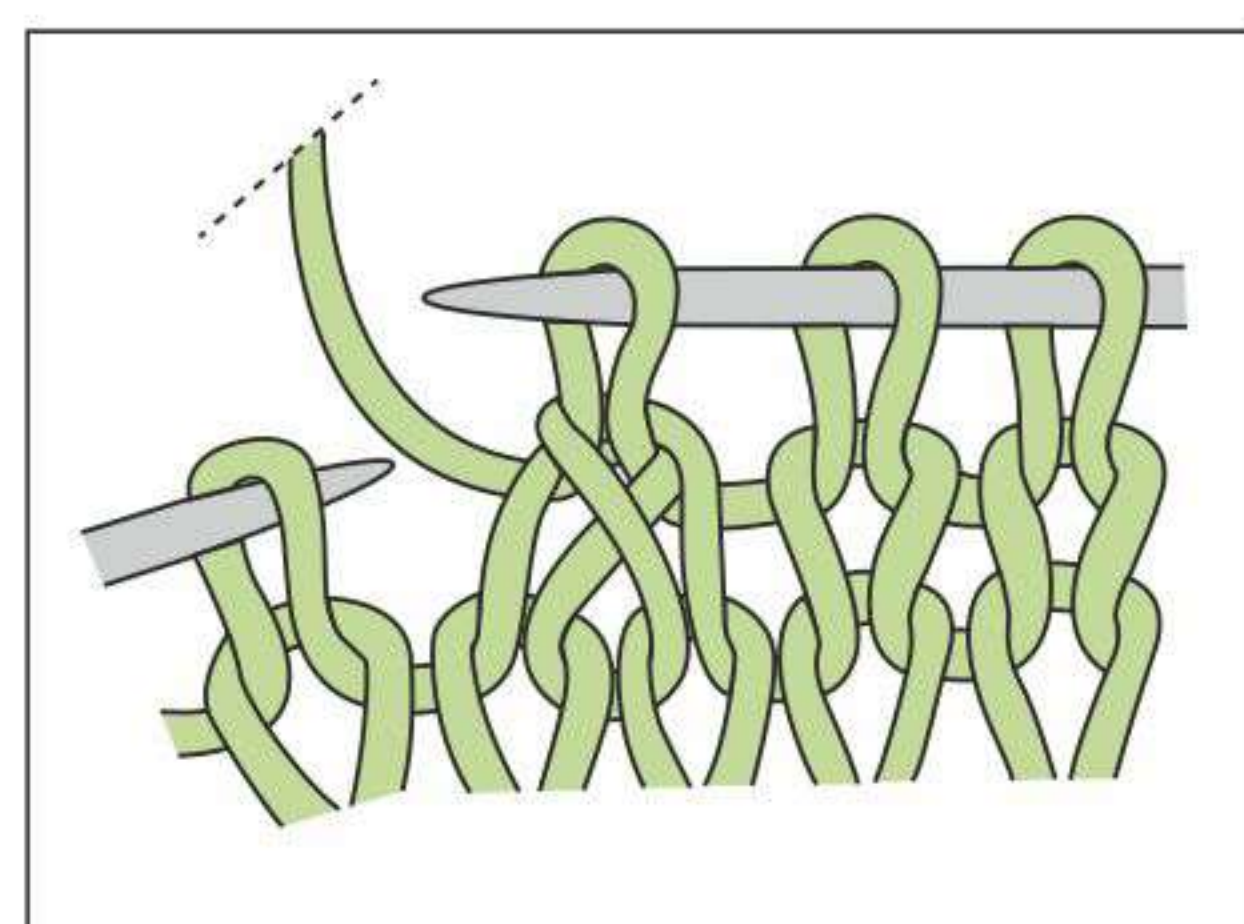
1 Insert the needle in the next two stitches knitwise (that is, through the front of the loops).



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.

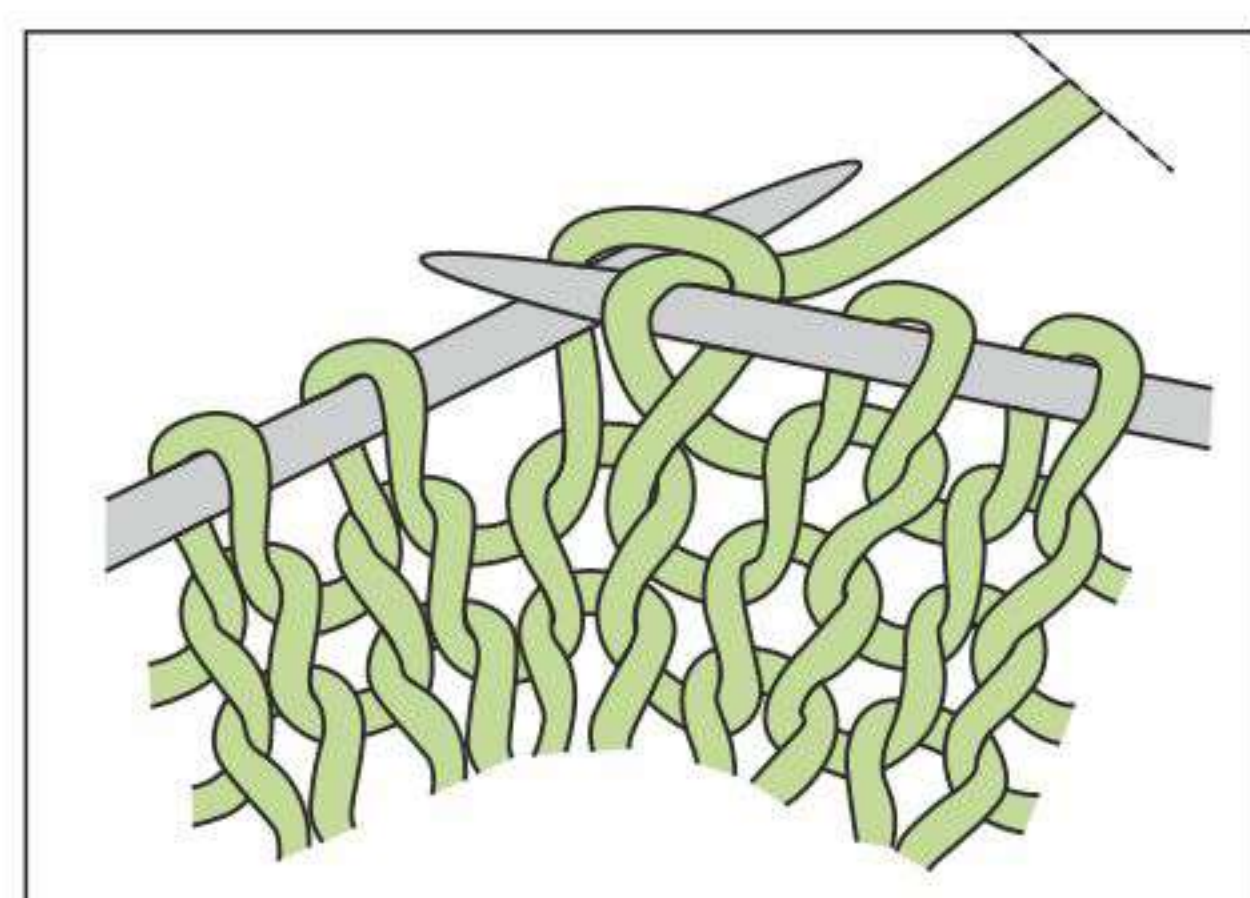


1 Insert the needle in the next stitch knitwise (through the front of the loop) to slip it on to the right-hand needle.

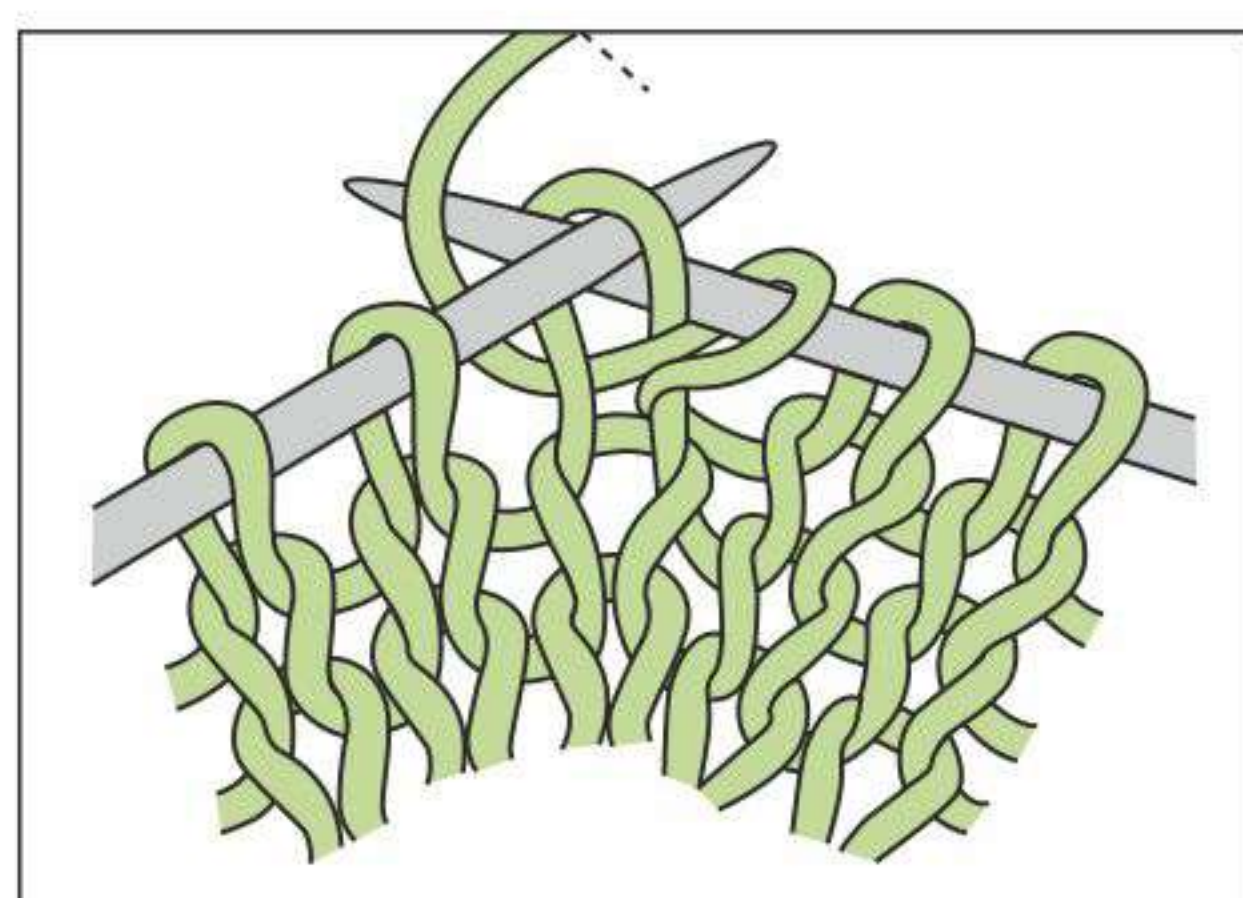


2 Knit the next stitch, then use the left-hand needle to lift the slipped stitch over the knitted one. The resulting decrease has the top stitch slanting to the left.

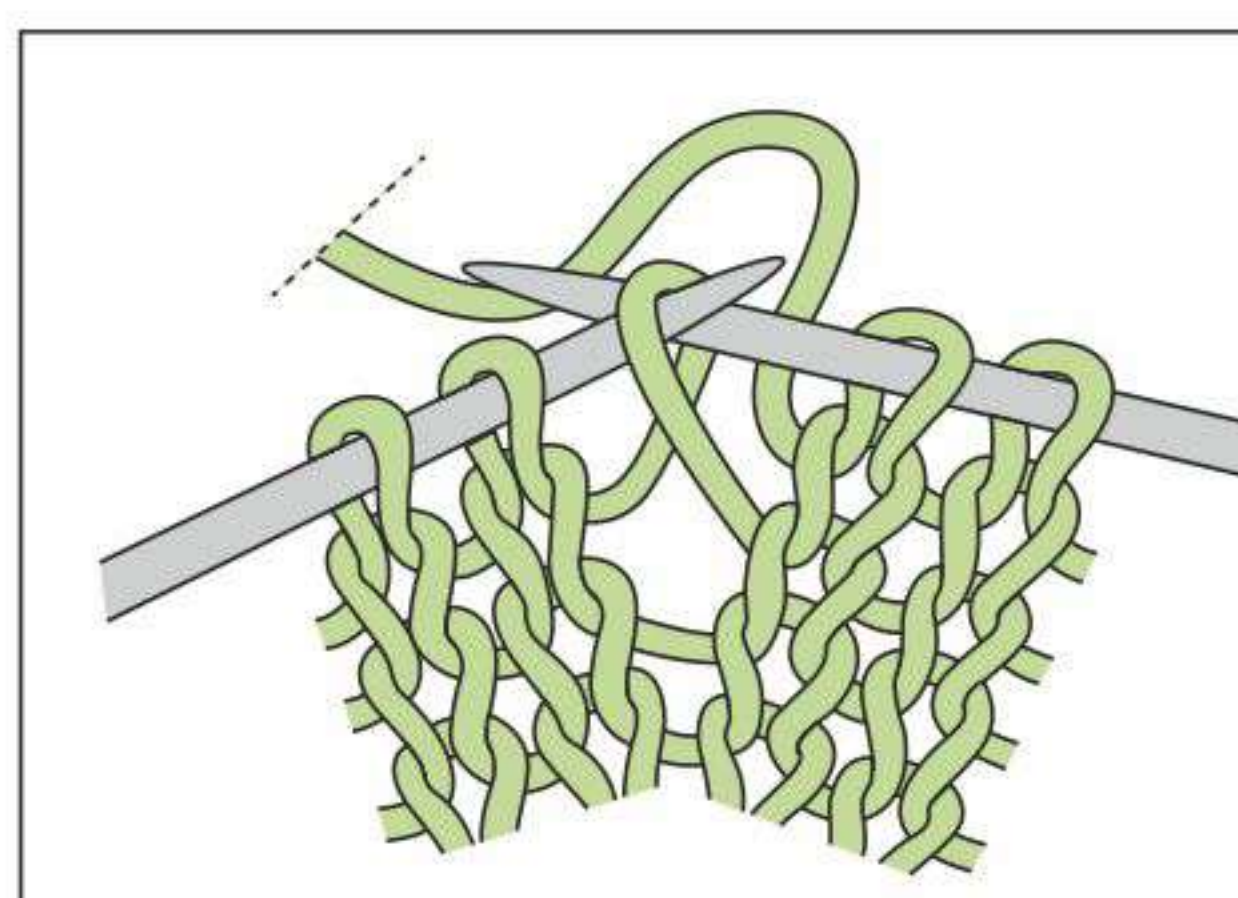
Increase by knitting in the front and then the back of one stitch (kfb)



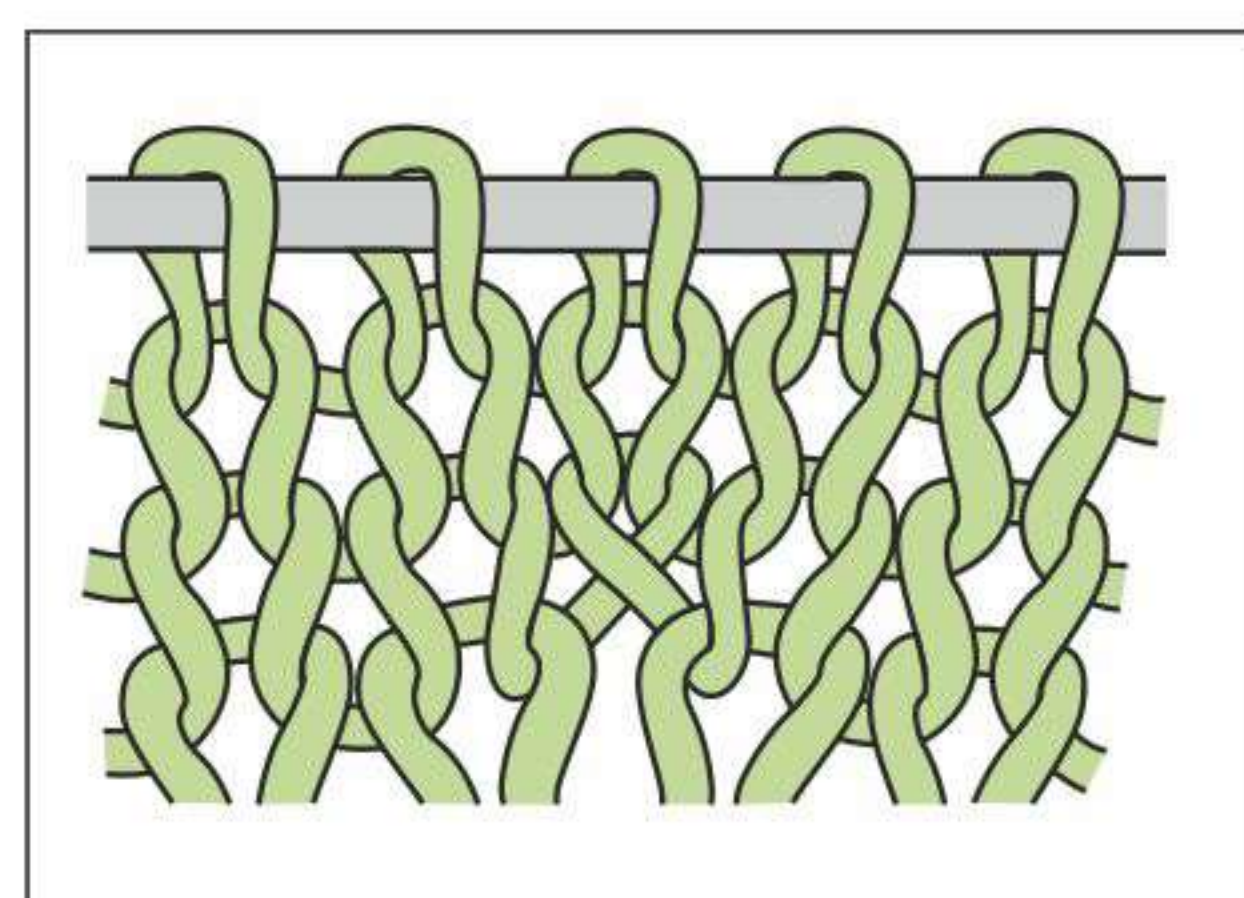
1 Knit the stitch in the usual way, but without slipping it off.



2 Take the right-hand needle to the back and knit the stitch again.



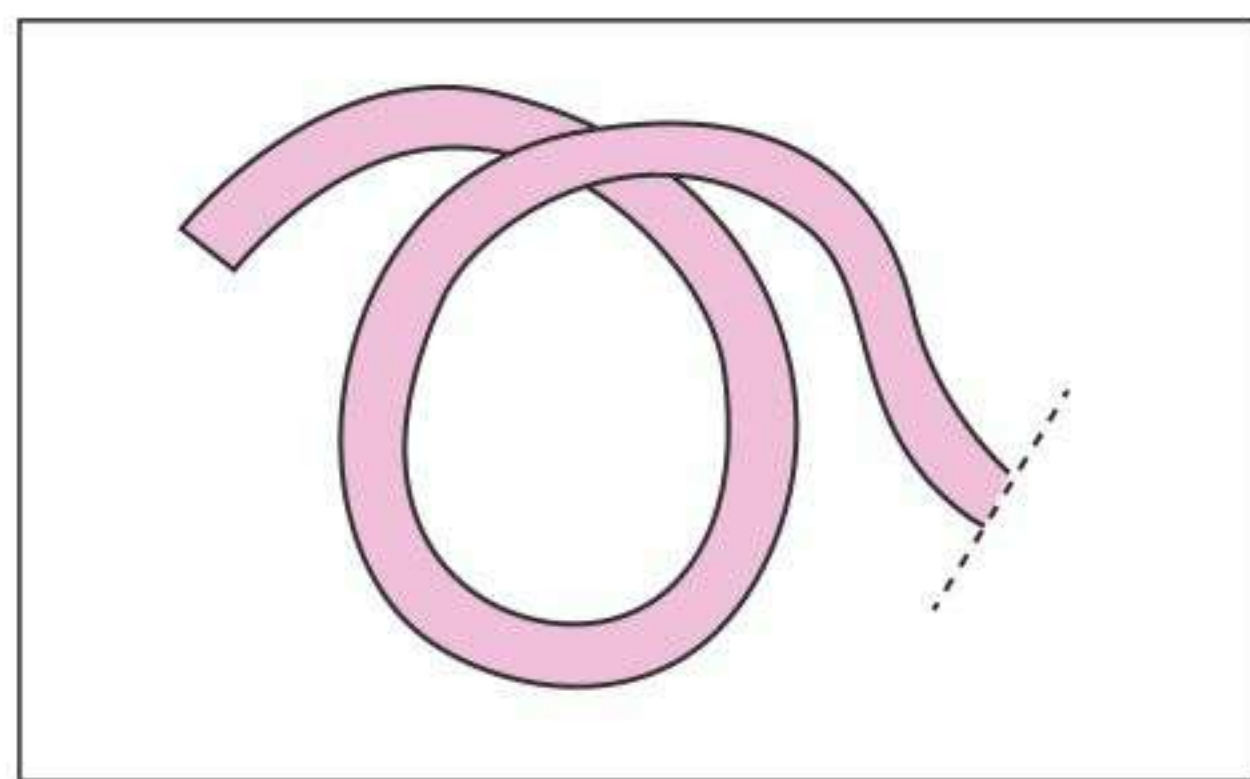
1 Pick up the strand lying between needles and knit in the back of it.



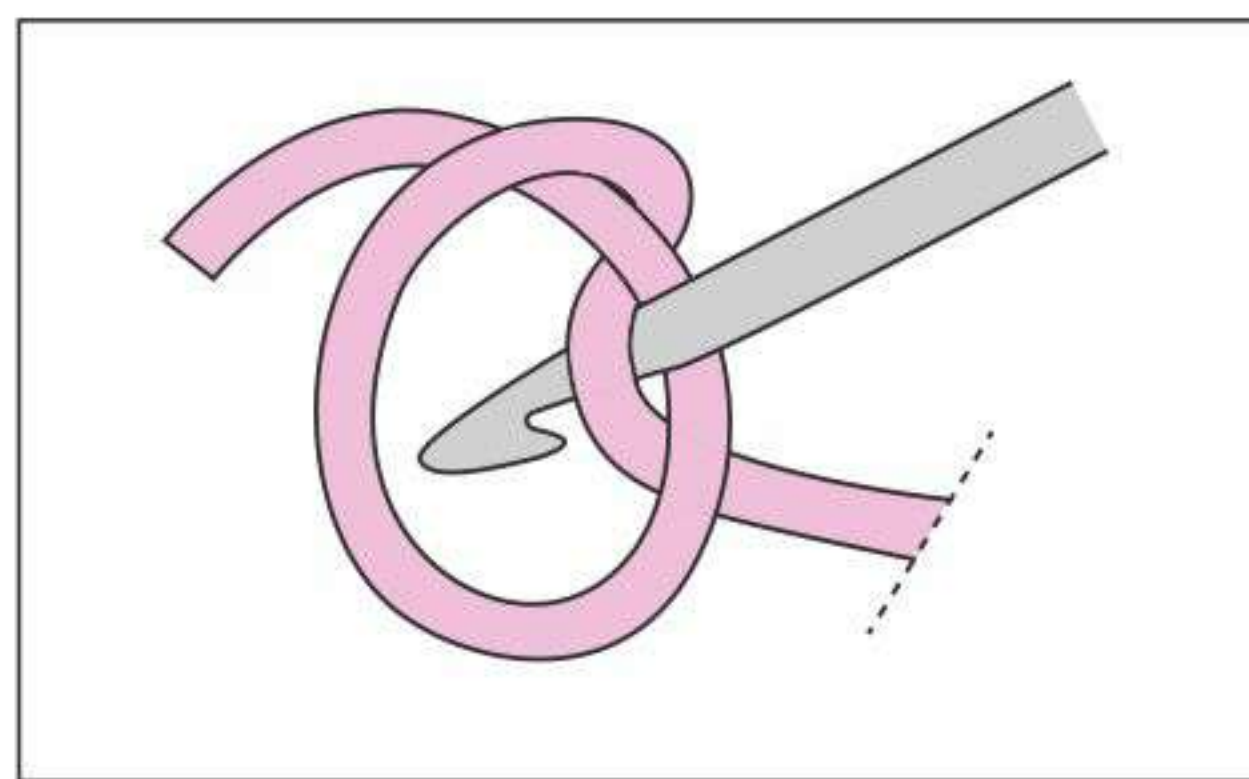
2 This makes a new stitch that fits closely between existing stitches.

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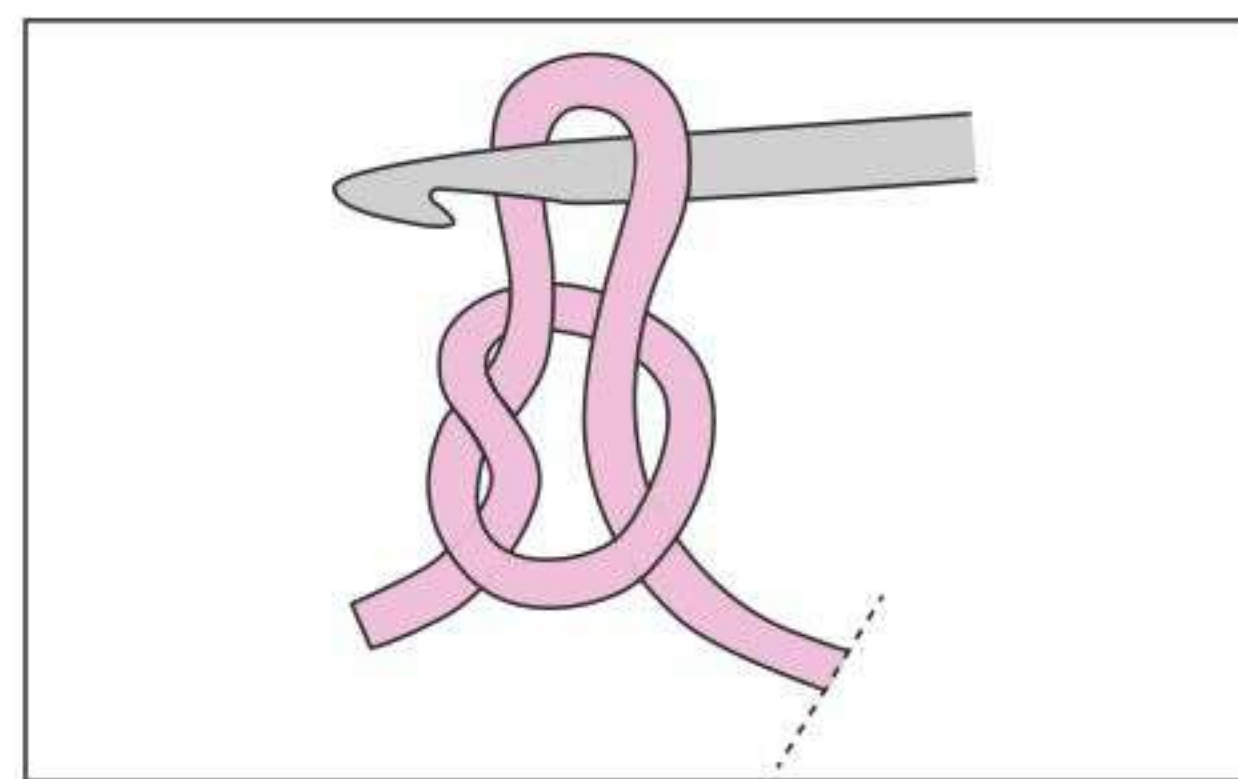
Slip knot



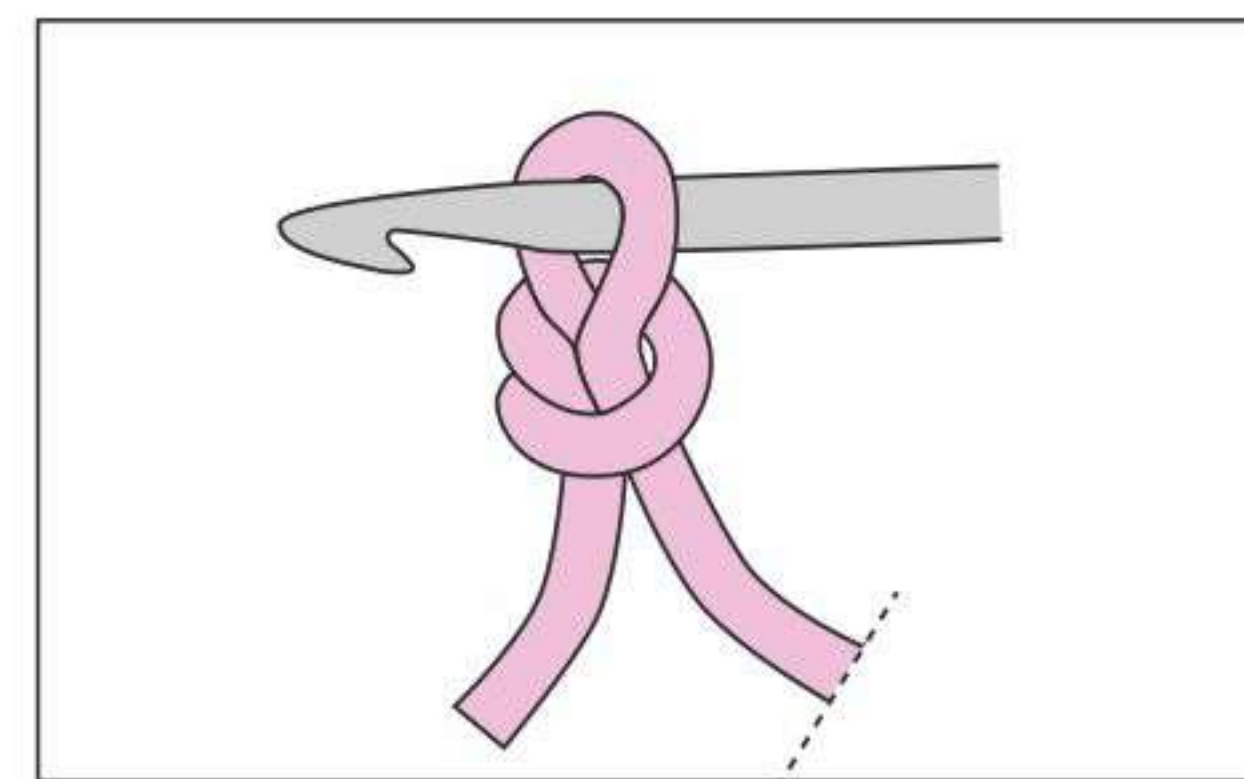
1 Loop the yarn with the ball end on top (the ball end is shown with a broken line).



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.

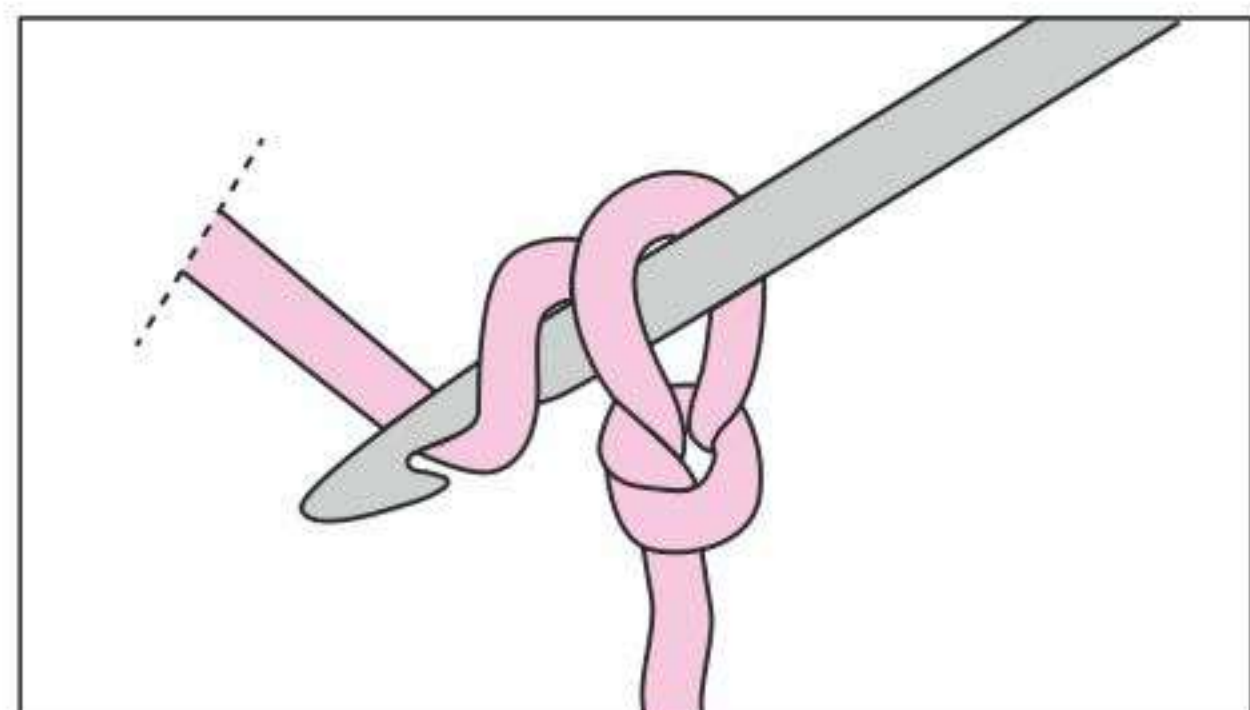
Holding the yarn and hook

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

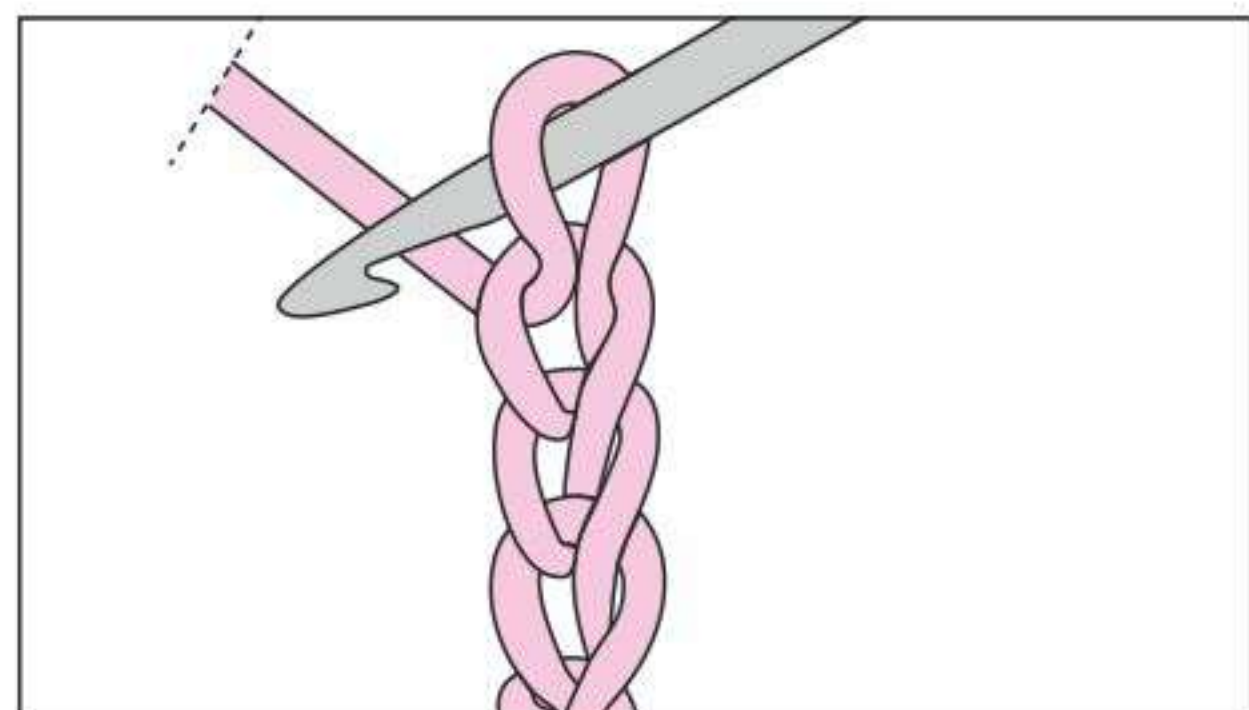
the yarn taken over the first three fingers and under the fourth, or around the fourth if necessary.

Extending the second finger holds the yarn taut for hooking.

Chain (ch)

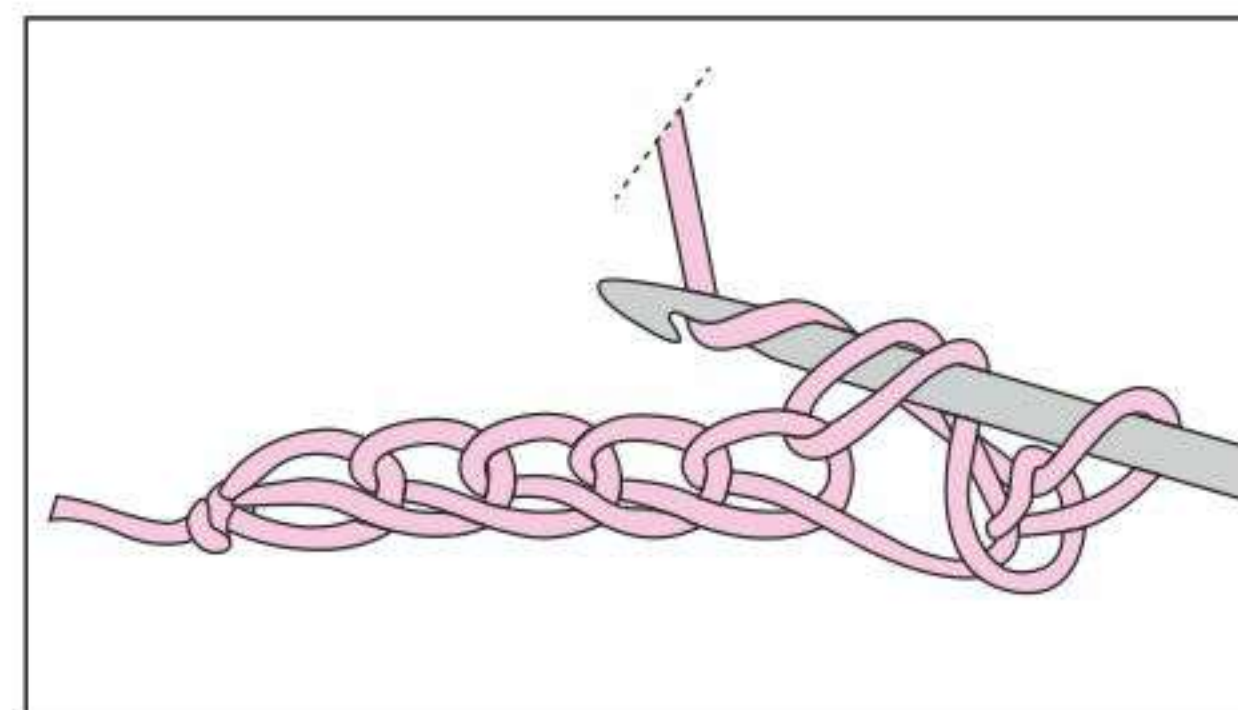


1 Twist the hook under and over the yarn – yarn round hook (yrh). Pull the yarn through the loop on hook and drop it off to make first chain.

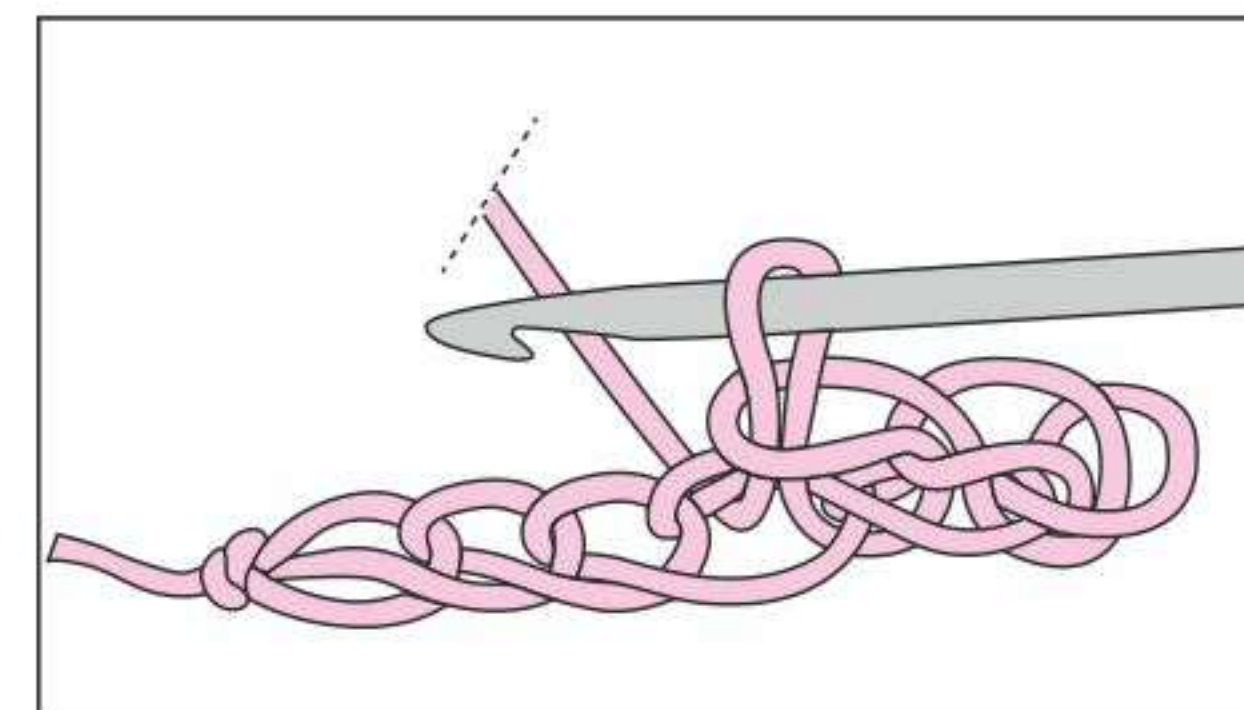


2 Continue to make chain in this way.
Each chain is made up of three strands, with the V shape the 'right side'. When counting chain don't count the loop on the hook.
At the start of a row chain will stand for the first stitch.

Slip stitch (slst)

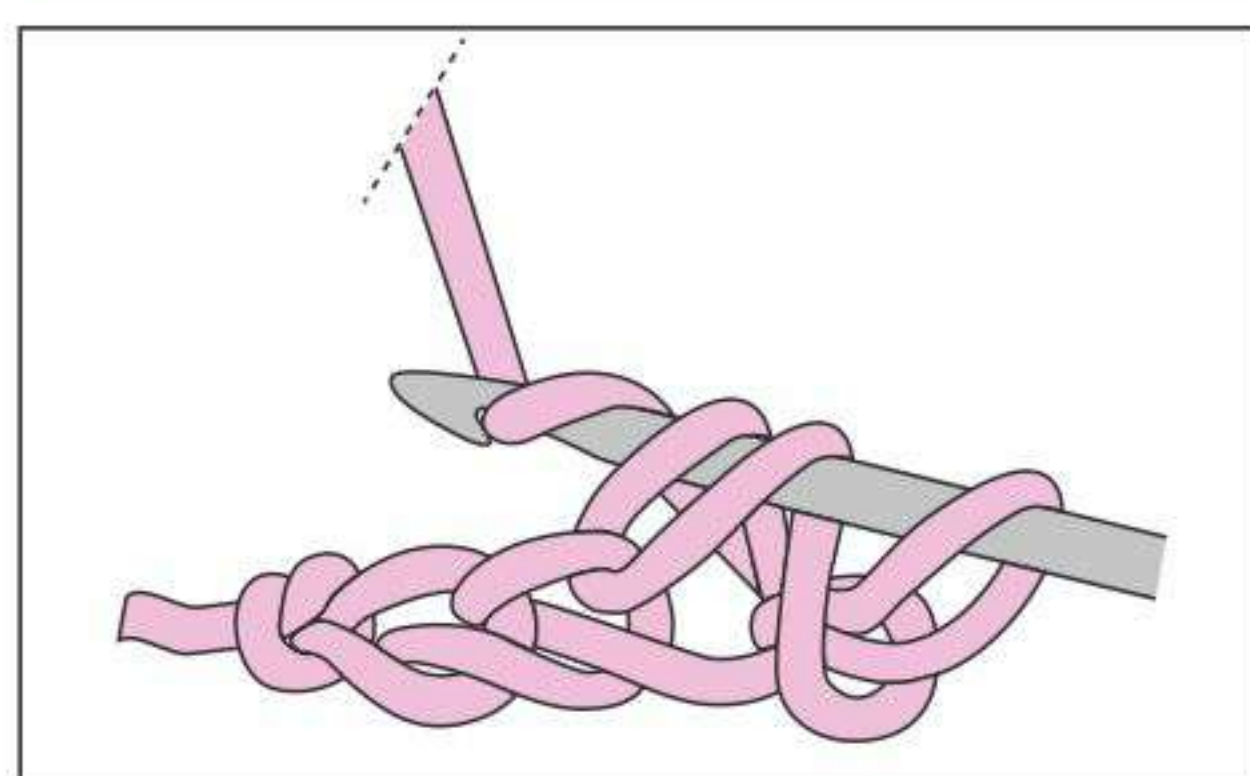


1 Make a length of chain. Insert the hook under two strands of second chain from hook and yarn round hook.

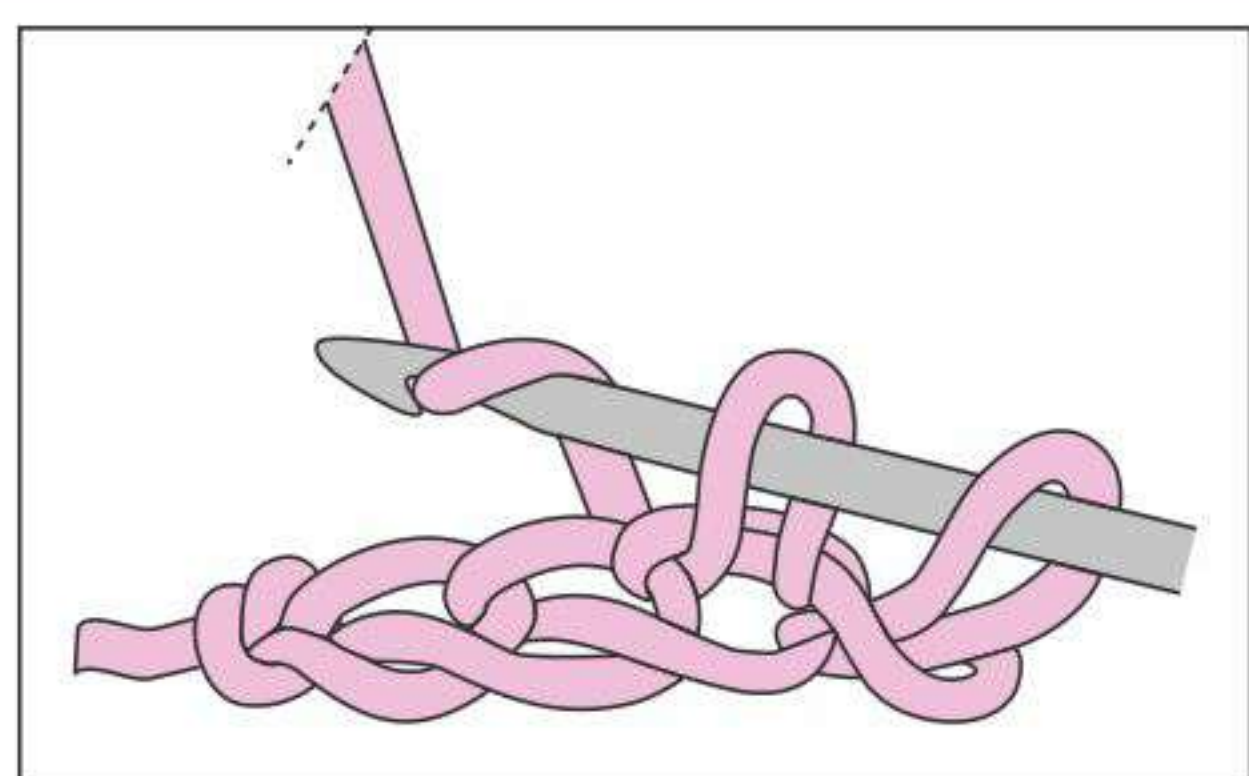


2 Pull the yarn through the chain and loop on the hook. This stitch has virtually no height.

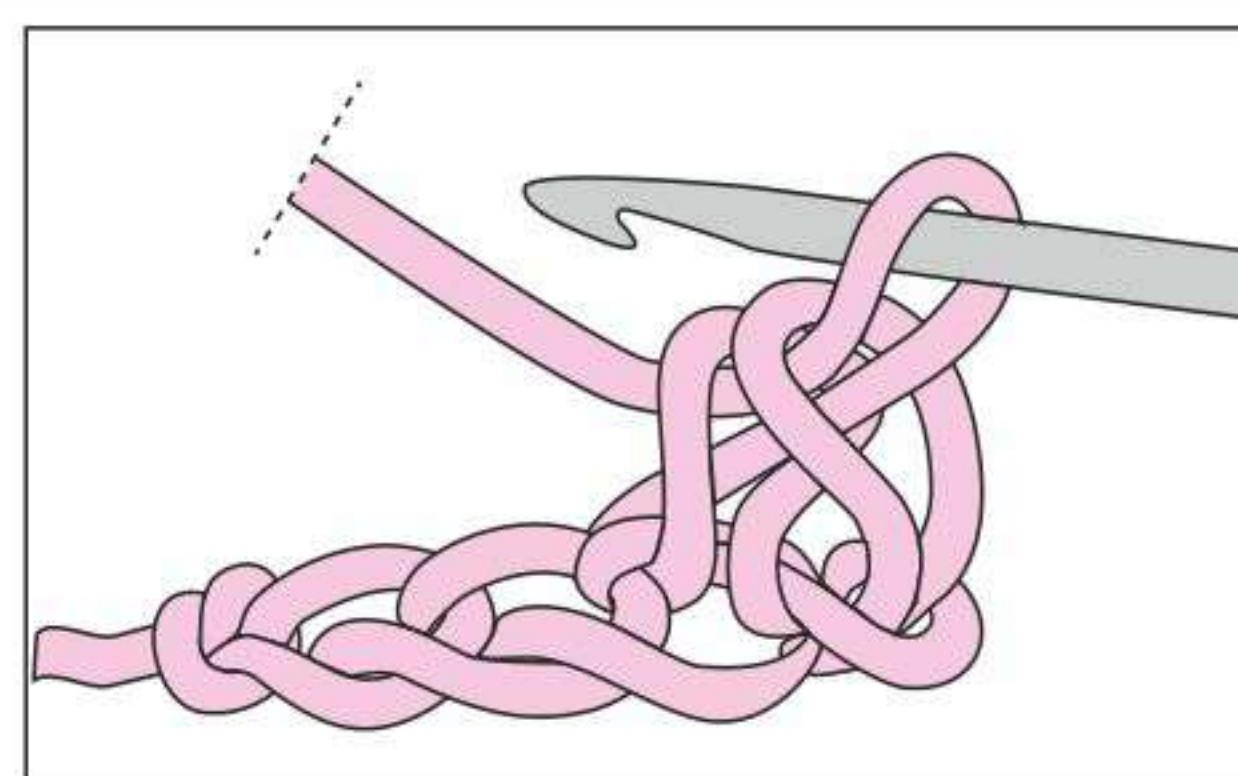
Double crochet (dc)



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.

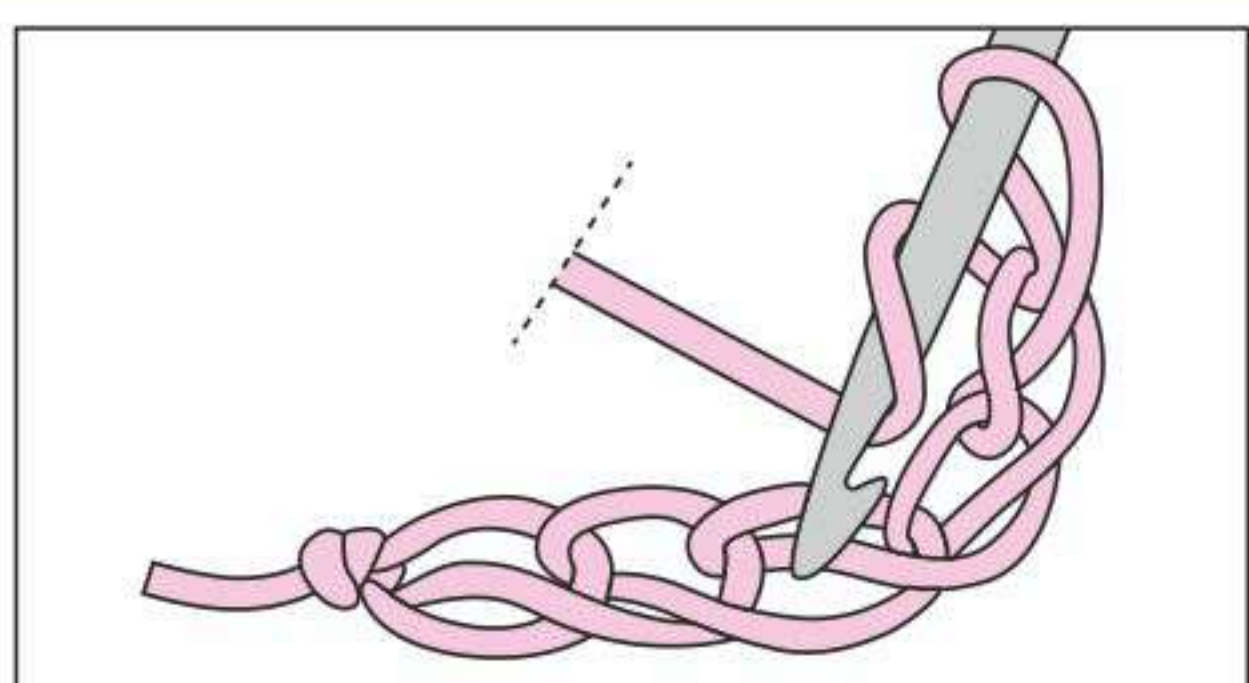


3 Pull the yarn through both loops on the hook to make one double crochet. Insert the hook in the next chain and repeat steps 1-2.

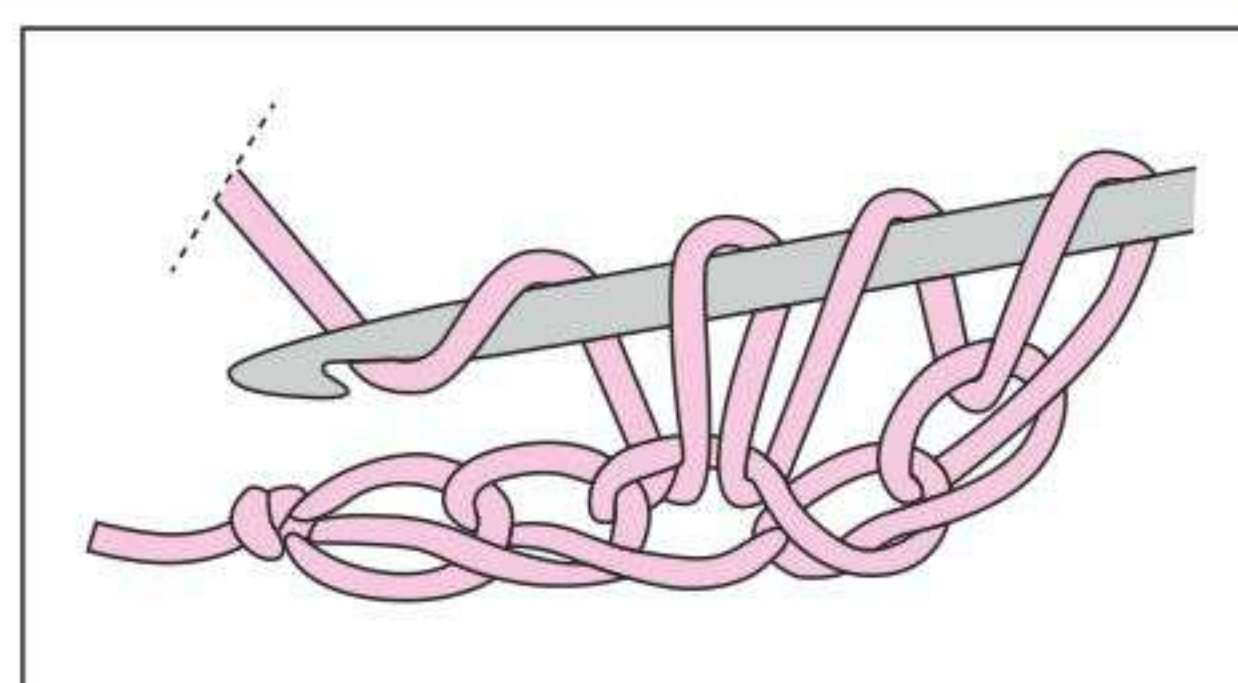
Remember not to take the yarn round hook before inserting the hook. When working into stitches always insert the hook under the top two strands of yarn unless instructed otherwise.

Half treble (htr)

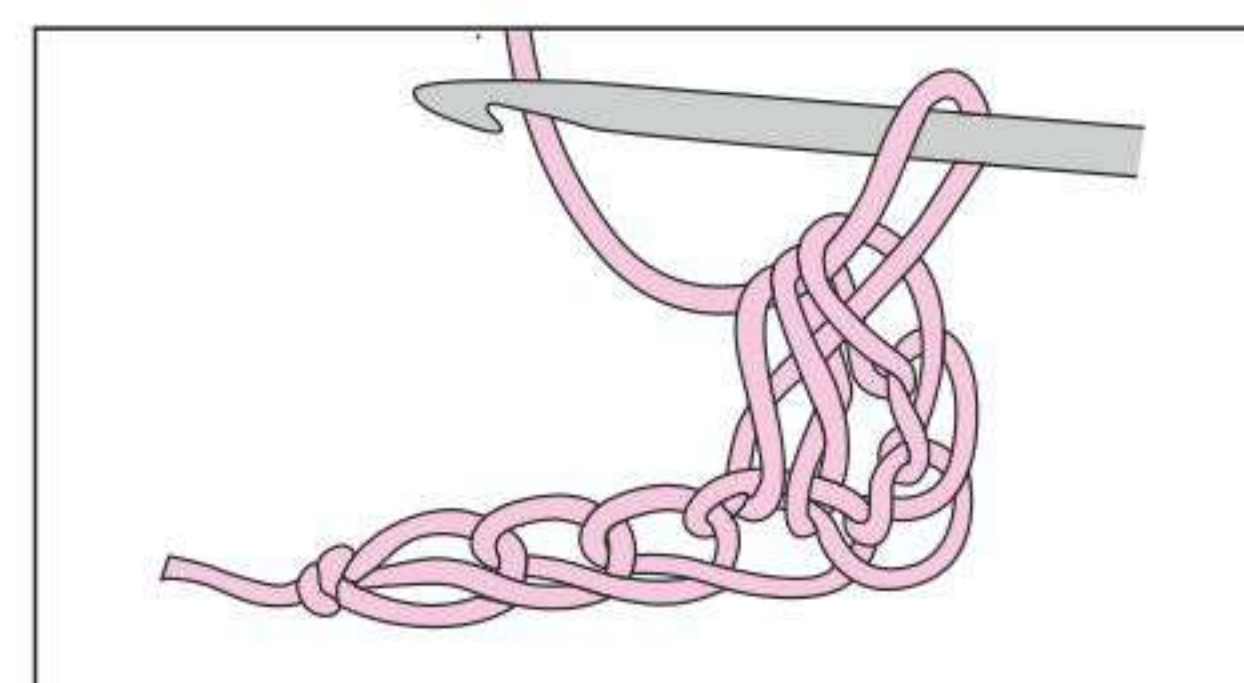
In height the half treble is halfway between a double crochet and a treble and is frequently used as a transitional stitch between the two.



1 Yarn round hook and insert the hook in the third chain from the hook.



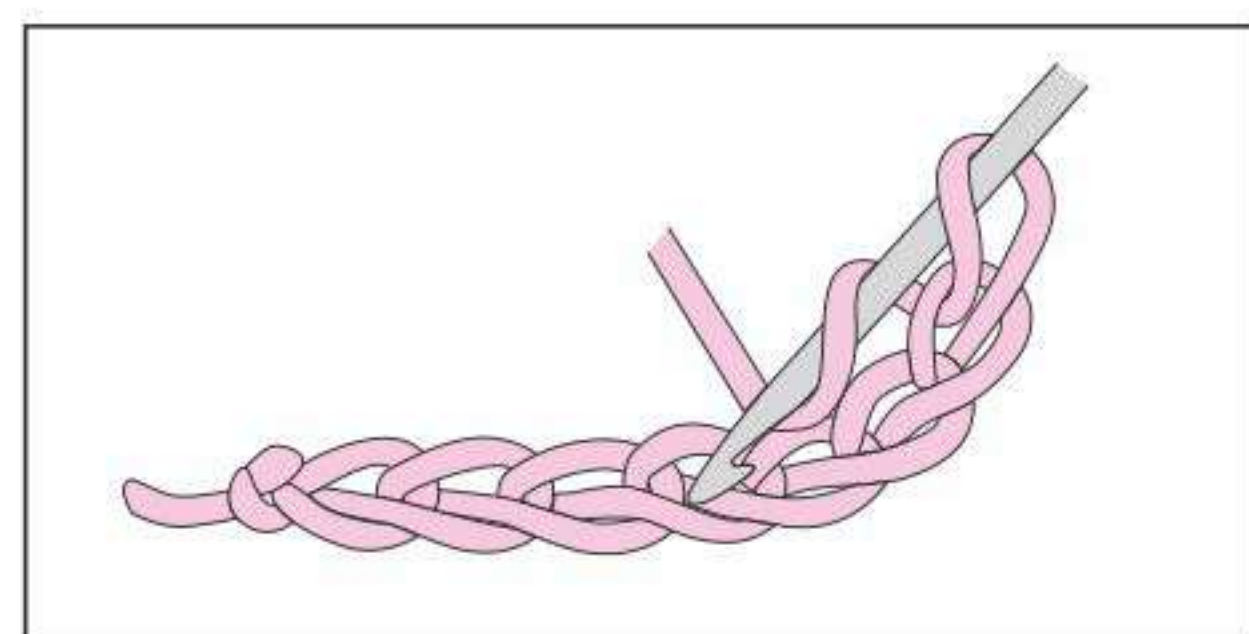
2 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through to make a loop on the hook, then yarn round hook again.



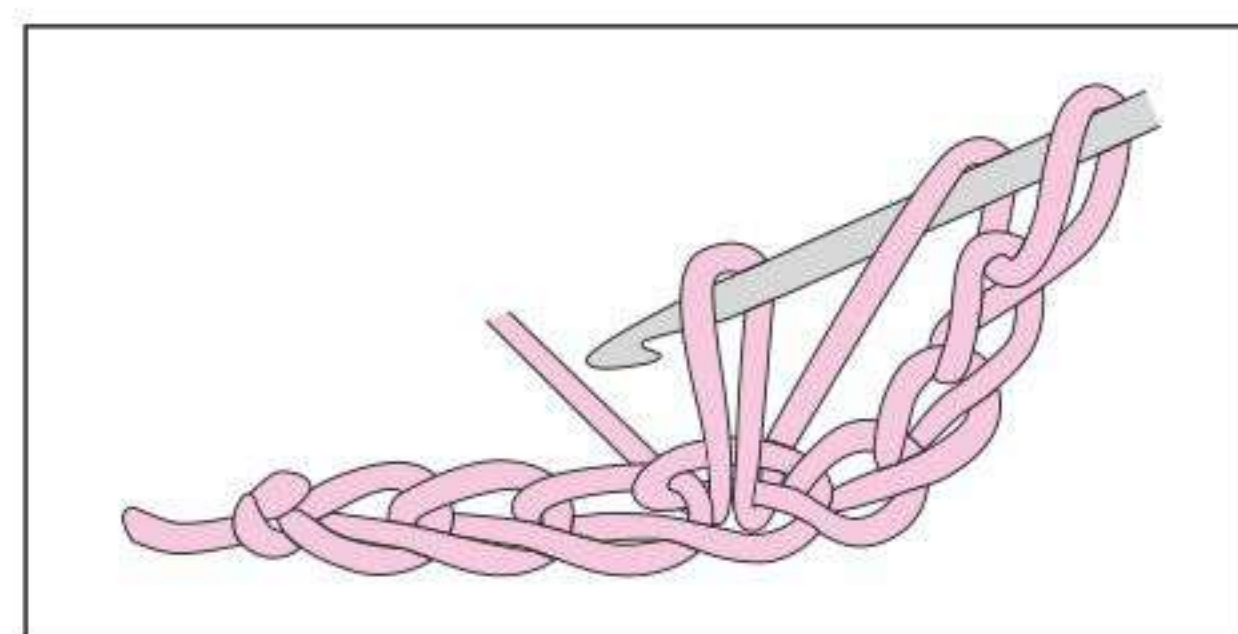
3 Pull the yarn through all three loops on the hook to complete the stitch.

Treble (tr)

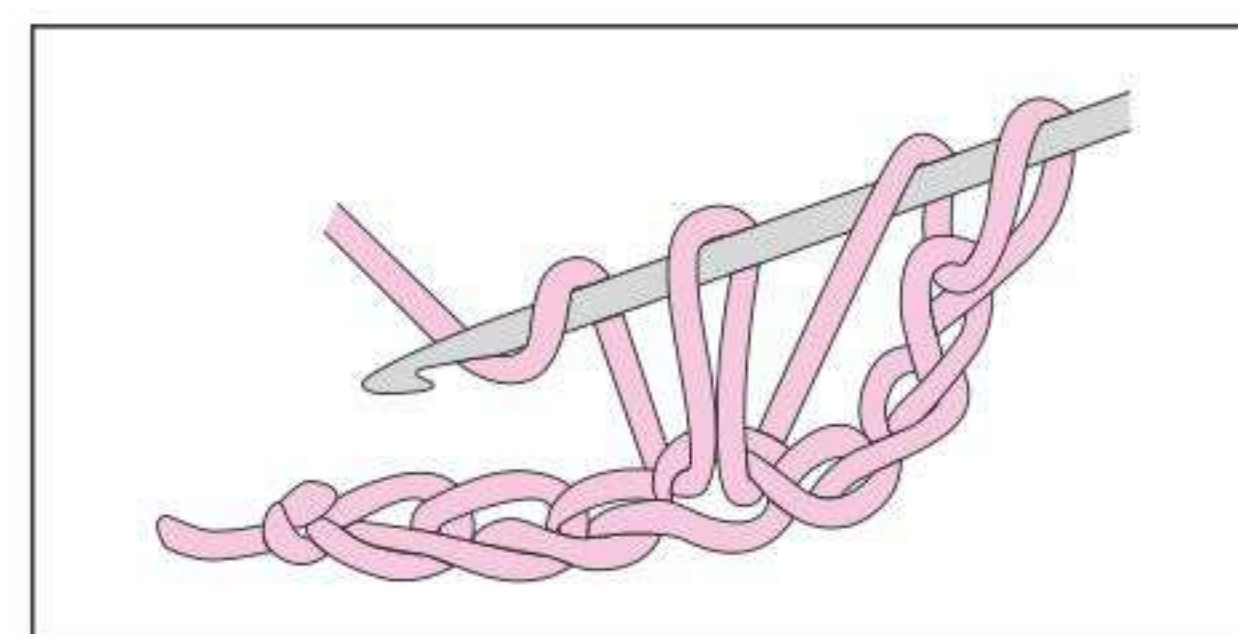
Treble stitch is twice the height of double crochet, because it has an initial yarn round hook, which requires additional steps (wraps) to complete the stitch. The height of stitches is dictated by the number of wraps worked.



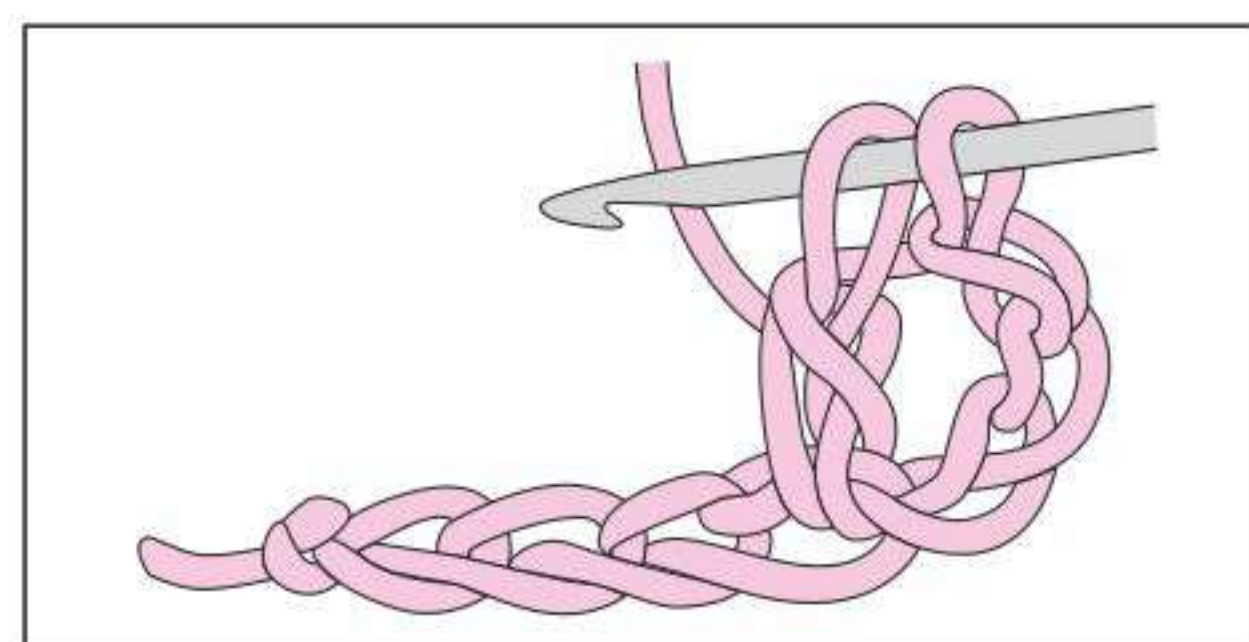
1 Yarn round hook before inserting the hook under two strands of the fourth chain from the hook.



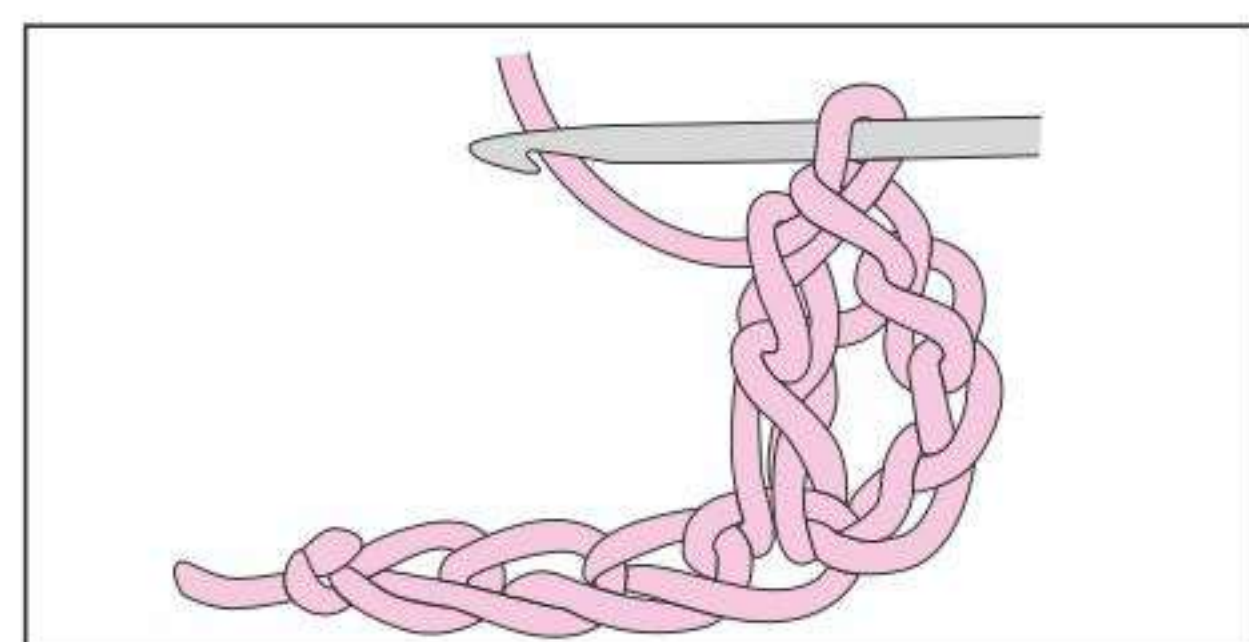
2 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through to make three loops on the hook.



3 Yarn round hook again.



4 Pull the yarn through first two loops on hook, making two loops on the hook.



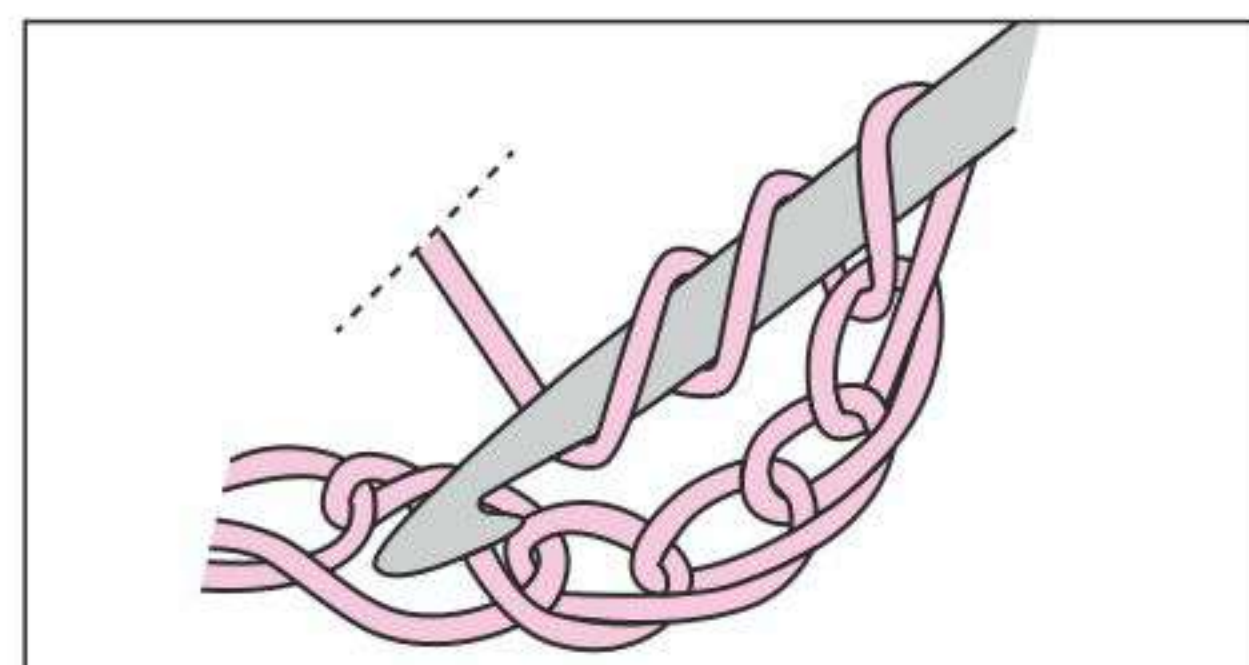
5 Yarn round hook for the last time and pull it through the remaining two loops to complete the stitch.

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.

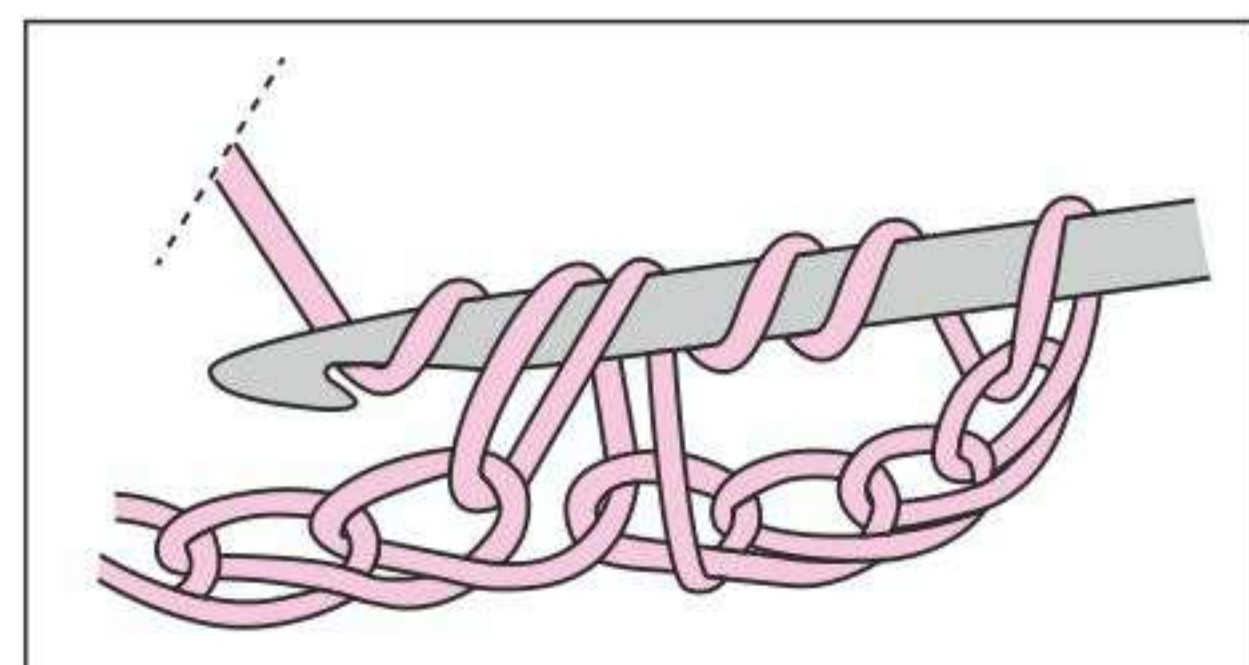
On the next row make sure that the treble following the chain is made in the second

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.

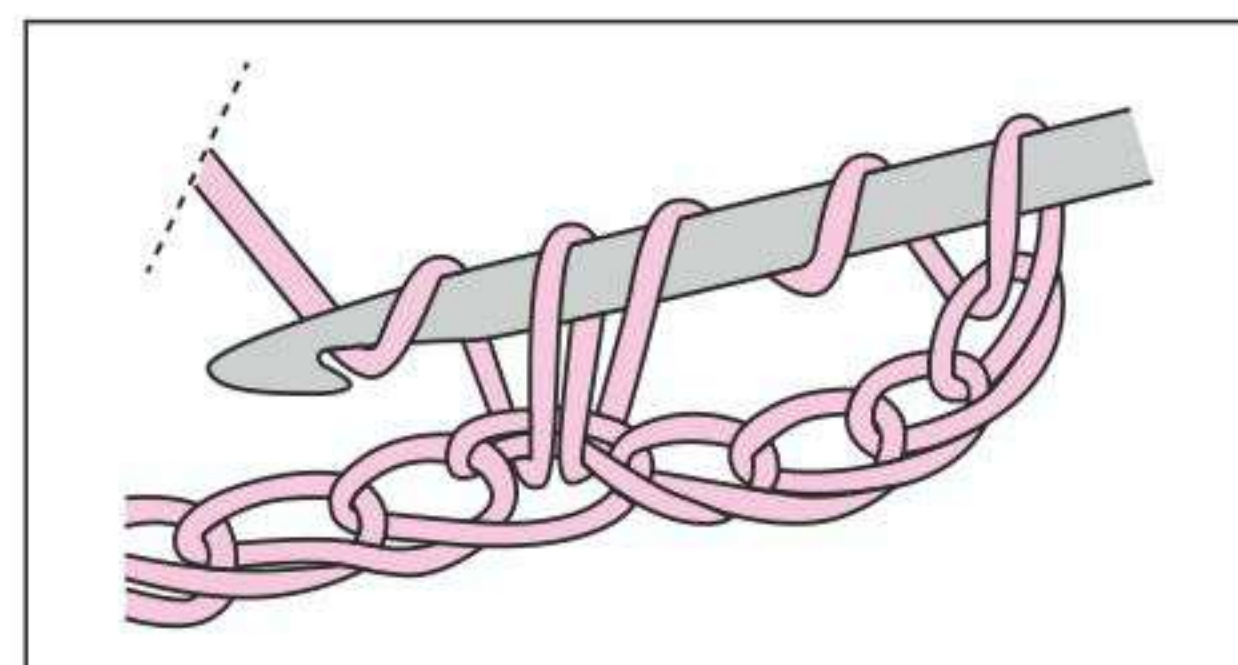
Double treble (dtr)



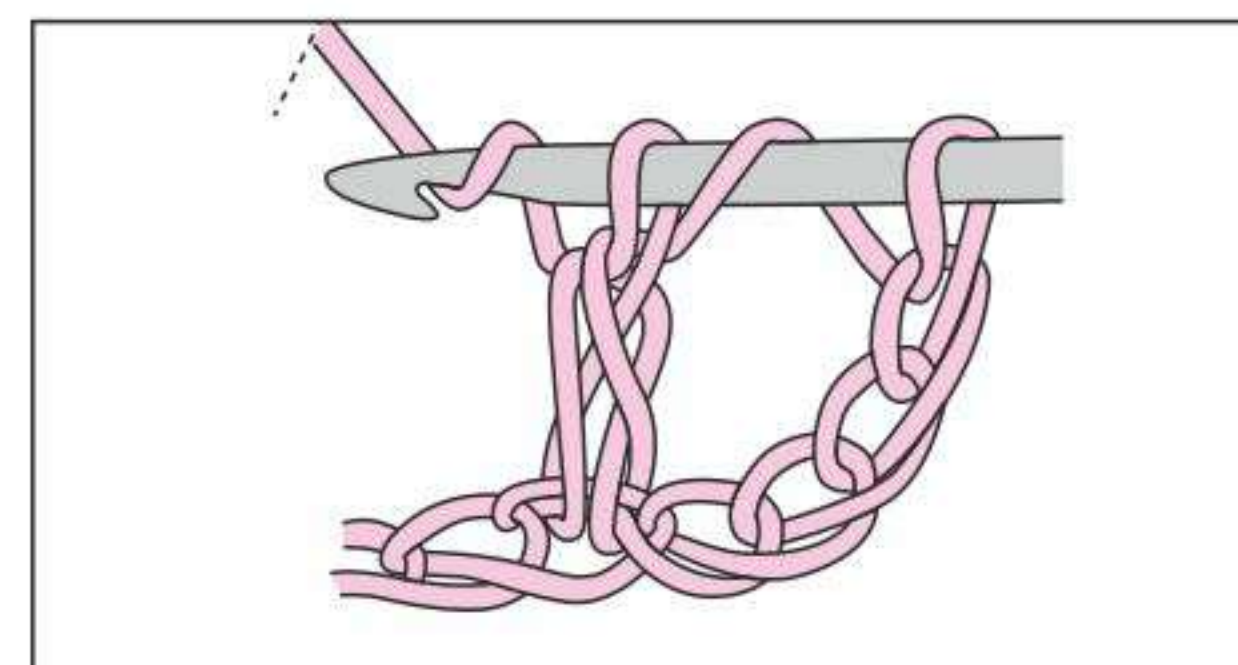
1 Yarn round the hook twice before inserting the hook under the top two strands of the fifth chain from the hook.



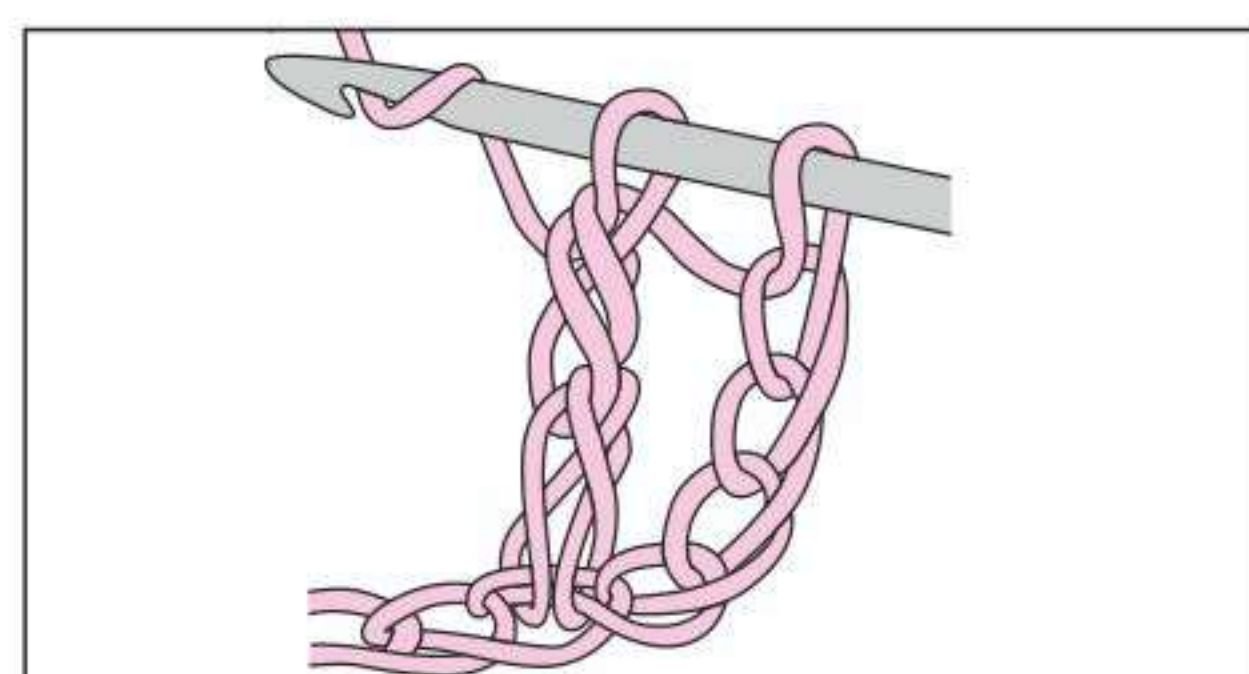
2 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through to make four loops on the hook.



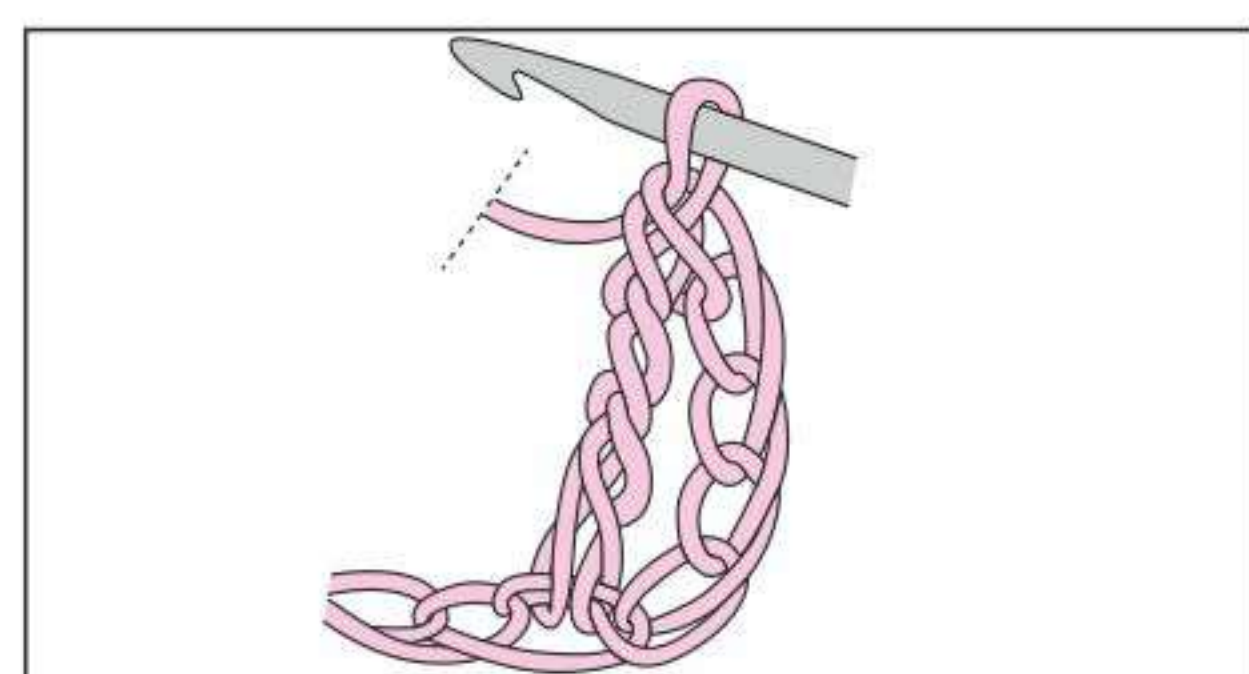
3 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through the first two loops on the hook to make three loops on the hook.



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.



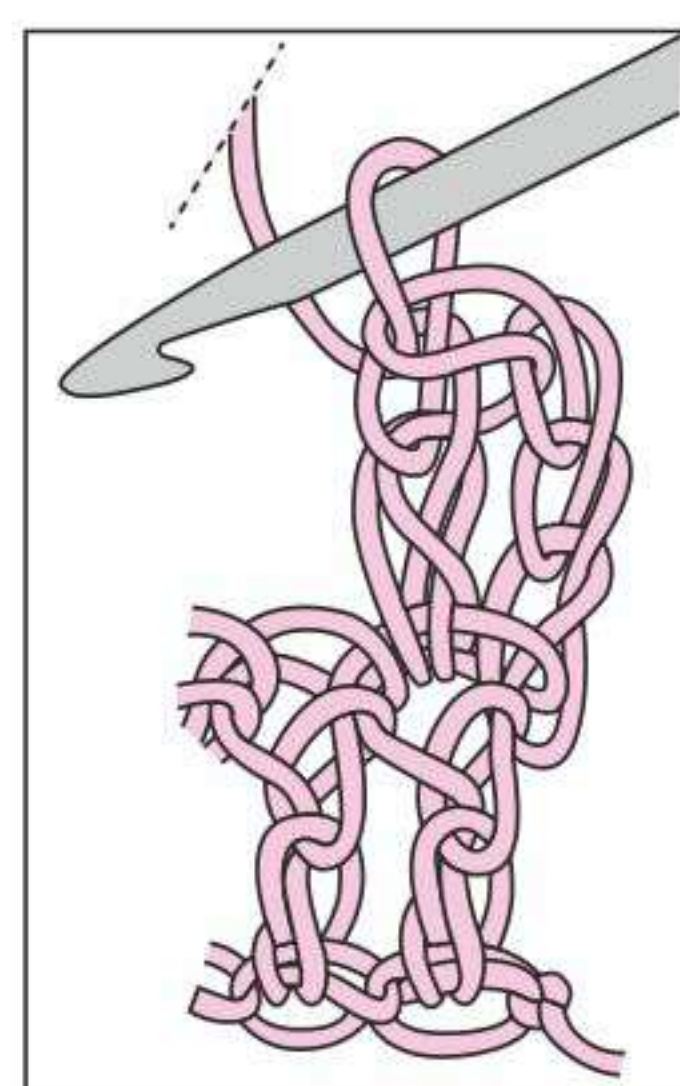
6 The finished double treble. To continue making double treble, yarn round hook twice and insert the hook in the next chain or stitch, then repeat steps 2-5.

Fastening off

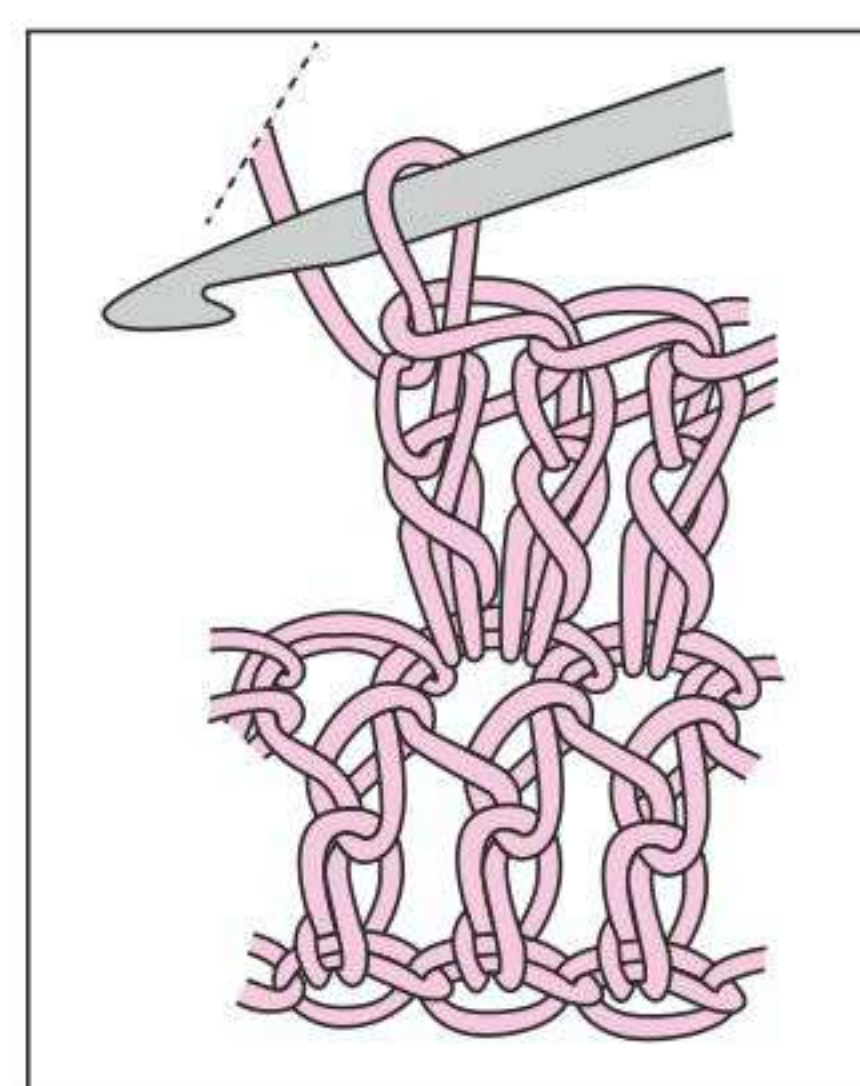
Simply break the yarn, take it through the last loop and draw it up.

Increases

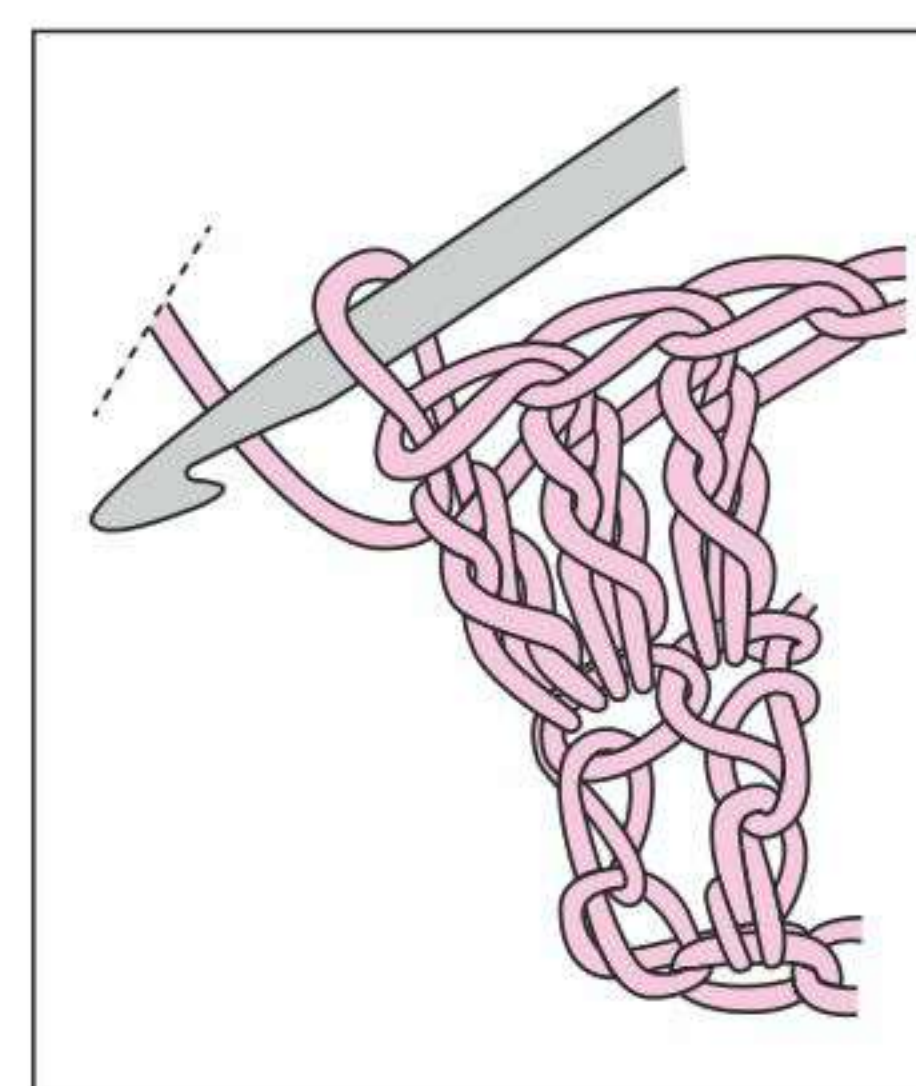
For clarity these are shown as single increases worked in treble, but the principle is the same in double crochet, double treble, etc.



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 additional stitch, or



stitches, in the place indicated.

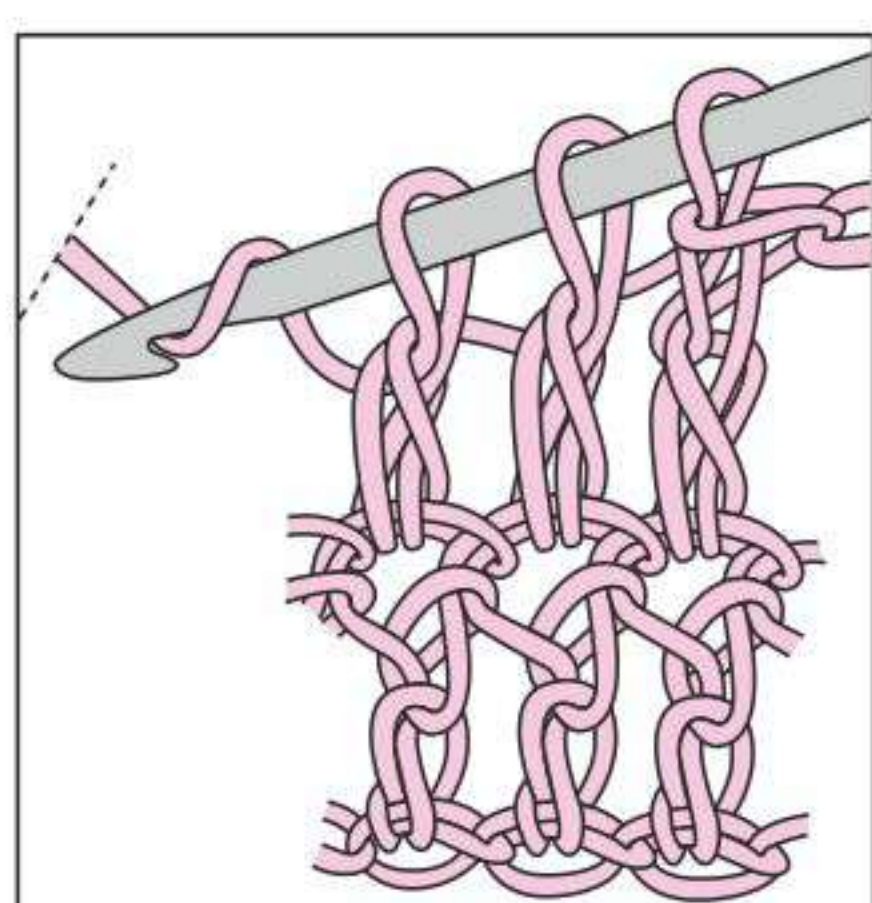
3 At the end of a row, work two stitches in the top chain that formed the first stitch of the previous row. This increases one stitch.

Decreases

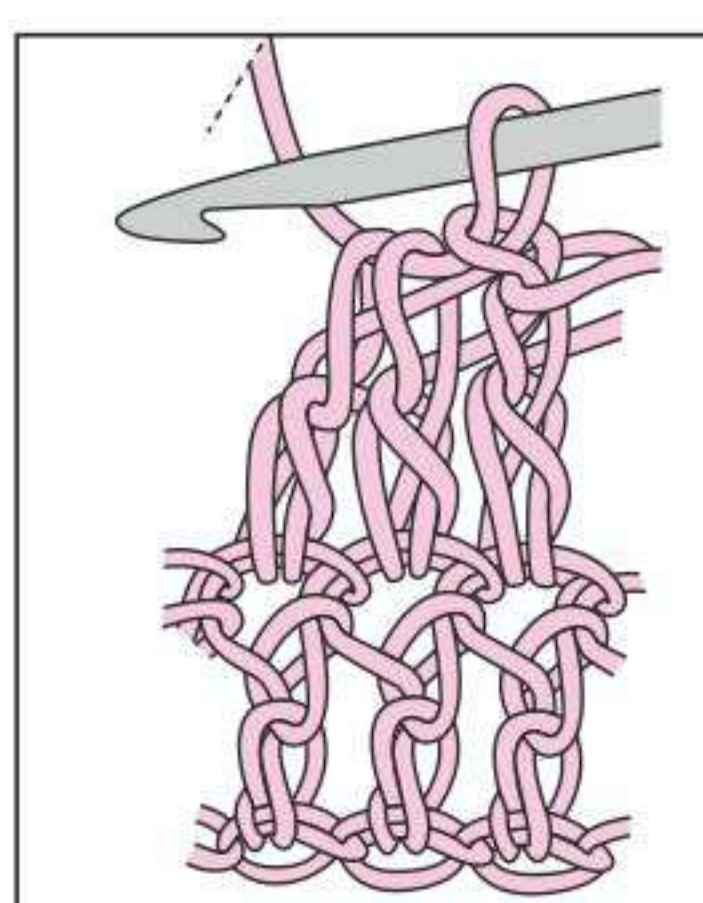
Decreases are part stitches worked into a stated number of stitches and then joined into one in the last stage of the stitch.

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.



2 Yarn round hook and pull it through all three loops on the hook.



In the



News, reviews and tips from knitting and crochet expert Lynne Rowe

Lynne is a knitting and crochet designer and tutor and she loves sharing her skills and knowledge to help make your projects perfect.

Sorting a yarn stash

Q Help – my yarn stash is getting out of control! How do I decide which yarn to keep and how to organise it?

A It does help if you can keep your yarn stash tidy and organised, so that you can clearly see the choice of colours and fibres that you have. To organise your stash, sort yarns into different yarn weights and similar fibres (this information can be found on the ball band). Pair up yarns that work well together – these may be yarns that complement each other in colour or fibre content – and then consider a project for them. Don't be afraid to pair up colours that you wouldn't normally put together – or use lots of different shades of the same colour in one project. Use larger quantities of similar yarns for bigger projects such as jumpers, shawls or blankets and use smaller quantities for quick makes such as mittens, hats or socks. Put the yarns for each project into a clear bag along with a written note to remind you what to make with it and who you are making it for. For all of the yarns where you can't decide on a project, consider donating this yarn to a friend or to a local school, nursing home or charity shop where it can be put to good use or sold to raise funds.

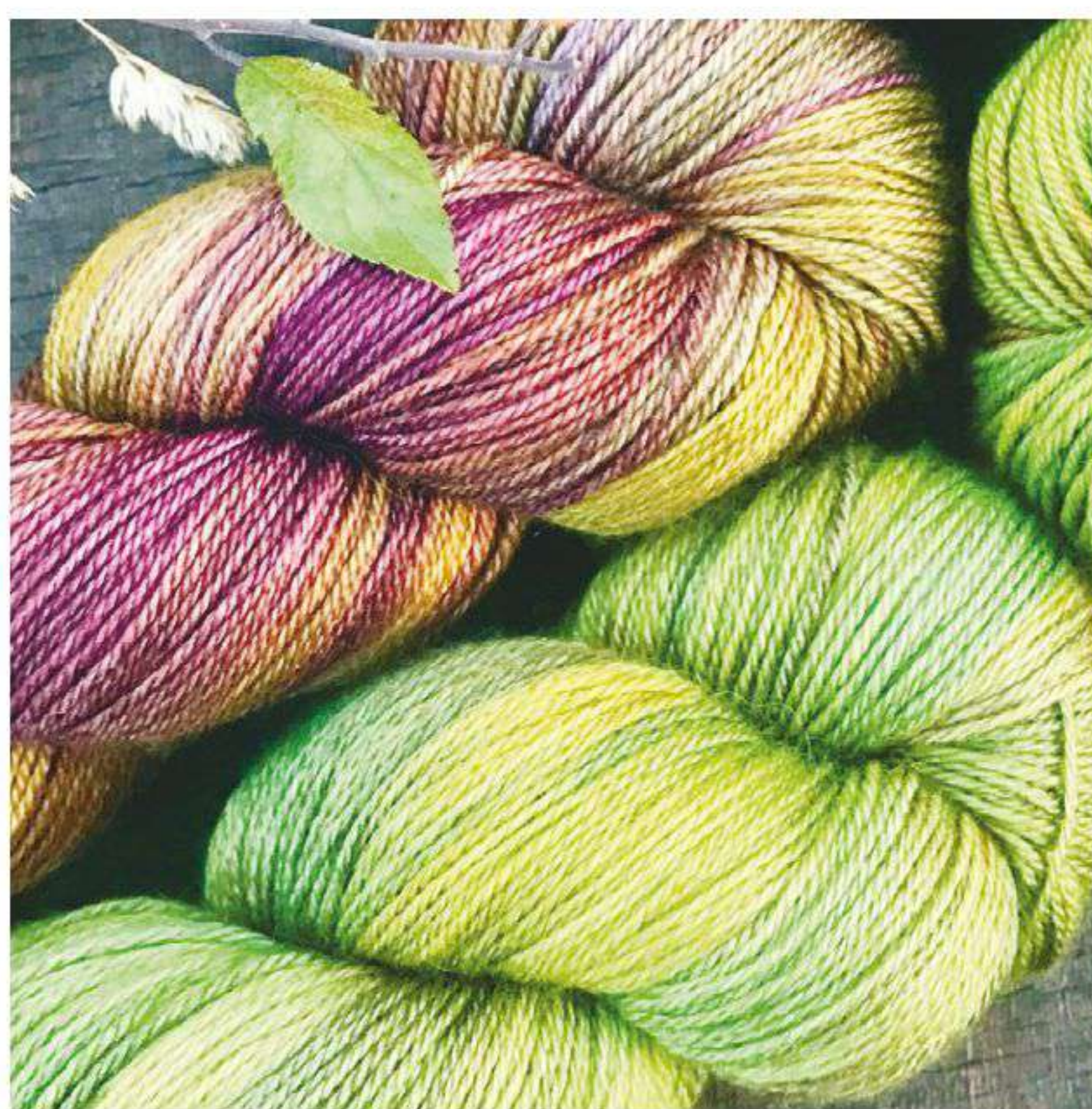
REVIEW

Prym ergonomic knitting needles

When I recently heard that Prym had revolutionised the knitting needle with a new design, I was eager to hear more about the changes they had made.

The first thing I noticed about the new range was the drop-shaped tip, which helps the needles slide seamlessly into each stitch. I found the needles light and easy to use; warm to the touch and comfortable to hold. The body of the needles changes from being rounded at the bottom end, to triangular in the middle then round again at the top. The central triangular section allows the stitches to move more freely than a regular round needle and creates the perfect shape to sit nicely between the fingers.

The major difference for me was the flexibility of the needles. Unlike the regular version, Prym's ergonomic needles bend easily with your movements, providing much less resistance and therefore reducing stress to the hands. But what made me smile the most were the click heads, which cleverly snap onto the opposite needle to keep the needles together and secure your stitches. This helps make your knitting portable and prevents stitches from falling off the needle tips.



INSPIRED BY...

RiverKnits

I first came across RiverKnits last year when I taught at a fabulous new yarn festival in Staffordshire called Wool@J13. The RiverKnits stand was an eye-catching wall of colour created by their rich, bold and vibrant skeins of gorgeous hand-dyed yarns. Chatting with owners, Becci and Markus, I discovered that they live on a narrowboat

with their three children, and the dyeing process takes place on board – so not only is the narrowboat their home, it's also a floating dye studio. The RiverKnits Instagram feed is full of stunning photos of their beautiful yarns sitting against a backdrop of Cheshire's finest fields, canals, flora and fauna, all of which inspire yarn names such as 'Starry Night', 'Towpath' and 'Kingfisher', and because I live in Cheshire too, I recognise place-inspired names such as 'Audlem', 'Stoke' and 'Harecastle'.

One of their most popular colourways is 'Indian Giant Squirrel' – named after the tree squirrel species of the same name which has a multi-coloured body. Becci has recreated these colours onto a Bluefaced Leicester base, with a glorious combination of reds, purples, greys, mustards, browns and greens, all shouting to be knitted or crocheted.

To see Becci and Markus's inspiring yarns, visit their shop at www.etsy.com/uk/shop/RiverKnitsYarn or follow their adventures on Instagram @riverknitsuk.

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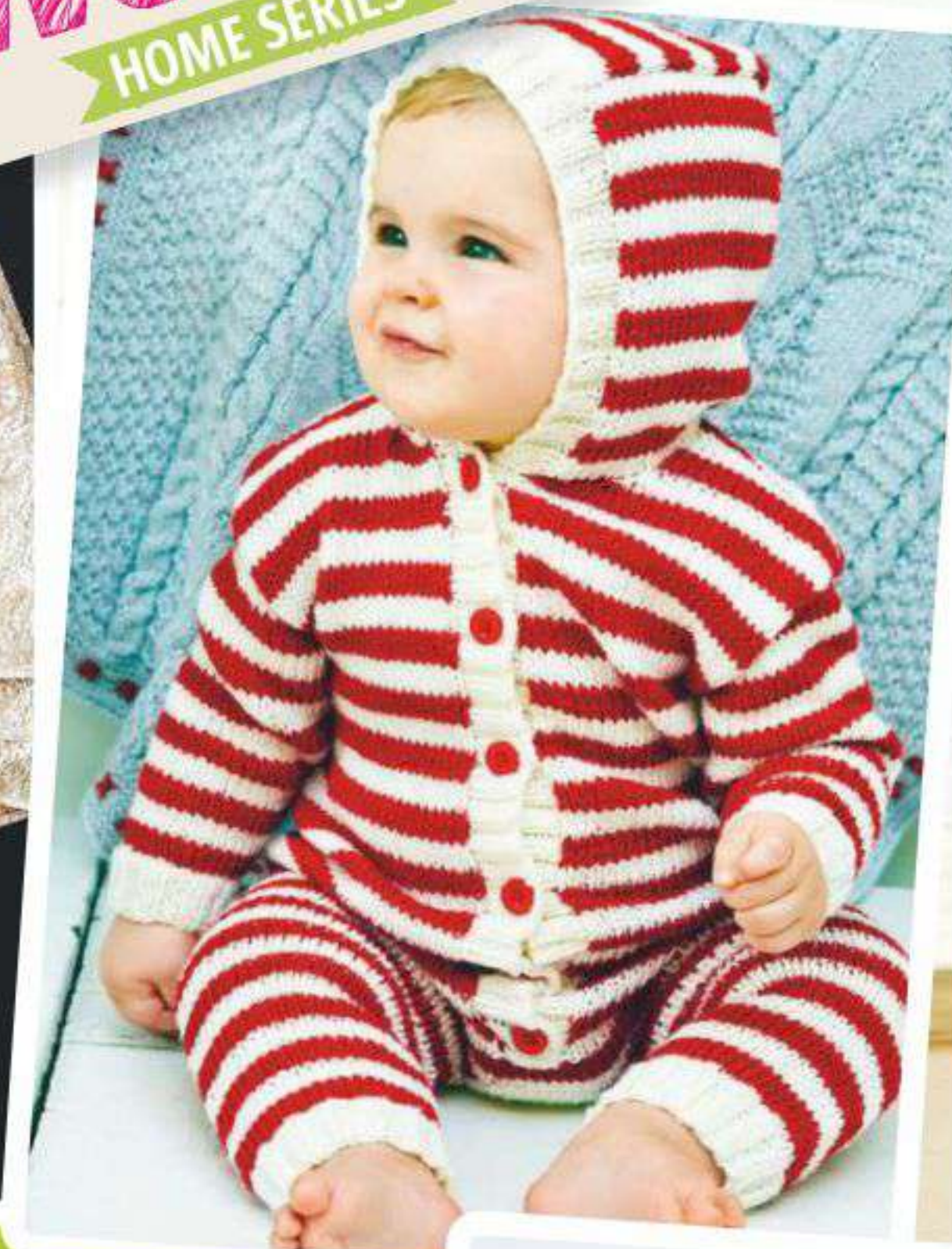


A Family Affair

Casual knits for stay-at-home days



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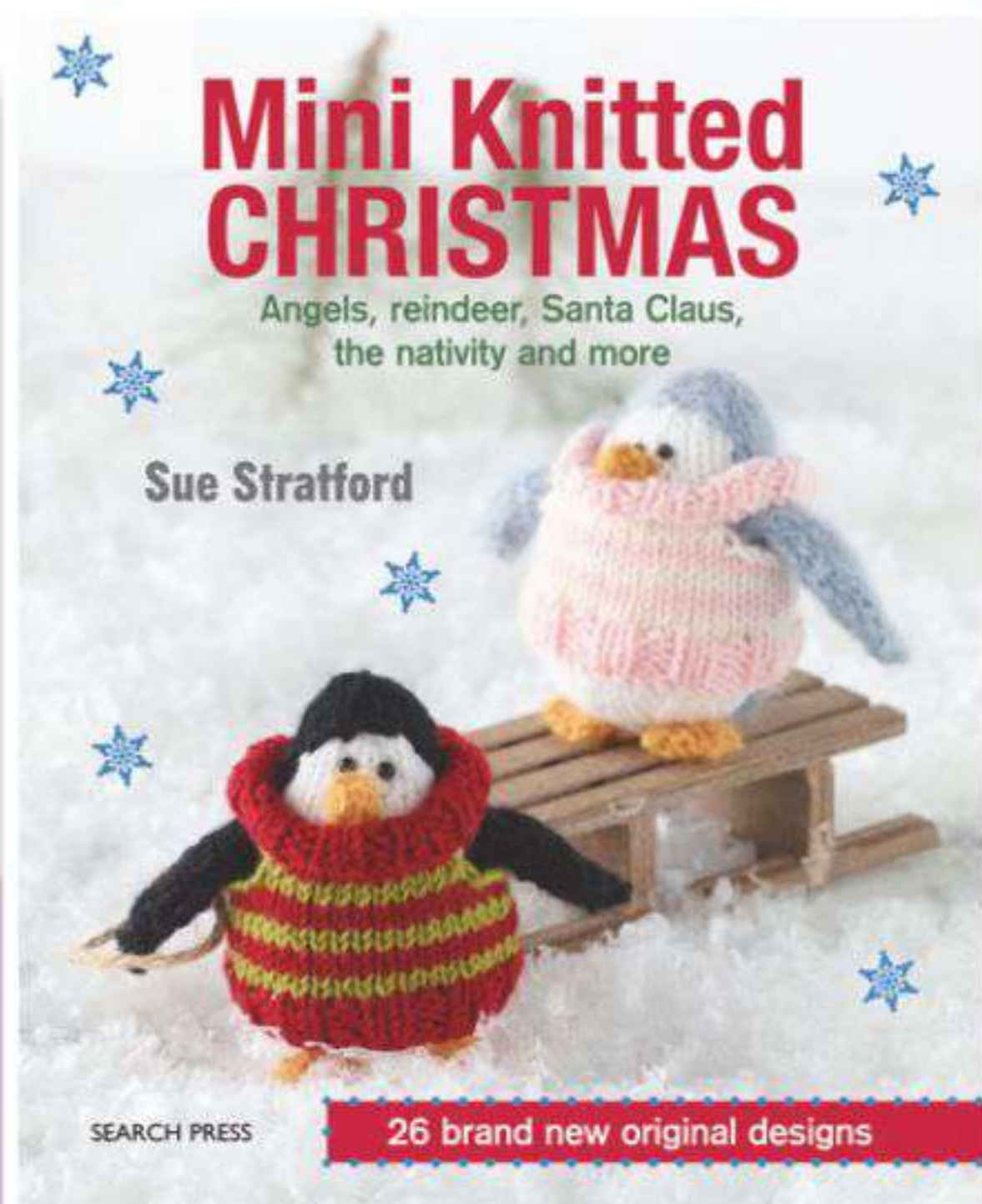
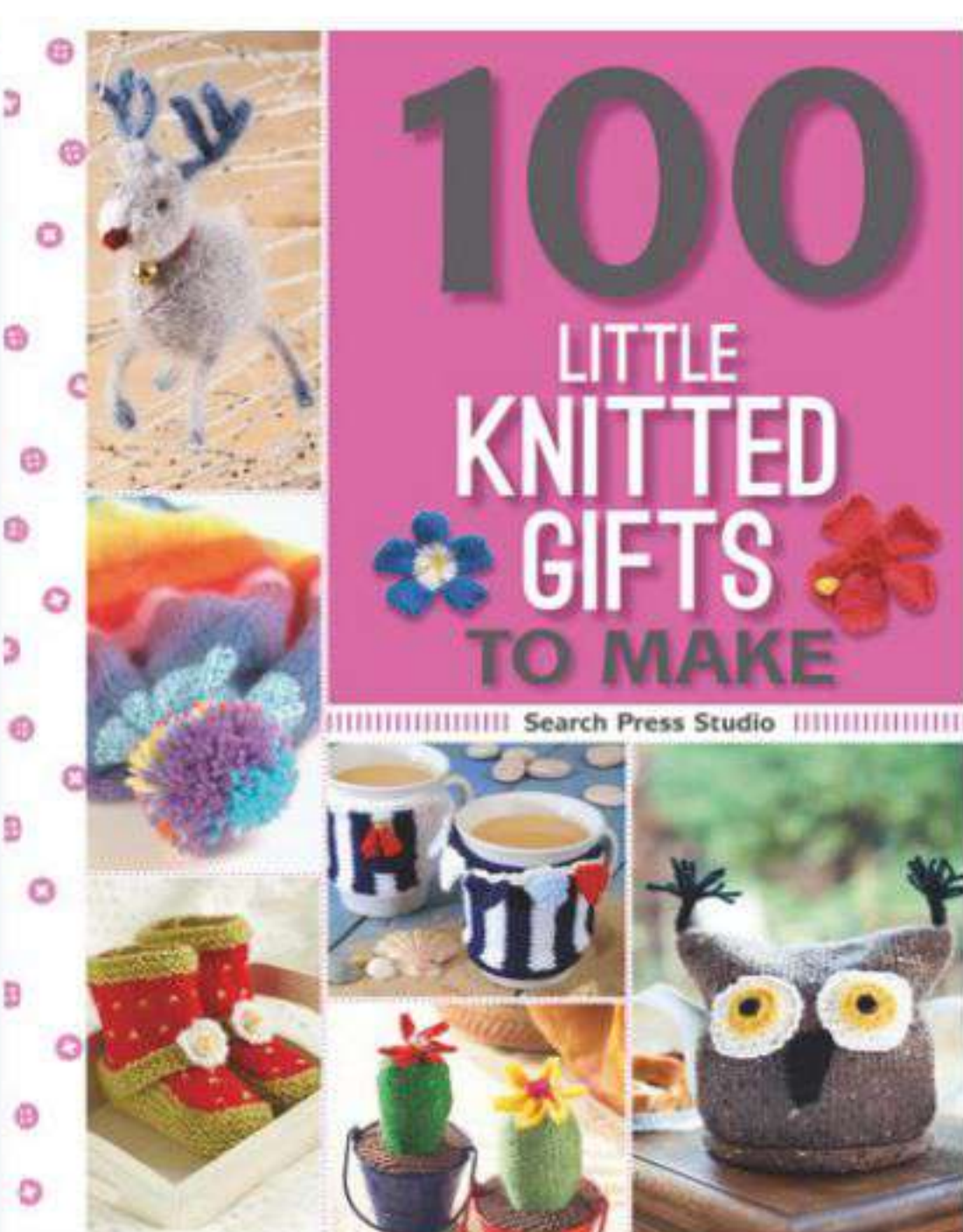
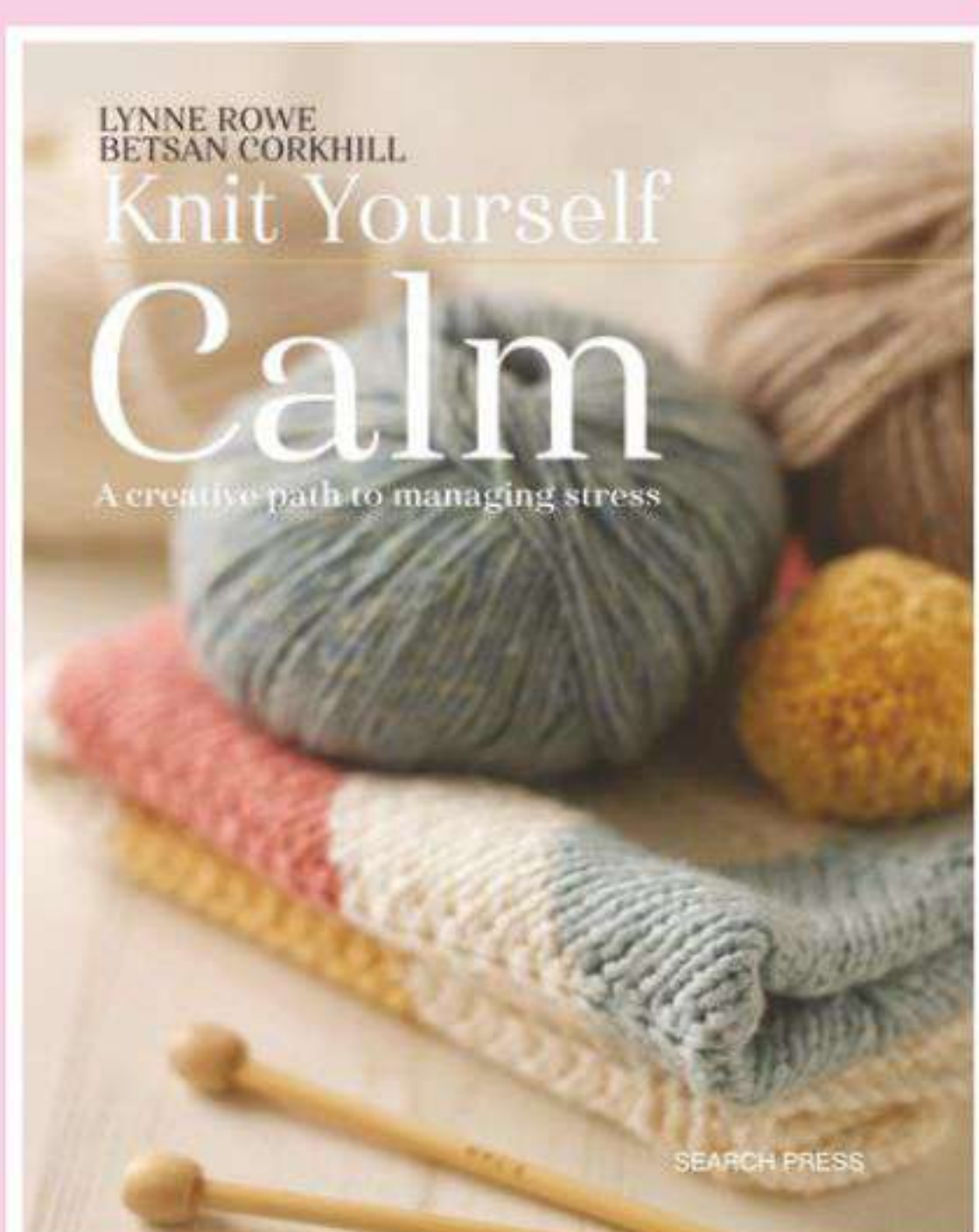
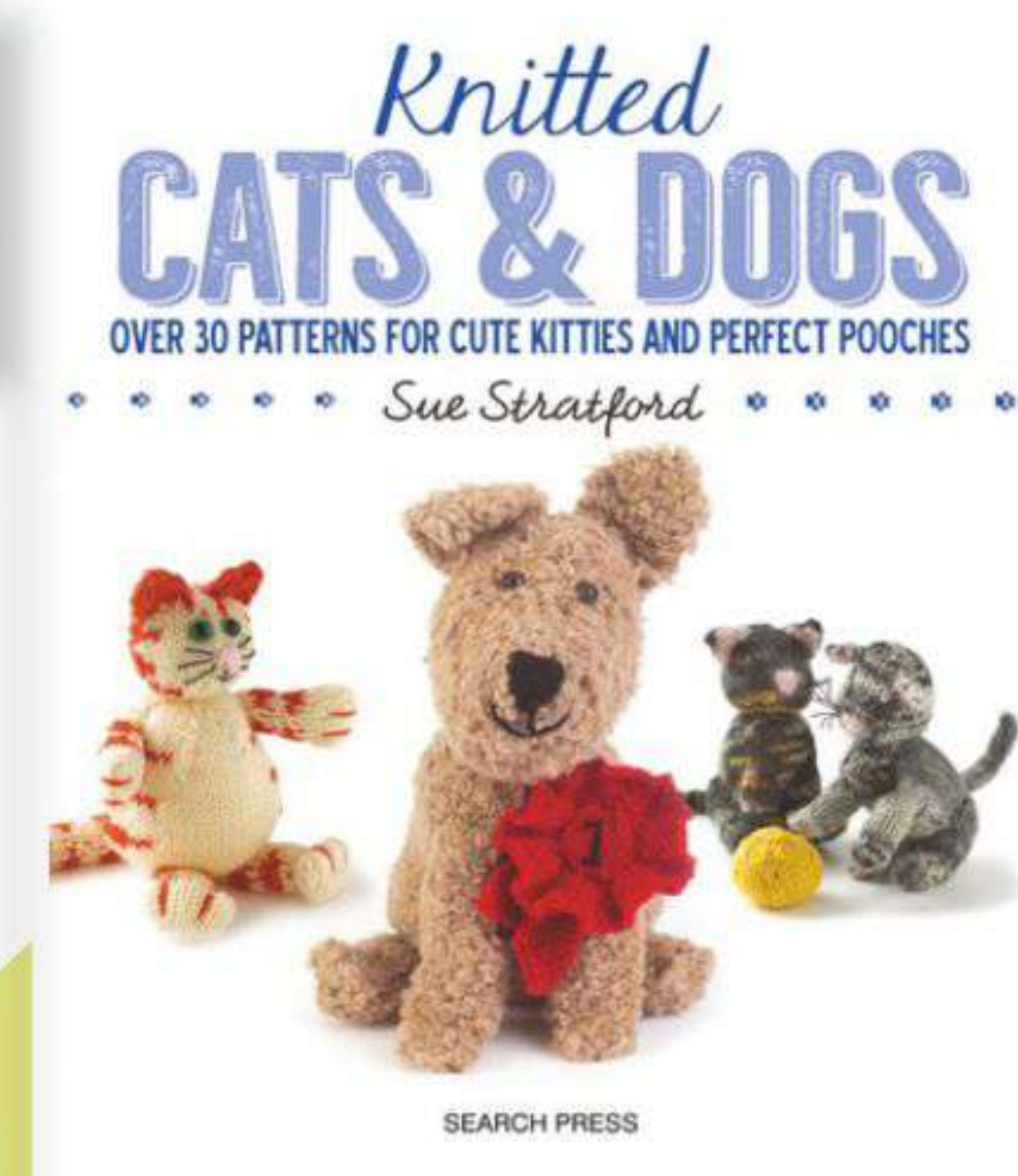
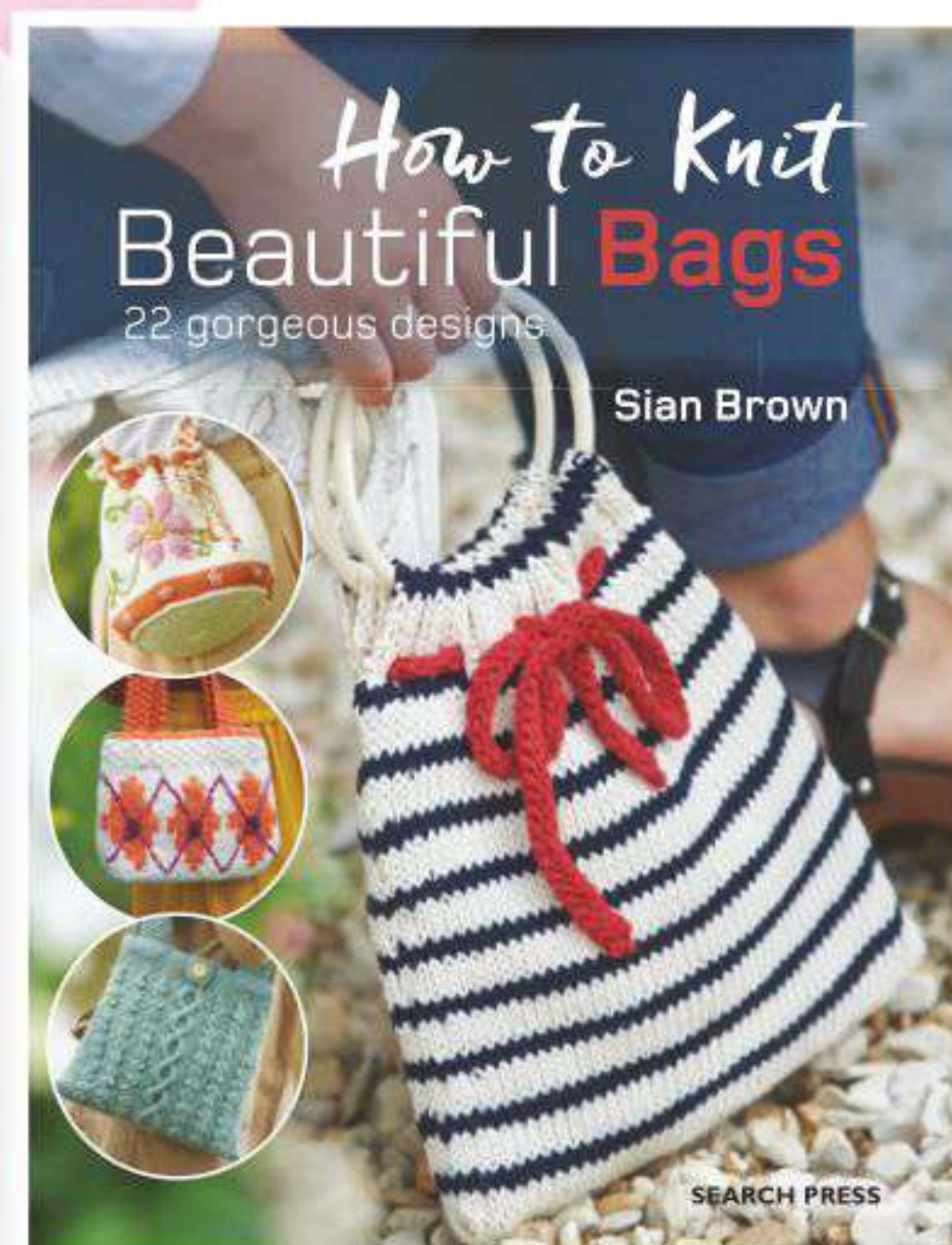
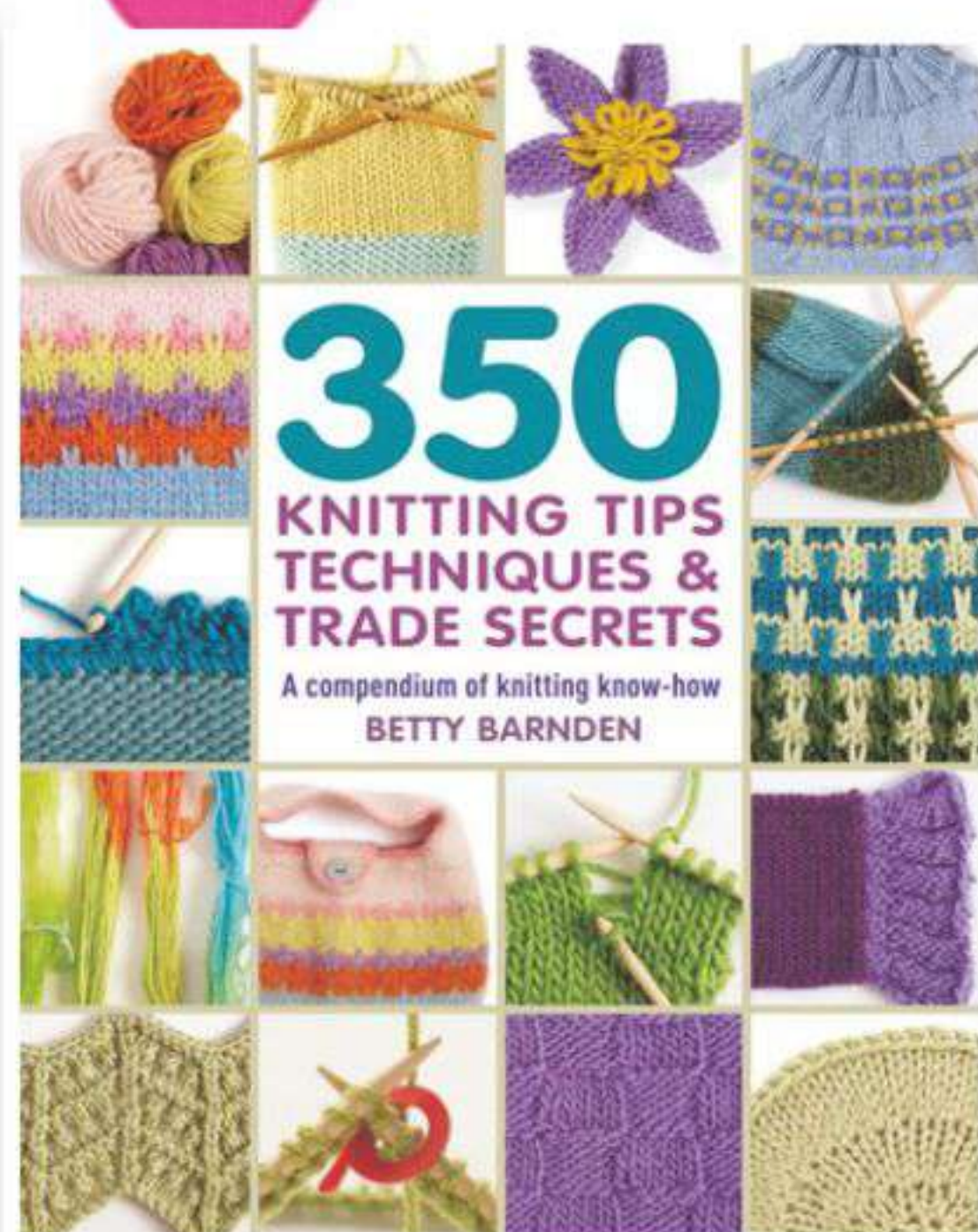
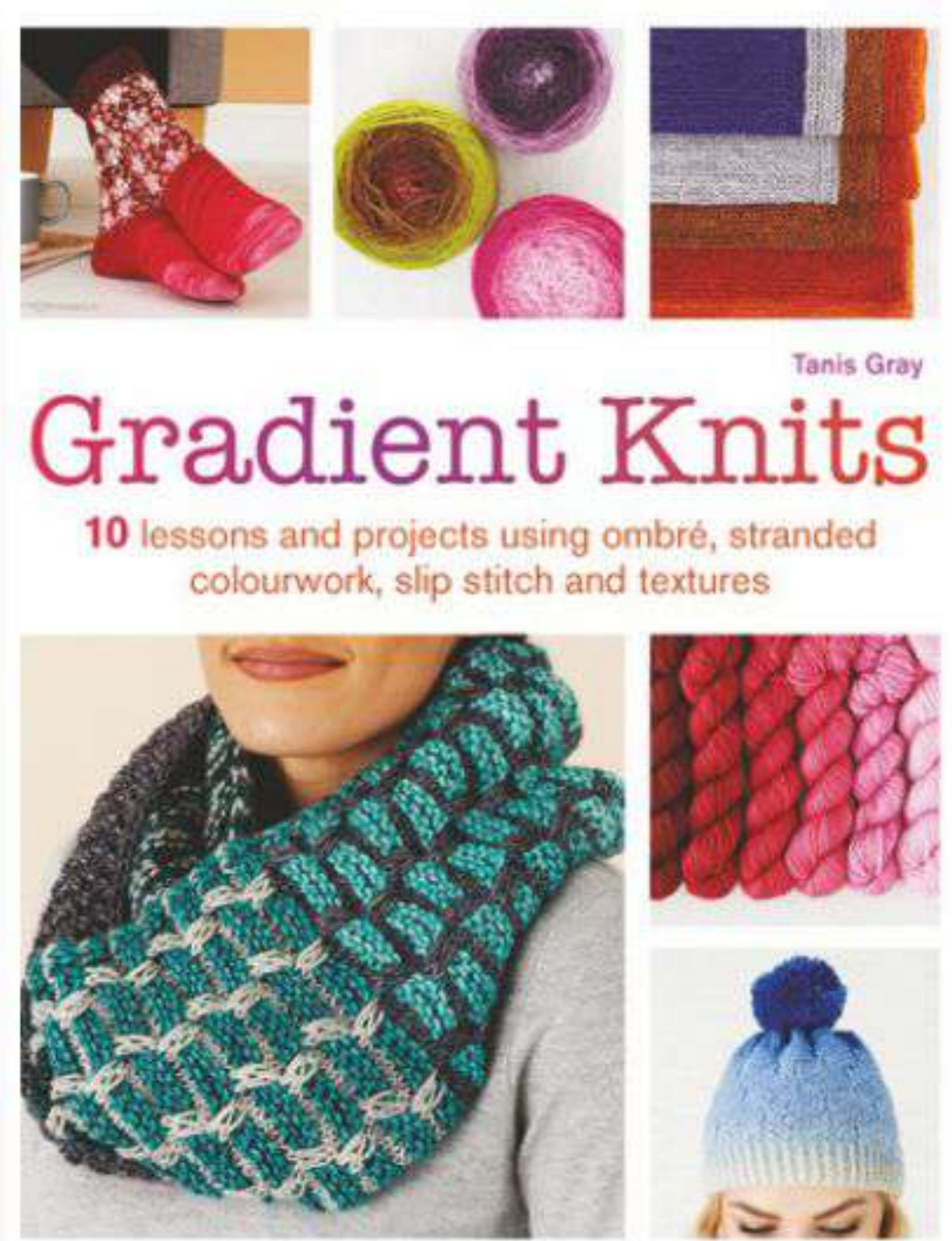
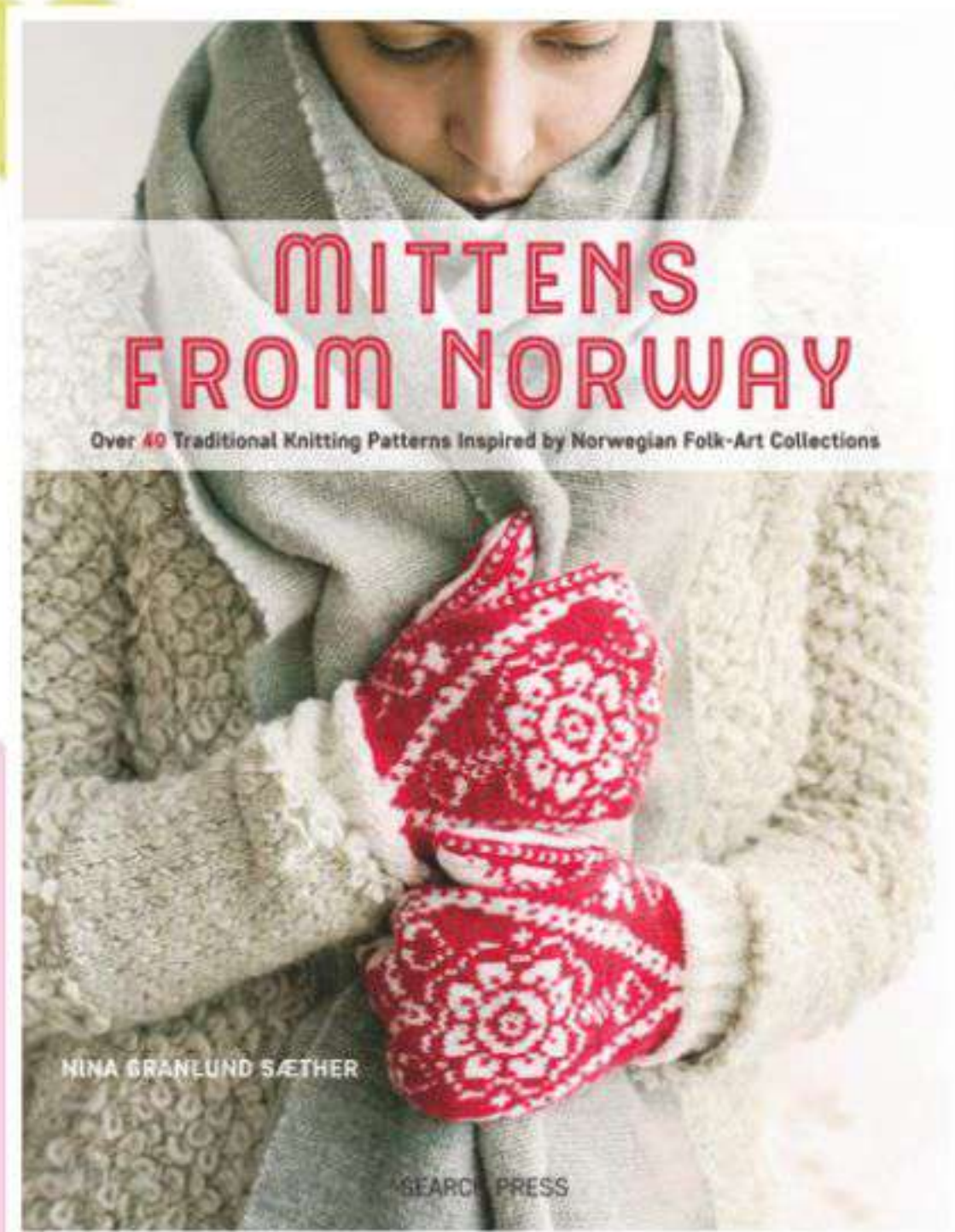
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