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Hello and welcome...



...to the February issue of *Knitting & Crochet*. This is the time of year for making plans – and creative projects are often on the list. Our 'Collect & Create' series that kicks off in this issue (p45) with our 'knit-a-long' is sure to be added to your wishlist. The project is a beautiful knitted blanket, worked in a colourful patchwork of squares designed to celebrate the seasons and other prominent times throughout the year. Each issue we'll give you a new pattern to add to your blanket – first up is a Valentine's theme with a pretty Fair-Isle square, plus a plain coloured square that will be repeated throughout the year. The 'knit-a-long' will give you the opportunity to share your progress and get advice as your work grows. For more details on how you can get involved, visit womansweekly.com/knitting-crochet and to find out how you can buy the yarn in advance in one affordable purchase, visit womansweekly.com/knitalong.

Another new feature in this issue is a Glossary that will sit alongside the stitch sample and project pages. It's a guide that will be useful for all abilities – as a learning tool for beginners, or as a technique refresher for the more experienced.

Plus, we have knits to keep you cosy in our opening feature (p6), a love-themed seasonal collection (p27), Designer of the Month Erika Knight (p20), and, of course, our regular visit to the archives, Tina's Tips & Tricks, and much more.

Wishing you a very Happy New Year enjoying knitting and crocheting!

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Beret & Wrist Warmers

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Measurements

Fits average adult head and hands.

Materials

Beret: 3 x 50g (116m) balls of Sublime Extra Fine Merino Wool DK (100% wool) in Holiday (350).

Wrist warmers: 2 x 50g (116m) balls of Sublime Extra Fine Merino Wool DK (100% wool) in Holiday (350).

Both items: Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles.

You can buy this yarn at shop.womansweekly.com or call 0800 024 1212*.

Tension

22 stitches and 36 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over pattern, using 4mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease (by taking 2 sts tog); **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **rss**, reverse ss (p on right side and k on wrong side); **skpo**, slip 1, k1, pass slip st over; **s2kpo**, slip next 2 sts as if about to k2tog, k1, pass 2 slip sts over.

Note

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times, k2 – 74 sts. Pattern 4 rows.

5th dec row: K2, [k2tog, k1, skpo, k1] 12 times – 50 sts. Pattern 6 rows.

6th dec row: [K1, s2kpo] 12 times, k2 – 26 sts. P 1 row.

7th dec row: [S2kpo] 8 times, k2 – 10 sts. Break off yarn, leaving a long end. Thread end through remaining sts, draw up tightly and secure.

Join back seam, reversing seam on first 6 rows for rolled edge.

Beret

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 86 sts. Beginning with a k row, ss 8 rows. Change to 4mm needles.

P 1 row.

1st inc row: K4, [inc in next st, k6] 11 times, inc in next st, k4 – 98 sts.

P 1 row.

2nd inc row: K1, inc in next st, [k6, inc in each of next 2 sts] 11 times, k6, inc in next st, k1 – 122 sts. P 1 row.

3rd inc row: K1, inc in next st, [k8, inc in each of next 2 sts] 11 times, k8, inc in next st, k1 – 146 sts.

K 1 row and p 1 row.

4th inc row: K1, inc in next st, [k10, inc in each of next 2 sts] 11 times, k10, inc in next st, k1 – 170 sts.

P 1 row, k 1 row and p 1 row.

Beginning with p row, rss 6 rows.

Beginning with a k row, ss 6 rows.

These 12 rows form pattern.

Pattern another 42 rows.

Shape crown: 1st dec row: K2, [k2tog, k9, skpo, k1] 12 times – 146 sts.

Pattern 6 rows.

2nd dec row: [Skpo, k1, k2tog, k7] 12 times, k2 – 122 sts.

Pattern 4 rows.

3rd dec row: K2, [k2tog, k5, skpo, k1] 12 times – 98 sts. Pattern 6 rows.

4th dec row: [Skpo, k1, k2tog, k3] 12

Wrist warmers

(make 2)

With 4mm needles, cast on 44 sts for top edge.

Beginning with a k row, ss 8 rows.

Beginning with a p row, rss 6 rows.

Beginning with a k row, ss 6 rows.

The last 12 rows form pattern.

Pattern another 12 rows.

Change to 3¼mm needles.

Pattern another 24 rows.

Change to 4mm needles.

Pattern another 30 rows.

Cast off.

Leaving an opening for thumb, join seam, reversing seam on first 8 rows for rolled edge.



Shell-edge Shawl

Measurements

Width along top edge (including edging) 121cm/47½in.

Depth at centre (including edging) 54cm/21¼in.

Materials

5 x 50g (120m) balls of Sublime Superfine Alpaca DK (100% alpaca) in Tusk (430). Pair of 5mm (No. 6) knitting needles; a long 5mm (No. 6) circular needle; size 3.00 crochet hook.

You can buy this yarn from shop.womansweekly.com or call 0800 024 1212*.

Tension

15 stitches and 34 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over garter stitch (every row k) and 19 rows of edging measures 9cm, using 5mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **ch**, chain; **skpo**, slip 1, k1, pass slip st over; **slst**, slip st; **yf**, yarn forward to make a st; **yon**, yarn over needle to make a st.

Note

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Centre

With 5mm needles, cast on 1 st.

1st row: Yon, k1 – 2 sts.

2nd row: Yon, k2 – 3 sts.

3rd row: Yon, k to end.

Repeat 3rd row, 151 times more – 155 sts.

Cast off loosely.

Edging

With 5mm circular needle, work along row-ends of centre thus: k1 in first yon, [p1, k1, p1] in each of next 76 yon along first side, pick up and k1 st from point of centre, [p1, k1, p1] in each of next 76 yon along other side of centre, k1 in last yon – 459 sts.

Work backwards and forwards in rows.

K 1 row.

Work pattern thus: 1st row: K229, yf, k1, yf, k229 – 461 sts.

2nd row: P.

3rd row: K1, *[skpo] twice, [yf, k1] 3 times, yf, [k2tog] twice, k1 *, repeat from * to * 18 times more, [yf, k1] 4 times, repeat from * to * 19 times – 465 sts.

4th row: K. **5th row:** K. **6th row:** P.

7th row: K1, *[skpo] twice, [yf, k1] 3 times, yf, [k2tog] twice, k1 *, repeat from * to * 18 times more, [yf, k1] 8 times, repeat from * to * 19 times – 473 sts.

8th row: K. **9th row:** K. **10th row:** P.

11th row: K1, *[skpo] twice, [yf, k1] 3 times, yf, [k2tog] twice, k1 *, repeat from * to * 18 times more, [yf, k1] 16 times, repeat from * to * 19 times – 489 sts.

12th row: K. **13th row:** K.

14th row: P.

15th row: K1, *[skpo] twice, [yf, k1] 3 times, yf, [k2tog] twice, k1 *, repeat from * to * 18 times more, [yf, k1] 32 times, repeat from * to * 19 times – 521 sts.

16th row: K.

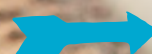
Change to 3.00 crochet hook.

Next row: Sst in first st, [4ch, slst in each of next 2 sts] until all sts are worked off, then work in same way along row-ends of edgings and cast off sts of centre, slst in 1st st. Fasten off.

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Draped-front Jacket

Measurements

To fit sizes 76-81 (86-91) (97-102)
cm/30-32 (34-36) (38-40) in.

Actual measurements 88 (96) (104)
cm/34¾ (37¾) (41) in.

Side seam 37 (38) (39.5) cm/14½ (15)
(15½) in.

Length 58 (60.5) (63) cm/23 (23¾)
(24¾) in.

Sleeve seams All sizes 39cm/15¼in.

Materials

6 (7) (7) 100g (240m) balls of Stylecraft
Alpaca DK (80% acrylic, 20% alpaca)
in Mistral (6013). Pair of 5mm (No. 6)
knitting needles and one 8mm
(No. 0) knitting needle.

You can buy this yarn at shop.
womansweekly.com or call
0800 024 1212*.

Tension

19 stitches and 20 rows, to 10 x
10cm, over pattern, using 5mm and
8mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**,
together; **sl**, slip; **inc**, increase (by
working twice into same st); **yrn**,
yarn round needle 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.

Main part

Right front: With 5mm needles, cast on
loosely 110 (115) (120) sts.

K 6 rows.

1st row: With 8mm needles, [k1 winding
yarn twice round needle] to end.

Change to 5mm needles.

2nd row: * Sl 5 sts pwise, dropping extra
loop on each st, return these 5 sts to left
hand needle and work p1, yrn, p1, yrn,
p1 into the 5 sts together **, yrn, repeat
from * to last 5 sts, work from * to ** –
131 (137) (143) sts.

3rd row: K5, [k2tog, k4] to end – 110
(115) (120) sts.

4th to 8th rows: K to end.

These 8 rows form pattern.

Pattern another 82 (90) (98) rows.

Mark end of last row for shoulder.

Pattern another 26 rows.

Shape armhole: Cast off loosely 40 (43)
(45) sts at beginning of next row – 70
(72) (75) sts.

Back: Next row: K to end, turn and cast
on loosely 40 (43) (45) sts – 110 (115)
(120) sts.

Pattern another 26 rows.

Mark end of last row for shoulder.

Pattern another 34 (42) (50) rows.

Mark end of last row for shoulder.

Pattern another 26 rows.

Shape armhole: Cast off loosely 40 (43)
(45) sts at beginning of next row – 70
(72) (75) sts.

Left front: Next row: K to end, turn and
cast on loosely 40 (43) (45) sts – 110 (115)
(120) sts.

Pattern another 26 rows.

Mark end of last row for shoulder.

Pattern another 96 (104) (112) rows.

Cast off loosely.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 5mm needles, cast on 50 (55) (60) sts.

K 6 rows.

Work 11 rows in pattern as given on right
front of main part.

Working extra sts into pattern as they

occur, inc 1 st at each end of next row
and 12 following 4th rows – 76 (81) (86)
sts. Pattern 1 row.

Inc 1 st at each end of next row and
following alternate row – 80 (85) (90) sts.

Pattern another 14 rows.

Cast off loosely.

To make up

Join shoulder seams. Sew in sleeves, then
join sleeve seams.

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Ribbed-shoulder Cape

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Measurements

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

Actual measurements at widest part 97 (110) (123) (136) cm/38 (43¼) (48½) (53½) in.

Length excluding fringe All sizes 30cm/11¾in.

Materials

5 (6) (6) (7) 50g (116m) balls of Sublime Extra Fine Merino Wool DK (100% wool) in Sea Salt (0350). Pair of 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles.

You can buy this yarn at shop.
womansweekly.com or call
0800 024 1212*.

Tension

25 stitches and 28 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over wide rib, using 4mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **yf**, yarn forward to make a st; **yrn**, yarn round needle to make a st.

Note

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

Back and front alike

With 4mm needles, cast on 122 (138) (154) (170) sts.

Foundation row: K3, p4, [k4, p4] to last 3 sts, k3.

Eyelet row: P3, [k2tog, yf, k2, p2tog, yrn, p2] to last 7 sts, k2tog, yf, k2, p2tog, yrn, p1.

1st rib row: K3, p4, [k4, p4] to last 3 sts, k3.

2nd rib row: P3, k4, [p4, k4] to last 3 sts, p3.

Repeat last 2 rows until work measures 12cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Dec row: K3, [p1, p2tog, p1, k4] to last 7 sts, p1, p2tog, p1, k3 – 107 (121) (135) (149) sts.

Next row: P3, k3, [p4, k3] to last 3 sts, p3.

Next row: K3, p3, [k4, p3] to last 3 sts, k3. Continue in rib as set until work measures 22cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Dec row: K1, k2tog, [p3, k1, k2tog, k1] to last 6 sts, p3, k3 – 92 (104) (116) (128) sts.

Next row: [P3, k3] to last 2 sts, p2.

Next row: K2, [p3, k3] to end.

Continue in rib as set until work measures 30cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row. Cast off in rib.

To make up

Join side seams. Cut remaining yarn into 30cm lengths and using 4 lengths together, knot a fringe through each eyelet.



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Gilet Jacket

Measurements

To fit sizes 81-86 (91-96) (102-107)
cm/32-34 (36-38) (40-42) in.

Width across widest point of garment 100 (110) (120) cm/39½ (43¼) (47¼) in.

Length to back neck 60 (62) (64) cm/23½ (24½) (25¼) in.

Materials

8 (10) (12) 50g (50m) balls of DMC Nordic Spirit Aspen (45% wool, 45% polyacrylic microfiber, 10% polyamide microfiber) in Cream (01). Pair of 6½mm (No. 3) knitting needles.

You can buy this yarn at
shop.womansweekly.com or
call 0800 024 1212*.

Tension

16 stitches and 20 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over rib, using 6½mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **nil**, meaning nothing is worked here for this size.

Note

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To make

With 6½mm needles, cast on 16 (18) (22) sts.

1st row: P nil (nil) (1), k2 (3) (4), p4, k4, p4, k2 (3) (4), p nil (nil) (1).

2nd row: Cast on 4 sts, p nil (nil) (1), k2 (3) (4), [p4, k4] twice, p1 (2) (4), inc in last st pwise (pwise) (kwise).

These 2 rows set position of rib.

Working extra sts into rib as they occur, continue thus:

Next row: Cast on 4 sts, rib to last st, inc in last st.

Repeat last row, 2 (4) (4) times more – 36 (48) (52) sts.

Next row: Cast on 3 sts, rib to last st, inc in last st.

Repeat last row, 3 times more – 52 (64) (68) sts.

Next row: Cast on 2 sts, rib to last st, inc in last st.

Repeat last row, 13 (11) (11) times more – 94 (100) (104) sts.

Inc 1 st at each end of next 12 (10) (18) rows – 118 (120) (140) sts.

Rib 1 row straight, then inc 1 st at each end of next 2 rows.

Repeat last 3 rows, 3 (5) (3) times more – 134 (144) (156) sts. Rib 1 row.

Inc 1 st at each end of next row and 4 (7) (10) following alternate rows – 144 (160) (178) sts. Rib 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at each end of next row and 4 (4) (2) following 3rd rows, then on 2 (nil) (nil) following 4th rows – 158 (170) (184) sts. Rib 4 (2) (nil) rows.

Dividing row: Rib 41 (47) (50), work 2tog, turn and work on these 42 (48) (51) sts for right front.

Right front: Next row: Work 2tog, rib to last nil (1) (nil) st, [inc in last st] nil (1) (nil) time – 41 (48) (50) sts.

Rib 2 (3) (nil) rows.

Keeping armhole edge straight, inc 1 st at outside edge only on next row and nil (1) (1) following nil (9th) (3rd) row, then on following nil (nil) (7th) row – 42 (50) (53) sts.

Rib 23 (23) (9) rows.

Dec 1 st at outside edge on next row on 1st and 2nd sizes only and inc 1 st at outside edge on 3rd size only on next row – 41 (49) (54) sts.

Rib 6 (nil) (20) rows.

Break off yarn.

With right side facing, return to end of dividing row, join in yarn, work 2tog, rib 68 (68) (76), work 2tog, turn and work on

these 70 (70) (78) sts only for back.

Back: Dec 1 st at each end of next row – 68 (68) (76) sts.

Rib 33 (37) (41) rows.

Break off yarn.

With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining sts for left front, work 2tog, rib to end – 42 (48) (51) sts.

Left front: Next row: [Inc in first st] nil (1) (nil) time, rib to last 2 sts, work 2tog – 41 (48) (50) sts.

Rib 2 (3) (nil) rows.

Keeping armhole edge straight, inc 1 st at outside edge only on next row and nil (1) (1) following nil (9th) (3rd) row, then on following nil (nil) (7th) row – 42 (50) (53) sts.

Rib 23 (23) (9) rows.

Dec 1 st at outside edge on next row on 1st and 2nd sizes only and inc 1 st at outside edge on next row on 3rd size only – 41 (49) (54) sts.

Rib 6 (nil) (20) rows.

Joining row: Rib 41 (49) (54) left front sts, cast on 4 sts, rib 68 (68) (76) back sts, cast on 4 sts, rib 41 (49) (54) right front sts – 158 (174) (192) sts.

Mark centre of last row to denote back neck.

Shape collar: Rib 1 (7) (7) row(s).

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and nil (nil) (1) following 10th row – 156 (172) (188) sts. Rib 3 (3) (5) rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and following 4th row then on 5 (5) (4) following 3rd rows – 142 (158) (176) sts. Rib 1 row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 3 (6) (9) following alternate rows – 134 (144) (156) sts.

Rib 1 row, then dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows.

Repeat last 3 rows, 4 (6) (3) times more – 114 (116) (140) sts.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 10 (8) (18) rows – 94 (100) (104) sts.

Next row: Cast off 2 sts, rib to last 2 sts, work 2tog.

Repeat last row, 13 (11) (11) times more – 52 (64) (68) sts.

Next row: Cast off 3 sts, rib to last 2 sts, work 2tog.

Repeat last row, 3 times more – 36 (48) (52) sts.

Next row: Cast off 4 sts, rib to last 2 sts, work 2tog.

Repeat last row, 3 (5) (5) times more – 16 (18) (22) sts.

Cast off.



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Browse the stores carrying Erika Knight's exclusive patterned bag – there's plenty of room for those impulse buys!



Knitted history

Originally from a fine art background, Erika Knight is a respected knitwear and crochet designer, as well as a fashion consultant. She has created knitwear ranges for top brands including M&S, Whistles, Edina Ronay and Nicole Farhi in the UK, J. Crew and Gap in the US and Country Road in Australia. Through her work as a fashion forecaster, she identifies forthcoming trends and translates these into simple and appealing designs. Her mission is to inspire everyone to experiment with the craft and above all to enjoy creating.

Erika has played a major role in the renaissance of knitting and crafting, and has lectured at the Victoria & Albert Museum in London, as well as at leading art institutions and universities. She has produced 25 books to date – previous titles include *New Knits*, *Baby Bloom*, *Glamour at Home*, *Men's Knits*, *Natural Nursery Knits*, *Simple Crochet* and *Essential Crochet*.



The pattern for this lovely edge-to-edge stitch cardigan is available as a design leaflet, price £3. For stockists, visit erikaknight.co.uk

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Instructions
overleaf



Knitted Bag

Measurements

100cm/39½in all round and 35cm/13¾in high.

Materials

4 x 50g (87m) hanks of Erika Knight Vintage Wool (100% wool) in Flax (002); 3 hanks in Pitch (025); 1 hank in each of Mulberry (014), Leighton (018), Drizzle (009) and Wisteria (011). Pair of 4½mm (No. 7) and 5mm (No. 6) knitting needles; 50cm of 142cm-wide black and white ticking fabric and matching sewing thread. For yarn stockists, call 0333 666 5333.

Tension

18 stitches and 23 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over colour pattern, using 5mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **sl**, slip; **tog**, together; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **ytf**, yarn to front; **ytb**, yarn to back.

Note

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

Sides

(make 2)

With 5mm needles and Flax, cast on 92 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 10 rows.

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

1st row: K edge st of 1st row of chart, [k 18-st pattern] 5 times, k edge st.

2nd row: P edge st of 2nd row of chart, [p 18-st pattern] 5 times, p edge st. Continue working from chart as set, until 48th row has been worked, decreasing 1 st at each end of last row – 90 sts.

Continue working from chart until 62nd row of chart has been worked.

With Flax, ss 8 rows.

Folding row: K18, p54, k18.

Change to 4½mm needles.

Next row: P18 and slip these sts on a first st holder for handle, p to end, turn and slip first 18 sts on a second st holder for handle.

Join Pitch to remaining 54 sts.

Beginning with a k row, work 6 rows in ss on these sts for facing. Cast off.

Handle: First half: With right side facing, join Pitch to 18 sts on second st holder.

Beginning with a k row, continue in ss until first half measures 21cm, ending with a p row. Leave these sts.

Second half: With right side facing, join Pitch to 18 sts on first st holder.

Beginning with a k row, continue in ss until second half measures 21cm, ending with a k row.

With right sides of handle halves together and taking 1 st from each half and working them tog, cast off handle sts.

Base

With 5mm needles and Flax, cast on 28 sts.

P 1 row.

1st row: K26, sl1 pwise, ytf, turn.

2nd row and every alternate row:

With yarn at back, sl1 pwise, ytf, p to end.

3rd row: K24, sl1 pwise, ytf, turn.

5th row: K22, sl1 pwise, ytf, turn.

7th row: K20, sl1 pwise, ytf, turn.

9th row: K18, sl1 pwise, ytf, turn.

11th row: K16, sl1 pwise, ytf, turn.

13th row: K14, sl1 pwise, ytf, turn.

15th row: K12, sl1 pwise, ytf, turn.

17th row: K10, sl1 pwise, ytf, turn.

19th row: K8, sl1 pwise, ytf, turn.

21st row: K6, sl1 pwise, ytf, turn.

23rd row: K4, sl1 pwise, ytf, turn.

25th row: K2, sl1 pwise, ytf, turn.

27th row: K28.

28th row: P28.

Repeat last 28 rows, 6 times more, then work 1st to 27th rows again.

Cast off all sts.

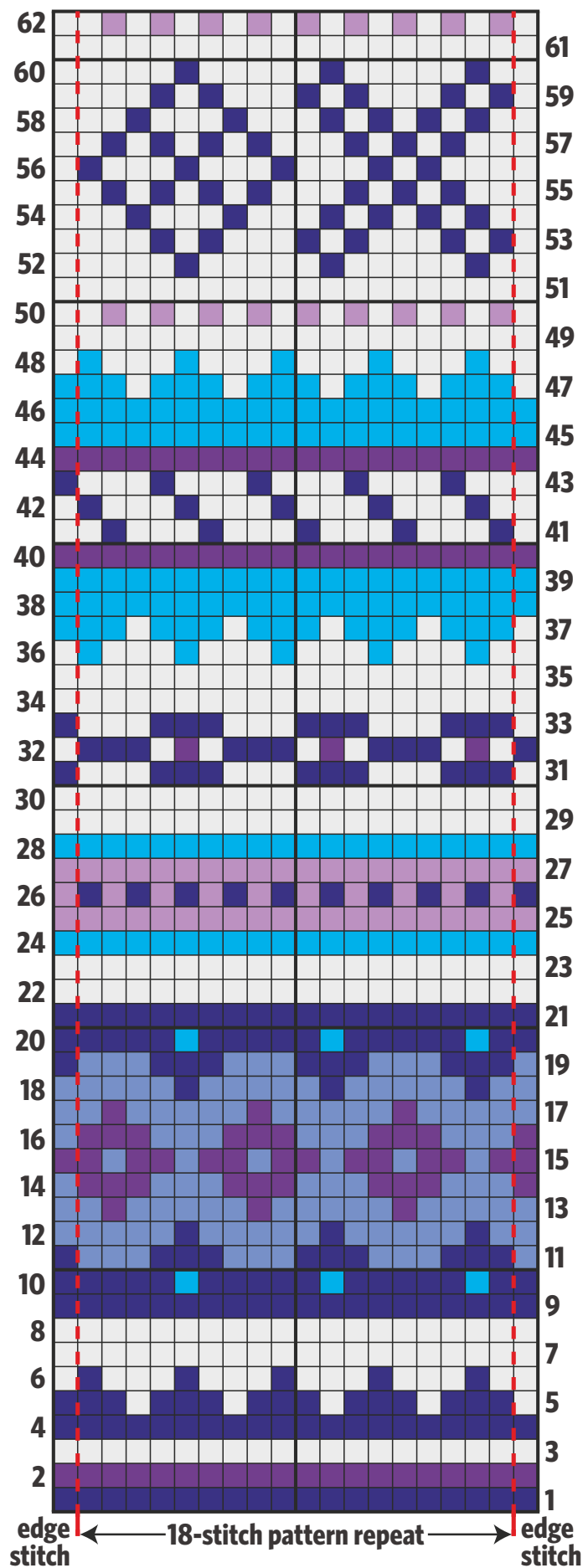
To make up

Join cast-on and cast-off edges of base.

Run a gathering thread along row-ends of centre of base, pull up tightly and secure. Fold facings on sides and slip stitch in position.

Cut lining to match knitted pieces, omitting handles and facings on sides and allowing 1cm all round for seams. Taking 1 st into seam, join row-ends of knitted sides from cast-on edge to 48th row. Sew in base. Fold handles in half and join, allowing top of side to fold back at an angle. Join lining sides as far as on knitted bag, then sew in base. With wrong side on the outside, insert lining into knitted bag. Fold corners of lining to fit under knitted sides, then fold top of lining along the tops and slip stitch along base of facing. Catch base of lining to knitted base at centre.





Key

- Flax
- Pitch
- Mulberry
- Leighton
- Drizzle
- Wisteria

Owl's That!

Make the wise decision to crochet this cute, colourful and cuddlesome bird

Measurements

Approximately 24cm/9½in tall, excluding ears.

Materials

1 x 50g (100m) ball of Rico Design Essentials Soft Merino Aran in each of Petrol (025), Lemon (063), Light Blue (033) and Orchid (012). Size 4.00 crochet hook; washable toy stuffing.

You can buy this yarn online at shop.womansweekly.com or call 0800 024 1212*.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **st**, stitch; **tr**, treble; **htr**, half treble; **slst**, slip st; **htr2tog**, [yarn round hook, insert hook in next st, yarn round hook and pull loop through] twice, yarn round hook and pull through all 5 loops on hook.

Note

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

HEAD AND BODY

Base: With 4.00 hook and Petrol, make 2ch.

1st round: Work 8htr in 2nd ch from hook, slst in first htr.

2nd round: 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, [2htr in next st] 7 times, slst in top of 2ch – 16 sts.

3rd round: 2ch, 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in next st, [2htr in next st, 1htr in next st] 7 times, slst in top of 2ch – 24 sts.

4th round: 2ch, 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 2 sts, [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 2 sts] 7 times, slst in top of 2ch – 32 sts.

5th round: 2ch, 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 3 sts, [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 3 sts] 7 times, slst in top of 2ch – 40 sts.

6th round: 2ch, 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 4 sts, [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 4 sts] 7 times, slst in top of 2ch – 48 sts.

7th round: 2ch, 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 5 sts, [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 5 sts] 7 times, slst in top of 2ch – 56 sts.

8th round: 2ch, 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 6 sts, [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 6 sts] 7 times, slst in top of 2ch – 64 sts.

9th round: 2ch, 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 7 sts, [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 7 sts] 7 times, slst in top of 2ch – 72 sts.

10th round: 2ch, [1htr in next st] to end, slst in top of 2ch.

Body: 1st round: With Petrol, 3ch (counts as 1tr), [1tr in next st] to end, slst in top of 3ch.

2nd round: Work from left to right around the posts of tr of previous round thus: [miss 1tr, slst in next tr, rotate work

clockwise and work 5tr around the post of next tr, rotate work clockwise and work 5tr around the post of following tr] to end, working last 5tr of final repeat around 3ch, slst in slst at beginning – 18 feathers.

Fasten off Petrol. Join Lemon to last slst of 2nd round.

3rd round: 3ch (counts as 1tr), [1tr in next st on 2nd round] to end, slst in top of 3ch – 72 sts.

The last 2 rounds form pattern. Continue in pattern in stripes of 1 round Lemon, 2 rounds Light Blue, 2 rounds Petrol, 2 rounds Light Blue, 2 rounds Petrol, 2 rounds Lemon, 2 rounds Light Blue and 2 rounds Orchid.

Head: Continue in Orchid only.

1st round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1htr in each of next 8 sts, [htr2tog, 1htr in each of next 7 sts] 7 times, slst in first htr – 64 sts.

2nd round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1htr in each of next 7 sts, [htr2tog, 1htr in each of next 6 sts] 7 times, slst in first htr – 56 sts.

3rd round: 2ch, [1htr in next st] to end, slst in top of 2ch.

4th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1htr in each of next 6 sts, [htr2tog, 1htr in each of next 5 sts] 7 times, slst in first htr – 48 sts.

5th and 6th rounds: As 3rd round.

7th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1htr in each of next 5 sts, [htr2tog, 1htr in each of next 4 sts] 7 times, slst in first htr – 40 sts.

8th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1htr in each of next 4 sts, [htr2tog, 1htr in each of next 3 sts] 7 times, slst in first htr – 32 sts.

9th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1htr in each of next 3 sts, [htr2tog, 1htr in

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around the post of first tr, rotate work clockwise and work 5tr around the post of following tr, [miss 1tr, slst in next tr, rotate work clockwise and work 5tr around the post of next tr, rotate work clockwise and work 5tr around following tr] to end, working last 5tr around 3ch – 3 feathers.

7th row: 3ch, 1tr in base of 3ch, 1tr in each of next 10 sts on 5th row, 2tr in top of first of 5tr at beginning of 6th row.

8th row: As 6th row – 4 feathers.

Fasten off.

Sew wings to side of body.

EYES

(make 2)

1st round: With 4.00 hook and Petrol, wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form ring, insert hook into ring, yarn round hook and pull through, 2ch, 7htr in ring, slst in top of 2ch, pull end tightly to close ring. Fasten off.

Join Lemon to any htr.

2nd round: 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, [2htr in next st] to end, slst in top of 2ch – 16 sts.

3rd round: 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in next st, [2htr in next st, 1htr in next st] to end, slst in top of 2ch – 24 sts. Fasten off.

Working along top of 2nd round, sew eyes securely on head.

BEAK

With 4.00 hook and Petrol, make 2ch.

1st row: 3htr in 2nd ch from hook, turn.

2nd row: 2ch, 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in next st, 2htr in last htr, turn.

3rd row: 2ch, 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 3 sts, 2htr in top of 2ch.

Fasten off.

Sew beak to front of face, stuffing it lightly as you sew.

EARS

(make 2)

With 4.00 hook and Petrol, make 4ch.

1st row: 1tr in 4th ch from hook.

2nd row: Rotate work clockwise, work 7tr around the post of tr, 1ch, then 7tr around 3ch. Fasten off.

Sew ears securely on top of head.

each of next 2 sts] 7 times, slst in first htr – 24 sts.

Stuff body and continue to add stuffing as you work.

10th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1htr in each of next 2 sts, [htr2tog, 1htr in next st] 7 times, slst in first htr – 16 sts.

11th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1htr in next st, [htr2tog] 7 times, slst in first htr – 8 sts. Fasten off.

Run a gathering thread along fastened-off edge, pull up tightly and secure.

WINGS

(make 2)

With 4.00 hook and Orchid, make 4ch.

1st row: 1tr in 4th ch from hook.

2nd row: Rotate work clockwise, work

5tr around the post of tr, then 5tr around 3ch – 1 feather.

3rd row: 3ch, 1tr in base of 3ch, 2tr in top of 3ch of 1st row, 2tr in top of first of 5tr at beginning of 2nd row.

4th row: Working from left to right, rotate work clockwise and work 5tr around the post of first tr, rotate work clockwise and work 5tr around the post of following tr, miss 1tr, slst in next tr, rotate work clockwise and work 5tr around the post of next tr, rotate work clockwise and work 5tr around 3ch – 2 feathers.

5th row: 3ch, 1tr in base of 3ch, 1tr in each of next 6 sts on 3rd row, 2tr in top of first of 5tr at beginning of 4th row.

6th row: Working from left to right, rotate work clockwise and work 5tr

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Love Letters

Measurements

Each rectangle measures approx 14 x 10cm/5½ x 4in, including edging.

Materials

For the set: 1 x 100g (280m) ball of DMC Petra 3 (100% cotton) in Warm White (54460). Size 2.50 crochet hook.

You can buy this yarn at shop.womansweekly.com **or call** 0800 024 1212*.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **tr**, treble; **dc**, double crochet; **slst**, slip stitch; **chsp**, chain space.

Tension

11 squares and 15 rows, measure 8 x 12cm, using 2.50 hook.

Note

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

Letter L

With 2.50 hook, make 26ch.

Foundation row: 1tr in 6th ch from hook (counts as 1tr, 1ch and 1tr), [1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next ch] 10 times, turn – 11 chsp.

1st row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, [1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr] 9 times, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 4th of 5ch, turn.

2nd row: 4ch (counts as 1tr, 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, [1tr in next ch, 1tr in next tr] 9 times, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

3rd and 4th rows: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in each of next 19tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

5th row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in each of next 7tr, [1ch, miss next tr, 1tr in next tr] 6 times, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

6th row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, [1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr] 6 times, 1tr in each of next 6tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

7th row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in each of next 7tr, [1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr] 6 times, 1ch, miss



next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

8th to 12th rows: Work 6th and 7th rows, twice, then work 6th row again.

13th row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, [1ch, miss next tr, 1tr in next tr] 3 times, [1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr] 6 times, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

14th row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, [1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr] 9 times, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, do not turn and do not break off yarn.

Edging: 1st round: With 2.50 hook and attached yarn, work 3ch (counts as 1dc and 2ch), 1dc in top of last tr worked in 14th row, continue working along side edge thus: [1dc in next row-end, 1dc in between row-ends] 14 times, 1dc in end of foundation row, then work 1dc, 2ch and 1dc in base tr at end of foundation row, [1dc in base of next tr, 1dc in next base ch] 10 times, work 1dc, 2ch and 1dc in base of 3ch at beginning of foundation row, 1dc end of foundation row, [1dc in between row-ends, 1dc in next row-end] 14 times, work 1dc, 2ch and 1dc in top of 3ch at beginning of 14th row, 1dc in next ch, [1dc in next tr, 1dc in next ch] 10 times, slst in first of 3ch at beginning of round – 31dc along each side edge, 2ch in each corner and 23dc at top edge and bottom edge.

2nd round: Slst into corner chsp, work 1ch, 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch, 1tr and 1dc all in corner chsp, miss next dc, 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in next dc, miss next dc, [*1dc in next dc, miss next dc, 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in next dc, miss next dc, repeat from * to corner chsp **], work 1dc, 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1dc all in corner chsp, miss next dc, work 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in next dc, miss next dc] 3 times, work from * to **, slst in ch at beginning.

Fasten off and neaten ends.

Pin out to measurements given. Press with a warm iron over a damp cloth.

Letter O

Work foundation row and 1st row as given for letter L.

2nd row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, [1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr] twice, [1tr in next ch, 1tr in next tr] 5 times, [1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr] twice, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

3rd row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, 1tr in next ch, 1tr in each of next 11tr, 1tr in next ch, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

4th row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, 1tr in next ch, 1tr in each of next 15tr, 1tr in next ch, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

5th row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in each of next 9tr, 1ch, miss next tr, 1tr in next tr, 1tr in each of next 8tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

6th row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in each of next 7tr, 1ch, miss next tr, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in each of next 7tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

7th and 8th rows: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in each of next 7tr, [1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr] 3 times, 1tr in each of next 6tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

9th row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in each of next 7tr, 1tr in next ch, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, 1tr in next ch, 1tr in each of next 7tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

10th row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in each of next 9tr, 1tr in next ch, 1tr in each of next 9tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

11th row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss next tr, 1tr in each of next 15tr, 1ch, miss next tr, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

12th row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss next tr, 1tr in each of next 11tr, 1ch, miss next tr, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

13th row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, [1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr] twice, [1ch, miss next tr, 1tr in next tr] 5 times, [1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr] twice, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

14th row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, [1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr] 9 times, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, do not turn and do not break off yarn, but work edging as given for letter L.

Letter V

Work foundation row and 1st row as given for letter L.

2nd row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, [1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr] 3 times, [1tr in next ch, 1tr in next tr] 3 times, [1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr] 3 times, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

3rd row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, [1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr] 3 times, 1tr in each of next 6tr, [1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr] 3 times, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

4th row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, [1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr] twice, 1tr in next ch, 1tr in each of next 7tr, 1tr in next ch, 1tr in next tr, [1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr] twice, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

5th and 6th rows: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, [1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr] twice, 1tr in each of next 10tr, [1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr] twice, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

7th row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, 1tr in next ch, 1tr in each of next 5tr, 1ch, miss next tr, 1tr in each of next 5tr, 1tr in next ch, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

8th and 9th rows: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in each of next 7tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in each of next 7tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr

in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

10th row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, 1tr in next ch, 1tr in each of next 5tr, 1ch, miss next tr, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss next tr, 1tr in each of next 5tr, 1tr in next ch, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

11th and 12th rows: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in each of next 7tr, [1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr] 3 times, 1tr in each of next 6tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

13th row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, [1ch, miss next tr, 1tr in next tr] 3 times, [1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr] 3 times, [1ch, miss next tr, 1tr in next tr] 3 times, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

14th row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, [1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr] 9 times, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, do not turn and do not break off yarn, but work edging as given for letter L.

Letter E

Work foundation row and 1st to 5th rows as given for letter L.

6th row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, [1tr in next chsp, 1tr in next tr] 5 times, 1tr in each of next 6tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

7th row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in each of next 17tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

8th row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in each of next 17tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

9th row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in each of next 7tr, [1ch, miss next tr, 1tr in next tr] 5 times, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

10th row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, [1tr in next ch, 1tr in next tr] 6 times, 1tr in each of next 6tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

11th and 12th rows: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in each of next 19tr, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

13th row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, [1ch, miss next tr, 1tr in next tr] 9 times, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn.

14th row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next ch, 1tr in next tr, [1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in next tr] 9 times, 1ch, miss next ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, do not turn and do not break off yarn, but work edging as given for letter L.

Child's Bobble Heart Jumper

Measurements

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

Actual measurements 55 (61) (66) (72) cm/21½ (24) (26) (28¾) in.

Side seam 15 (16) (17) (18) cm/6 (6¼) (6¾) (7) in.

Length to shoulder 28 (30) (32) (34) cm/11(11¾) (12½) (13¼) in.

Sleeve seam 20 (22) (24) (26) cm/8 (8¾) (9½) (10¼) in.

Materials

3 (3) (3) (4) 50g (125m) balls of Rico Baby Cotton Soft DK (50% cotton, 50% acrylic) in Candy Pink (030). Pair of 3mm (No. 1) and 3¾mm (No. 9) knitting needles; 1 button.

You can buy this yarn at shop.womansweekly.com or call 0800 024 1212*.

Tension

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

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **sl**, slip; **tog**, together; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **yf**, yarn forward to make a st; **mb**, make bobble thus: k1, yf, k1 all into same st, turn, k1, yf, k1, yf, k1, turn, k5, turn, k2tog, k1, k2tog, turn, sl1, k2tog, pass sl st over.

Note

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

Back

With 3mm needles, cast on picot edge by knitting on method (see diag. opposite) thus: [cast on 5 sts, cast off 2, place st used in casting-off back on to left-hand needle] 18 (20) (22) (24) times, cast on 1 st more – 55 (61) (67) (73) sts. K 6 rows.

Inc row: P7 (7) (8) (8), inc, [p7 (8) (9) (10), inc] to last 7 (8) (8) (9) sts, p to end – 61 (67) (73) (79) sts.

Change to 3¾mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 78 (84) (90) (96) rows.

Shape shoulders and neck: Next row: Cast off 9 (10) (11) (12) sts, k8 (9) (10) (11) sts more, k2tog, turn and work on these 10 (11) (12) (13) sts for right side.

Right side: Next row: Dec, p to end – 9 (10) (11) (12) sts. Cast off.

Left side: With right side facing, sl centre 21 (23) (25) (27) sts onto a st holder, rejoin yarn to remaining sts, dec, k to end – 19 (21) (23) (25) sts.

Next row: Cast off 9 (10) (11) (12) sts, p to last 2 sts, p2tog – 9 (10) (11) (12) sts. K 1 row. Cast off.

Front

With 3mm needles, cast on picot edge by knitting on method thus: [cast on 5 sts, cast off 2, place st used in casting-off back on to left-hand needle] 18 (20) (22) (24) times, cast on 1 st more – 55 (61) (67) (73) sts.

K 6 rows.

Inc row: P7 (7) (8) (8), inc, [p7 (8) (9) (10), inc] to last 7 (8) (8) (9) sts, p to end – 61 (67) (73) (79) sts.

Change to 3¾mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 22 (26) (28) (32) rows.

Work bobble heart motif thus:

1st row: K30 (33) (36) (39), mb, k to end. Ss 3 rows.

5th row: K28 (31) (34) (37), mb, k3, mb, k to end. Ss 3 rows.

9th row: K26 (29) (32) (35), mb, [k3, mb] twice, k to end. Ss 3 rows.

13th row: K24 (27) (30) (33), mb, [k3, mb] 3 times, k to end. Ss 3 rows.

17th row: K22 (25) (28) (31), mb, [k3, mb] 4 times, k to end. Ss 3 rows.

21st row: K20 (23) (26) (29), mb, [k3, mb] 5 times, k to end. Ss 3 rows.

25th row: K18 (21) (24) (27), mb, [k3, mb] 6 times, k to end. Ss 3 rows.

29th row: K16 (19) (22) (25), mb, [k3, mb] 7 times, k to end. Ss 3 rows.

33rd row: K18 (21) (20) (23), mb, [k3, mb] 6 (6) (8) (8) times, k to end.

Ss 3 rows.

1st and 2nd sizes only: 37th row: K20 (23), mb, k3, mb, k11, mb, k3, mb, k to end.

3rd and 4th sizes only: 37th row: K22 (25),

mb, [k3, mb] 7 times, k to end. Ss 3 rows.

41st row: K24 (27), [mb, k3] twice, mb, k7, mb, [k3, mb] twice, k to end.

All sizes: Ss 9 (11) (11) (13) rows.

Shape neck: Next row: K20 (22) (24)

(26), k2tog, turn and work on these 21 (23) (25) (27) sts for left front neck.

Left side: Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next row and 2 following alternate rows – 18 (20) (22) (24) sts. Work 3 rows.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 9 (10) (11) (12) sts at beginning of next row – 9 (10) (11) (12) sts. Work 1 row. Cast off.

Right side: With right side facing, sl centre 17 (19) (21) (23) sts on to a st holder, rejoin yarn to remaining sts, k2tog, k to end – 21 (23) (25) (27) sts. Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next row and 2 following alternate rows – 18 (20) (22) (24) sts. Work 4 rows.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 9 (10) (11) (12) sts at beginning of next row – 9 (10) (11) (12) sts. Work 1 row. Cast off.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 3mm needles, cast on picot edge by knitting on method, thus: [cast on 5 sts, cast off 2, place st used in casting-off back on to left-hand needle] 12 (13) (14) (15) times, cast on 1 st more – 37 (40) (43) (46) sts.

K 6 rows.

Inc row: P3 (2) (4) (3), inc, [p5 (5) (4) (4), inc] to last 3 (1) (3) (2) st(s), p3 (1) (3) (2) – 43 (47) (51) (55) sts.

Change to 3¾mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, work in ss, inc 1 st at each end of first row and 6 (6) (7) (7) following 8th rows – 57 (61) (67) (71) sts.



Work another 5 (11) (9) (15) rows. Cast off.

Neckband

Join right shoulder seam. With right side facing and using 3mm needles, pick up and k 10 sts down left front neck, k17 (19) (21) (23) sts at centre front, pick up and k10 sts up right front neck, 3 sts down right back neck, k21 (23) (25) (27) sts at centre back neck, and finally, pick up and k3 sts up left back neck, turn, cast on 3 sts – 67 (71) (75) (79) sts.

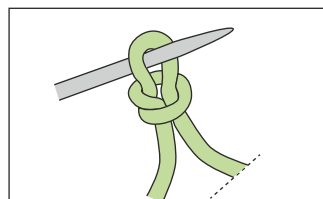
Buttonhole row: K to last 2 sts, yf, k2tog. K 2 rows, dec 1 (2) (3) (4) st(s) evenly across 2nd of these rows – 66 (69) (72) (75) sts.

Cast off for picot edge thus: Cast off 3 sts, * place st used in casting-off back on to left-hand needle, cast on 2 sts, cast off 5 sts, repeat from * to end.

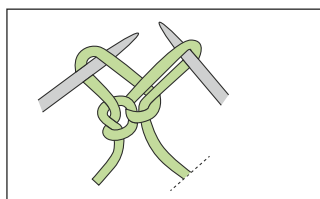
To make up

Join left shoulder seam, leaving row-ends of neckband free. Mark 13 (14) (15) (16) cm down from shoulders on back and front. Sew cast-off edge of sleeves above markers on back and front. Join side and sleeve seams. Sew button to neckband to correspond with buttonhole.

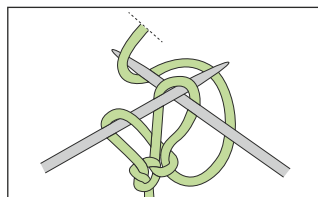
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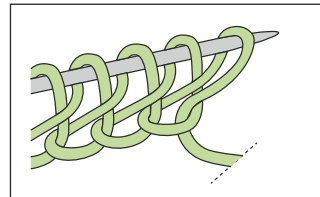
1 Make a slip knot, then hold the needle in your left hand.



2 Knit one without slipping the stitch off.



3 Slip the new stitch on to the left-hand needle making sure the yarn is position ready to knit the next stitch.



4 Continue making stitches as steps 2 and 3 until you have the number of stitches you need.



Heart Wreath

Measurements

Approximately 25 x 25cm/10 x 10in.

Materials

1 x 50g (155m) ball of DMC Natura Just Cotton (100% cotton) in each of Rose Layette (N06), Geranium (N52) and Golden Lemon (N43). Size 2.50 crochet hook; two pieces of 25 x 25cm stiff card; PVA glue and a sharp cutting implement.

You can buy this yarn at shop.womansweekly.com or call 0800 024 1212*.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **dc**, double crochet; **htr**, half treble; **tr**, treble; **dtr**, double treble; **trtr**, triple treble; **slst**, slip st.

Note

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

Rose

With 2.50 hook and Rose Layette, make 48ch, work 1tr in 4th ch from hook, 1tr in next ch, 2ch, slst in next ch, [3ch, 1tr in each of next 2ch, 2ch, slst in next ch] twice, [4ch, 1dtr in each of next 4ch, 3ch, slst in next ch] 3 times, [4ch, 1dtr in each of next 6ch, 3ch, slst in next ch] 3 times – 9 petals. Fasten off.

Press strip as given on ball band.



With wrong side facing, beginning with smaller petals and keeping chain edge at base edge straight, roll strip to form a rose shape, catching stitches at base edge to hold in place.

Make another 10 roses in Rose Layette and another 11 in Geranium.

Mistletoe leaf (make 7)

With 2.50 hook and Golden Lemon, [make 14ch, 1trtr in 6th ch from hook, 1trtr in next ch, 1dtr in each of next 2ch, 1tr in each of next 2ch, 1htr in next ch, 1dc in each of next 2ch] twice, slst in same ch as last dc. Fasten off.

Fern leaf (make 8)

1st leaf: With 2.50 hook and Golden Lemon, make 8ch, 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1htr in next ch, 1tr in next ch, 1dtr in next ch, 1tr in next ch, 1htr in next ch, 1dc in last ch, do not break off yarn.

2nd and 3rd leaves: Make 12ch, 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1htr in next ch, 1tr in next ch, 1dtr in each of next 2ch, 1tr in next ch, 1htr in next ch, 1dc in next ch, leave remaining 3ch free for stem, do not break off yarn.

4th leaf: Make 11ch, 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1htr in next ch, 1tr in next ch, 1dtr in next ch, 1tr in next ch, 1htr in next ch, 1dc in next ch, leave remaining 3ch free for stem, do not break off yarn.

5th leaf: Make 8ch, 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1htr in next ch, 1tr in next ch, 1dtr in next ch, 1tr in next ch, 1htr in next ch, 1dc in last ch *, then 1dc in each of 3ch of 4th leaf stem, do not break off yarn.

6th and 7th leaves: Make 9ch, 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1htr in next ch, 1tr in next ch, 1dtr in each of next 2ch, 1tr in next ch, 1htr in next ch, 1dc in last ch, then 1dc in each of 3ch of stem, do not break off yarn.

8th leaf: As 5th leaf to *, slst in base of first ch of 1st leaf. Fasten off.

To make wreath

Draw a heart shape on one stiff card and cut the shape out, then draw another heart shape approximately 2cm in from outer edges and cut the inside out. Leaving enough yarn for hanging loop at top of heart, wind remainder of Golden Lemon around heart shape and glue in place. Give the whole thing a coat of glue and leave to dry. Arrange fern leaves on top of covered heart, placing mistletoe between fern leaves as shown on photo. Beginning at lower edge, glue roses on top of leaves, alternating colours. Fold remaining length of Golden Lemon in half and glue ends to in half and glue ends to top wreath at back. Glue second card heart to back of wreath.

Crochet Love Birds

Measurements

Approximately 11cm/4¼in tall.

Materials

For both birds: 1 x 50g (130m) ball of Rico Design Essentials Cotton DK (100% cotton) in each of Fuchsia (11) and Grey (0000). Size 3.00 crochet hook; washable toy stuffing; 10 x 10cm piece of patterned cotton fabric; Rico fabric stiffener (optional); UHU glue; dried beans.

You can buy this yarn and fabric stiffener at shop.womansweekly.co.uk or call 0800 024 1212*.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **st**, stitch; **dc**, double crochet; **slst**, slip stitch; **dc2tog**, double crochet 2 sts together [insert hook in next st, yarn round hook and pull through] twice, yarn round hook and pull through all 3 loops on hook.

Note

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

To make

Body: 1st round: With 3.00 hook and Fuchsia, wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form a ring, insert hook into ring, yarn round hook and pull through, 1ch (does not count as st), work 8dc in ring, slst in first dc, pull end tightly to close the ring – 8dc.

2nd round: 1ch (does not count as a st), [2dc in next dc] 8 times, slst in first dc – 16dc.

3rd round: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc] 8 times, slst in first dc – 24dc.

4th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in each of next 2dc, 2dc in next dc] 8 times, slst in first dc – 32dc.

5th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in each of next 3dc, 2dc in next dc] 8 times, slst in first dc – 40dc.

6th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in each of next 4dc, 2dc in next dc] 8 times, slst in first dc – 48dc.

7th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in each of next 5dc, 2dc in next dc] 8 times, slst in first dc – 56dc.

8th and 9th rounds: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in next dc] to end, slst in first dc.

10th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in each of next 12dc, dc2tog] 4 times, slst in first dc – 52dc.

11th and 12th rounds: As 8th and 9th rounds.

13th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in each of next 5dc, dc2tog, [1dc in each of next 11dc, dc2tog] 3 times, 1dc in each of

last 6dc, slst in first dc – 48dc.

14th round and every following alternate round: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in next dc] to end, slst in first dc.

15th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in each of next 10dc, dc2tog] 4 times, slst in first dc – 44dc.

17th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in each of next 4dc, dc2tog, [1dc in each of next 9dc, dc2tog] 3 times, 1dc in each of last 5dc, slst in first dc – 40dc.

19th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in each of next 8dc, dc2tog] 4 times, slst in first dc – 36dc.

21st round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in each of next 3dc, dc2tog, [1dc in each of next 7dc, dc2tog] 3 times, 1dc in each of last 4dc, slst in last dc – 32dc.

23rd round: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in each of next 6dc, dc2tog] 4 times, slst in first dc – 28dc.

25th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in each of next 2dc, dc2tog, [1dc in each of next 5dc, dc2tog] 3 times, 1dc in each of next 3dc, slst in last dc – 24dc.

To add balance, fill lower section with a few dried beans or chic peas, then stuff remainder firmly with washable toy stuffing.

27th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in each of next 4dc, dc2tog] 4 times, slst

in first dc – 20dc.

29th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in next dc, dc2tog, [1dc in each of next 3dc, dc2tog] 3 times, 1dc in each of next 2dc, slst in last dc – 16dc.

31st round: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in each of next 2dc, dc2tog] 4 times, slst in first dc – 12dc.

Insert more washable toy stuffing until body has been stuffed firmly.

33rd round: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in next dc, dc2tog] 4 times, slst in first dc – 8dc. Break off yarn, leaving a long end. Thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off securely.

Feet (make 2)

With 3.00 hook and Grey, make 10ch.

1st row: 1dc in 7th ch from hook, 1dc in each of next 3ch, turn.

2nd row: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in each of next 4dc, 6ch, turn.

3rd row: 1dc in each of next 4dc, turn.

4th and 5th rows: Work 2nd and 3rd rows. Fasten off.

Sew feet to base of body at front edge.

Beak

With 3.00 hook and Grey, make 4ch

1st row: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc in

with florist's tape.

Attach Jade to loop at one end and with 3.00 hook, work dc around the entire length of wire. Fasten off taking the yarn through the second loop.

Rose

With 3.00 hook and shade of Red or Pink, make 26ch.

Foundation row: 1tr in 3rd ch from hook (counts as 2tr), [1tr in next ch] to end, turn – 25 sts.

1st row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), [2tr in next st] to end, turn – 49 sts.

2nd row: As 1st row – 97 sts.

3rd row (right side): [1dc in next st, miss 1 st, 6tr in next st, miss 1 st] to last st, slst in last st. Fasten off.

Attach end of rose to top of stem. With right side on outside, roll base of rose around stem to form rose shape. Catch end of last petal to petals above. Work a few stitches through base of all layers of rose and stem to secure in position.

Bud

With 3.00 hook and shade of Red or Pink, make 26ch.

Foundation row: 1tr in 3rd ch from hook (counts as 2tr), [1tr in next ch] to end, turn – 25 sts.

1st row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), [2tr in next st] to end, turn – 49 sts.

2nd row: As 1st row – 97 sts.



each of next 2ch, turn – 3dc.

2nd row: 1ch, miss first dc, dc2tog. Fasten off.

Sew beak to face as shown in photograph. Using Grey, embroider eyes in a French knot either side of beak. Embroider a heart in chain stitches with Grey on each side of body for wings as shown in photograph. Make another bird using Grey instead of Fuchsia and Fuchsia instead of Grey.

To complete

Using two lengths of Fuchsia and one length of Grey together, make a plaited cord approx 10cm long, trim ends and sew an end to each bird's beak. Cut two heart shapes from cotton fabric, each measuring about 4.5cm wide x 4cm high. Glue wrong sides of heart shapes together enclosing plaited cord. Leave to dry. If desired, stiffen heart with fabric stiffener.

3rd row (right side): [1dc in next st, miss 1 st, 6tr in next st, miss 1 st] to last st, slst in last st. Fasten off.

Attach end of bud to top of stem. With right side on outside, roll base of bud tightly around stem to form closed rose bud shape. Catch end of bud to last layer. Work few stitches through base of all layers of bud and stem to secure in position.

Leaf

With 3.00 hook and Jade, make 11ch.

1st row: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook (counts as 1dc), [1dc in next ch] to end, turn – 10 sts.

2nd row: 1ch, 1dc in next dc, 1htr in next dc, 2tr in next dc, 1tr in next dc, 2dtr in next dc, 1dtr in next dc, 1dtr and 1tr in next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1htr in next dc, 1dc in last dc, 3ch, work along the other side of ch edge thus: 1dc in next ch, 1htr in next ch, 1tr in next ch, 1tr and 1dtr in next ch, 1dtr in next ch, 2dtr in next ch, 1tr in next ch, 2tr in next ch, 1htr in next ch, 1dc in last ch, slst in first dc. Fasten off.

Attach fastened off end to stem, then sew side of leaf along stem with a few stitches.



Crochet Roses

Materials

1 x 50g (130m) ball of DMC Petra 3 (100% cotton) in each of Jade (53814), Mid Pink (53803), Dark Pink (53805), Dark Red (5321) and Bright Red (5666). Size 3.00 crochet hook; florist's wire (allow approx. 20 to 25cm for each stem); green florist's tape.

You can buy this yarn at shop.womansweekly.com or call 0800 024 1212*.

Abbreviations

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

Note

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

To make

Using the ball of Jade, make the same number of stems and leaves. Using all shades, make a rose or bud for each stem.

Stem

Take a length (vary the lengths) of florist's wire and make small loop at each end to tuck in any sharp ends. Cover the stems



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Right Collar

Smarten up his winter wardrobe with a stylish ribbed-collar sweater



We're really lucky to have such a rich back catalogue of fantastic *Woman's Weekly* knitting and crochet patterns. This cosy man's sweater originally featured in the 11 January 1964 issue



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Measurements

To fit chest 91 (97) (102) (107) (112) (117) (122) (127) cm/36 (38) (40) (42) (44) (46) (48) (50) in.

Actual measurements 97 (102) (108) (113) (119) (124) (130) (135) cm/38 (40) (42½) (44½) (47) (49) (51¼) (53¼) in.

Side seam All sizes 42cm/16½in.

Length to shoulder 62 (63) (64) (65) (66) (67) (68) (69) cm/24½ (24¾) (25¼) (25½) (26) (26¼) (26¾) (27¼) in.

Sleeve seam 46 (47) (47) (47) (48) (48) (48) (48) cm/18 (18½) (18½) (18½) (19) (19) (19) (19) in.

Materials

11 (11) (12) (12) (13) (13) (14) (14) 50g (112m) balls of Wendy Ramsdale DK (100% wool) in Malton (3310).
Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles.

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Tension

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

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **sl**, slip; **tog**, together; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease (by taking 2 sts tog); **k2togb**, k2tog through back of sts; **ss**, stocking stitch (k on right side and p on wrong side); **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and work into the back of it; **nil**, meaning nothing is worked here for this size.

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 the second bracket.

Front

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 96 (104) (108) (116) (120) (124) (132) (136) sts.

1st rib row: K3, [p2, k2] to last 5 sts, p2, k3.

2nd rib row: K1, [p2, k2] to last 3 sts, p2, k1.

Repeat last 2 rows until rib measures 7cm, ending with a 1st rib row.

Next row: P8 (4) (4) (6) (5) (8) (6) (8), up1, [p8 (12) (10) (13) (11) (9) (12) (10), up1] to last 8 (4) (4) (6) (5) (8) (6) (8) sts, p to end – 107 (113) (119) (125) (131) (137) (143) (149) sts.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, work in ss until front measures 42cm from beginning, ending with a p row.

Shape armholes: Cast off loosely 6 (7) (8) (9) (9) (10) (11) (12) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 5 (5) (5) (5) (7) (7) (7) (7) rows and 3 (3) (3) (3) (2) (2) (2) (2) following alternate rows – 79 (83) (87) (91) (95) (99) (103) (107) sts.

Shape neck: **Next row:** P30 (31) (33) (35) (37) (38) (40) (42), cast off next 19 (21) (21) (21) (23) (23) (23) sts, p to end. Work on last set of 30 (31) (33) (35) (37) (38) (40) (42) sts only for left side neck.

Left side neck: Ss 2 rows.

Dec row: K to last 5 sts, k2tog, k3. Ss 7 rows.

Repeat last 8 rows, 3 (3) (3) (4) (4) (4) (4) (5) times more, then work dec row again – 25 (26) (28) (29) (31) (32) (34) (35) sts. Continue straight until front measures same as back to beginning of shoulder shaping, ending at armhole edge.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 6 (6) (7) (7) (8) (8) (9) (9) sts at beginning of next row and 2 following alternate rows – 7 (8) (7) (8) (7) (8) (7) (8) sts. Work 1 row. Cast off.

Right side neck: With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining sts and k to end – 30 (31) (33) (35) (37) (38) (40) (42) sts. P 1 row.

Dec row: K3, k2togb, k to end. Ss 7 rows. Repeat last 8 rows, 3 (3) (3) (4) (4) (4) (4) (5) times more, then work dec row again – 25 (26) (28) (29) (31) (32) (34) (35) sts. Continue straight until front measures same as back to beginning of shoulder shaping, ending at armhole edge.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 6 (6) (7) (7) (8) (8) (9) (9) sts at beginning of next row and 2 following alternate rows – 7 (8) (7) (8) (7) (8) (7) (8) sts. Work 1 row. Cast off.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 44 (44) (48) (48) (48) (52) (52) (52) sts.

Work 7cm in rib as on back, ending after

Back

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 96 (104) (108) (116) (120) (124) (132) (136) sts.

1st rib row: K3, [p2, k2] to last 5 sts, p2, k3.

2nd rib row: K1, [p2, k2] to last 3 sts, p2, k1.

Repeat last 2 rows until rib measures 7cm, ending with a 1st rib row.

Next row: P8 (4) (4) (6) (5) (8) (6) (8), up1, [p8 (12) (10) (13) (11) (9) (12) (10), up1] to last 8 (4) (4) (6) (5) (8) (6) (8) sts, p to end – 107 (113) (119) (125) (131) (137) (143) (149) sts.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, work in ss until back measures 42cm from beginning, ending with a p row.

Shape armholes: Cast off loosely 6 (7) (8) (9) (9) (10) (11) (12) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 5 (5) (5) (5) (7) (7) (7) (7) rows and 3 (3) (3) (3) (2) (2) (2) (2) following alternate rows – 79 (83) (87) (91) (95) (99) (103) (107) sts.

Work straight until armholes measure 20 (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) (26) (27) cm, ending with a p row.

Shape shoulders: Cast off 6 (6) (7) (7) (8) (8) (9) (9) sts at beginning of next 6 rows and 7 (8) (7) (8) (7) (8) (7) (8) sts at beginning of following 2 rows – 29 (31) (31) (33) (33) (35) (35) (37) sts. Cast off.

a 1st rib row.

P1 row, inc 5 (7) (5) (7) (7) (5) (7) (9) sts evenly – 49 (51) (53) (55) (55) (57) (59) (61) sts.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, work 2 rows in ss.

Inc 1 st at each end of next row and 2 (4) (7) (7) (11) (14) (17) (17) following 4th rows, then on 14 (13) (11) (11) (9) (7) (5) (5) following 6th rows – 83 (87) (91) (93) (97) (101) (105) (107) sts.

Work straight until sleeve measures 46 (47) (47) (47) (48) (48) (48) (48) cm from beginning, ending with a p row.

Shape top: Cast off loosely 6 (7) (8) (9) (9) (10) (11) (12) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Work nil (2) (2) (4) (4) (4) (6) (6) rows straight.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 12 (11) (12) (11) (12) (12) (11) (12) following alternate rows – 45 (49) (49) (51) (53) (55) (59) (57) sts.

P 1 row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 6 rows – 33 (37) (37) (39) (41) (43) (47) (45) sts.

Cast off.

Collar

With 4mm needles, cast on 148 (152) (160) (164) (168) (176) (180) (188) sts.

Change to 3¼mm needles.

Work in rib as on back until row–end edge of collar fits along cast–off sts at centre of front neck, ending with a 2nd row.

Shape neck edge: 1st row: Rib to last 6 sts, turn.

2nd row: Sl1, rib to last 6 sts, turn.

3rd and 4th rows: Sl1, rib to last 10 sts, turn.

5th and 6th rows: Sl1, rib to last 14 sts, turn.

7th and 8th rows: Sl1, rib to last 20 sts, turn.

9th and 10th rows: Sl1, rib to last 26 sts, turn.

11th and 12th rows: Sl1, rib to last 34 sts, turn.

13th and 14th rows: Sl1, rib to last 42 sts, turn.

15th and 16th rows: Sl1, rib to last 52 sts, turn.

17th row: Sl1, rib to end of row.

Cast off loosely in rib.

To make up

Join shoulder seams. Overlapping left side over right side, sew row–end edges of rib to cast–off sts at centre front. Now stitch shaped edge of collar to neck edge. Sew in sleeve tops. Join side and sleeve seams.



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Collect & Create

PART 1



Knit this colourful patchwork blanket and create a stunning project by the end of the year in our 'knit-a-long' series – first up is a pretty Valentine's heart theme

Welcome to the first pattern in our Collect & Create series. Each month we'll give you a different Fair Isle-design square to make, together with a repeat of a plain coloured square that will enable you to knit this beautiful blanket. Why not join in with us on our 'knit-a-long' – it'll give you the opportunity to share your progress, get advice and enjoy a great social experience. For more details on how to get involved and to find out how to buy all the yarn in advance for just £49.99, visit womansweekly.com/knitalong



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February

Valentine's Day is this month's key calendar date and inspiration for our design – a charming heart motif Fair-Isle pattern, the first in our Collect & Create series

Measurements

Each square measures approx 25 x 25cm/9¾ x 9¾in.

Materials

For complete blanket: 15 x 50g (85m) balls of Rico Design Creative Cotton Aran (100% cotton) in Vanilla (62); 2 balls in each of Cardinal (011), Green (049), Dark Blue (038), Light Green (040), Light Blue (032), Peach (61); 1 ball in each of Orange (074), Light Yellow (063), Rose (000), Candy Pink (064) and Sky Blue (37). Pair of 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles.

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Tension

21 stitches and 27.5 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 4mm needles.

25 stitches and 25.5 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over Fair Isle pattern, using 4mm needles.

Abbreviations

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

Note

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. The entire blanket will require 13 plain squares and 12 Fair-Isle squares.

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Plain square

With 4mm needles and Vanilla, cast on 51 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 68 rows.

Cast off.

February Fair-Isle square

With 4mm needles and Cardinal, cast on 61 sts.

Stranding yarn not in use loosely across wrong side and reading chart from right to left on right side (k) rows and from left

to right on wrong side (p) rows, work pattern from chart thus:

1st row: K61 sts of 1st row of chart.

2nd row: P61 sts of 2nd row of chart.

Continue working in ss and pattern from chart until 62nd row of chart has been worked. Cast off.

Key for chart

- Cardinal
- Candy Pink
- Light Yellow
- Rose
- Orange

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Garter-stitch Throw

Measurements

90 x 160cm/35½ x 63in.

Materials

28 x 50g (48m) balls of Rico Design Essential Big (50% wool, 50% acrylic) in Putty (012). Pair of long 7½mm (No. 1) knitting needles.

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Tension

11 stitches and 22 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over garter stitch, using 7½mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **st**, stitch; **gst**, garter st (every row k).

Note

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



To make

With 7½mm needles, cast on 100 sts. Continue in gst until all 28 balls of yarn are used up, leaving enough yarn for casting off. Throw should measure approximately 160cm. Cast off.

Moss-stitch Cushions

Measurements

To fit 45 x 45cm/18 x 18in cushion pad.

Materials

7 x 50g (50m) balls of Rico Design Creative Filz (100% merino wool) in Ecru (60) or Beige (87). Pair of 8mm (No. 0) knitting needles; 45 x 45cm cushion pad; 3 large buttons.

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Tension

11 stitches and 19 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over moss stitch, using 8mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **mst**, moss st.

Note

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To make

With 8mm needles, cast on 45 sts.

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

Continue in mst until work measures 92cm from beginning.

Buttonhole row: Mst 9, [cast off 3 sts, mst 8 sts more] 3 times.

Next row: Mst to end, casting on 3 sts over cast-off sts in previous row.

Mst another 8 rows.

Cast off in mst.

Fold cast-on edge about 30cm back and cast-off edge 20cm back, thus overlapping cast-off edge over cast-on edge for 5cm. Join sides of cushion, working through all layers at overlapped area. Sew on buttons. Insert cushion pad.



Floor Cushion

Measurements

To fit 60 x 60cm/24 x 24in cushion pad.

Materials

3 x 50g (145m) balls of Rico Design Baby Teddy Aran (75% polyester, 25% polyamide) in White (1). Pair of 5½mm (No. 5) knitting needles; 60 x 60cm cushion pad; 62 x 62cm piece of matching backing fabric; 35cm zip fastener.

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Tension

13 stitches and 18 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 5½mm needles and two strands of yarn together.

Abbreviations

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

Note

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

Front

With 5½mm needles and two strands of yarn together, cast on 72 sts. Continue in ss until work measures 58cm from beginning. Cast off.

To make up

With right sides together, pin knitted front to the fabric backing, allowing 1cm for seam on fabric backing. Sew all round, leaving 35cm opening at one side.

Turn to right side and sew in zip. Insert cushion pad.



BOOK OF THE MONTH

This charming hat-and-scarf project was taken from
Winter Knits Made Easy



Hello Sunshine

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Measurements

Hat: To fit average head size of a 4 year old.

Scarf: 12 x 96cm/4¾ x 37¾in.

Materials

Hat: 1 x 50g (100m) ball of Rico Design Essentials Soft Merino Aran (100% wool) in each of Beige (081), Orange (073) and Saffron (066); small amount in Pistachio (050).

Scarf: 1 x 50g (100m) ball of Rico Design Essentials Soft Merino Aran (100% wool) in each of Beige (081), Orange (073), Pistachio (050) and Saffron (066).

Both items: Pair of 5mm (No. 6) knitting needles.

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Tension

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

18 stitches and 36 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over garter stitch, using 5mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **gst**, garter st (every row k).

Note

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Hat

With 5mm needles and Saffron, cast on 80 sts.

K 3 rows.

Beginning with a k row, work in ss and stripes of 2 rows Beige, 2 rows Orange, 2 rows Beige and 2 rows Saffron throughout until hat measures 10cm from beginning, ending with a p row.

Shape crown: 1st dec row: [K5, k2tog] 11 times, k3 – 69 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: [K4, k2tog] 11 times, k3 – 58 sts.

Ss 3 rows.

3rd dec row: [K3, k2tog] 11 times, k3 – 47 sts.

Ss 3 rows.

4th dec row: [K2, k2tog] 11 times, k3 – 36 sts.

Ss 3 rows.

5th dec row: [K1, k2tog] 12 times – 24 sts.

Ss 3 rows.

6th dec row: [K2tog] 12 times – 12 sts.

Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Join seam.

Stalk: With 5mm needles and Pistachio, cast on 10 sts.

Work 14 rows in ss. Cast off.

With right side on the outside and beginning at one row-end edge, roll up stalk tightly and secure in position. Sew to top of hat.

Scarf

With 5mm needles and Orange, cast on 22 sts.

Work in gst in following stripe sequence: 10 rows Orange, 2 rows Beige, 2 rows Orange, 10 rows Beige, 2 rows Saffron, 2 rows Beige, 10 rows Saffron, 2 rows Pistachio, 2 rows Saffron, 10 rows Pistachio, 2 rows Orange and 2 rows Pistachio.

These 56 rows form stripe pattern.

Repeat these 56 rows, 5 times more.

With Orange, gst 10 rows. Cast off kwise.

Make 4 small pompoms in Orange and 2 in Saffron. Attach pompoms at each end of scarf, placing Orange ones at each end with Saffron one in the middle.



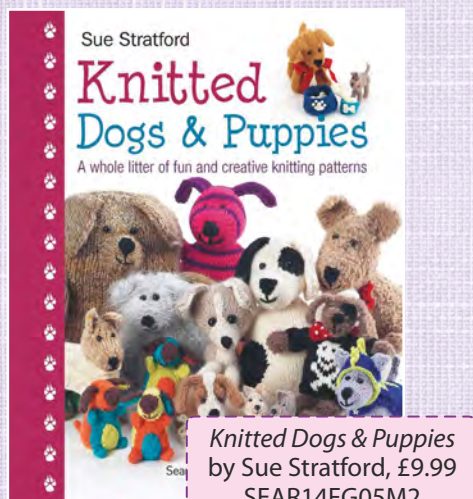
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This month, channel some French-style, create bold items for contemporary interiors, be inspired by a unique, flexible fabric and embrace a new yarn concept



Jersey Yarn Creations: 20 projects to knit and crochet

by Alexandre Callier-Taylor

(Search Press, £6.99) SEAR14LD0001

You need big needles for these projects, a big crochet hook, and a big ball of yarn. Which seems entirely appropriate for a book of patterns that are big, bold and brimming with life. Jersey (or T-shirt) yarn is an easy and functional material to work with. It's made from recycled industry off-cuts, and has been used in this book to create items for the home that look current, fresh and new. The patterns for crocheted vases, door curtains and floor mats would provide a talking point for any home, as would the crocheted cat-house. But the Parisian-based author of this book has brought something flamboyantly French to his designs, too; from the bottle holder perfect for carrying a few fine reds, to the joie de vivre pillow and the bohemian Esmeralda bag. There are projects here for every level, clear instructions and designs that are vibrant, lively and fun.

Modern Crochet: Crochet accessories and projects for your home

By Molla Mills (Jacqui Small LLP, £20*)

With her fashion background, Molla Mills has created projects ideal for anyone wanting to make a statement with their interiors. Her crocheted lampshades are eye-catching and unusual, and her use of monochrome stripes, zigzags and triangles to create cushions covers, mats and rugs is striking. The book also includes a chapter dedicated to bags, with designs for tablet cases, phone cases and clutch bags in bold black and white, as well as Longchamp-style day bags in pretty pastels. As a designer who has also led workshops around the world, Molla has made sure her book is accessible even to those who are new to the craft. In her introduction, she encourages the reader to adapt her patterns, and more importantly, to pass on any new skills the book gives them to other crafters. *For stockists, call 020 7284 9300.



T-Shirt Yarn: Projects to crochet and knit

By Sandra Lebrun (Stackpole Books, £9.99) SEAR14LD0002

T-shirt (or jersey) yarn is tough, strong and durable, which makes it perfect for homeware projects, as we saw in Alexandre Callier-Taylor's book (above). Like Alexandre, Sandra Lebrun lives in

France and has put together an exciting collection of patterns using this versatile and trendy yarn. But while the patterns here may seem complicated at first glance, these are projects that can be completed in an evening or weekend, even by a knitting and crochet newbie. The projects range from pillowcases to baskets and from scarves to leg warmers, each made up from the chunky stitches you get from working with a big T-shirt yarn. The book offers a way for new crafters to expand their knowledge, and for the more experienced it's full of ideas for things to make with a unique and flexible yarn.

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Tina's Tips & Tricks

Get the little things right and your knitting will be beautiful

We want your knitting to be the best it can possibly be. So it's a good job we have Tina. A true knitting professional, Tina's been Technical Knitting Editor at *Woman's Weekly* for 15 years. And now she's here to help you! Every month, Tina answers the most common questions you've sent in and resolves some of the issues we face as knitters. Together, we'll make your knitting beautiful!

Kwise and pwise?

Q Your knitting patterns quite often used the term **kwise or pwise**. I haven't come across these abbreviations before. Please could you explain what they mean?

A These abbreviations are used when slipping the stitch or casting off – kwise means knit wise, and pwise means purl wise. When slipping stitch kwise, the needle is inserted into stitch to be slipped from front to back as if about to knit. When slipping stitch pwise, the needle is inserted into stitch to be slipped from back to front as if about to purl.

This manoeuvre prevents the stitch from being twisted thus maintaining natural path of the stitch. When the instruction state to cast off kwise or pwise, that means the stitches need to be knitted or purled before passing them over.

Perfect pompoms

Q I had to write to say thank you so much for publishing the hat pattern with a pompom that I didn't have to make! The pompoms do add to the final look of the hat, but making them isn't my strong point. Last time I tried I got myself in such a mess making it and wasted lots of yarn trying. And here you are, telling me that I can buy ready made ones that look perfect. Are other readers as frilled as I am?

A We all remember the days when making pompoms meant cutting out two large discs out of stout card with holes in the centre. The yarn was then wound around both discs, then cut along outer edge. The length of spare yarn was inserted between slightly parted discs and taken around cut strands, then tied. Nowadays there are gadgets that simplify the task, but the one our reader, above, loved was the fake-fur pompom used for the hat featured in last month's issue. Rico Design fake-fur pompoms come in three sizes – 5cm, 10cm and 13cm – and in variety of colours. They're available at shop.womansweekly.com.

What's a magic ring?

Q Crochet has been my hobby since my grandmother taught me when I was little. My next project begins with making a magic ring. My grandmother never showed me this. Could you tell me how to make it?

A The term 'magic ring' is creeping into lots of English crochet instructions. Your grandmother may have known this as a slip ring. It's made by winding the end of yarn round the index finger of your left hand to make a ring. The instructions will state how many and what kind of stitches need to be worked into the ring. The end is then pulled to close the ring tightly. A magic ring is used when making toys where it's important to have a dense fabric, or for motifs with solid centres.

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We Made These!

The best part about finishing a project is getting to show it off. So why not share yours with us?



And two by two they came!

My daughter Karen downloaded the Noah's Ark pattern for me from the *Woman's Weekly* website, and my grandson enlarged it to make it easier for me to read. And just as Noah welcomed two of every animal, so I knitted two elephants, two giraffes, two lions, two camels, two zebras...tricky tusks, troublesome trotters and all! I won't say it wasn't a challenge, but it was one I thoroughly enjoyed. I'm so happy with the result.

Wendy Casey, Langley, Berkshire



Booty-ful bootees

When my friend had a baby boy recently, I was so excited for her. And excited for me, too! It meant I could spend as long as I wanted looking through cute knitting patterns, deciding what to make for her new arrival. In the end I went for these adorable booties. They're so perfectly pretty and delicate, and I loved the little rosebud motif. In fact, I liked them so much that I even considered knitting a larger pair for myself...

Heather Seabrook, via email



Four legs and fashion forward

Meet Lottie Dog. She's always ahead of the game fashion wise. No one knows her Poochi from her Karl Lagerhound better than my Lottie. This season, she's sporting an elegant green scarf with red pom-pom detail. It was made by my friend, Karen. Lottie hasn't been feeling well recently, so becoming the owner of a classy new scarf cheered her up no end. Karen's been knitting one for her own pup, Molly, too.

Sue De Jong, Herts



Natty nipper

My granddaughter, Olivia, is gorgeous. She's the one on the left, in case you were wondering. And that's me next to her. When I saw the pattern for her unusual pink, blue and purple jumper in *Woman's Weekly*, I just had to knit it. I was chuffed with the way it turned out. The pastel colours suit Olivia perfectly. I'm really proud of it. And I'm even more proud of Olivia.

June Connolly, via email

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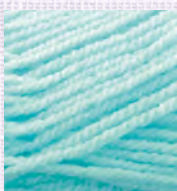
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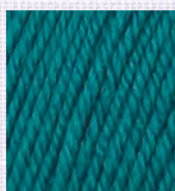
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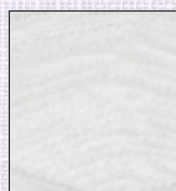
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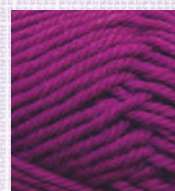
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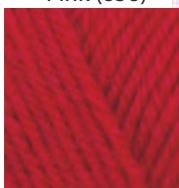
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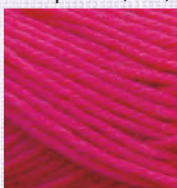
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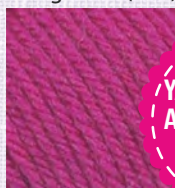
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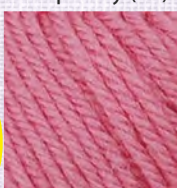
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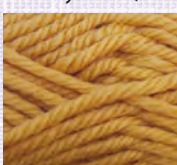
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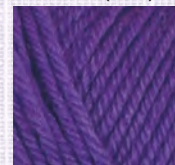
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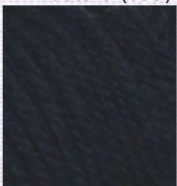
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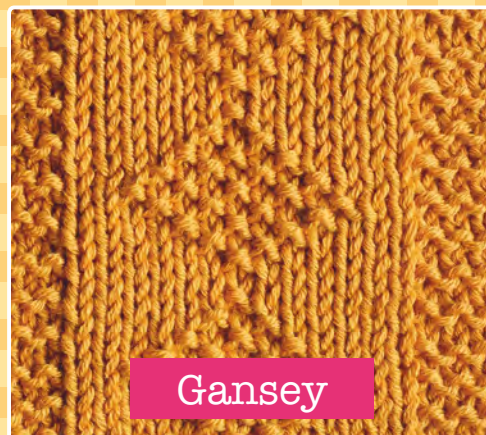
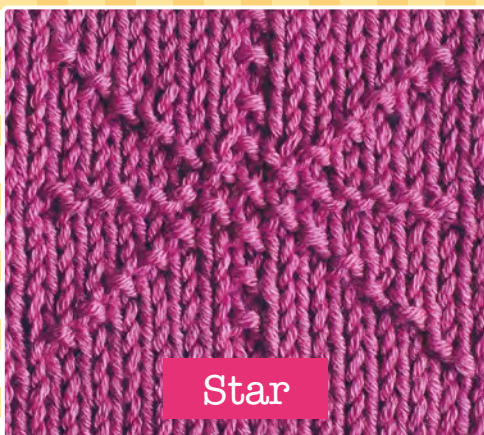
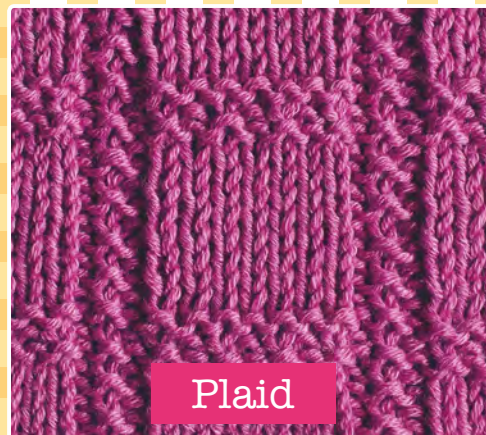
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Knitting Library

Simple knit and purl stitches can be combined to make an assortment of textured stitches



Some of these stitch patterns are quite subtle, but they are well worth trying.

Yarn

Patons Merino Extra Fine Cotton using 3¾mm (No. 9) knitting needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch.

Note

Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after the second bracket.

Cobblestones

This tiny pattern repeat creates a crunchy texture and is very easy to work.



Multiple of 2 sts plus 1.

1st row (right side): P.

2nd row: K.

3rd row: P1, [k2, p1] to end.

4th row: K1, [p2, k1] to end.

Repeat 1st to 4th rows.

Basketweave

Another four-row stitch pattern creates an under-and-over illusion.



Multiple of 8 sts plus 5.

1st row (wrong side): P.

2nd row: P5, [k3, p5] to end.

3rd row: P.

4th row: P1, [k3, p5] to last 4 sts, k3, p1.

Repeat 1st to 4th rows.

Plaid

Moss stitch and rib play a part in this distinctive stitch pattern.



Multiple of 10 sts plus 1.

1st, 3rd and 5th rows: K4, [p1, k1, p1, k7] to last 7 sts, p1, k1, p1, k4.

2nd and 4th rows: P4, [k1, p1, k1, p7] to last 7 sts, k1, p1, k1, p4.

6th row: K.

7th row: P1, [k1, p1] to end.

8th row: K.

9th and 11th rows: As 1st row.

10th and 12th rows: As 2nd row.

Repeat 1st to 12th rows.

Diamond lattice

This is a simple progressive repeat, but as the pattern changes on every row it requires a little concentration.



Multiple of 8 sts plus 1.

1st row: K4, [p1, k7] to last 5 sts, p1, k4.

2nd row: P3, [k1, p1, k1, p5] to last 6 sts, k1, p1, k1, p3.

3rd row: K2, [p1, k3] to last

3 sts, p1, k2.

4th row: P1, [k1, p5, k1, p1] to end.

5th row: P1, [k7, p1] to end.

6th row: As 4th row.

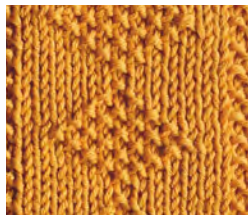
7th row: As 3rd row.

8th row: As 2nd row.

Repeat 1st to 8th rows.

Gansey

The old fishermen's ganseys used many combinations of knit and purl stitches.



Multiple of 17 sts plus 4.

1st row: P4, [k6, p1, k6, p4] to end.

2nd row: P9, [k1, p1, k1, p14] to last 12 sts, k1, p1, k1, p9.

3rd row: P4, * k4, p1, [k1, p1] twice, k4, p4; repeat from * to end.

4th row: P7, * k1, [p1, k1] 3 times, p10; repeat from * to last 14 sts, k1, [p1, k1] 3 times, p7.

5th row: * P4, k2, p1, [k1, p1] 4 times, k2; repeat from * to

last 4 sts, p4.

6th row: As 4th row.

7th row: As 3rd row.

8th row: As 2nd row.

9th row: As 1st row.

10th row: P.

Repeat 1st to 10th rows.

Star

This star has lots of moss stitch elements in its geometry.



Panel of 19 sts.

1st row: K.

2nd row: P.

3rd row: K9, p1, k9.

4th row: P.

5th row: K3, [p1, k5] twice, p1, k3.

6th row: P4, k1, p9, k1, p4.

7th row: K5, p1, [k3, p1] twice, k5.

8th row: P6, k1, p5, k1, p6.

9th row: K7, p1, [k1, p1] twice, k7.

10th row: P8, k1, p1, k1, p8.

11th row: K3, p5, k1, p1, k1,

p5, k3.

12th row: As 10th row.

13th row: As 9th row.

14th row: As 8th row.

15th row: As 7th row.

16th row: As 6th row.

17th row: As 5th row.

18th row: P.

19th row: K9, p1, k9.

20th row: P.

Repeat 1st to 20th rows.



Knitting Project



Soft Play

Our clever knitted building bricks are
ideal toys for tots



Soft, squashy bricks in bright colours make good toys. Although they take very little knitting, they require some careful making up

Measurements

Each brick measures approximately 10cm/4in square.

Materials

For the set of three: 1 x 100g (155m) ball of Hayfield Baby Chunky (70% acrylic, 30% nylon) in each of Applebob (405), Plum (407) and Brook (403). Pair of 6mm (No. 4) knitting needles. A long knitter's sewing needle. Washable toy filling. 6 very large buttons for each ball.

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Tension

15 stitches and 21 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over moss stitch, using 6mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **mst**, moss stitch; **st**, stitch.

Note

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. The very large buttons used in this project should not be a safety risk for young children, particularly as they are sewn on with yarn which must be cut – it cannot be broken.



Square

(make 6)

Using 6mm needles, cast on 15 sts.

1st row (right side): K1, [p1, k1] 7 times.

2nd row: As 1st row – mst.

Repeat 1st and 2nd rows, 9 times more, then work 1st row again. Total of 21 rows.

Cast off knitwise (wrong side).

Edgings

Note: When picking up along the cast-on edge insert the needle under one strand of each stitch, but when picking up along the side edges insert the needle under two strands of the stitch.

Cast-on edge: Right side facing, pick up and k15 sts (one picked-up stitch in one cast-on stitch). Cast off knitwise.

Side edges: Right side facing, pick up and k15 sts (this will mean missing approximately every 3rd row-end stitch). Cast off knitwise.

To make up

Fasten off the ends on the wrong side of each square, using them to join and neaten the corners. Join the squares by holding them right sides together, the knitting yarn threaded in a knitter's sewing needle, and making running stitches through both thicknesses just below the stitches of the cast-off edges. First join a strip of four squares and then place the remaining pair of squares either side the second or third of these four. Leaving part of one square open, join the remaining sides to make a cube. Fill with wadding, pushing it into the corners (use the end of a knitting needle) but not filling the centre too firmly. Close opening. Use the knitting yarn in a knitter's sewing needle and, taking the needle through the brick with each stitch in order to link the buttons, sew buttons to opposite sides of the brick.

Crochet Library

These are a few of the natural objects
that work so well in crochet



Sunflower



Michaelmas daisy



Butterfly



Cherries

Taken from nature, these colourful decorations can be used in lots of different ways.

Yarn

King Cole Merino Blend DK, using a 4.00 crochet hook.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **dc**, double crochet; **dtr**, double treble; **htr**, half treble; **tr**, treble; **slst**, slip stitch; **st**, stitch; **dc2tog**, work 2dc without making the last wrap of each stitch, yarn round hook and pull it through all 3 loops on hook.

Michaelmas daisy

Two rounds of narrow petals make a curly flower head.

Yarn: Copper (109) and Crocus (1530).

Flower: Using Copper, make 5ch, join with slst into a ring.

1st round: 1ch, 12dc, miss 1ch and slst in first dc – 12dc. Fasten off.

2nd round: Join Crocus in any st, * 8ch, 1dc in 3rd ch from hook, 1dc in each of next 5ch, 1dc in next dc of previous round; repeat from *, ending slst in first ch – 12 petals. Fold petals to front to work next round.

3rd round: * 8ch, 1dc in 3rd ch from hook, 1dc in each of next 5ch, in back 2 strands of each st of previous round work 1dc; repeat from *, ending slst in first st – 12 more petals. Fasten off.



Sunflower

A sunflower is easy to make and will brighten even a grey day.

Yarn: Olive (69) and Gold (55).

Centre: Using Olive, make 4ch and join with a slst into a ring.

1st round: 1ch, 8dc in ring, miss 1ch, slst in first dc – 8dc.

2nd round: 1ch, 2dc in each of 8dc, miss 1ch, slst in first dc – 16dc.

3rd round: 1ch, [2dc in next dc, 1dc in next dc] 8 times, miss 1ch, slst in first dc – 24 sts.

4th round: 1ch, [2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 2dc] 8 times, miss 1ch, slst in first dc – 32 sts.

5th round: 1ch, [1dc in next dc] 32 times, miss 1ch, slst in first dc. Fasten off.

Petals: Join Gold in any dc, [4ch, 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1htr in next ch, 1tr in next ch, miss 1dc of centre, slst in next dc] 16 times, ending slst in first ch. Fasten off.



Cherries

A pair of bright red cherries always looks cheerful.

Yarn: Scarlet (9) and Kingfisher (771).

Cherry (make 2)

Using Scarlet, make 5ch, join with slst into a ring.

1st round: 1ch, 10dc in ring, miss 1ch, slst in first dc – 10dc.

2nd round: 1ch, [1dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc] 5 times, miss 1ch, slst in first dc – 15 sts.

3rd round: 1ch, [1dc in next st] 15 times, miss 1ch, slst in first dc.

4th and 5th rounds: As 3rd round.

6th round: 1ch, [1dc in next dc, dc2tog in next 2dc] 5 times, miss 1ch, slst in first dc – 10 sts.

7th round: 1ch, [dc2tog] 5 times, miss 1ch, slst in first dc2tog – 5 sts. Fasten off, leaving a long end.

Stems: Using Kingfisher, make 9ch, slst in 2nd ch from hook then in each of next 3ch, make 10ch, slst in 2nd ch from hook then in each of next 8ch, make 8ch, slst in 2nd ch from hook then in each of next 6ch, slst in each of remaining 4ch of first 9ch. Fasten off.

To make up: Lightly fill cherry with spare yarn. Use yarn end to gather last 5 stitches then take yarn through the centre to secure one stem in the chain ring at the top of the cherry. Complete the second cherry to match.



Butterfly

A scattering of butterflies has more impact than a single one.

Yarn: Turquoise (18) or Copper (109) and Irish Navy (52).

Wings: Using Turquoise or Copper, make 8ch, join with a slst into a ring.

1st row (wrong side): 3ch (counts as 1tr), 5tr in ring, turn – 6 sts.

2nd row: 3ch, 1tr in tr below (1 increase made), 2tr in next tr, 2ch, slst in next tr, 3ch, work 1tr and 1dtr in next tr, 2dtr in next tr, 4ch, slst in 3rd of 3ch. Fasten off.

Turn work to wrong side and join yarn in remaining ch ring.

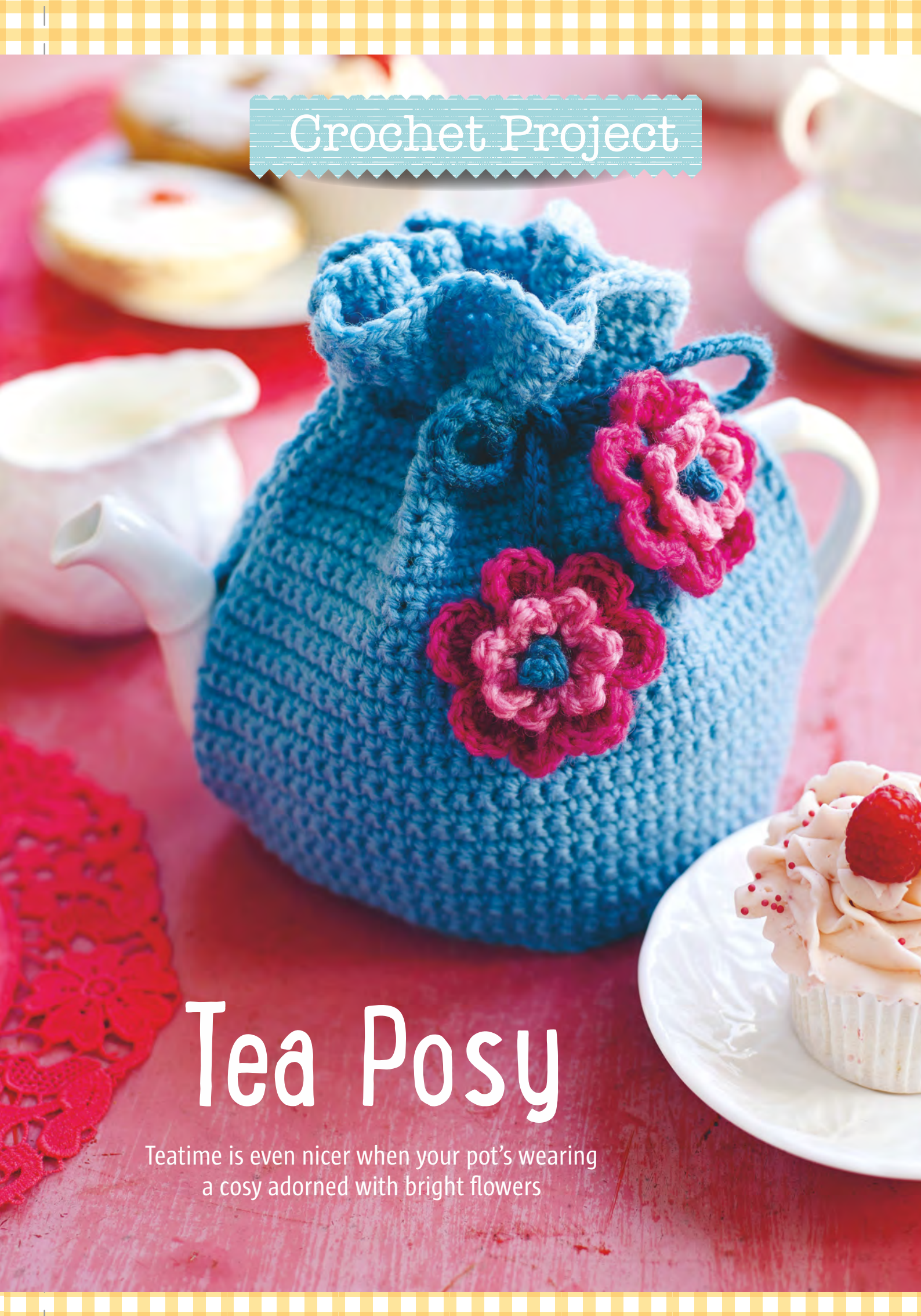
1st row: 3ch, 5tr in ring, turn – 6 sts.

2nd row: 4ch, 2dtr in next tr, work 1dtr and 1tr in next tr, 2ch, slst in next tr, 3ch, 2tr in next tr, 1tr in 3rd of 3ch, 3ch, slst in same 3rd ch as last tr. Fasten off.

Body: Using Irish Navy and leaving a long end, make 8ch, slst in 2nd ch from hook, slst in each ch to end. Fasten off, leaving a long end.

Knot the body near to long ends to make the head, knot each end and trim. Sew body to wings, closing up space between wings.





Crochet Project

Tea Posy

Teatime is even nicer when your pot's wearing a cosy adorned with bright flowers

There is no shaping at all in the tea cosy, it is simply gathered at the top. The flowers take a little more practice, but are fun to make



Measurement

To fit a teapot 45cm circumference, excluding spout and handle.

Materials

2 x 50g (112m) balls of King Cole Merino Blend DK (100% wool) in Turquoise (18); 1 ball in each of Dusky Pink (94), Fuchsia (787) and Kingfisher (771). Size 4.00 crochet hook.

You can buy this yarn at shop.
womansweekly.com or call
0800 024 1212*.

Tension

17 stitches to 10cm, over double crochet, using 4.00 hook.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **ch sp**, chain space; **dc**, double crochet; **slst**, slip stitch; **st**, stitch; **tr**, treble.

Note

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

Side panel

(make 2)

With 4.00 hook and Turquoise, make 39ch.

Foundation row: 1dc in 3rd ch from hook (counts as 2dc), 1dc in each ch to end – 38dc.

1st row: 1ch (counts as 1dc), 1dc in each dc to last st, 1dc in 2nd of 2ch.

2nd row: 1ch, 1dc in each dc to last st, 1dc in 1ch.

Repeat 2nd row, 27 times more, or to required depth.

1st eyelet row: 1ch, 1dc in each of next 2dc, [2ch, miss 2dc, 1dc in each of next 4dc] 5 times, 2ch, miss 2dc, 1dc in each of last 2dc, 1dc in 1ch.

2nd eyelet row: 1ch, 1dc in each of next 2dc, [2dc in 2-chsp, 1dc in each of next 4dc] 5 times, 2dc in next 2-chsp, 1dc in each of last 2dc, 1dc in 1ch.

Work 7 rows straight. Fasten off.

Flower

(make 2)

With 4.00 hook and Dusky Pink, make 4ch, join with slst into a ring.

1st round: 1ch, 7dc in ring, miss 1ch and

slst in first dc – 7dc.

2nd round: Working in the front strand of each dc, [1slst, 2ch, 1tr, 2ch and 1slst all in next dc] 7 times, slst in slst of first round – 7 small petals. Fasten off.

Turn work to the wrong side.

3rd round: Working in the remaining strand of each dc, join Fuchsia in any dc and work [4ch, 1dc in next dc] 6 times, 4ch, 1dc in first strand – 7 loops.

Turn work to the right side and fold small petals to the front.

4th round: Work 1slst, 2ch, 4tr, 2ch, 1slst in each loop, then slst in first ch – 7 large petals. Fasten off.

Cord

With 4.00 hook and Kingfisher, make 60cm chain, slst in 2nd ch from hook, then in each ch to end. Fasten off.

To make up

Join side panels, leaving openings in the seams for the spout and handle. Thread the cord through the eyelets to emerge at centre front. Thread each end of the cord through the centre of a flower and knot firmly at the end.

Glossary

Tension

Practically every knitting instruction will state a tension, with a few exceptions, like toys or small accessories.

Tension is the number of stitches and rows that an average knitter will achieve to stated measurements, using specific yarn, pattern and needles. It is used to translate measurements into the number of stitches and rows to be worked.

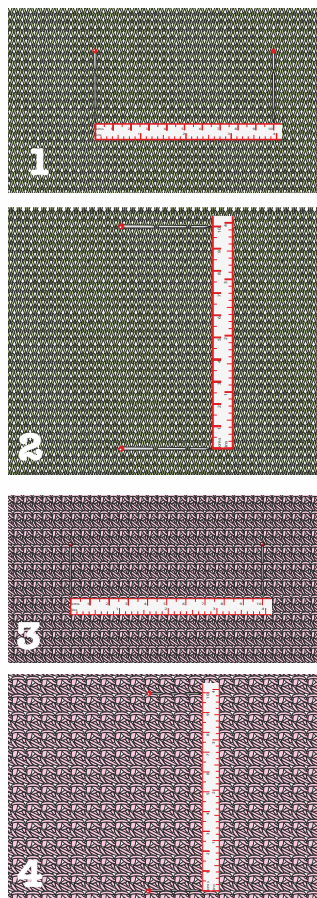
Before commencing a specific project, check your tension by working a swatch about 13cm square in pattern, yarn and needles or crochet hooks as stated. Stretch swatch in each direction and allow to rest. Mark 10cm horizontally in the middle of the test piece (diag. 1 and 3) and count stitches between markers. Mark 10cm vertically in the middle of test piece (diag. 2 and 4) and count the rows between markers. If the number of stitches and rows is less than quoted, knit another swatch, using smaller needles or hooks. If the number of stitches and rows is greater, use larger needles or hooks.

You may need to knit or crochet samples a few times until the stated tension is achieved.

It is more important to obtain the right number of stitches than rows.

Diagrams 1 and 2 show stitching and rows of stocking stitch of standard double knitting tension.

Diagrams 3 and 4 show stitches and rows of double crochet of average double knitting tension.



Knitting needles conversion

Metric	Imperial
2	14
2.25	13
2.5	-
2.75	12
3	11
3.25	10
3.5	-
3.75	9
4	8
4.5	7
5	6
5.5	5
6	4
6.5	3
7	2
7.5	1
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20	-
25	-

Crochet hook conversion

Metric	Imperial
2	14
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2.5	12
3	11
3.25	10
3.5	9
3.75	8
4	7
5	6
5.5	5
6	4
6.5	3
7	2
8	0
9	00
10	000
12	-
15	-
20	-
25	-

Substituting yarns

If you are intending to use yarns other than specified, look for a type of yarn that has the same texture and fibre content: wool for wool, cotton for cotton, with same or similar standard tension and same thickness as original yarn.

The best indicators of the thickness of the yarn are the tension and size of needles or hooks used. A standard crochet tension is not usually available.

Here, we list the standard knitting tension of classic yarns, although these may vary:

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

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

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

Chunky yarn is 14 stitches and 19 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 6½mm needles.

For example: If the pattern states 30 stitches and 38 rows over stocking

stitch, you may be able to use 4 ply yarn for this, but using 3mm needles instead of 3¼mm.

In both knitting and crochet, yarn amounts may differ when using substituted yarn, so check the ball band for weight and length informations. If the length is different, work out your amounts by multiplying the length of original yarn by the amount of balls quoted, divide this figure by the number of metres stated on the substituted yarn and that will give you the number of balls needed in the yarn you intend to use.

Making toys

If the toy is intended for under-3s, ensure all the parts are sewn on securely and embellishments used for features (beads, button, plastic nose) are substituted with embroidery. Toy fabric needs to be dense so that the stuffing doesn't show through. Use washable toy stuffing that conforms to safety standards. Make sure toys aren't over- or under-stuffed: under-stuffing can make the toy too floppy; over-stuffing will stretch the fabric.

Care symbols



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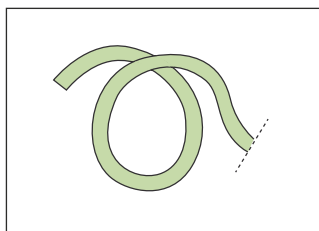
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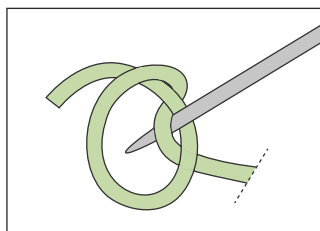
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Knitting Class

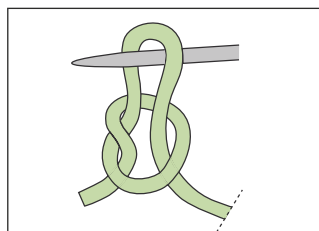
Slip knot



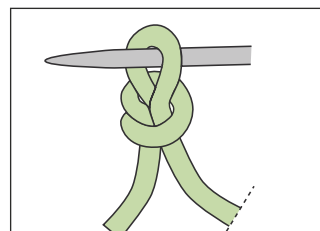
1 Loop the yarn with the ball end on top (the ball end is shown with a broken line).



2 Dip the needle into the loop, catch the ball end and pull it through the loop.



3 Pull both ends to tighten the knot.



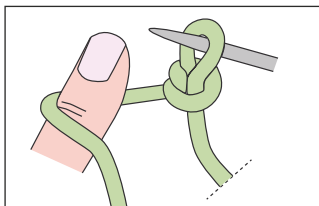
4 Pull the ball end to bring the knot up to the needle.

Holding the yarn and needles

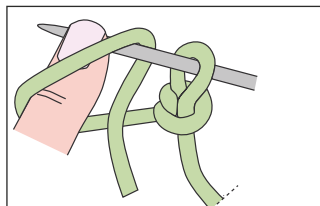
To make even stitches, control the yarn by taking it over the first finger of the right hand, under the second, over the third and under the fourth, or even around the fourth if necessary. Your

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.

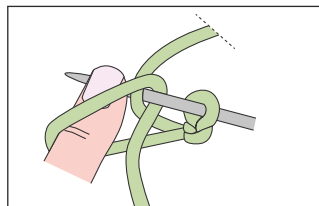
Casting on by thumb method



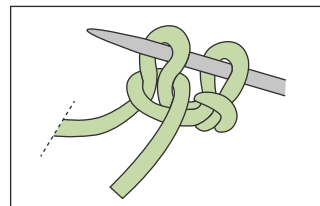
1 Leaving a long end, hold the yarn in the left hand and take the left thumb under the yarn and upwards.



2 Insert the needle in the loop just made on the thumb.

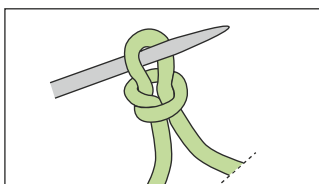


3 Take the ball end of the yarn around the needle and bring it through the loop, slipping the loop off the thumb.

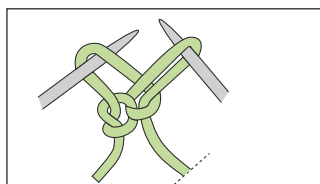


4 Pull the yarn end to close the stitch up to the needle. Continue to cast on stitches as steps 1-4.

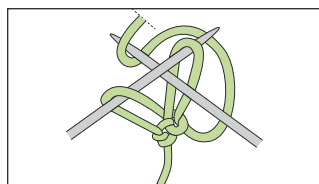
Casting on by cable method



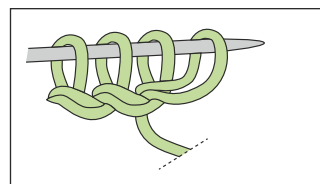
1 Make a slip knot, then hold the needle in your left hand.



2 Knit one without slipping the stitch off.

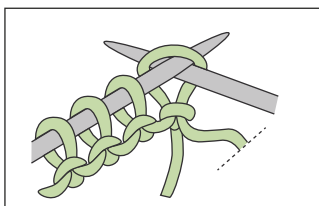


3 Insert the right-hand needles between the last 2 stitches just made, yarn round needle and pull the loop through, thus making new stitch. Slip the new stitch onto left needle.

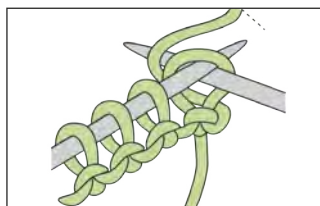


4 Continue making stitches as step 3, until you have the number of stitches you need.

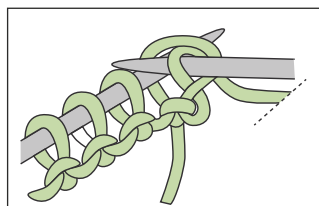
Knit stitch (k)



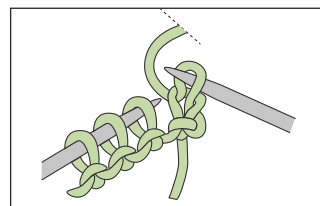
1 Turn the cast-on so that it's in the left hand and insert the right-hand needle from left to right in the front of the first stitch.



2 Take the yarn from behind to bring it under, up and over the right-hand needle.

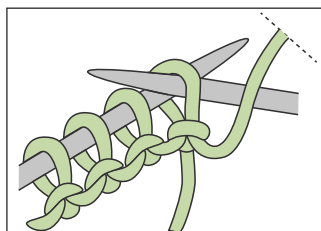


3 Use the tip of the right-hand needle to pull the yarn through.

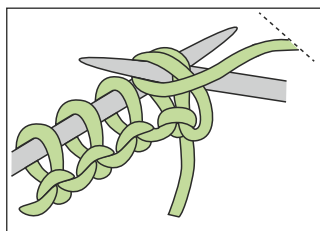


4 Slip the stitch off the left-hand needle to complete the new stitch on the right-hand needle. Continue to make knit stitches as steps 1-4.

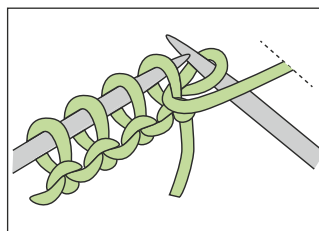
Purl stitch (p)



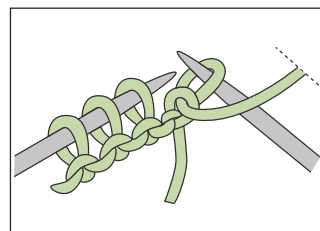
1 With the yarn to the front, insert the right-hand needle from right to left in the front of the first stitch.



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.



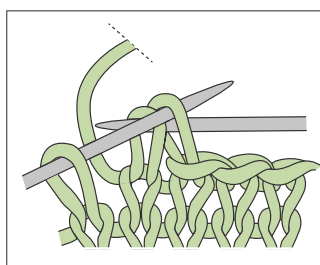
4 Slip the stitch off the left-hand needle to complete the new stitch on the right-hand needle.

Casting off

Knit two stitches, then * use the left-hand needle to lift the first stitch over the second.

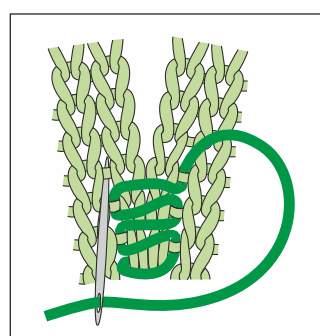
Knit the next stitch, then repeat from * until one stitch is left.

Break the yarn, take it through this stitch and draw up.

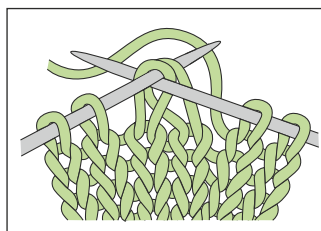


Invisible seaming

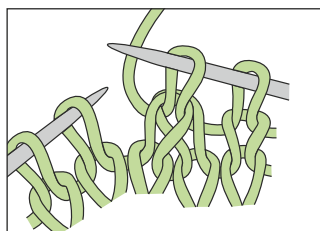
Sometimes called ladder or mattress stitch, this method of sewing up gives the neatest seams. Place the two edges together, right sides upwards and starting at the cast-on edge, take the yarn underneath the strand beside the edge stitch at one side and then the other. After a few stitches pull up the yarn to tension the seam.



Decrease by knitting two stitches together (k2tog)

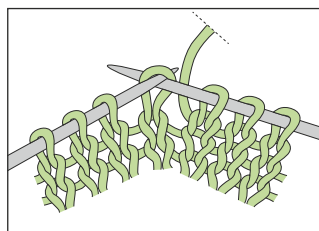


1 Insert the needle in the next two stitches knitwise (that is, through the front of the loops).

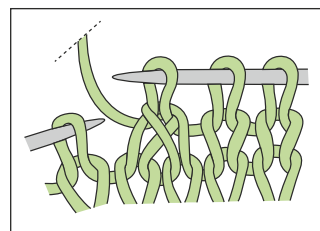


2 Yarn round needle, pull through both stitches and slip these stitches off together. The resulting decrease has the top stitch slanting to the right.

Decrease by slipping one stitch over the next (skpo)

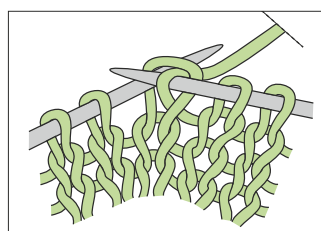


1 Insert the needle in the next stitch knitwise (through the front of the loop) to slip it on to the right-hand needle.

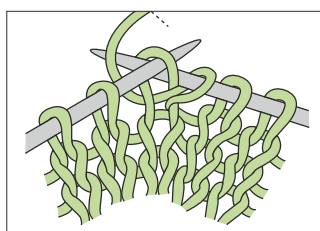


2 Knit the next stitch, then use the left-hand needle to lift the slipped stitch over the knitted one. The resulting decrease has the top stitch slanting to the left.

Increase by knitting in the front and then the back of one stitch (kfb)

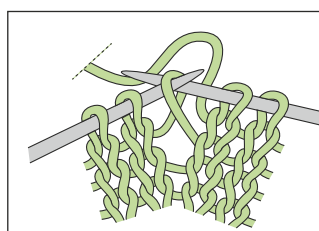


1 Knit the stitch in the usual way, but without slipping it off.

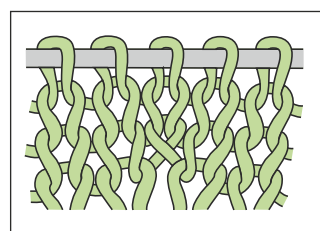


2 Take the right-hand needle to the back and knit the stitch again.

Increase by working into the strand between needles (up1)



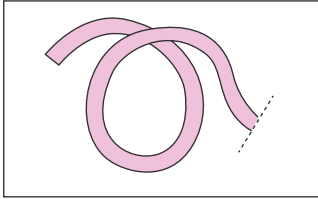
1 Pick up the strand lying between needles and knit in the back of it.



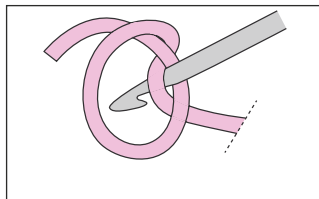
2 This makes a new stitch that fits closely between existing stitches

Crochet Class

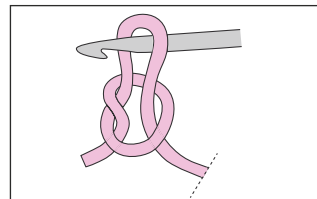
Slip knot



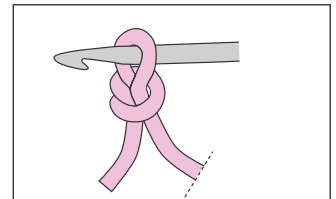
1 Loop the yarn with the ball end on top (the ball end is shown with a broken line).



2 Dip the hook into the loop, catch the ball end and pull it through the loop.



3 Pull both ends to tighten the knot.



4 Pull the ball end to bring the knot up to the hook.

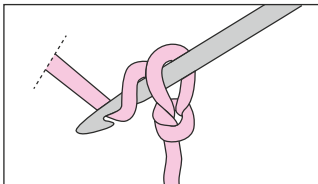
Holding the yarn and hook

Both crochet and yarn are held in the left hand, with the right hand holding the hook preferably like a pencil, but like a knife if you prefer. The work is held between thumb and first finger, with the ball end of

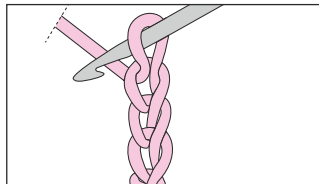
the yarn taken over the first three fingers and under the fourth, or around the fourth if necessary.

Extending the second finger holds the yarn taut for hooking.

Chain (ch)

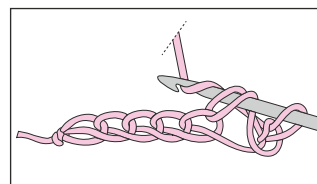


1 Twist the hook under and over the yarn – yarn round hook (yrh). Pull the yarn through the loop on hook and drop it off to make first chain.

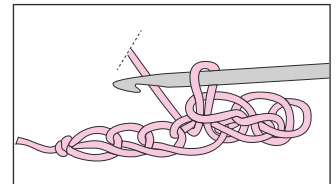


2 Continue to make chain in this way.
Each chain is made up of three strands, with the V shape the 'right side'. When counting chain don't count the loop on the hook.
At the start of a row chain will stand for the first stitch.

Slip stitch (slst)

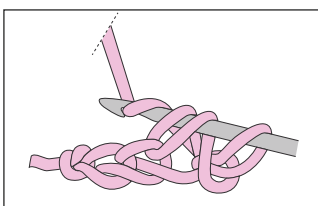


1 Make a length of chain. Insert the hook under two strands of second chain from hook and yarn round hook.

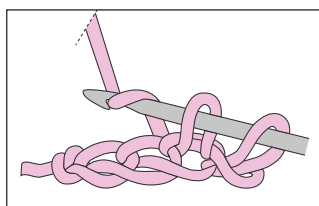


2 Pull the yarn through the chain and loop on the hook. This stitch has virtually no height.

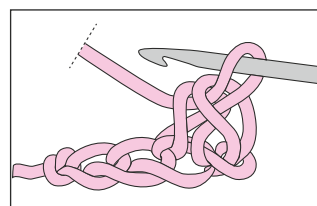
Double crochet (dc)



1 Insert the hook under the top two strands of the second chain from the hook. Yarn round hook.



2 Pull the yarn through to make loops on the hook. Yarn round hook again.

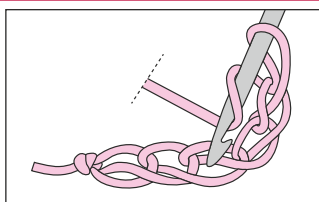


3 Pull the yarn through both loops on the hook to make one double crochet. Insert the hook in the next chain and repeat steps 1-2.

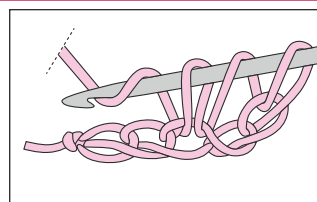
Remember not to take the yarn round hook before inserting the hook. When working into stitches always insert the hook under the top two strands of yarn unless instructed otherwise.

Half treble (htr)

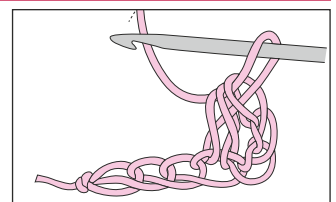
In height the half treble is halfway between a double crochet and a treble and is frequently used as a transitional stitch between the two.



1 Yarn round hook and insert the hook in the third chain from the hook.



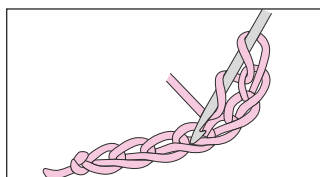
2 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through to make a loop on the hook, then yarn round hook again.



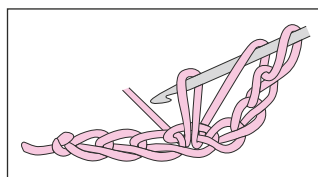
3 Pull the yarn through all three loops on the hook to complete the stitch.

Treble (tr)

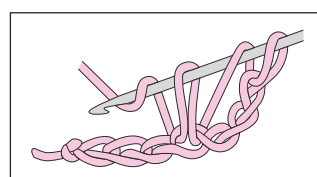
Treble stitch is twice the height of double crochet, because it has an initial yarn round hook, which requires additional steps (wraps) to complete the stitch. The height of stitches is dictated by the number of wraps worked.



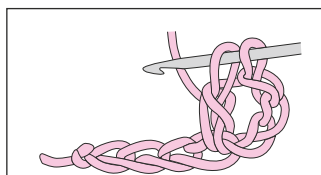
1 Yarn round hook before inserting the hook under two strands of the fourth chain from the hook.



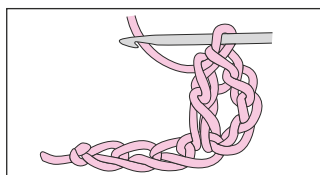
2 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through to make three loops on the hook.



3 Yarn round hook again.



4 Pull the yarn through first two loops on hook, making two loops on the hook.



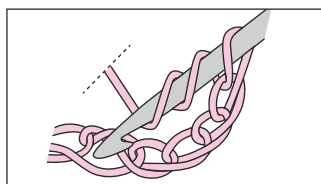
5 Yarn round hook for the last time and pull it through the remaining two loops to complete the stitch.

6 To continue making treble, yarn round hook and insert the hook in the next chain, then repeat steps 2-5. At the beginning of a row three chain usually stand in for the first treble.

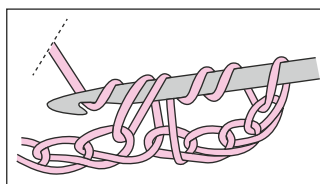
On the next row make sure that the treble following the chain is made in the second

stitch of the previous row, because if it's made in the stitch immediately below you will have made an extra stitch. The last treble of the row will be made in the top chain that started the previous row. Understanding row-end stitches will keep the edges under control.

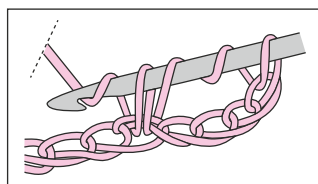
Double treble (dtr)



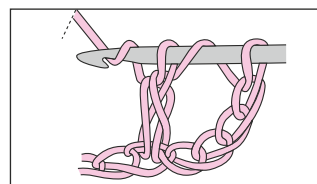
1 Yarn round the hook twice before inserting the hook under the top two strands of the fifth chain from the hook.



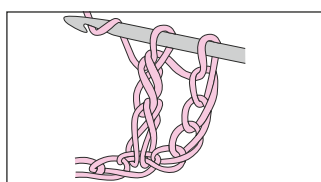
2 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through to make four loops on the hook.



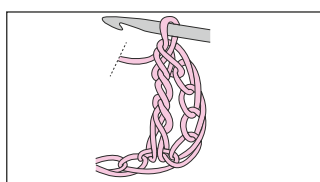
3 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through the first two loops on the hook to make three loops on the hook.



4 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through the next two loops on the hook to make two loops on the hook.



5 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through the remaining two loops on the hook.



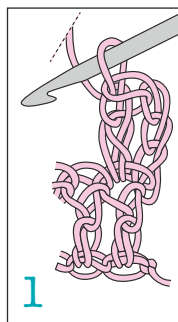
6 The finished double treble. To continue making double treble, yarn round hook twice and insert the hook in the next chain or stitch, then repeat steps 2-5.

Fastening off

Simply break the yarn, take it through the last loop and draw it up.

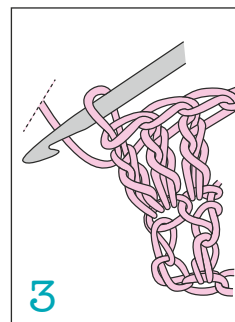
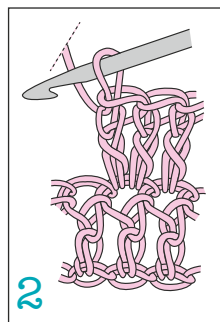
Increases

For clarity these are shown as single increases worked in treble, etc. 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

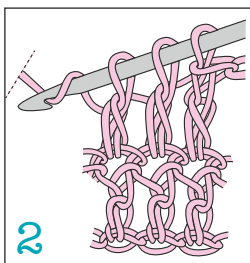
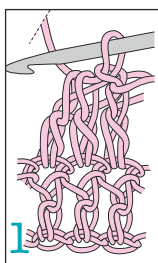


3 At the end of a row, work two stitches in the top chain that formed the first stitch of the previous row. This increases one stitch.

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.

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