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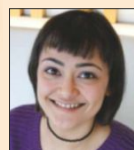
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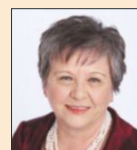
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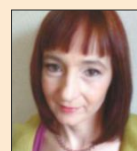
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...to another bumper issue packed with lovely things for you to make.

First up, we have a stunning collection of knits designed by **Sue Batley-Kyle**, whose patterns are usually hidden behind some of the top yarn company names. When you see our opening feature (p6), we think you'll agree it's time that we got to know who's behind her distinctive style.

Next, we invite you to **Take A Look At... 'Florals'** (p20) with a blooming marvellous patterned sweater and embellished tote bag, both in the prettiest of shades. And talking of pretty shades, **'Now Trending'** (p26) highlights **yellow** – this season's must-have colour – with a super-easy, sunshine-bright top that won't take you all summer to knit.

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Kandy Regis, editor

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

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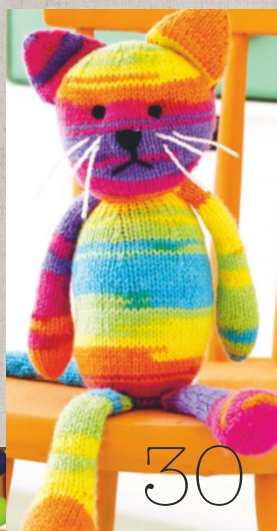
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Chevron Sweater

Measurements

To fit bust sizes 81-86 (91-97)

(102-107) (112-117) cm/32-34
(36-38) (40-42) (44-46) in.

Actual measurements 91 (103) (114)
(124)/cm/35¾ (40½) (45) (48¾) in.

Side seam 39 (39) (41) (43) cm/15½
(15½) (16) (17) in.

Length to shoulder 60 (62) (66)
(69) cm/23½ (24¼) (26) (27) in.

Sleeve seam 28 (28) (29) (30) cm/
11 (11) (11½) (11¾) in.

Materials

9 (10) (11) (13) 50g (90m) balls of
Patons Summer Cotton Aran (44%
cotton, 36% acrylic, 20% polyamide)
in Ivory (02)*. Pair of 5mm (No. 6)
and 6mm (No. 4) knitting needles.

Tension

16.5 stitches and 22 rows, to 10 x
10cm, over stocking stitch, using
6mm 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); **yf**, yarn
forward to make a st; **yrn**, yarn round
needle to make a st; **yon**, yarn over
needle to make a st; **sl2tog**, insert
right needle kwise in 2nd st then in
1st st, slipping both sts off left
needle tog; **p2sso**, pass 2 sl sts over;
ss, stocking st (k on right side and p
on wrong side); **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
2nd bracket.

Back and front (both alike)

With 6mm needles, cast on 81 (91) (101)
(109) sts.

1st row: K6 (11) (8) (12), p2, k2tog, [p2, k2,
p2, yon, k1, yrn, p2, k2, p2, sl2tog, k1, p2sso] 3
(3) (4) (4) times, p2, k2, p2, yon, k1, yrn, p2, k2,
p2, skpo, p2, k6 (11) (8) (12).

2nd row: P6 (11) (8) (12), k2, [p1, k2, p2, k2,
p3, k2, p2, k2] 4 (4) (5) (5) times, p1, k2, p6 (11)
(8) (12).

3rd row: K6 (11) (8) (12), p2, k2tog, [p1, k2,
p2, k1, yf, k1, yf, k1, p2, k2, p1, sl2tog, k1,
p2sso] 3 (3) (4) (4) times, p1, k2, p2, k1, yf, k1,
yf, k1, p2, k2, p1, skpo, p2, k6 (11) (8) (12).

4th row: P6 (11) (8) (12), k2, [p1, k1, p2, k2,
p5, k2, p2, k1] 4 (4) (5) (5) times, p1, k2, p6 (11)
(8) (12).

5th row: K6 (11) (8) (12), p2, k2tog, [k2, p2,
k2, yf, k1, yf, k2, p2, k2, sl2tog, k1, p2sso] 3 (3)
(4) (4) times, k2, p2, k2, yf, k1, yf, k2, p2, k2,
skpo, p2, k6 (11) (8) (12).

6th row: P6 (11) (8) (12), k2, p3, [k2, p7, k2,
p5] 3 (3) (4) (4) times, k2, p7, k2, p3, k2, p6 (11)
(8) (12).

7th row: K6 (11) (8) (12), p2, k2tog, [k1, p2,
k2, p1, yon, k1, yrn, p1, k2, p2, k1, sl2tog, k1,
p2sso] 3 (3) (4) (4) times, k1, p2, k2, p1, yon,
k1, yrn, p1, k2, p2, k1, skpo, p2, k6 (11) (8) (12).

8th row: P6 (11) (8) (12), k2, p2, [k2, p2, k1,
p3, k1, p2, k2, p3] 3 (3) (4) (4) times, k2, p2, k1,
p3, k1, [p2, k2] twice, p6 (11) (8) (12).
These 8 rows form pattern.

Continue in pattern until work measures 39
(39) (41) (43) cm from beginning, ending
with a wrong side row.

Mark each end of last row for side seams.

Shape armholes: Keeping pattern correct,
dec 1 st at each end of next 4 (4) (5) (5) rows
– 73 (83) (91) (99) sts.

Continue straight until armholes measure 17
(19) (20) (21) cm, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape neck: **Next row:** Pattern 17 (21)
(26) (29), turn and work on these sts for first
side neck.

First side neck: Pattern 1 row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 3 rows and
1 (1) (2) (2) following alternate row(s) – 13
(17) (21) (24) sts.

Continue straight until armhole measures
21 (23) (25) (26) cm, ending at armhole edge.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 6 (8) (10) (12) sts
at beginning of next row – 7 (9) (11) (12) sts.
Pattern 1 row. Cast off.

Second side neck: With right side facing,
sl next 39 (41) (39) (41) sts onto a st holder,
rejoin yarn to remaining sts and pattern to
end – 17 (21) (26) (29) sts.

Work as given for first side neck.

Sleeves (both alike)

With 6mm needles, cast on 43 (43) (45) (47) sts.

1st row: K3 (3) (4) (5), p2, k2tog, p2, k2, p2,
yon, k1, yrn, p2, k2, p2, sl2tog, k1, p2sso, p2,
k2, p2, yon, k1, yrn, p2, k2, p2, skpo, p2, k3 (3)
(4) (5).

2nd row: P3 (3) (4) (5), k2, [p1, k2, p2, k2, p3,
k2, p2, k2] twice, p1, k2, p3 (3) (4) (5).

3rd row: Inc in first st, k2 (2) (3) (4), p2,
k2tog, p1, k2, p2, k1, yf, k1, yf, k1, p2, k2, p1,
sl2tog, k1, p2sso, p1, k2, p2, k1, yf, k1, yf, k1,
p2, k2, p1, skpo, p2, k1 (1) (2) (3), inc in next
st, k1 – 45 (45) (47) (49) sts.

4th row: P4 (4) (5) (6), k2, [p1, k1, p2, k2, p5,
k2, p2, k1] twice, p1, k2, p4 (4) (5) (6).

These 4 rows set position of pattern.

Maintaining continuity of pattern to match
back, work as follows: Pattern 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at each end of next row and 7 (11)
(13) (14) following 4th rows – 61 (69) (75)
(79) sts.

Continue straight until sleeve measures 28
(28) (29) (30) cm from beginning, ending
with a wrong side row.

Mark each end of last row for sleeve seam.

Shape top: Dec 1 st at each end of next
4 (4) (5) (5) rows.

Pattern nil (nil) (1) (1) row.

Cast off 3 (3) (4) (4) sts at beginning of next
2 (2) (12) (8) rows and 4 (4) (5) (5) sts at
beginning of following 10 (12) (2) (6) rows –
7 sts. Cast off.

Neckband

Join right shoulder seam. With right side
facing and using 6mm needles, pick up and
k12 (12) (14) (14) sts down left front neck, k39
(41) (39) (41) sts from centre front, pick up
and k12 (12) (14) (14) sts up right front neck,
12 (12) (14) (14) sts down right back neck, k39
(41) (39) (41) sts from centre back, pick up
and k12 (12) (14) (14) sts up left back neck
– 126 (130) (134) (138) sts. K 2 rows.
Change to 5mm needles.

K 2 rows. Cast off kwise.

To make up

Join left shoulder seam and row-ends of
neckband. Sew sleeve tops to row-ends
above markers on back and front. Join side
and sleeve seams.

Pin out garment to measurements given.

Cover with clean damp cloths and leave to dry.



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Slipover

Measurements

To fit bust sizes 81-86 (91-97)

(102-107) (112-117) cm/32-34
(36-38) (40-42) (44-46) in.

Actual measurements 100 (111)
(122) (131) cm/39¼ (43¾) (48) (51½) in.

Side seam 35.5 (35.5) (38) (40)
cm/14 (14) (15) (15¾) in.

Length to shoulder 56.5 (58.5) (63)
(66) cm/22¼ (23) (24¾) (26) in.

Materials

6 (7) (8) (9) 50g (100m) balls of Rico Design Essentials Linen Blend Aran (45% viscose, 40% cotton, 15% linen) in Linen (02)*. Pair of 4mm (No. 8) and 5mm (No. 6) knitting needles; a cable needle.

Tension

18 stitches and 24 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch and 30-stitch pattern panel to measure 16cm across, using 5mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **sl**, slip; **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **ssk**, [sl next st wise] twice, place the 2 sl sts back onto left needle and k them tog; **c8b**, cable 8 back (sl next 4 sts onto cable needle and leave at back, k4, then k4 from cable needle); **c8f**, cable 8 front (sl next 4 sts onto cable needle and leave at front, k4, then k4 from cable needle); **yf**, yarn forward to make a st; **gst**, garter st (every row k); **skpo**, sl1, k1, pass sl st over; **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 2nd bracket.

Back

With 4mm needles, cast on 100 (110) (122) (130) sts.

K 13 rows.

Dec row: K8 (9) (10) (9), k2tog, [k7 (8) (7) (8), k2tog] 9 (9) (11) (11) times, k9 (9) (11) (9) – 90 (100) (110) (118) sts.

Change to 5mm needles.

1st row: K to end.

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

Repeat last 2 rows, 4 times more.

Beginning with a k row, work in ss until back measures 56.5 (58.5) (63) (66) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape shoulders: Cast off 6 (7) (9) (9) sts at beginning of next 2 rows and 7 (8) (9) (10) sts at beginning of following 4 rows then 6 (7) (8) (9) sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 38 (40) (40) (42) sts.

Leave sts on a st holder.

Front

With 4mm needles, cast on 100 (110) (122) (130) sts.

K 13 rows.

Next row: K3 (8) (7) (4), [k2tog, k5 (5) (5) (6)] 6 (6) (7) (7) times, [inc in next st, k1] twice, [inc in next st] twice, [k1, inc in next st] twice, [k5 (5) (5) (6), k2tog] 6 (6) (7) (7) times, k3 (8) (7) (4) – 94 (104) (114) (122) sts.

Change to 5mm needles.

1st row: K32 (37) (42) (46), k2tog, yf, k1, yf, ssk, k1, p1, k16, p1, k1, k2tog, yf, k1, yf, ssk, k32 (37) (42) (46).

2nd row and every following

alternate row: K4, p34 (39) (44) (48), k1, p16, k1, p34 (39) (44) (48), k4.

3rd row: K31 (36) (41) (45), k2tog, yf, k3, yf, ssk, p1, k16, p1, k2tog, yf, k3, yf, ssk, k31 (36) (41) (45).

5th row: K32 (37) (42) (46), k2tog, yf, k1, yf, ssk, k1, p1, c8b, c8f, p1, k1, k2tog, yf, k1, yf, ssk, k32 (37) (42) (46).

7th row: As 3rd row.

8th row: K4, p34 (39) (44) (48), k1, p16, k1, p34 (39) (44) (48), k4.

These 8 rows form pattern with gst vents.

Work first 2 rows again to complete gst vents. Working 4 gst vent sts in ss, continue in pattern until work measures 39 (41) (44) (46) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape neck: Next row: K29 (34) (39) (43), k2tog, pattern 16, turn, cast on 1 st and work on these 47 (52) (57) (61) sts for left side neck.

Left side neck: Next row: P1, pattern 16, p to end.

Dec row: K to last 19 sts, k2tog, pattern 16, k1.

Repeat last 2 rows, 19 (19) (20) (21) times more – 27 (32) (36) (39) sts.

Pattern 1 (1) (3) (3) row(s).

Shape shoulder: Cast off 6 (7) (9) (9) sts at beginning of next row and dec 1 st at neck edge on 2nd size only as before.

Pattern 1 row.

Cast off 7 (8) (9) (10) sts at beginning of next row and following alternate row – 7 (8) (9) (10) sts. Pattern 1 row. Cast off.

Right side neck: With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining sts, cast on 1 st, pattern 16, skpo, k to end – 47 (52) (57) (61) sts.

Next row: P to last 17 sts, pattern 16, p1.

Dec row: K1, pattern 16, skpo, k to end. Repeat last 2 rows, 19 (20) (20) (21) times more – 27 (31) (36) (39) sts.

Pattern 2 (nil) (4) (4) rows.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 6 (7) (9) (9) sts at beginning of next row.

Pattern 1 row.

Cast off 7 (8) (9) (10) sts at beginning of next row and following alternate row – 7 (8) (9) (10) sts. Pattern 1 row. Cast off.

Neck edging

Join right shoulder seam. With right side facing and using 4mm needles, pick up and k47 (47) (49) (51) sts down left front neck, 47 (47) (49) (51) sts up right front neck, then work across back neck thus: k11 (12) (12) (13), k2tog, k12, k2tog, k11 (12) (12) (13) – 130 (132) (136) (142) sts.

1st row: K81 (83) (85) (89), k2tog, skpo, k to end.

2nd row: K44 (44) (46) (48), k2tog, skpo, k to end.

Cast off, dec at each side of centre front as before.

Armhole edgings

(both alike)

Join left shoulder seam and ends of neck edging. Mark depth of armholes 21 (23) (25) (26) cm down from each shoulder on back and front. With right side facing and using 4mm needles, pick up and k84 (92) (100) (104) sts evenly between markers. K 4 rows. Cast off.

To make up

Join side seams and row-ends of armhole edging, omitting side vents.

Pin out garment to measurements given.

Cover with clean damp cloths and leave to dry.



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Cable Sweater

Measurements

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

Actual measurements 100 (112) (124) (136) cm/39¼ (44) (48¾) (53½) in.

Side seam 38 (38) (40) (42) cm/15 (15) (15¾) (16½) in.

Length to shoulder 59 (61) (65) (68) cm/23¼ (24) (25½) (26¾) in.

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

Materials

13 (15) (17) (19) 50g (72m) balls of Rico Design Fashion Jersey (64% cotton, 36% polyamide) in White (001)*. Pair of 6mm (No. 4) and 7mm (No. 2) knitting needles; a cable needle.

Tension

16 stitches and 23 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 7mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **ss**, stocking stitch (k on right side and p on wrong side); **c8f**, cable 8 front (slip next 4 sts onto cable needle and leave at front, k4, then k4 from cable needle); **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and p into back of it.

Note

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Back and front

(both alike)

With 6mm needles, cast on 67 (75) (83) (91) sts.

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

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

Repeat last 2 rows, 5 times more and dec 1 st at centre of last row – 66 (74) (82) (90) sts.

Change to 7mm needles.

Foundation row: P1, up1, [k8, up1] 8 (9) (10) (11) times, p1 – 75 (84) (93) (102) sts.

Work pattern as follows:

1st row (wrong side): K2, [p8, k1] 7 (8) (9) (10) times, p8, k2.

2nd row: P2, [k8, p1] 7 (8) (9) (10) times, k8, p2.

3rd to 5th rows: Repeat 1st and 2nd rows, once, then work 1st row again.

6th row: P2, [c8f, p1] 7 (8) (9) (10) times, c8f, p2.

7th to 14th rows: Work 1st and 2nd rows, 4 times.

These 14 rows form pattern.

Continue in pattern until work measures 53 (55) (59) (62) cm from beginning, ending with a right side row.

Next row: K1, drop next st and unravel back down to foundation row, cast on 1 st, [p8, drop next st and unravel back down to foundation row, cast on 1 st] 8 (9) (10) (11) times, k1 – 75 (84) (93) (102) sts.

Next row: [K1, p1] to last 1 (2) (1) (2) st (s), k1, (k2tog) (k1) (k2tog) – 75 (83) (93) (101) sts.

Beginning with a 2nd rib row, continue in rib until work measures 57 (59) (63) (66) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape neck: Next row: Rib 26 (30) (34) (38), turn and work on these sts for first side neck.

First side neck: Rib 1 row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 2 rows – 24 (28) (32) (36) sts.

Shape shoulder: Next row: Cast off 4 (5) (6) (7) sts, rib to last 2 sts, dec.

Next row: Dec, rib to end.

Next row: Cast off 5 (6) (7) (8) sts, rib to last 2 sts, dec.

Repeat last 2 rows, once more – 5 (6) (7) (8) sts. Rib 1 row. Cast off.

Second side neck: With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining sts, cast off centre 23 (23) (25) (25) sts in rib, rib to end – 26 (30) (34) (38) sts.

Rib 1 row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 3 rows – 23

(27) (31) (35) sts.

Shape shoulder: Next row: Cast off 4 (5) (6) (7) sts, rib to last 2 sts, dec.

Next row: Dec, rib to end.

Next row: Cast off 5 (6) (7) (8) sts, rib to last 2 sts, dec.

Next row: Dec, rib to end.

Cast off 5 (6) (7) (8) sts at beginning of next row – 5 (6) (7) (8) sts. Rib 1 row. Cast off.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 6mm needles, cast on 29 (31) (31) (33) sts.

Work 8 rows in rib as given on back and front, dec 1 st at centre of last row – 28 (30) (30) (32) sts.

Change to 7mm needles.

Foundation row: K10 (11) (11) (12), up1, k8, up1, k10 (11) (11) (12) – 30 (32) (32) (34) sts.

Work pattern as follows:

1st row (wrong side): P10 (11) (11) (12), k1, p8, k1, p10 (11) (11) (12).

2nd row: K10 (11) (11) (12), p1, k8, p1, k10 (11) (11) (12).

3rd row: As 1st row.

4th row: Inc, k9 (10) (10) (11), p1, k8, p1, k8 (9) (9) (10), inc, k1 – 32 (34) (34) (36) sts.

5th row: P11 (12) (12) (13), k1, p8, k1, p11 (12) (12) (13).

6th row: K11 (12) (12) (13), p1, c8f, p1, k11 (12) (12) (13).

7th row: As 5th row.

The last 7 rows set position of the centre cable panel.

Keeping continuity of cable to match back and front, and taking extra sts into ss, inc 1 st at each end of next row and 10 (12) (14) (15) following 4th rows – 54 (60) (64) (68) sts.

Continue straight until sleeve measures 46 (46) (47) (48) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape top: Cast off 4 sts at beginning of next 8 rows and 5 (4) (5) (4) sts at beginning of following 2 (4) (4) (6) rows – 12 sts.

Cast off, dropping st on either side of cable and unravel back down to foundation row.

To make up

Join shoulder seams. Mark depth of armholes approximately 21 (23) (25) (26) cm down from each shoulder on back and front. Sew sleeve tops to row-ends between markers. Join side and sleeve seams.

Pin out garment to measurements given. Cover with clean damp cloths and leave to dry.



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Poncho

Measurements

To fit bust sizes 81-91 (97-107) (112-122) cm/32-36 (38-42) (44-48) in.

Width, from side to side 102 (107) (112) cm/40 (42) (44) in.

Length to shoulder 68 (71) (74) cm/26¾ (28) (29) in.

Materials

7 (7) (8) 100g (230m) balls of King Cole Bamboo Cotton DK (50% cotton, 50% bamboo) in Oyster (543)*. Yarn available from theknittingnetwork.co.uk. Pair of 4mm (No. 8) and 5mm (No. 6) knitting needles; a cable needle.

Tension

19 stitches and 26 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 5mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **sl**, slip; **yf**, yarn forward to make a st; **psso**, pass sl st over; **skpo**, (sl1, k1, psso); **c4b**, cable 4 back (sl next 2 sts onto cable needle and leave at back, k2, then k2 from cable needle); **c4f**, cable 4 front (sl next 2 sts onto cable needle and leave at front, k2, then k2 from cable needle).

Note

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Back and front

(both alike)

With 4mm needles, cast on 129 (135) (141) sts. K 2 rows.

Eyelet row: [K2tog, yf] to last st, k1. K 3 rows.

Change to 5mm needles.

1st row: For hem edging p6, for cable panel p2, k8, p2, [for lace panel k9 (10) (11), yf, skpo, k2, yf, skpo, k9 (10) (11), for cable panel p2, k8, p2] 3 times, k3.

2nd row: P3, for cable panel k2, p8, k2, [for lace panel p24 (26) (28), for cable panel k2, p8, k2] 3 times, for hem edging k6.

3rd row: K6, p2, k8, p2, [k7 (8) (9), k2tog, yf, k1, yf, skpo, k2, yf, skpo, k8 (9) (10), p2, k8, p2] 3 times, k3.

4th row: P3, k2, p8, k2, [p24 (26) (28), k2, p8, k2] 3 times, p6.

5th row: P6, p2, c4b, c4f, p2, [k6 (7) (8), k2tog, yf, k3, yf, skpo, k2, yf, skpo, k7 (8) (9), p2, c4b, c4f, p2] 3 times, k3.

6th row: P3, k2, p8, k2, [p24 (26) (28), k2, p8, k2] 3 times, k6.

These 6 rows form 12-st cable panels at sides and between lace panels.

7th row: K6, cable panel 12, [k5 (6) (7), k2tog, yf, k2, k2tog, yf, k1, yf, skpo, k2, yf, skpo, k6 (7) (8), cable panel 12] 3 times, k3.

8th row: P3, cable panel 12, [p24 (26) (28), cable panel 12] 3 times, p6.

9th row: P6, cable panel 12, [k4 (5) (6), k2tog, yf, k2, k2tog, yf, k3, yf, skpo, k2, yf, skpo, k5 (6) (7), cable panel 12] 3 times, k3.

10th row: P3, cable panel 12, [p24 (26) (28), cable panel 12] 3 times, k6.

11th row: K6, cable panel 12, [k6 (7) (8), yf, skpo, k2, yf, skpo, yf, k2tog, yf, k2, k2tog, yf, k2tog, k4 (5) (6), cable panel 12] 3 times, k3.

12th row: P3, cable panel 12, [p24 (26) (28), cable panel 12] 3 times, p6.

13th row: P6, cable panel 12, [k7 (8) (9), yf, skpo, k2, yf, sl1, k2tog, psso, yf, k2, k2tog, yf, k6 (7) (8), cable panel 12] 3 times, k3.

14th row: P3, cable panel 12, [p24 (26) (28), cable panel 12] 3 times, k6.

15th row: K6, cable panel 12, [k8 (9) (10), yf, skpo, k2, yf, skpo, k1, k2tog, yf, k7 (8) (9), cable panel 12] 3 times, k3.

16th row: P3, cable panel 12, [p24 (26) (28), cable panel 12] 3 times, p6.

These 16 rows form pattern for lace panels.

Keeping panels correct, continue in pattern until work measures 100 (105) (110) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Change to 4mm needles.

K 4 rows.

Eyelet row: [K2tog, yf] to last st, k1.

K 2 rows. Cast off kwise.

Neck edging

Place markers at each side of centre 27 (28) (29) cm along stocking stitches row-ends edge on back and front for neck opening. Join left shoulder seam from outer to marker. With right side facing and using 4mm needles, pick up and k62 (64) (66) sts evenly from marker to shoulder seam on back and 62 (64) (66) sts evenly from shoulder seam to marker on front – 124 (128) (132) sts.

K 2 rows. Cast off kwise.

To complete

Join right shoulder seam and row-ends of neck edging.

Pin out garment to measurements given.

Cover with clean damp cloths and leave to dry.



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Jacket

Measurements

To fit bust sizes 81-86 (91-97)

(102-107) (112-117) cm/32-34

(36-38) (40-42) (44-46) in.

Actual measurements 91 (100)

(111) (122.5) cm/35¼ (39¼) (43½)

(48¼) in.

Side seam 32 (32) (34) (36) cm/12½

(12½) (13¼) (14) in.

Length to shoulder 53 (55) (59)

(62) cm/20¾ (21½) (23¼) (24¼) in.

Sleeve seam 46 (46) (47) (48) cm/

18 (18) (18½) (19) in.

Materials

11 (13) (15) (17) 50g (85m) balls of Rico Design Creative Cotton Aran (100% cotton) in White (80)*. Pair of 3¼mm (No. 9) and 4½mm (No. 7) knitting needles; a cable needle; 6 buttons.

Tension

28 stitches and 25 rows, to 13 x 10cm, over pattern and 19 stitches and 25 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 4½mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **sl**, slip; **tog**, together; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **mst**, moss st; **skpo**, (sl1, k1, pass sl st over); **yf**, yarn forward to make a st; **yon**, yarn over needle to make a st; **yrn**, yarn round needle to make a st; **c4f**, cable 4 front (sl next 2 sts onto cable needle and leave at front, k2, then k2 from cable needle); **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and work into back of it; **nil**, meaning nothing is worked here for this size.

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Back

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 91 (101) (111) (121) sts.

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

Repeat mst row, 9 times more.

Dec row: K7, k2tog, [k13 (15) (17) (19), k2tog] 5 times, k7 – 85 (95) (105) (115) sts. K 1 row.

Eyelet row: [K2tog, yf] to last st, k1.

Increase row: K6 (11) (10) (9), up1, [k6, up1] 12 (12) (14) (16) times, k7 (12) (11) (10) – 98 (108) (120) (132) sts.

Change to 4½mm needles.

K 1 row and p 1 row.

Work pattern thus:

1st row: P6 (3) (3) (1), [k2tog, yrn, p4] 1 (nil) (1) (nil) time, [k4, p4, k2tog, yrn, p4] to last 16 (7) (13) (5) sts, k4, [p4, k2tog, yrn] 1 (nil) (1) (nil) time, p6 (3) (3) (1).

2nd and every following alternate row: K6 (3) (3) (1), [p2, k4] 1 (nil) (1) (nil) time, p4, [k4, p2, k4, p4] to last 12 (3) (9) (1) st(s), [k4, p2] 1 (nil) (1) (nil) time, k6 (3) (3) (1).

3rd row: P6 (3) (3) (1), [yon, skpo, p4] 1 (nil) (1) (nil) time, [c4f, p4, yon, skpo, p4] to last 16 (7) (13) (5) sts, c4f, [p4, yon, skpo] 1 (nil) (1) (nil) time, p6 (3) (3) (1).

5th row: As 1st row.

7th row: P6 (3) (3) (1), [yon, skpo, p4] 1 (nil) (1) (nil) time, [k4, p4, yon, skpo, p4] to last 16 (7) (13) (5) sts, k4, [p4, yon, skpo] 1 (nil) (1) (nil) time, p6 (3) (3) (1).

8th row: As 2nd row.

These 8 rows form pattern.

Continue in pattern until back measures 32 (32) (34) (36) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Mark each end of last row for side seams.

Shape armholes: Keeping pattern correct, dec 1 st at each end of next 4 (4) (5) (5) rows – 90 (100) (110) (122) sts.

Continue straight until armholes measure 21 (23) (25) (26) cm, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape shoulders: Cast off 9 (10) (12) (13) sts at beginning of next 4 rows and 9 (11) (12) (13) sts at beginning of following 2 rows – 36 (38) (38) (44) sts. Cast off.

Left front

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 43 (47) (53) (59) sts.

Mst 10 rows as given on back.

Dec row: K to end, dec 4 (2) (4) (4) sts evenly across – 39 (45) (49) (55) sts.

K 1 row.

Eyelet row: [K2tog, yf] to last st, k1.

Increase row: K4 (6) (6) (9), up1, [k6 (8) (6) (6), up1] 5 (4) (6) (6) times, k5 (7) (7) (10) – 45 (50) (56) (62) sts.

Change to 4½mm needles.

K 1 row and p 1 row.

Work pattern thus:

1st row: P6 (3) (3) (1), [k2tog, yrn, p4] 1 (nil) (1) (nil) time, [k4, p4, k2tog, yrn, p4] to last 5 sts, k4, p1.

2nd and every following alternate row: K1, p4, [k4, p2, k4, p4] to last 12 (3) (9) (1) st(s), [k4, p2] 1 (nil) (1) (nil) time, k6 (3) (3) (1).

3rd row: P6 (3) (3) (1), [yon, skpo, p4] 1 (nil) (1) (nil) time, [c4f, p4, yon, skpo, p4] to last 5 sts, c4f, p1.

5th row: As 1st row.

7th row: P6 (3) (3) (1), [yon, skpo, p4] 1 (nil) (1) (nil) time, [k4, p4, yon, skpo, p4] to last 5 sts, k4, p1.

8th row: As 2nd row.

These 8 rows form pattern.

** Continue in pattern until work measures 32 (32) (34) (36) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Mark side edge of last row for side seam.

Shape armhole: Keeping pattern correct, dec 1 st at armhole edge on next 4 (4) (5) (5) rows – 41 (46) (51) (57) sts.

Continue straight until armhole measures 12 (14) (15) (16) cm, ending at front edge.

Shape neck: Cast off 7 (8) (7) (10) sts at beginning of next row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 5 rows and 2 (2) (3) (3) following alternate rows – 27 (31) (36) (39) sts.

Continue straight until armhole measures 21 (23) (25) (26) cm, ending at armhole edge.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 9 (10) (12) (13) sts at beginning of next row and following alternate row – 9 (11) (12) (13) sts. Pattern 1 row. Cast off.

Right front

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 43 (47) (53) (59) sts.

Mst 10 rows as given on back.

Dec row: K to end, dec 4 (2) (4) (4) sts evenly across – 39 (45) (49) (55) sts.

K 1 row.

Eyelet row: [K2tog, yf] to last st, k1.

Increase row: K5 (7) (7) (10), up1, [k6 (8) (6) (6), up1] 5 (4) (6) (6) times, k4 (6) (6) (9) – 45 (50) (56) (62) sts.



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Change to 4½mm needles.

K 1 row and p 1 row.

Work pattern thus:

1st row: P1, [k4, p4, k2tog, yrn, p4] to last 16 (7) (13) (5) sts, k4, [p4, k2tog, yrn] 1 (nil) (1) (nil) time, p6 (3) (3) (1).

2nd and every following alternate row: K6 (3) (3) (1), [p2, k4] 1 (nil) (1) (nil) time, p4, [k4, p2, k4, p4] to last st, k1.

3rd row: P1, [c4f, p4, yon, skpo, p4] to last 16 (7) (13) (5) sts, c4f, [p4, yon, skpo] 1 (nil) (1) (nil) time, p6 (3) (3) (1).

5th row: As 1st row.

7th row: P1, [k4, p4, yon, skpo, p4] to last 16 (7) (13) (5) sts, k4, [p4, yon, skpo] 1 (nil) (1) (nil) time, p6 (3) (3) (1).

8th row: As 2nd row.

These 8 rows form pattern.

Work as left front from ** to end.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 3¾mm needles, cast on 45 (47) (49) (51) sts.

Mst 10 rows as given on back.

Dec row: K to end, dec 4 sts evenly across – 41 (43) (45) (47) sts.

K 1 row.

Eyelet row: [K2tog, yf] to last st, k1.

K 1 row.

Change to 4½mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows.

Continue in ss and inc 1 st at each end of next row and 8 (12) (2) (5) following 6th (6th) (4th) (4th) rows, then on 5 (2) (14) (12) following 8th (8th) (6th) (6th) rows – 69 (73) (79) (83) sts.

Continue straight until sleeve measures 46 (46) (47) (48) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Mark each end of last row for sleeve seam.

Shape top: Dec 1 st at each end of next 4 (4) (5) (5) rows.

Ss nil (nil) (1) (1) row.

Cast off 3 sts at beginning of next 10 (14) (10) (14) rows and 4 sts at beginning of following 4 (2) (6) (4) rows – 15 sts.

Cast off.

Neckband

Join shoulder seams. With right side facing, using 3¾mm needles, pick up and k27 (28) (29) (31) sts up right front neck, 33 (35) (35) (41) sts across back neck and 27 (28) (29) (31) sts down left front neck – 87 (91) (93) (103) sts.

K 1 row.

Eyelet row: [K2tog, yf] to last st, k1.

Next row: K30 (31) (32) (34) sts, k3tog, [k9 (10) (10) (13), k3tog] twice, k30 (31) (32) (34) sts – 81 (85) (87) (97) sts.

Mst 9 rows.

Cast off in mst.



Buttonhole border

With right side facing and using 3¾mm needles, pick up and k91 (95) (101) (105) sts evenly along right front edge, including neckband.

K 1 row.

Eyelet row: [K2tog, yf] to last st, k1.

K 1 row. Mst 4 rows as given on back.

Buttonhole row: Mst 5, work 2tog, yon or yf or yrn, [mst 14 (15) (16) (17), work 2tog, yon or yf or yrn] 5 times, mst 4 (3) (4) (3).

Mst 4 rows. Cast off in mst.

Button border

Work as given for buttonhole border, omitting buttonholes.

To make up

Sew sleeves into armholes. Join side and sleeve seams. Sew on buttons. Pin out garment to measurements given. Cover with clean damp cloths and leave to dry.

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Flower Show

Two fantastic projects that work the floral trend – an easy-wear sweater and a prettily embellished tote bag



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TAKE A LOOK AT...

We're celebrating florals this month. They're a great theme for summer knitting and have been the mainstay of many designer collections over the years – yet somehow they always remain fresh and modern.

We're highlighting two different methods to create a very pretty look that sits well with the current floral trend. First is the knitted-in method, used to decorate an easy-to-wear sweatshirt-style top. Its pattern is worked from a chart and knitted using the Intarsia method for a neat, smooth finish. Then we've a host of bright flowers, all worked separately, to embellish a tote bag for an amazing textured look. Blooming marvellous!



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FLOWER BAG

Measurement

Approximately 32 x 38cm/12½ x 15in.

Materials

4 x 50g (85m) balls of Rowan Handknit Cotton (100% cotton) in Ice Water (239); 1 ball in each of Delphinium (334), Sunshine (354), Sugar (303), Bleached (263) and Forest (370)*. Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) and 3¾mm (No. 9) knitting needles; set of four 3¾mm (No. 9) double pointed knitting needles; pair of handles.

Tension

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

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **sl**, slip; **tog**, together; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease; **psso**, pass sl st over; **skpo**, (sl1 kwise, k1, psso); **yf**, yarn forward to make a st; **s2kpo**, slip 2 sts as if about to work k2tog, k1, pass 2 sl sts over.

Note

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

BAG

Back and front

(both alike)

With 3¾mm needles and Ice Water, cast on 68 sts.

1st row: K. **2nd row:** P.

3rd row: K2, [p4, k2] to end.

4th row: P2, [k4, p2] to end.

5th and 6th rows: As 3rd and 4th rows.

7th and 8th rows: As 1st and 2nd rows.

9th row: P3, k2, [p4, k2] to last 3 sts, p3.

10th row: K3, p2, [k4, p2] to last 3 sts, k3.

11th and 12th rows: As 9th and 10th rows.

These 12 rows form pattern.

Pattern another 102 rows.

Change to 3¼mm needles.

K 4 rows. Cast off.

Join back and front together along row-ends and cast-on edge. Sew on handles.

FLOWERS

Campanula

(make 2)

Flower: With 3¾mm needles and Delphinium, cast on 7 sts and divide sts onto 3 double pointed needles.

Work in rounds.

K 2 rounds.

Inc round: [Inc in next st kwise] to last st, k1.

K 4 rounds.

Work inc round again – 25 sts.

K 6 rounds.

Next round: [K2tog, work k1, yf, k1, yf, k1, yf and k1 all in next st, skpo] 5 times – 45 sts.

K 1 round. Cast off.

Stem: With 3¾mm needles and Forest, cast on 3 sts.

Pattern row: K3, do not turn, but slip these 3 sts back onto left needle, then bring yarn across back of work to beginning of these 3 sts and pull up tightly. Pattern another 14 rows.

Base: 1st inc round: [K into front, back and front of next st] 3 times – 9 sts.

K 1 round.

2nd inc round: [K2, k into front, back and front of next st] 3 times – 15 sts.

K 1 round.

Sepals round: [K3, turn, p3, turn, s2kpo and fasten off, rejoin yarn to remaining sts] 4 times, k3, turn, p3, turn, s2kpo and fasten off.

Stamen (make 3): With 3¼mm needles and Sunshine, cast on 3 sts.

Pattern row: K3, do not turn, but slip these 3 sts back onto left needle, then bring yarn across back of work to beginning of these sts and pull up tightly.

Pattern another 7 rows. Cast off.

To make up: Place cast-on edge of stamen inside flower and attach at base of bell. Insert bell end of flower in base and secure in position, then catch point of sepals to flower.

Pink clematis

Petals (make 6)

With 3¾mm needles and Sugar, cast on 8 sts.

1st row (right side): K2tog, k4, k in front and back of next st, k1.

2nd row: K.

Repeat last 2 rows, 3 times more, then work 1st row again. Cast off.

Centre: With 3¾mm needles and Sunshine, cast on 12 sts.

Loop row: [K1, but do not drop st off left needle, bring yarn between needles to front and take it clockwise around the



left thumb then back between needles, k st on left needle again, slipping it off needle, now pass 2nd st on right needle over stitch just made] to end.

Cast off, working k2tog across row.

To make up: Leaving centre open, join petals to halfway along inner edge. Pinch a tuck at inner corner of each petal and secure. Join ends of centre to form a ring. Gather inner edge, pull up close and secure. Place centre in middle of flower and secure in position.

White clematis

Work as Pink clematis, using 3¼mm needles and Bleached instead of Sugar.

Small leaf

With 3¾mm needles and Forest, cast on 3 sts.

Next inc row (right side): K1, yf, k1 and mark this st, yf, k1 – 5 sts.



Next row: K2, p1, k2.

Next inc row: K to marked st, yf, k1, yf, k to end.

Next row: K to marked st, p1, k to end. Repeat last 2 rows, twice more – 11 sts.

Dec row: Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2tog. K 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 3 times more – 3 sts.

Next row: Sl1, k2tog, pssso and fasten off.

Large leaves

Stem: With 3¼mm needles and Forest, cast on 3 sts.

Pattern row: K3, do not turn, but slip these 3 sts back onto left needle, then bring yarn across back of work to beginning of these 3 sts and pull up tightly.

Pattern another 23 rows.

Leaf: Inc row (right side): K1, yf, k1 and mark this st, yf, k1, turn – 5 sts.

Next row: K to marked st, p1, k to end.

Next inc row: K to marked st, yf, k1, yf, k to end.

Repeat last 2 rows, twice more – 11 sts.

Next row: K5, p1, k5.

K 6 rows.

Dec row: Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2tog.

K 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 3 times more – 3 sts.

Next row: Sl1, k2tog, pssso and fasten off.

Work 1 more leaf with stem, working 18 rounds in pattern for stem.

Work 1 more leaf, omitting stem rounds.

To complete

Arrange flowers and leaves on front of bag as shown in photo and sew in position.

FLOWER SWEATER

Measurements

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

Actual measurements 116 (120) (126) (134) cm/45¾ (47¼) (49¾) (52¾) in.

Side seam 38 (38) (40) (40) cm/15 (15) (15¾) (15¾) in.

Length to shoulder 59 (60) (62) (63) cm/23¼ (23½) (24½) (24¾) in.

Sleeve seam All sizes 43cm/17in.

Materials

(13) (14) (15) (16) 50g (85m) balls Rowan Handknit Cotton (100% cotton) in Ice Water (239); 1 ball in each of Forest (370), Raspberry (356), Sugar (303), Delphinium (334), Sunshine (354) and Bleached (263)*. Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles.

Tension

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

Abbreviations

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

Note

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

*Yarn subject to availability

Back

With 3¼mm needles and Ice Water, cast on 114 (118) (126) (134) sts.

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

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

Rib another 10 rows, increasing 2 sts evenly along last row on 1st and 2nd sizes only – 116 (120) (126) (134) sts. Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 98 (102) (106) (110) rows.

Using separate small balls for each coloured area and twisting yarns together on wrong side at joins and reading charts from right to left on right side (k) rows and from left to right on wrong side (p) rows, work pattern from charts on p24 and p25 as follows (if preferred, the flower motifs can be Swiss darned afterwards):

Next row: K82 (84) (88) (92) Ice Water, k32 sts of 1st row of chart A, with Ice Water, k to end.

Next row: P2 (4) (6) (10) Ice Water, p32 sts of 2nd row of chart A, with Ice Water, p to end.

Work another 8 rows from chart as set.

Next row: K2 (4) (6) (10) Ice Water, k32 sts of 1st row of chart C, k48 (48) (50) (50) Ice Water, k32 sts of 11th row of chart A, with Ice Water, k to end.

Next row: P2 (4) (6) (10) Ice Water, p32 sts of 12th row of chart A, p48 (48) (50) (50) Ice Water, p32 sts of 2nd row of chart C, with Ice Water, p to end.

Work another 30 rows from charts as set.

Next row: K2 (4) (6) (10) Ice Water, k32 sts of 33rd row of chart C, with Ice Water, k to end.

Next row: P82 (84) (88) (92) Ice Water, p32 sts of 34th row of chart C, with Ice Water, p to end.

With Ice Water, work 12 rows in ss.

Shape shoulders: Cast off 8 (9) (9) (10) sts at beginning of next 6 rows and 9 (8) (9) (10) sts on following 2 rows – 50 (50) (54) (54) sts.

Leave these sts on a st holder.

Front

With 3¼mm needles and Ice Water, cast on 114 (118) (126) (134) sts.

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

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

Rib another 10 rows, increasing 2 sts evenly along last row on 1st and 2nd sizes only – 116 (120) (126) (134) sts. Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 58 (62) (66) (70) rows.

Place charts as follows:

Next row: K13 (15) (17) (21) Ice Water, k32 sts of 1st row of chart A, with Ice Water, k to end.

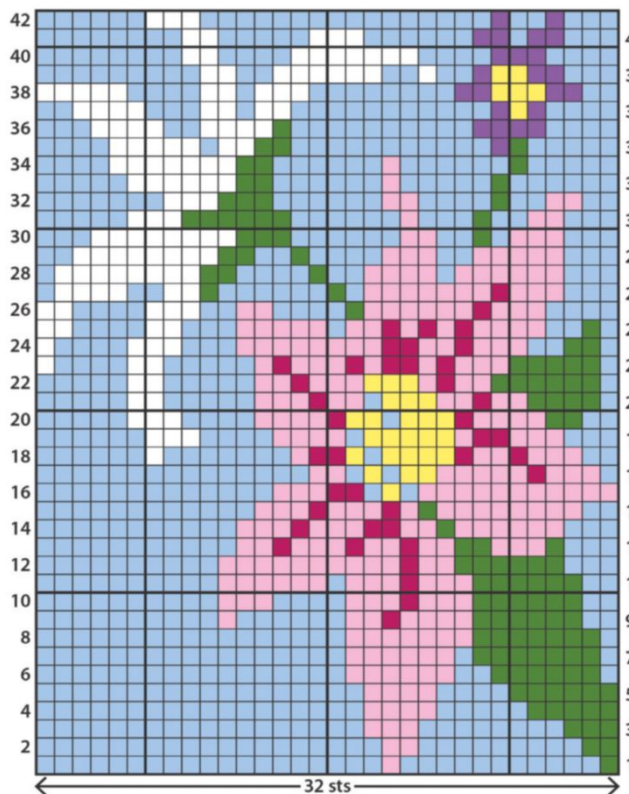


Chart A

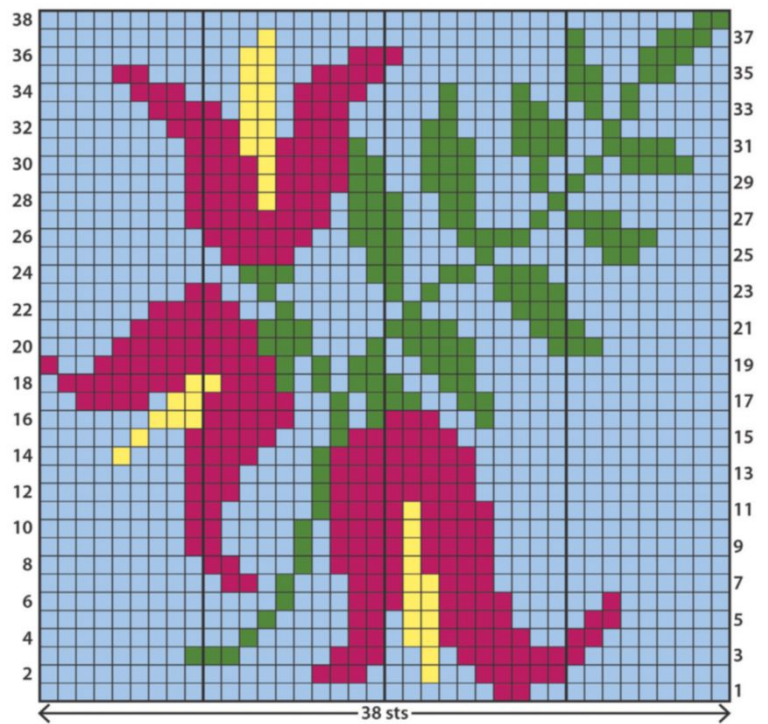


Chart B

Next row: P71 (73) (77) (81) Ice Water, p32 sts of 2nd row of chart A, with Ice Water, p to end.

Work another 38 rows from chart as set.

Next row: K13 (15) (17) (21) Ice Water, k32 sts of 41st row of chart A, with Ice Water, k37 (37) (39) (39), k32 sts of 1st row of chart A, with Ice Water, k to end.

Next row: P2 (4) (6) (10) Ice Water, p32 sts of 2nd row of chart A, with Ice Water, p37 (37) (39) (39), p32 sts of 42nd row of chart A, with Ice Water, p to end.

Next row: K31 (33) (35) (39) Ice Water, k14 sts of 1st row of chart D, with Ice Water, k37 (37) (39) (39), k32 sts of 3rd row of chart A, with Ice Water, k to end.

Next row: P2 (4) (6) (10) Ice Water, p32 sts of 4th row of chart A, with Ice Water, p37 (37) (39) (39), p14 sts of 2nd row of chart D, with Ice Water, p to end.

Next row: K31 (33) (35) (39) Ice Water, k14 sts of 3rd row of chart D, beginning with 3rd st, k36 sts of 1st row of chart B, with Ice Water, k1 (1) (3) (3), k32 sts of 5th row of chart A, with Ice Water, k to end.

Next row: P2 (4) (6) (10) Ice Water, p32 sts of 6th row of chart A, with Ice Water, p1 (1) (3) (3), p first 36 sts of 2nd row of chart B, p14 sts of 4th row of chart D, with Ice Water, p to end.

Work another 4 rows from charts as set.

Next row: K2 (4) (6) (10) Ice Water, k first 29 sts of 1st row of chart C, k14 sts of 9th row of chart D, k last 36 sts of 7th row of chart B, with Ice Water, k1 (1) (3) (3), k32

sts of 11th row of chart A, with Ice Water, k to end.

Next row: P2 (4) (6) (10) Ice Water, p32 sts of 12th row of chart A, with Ice Water, p1 (1) (3) (3), p first 36 sts of 8th row of chart B, p14 sts of 10th row of chart D, p last 29 sts of 2nd row of chart C, with Ice Water, p to end.

Work another 11 rows as set.

Next row: P2 (4) (6) (10) Ice Water, p32 sts of 24th row of chart A, with Ice Water, p1 (1) (3) (3), p38 sts of 20th row of chart B, with Ice Water p1, p8 sts of 1st row of chart E, p32 sts of 14th row of chart C, with Ice Water, p to end.

Next row: K2 (4) (6) (10) Ice Water, k32 sts of 15th row of chart C, k8 sts of 2nd row of chart E, with Ice Water, k1, k38 sts of 21st row of chart B, with Ice Water, k1 (1) (3) (3), k32 sts of 25th row of chart A, with Ice Water, k to end.

Work another 12 rows from charts as set.

Next row: P2 (4) (6) (10) Ice Water, p32 sts of 38th row of chart A, with Ice Water, p1 (1) (3) (3), p38 sts of 34th row of chart B, with Ice Water p9, p32 sts of 28th row of chart C, with Ice Water, p to end.

Next row: K2 (4) (6) (10) Ice Water, k32 sts of 29th row of chart C, with Ice Water, k9, k38 sts of 35th row of chart B, with Ice Water, k1 (1) (3) (3), k32 sts of 39th row of chart A, with Ice Water, k to end.

Work another 3 rows from charts as set.

Shape neck: Next row: K2 (4) (6) (10) Ice Water, k32 sts of 33rd row of chart C, with

Ice Water, k10 (10) (9) (9), turn and work on these 44 (46) (47) (51) sts for left side neck.

Left side neck: Next row: With Ice Water, p2tog, p8 (8) (7) (7) Ice Water, p32 sts of 34th row of chart C, with Ice Water, p to end. Continue in Ice Water only.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 10 rows – 33 (35) (36) (40) sts. Ss 2 rows.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 8 (9) (9) (10) sts at beginning of next row and 2 following alternate rows – 9 (8) (9) (10) sts. P 1 row. Cast off.

Right side neck: With right side facing, slip centre 28 (28) (32) (32) sts onto st holder, rejoin Ice Water to remaining sts and k to end – 44 (46) (47) (51) sts.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 11 rows – 33 (35) (36) (40) sts. Ss 3 rows.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 8 (9) (9) (10) sts at beginning of next row and 2 following alternate rows – 9 (8) (9) (10) sts. K 1 row. Cast off.

Left sleeve

With 3¼mm needles and Ice Water, cast on 50 (54) (54) (58) sts.

Rib 12 rows as on back.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows.

Next row: K20 (22) (22) (24) Ice Water, k14 sts of 1st row of chart D, with Ice Water, k to end.

Next row: P16 (18) (18) (20) Ice Water, p14 sts of 2nd row of chart D, with Ice Water, p to end.

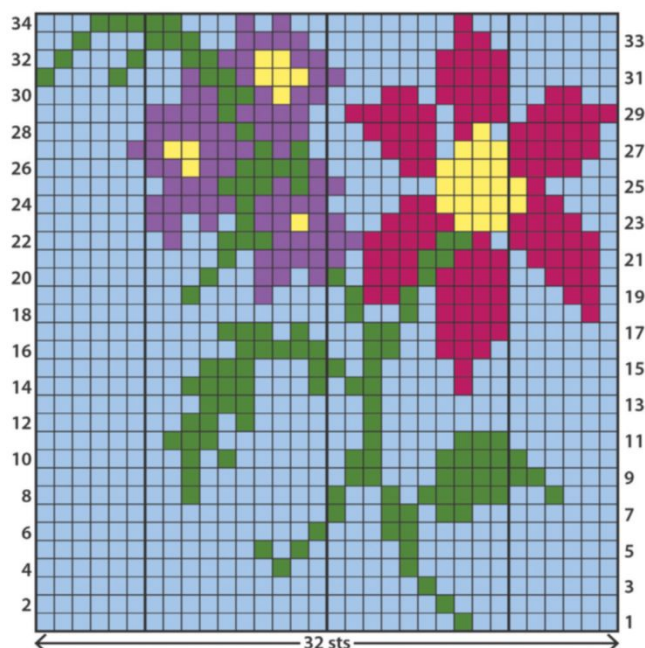


Chart C

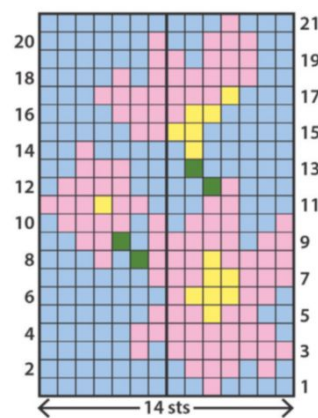


Chart D

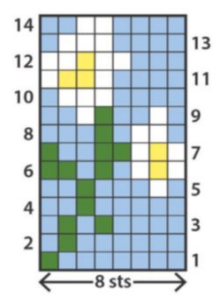


Chart E

Key for charts

Ice Water (239)	Sugar (303)	Sunshine (354)
Forest (370)	Delphinium (334)	Bleached (263)
Raspberry (356)		

Keeping pattern correct, inc 1 st at each end of next row and 3 following 6th rows – 58 (62) (62) (66) sts.
Continue in Ice Water only, ss 5 rows.
Inc 1 st at each end of next row and 12 following 6th rows – 84 (88) (88) (92) sts.
Ss 9 rows. Cast off.

Right sleeve

Work as left sleeves, using Raspberry instead of Sugar and placing chart as follows:

Next row: K16 (18) (18) (20) Ice Water, k14 sts of 1st row of chart D, with Ice Water, k to end.

Next row: P20 (22) (22) (24) Ice Water, p14 sts of 2nd row of chart D, with Ice Water, p to end.

Neckband

Join right shoulder seam. With right side facing and using 3¼mm needles and Ice Water, pick up and k18 sts down left front neck, k28 (28) (32) (32) centre front sts, pick up and k18 sts up right front neck, 50 (50) (54) (54) across centre back neck – 114 (114) (122) (122) sts.
Rib 16 rows as on back. Cast off in rib.

To make up

Join left shoulder and neckband seam. Place markers 21 (22) (22) (23) cm down from shoulder seams on each side of back and front. Sew sleeve tops between markers, then join side and sleeve seams.



The floral motifs can be worked in Intarsia, or Swiss-darned if you prefer

WHAT'S TRENDING



*Buttercup,
lemon,
mustard,
amber, fluoro –
so many yellows
to choose from!*



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

Ray Of Sunshine

Yellow shouts summer – just perfect, as it's this season's hottest shade

TEABAG SWEATER

Measurements

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

Actual measurements 135 (147) (158) cm/53¼ (58) (62¼) in.

Side seam 36 (37) (38) cm/14 (14½) (15) in.

Length to shoulder 52.5 (54.5) (56.5) cm/20½ (21½) (22¼) in.

Materials

8 (9) (10) 50g (115m) balls of Debbie Bliss Sita (45% silk, 40% cotton, 15% polyamide) in Buttermilk (04)*. Pair of 7mm (No. 2) knitting needles.

Tension

18 stitches and 20 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over pattern, using 7mm needles.

Abbreviations

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Note

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Back and front

(both alike)

With 7mm needles, cast on 122 (132) (142) sts.

K 7 rows.

1st row: K1, [k2tog, yf, k1, yf, skpo] to last st, k1.

2nd row: P to end.

These 2 rows form pattern.

Pattern another 66 (68) (70) rows.

Mark each end of last row for side seam.

Pattern 27 (29) (31) rows.

K 10 rows. Cast off kwise.

Armbands

Leaving 30 (32) (34) cm at centre open for neck edge, join cast-off edges for 6cm at each side of neck for shoulders.

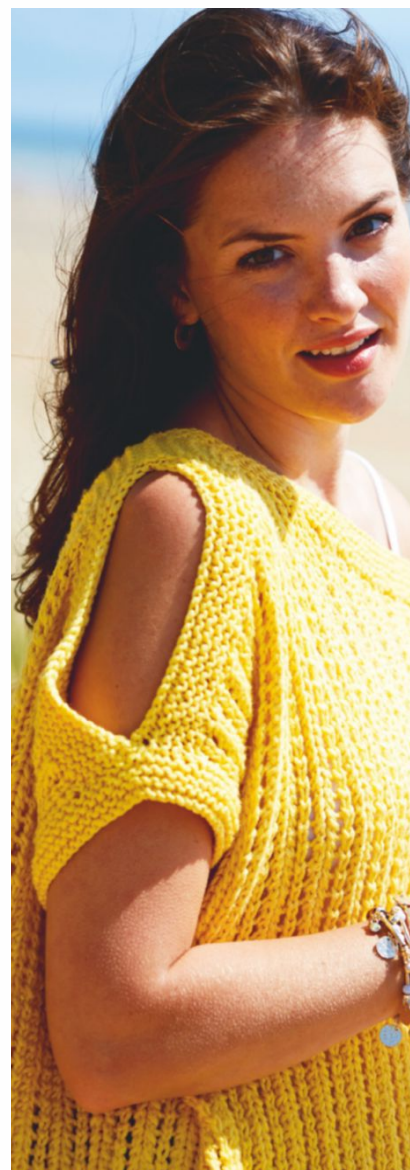
With right side facing and using 7mm needles, pick up and k31 (32) (33) sts along side edge from marker to cast-off edge on one piece, then pick up and k31 (32) (33) sts along side edge from cast-off edge to marker on second piece – 62 (64) (66) sts.

K 6 rows. Cast off kwise.

To make up

Join side and armband seams.

Our top is worked in two pieces and needs no shaping



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CROCHET

So Long

Creepy-crawly caterpillar fun...

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



A vibrant, hand-knitted cat toy with horizontal stripes in rainbow colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, pink). It has large, upright ears, black eyes, a black nose, and long white whiskers. The cat is sitting on a light-colored wooden chair with vertical slats. The background is a bright, out-of-focus indoor space with a green wall and a white surface.

KNITTING

Cat's Whiskers

Who couldn't love a rainbow-bright kitty?

Instructions on page 34

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

KNITTING

Cuddly Monsters

Sooo cute - there's nothing to be afraid of here...

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



KNITTING

Little Friend

Meet Daisy – what a doll

Instructions on page 37

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CROCHET

Do The Locomotion

All together now - choo-choo...

Instructions on page 38



TOYSTORY

Instructions

Crochet Caterpillar

Measurements

Approximately 55cm/21½in long.

Materials

1 x 100g (220m) ball of Wendy Love It DK (100% acrylic) in each of Yellow (5006), Red (5011), Cream (5002), Fuchsia (5010), Orange (5008) and Purple (5009)*. Length of Black DK yarn for embroidery. Yarn available from theknittingnetwork.co.uk. Size 3.50 crochet hook; washable toy stuffing.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **st**, stitch; **htr**, half treble; **slst**, slip stitch; **htr2tog**, work 2htr together thus: [yarn round hook, insert hook in next st, yarn round hook and pull through] twice, yarn round hook and pull through all 5 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.

Head and body

Head: 1st round: With 3.50 hook and Yellow, make slip ring as follows: wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form ring, insert hook into ring, yarn over hook and pull through, 1ch (does



not count as st), work 8htr in ring, pull end of yarn tightly to close ring. Mark end of last round and move marker up at end of every round.

2nd round: [2htr in next st] 8 times – 16 sts.

3rd round: [2htr in next st, 1htr in next st] 8 times – 24 sts.

4th round: [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 2 sts] 8 times – 32 sts.

5th round: [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 3 sts] 8 times – 40 sts.

6th round: [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 4 sts] 8 times – 48 sts.

7th round: [1htr in next st] to end.

8th to 12th rounds: As 7th round.

13th round: [1htr in each of next 4 sts, htr2tog] 8 times – 40 sts.

14th round: [1htr in each of next 3 sts, htr2tog] 8 times – 32 sts.

15th round: [1htr in each of next 2 sts, htr2tog] 8 times – 24 sts.

16th round: [1htr in next st, htr2tog] 8 times – 16 sts. Fasten off.

Stuff head firmly.

Body: First segment: Join Red and work 3rd to 16th rounds. Fasten off. Stuff segment firmly.

Second segment: Join Cream and work 3rd to 16th rounds. Fasten off. Stuff segment firmly.

Third segment: Join Fuchsia and work 3rd to 16th rounds. Fasten off. Stuff segment firmly.

Fourth segment: Join Orange and work 3rd to 16th rounds. Fasten off. Stuff segment firmly.

Fifth segment: Join Purple and work 3rd to 16th rounds. Stuff segment firmly.

17th round: [Htr2tog] 8 times – 8 sts. Fasten off.

Gather last round, pull up tightly and secure.

Feet

1st round: With 3.50 hook and Yellow, make slip ring as on head, 1ch (does not count as st), work 8htr in ring, pull end of yarn tightly to close ring. Mark end of last round and move marker up at end of every round.

2nd round: [2htr in next st] 8 times – 16 sts.

3rd and 4th rounds: [1htr in next st] to end.

Stuff foot firmly.

5th round: [Htr2tog] 8 times – 8 sts. Fasten off.

Make 1 more foot in Yellow. Sew fastened-off edge of feet to Red segment of body.

Make a pair of feet in Red and sew to Cream segment of body.

Make a pair of feet in Cream and sew to Fuchsia segment of body. Make a pair of feet in Fuchsia and sew to Orange segment of body. Make a pair of feet in Orange and sew to Purple segment of body.

Antenna

(make 2)

1st round: With 3.50 hook and Red, make slip ring as on head, 1ch (does not count as st), work 8htr in ring, pull end of yarn tightly to close ring. Mark end of last round and move marker up at end of every round.

2nd round: [2htr in next st, 1htr in next st] 4 times – 12 sts.

3rd round: [1htr in next st] to end.

Stuff antenna firmly, adding stuffing as you work.

4th round: [Htr2tog] 6 times – 6 sts. Join in Yellow.

5th to 8th rounds: [1htr in next st] to end. Slst in first st. Fasten off.

Sew fastened-off edge to top of head.

Nose

1st round: With 3.50 hook and Red, make slip ring as on head, 1ch (does not count as st), work 8htr in ring, pull end of yarn tightly to close ring.

2nd round: [1htr in next st] to end, slst in first st. Fasten off.

Stuff firmly. Sew fastened-off edge to front of face.

Eyes

(make 2)

1st round: With 3.50 hook and Cream, make slip ring as on head, 1ch (does not count as st), work 8htr in ring, pull end of yarn tightly to close ring, slst in first st.

Fasten off.

Sew to front of head. With Black, embroider pupil on each eye, then work long straight stitch on head below nose for mouth.



Knitted Cat

Measurement

Approximately 41cm/16in long.

Materials

1 x 100g (294m) ball of Stylecraft Wondersoft Merry Go Round Baby DK (100% acrylic) in Rainbow (3142)*; length of Black yarn for embroidery and White yarn for whiskers. Yarn available from theknittingnetwork.co.uk. Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) knitting needles; washable toy stuffing.

Tension

24 stitches and 32 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 3¼mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **k2togb** or **p2togb**, k2tog or p2tog through back of sts; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and work into the back of it; **wrap1**, take yarn between needles to front of work after k st and to back of work after p st, slip next st onto right needle, take yarn back to original position, place slipped st back onto left needle.

Note

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Feet and legs

(make 2)

Upper foot: With 3¼mm needles, cast on 7 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, [up1, k1] 6 times – 13 sts.

Next row: P1, up1, p11, up1, p1 – 15 sts.

Next row: K1, up1, k13, up1, k1 – 17 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, up1, k15, up1, k1 – 19 sts. Ss 8 rows.

Shape sides: Next row: P5, p2togb, p1, turn and work on these 7 sts for first side.

Next row: K1, k2togb, k4 – 6 sts.

Ss 7 rows. Cast off.

With wrong side facing slip, centre 3 sts onto safety pin, rejoin yarn to remaining sts, p1, p2tog, p5 – 7 sts.

Next row: K4, k2tog, k1 – 6 sts.

Ss 7 rows.

Cast off, but do not break off the yarn.

Leg: With right side facing, using 3¼mm

*Yarn subject to availability

needles and attached yarn, pick up and k8 sts along inside edge of upper foot, k3 from safety pin, pick up and k8 sts along other side of upper foot – 19 sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 5 rows.

Next row: K4, k2togb, k7, k2tog, k4 – 17 sts. Ss 5 rows.

Next row: K4, k2togb, k6, k2tog, k3 – 15 sts. Ss 5 rows.

Next row: K3, k2togb, k5, k2tog, k3 – 13 sts. Ss 13 rows. Cast off.

Sole: With 3¼mm needles, cast on 7 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, up1, k5, up1, k1 – 9 sts.

Next row: P1, up1, p7, up1, p1 – 11 sts. K 1 row.

Next row: P1, up1, p9, up1, p1 – 13 sts. Ss 10 rows.

Next row: K1, k2togb, k7, k2tog, k1 – 11 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, k2togb, k5, k2tog, k1 – 9 sts.

Next row: P1, p2tog, p3, p2togb, p1 – 7 sts. K 1 row. Cast off.

Join cast off edges of upper foot, then sew in sole. Join row-ends of leg, stuffing foot firmly and leg lightly as you sew.

With seam at back, flatten cast-off edge and secure in position.

Arm

(make 2)

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 6 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, [up1, k1] 5 times – 11 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, [up1, k3] 3 times, up1, k1 – 15 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K2, up1, k3, up1, k5, up1, k3, up1, k2 – 19 sts. Ss 7 rows.

Next row: K4, k2togb, k7, k2tog, k4 – 17 sts. Ss 7 rows.

Next row: K4, k2togb, k6, k2tog, k3 – 15 sts. Ss 7 rows.

Next row: K3, k2togb, k5, k2tog, k3 – 13 sts. Ss 7 rows.

Next row: K3, k2togb, k4, k2tog, k2 – 11 sts. Ss 9 rows. Cast off.

Join row-ends of arm, stuffing paw firmly and arm lightly as you sew. With seam at back, flatten cast-off edge and secure in position.

Body

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 9 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, [up1, k1] 8 times – 17 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, [up1, k2] 8 times – 25 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, [up1, k3] 8 times – 33 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K11, place top of one leg in

front of next 4 sts, [inserting needle through all layers at top of leg and next st, k1] 4 times, k4, place top of second leg in front of next 4 sts, [inserting needle through all layers at top of leg and next st, k1] 4 times, k10. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, [up1, k4] 8 times – 41 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K8, up1, [k2, up1] 3 times, k13, up1, [k2, up1] 3 times, k8 – 49 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K8, up1, [k3, up1] 3 times, k15, up1, [k3, up1] 3 times, k8 – 57 sts. Ss 17 rows.

Next row: K3, [k2tog, k7] 6 times – 51 sts. Ss 5 rows.

Next row: K3, [k2tog, k6] 6 times – 45 sts. Ss 5 rows.

Next row: K3, [k2tog, k5] 6 times – 39 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Next row: K3, [k2tog, k4] 6 times – 33 sts. P 1 row.

Shape neck: Next 2 rows: K12, wrap1, turn, p to end.

Next 2 rows: K10, wrap1, turn, p to end.

Next 2 rows: K8, wrap1, turn, p to end. K across all sts.

Next 2 rows: P12, wrap1, turn, k to end.

Next 2 rows: P10, wrap1, turn, k to end.

Next 2 rows: P8, wrap1, turn, k to end. P across all sts. Cast off.

Gather cast-on edge, then join row-ends for back seam. Stuff body firmly. Sew top of arms at each side of neck edge.

Head

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 33 sts for neck edge.

Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows.

Next row: K1, [up1, k4] 8 times – 41 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, [up1, k5] 8 times – 49 sts. P 1 row.

Shape chin: Next row: K38, wrap1, turn.

Next row: P27, wrap1, turn.

Next row: K24, wrap1, turn.

Next row: P21, wrap1, turn.

Next row: K18, wrap1, turn.

Next row: P15, wrap1, turn.

Next row: K12, wrap1, turn.

Next row: P9, wrap1, turn.

Next row: K to end. P 1 row.

Next row: K8, up1, [k2, up1] 4 times, k17, up1, [k2, up1] 4 times, k8 – 59 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K12, up1, [k2, up1] 3 times, k23, up1, [k2, up1] 3 times, k12 – 67 sts. Ss 15 rows.

Next row: K12, k2tog, [k1, k2tog] 3 times, k21, k2tog, [k1, k2tog] 3 times, k12 – 59 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K8, k2tog, [k1, k2tog] 4 times, k15, k2tog, [k1, k2tog] 4 times, k8 – 49



sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, [k2tog, k4] 8 times – 41 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, [k2tog, k3] 8 times – 33 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, [k2tog, k2] 8 times – 25 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, [k2tog, k1] 8 times – 17 sts.

Next row: P1, [p2tog] 8 times – 9 sts.

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

Join row-ends for back seam. Stuff head firmly and sew to top of body. Mark position of



eyes on front of head. Attach length of yarn at neck edge under arm, take it through head to first eye position and make a small stitch, return to the point of entry, pull up end to indent for eye socket and secure in position. Indent second socket in same way. At each eye position work tiny circle of 6 chain stitches in Black. With Black, embroider nose and mouth. Make six 4cm long twisted cords with White and attach three at each side of nose for whiskers.

Ear

(make 2)

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 16 sts. Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.

Next row: K1, k2togb, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. Ss 3 rows.

Repeat last 4 rows, once more – 12 sts.

Next row: K1, k2togb, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, twice more – 6 sts.

Next row: K1, k2togb, k2tog, k1 – 4 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, up1, k2, up1, k1 – 6 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, up1, k to last st, up1, k1. P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, once more – 10 sts.

Next row: K1, up1, k to last st, up1, k1. Ss 3 rows.

Repeat last 4 rows, once more – 14 sts.

Next row: K1, up1, k to last st, up1, k1 – 16 sts. Ss 4 rows. Cast off.

Fold ear in half and join row-ends, then oversew cast-on and cast-off edges together. Sew ears to top of head.

Tail

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 5 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, [up1, k1] 4 times – 9 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, [up1, k2] 4 times – 13 sts. Ss 17 rows.

Next row: K5, k2togb, k6 – 12 sts. Ss 19 rows.

Next row: K5, k2togb, k5 – 11 sts. Ss 13 rows. Cast off.

Join row-ends and sew cast-off edge to base at back of body.



Cute Monsters

Measurements

Small monster: Approximately 10cm/4in tall.

Large monster: Approximately 16cm/6¼in tall.

Materials

Small monster: 1 x 100g (95m) ball of Robin Fleece Chunky (63% polyester, 37% nylon) in Yellow (4230)*. Length of DK yarn in Teal.

Larger monster: 1 x 100g (95m) ball of Robin Fleece Chunky (63% polyester, 37% nylon) in Lilac (4224)*. Length of DK yarn in Yellow.

For both items: Pair of 3¼mm (No. 9) and 5mm (No. 6) knitting needles. Oddment of DK yarn in Black for embroidery; washable toy stuffing. Yarns

available from theknittingnetwork.co.uk.

Abbreviations

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

Tension

16 stitches and 22 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 5mm needles.

Notes

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

*Yarn subject to availability

SMALL MONSTER

Body: With 5mm needles and Yellow, cast on 8 sts. P 1 row.

1st inc row: [Inc in next st kwise] to end – 16 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: [Inc in next st, k1] to end – 24 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd inc row: [Inc in next st, k2] to end – 32 sts. Ss 11 rows.

1st dec row: [K2, k2tog] to end – 24 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: [K1, k2tog] to end – 16 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: [K2tog] to end – 8 sts. P 1 row.

Break off yarn and thread end through

remaining stitches, pull up tightly and secure. Gather cast-on edge. Join row-ends, leaving an opening. Stuff firmly then close opening. Using Black, embroider eyes.

Feet

(make 2)

With 5mm needles and Yellow, cast on 6 sts. P 1 row.

Inc row: [Inc in next st kwise] to end – 12 sts. Ss 7 rows.

Dec row: [K2tog] to end – 6 sts. P 1 row.

Break off yarn and thread end through remaining stitches, pull up tightly and

secure. Gather cast-on edge. Join row-ends, leaving an opening. Stuff firmly then close opening. Sew feet to base of body.

Arms

(make 2)

With 5mm needles and Yellow, cast on 8 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 6 rows.

Dec row: [K2tog] to end – 4 sts.

P 1 row.

Break off yarn and thread end through remaining stitches, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends and stuff firmly. Flatten cast-on edge and sew to sides of body.

Hair tuft

With 3¼mm needles and Teal, cast on 6 sts.

Next row: Cast off 5 sts, do not turn but slip st used in casting off back onto left needle.

Next row: Cast on 7 sts, then cast off 7 sts, do not turn but slip st used in casting off back onto left needle.

Next row: Cast on 5 sts, then cast off all 6 sts.

Gather straight row-ends, pull up and secure, then sew this end to top of head.

LARGE MONSTER

With 5mm needles and Lilac, cast on 8 sts. P 1 row.

1st inc row: [Inc in next st kwise] to end – 16 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: [Inc in next st, k1] to end – 24 sts. P 1 row.

3rd inc row: [Inc in next st, k2] to end – 32 sts. Ss 13 rows.

4th inc row: [Inc in next st, k3] to end – 40 sts. Ss 9 rows.

1st dec row: [K2, k2tog] to end – 30 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: [K1, k2tog] to end – 20 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: [K2tog] to end – 10 sts. P 1 row.

Break off yarn and thread end through remaining stitches, pull up tightly and secure. Gather cast-on edge. Join row-ends, leaving an opening. Stuff firmly then close opening. Using Black, embroider eyes.

Feet and arms

Using Lilac, work as given for small monster.

Hair tuft

Using Yellow, work as given for small monster.

Daisy Doll

Measurements

Doll measures 33cm/13in tall.

Materials

1 x 100g (220m) ball of Wendy Love It DK (100% acrylic) in each of Cream (5002), Pink (5003), Fuchsia (5010), Teal (5007) and Yellow (5006)*. Yarn available from theknittingnetwork.co.uk. Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) knitting needles; washable toy stuffing.

Tension

24 stitches and 33 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 3¼mm needles.

*Yarn subject to availability

Abbreviations

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

Note

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

Doll

Head, body, legs and feet

Head: With 3¼mm needles and Cream, cast on 7 sts.

1st inc row: [Inc kwise in next st] to end – 14 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: [Inc in next st, k1] to end – 21 sts. P 1 row.

3rd inc row: Inc in next st, k3, [inc in next st, inc in next st, k3] 3 times, inc in next st, k1 – 29 sts. P 1 row.

4th inc row: K6, [inc in next st] twice, k12, [inc in next st] twice, k7 – 33 sts. Beginning with a p row, ss 11 rows.

1st dec row: K6, skpo, k2tog, k12, skpo, k2tog, k7 – 29 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K2tog, k3, [skpo, k2tog, k3] 3 times, skpo, k1 – 21 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Body: Inc row: [Inc in next st] to end – 42 sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 25 rows.

Dec row: [K2tog] to end – 21 sts.

Next row: P10 and leave these sts on a safety pin for left leg, p2tog, p9 and work on these 10 sts for right leg and foot.

Right leg: Working in stripes of 4 rows Fuchsia and 4 rows Pink, ss 52 rows.

Foot: Continue in Pink only.

1st inc row: K4, [inc in next st] twice, k4 – 12 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: K5, [inc in next st] twice, k5 – 14 sts. P 1 row.

3rd inc row: K6, [inc in next st] twice, k6 – 16 sts.

1st dec row: P2tog, p12, p2tog – 14 sts.

2nd dec row: K2tog, k10, k2tog – 12 sts.

3rd dec row: [P2tog] to end – 6 sts.

Break off yarn, leaving a long end. Thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure.



Left leg and foot: With right side facing, rejoin yarn to 10 sts on safety pin and work as given for right leg and foot.

Arms

(make 2)

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

Beginning with a k row, ss 30 rows.

Dec row: [K2tog] to end – 5 sts.

Break off yarn, leaving a long end.

Thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure.

To make up

Run a gathering thread along cast-on edge of head, pull up tightly and secure. Beginning at cast-on



edge of head and having seam at centre back, join head and body seam as far as legs. Stuff body and head firmly. Join inside leg seams to tip of feet, stuffing legs and feet firmly as you sew. Join arm seams, stuffing arms firmly as you sew. Sew arms to side of body, along first 6 rows of body. For hair, using Yellow, cut yarn into 30cm strands. Lay strands across top of head and work backstitch along centre of these strands. Gather ends of strands at each side to form pony tails, securing each with length of Fuchsia. Trim hair to neaten. Embroider eyes with Teal, nose with Pink and mouth with Fuchsia.

PINAFORE

Back and front

Bib: With 3¼mm needles and Teal, cast on 12 sts for neck edge.

K 4 rows. P 1 row.

Skirt: Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows, casting on 10 sts at beginning of each row – 32 sts.

Ss 3 rows.

Join in Fuchsia and k 4 rows.

Join in Teal and k 1 row.

Inc row: [Inc in next st] to end – 64 sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 22 rows.

Join in Fuchsia and k 4 rows.

Join in Teal and k 2 rows.

Cast off kwise.

Straps

(make 2)

First strap: With right side facing, using 3¼mm needles and Fuchsia, pick up and k3 sts along first 3 sts at cast-on edge of bib. K 16 rows. Cast off.

Second strap: With right side facing, using 3¼mm needles and Fuchsia, pick up and k3 sts along last 3 sts at cast-on edge of bib. K 16 rows. Cast off.

To make up

Join centre back seam. Catch down straps at back.

SHOES

(make 2)

With 3¼mm needles and Teal, cast on 14 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.

Dec row: K5, skpo, k2tog, k5 – 12 sts. P 1 row.

Dec row: K4, skpo, k2tog, k4 – 10 sts.

Cast off for sole edge.

Fold shoe in half and join centre back seam and sole. Cut a length of Fuchsia and tie bow at front of shoe.

Crochet Train

Measurements

Locomotive: Approximately 16cm/6¼in long, 8cm/3in wide and 13cm/5in high.

Truck: Approximately 9cm/3½in long, 8cm/3in wide and 7cm/2¾in high.

Materials

For the set: 1 x 100g (220m) ball of Wendy Love It DK (100% acrylic) in each of Teal (5007), Black (5014), Red (5011) and Cream (5002)*. Yarn available from theknittingnetwork.co.uk. Size 3.50 crochet hook; 10 x 15mm buttons; foam in following shapes: one 15 x 7.5 x 5.5cm and one 7 x 7.5 x 5.5cm rectangle for locomotive, two 8 x 7.5 x 5.5cm rectangles for trucks; small amount of toy stuffing.

Abbreviations

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

Note

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

*Yarn subject to availability

LOCOMOTIVE

Main part

Top: With 3.50 hook and Teal, make 14ch.

1st row: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, [1dc in next ch] to end, turn – 13 sts.

2nd to 28th rows: 1ch (does not count as a st throughout), [1dc in next st] 13 times, turn.

Sides: 1st round: 1ch, 1dc in each of first 12 sts, 3dc in last st, work 23dc evenly along row-ends of top, 3dc in corner, 1dc in each of next 11ch, 3dc in next corner, work 23dc evenly along other row-ends, 2dc in same st as first dc, slst in back loop of first dc – 80 sts.

2nd round: 1ch, 1dc in same place as slst, [1dc in back loop of next st] to end, slst in first dc.

3rd round: 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next st] to end.

Mark end of last round and move marker

up at end of every round.

4th and 5th rounds: [1htr in next st] to end.

Join Black and slst in first st.

6th round: With Black, 1ch, [1dc in next st] to end, join in Red and slst in back loop of first dc.

7th round: With Red, 1ch, 1dc in same place as slst, [1dc in back loop of next st] to end.

8th to 10th rounds: [1dc in back loop of next st] to end.

Slst in first dc. Fasten off.

Base: With 3.50 hook and Red, make 14ch. Work 1st to 28th rows as given for top. Fasten off.

Lining up corners with those of top, sew base along lower edge of sides, leaving one long side open. Insert larger locomotive foam piece and close opening.

Cab

Top: With 3.50 hook and Teal, make 14ch.

1st row: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, [1dc in next ch] to end, turn – 13 sts.

2nd to 12th rows: 1ch (does not count as a st throughout), [1dc in next st] 13 times, turn.

Sides: 1st round: 1dc in each of first 12 sts, 3dc in last st, work 9dc evenly along row-ends of top, 3dc in corner, 1dc in each of next 11ch, 3dc in next corner, work 9dc evenly along other row-ends, 2dc in same st as first dc, slst in back loop of first dc – 52 sts.

2nd round: 1ch, 1dc in same place as slst, [1dc in back loop of next st] to end, slst in first dc.

3rd round: 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next st] to end.

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

4th to 8th rounds: [1htr in next st] to end. Slst in first st. Fasten off.

Insert remaining locomotive foam piece in cab and place base on top of main part, then sew in position.

Roof: With 3.50 hook and Black, make 15ch.

1st row: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, [1dc in next ch] to end, turn – 14 sts.

2nd to 14th rows: 1ch, [1dc in next st] 14 times, turn.

Edging round: 1dc in each of first 13 sts, 3dc in last st, work 11dc evenly along row-ends of roof, 3dc in corner, 1dc in each of 12ch, 3dc in next corner, work 11dc evenly along other row-ends, 2dc in same st as first dc, slst in first dc – 58 sts.

Fasten off.



Place roof on top of cab, allowing edging to overhang all round, stitch in position.

Window pane: With 3.50 hook and Cream, make 14ch.

1st row: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, [1dc in next ch] to end, turn – 13 sts.

2nd to 10th rows: 1ch, [1dc in next st] 13 times, turn. Fasten off.

Frame: With 3.50 hook, Black and working through fabric slightly away from edges, work 1 round of ch sts around window pane. Fasten off.

Place window at front of cab and stitch in position.

Wheels

(make 6)

1st round: With 3.50 hook and Black, make slip ring as follows: wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form ring, insert hook into ring, yarn over hook and pull through, 1ch, work 6dc in ring, pull end of yarn tightly to close ring.

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

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

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

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

5th round: 1ch, 1dc in same place as slst, [1dc in back loop of next st] 23 times, slst in back loop of first dc.

6th round: Working in back loop of every st, 1dc in same place as slst, 1dc in next st, dc2tog, [1dc in each of next 2 sts, dc2tog] 5 times, slst in first dc – 18 sts.

7th round: 1ch, 1dc in same place as slst, dc2tog, [1dc in next st, dc2tog] 5 times – 12 sts.

8th round: [Dc2tog] 6 times – 6 sts. Fasten off.

Stuff each wheel lightly, flatten and join opening, then sew button to centre front. Position and sew 3 wheels at each side of main part.

Chimney

Work 1st to 5th rounds as given for wheels.

6th round: 1ch, 1dc in same place as slst, 1dc in next dc, dc2tog, [1dc in each of next 2 sts, dc2tog] 5 times, join Teal and slst in first dc – 18 sts.

7th round: 1ch, [1dc in next st] 18 times.

8th round: [1dc in next st] 18 times.

9th round: [1dc in each of next 4 sts, dc2tog] 3 times – 15 sts.

10th round: [1dc in next st] 15 times. Fasten off.

Rim round: Rejoin Black to any loop on 4th round, 1ch, 1dc in same place as join, [1dc in next loop] 23 times, slst in first dc. Fasten off.

Stuff chimney firmly and place open end on top at front of main part and sew in position.

FIRST TRUCK

Main part

Top: With 3.50 hook and Black, make 14ch.

1st row: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, [1dc in next ch] to end, turn – 13 sts.

2nd to 14th rows: 1ch (does not count as a st throughout), [1dc in next st] 13 times, turn.

Sides: 1st round: 1dc in each of first 12 sts, 3dc in last st, work 11dc evenly along row-ends of top, 3dc in corner, 1dc in each of next 11ch, 3dc in next corner, work 11dc evenly along other row-ends, 2dc in same st as first dc, slst in back loop of first dc – 56 sts.

2nd round: 1ch, 1dc in same place as slst, [1dc in back loop of next st] to end, slst in first dc.

3rd round: 2ch (counts as 1htr throughout), [1htr in next st] to end, join in Teal and slst in top of 2ch.

5th round: 2ch, [1htr in next st] to end.

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

6th to 8th rounds: [1htr in next st] to end. Slst in first st. Fasten off.

Side rail: 1st round: Rejoin Black to any loop on 1st round of sides, 2ch, [1htr in next

loop] 55 times, slst in top of 2ch – 56 sts.

2nd round: 2ch, [1htr in next st] 55 times, slst in top of 2ch. Fasten off.

Base: With 3.50 hook and Teal, make 14ch.

Work 1st to 14th rows as given for top of main part. Fasten off.

Lining up corners with those of top, sew base along lower edge of sides, leaving one side open. Insert foam piece and close opening.

Wheels

(make 2)

Work as given for wheels of locomotive. Stuff each wheel lightly, flatten and join opening, then sew button to centre front. Position and sew one wheel at each side of truck.

SECOND TRUCK

Main part

Using Red instead of Black, work as main part of first truck.

Wheels

(make 2)

Work as given for wheels of locomotive. Stuff each wheel lightly, flatten and join opening, then sew button to centre front. Position and sew one wheel at each side of truck.

Connectors

(make 2)

With 3.50 hook and Black, make 5ch, slst in first ch to form ring.

1st round: 1dc in same place as slst, [1dc in next ch] 4 times – 5 sts.

2nd round: [1dc in next st] 5 times.

Repeat 2nd round, 6 times more.

Slst in next st. Fasten off.

Attach one end of first connector to back of locomotive and the other end to front of first truck. Attach one end of second connector to back of first truck and the other end to front of second truck.

From Our Archives

Newborn Layette

Jacket, vest, bonnet, mitts, booties and shawl – a traditional set for baby in stunning snow-white



What a wonderful gift for new parents!

- ☐ EASY PEASY
- ☒ A BIT MORE TRICKY
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LAYETTE AND SHAWL

Measurements

Jacket: To fit ages 0-6 months.

Actual chest measurement All round lower edge, 77cm/30½in.

Length to centre back neck 22cm/8¾in.

Sleeve seam 8.5cm/3½in.

Vest: To fit ages 0-6 months

Actual chest measurement 43cm/17in.

Length 26cm/10¼in.

Shawl: 79 x 79cm/31 x 31in, excluding edging.

Materials

Layette: 4 x 50g (301m) balls of Sirdar Snuggly 3ply (55% nylon, 45% acrylic) in White (251)*. Pair of 2¾mm (No. 12) and 3mm (No. 11) knitting needles. Size 2.50 crochet hook; 3 metres of narrow ribbon; 3 buttons.

Shawl: 3 x 100g (452m) balls of Sirdar Snuggly 4ply (55% nylon, 45% acrylic) in White (251)*. Pair of 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles. Size 2.50 crochet hook. Yarn available from theknittingnetwork.co.uk.

Tension

Layette: 20 stitches measure 6cm across and 48 rows measure 10cm in depth, over pattern, using 3mm needles. 33 stitches and 42 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 3mm needles.

Shawl: 24 stitches and 31 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over pattern, using 4mm needles. 22 stitches and 36 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over moss stitch, using 4mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **sl**, slip; **ss**, stocking stitch (k on right side and p on wrong side); **mst**, moss stitch; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **k2tog** or **p2togb**, k2tog or p2tog through back of sts; **psso**, pass slipped st over; **yf**, yarn forward to make a st; **yon**, yarn over needle to make a st; **yrn**, yarn round needle to make a st; **ch**, chain; **dc**, double crochet; **slst**, slip stitch.

Note

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MATINEE JACKET

Back and fronts

(worked in one piece to armholes)

With 2¾mm needles, cast on 252 sts. K 6 rows.

Next row: K5, slip these sts on a safety pin and leave for right front border, k to last 5 sts, turn and slip last 5 sts on a safety pin for left front border – 242 sts. P 1 row.

Change to 3mm needles.

**** 1st row:** K to end.

2nd to 4th rows: P to end.

5th row: K to end.

6th row: P to end.

7th row: P2, [yon, sl1, k2tog, psso, yrn, p2] to end.

8th row: K2, [p3, k2] to end.

9th row: P2, [k3, p2] to end.

10th row: As 8th row.

11th and 12th rows: As 7th and 8th rows.

13th row: K to end.

14th row: P to end.

15th to 17th rows: K to end.

18th row: P to end.

19th row: K to end.

20th mst row: [K1, p1] to end.

21st mst row: [P1, k1] to end.

Repeat last 2 rows, once more.

24th row: P to end. **

Repeat last 24 rows once more, then work 1st to 12th rows again.

Shape armholes: Next row: K59 and leave these sts on a stitch holder for right front, cast off 3 sts – 1 st on right hand needle, k another 57 sts, k2tog, k58 and slip these 117 sts on a spare needle for back, cast off 3 sts, k to end and work on remaining 59 sts for left front.

Left front: 1st row: P to last 3 sts, p2togb, k1.

2nd row: K1, k2togb, k to end.

3rd row: K to last 3 sts, p2togb, k1.

4th row: As 2nd row.

5th row: As 1st row – 54 sts.

Leave these sts on a spare needle.

Back: With wrong side facing, rejoin yarn to 117 sts on spare needle.

***** 1st row:** K1, p2tog, p to last 3 sts, p2togb, k1.

2nd row: K1, k2togb, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

3rd row: K1, p2tog, k to last 3 sts, p2togb, k1.

4th row: As 2nd row.

5th row: As 1st row. ***

Leave remaining 107 sts on a spare needle.

Right front: With wrong side facing, rejoin yarn to 59 sts left on st holder.

1st row: K1, p2tog, p to end.

2nd row: K to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

3rd row: K1, p2tog, k to end.

4th row: As 2nd row.

5th row: As 1st row – 54 sts.

Leave these sts on a st holder.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 2¾mm needles, cast on 41 sts.

K 7 rows.

Inc row: [Inc in next st, k3] 10 times, inc in last st – 52 sts.

Change to 3mm needles.

Work as back and fronts from ** to **, then work 1st to 12th rows again.

Shape top: Next row: K1, k2togb, k22, k2tog, k22, k2tog, k1 – 49 sts.

Work as armhole shaping on back from *** to ***.

Leave remaining 39 sts on a st holder.

Yoke

With right side facing and using 3mm needles, rejoin yarn to right front and k2, [k2tog] 26 times across right front sts, [k1, k2tog] 13 times across right sleeve sts, k3tog, [k2tog] 25 times, k1, [k2tog] 25 times, k3tog across back sts, then [k2tog, k1] 13 times across left sleeve, and finally, [k2tog] 26 times, k2 across left front sts – 161 sts.

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

Mst 3 rows. P 1 row.

1st dec row: K5, [k2tog, k8] 15 times, k2tog, k4 – 145 sts. P 3 rows.

2nd dec row: K4, [k2tog, k7] 15 times, k2tog, k4 – 129 sts. P 1 row.

Mst 4 rows.

3rd dec row: K4, [k2tog, k6] 15 times, k2tog, k3 – 113 sts. P 1 row.

K 3 rows. P 1 row.

4th dec row: K3, [k2tog, k5] 15 times, k2tog, k3 – 97 sts.

Mst 4 rows. P 1 row.

5th dec row: K3, [k2tog, k4] 15 times, k2tog, k2 – 81 sts. P 3 rows.

6th dec row: K2, [k2tog, k3] 15 times, k2tog, k2 – 65 sts. P 1 row.

Leave sts on a spare needle.

Left front border

With right side facing and using 2¾mm needles, rejoin yarn to inner edge of 5 sts on left front safety pin and k 112 rows. Leave sts on a safety pin.

Right front border

With wrong side facing and using 2¾mm needles, rejoin yarn to inner edge of 5 sts on right front safety pin.

K 73 rows.

Buttonhole row: K1, k2tog, yarn forward and round needle, k2.

Next row: K to end, dropping extra loop from previous row.

K 18 rows.

Work the 2 buttonhole rows again.

K 16 rows. Do not break off the yarn.

Neckband

With right side facing, using 2¾mm needles and attached yarn, k5 sts of right front border, k across 65 sts of yoke, then k5 of left front border – 75 sts. K 1 row.

Work the 2 buttonhole rows as before.

K 2 rows. Cast off.

To make up

Join sleeve seams and tiny underarm seams. Sew on front borders and buttons.

BONNET

With 2¾mm needles, cast on 92 sts.

K 7 rows. P 1 row.

Change to 3mm needles.

Work 24 rows in pattern as given on back

and fronts of jacket, then work 1st to 6th rows again, dec 3 sts evenly across last rows – 89 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 6 rows.

Shape crown: 1st row: [K9, k2tog] 8 times, k1 – 81 sts.

2nd row and every following

alternate row: K1, p to last st, k1.

3rd row: [K8, k2tog] 8 times, k1 – 73 sts.

5th row: [K7, k2tog] 8 times, k1 – 65 sts.

7th row: [K6, k2tog] 8 times, k1 – 57 sts.

9th row: [K5, k2tog] 8 times, k1 – 49 sts.

11th row: [K4, k2tog] 8 times, k1 – 41 sts.

13th row: [K3, k2tog] 8 times, k1 – 33 sts.

15th row: [K2, k2tog] 8 times, k1 – 25 sts.

17th row: K1, [k2tog] 12 times – 13 sts.

Break off yarn, leaving a long end. Thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure.

To make up

Join 6 stocking stitch rows before crown shaping, then join crown. Finally, with 2.50 hook, work a row of dc evenly along row-ends of bonnet. Fasten off.

Sew a length of ribbon to each corner.





BOOTEES

(both alike)

With 2¾mm needles, cast on 42 sts.

K 7 rows. P 1 row.

Change to 3mm needles.

Work 1st to 17th rows of pattern as given on back and fronts of jacket. P 1 row.

Eyelet row: K2, [yf, k2tog] to end.

P 1 row. **

Instep: Next row: K28 and turn.

Next row: P14, turn.

Beginning with a k row, ss 20 rows on these 14 sts. Break off yarn.

With right side facing, rejoin yarn to base of instep, pick up and k11 sts along row-ends of instep, k14 sts on top of instep, then pick up and k11 sts along other row-ends of instep, and finally, k across remaining 14 sts – 64 sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 11 rows.

Shape sole: 1st dec row: K1, k2togb, k21, k2tog, k12, k2togb, k21, k2tog, k1 – 60 sts.

K 1 row.

2nd dec row: K1, k2togb, k20, k2tog, k10, k2togb, k20, k2tog, k1 – 56 sts.

K 1 row.

3rd dec row: K1, k2togb, k19, k2tog, k8, k2togb, k19, k2tog, k1 – 52 sts.

K 1 row. Cast off.

Join centre back and sole seam. Thread ribbon through eyelet holes, bringing ends out to tie at centre front.

MITTS

(both alike)

Work as booties to **.

Next row: K2tog, [k18, k2tog] twice – 39 sts. Beginning with a p row, ss 21 rows.

Shape top: 1st row: K2togb, k15, k2tog, k1, k2togb, k15, k2tog – 35 sts.

2nd row and 2 following alternate rows: P to end.

3rd row: K2togb, k13, k2tog, k1, k2togb, k13, k2tog – 31 sts.

5th row: K2togb, k11, k2tog, k1, k2togb, k11, k2tog – 27 sts.

7th row: K2togb, k9, k2tog, k1, k2togb, k9, k2tog – 23 sts.

Cast off.

Fold mitt in half and join cast-off edge and side seam. Thread ribbon through eyelet holes, bringing ends out to tie at centre front.

VEST

Back

With 2¾mm needles, cast on 71 sts.

1st row: K2, [p1, k1] to last st, k1.

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

Repeat last 2 rows, 3 times more.

Change to 3mm needles.



Beginning with a k row, ss 66 rows.

Shape armholes: Cast off 3 sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Next row: K1, k2togb, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Next row: K1, p2tog, p to last 3 sts, p2togb, k1.

Repeat last 2 rows, once more – 57 sts.
Ss 2 rows. **

Mark each end of last row.

Ss 18 rows straight.

Change to 2¾mm needles.

Work 6 rows in rib as given at beginning.

Cast off in rib.

Front

Work as back to **.

Ss 2 rows.

Shape neck: Next row: K22, k2tog, k1, turn and work on these 24 sts for left side neck.

Left side neck: Next row: K1, p to last st, k1.

Next row: K to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Repeat last 2 rows, 20 times more – 3 sts.

Next row: K1, p1, k1.

Next row: K2tog, k1 – 2 sts.

Cast off.

Right side neck: With right side facing, slip centre 7 sts onto st holder, rejoin yarn to remaining sts, k1, k2togb, k to end – 24 sts.

Next row: K1, p to last st, k1.

Next row: K1, k2togb, k to end.

Repeat last 2 rows, 20 times more – 3 sts.

Next row: K1, p1, k1.

Next row: K1, k2togb – 2 sts.

Cast off.

Neckband

With right side facing and using 2¾mm needles, pick up and k46 sts down left front neck, k7 from centre front, pick up and k46 sts up right front neck – 99 sts.

Beginning with a 2nd row, work 4 rows in rib as on back. Cast off in rib.

Sleeves

(both alike)

First, overlap last 23 rows of front neck over the back so that the 2 cast-off sts are level with markers on back and catch in place.

With right side facing and using 2¾mm needles, pick up and k65 sts evenly around armhole edge, working through double thickness on overlapped section. Beginning with a 2nd row, work 16 rows in rib as on back. Cast off in rib.

To make up

Join side and sleeve seams.



SHAWL

Lace square

(make 5)

With 4mm needles, cast on 62 sts.

1st row: P2, [k3, p2] to end.

2nd row: P1, k1, [p3, k2] to last 5 sts, p3, k1, p1.

3rd row: P2, [yon, sl1, k2tog, pssso, yrn, p2] to end.

4th row: As 2nd row.

These 4 rows form pattern.

Pattern another 78 rows. Cast off.

Moss stitch square

(make 4)

With 4mm needles, cast on 57 sts.

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

Mst another 94 rows. Cast off in mst.

Edging

First, arrange squares to form large square, placing a lace square in each corner and one in the centre, with a moss stitch square in between them and join together.

1st round: With right side facing and using 2.50 hook, work 1 round of dc all round outer edges, working 3dc in each corner, making total of dc to be divisible by 3, slst in first dc, turn.

2nd round: [4ch, 1dc in 3rd ch from hook, miss 2dc, 1dc in next dc] to end, slst in 1ch at beginning. Fasten off.

ONE-BALL
MAKE

Simply Cosy

Make a super warmer for your teapot from a single ball of yarn

Clever
drawstring
design!

Materials

1 x 100g (295m) ball of Stylecraft Special DK (100% acrylic) in Fiesta (1257); length of DK yarn in Orange. Yarn available from theknittingnetwork.co.uk*. Pair of 3¾mm (No. 9) and 4½mm (No. 7) knitting needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **sl**, slip; **tog**, together; **yrn**, yarn round needle to make a st; **yon**, yarn over needle to make a p.

Note

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

Sides**(make 2)**

With 3¾mm needles and using two strands of Fiesta together, cast on 48 sts. Work 2 rows in p1, k1 rib. Change to 4½mm needles.

1st row: Sl1, p2, [k2, p2] to last st, k1.**2nd row:** Sl1, p1, k2, [p2, k2] to end.

These 2 rows form pattern.

Pattern another 44 rows.

Eyelet row: Sl1, p1, [yon, k2tog, yrn, p2tog] to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

Beginning with 2nd row, pattern another 7 rows. Cast off.

To make up

Join side pieces together along row-ends, leaving openings for spout and handle. With Orange, make twisted cord, 100cm finished length. Thread cord through eyelet holes, bringing ends at handle side. Draw up and tie ends together.

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- ☐ A BIT MORE TRICKY
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Cute As A Button

Our knitted dress is both
comfy and a little bit special
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GIRL'S DRESS

Measurements

To fit ages 1-2 (2-3) (3-4) (4-5) years.

Actual chest measurements 52 (58) (64) (71) cm/20½ (22¾) (25¼) (28) in.

Side seam 30 (34) (38) (42) cm/11¾ (13¼) (15) (16½) in.

Length to back neck 40.5 (46) (51) (56) cm/16 (18) (20) (22) in.

Sleeve seam All sizes 3cm/1¼in.

Materials

4 (4) (5) (6) 50g (125m) balls of Debbie Bliss Eco Baby (100% cotton) in Burnt Orange (33)*. Pair of 2¾mm (No. 12) and 3¼mm (No. 10) knitting needles; 16 (20) (20) (24) of 11mm-diameter buttons; 10 (12) (12) (14) of 17mm diameter buttons.

Tension

25 stitches and 34 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 3¼mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **skpo**, slip 1kwise, k1, pass slip st over; **s2kpo**, [slip 1kwise] twice, k1, pass 2 slip sts over; **dec**, decrease (by taking 2 sts tog); **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **yf**, yarn forward to make a st.

Note

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

Back and front

(both alike)

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 91 (109) (109) (127) sts.

K 1 row.

1st row: K1, [yf, k7, s2kpo, k7, yf, k1] to end.

2nd row and 7 following alternate rows: P.

3rd row: K2, [yf, k6, s2kpo, k6, yf, k3] to last 17 sts, yf, k6, s2kpo, k6, yf, k2.

5th row: K3, [yf, k5, s2kpo, k5, yf, k5] to last 16 sts, yf, k5, s2kpo, k5, yf, k3.

7th row: K4, [yf, k4, s2kpo, k4, yf, k7] to

last 15 sts, yf, k4, s2kpo, k4, yf, k4.

9th row: K5, [yf, k3, s2kpo, k3, yf, k9] to last 14 sts, yf, k3, s2kpo, k3, yf, k5.

11th row: K6, [yf, k2, s2kpo, k2, yf, k11] to last 13 sts, yf, k2, s2kpo, k2, yf, k6.

13th row: K7, [yf, k1, s2kpo, k1, yf, k13] to last 12 sts, yf, k1, s2kpo, k1, yf, k7.

15th row: K8, [yf, s2kpo, yf, k15] to last 11 sts, yf, s2kpo, yf, k8.

1st dec row: K8, [s2kpo, k15] to last 11 sts, s2kpo, k8 – 81 (97) (97) (113) sts. Beginning with a p row, ss 3 (13) (21) (11) rows.

2nd dec row: K4, skpo, k to last 6 sts, k2tog, k4. Ss 7 (5) (9) (7) rows. Repeat last 8 (6) (10) (8) rows, 6 (10) (6) (10) times more, then work 2nd dec row again – 65 (73) (81) (89) sts.

Continue straight until work measures 30 (34) (38) (42) cm from beginning, ending with a p row.

Shape raglan armholes: Cast off 4 (5) (6) (7) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Dec row: K4, skpo, k to last 6 sts, k2tog, k4. Ss 3 rows.

Repeat last 4 rows, 4 times more – 47 (53) (59) (65) sts.

Work dec row. P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 6 (8) (10) (12) times more – 33 (35) (37) (39) sts.

Leave these sts on a st holder.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 51 (61) (61) (71) sts.

K 1 row.

1st row: K1, [yf, k3, s2kpo, k3, yf, k1] to end.

2nd row and 2 following alternate rows: P.

3rd row: K2, [yf, k2, s2kpo, k2, yf, k3] to last 9 sts, yf, k2, s2kpo, k2, yf, k2.

5th row: K3, [yf, k1, s2kpo, k1, yf, k5] to last 8 sts, yf, k1, s2kpo, k1, yf, k3.

7th row: K4, [yf, s2kpo, yf, k7] to last 7 sts, yf, s2kpo, yf, k4. P 1 row.

Shape raglan top: Cast off 4 (5) (6) (7) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Dec row: K4, skpo, k to last 6 sts, k2tog, k4. Ss 3 rows.

Repeat last 4 rows, 4 (3) (7) (6) times more – 33 (43) (33) (43) sts.

Work dec row. P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 6 (10) (4) (8) times more – 19 (21) (23) (25) sts.

Leave these sts on a st holder.

Neckband

Join right back raglan seam and both front raglan seams.

With right side facing and using 2¾mm needles, k18 (20) (22) (24) sts of left



sleeve top, k last st tog with first st on front, k31 (33) (35) (37) sts at front, k last st tog with first st of right sleeve, k17 (19) (21) (23) sts of left sleeve, k last st tog with first st of back, k32 (34) (36) (38) sts at back – 101 (109) (117) (125) sts. K 2 rows. Cast off.

To make up

Join left back raglan seam and neckband. Join side and sleeve seams. Sew on small buttons to top of each lace pattern repeat along lower edges, omitting first and last top on sleeves. Sew larger buttons in the middle of ss sections between lace pattern repeats along lower edge of back and front.

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



Watch The Birdies

Knit a fun pair of budgies – they'll add a kitsch touch to wherever they perch

KNITTED BUDGIES

Measurements

Approximately 15cm/6in high, excluding tail.

Materials

Green budgie: 1 x 50g (145m) ball of Rico Design Creative Sport DK (50% cotton, 50% acrylic) in each of Green (009) and Yellow (003)*. Length of Turquoise DK yarn for embroidery.

Turquoise budgie: 1 x 50g (145m) ball of Rico Design Creative Sport DK (50% cotton, 50% acrylic) in each of Turquoise (008) and Cream (001)*.

For both budgies: 1 x 50g (145m) ball of Rico Design Creative Sport DK (50% cotton, 50% acrylic) in Black (010) and small amount in Natural (002)*. 1 skein of Yellow embroidery thread. Pair of 3mm (No. 11) knitting needles; washable toy stuffing.

Tension

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

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **k2togb**, k2tog through back of sts; **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 stocking st (p on right side and k on wrong side).

Note

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

GREEN BUDGIE

Head, body and tail

Head: With 3mm needles and Yellow, cast on 10 sts. P 1 row.

1st inc row: [Inc kwise in next st] 10 times – 20 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: [Inc in next st, k1] 10 times – 30 sts. P 1 row.

3rd inc row: [Inc in next st, k2] 10 times – 40 sts. Ss 14 rows.

Body: Change to Green and p 1 row.

Inc row: [Inc in next st, k4] 8 times – 48 sts. Ss 15 rows.

1st dec row: [K4, k2tog] 8 times – 40 sts. Ss 7 rows.



2nd dec row: K7, [k2tog, k3] 5 times, k2tog, k6 – 34 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd dec row: K8, [k2tog, k2] 4 times, k2tog, k8 – 29 sts. P 1 row.

4th dec row: K7, [k2tog, k1] 4 times, k2tog, k8 – 24 sts.

Tail: **Next row:** P7, cast off next 10 sts, p to end – 14 sts. Ss 12 rows.

1st dec row: K4, [k2tog, k3] twice – 12 sts. Ss 5 rows.

2nd dec row: [K3, k2tog] twice, k2 – 10 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd dec row: K2, [k2tog, k2] twice – 8 sts. P 1 row.

4th dec row: K1, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k1 – 6 sts. P 1 row.

5th dec row: [K2tog] 3 times – 3 sts. P 1 row.

Break off yarn, thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends of tail and body, leaving an opening on body. Fold the 10 cast-off sts at base of body and join. Gather cast-on edge, then join row-ends of head. Stuff head, tail and body firmly. Close opening. With Black, work 6 rows of back stitch along back and sides of head as shown in photo. Work 2 short straight stitches in Black for each eye, then embroider two pairs of spots at base of front of head in same way. With Yellow embroidery thread, embroider V-shape with satin stitch at centre of face for beak. With Turquoise, work a few straight stitches across top of beak, then work spot at each side of head as before.

Wings

(make 2)

With 3mm needles and Yellow, cast on 8 sts. K 1 row.

Join Black and p 1 row.

Inc row: Inc kwise in first st, k to last 2 sts, inc kwise in next st, k1.

Continuing in rss and stripes of 2 rows Yellow and 2 rows Black, work as follows P 1 row. Work inc row again – 12 sts.

Rss 5 rows.

Dec row: K2togb, k to last 2 sts, k2tog.

Rss 3 rows.

Repeat last 4 rows, once more – 8 sts.

Work dec row. P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, once more – 4 sts.

Next dec row: K2togb, k2tog – 2 sts.

P 1 row. K2tog and fasten off.

Position and sew wings to sides of body.

Feet

(make 2)

With 3mm needles and Natural, cast on 6 sts.

Next row: Cast off 5 sts, do not turn, but place st used in casting-off back onto left needle.

Next row: Cast on 5 sts, cast off 5 sts, do not turn, but place st used in casting-off back onto left needle.

Next row: Cast on 5 sts, then cast off all 6 sts.

Position and sew back of feet to base of body.

TURQUOISE BUDGIE

Head, body and tail

Using Cream for head and Turquoise for body and tail, work as Green budgie.

Wings

(make 2)

Using Cream instead of Yellow, work as Green budgie.

Feet

(make 2)

Work as Green budgie.





Orange Appeal

Here comes the sun... in the shape of our colour-splash tunic top

*Great with shorts and cami,
or thrown over a bikini*

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



COTTON TOP

Measurements

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

Actual measurements 85.5 (95) (104.5) (114) (123.5) cm/33¾ (37½) (41) (45) (48¼) in.

Side seam 59 (59) (60) (61) (62) cm/23¼ (23¼) (23½) (24) (24½) in.

Length to centre back neck (including neck edging) 70.5 (72) (74) (76) (78.5) cm/27¾ (28¼) (29) (30) (31) in.

Materials

6 (7) (8) (9) (10) 50g (145m) balls of Rico Design Creative Sport DK (50% cotton, 50% acrylic) in Pumpkin (006)*. Size 3.50 and 4.00 crochet hooks.

Tension

21 stitches and 9 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over pattern, using 4.00 hook.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **st**, stitch; **dc**, double crochet; **slst**, slip st; **tr**, treble; **chsp**, chain space; **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 2nd bracket.

To make

With 4.00 hook, make 180 (200) (220) (240) (260) ch, without twisting the chain, slst in first ch to form ring.

Foundation round: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in each of next 3ch, [miss 2ch, 1tr in each of next 4ch, 2ch, 1tr in each of next 4ch] to last 6ch, miss 2ch, 1tr in each of last 4ch, 1ch, 1dc in top of 3ch.

Pattern round: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in same place as dc of last round, 1tr in each of next 2tr, [miss 2tr, 1tr in each of next 3tr, work 1tr, 2ch and 1tr all in next chsp, 1tr in each of next 3tr] to last 5tr, miss 2tr, 1tr in each of last 3tr, 1tr in last chsp, 1ch, 1dc in top of 3ch. Repeat pattern round until work measures 59 (59) (60) (61) (62) cm from beginning.

Shape for armhole openings: Next round: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in same place as dc of last round, 1tr in each of next 2tr, * [miss 2tr, 1tr in each of next 3tr, work 1tr, 2ch and 1tr all in next chsp, 1tr in each of next 3tr] 6 (7) (7) (8) (8) times, miss 2tr, 1tr in each of next 3tr, 1tr in next chsp *, make 42 (42) (52) (52) (62) ch, miss next 16 (16) (24) (24) (24) tr, 1tr in next chsp, 1tr in each of next 3tr, work from * to * once, make 41 (41) (51) (51) (61) ch, miss next 16 (16) (24) (24) (24) tr, 1dc in top of 3ch – 220 (240) (260) (280) (300) sts.

Next round: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in same place as dc of last round, 1tr in each of next 2tr, * [miss 2tr, 1tr in each of next 3tr, work 1tr, 2ch and 1tr all in next chsp, 1tr in each of next 3tr] 6 (7) (7) (8) (8) times, miss 2tr, 1tr in each of next 3tr, 1tr in first ch, [2ch, 1tr in each of next 4ch, miss 2ch, 1tr in each of next 4ch] 4 (4) (5) (5) (6) times *, 2ch, 1tr in last ch, 1tr in each of next 3tr, work from * to * once, 1ch, 1dc in top of 3ch. Pattern another 3 (3) (4) (4) (5) rounds.

1st dec round: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in same place as dc of last round, 1tr in next tr, [miss 4tr, 1tr in each of next 2tr, work 1tr, 2ch and 1tr all in next chsp, 1tr in each of next 2tr] to last 6tr, miss 4tr, 1tr in each of last 2tr, 1tr in last chsp, 1ch, 1dc in top of 3ch – 176 (192) (208) (224) (240) sts.

Next round: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in same place as dc of last round, 1tr in next tr, [miss 2tr, 1tr in each of next 2tr, work 1tr, 2ch and 1tr all in next chsp, 1tr in each of next 2tr] to last 4tr, miss 2tr, 1tr in each of last 2tr, 1tr in last chsp, 1ch, 1dc in top of 3ch. Repeat last round, nil (1) (1) (1) (2) time(s) more.

2nd dec round: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in same place as dc of last round, [miss 4tr, 1tr in next tr, work 1tr, 2ch and 1tr all in next chsp, 1tr in next tr] to last 5tr, miss 4tr, 1tr in last tr, 1tr in last chsp, 1ch, slst in top of 3ch – 132 (144) (156) (168) (180) sts.

Next round: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in same place as dc of last round, [miss 2tr, 1tr in next tr, work 1tr, 2ch and 1tr all in next chsp, 1tr in next tr] to last 3tr, miss 2tr, 1tr in last tr, 1tr in last chsp, 1ch, 1dc in top of 3ch.

Neck edging: Change to 3.50 hook.

1st round: 8ch (counts as 1tr and 6ch), [work 1tr, 2ch and 1tr all in next chsp, 6ch] to end, ending last repeat 1tr in last chsp, 1ch, 1dc in 3rd of 8ch.

2nd round: 3ch (counts as 1tr), [4dc in next 6-chsp, work 1tr, 2ch and 1tr all in

next 2-chsp] to end, ending last repeat 1tr in last chsp, 2ch, slst in top of 3ch.

3rd round: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in each of next 4dc, 2dc in chsp] to end, slst in first dc.

4th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in each dc to end, slst in first dc.

5th round: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next 2dc, [1tr in next dc, 1ch, miss 2dc] to end, slst in 3rd of 4ch – 88 (96) (104) (112) (120) sts.

Fasten off and neaten ends.



COLLECT & *Create*

GRANNY SQUARE THROW

Part 5



Create this wonderfully colourful, shabby chic throw with our latest 'Crochet-A-Long'. The fifth pattern in this six-part series is for small motifs



Measurements

The completed throw measures approximately 117 x 145cm/46 x 57in, including edging.

Materials

Of Bergere de France Ideal (40% wool, 30% acrylic, 30% polyamide) in 50g (125m) balls, entire throw requires the following:

Key colours: 3 balls in each of Cream (Meije 51253), Green (Olivine 20754) and Fawn (Vannerie 23316), 2 balls in each of Deep Pink (Cyclamen 20555) and Pale Pink (Danseuse 23026)*.

Other colours: 2 balls in each of Pale Blue (Linaire 20933), Dark Grey (Lievre 54695) and Dusky Pink (Beige Rose 35177), 1 ball in each of Mid Blue (Myosotis 20841), Pale Yellow (Jaune 35166), Dark Green (Pinede 25324), Purple (Belladone 22375), Orange (Vitamine 24109), Pale Grey (Cendre 24241), Light Teal (Persan 24257) and Rust (Sequoia 35168)*.

Joining and edging: 5 balls White (Everest 51220)*.

Size 4.00 crochet hook.

Tension

Large motif measures approximately 24 x 24cm, medium motif measures approximately 12 x 12cm and small motif measures approximately 6 x 6cm; using 4.00 hook.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **chsp**, chain space; **dc**, double crochet; **htr**, half treble; **tr**, treble; **sp**, space; **st**, stitch; **slst**, slip stitch; **yoh**, yarn over hook; **tr2tog**, work 2tr together thus: [yoh, insert hook in chsp indicated, yoh and pull through, yoh and pull through first 2 loops on hook] twice, yoh and pull through all 3 loops on hook; **tr3tog**, work 3tr together thus: [yoh, insert hook in chsp indicated, yoh and pull through, yoh and pull through first 2 loops on hook] 3 times, yoh and pull through all 4 loops on hook.

Note

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



Small motif 1

(make 54)

Each square uses 3 colours, A, B and C. Use at least one key colour in each square, and other colours randomly.

1st round: With 4.00 hook and A, make 4ch, 15tr in 4th ch from hook, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 16 sts.

2nd round: 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr next st, work 2tr, 2ch and 2tr all in next st, [1htr in each of next 3 sts, work 2tr, 2ch and 2tr all in next st] 3 times, 1htr in last st, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

Fasten off A.

Join B in same place as slst.

3rd round: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss next st, 1tr in next st, 1ch, miss next st, * work 2tr, 2ch and 2tr all in next 2-chsp, [1ch, miss next st, 1tr in next st] 3 times, 1ch, miss next st, repeat from * twice more, work 2tr, 2ch and 2tr all in last 2-chsp, 1ch, miss next st, 1tr in next st, 1ch, miss last st, slst in 3rd of 4ch. Fasten off B.

Join C in same place as slst.

4th round: 1ch, 1dc into each tr and chsp, working 1dc, 1ch and 1dc all in each corner 2-chsp, slst in first dc. Fasten off.

Small motif 2

(make 10)

Each square uses 3 colours, A, B and C. Use at least one key colour in each square, and other colours randomly.

1st round: With 4.00 hook and A, make 4ch, 23tr in 4th ch from hook, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 24 sts.

2nd round: 6ch (counts as 1dc and 5ch), miss next 2tr, [1dc in next tr, 5ch, miss next 2tr] 7 times, slst in first of 6ch. Fasten off A.

Join B in any 5-chsp.

3rd round: 3ch, tr2tog in 5-chsp, 3ch, [tr3tog, 3ch] twice in same 5-chsp, 1dc in next 5-chsp, 3ch, * [tr3tog, 3ch] 3 times in next 5-chsp, 1dc in next 5-chsp, 3ch, repeat from * twice more, slst in top of tr2tof. Fasten off B.

Join C in same place as slst.

4th round: 1ch, 1dc in tr2tog, [2dc in next 3-chsp, 1dc, 1ch and 1dc all in next tr3tog, 2dc in next 3-chsp, 1dc in next tr3tog, 2dc in next 3-chsp, 1dc in next dc, 2dc in next 3-chsp, 1dc in next tr3tog] 4 times, omitting final dc, slst in first dc. Fasten off.

Beginners, Please KNITTING PROJECT

Easy Style

A super-light scarf
that's spot-on
for summer



Cool linen is an ideal yarn choice for our eyelet summer scarf

Photos: Sussie Bell. Stylist: Emma Wiltshire. Designer: Lynne Rowe. *Yarn subject to availability

Measurements

Approximately 24 x 220cm/9½ x 86½in.

Materials

1 x 50g (150m) ball of DMC Natura Just Cotton Linen (58% linen, 26% viscose, 16% cotton) in each of Pink (04) and Orange (101)*. Pair of 5mm (No. 6) knitting needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **yf**, yarn forward to make a st; **inc**, increase (by working k into front and back of same st).

Note

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

To make

With 5mm needles and Pink, cast on 49 sts.

1st row: K1, inc in next st, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

2nd row: P to end.

3rd row: K1, inc in next st, [yf, k2tog] to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

4th row: P to end.

5th row: K1, inc in next st, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

6th row: P to end.

These 6 rows form pattern.

Pattern another 60 rows. Break off Pink.

Join in Orange.

Pattern 144 rows. Break off Orange.

Join in Pink.

Pattern 64 rows. Cast off loosely.

Wet scarf and pin out to measurements given. Leave until dry.



Beginners, Please CROCHET PROJECT



Top Update

Make over a plain cami with
a simple patterned motif

Choose any colours you fancy for this motif – whatever suits your wardrobe!

Measurements

To fit women's dress sizes 8-10 (12-14) (16-18).

Materials

1 x 50g (150m) ball of DMC Natura Just Cotton Linen (58% linen, 26% viscose, 16% cotton) in each of Green (08) and White (01)*. Crochet hook in following size: 3.50 for size 8-10, 4.00 for size 12-14 and 4.50 for size 16-18; camisole of appropriate size; green sewing thread.

Abbreviations

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

Note

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. Instructions are given for all sizes, using size 3.50 hook for first size, 4.00 hook for second size and 4.50 hook for third size. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

Back yoke

1st row: With 3.50 (4.00) (4.50) hook and Green, wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form a ring, insert hook into ring, yarn round hook and pull through, 3ch (counts as 1tr throughout), work 7tr in ring, turn and pull end of yarn tightly to close ring – 8 sts.

2nd row: 2ch (counts as 1htr throughout), 1htr in base of 2ch, [2htr in next st] 6 times, 2htr in top of 3ch, turn – 16 sts.

3rd row: 3ch, working in back loops only, work 1tr in each of next 2 sts, 2tr in next st, [1tr in each of next 3 sts, 2tr in next st] twice, 1tr in each of next 3 sts, 2tr in top of 2ch, turn – 20 sts.

4th row: 2ch, 1htr in base of 2ch, [1htr in next st, 2htr in next st] 9 times, 1htr in top of 3ch, turn – 30 sts.

5th row: 3ch, working in back loops



only, work 1tr in each of next 3 sts, 2tr in next st, [1tr in each of next 4 sts, 2tr in next st] 4 times, 2tr in top of 2ch, turn – 36 sts.

6th row: 2ch, [1htr in next st] to end, 1htr in top of 3ch, turn.

7th row: 3ch, working in back loops only, work 1tr in base of 3ch, [1tr in each of next 5 sts, 2tr in next st] 5 times, 1tr in each of next 4 sts, 1tr in top of 2ch, turn – 42 sts.

8th row: 3ch, [work 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in next st – V-st made, miss next st] 20 times, 1tr in top of 3ch, turn – 20 V-sts. Break off Green.

Join in White.

9th row: 3ch, [work 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in 1-chsp of next V-st] 20 times, 1tr in top of 3ch, turn. Break off White.

Join in Green.

10th row: 2ch, 2htr in 1-chsp of first V-st, [2htr in sp between V-sts, 2htr in 1-chsp of next V-st] 19 times, 1htr in top of 3ch, turn – 80 sts.

11th row: 1ch (does not count as a st throughout), working in back loops only, work [1dc in next st] to last st, 1dc in top of 2ch.

Top edging: 1st row: 1ch, work dc evenly along row-ends to opposite edge, turn.

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

Front yoke

1st to 9th rows: As 1st to 9th rows of back. Break off White.

Join in Green.

10th row: 3ch, [work 1tr, 2ch and 1tr all

in 1-chsp of next V-st] 20 times, 1tr in top of 3ch, turn. Break off Green.

Join in White.

11th row: 3ch, [work 1tr, 2ch and 1tr all in 2-chsp of next V-st, 1ch] 20 times, 1tr in top of 3ch, turn. Break off White.

Join in Green.

12th row: 2ch, 2htr in 2-chsp of first V-st, [2htr in 1-chsp between V-sts, 2htr in 2-chsp of next V-st] 19 times, 1htr in top of 3ch, turn – 80 sts.

13th row: 1ch (does not count as a st throughout), working in back loops only, work [1dc in next st] to last st, 1dc in top of 2ch.

Top edging: 1st row: 1ch, work dc evenly along row-ends to opposite edge, turn.

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

Straps

(make 2)

With 3.50 (4.00) (4.50) hook and Green, make 50ch.

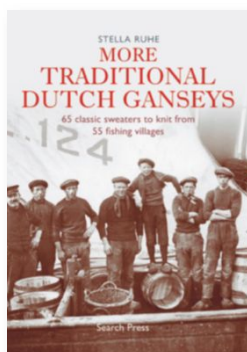
1st row: 1tr in 4th ch from hook, [1tr in next ch] to end, then work along base ch, thus: 1ch, [1dc in next base ch] to end, 1ch, slst in top of 3ch. Fasten off.

To complete

Pin wrong side of yokes in position on back and front as shown in photo. Pin crochet straps on top of camisole straps, placing end of straps between camisole and yoke pieces. Using Green thread, sew pieces in place.



This month, make a traditional Dutch fishing jumper, knit a four-legged friend, step into a garden full of birds and wonder, and find yourself some calm!



Bookshelf

MORE TRADITIONAL DUTCH GANSEYS 65 classic sweaters to knit from 55 fishing villages by Stella Ruhe (Search Press, £19.99)

A fisherman's sweater does an important job, keeping the wearer warm, even on the wildest days at sea. In the Netherlands, though, the fisherman's sweater was more than that: it was a statement of identity. These sweaters – or *ganseys* in Dutch – were heavily textured with knit and purl stitches and sometimes with cables. And different fishing communities developed their own motifs and styles. These styles, indeed, this very tradition, were almost lost until 2013 when Dutch knitwear designer Stella Ruhe published her book, *Dutch Traditional Ganseys*. The book was a collection of these ganseys reworked using modern materials and yarns. Now, the book has a sequel. Each pattern is based on a traditional design from a different fishing community, and just like its predecessor, the book is full of stories and photographs that bring this rich folk history back to life. And each gansey is surprisingly modern. These garments have stepped out of Dutch history, but wouldn't look out of place on a city street.

KNITTED CATS & DOGS Over 30 patterns for cute kittens and perfect pooches by Sue Stratford (Search Press, £12.99)

Sue Stratford is in touch with her animal side. She's published no fewer than four books of animal-inspired knitted toys. And this book represents some of her best. A sort of Greatest Hits of knitted four-legged friends compiled from patterns first published in *Knitted Cats & Kittens* and *Knitted Dogs & Puppies*. There's her Valentino cat with appliqué red heart, her Super Cat with mask and hero's cape, and there are her dress-up dogs – dogs with a host of interchangeable fancy-dress outfits. The patterns are aimed at all abilities, with detailed advice and instructions covering everything from your first stitches to joining techniques and surface embroidery. When you follow one of Sue's patterns, you're not just making a toy. You're making a new friend to love and cherish. This is a Greatest Hits of non-stop floor fillers – you won't be able to stop yourself from dancing.

FIELD GUIDE TO KNITTED BIRDS Over 40 handmade projects to liven up your roost by Arne & Carlos (Search Press, £14.99)

Arne and Carlos's latest title is inspired by their garden in a quiet corner of rural Norway. Many of the birds featured are those they've spotted at their home. But there are English birds, too, like blue tits and bullfinches, and birds of paradise, and birds from every corner of the world to make and hang from mirrors and shelves all over the house. There are even Christmas birds and robins you could make to decorate your tree. Some are embellished with embroidery, others with sequins, feathers and beads. They are quick projects, suitable for knitters of every level, and use only small amounts of yarn. Arne and Carlos' garden and the birds that visit it are beautiful, delicate and magical. And now that magic has taken flight.

KNIT YOURSELF CALM A creative path to managing stress by Lynne Rowe and Betsan Corkhill (Search Press, £9.99)

The patterns in Lynne and Betsan's new book are simple. None of them include anything more difficult or challenging than knit and purl stitches, increasing, decreasing and straightforward colour work. But each has been carefully put together with one thing in mind – wellbeing. There are quick and easy patterns to give you a mood-boost and sense of achievement, there are small projects to knit during a hectic commute, and larger projects to knit at home and to help you escape your busy life outside. The repetitive click and clack of the needles, the cosy familiarity of knit and purl stitches, the feeling of contentment you get from creating something – everything has been put into place to help you towards peace and tranquility. We live in a world of distractions, of 24-hour news, of noise, of days that don't have enough hours. A sense of calm is something precious, and something often lost and forgotten. These patterns have been created to help you rediscover that calm.

GLOSSARY

Abbreviations

alt, alternate
beg, begin or beginning
ch, chain
cont, continue
dc, double crochet
dc2tog, work 2 double crochet together
dc3tog, work 3 double crochet together
dec, decrease or decreasing by working 2 or more stitches together
dtr, double treble
foll, following
gst, garter stitch – knit or purl every stitch on every row
htr, half treble
inc, increase or increasing by working twice or more times into the same stitch
k, knit
k row or rows, knit every stitch across each row(s)
k1tbl or k1b, knit 1 stitch through back loop
k2tog, knit 2 stitches together
k2tog tbl or k2togb, knit 2 stitches together through back of loops
m1, make one
p, purl
p row or rows, purl every stitch across each row
patt, pattern
psso, pass slipped stitch over
p1tbl or p1b, purl next stitch through back loop
p2sso, pass 2 slipped stitches over
p2tog, purl 2 stitches together
p2tog tbl or p2togb, purl 2 stitches together through back of loops
p3tog or more stitches, work as p2tog, but inserting needle through 3 or more stitches
rem, remain or remaining
rep, repeat
RS, right side
skpo, slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped stitch over
sl, slip
sl1, insert right-hand needle in front of next stitch on left-hand needle knitwise (from left to right) or purlwise (from right to left) and slip this stitch off left-hand needle without working into it
slst or ss, slip stitch
st(s), stitch or stitches
stst or ss, stocking stitch – knit stitches on right side rows and purl stitches on wrong side rows
tbl, through back of loop (see k1tbl, p1tbl)
tog, together – work 2 or more stitches together at the same time
tr, treble
tr2tog, work 2 treble together
tr3tog, work 3 treble together
yf or yfwd, yarn forward – is usually worked between 2 knit stitches; bring

yarn from back to front between needles, then over right-hand needle to make a stitch
yo, yarn over (see yarn forward, yarn round needle and yarn over needle)
yon, yarn over needle – is usually worked between purl and knit stitches; take yarn from front to back over right-hand needle to make a st
yrh or yoh, yarn round hook or yarn over hook; take yarn from back over and under hook to back again
yrn, yarn round needle
worked between 2 purl stitches, take yarn from front over and under right-hand needle, bringing it to front again to make a stitch
worked between knit and purl stitches, take yarn from back to front between needles, then over and under right-hand needle, bringing it to front again to make a stitch

Substituting yarns

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

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

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

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

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

Aran yarn is 18 stitches and 24 rows,

to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 5mm needles.

Chunky yarn is 14 stitches and 19 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 6½mm needles. For example: If the pattern states 30 stitches and 38 rows over stocking stitch, you may be able to use 4 ply yarn for this, but using 3mm needles instead of 3¼mm.

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



Tension

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

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

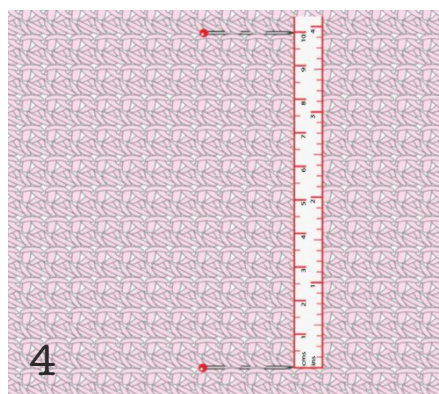
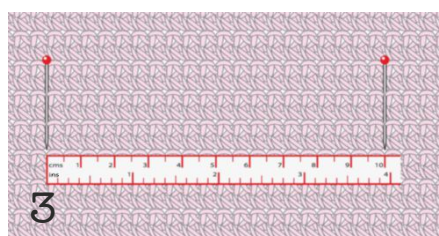
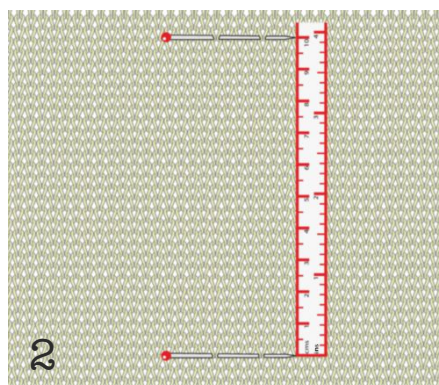
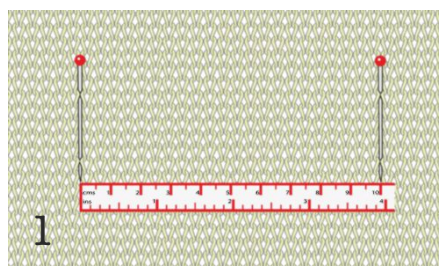
Before commencing a specific project, check your tension by working a swatch about 13cm square in pattern, yarn and needles or crochet hooks as stated. Stretch swatch in each direction and allow to rest. Mark 10cm horizontally in the middle of the test piece (diag. 1 and 3) and count stitches between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

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

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

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

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



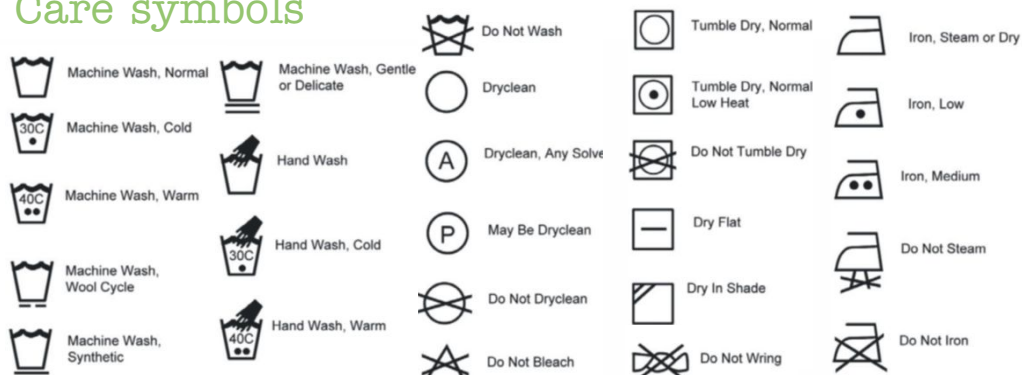
Knitting needles conversion

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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
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20	-
25	-

Crochet hook conversion

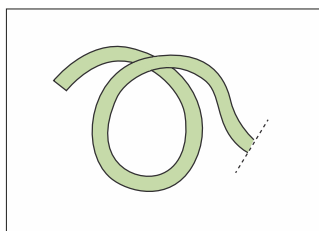
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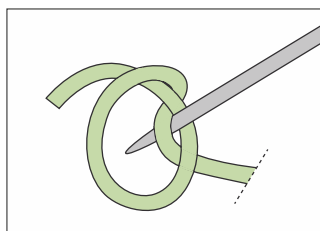


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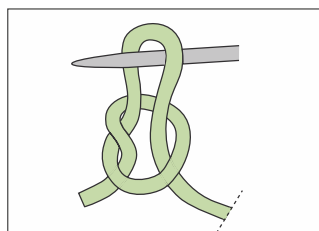
Slip knot



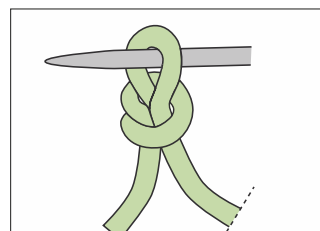
1 Loop the yarn with the ball end on top (the ball end is shown with a broken line).



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



3 Pull both ends to tighten the knot.



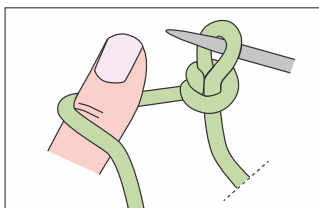
4 Pull the ball end to bring the knot up to the needle.

Holding the yarn and needles

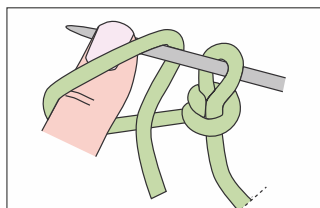
To make even stitches, control the yarn by taking it over the first finger of the right hand, under the second, over the third and under the fourth, or even around the fourth if necessary. Your

right hand also holds the needle that makes the new stitches. Hold this like a knife or a pencil – whichever is more comfortable. Your left hand holds the needle with the stitches already made.

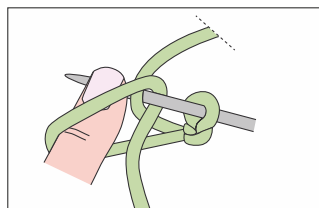
Casting on by thumb method



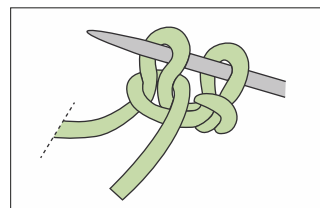
1 Leaving a long end, hold the yarn in the left hand and take the left thumb under the yarn and upwards.



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

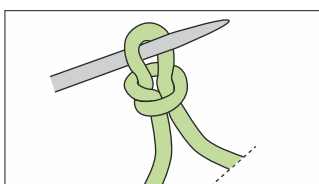


3 Take the ball end of the yarn around the needle and bring it through the loop, slipping the loop off the thumb.

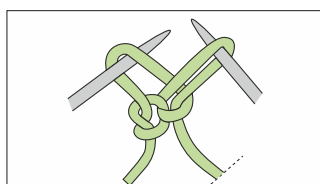


4 Pull the yarn end to close the stitch up to the needle. Continue to cast on stitches as steps 1-4.

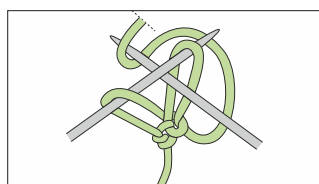
Casting on by cable method



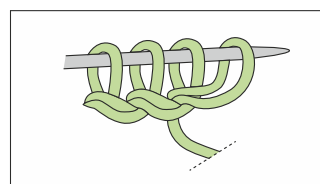
1 Make a slip knot, then hold the needle in your left hand.



2 Knit one without slipping the stitch off.

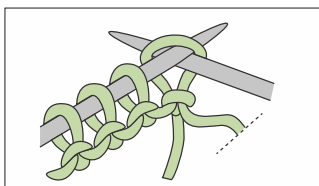


3 Insert the right-hand needles between the last 2 stitches just made, yarn round needle and pull the loop through, thus making new stitch. Slip the new stitch onto left needle.

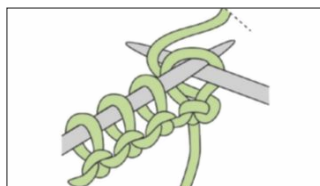


4 Continue making stitches as step 3, until you have the number of stitches you need.

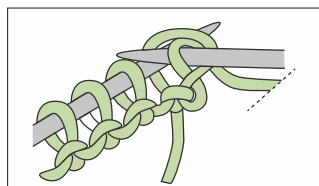
Knit stitch (k)



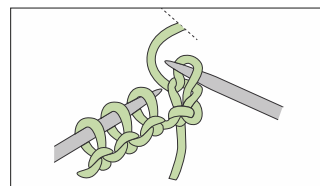
1 Turn the cast-on so that it's in the left hand and insert the right-hand needle from left to right in the front of the first stitch.



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

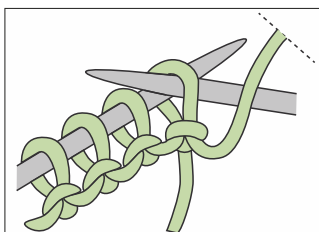


3 Use the tip of the right-hand needle to pull the yarn through.

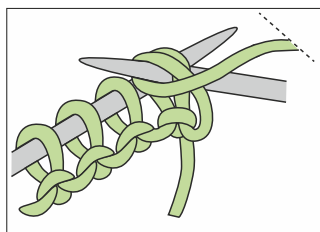


4 Slip the stitch off the left-hand needle to complete the new stitch on the right-hand needle. Continue to make knit stitches as steps 1-4.

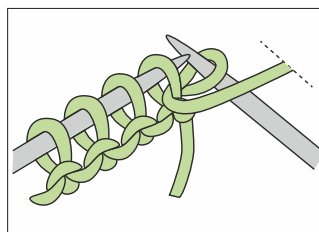
Purl stitch (p)



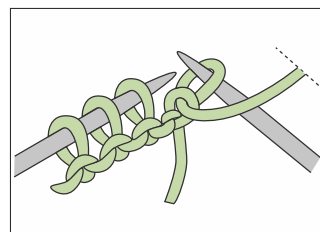
1 With the yarn to the front, insert the right-hand needle from right to left in the front of the first stitch.



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.



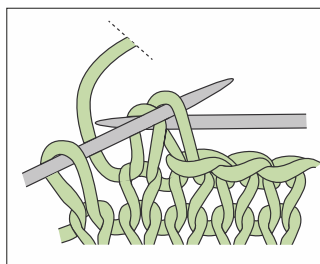
4 Slip the stitch off the left-hand needle to complete the new stitch on the right-hand needle.

Casting off

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

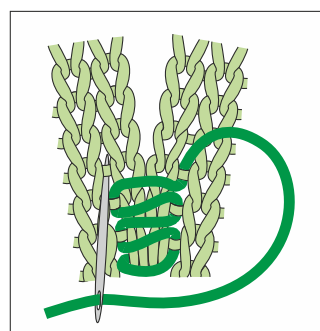
Knit the next stitch, then repeat from * until one stitch is left.

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

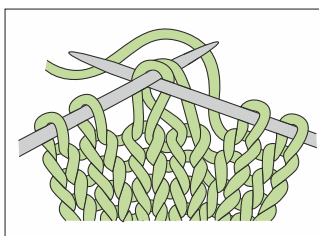


Invisible seaming

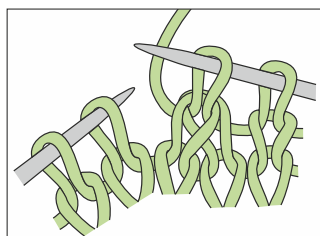
Sometimes called ladder or mattress stitch, this method of sewing up gives the neatest seams. Place the two edges together, right sides upwards and starting at the cast-on edge, take the yarn underneath the strand beside the edge stitch at one side and then the other. After a few stitches pull up the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



Decrease by knitting two stitches together (k2tog)

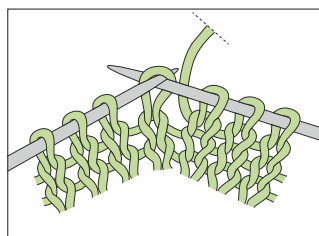


1 Insert the needle in the next two stitches knitwise (that is, through the front of the loops).

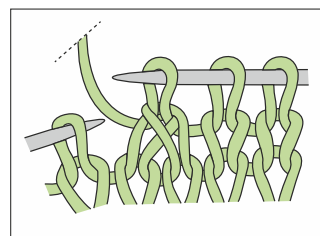


2 Yarn round needle, pull through both stitches and slip these stitches off together. The resulting decrease has the top stitch slanting to the right.

Decrease by slipping one stitch over the next (skpo)

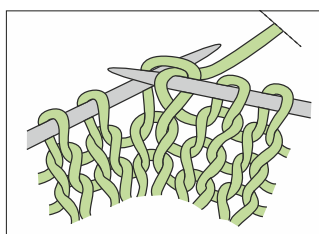


1 Insert the needle in the next stitch knitwise (through the front of the loop) to slip it on to the right-hand needle.

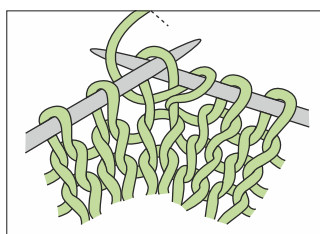


2 Knit the next stitch, then use the left-hand needle to lift the slipped stitch over the knitted one. The resulting decrease has the top stitch slanting to the left.

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

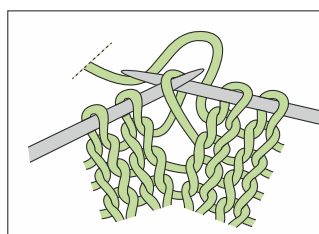


1 Knit the stitch in the usual way, but without slipping it off.

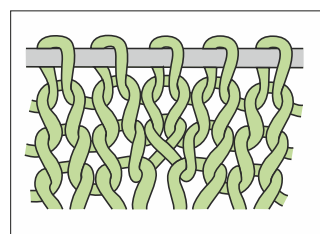


2 Take the right-hand needle to the back and knit the stitch again.

Increase by working into the strand between needles (up1)



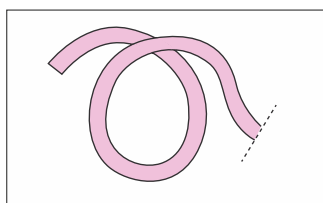
1 Pick up the strand lying between needles and knit in the back of it.



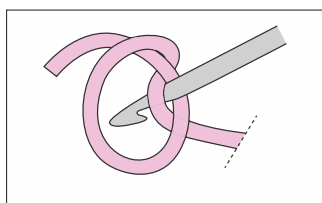
2 This makes a new stitch that fits closely between existing stitches.

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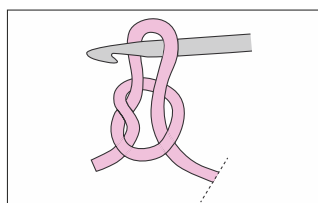
Slip knot



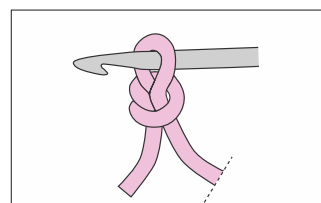
1 Loop the yarn with the ball end on top (the ball end is shown with a broken line).



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



3 Pull both ends to tighten the knot.



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

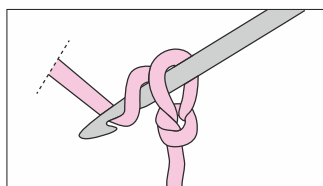
Holding the yarn and hook

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

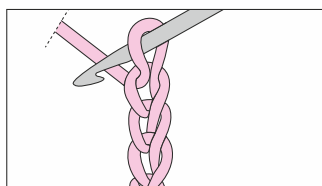
the yarn taken over the first three fingers and under the fourth, or around the fourth if necessary.

Extending the second finger holds the yarn taut for hooking.

Chain (ch)

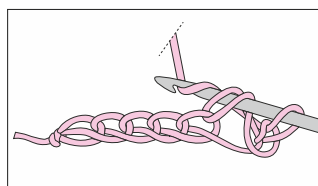


1 Twist the hook under and over the yarn – yarn round hook (yrh). Pull the yarn through the loop on hook and drop it off to make first chain.

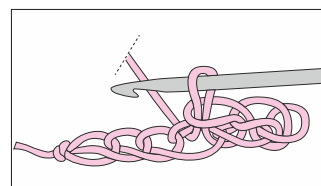


2 Continue to make chain in this way.
Each chain is made up of three strands, with the V shape the 'right side'. When counting chain don't count the loop on the hook.
At the start of a row chain will stand for the first stitch.

Slip stitch (slst)

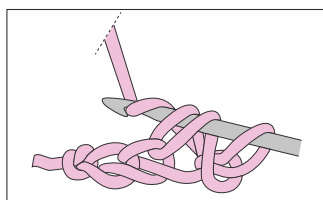


1 Make a length of chain. Insert the hook under two strands of second chain from hook and yarn round hook.

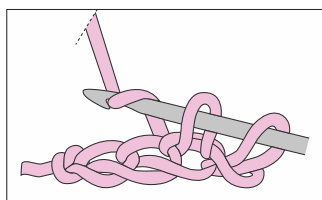


2 Pull the yarn through the chain and loop on the hook. This stitch has virtually no height.

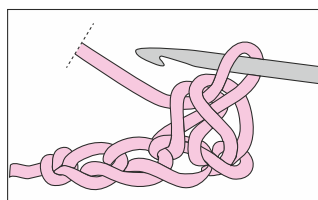
Double crochet (dc)



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



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

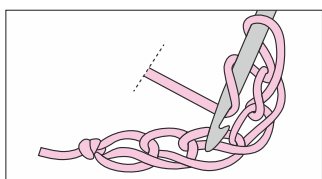


3 Pull the yarn through both loops on the hook to make one double crochet. Insert the hook in the next chain and repeat steps 1-2.

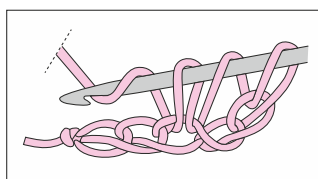
Remember not to take the yarn round hook before inserting the hook. When working into stitches always insert the hook under the top two strands of yarn unless instructed otherwise.

Half treble (htr)

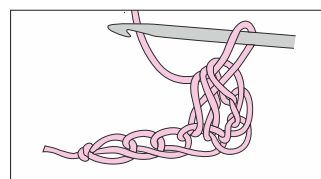
In height the half treble is halfway between a double crochet and a treble and is frequently used as a transitional stitch between the two.



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



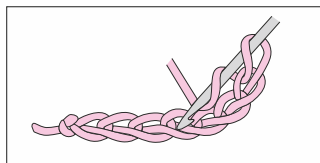
2 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through to make a loop on the hook, then yarn round hook again.



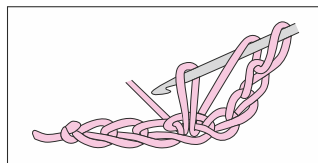
3 Pull the yarn through all three loops on the hook to complete the stitch.

Treble (tr)

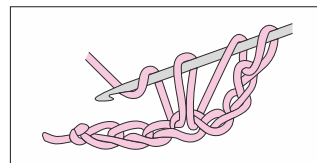
Treble stitch is twice the height of double crochet, because it has an initial yarn round hook, which requires additional steps (wraps) to complete the stitch. The height of stitches is dictated by the number of wraps worked.



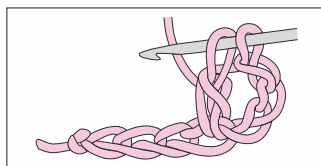
1 Yarn round hook before inserting the hook under two strands of the fourth chain from the hook.



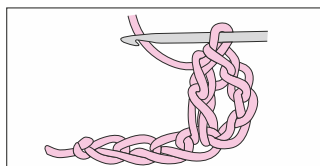
2 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through to make three loops on the hook.



3 Yarn round hook again.



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



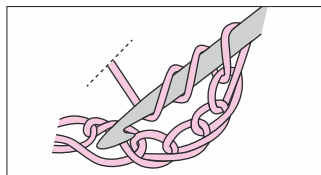
5 Yarn round hook for the last time and pull it through the remaining two loops to complete the stitch.

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

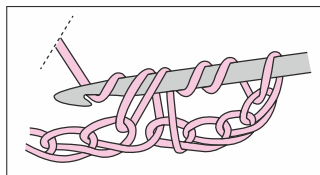
On the next row make sure that the treble following the chain is made in the second

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

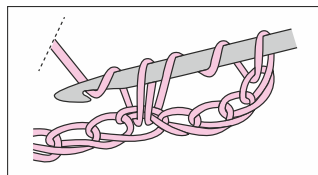
Double treble (dtr)



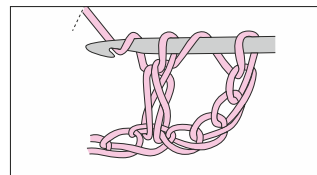
1 Yarn round the hook twice before inserting the hook under the top two strands of the fifth chain from the hook.



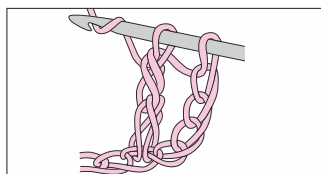
2 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through to make four loops on the hook.



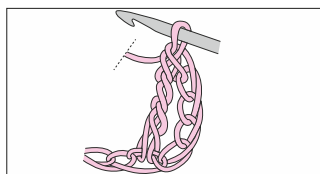
3 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through the first two loops on the hook to make three loops on the hook.



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



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



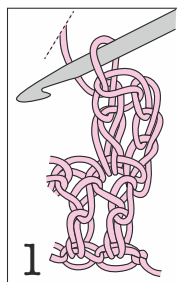
6 The finished double treble. To continue making double treble, yarn round hook twice and insert the hook in the next chain or stitch, then repeat steps 2-5.

Fastening off

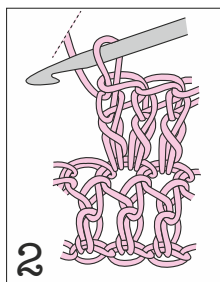
Simply break the yarn, take it through the last loop and draw it up.

Increases

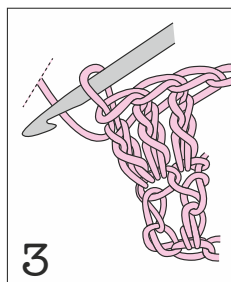
For clarity these are shown as single increases worked in treble, but the principle is the same in double crochet, double treble, etc.



1 At the beginning of a row, instead of working into the next stitch after the chain that counts as the first stitch, work into the stitch below. This increases one stitch.



2 Mid row simply work the additional stitch, or



stitches, in the place indicated.

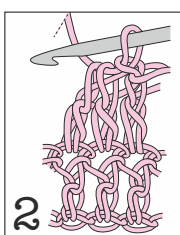
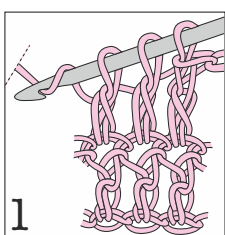
3 At the end of a row, work two stitches in the top chain that formed the first stitch of the previous row. This increases one stitch.

Decreases

Decreases are part stitches worked into a stated number of stitches and then joined into one in the last stage of the stitch.

Decreasing one treble stitch is shown, but the principle is the same in all stitches and for any number of decreases.

1 Without making the last wrap of each make a treble in each of the next two stitches: * yarn round hook, insert hook in next stitch, yarn round hook, pull through, yarn round hook, pull it through two loops; repeat from * once, leaving three loops on the hook.



2 Yarn round hook and pull it through all three loops on the hook.

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Mixed-up duck?

Q I think there are mistakes in the pattern for a toy duck you featured recently. They're in the part dealing with the feet. Where it says 'next 2 rows', I think it should say 'next row'. And shouldn't the following 'next 2 rows' read as K6, not K9?

Rest assured that everything is there on purpose! I wanted the pattern to be easy to sew up. I didn't want to be increasing or decreasing and the only way to create the right shape is by working turning rows. These turning rows on each foot are worked over 3 groups of stitches with 5 stitches at each side of the centre 6 stitches. When you've finished the second of the 'next 2 rows', you should be on the purl side of your work – and 2 stitches away from the edge. The following 'next 2 rows' begins with K9. This includes the 3 stitches of the first 5-stitch group, then a further 6 stitches from the centre group. So, there'll be 5 stitches left at the end to be worked into short rows later on. I hope that makes sense. But don't worry if not! The way you've worked the pattern, you've omitted the purl row from the second of the 'next 2 rows' instruction. Still, if after the K3 of the first of these rows and the wrap 1 you knitted 6 more stitches, you should be in the same place as if you did it my way. The only difference is in the depth of the webbed feet. Your way, you've worked only 2 turning rows, not 4. The points on the webbed feet won't be so pronounced. That's only a problem if you're not happy with the duck's finished look.

Too many stitches

Q I've been crocheting the blue cardigan that was in *WW* magazine a few years ago. Trouble is, I can't get beyond rows 21, 22 and 23. I've crocheted and re-crocheted them, and gone wrong every time. By row 23, I should have 249 stitches. But I end up with 480! I remember this cardigan well. And I must apologise straight away. There's a misprint. After row 23, you should have 241 stitches, not 249. But that doesn't

explain how you're ending up with 480!

On row 20, the pattern repeat is worked over 12 stitches. You should end up with 20 groups of 3 clusters, with a single chain between. Now, the next row, you work the cluster in one chain space and double crochet in the following chain space. The repeat on this row is again 12 stitches. But on row 23, the repeat is 6 stitches. There are no increases in any of these 3 rows. So, I think the problem may be in your reading of the pattern. You might be misreading the instruction in row 21; instead of [1cl in next chsp, 1ch] 4 times, perhaps you're seeing it as [1cl and 1ch] 4 times in the next chsp? If you are, it would explain the number of stitches you're ending up with. Take another look at row 21. And with any luck, you'll have the cardigan finished soon!

Disappearing honeycomb

Q I decided to make the Tunisian crochet jacket you featured recently and it was going well until I got to the point where there are 45 loops on the hook. Before then, the pattern of two-row instructions had been creating a lovely honeycomb effect. But after that row, the honeycomb disappears...

Let's sort this problem! The honeycomb stitch is created by working tss over tps, then tps over tss on every right-side row.

Now, the back begins at the neck, so shaping has to be worked into the pattern. At first, increases are worked on every right side, so repeating 2 rows will make the pattern work. To maintain the pattern when increases are worked on every fourth row, the repeat has to be of 8 rows. I have crocheted the 8 rows and had no problem with the pattern. But I can see how easy it is to go wrong with it. All you need to do is miss the increased stitch, or work the same stitch over 2 adjacent stitches and the whole thing ends up out of kilter. All I can suggest is that you make sure to work tss over tps and vice versa. Recognising which stitch is which would be a great help. Remember that a tps stitch looks very much like a purl stitch in knitting. Good luck!

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