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Hello!

Welcome to another jolly issue of Let's Get Crafting magazine. So, you've got your Millie kit – the question is which project will you make with it? I love all the ideas here, but I must admit to adoring Hannah Cooper's **Couch Potato** on page 12. I think every home should have one! As well as super-cute makes like this, we've also got last-minute festive winners like Nicola Valiji's **mini gift bags** (p34), projects for babies such as Heather Gibbs' **Fluffy Booties** (p52), and stylish touches for your home, including Sarah-Jane Hicks' **hanging plant holder** on page 32.

We're delighted to have an interview with **the nation's sweetheart, Tom Daley**, on page 27. Tom gave us the goss on who he would invite to a knit and natter, and whether he prefers knitting or crochet, along with lots of other insights into his love of yarn craft. Then, if you turn to page 30, you'll find one of the patterns from Tom's terrific new book, *Made With Love* – **a glorious striped scarf**. It's the perfect project for novice knitters – or just those who love colour and want a gorgeous winter accessory.

Talking of colour, we round off this issue with a glimpse into **the world of Katie Jones**, the granny-square loving Instagram star. Turn to page 66 and prepare to be dazzled!

Sarah

SARAH NEAL, EDITOR



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TOM DALEY

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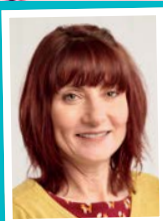
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SARAH NEAL, EDITOR

"We've named this joyful yarn kit Millie after one of our colleagues who always cheers us up when we're feeling glum. As perfect for cute teddies as for boho homewares, this kit is a great all-rounder. And how fabulous is that zingy orange?"

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Newsflash!

Our round-up of the best and the latest in the crafting world



Winter walks

Perfect for outdoorsy types, this new design from Stylecraft uses a tweedy, chunky yarn, Fusion, to create a stripey sensation that's certain to keep you cosy on chilly strolls. Knit up the wide stripes pictured, or opt for the narrow-stripe version also included in pattern 9943. RRP: £3.35, find stockists at stylecraft-yarns.co.uk



Animal lover

Just when you thought granny squares couldn't get any better... combining two of our favourite things, cute animals and the granny, this book by Celine Semaan and Sharna Moore contains 36 different 3D designs for pop-up creations that would look incredible on blankets and throws. Crochet a sheep, flamingo, turkey, turtle and much more! (David & Charles, £9.99)

Moo-velous hooks!

These quirky cow-print crochet hooks are handmade using durable polymer clay and each one comes with two free matching stitch markers! You can pick and choose your colours, and even request your own custom ones if you have something special in mind. £14.50 each, **JustCraftAlong** on etsy.com





Make it pop

Brand new this season is the Sirdar Pop Art collection, which includes this fabulous Patchwork Funnel Neck Sweater. The perfect introduction to intarsia, we just love the pastel colour scheme in this playful design, and the relaxed drop shoulders guarantee a snuggly fit. Patt 10601, RRP: £3.70, find stockists at sirdar.com

Deck the halls

Festive decorations looking tired? Join in with Hobbycraft's Christmas Advent Crochet-along from 1st to 24th December and create a brand-new tree dec every day! Designed by Natalie Beard, the daily patterns will be released on the Christmas CAL Ideas Hub page and on Instagram @KnitcraftHQ.



Sweet thing

Perfect for chunky quick-knits this winter, Cygnet's new Sprinkles Pop yarn combines two strands to create a fun self-striping effect with a tweedy look. There are eight vibrant shades of this acrylic, machine-washable yarn to choose from. £2.49 per 100g (160m) ball, knittingwoolsales.com



KNIT WINTER WARMERS WITH...

Stuart Hillard

I absolutely love getting out and about in the countryside, but I'm also rather keen on walking in the city or town. There's always plenty going on and I never know when I might come across a yarn shop or see someone knitting or crocheting in public – I always say hello! With plenty of cold weather still to come I'm looking for any quick project I can make to keep me snuggly on my walks, and as soon as I saw our new yarn pack, Millie, I knew exactly what to make!

Actually, I knew what to make twice over – the hard decision was choosing between a snuggly garter stitch neck warmer or boot toppers! Both are super easy and constructed in exactly the same way. Best of all you can 'knit to fit' by adding extra rows until they are just right. For the neck warmer, cast on about 40 stitches – I used Bold Orange – and knit two rows. The whole thing is garter stitch, so easy peasy! Keep changing yarns through all the colours: Bright Fuchsia, Light Brown, Radiant Blue, Fluffy (this one adds such a cool extra texture!) and Vivid Purple. I like to keep my stripes even, but you can play around with that. Just remember that if you're making the boot toppers you need to keep half of each colour back for the matching pair.

Keep knitting until the strip is at least 10cm bigger than your neck so that it's comfy to wear. Cast off and join the short ends. Wear it double if it's really chilly! For the boot toppers, do the same as the neck warmer with 30 stitches this time and knit until your topper is the same length as the top of your boot, very slightly stretched, with the stripes running vertically. Cast off and sew the short ends together with an oversew.

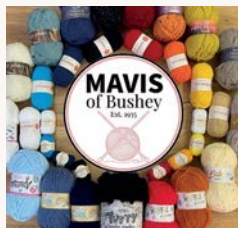
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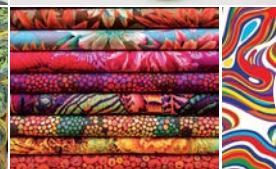
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PLUS
safety stuffing,
safety eyes,
stitch holder
(optional)
tapestry
needle,

SIZE
25cm tall



Perfect for
beginners

DOLL right leg

* Using 4.5mm
needles and Vivid
Purple cast on
12 sts

Row 1: k

Row 2: (kfb) to
end. 24 sts

Row 3: k
Change to
Radiant Blue

Rows 4-9: beg
with a k (RS) row
work in st st *

Row 10: k3, (k3tog)
five times, k6.

14 sts

** **Rows 11-17:** cont
in st st
Change to Fluffy

Rows 18-19: k
Change to
Light Brown

Rows 20-35: beg
with a k (RS) row
work in st st **
Cut yarn, keep sts
on st holder

left leg

Rep from * to *

Row 10: k6, (k3tog)
five times, k3. 14 sts



Wrapped up warm in her winter finery, this fiery-headed doll by **ÁINE MARRIOTT** couldn't be cosier! Thanks to our irresistibly soft Fluffy yarn, Willow is certain to avoid the chills this season, and we're *this* close to asking Áine for a human-sized version of Willow's fab outfit! Don't forget, you can easily customise your doll by swapping in different yarns from your stash for the skin tone and hair colour.



Rep from ** to **
Do not cut yarn

body and head

Change to
Light Fuchsia
Row 36: (k2, kfb)
four times, k2 from
Left Leg sts, return
sts from holder to
needle and (k2,
kfb) four times, k2
from Right Leg sts.
36 sts

Rows 37-49: beg
with a p row work
in st st

Row 50: (k4,
k2tog) to end.

30 sts

Rows 51-57: cont
in st st

Row 58: (k1, k2tog)
to end. 20 sts

Change to
Light Brown

Row 59: p

Row 60: (kfb) to
end. 40 sts

Rows 61-79: cont
in st st

Row 80: (k3,
k2tog) to end.

32 sts

**Row 81 and every
odd-numbered
row:** p

Row 82: (k2,
k2tog) to end.

24 sts

Row 84: (k1, k2tog)
to end. 16 sts

Row 86: (k2tog) to
end. Eight sts

TOP TIP

IF YOU DON'T HAVE
A STITCH HOLDER
TO HAND, LEAVE
STITCHES ON A SPARE
NEEDLE OR SCRAP
PIECE OF YARN

Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread
through rem sts,
pull tight and
fasten off

DRESS

Using 4.5mm
needles and Vivid
Purple cast on
20 sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: (kfb, k1) to
end. 30 sts

Rows 3-5: beg
with a p row work
in st st

Row 6: (kfb, k2) to
end. 40 sts

Rows 7-13: cont in
st st

Row 14: (kfb, k3)
to end. 50 sts

Rows 15-21: cont in
st st

Row 22: (kfb, k4)
to end. 60 sts

Rows 23-27: cont
in st st

Change to Fluffy

Rows 28-31: k
Cast off

arm

Make two

Using 4.5mm
needles and Vivid

Purple cast on
six sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: (kfb) to
end. 12 sts

Rows 3-21: beg
with a p row work
in st st

Change to Fluffy

Rows 22-23: k
Change to Light
Brown

Rows 24-29: beg
with a k row work
in st st

Row 30: (k2tog) to
end. Six sts

Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread
through rem sts,
pull tight and
fasten off

scarf

Using 4.5mm
needles and Fluffy
cast on six sts
K until work
meas 35cm
Cast off

scarf bobble

Make two

Using 4.5mm
needles and
Radiant Blue cast
on six sts

Row 1 (RS): (kfb)
to end. 12 sts

Rows 2-4: beg
with a p row work
in st st

Row 5: (k2tog) to
end. Six sts



SKILL UP!

k3tog: knit three stitches
together as one

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

hat

Using 4.5mm needles and Fluffy cast on 46 sts

Rows 1-4: k

Change to Radiant Blue

Rows 5-14: beg with a k (RS) row work in st st

Row 15: (k7, k2tog) to last st, k1. 41 sts

Row 16 and every even-numbered row: p

Row 17: (k2, k2tog) to last st, k1. 31 sts

Row 19: (k1, k2tog) to last st, k1. 21 sts

Row 21: (k2tog) to last st, k1. 11 sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

to make up

Seam row edges of Body and Head, leaving a gap in Head. Seam each Leg and oversew across cast-on edge with seam to inside of Leg.

Attach safety eyes. Stuff Legs, Body and Head. Close seam. Run a gathering thread around neck and pull to define neck. Using Light Brown, embroider nose, and Bright Fuchsia to embroider mouth. For hair, cut 62 40cm lengths of Bold Orange. Sew centre of lengths of yarn down centre of Head from front to back. Gather Hair at either side and

plait. Secure end of each plait with a strand of Bold Orange. Seam row edges of Dress, leaving top 5cm open. Place on Doll and close seam. Sew cast-on edge to neck of Doll. Seam row edges of Arms. Stuff lightly, then sew to sides of Body, just under neck. Seam row edges of Scarf Bobbles. Stuff well. Gather around cast-on sts and pull tightly to shape and secure ends. Sew one to each end of Scarf. Place Scarf around neck. Seam row edges of Hat. Place on Head and sew in position



"Our sweet doll would also look great with her hair in pigtails – why not try using the fluffy yarn as a contrast hair tie?"

CONTENT CREATOR, JODIE SHEEHAN



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eyes, tapestry
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SIZE

Couch: 16cm
wide x 8cm tall
Potato: 5cm
tall



Take the
next step

POTATO

Using 4.5mm hook
and Light Brown
make a magic ring,
work 6dc into ring.
Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each
st to end. 12 sts

Rnds 2-3: 1dc in
each st to end

Rnd 4: (1dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
18 sts

Rnd 5: (2dc in next
st) three times,
(4dc, 2dc in next
st) to end. 24 sts

Rnds 6-10: 1dc in
each st to end

Rnd 11: (2dc,
dc2tog) to end.
18 sts

Fold Potato flat
and with working
loop at middle
front, insert safety
eyes between
Rows 4 and 5,
three sts apart

Rnd 12: (1dc,
dc2tog) to
end. 12 sts

Stuff firmly

Rnd 13: (dc2tog) to

end. Six sts
Fasten off

COUCH

Note: 1ch at beg
of row does not
count as a st
throughout. When
starting a new row
always work the
first dc into the
last dc of previous
row and miss the
sl st from the row
below

base

Using 4.5mm hook
and Radiant Blue,
make 11ch

Row 1: beg in
second ch from
hook, 9dc, 3dc into
last ch, working
back along
opposite side of
ch, 9dc, sl st in first
dc, turn. 21 sts

Row 2: 1ch, (1dc,
1htr, 1dc) in next st,
8dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc)
in next st, 1dc, (1dc,
1htr, 1dc) in next st,
8dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc)
in next st, sl st in

first dc, turn. 29 sts

Row 3: 1ch, 1dc,
(1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in
next st, 10dc, (1dc,
1htr, 1dc) in next st,
3dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc)
in next st, 10dc,
(1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in
next st, 1dc, sl st in
first dc, turn. 37 sts

Row 4: 1ch, 2dc,
(1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in
next st, 12dc, (1dc,
1htr, 1dc) in next st,
5dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc)
in next st, 12dc,
(1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in
next st, 2dc, sl st in
first dc, turn. 45 sts

Row 5: 1ch, 3dc,
(1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in
next st, 14dc, (1dc,
1htr, 1dc) in next st,
7dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc)
in next st, 14dc,
(1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in
next st, 3dc, sl st in
first dc, turn. 53 sts

Row 6: 1ch,
working in BLO,
1dc in each st to

end, sl st in first
dc, turn

Rows 7-9: 1ch, 1dc
in each st to end,
sl st in first dc, turn

Row 10: 1ch,
working in BLO,
3dc, dc3tog, 14dc,
dc3tog, 7dc,
dc3tog, 14dc,
dc3tog, 3dc, sl st in
first dc, turn. 45 sts



SKILL UP!

dc3tog: insert hook in next
st, yoh, pull through loop,
rep this step twice more so there are
four loops on hook, yoh and pull
through all four loops

Couch potato

It's the crocheted chum you never
knew you needed until now!

How adorable is this little fella? Looking super relaxed and ready to
begin a box-set binge, this slovenly spud by **HANNAH COOPER**
has his own sofa complete with fur-edged cushions. We're envious!
He'd make a cheeky gift for someone who loves to watch TV. The
sofa pieces are worked separately in rows with shaping on each
corner, so read the instructions through carefully first.





USE ALL
SIX
YARN
COLOURS!

Row 11: 1ch, 2dc, dc3tog, 12dc, dc3tog, 5dc, dc3tog, 12dc, dc3tog, 2dc, sl st in first dc, turn. 37 sts
Row 12: 1ch, 1dc, dc3tog, 10dc, dc3tog, 3dc, dc3tog, 10dc, dc3tog, 1dc, sl st in first dc, turn. 29 sts
Row 13: 1ch, dc3tog, 8dc, dc3tog, 1dc, dc3tog, 8dc, dc3tog, sl st in first dc. 21 sts
Fasten off

back

Using 4.5mm hook and Bright Fuchsia make 16ch

Row 1: beg in second ch from hook, 14dc, 3dc into last ch, working back along opposite side of ch, 14dc, sl st in first dc, turn. 31 sts
Row 2: 1ch, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in first dc, 13dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in next st, 1dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in next st, 13dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in next st, sl st in first dc, turn. 39 sts
Row 3: 1ch, 1dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in next st, 15dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in next st, 3dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in next st, 15dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc), 1dc,

sl st in first dc, turn. 47 sts
Row 4: 1ch, 2dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in next st, 17dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in next st, 5dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc), 17dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in next st, 2dc, sl st in first dc, turn. 55 sts
Row 5: 1ch, 3dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in next st, 19dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in next st, 7dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in next st, 19dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in next st, 3dc, sl st in first dc, turn. 63 sts
Row 6: 1ch, 4dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in next st, 21dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in next st,

9dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in next st, 21dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in next st, 4dc, sl st in first dc, turn. 71 sts
Row 7: 1ch, 5dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in next st, 23dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in next st, 11dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in next st, 23dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc) in next st, 5dc, sl st in first dc, turn. 79 sts
Row 8: 1ch, working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end, sl st in first dc, turn
Row 9: 1ch, working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end, sl st in first dc, turn

Row 10: 1ch, working in BLO, 5dc, dc3tog, 23dc, dc3tog, 11dc, dc3tog, 23dc, dc3tog, 5dc, sl st in first dc, turn. 71 sts
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Row 13: 1ch, 2dc, dc3tog, 17dc, dc3tog, 5dc, dc3tog, 17dc, dc3tog, 2dc, sl st in

first dc, turn. 47 sts
Row 14: 1ch, 1dc, dc3tog, 15dc, dc3tog, 3dc, dc3tog, 15dc, dc3tog, 1dc, sl st in first dc, turn. 39 sts
Row 15: 1ch, dc3tog, 13dc, dc3tog, 1dc, dc3tog, 13dc, dc3tog, sl st in first dc, turn. 31 sts
Fasten off

arm

Make two
Using 4.5mm hook and Vivid Purple make 8ch
Row 1: beg in second ch from hook, 6dc, 3dc in next ch, working



back along opposite side of ch, 6dc, sl st in first dc, turn. 15 sts

Row 2: 1ch, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc) into first dc, 5dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc) into next st, 1dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc) into next st, 5dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1dc), sl st in first dc, turn. 23 sts

Row 3: 1ch, working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end, sl st in first dc, turn

Rows 4-11: 1ch, working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end, sl st in first dc, turn

Row 12: 1ch, working in FLO, dc3tog, 5dc, dc3tog, 1dc, dc3tog, 5dc, dc3tog, sl st into first dc, turn. 15 sts
Fasten off

foot

Make four

Using 4.5mm hook and Bold Orange make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnds 2-3: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 4: (2dc, dc2tog) to end.

Nine sts
Fasten off

cushion panel

Make four

Using 4.5mm hook and Bold Orange make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring. Four sts

Rnd 1: 3dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: 1dc, (3dc in next st, 2dc) three times, 3dc in next st, 1dc. 20 sts

Rnd 3: 2dc, (3dc in next st, 4dc) three times, 3dc in next st, 2dc. 28 sts
Fasten off

to make up

Stuff Potato, sew bottom gap

closed. Stuff all pieces of Couch and sew each back seam closed working through front loops. Sew Base and Back tog, joining bottom edge and ensuring Base is centred along bottom edge of Back. Sew an Arm to each side of Base and Back.

TOP TIP

MAKE WORKING THE COUCH PIECES EASIER BY PLACING A STITCH MARKER INTO EVERY HTR TO HELP SHOW WHERE THE CORNERS ARE

Stuff and close Feet and sew to underside of Couch. Hold two Cushion Panels tog with WS facing

and using 4.5mm hook and Fluffy, work dc evenly around edge working back loop of front Panel and

front loop of back Panel, stuffing as you go. Rep with rem Cushion Panels. Weave in all ends



"This little potato has full on Sunday afternoon snooze vibes. Why not add a little dc blanket using your scrap yarn to keep him nice and toasty?"

HANNAH COOPER, DESIGNER



SLIP STITCH (SL ST)

This is a travelling stitch that can be used for shaping. It is also useful for joining in yarn



Step 1: insert hook into stitch or chain and wrap the yarn around the hook



Step 2: pull yarn through stitch and through loop that is already on your hook



Slip stitch edge

Two to
make!

Time for tea

Brighten up break
time with these colourful
mug rugs

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PLUS
tapestry
needle

SIZE
25cm x 10cm
(including
fringes)



Take the
next step

EASY MUG RUG

Using 4.5mm needles and Radiant Blue cast on 25 sts leaving a long tail

Rows 1-3: beg with a k (RS) row work in st st

Cut a 2m length of Light Brown and reserve for later

Note: colour foll instruction indicates yarn Twist yarns tog on WS at colour change to avoid holes

Row 4: p3, join in Light Brown, do not cut Radiant Blue, p19 (Light Brown), join other end of Radiant Blue, p3 (Radiant Blue)

Row 5: k3 (Radiant

These vibrant coasters designed by **DAWN FINNEY** feature a symphony of squares and rectangles, achieved using a spot of intarsia colourwork. It's easier than it looks, just use both ends of each ball of yarn as instructed and make sure to twist your colours together at changes to avoid any holes. Why not use yarn from your stash to make them in a colour scheme that matches your home décor? They would also make a great housewarming gift for a friend moving into a new home.

Blue), k1 (Light Brown), change to Bright Fuchsia, do not cut Light Brown, k17 (Bright Fuchsia), join other end of Light Brown, k1 (Light Brown), k3 (Radiant Blue)

Row 6: p3 (Radiant Blue), p1 (Light Brown), p17 (Bright Fuchsia), p1 (Light Brown), p3 (Radiant Blue)

Row 7: k3 (Radiant Blue), k1 (Light Brown), k17 (Bright Fuchsia), k1 (Light Brown), k3 (Radiant Blue)

Rows 8-16: rep Rows 6-7, ending after a Row 6

Row 17: k3 (Radiant Blue), k1 (Light Brown), cut Bright Fuchsia and change to Vivid Purple, k17 (Vivid Purple), k1 (Light Brown), k3 (Radiant Blue)

Row 18: p3 (Radiant Blue), p1

(Light Brown), p17 (Vivid Purple), p1 (Light Brown), p3 (Radiant Blue)

Row 19: k3 (Radiant Blue), k1 (Light Brown), k17 (Vivid Purple), k1 (Light Brown), k3 (Radiant Blue)

Rows 20-21: rep Rows 18-19

Row 22: p3 (Radiant Blue), p1 (Light Brown), p5 (Vivid Purple), join 2m length of Light Brown, p7 (Light Brown), join other end of Vivid Purple, p5 (Vivid Purple), p1 (Light Brown), p3 (Radiant Blue)

Row 23: k3

(Radiant Blue), k1 (Light Brown), k5 (Vivid Purple), k7 (Light Brown), k5 (Vivid Purple), k1 (Light Brown), k3 (Radiant Blue)

Row 24: p3 (Radiant Blue), p1 (Light Brown), p5 (Vivid Purple), p7 (Light Brown), p5 (Vivid Purple), p1 (Light Brown), p3 (Radiant Blue)

Rows 25-35: rep Rows 23-24 ending after a Row 23

Rows 36-40: rep Rows 18-19 ending after a Row 18

Row 41: k3 (Radiant Blue), k1

(Light Brown), cut Vivid Purple, join Bright Fuchsia, k17 (Bright Fuchsia), k1 (Light Brown), k3 (Radiant Blue)

Rows 42-52: rep Rows 6-7 ending after a Row 6

Row 53: k3 (Radiant Blue), k19 (Light Brown), k3 (Radiant Blue) Cont in Radiant Blue only

Rows 54-112: beg with a p row work in st st Cast off kwise leaving a long tail

INTER-MEDIATE MUG RUG

Using 4.5mm needles and Vivid Purple cast on 25 sts leaving a long tail

Rows 1-3: beg with a k (RS) row work in st st

Cut a 2m length of Vivid Purple from

other end of ball and reserve for later

Note: colour foll instruction indicates yarn Twist yarns tog on WS at colour change to avoid holes

Row 4: p3, change to Bright Fuchsia, do not cut Vivid Purple, p6 (Bright Fuchsia), change to Bold Orange, do not cut Bright Fuchsia, p7 (Bold Orange), join other end of Bright Fuchsia, p6 (Bright

GREAT ADVICE

To create a set of yarn strands of uniform size, wrap your yarn around a small object like a notebook or remote control and then cut along one side to create multiple strands of equal length. To easily trim your tassels to an even length, place a ruler against the top (knotted) edge and use the ruler as a guide to trim along the other edge



"Use these mug rugs to add a touch of style to your coffee break or even breakfast in bed! You could even whip up a matching mug cosy to keep your cuppa nice and warm."

DAWN FINNEY, DESIGNER

Fuchsia), join other end of Vivid Purple, p3 (Vivid Purple)

Row 5: k3 (Vivid Purple), k6 (Bright Fuchsia), k7 (Bold Orange), k6 (Bright Fuchsia), k3 (Vivid Purple)

Row 6: p3 (Vivid Purple), p6 (Bright Fuchsia), p7 (Bold Orange), p6 (Bright Fuchsia), p3 (Vivid Purple)

Rows 7-16: rep Rows 5-6

Row 17: k3 (Vivid Purple), change to Light Brown, do not cut Vivid Purple, k19 (Light Brown), k3 (Vivid Purple)

Row 18: p3 (Vivid Purple), p19 (Light Brown), p3 (Vivid Purple)

Row 19: k3 (Vivid Purple), k19 (Light Brown), k3 (Vivid Purple)

Rows 20: p3 (Vivid Purple), p19 (Light Brown), p3 (Vivid Purple)

Row 21: k3 (Vivid Purple), k4 (Light Brown) change to Radiant Blue, do not cut Light Brown, k11 (Radiant Blue), join other end of Light Brown, k4 (Light Brown), k3 (Vivid Purple)

Row 22: p3 (Vivid Purple), p4 (Light Brown), p11 (Radiant Blue), p4 (Light Brown), p3 (Vivid Purple)

Row 23: k3 (Vivid Purple), k4 (Light Brown), k11 (Radiant Blue), k4 (Light Brown), k3 (Vivid Purple)

Rows 24: p3 (Vivid Purple), p4 (Light Brown), p11

(Radiant Blue), p4 (Light Brown), p3 (Vivid Purple)

Row 25: k3 (Vivid Purple), k4 (Light Brown), k3 (Radiant Blue), join 2m length of Vivid Purple, do not cut Radiant Blue, k5 (Vivid Purple) carrying Radiant Blue across back, k3 (Radiant Blue), k4 (Light Brown), k3 (Vivid Purple)

Row 26: p3 (Vivid Purple), p4 (Light Brown), p3 (Radiant Blue), p5 (Vivid Purple) carrying Radiant Blue across back, p3 (Radiant Blue), p4 (Light Brown), p3 (Vivid Purple)

Row 27: k3 (Vivid Purple), k4 (Light Brown), k3 (Radiant Blue), k5 (Vivid Purple)

carrying Radiant Blue across back, k3 (Radiant Blue), k4 (Light Brown), k3 (Vivid Purple)

Rows 28-32: rep Rows 26-27 ending after a Row 26

Rows 33-36: rep Rows 23-24

Rows 37-40: rep Rows 19-20

Rows 41: k3, change to Bright Fuchsia, do not cut Vivid Purple, k6 (Bright Fuchsia), change to Bold Orange, do not cut Bright Fuchsia, k7 (Bold Orange), join other end of Bright Fuchsia, k6 (Bright Fuchsia), k3 (Vivid Purple)

Rows 42-53: rep Rows 5-6, beg with a Row 6 and ending after a Row 5
Cont in Vivid

Purple

Rows 54-112: beg with a p row, work in st st
Cast off, leaving a long tail

to make up

For each Mug Rug, secure and weave in all ends on WS except long cast-on and cast-off tails. With WS tog use long tail to graft short ends tog with mattress st. Join row ends on each side. Weave in all ends. For Easy Mug Rug, create approx 50 lengths of 12cm-long Bold Orange. Fold each strand in half and use crochet hook to pull the loop through first st on short edge just far enough to insert

both tails. Pull tails to tighten knot and form fringe. Rep along each short edge. Trim fringe to 3.5cm on

each end. For Intermediate Mug Rug, work as for Easy Mug Rug using Radiant Blue for fringe



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DIDDY DIARY

I made this granny square with a 1mm hook and embroidery thread for my embroidery journal to show when I first started a scrap blanket I'm working on. I stitch an icon every day to represent something that happened that day. I also knitted a square with embroidery thread on toothpicks!

Kendra Hanna

LITTLE ROBIN

I've done a few micro crochet projects but I think this one was my favourite. I made it from Gütermann's top stitching thread and a 1mm hook with jewellery wire for the legs. It was pretty fiddly to make the first round, but it got easier from there onwards and I do love a challenge!

Laura Sutcliffe



TINY TED

This teeny bear is one of the cute characters from 20 to Make: Tiny Toys to Knit by Sachiyo Ishii. I had been asked to make one by my local yarn shop, then I fell in love and had to make myself one! And then I made another for a lovely lady who had lost her favourite toy when she was five. Her face when she received the little cuddly, who she called Charlie, was just wonderful!

Catherine Gisby



A while ago I made a bunny for my son's friend for Easter as she can't eat chocolate. She and her mum were delighted and asked if I could make a bride and groom for their upcoming wedding. It took me a while to create the clothes with lots of trial and error as I didn't have a pattern and I've never done anything like it before. I'm so happy with the end result!

Charlotte Parker

💎 So you should be, Charlotte! Fantastic!

I created this for my beautiful great niece, Willow, who was born in May of this year. It was made using a mixture of my two favourite styles of crochet: amigurumi and mosaic. Noah's Ark was a favourite childhood story and as soon as I knew my niece was having a baby, I started work on designing and making it for her.

Teri Hamilton

💎 There will be endless playtime fun with this, Teri!



I decided to knit Rupert the frog from issue 143 in between my night shifts as I thought he was bright and colourful and he made me smile. My sister also took a liking to him and has taken him to live on her office desk in the nursery school where she is the principal! So he's off to school! Bye bye, little frog!

Nichola Algie

💎 We're sure Rupert will have a ribbiting time at school, Nichola!



"My sister also took a liking to my frog and has taken him to live on her office desk!"



How long have you been crocheting for?

.....

"Almost two years now and I've crocheted almost every day since I was taught!"

@happy_with_hooks



"In lockdown. And now I can't stop!!"

@kathscreative



"Forty years, knitting 50 years 🥰"

@richardsknits



"I taught myself in February 2021. I was suffering from anxiety and found crocheting significantly improved my mental wellbeing. I have not been able to put the hook down ever since. I used to stare at your magazines in envy, thinking one day I'd love to make all those wonderful makes. Now I can 🥰"

@linzlovescrafts



"March this year and I love it, just a little bit obsessed already."

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PLUS

stitch marker, stuffing, small amount of dark brown DK, six 6mm mushroom-shaped eye beads or safety eyes, cotton thread and sewing needle if using beads, tapestry needle

SIZE

Dog: 9cm tall
Cat: 10cm tall
Rabbit: 9cm tall



Perfect for beginners

DOG head

Using 4.5mm hook and Light Brown make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Rnds 3-4: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 5: 3dc, (2dc in next st, 1dc) six times, 3dc. 24 sts

Rnd 6: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 7: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 8: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 9: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end.

42 sts

Rnd 10: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 11: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 12: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Insert safety eyes if using

Rnd 13: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 14: (1dc, dc2tog) to end.

12 sts

Stuff

Rnd 15: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off

body

Work as for Head to Rnd 2. 18 sts

Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end.

36 sts

Rnd 6: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 7: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 8: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 9: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 10: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 11: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnds 12-13: 1dc in

each st to end
Fasten off

front leg

Make two

Using 4.5mm hook and Light Brown make a magic ring, work 7dc into ring. Seven sts

Rnds 1-6: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

back leg

Make two

Using 4.5mm hook

and Light Brown make a magic ring, work 8dc into ring. Eight sts

Rnds 1-5: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

ear

Make two

Using 4.5mm hook and Light Brown make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Pet parade

Use your crochet skills to whip up your own mini menagerie

Fans of our furry friends will love this pet-themed project by **SACHIYO ISHII**. Use your Millie kit and simple crochet stitches to fashion mini versions of three favourite cuddly companions – a dinky dog, a cute cat and a sweet rabbit. Remember to leave a tail of yarn for all parts that require assembly, and if you do not wish to use safety eyes or beads you can embroider the eyes with black yarn.



Rnds 2-4: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 5: dc2tog, 8dc, dc2tog. Ten sts
Rnd 6: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 7: dc2tog, 6dc, dc2tog. Eight sts
 Fasten off

tail

Using 4.5mm hook and Light Brown make 8ch

Row 1: beg in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Seven sts

Rows 2-3: 1ch (does not count as st), 1dc in each st to end, turn
 Fasten off

to make up

Stuff Body and Head, attach at neck. Stuff Legs and attach to Body. Fold Tail in half longways and sew long edges tog. Attach Tail to Body. Attach Ears without stuffing. Attach eye beads if using. With dark brown DK, embroider nose and mouth. Weave in all ends

RABBIT head

Using Bright Fuchsia work as for Dog to Rnd 2. 18 sts

Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Rnds 4-5: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 6: (3dc, 2dc in

next st) to end. 30 sts
Rnds 7-8: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 9: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

Rnds 10-12: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 13: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts
Rnd 14: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Insert safety eyes if using
Rnd 15: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 16: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
 Stuff
Rnd 17: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
 Fasten off

body

Using Bright Fuchsia work as for Dog to Rnd 13. 18 sts

Rnd 14: 1dc in each st to end
 Fasten off

front leg

Using Bright Fuchsia work as for Dog

back leg

Using Bright Fuchsia work as for Dog

ear

Make two
 Using 4.5mm hook and Fluffy, make 6ch

Row 1: beg in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Five sts
Rows 2-10: 1ch (does not count as st), 1dc in each st to end, turn
 Fasten off

tail

Using 4.5mm hook and Fluffy make a magic ring, work

6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 3: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
 Fasten off

to make up

Work as for Dog for basic assembly. Using dark brown DK, embroider Y-shape for nose and mouth. Using Light Brown, embroider whiskers. Weave in all ends

CAT head

Using Radiant Blue work as for Rabbit to Rnd 7. 30 sts

Rnd 8: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 9: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 10: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

Rnd 11: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 12: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 13: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
 Insert safety eyes if using

Rnd 14: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 15: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Stuff

Rnd 16: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
 Fasten off

ear

Make two

Using 4.5mm hook and Radiant Blue make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

Rnd 1: 1dc, (2dc in next st, 1dc) twice. Seven sts

Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end
 Fasten off

body

Using 4.5mm hook and Radiant Blue make 15ch, join with a sl st to first st. 15 sts

Rnd 1: 1ch (does not count as st), 1dc in each ch to end. 15 sts

Rnd 2: 7ch (this becomes a spine), 2dc in second ch from hook, 5dc along ch, 15dc into 15 sts of Body, 5dc into other side of ch, 1dc in first ch. 28 sts

Rnd 3: 15dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 11dc.



"This pattern is worked in joined rounds, so work a slip stitch into the first dc after each round and use a stitch marker to keep track of where your round begins."

SACHIYO ISHII, DESIGNER

CONTINUE CROCHETING



TOP TIP

EMBROIDERING CUTE FACIAL FEATURES CAN BE TRICKY SO IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE A FEW PRACTICE GOES FIRST

30 sts

Rnds 4-7: 1dc in each st to end

right back leg

Rnd 8: 3dc, make 5ch, join with a sl st to first dc of rnd. Eight sts Cont on these eight sts only
Rnds 9-11: 1dc in each st to end Fasten off

left back leg

Join Radiant Blue five sts away from first st of Right

Back Leg

Rnd 8: 3dc, make 5ch. Eight sts Cont on these eight sts only
Rnds 9-11: 1dc in each st to end

right front leg

Fold Body in half and join Radiant Blue to fourth st to the right of centre st
Rnd 8: 3dc, make 5ch. Eight sts Cont on these eight sts only

Rnds 9-11: 1dc in each st to end Fasten off

left front leg

Join Radiant Blue to fourth st to the left of centre st
Rnd 8: 3dc, make 5ch. Eight sts Cont on these eight sts only
Rnds 9-11: 1dc in each st to end Fasten off

tummy

Join Radiant Blue to st next to Right

Back Leg

Row 1: (2dc in next st) twice, turn. Four sts
Row 2: 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 2dc in first st, 2dc, 2dc in last st, turn. Six sts
Rows 3-8: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
Row 9: dc2tog, 2dc, dc2tog. Four sts
Row 10: (dc2tog) twice. Two sts Fasten off

tail

Using 4.5mm hook and Radiant Blue, make 15ch
Row 1: beg in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. 14 sts
Row 2: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end Fasten off

to make up

Stuff Head and Legs. Sew Tummy to side edge of Body. Sew top edge of each Leg

to Tummy. Stuff Body. Attach Ears without stuffing. Attach eye beads if using. With dark brown DK, embroider nose and mouth. With Light Brown, embroider whiskers. Attach Head to Body. Fold Tail in half longways and sew long edges tog. Attach Tail to Body. Weave in all ends

IT'S THROW TIME

Picture this: you're cosied up on the sofa, hooking away, the stars are twinkling outside and you're wrapped up warm in a squidgy blanket you made yourself... does life get any better than that?! These ultra-snug fibres are perfect for whipping up a big warm hug of a homeware, and with many of them boasting a chunky weight, they'll work up super quickly too.

Shade Navy



FACT FILE

NAME: King Cole Tufty
YARN WEIGHT: Super chunky
FIBRE CONTENT: 100% polyester
SHADE COUNT: 15
PRICE: £6.99 per 200g (80m) ball, sewprocrafts.co.uk

FACT FILE

NAME: Bernat Blanket
YARN WEIGHT: Super chunky
FIBRE CONTENT: 100% polyester
SHADE COUNT: 74
PRICE: £11.99 per 300g (201m) ball, woolwarehouse.co.uk

Shade Bubbles



FACT FILE

NAME: Marriner Get Cosy Blanket Yarn
YARN WEIGHT: Super chunky
FIBRE CONTENT: 100% polyester
SHADE COUNT: 22
PRICE: £1.25 per 100g (50m) ball, marrineryarns.com

Shade Saxe



FACT FILE

NAME: Cygnet Seriously Chunky Majestic Metallics
YARN WEIGHT: Super chunky
FIBRE CONTENT: 99% premium acrylic, 1% polyester
SHADE COUNT: 6
PRICE: £3.59 per 100g (52m) ball, littlewoolshop.com

Shade Magnetic Blue



FACT FILE

NAME: Sirdar Snuggly Pattercake
YARN WEIGHT: DK
FIBRE CONTENT: 70% acrylic, 30% nylon
SHADE COUNT: 7
PRICE: £12.25 per 150g (498m) ball, sirdar.com

Shade Blue



FACT FILE

NAME: Stylecraft Fusion
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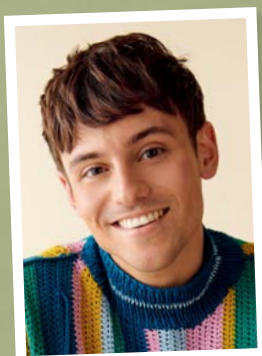


TEAM GREAT KNITTIN'

We chat to the nation's favourite poolside crafter

WORDS BY JODIE SHEEHAN

He's a spectacular diver, talented knitter... and now a published author, too! Ahead of his new book, *Made with Love*, we caught up with the lovely Tom Daley to get to know the knitter behind the needles. We all know his inspirational story as the young Olympian who took the 2012 Olympics by storm, before going on to add a gold medal to his collection in 2021 – where he was also spotted knitting poolside, of course! Having set in motion a revival of the craft among younger generations, Tom continues to shine a spotlight on the benefits of knitting and crochet, bringing them to a wider audience than ever before.



Tom took up knitting after his husband Lance suggested it could be a good way of occupying his mind during competitions and keeping the nerves at bay.

"During the bigger competitions, there can be a lot of waiting around and, for me, this was when the worries started to take hold," Tom explains. A huge advocate for the meditative benefits of knitting, Tom considers the craft to be his "superpower". Knitting "calms my mind and takes me completely away," he says. "I'm able to completely switch off from everything else, be in the zone, be in the moment, be present and it really helps me to rest and recover too." Are there any drawbacks to knitting poolside, we wondered? "The worst thing is that when yarn gets wet, it stinks! Wet wool is not good!" he jokes. "When you use other fibres it's better, so maybe if I don't knit with 100% wool it will be fine..."

As well as garments, the new book features accessories, homewares and gifts, but Tom's biggest love is making clothes. "I love fashion, creating things I can wear and use in the house," he says. "For me, it's about being able to create a range that is different, cool, and something you wouldn't necessarily be able to pick off a rack in a shop." With this new collection, Tom hopes to encourage people to

be creative and experiment. "There's something really special to me about making and designing something completely new, something that I've seen that isn't necessarily knitwear and then adapting it, designing it, changing the shape to create something that's knitted that I've made myself. There's something really satisfying about that," he says, pointing out that his new patterns can be adapted and

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customised to suit the maker too. "That's the amazing thing about making something yourself – it can be totally unique!"

Tom is keen to allay beginners' fears when it comes to making mistakes too. The very first thing Tom knitted was a "terrible" purple scarf – his words, not ours! – which he gave to his mum for Mother's Day, and he's had many a blunder since. "Be extremely patient," he advises newbie knitters. "If you ever find yourself having to start again, you're not starting from scratch, you're starting from experience. That's something I've learnt over time!"

Now a father, Tom still finds time in the pockets of family life to get his ideas down on paper. "I am constantly drawing, knitting and designing, coming up with designs, finding inspiration from all kinds of places, creating mood boards – that's what I do," he says. "Robbie has started school now so as soon as I drop him off, I start knitting and designing, and then once he is in bed I'm knitting," he grins. "I love the drawing process – I'm not very good at it but I love doing the doodles and figuring out what's what."

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Tom sends his sketches in to be turned into CADs (computer-aided designs), which he can then use to start creating swatches, exploring colour and texture. "When I

create swatches, I love playing around with the different textures and stitches, which really allow me to envision what it could look like," he enthuses. "And I love playing with the colour schemes and palettes before arriving at the end result."

Tom has certainly had fun with colour in this new collection, highlighting the patchwork blanket as a favourite design. "It has a really fun colour scheme," he says. "It covers so many different techniques, and it's so soft, warm, and cosy. There's also the silk mohair blend for the vest that has some intarsia work through it – I absolutely love that." As well as using modern palettes to appeal to younger audiences, Tom says he also focused on putting more of a "fashionable twist" on traditional knitting and crochet. "It's trying to put a younger skew on it because for so long knitting has had such an older connotation to it," he says. "But now, knitting is for everyone! It's such a special skill to be able to learn." We couldn't agree more there, Tom!



Turn the page to knit Tom's gorgeous striped scarf!

Q&A

Q If you could have a Knit & Natter with any group of people, who would you pick?

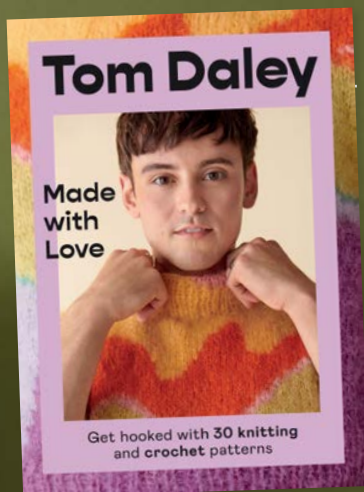
A That's a really good question! It's like the dinner guest list isn't it? I would definitely want Beyoncé there, that would be amazing. I would also love Anna Wintour, and Tom Ford would be really interesting. I would want to pick all of their brains because they've done so well with their chosen careers.

Q Describe your ideal knitting or crocheting session.

A Picture this: you're at the beach, sat on a sun lounger, away from the sand, you have a small little project on the go, you've got a margarita next to you, the sun is setting so it's shady, not too hot, not too cold either... That's the dream!

Q If you had to choose a favourite out of knitting or crochet, which would you pick?

A Such a hard question! The thing is, crochet is so good for being able to design shapes, it's easily fixable and changeable and you can add things to it. Whereas knitting is more challenging in that respect. But I love the way that knitting looks, so I'm going to have to say knitting.



Out now!

Tom's new book, *Made with Love*, contains 30 fab knitting and crochet patterns and is out now! Turn over for a taster!

Made With Love by Tom Daley is published by HQ, HarperCollins on 27th October 2022 (Hardback, £28)

YOU WILL NEED

YARN
Debbie Bliss Nell, shade (A) Jade, (B) Heather, (C) Lilac, (D) Willow, two 50g balls of each; (E) Rose, one 50g ball

PLUS
6mm needles, 6mm crochet hook, tapestry needle

TENSION
17 sts x 18 rows
10cm x 10cm
1 x 1 rib
6mm needles

SIZE
32cm x 210cm (approx)



Perfect for beginners

STRIPE SEQUENCE

Eight rows A
Four rows B
42 rows A
28 rows C
Eight rows D
24 rows E
Four rows A
12 rows E
Eight rows D
24 rows B
24 rows C
Eight rows D
Eight rows E
36 rows B
Eight rows A
Four rows C
24 rows A
Two rows E
14 rows A
36 rows C
28 rows D
Eight rows B
16 rows D

Tom Daley scarf

Dive into this colourful accessory with our favourite knitting Olympian!

“A scarf was the first thing I ever knitted, and this is another brilliant beginner’s project – a super-long scarf in pastel-bright block colours of chunky mohair yarn. Using a rib stitch adds texture, but also means that the scarf lays flat so the edges do not curl inwards, and that it is fully reversible. For a designer finish, fringe the scarf in blocks of colour - it’s all in the detail!” Tom Daley

LONG SCARF

Using 6mm needles and yarn
A cast on 55 sts
Work in rib as follows:
Row 1 (RS): p1, (k1, p1) to end

Row 2: (k1, p1) to last st, k1
Rep Rows 1-2 foll
Stripe Sequence
Cast off in rib

to make up
Weave in ends

neatly along row, not up sides of Scarf. Add a tassel (see Great Advice panel) to every alt st along both cast-on and cast-off edges to

create an evenly spaced fringe. Use 35cm lengths of yarn and photographs as a

colour guide. Trim fringing to approx 15cm or preferred length



GREAT ADVICE

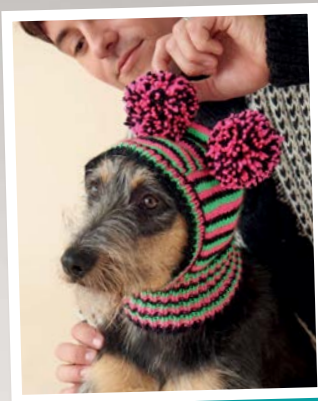
HOW TO ADD FRINGING:

1. Cut strands of yarn that are slightly longer than twice the finished length of the tassel. Take two or more strands and fold them in half
2. Insert a large crochet hook through the stitch where you want to place the tassel, from front to back. Lay the folded end of the yarn over the hook
3. Draw the hook back through the stitch, pulling the folded yarn partially through to form a loop. Tuck the ends through the loop and gently pull to secure the tassel
4. Repeat along the edge to create an evenly spaced fringing. Trim the cut ends of the yarn to the same length

CHANGING COLOUR:

On the row before you need introduce the new colour, work to the last stitch. Take the end of the new colour and use it together with the working yarn to complete the last stitch, creating a ‘double stitch’. On the first stitch of the next row, work the double stitch as one stitch with just the new colour. This will securely anchor your new yarn and avoid creating any unsightly knots or bumps

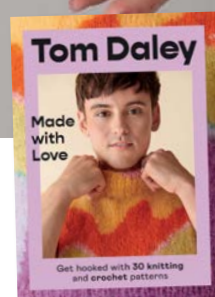




Love Tom's patterns?

Join Let's Knit Together today and download two more exciting projects from *Made With Love*, including a cosy cable jumper and an adorable hat for your furry friend! Visit letsknit.co.uk to sign up!

Unisex design!



Pattern taken from
Made With Love
by Tom Daley
(HarperCollins, £28)

USE YOUR
Millie
YARN KIT



PLUS

11cm square of stiff card, two 12.5cm diameter wooden hoops, tapestry needle

SIZE

To fit plant pot up to 12cm diameter

Mock macrame

Give a plant a colourful new home!

Inspired by everyone's favourite retro craft, this pretty hanging pot by **SARAH-JANE HICKS** has been crocheted using just four of the colours in your Millie kit. The shape is created by crocheting around two wooden hoops; have a practice first using our Great Advice panel to be sure you've got the knack.



Take the next step

PLANT HANGER pot

Using 4.5mm hook and Radiant Blue make 4ch

Note: first 3ch counts as 1tr throughout

Rnd 1: 7tr in fourth ch from hook, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch.

Eight sts
Change to Vivid Purple

Rnd 2: 3ch, 2tr in next st, (1tr, 2tr in next st) three times, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 12 sts

Change to Bright Fuchsia

Rnd 3: 3ch, 1tr in same st, (2tr in next st) to end, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 12 2tr clusters

Fasten off
Join Bold Orange to any sp between

2tr clusters

Rnd 4: 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 1dc in same sp, 3ch, (1dc in next sp, 3ch) to end, join with a sl st to top of first st. 12 sts and 12 3ch-sps

Fasten off

Join Radiant Blue to any 3ch-sp

Rnd 5: 3ch, 2tr in same 3ch-sp, (3tr in next 3ch-sp) to end, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 12 3tr clusters
Fasten off
Join Vivid Purple to any sp between 3tr clusters

Rnd 6: 1ch, 1dc in same sp, 4ch, (1dc in next sp, 4ch) to end, join with a sl st to top of first st. 12 sts, 12 4ch-sps

Fasten off

Join Bright Fuchsia to any 4ch-sp

Rnd 7: 3ch, 3tr in same sp, (4tr in next 4ch-sp) to end, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 12 4tr clusters

Work in foll one-rnd stripe sequence: Radiant Blue, Bold Orange, Vivid Purple, Bright

Fuchsia, Radiant Blue

Rnd 8: 3ch, 6tr, 2tr in next st, (7tr, 2tr in next st) to end, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 54 sts

Rnd 9: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch

Note: work next rnd over first hoop enclosing hoop within sts

Rnd 10: 1ch, working around first hoop, 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to top of first st

Rnd 11: 3ch, 7tr, 2tr in next st, (8tr, 2tr in next st) to end, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 60 sts

Rnd 12: 3ch, 2tr in same st, (miss two sts, 3tr in next st) to end, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 20 3tr clusters

Fasten off
Join Bold Orange to any sp between 3tr clusters

Rnd 13: 1ch, 1dc in same sp, 3ch, (1dc in next sp between 3tr clusters, 3ch) to end, join with a sl

st to top of first st. 20 sts and 20 3ch-sps

Fasten off

Join Vivid Purple to any 3ch-sp

Rnd 14: 3ch, 2tr in same 3ch-sp, (3tr in next 3ch-sp) to end, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 20 3tr clusters
Fasten off

Join Bright Fuchsia to any sp between 3tr clusters

Rnd 15: 1ch, 1dc in same sp, 3ch, (1dc in next sp between 3tr clusters, 3ch) to end, join with a sl st to top of first st. 20 sts and 20 3ch-sps

Fasten off

Join Bold Orange to any 3ch-sp

Rnd 16: 3ch, 2tr in same 3ch-sp, (3tr in next 3ch-sp) to end, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 20 3tr clusters
Fasten off
Join Radiant Blue to any sp between 3tr clusters

Rnd 17: 1ch, 1dc in same sp, 3ch, (1dc in next sp, 3ch) to end, join with a sl st to top of first st. 20 sts and 20

3ch-sps

Fasten off

Join Bright Fuchsia to any 3ch-sp

Rnd 18: 3ch, 2tr in same 3ch-sp, (3tr in next 3ch-sp) to end, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 20 3tr clusters
Change to Vivid Purple

Note: work next rnd over second hoop enclosing hoop in sts

Rnd 19: 1ch,

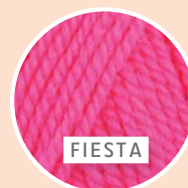
working around second hoop, 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to top of first st
Fasten off
Weave in all ends

tassel

Holding Bright Fuchsia, Vivid Purple and Radiant Blue tog wrap yarn ten times around square of card. Thread a 10cm

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FIESTA



JAFFA



MAGENTA



TURQUOISE

length of Radiant Blue onto tapestry needle, pass under wraps at top of card and tie a knot to secure strands. Cut through bottom of wraps and remove from card. Wrap a 20cm length of Bold Orange around Tassel approx 2cm from top and tie in a knot. Thread ends through top of Tassel to hide them. Trim Tassel and sew to bottom of Plant Hanger

hanging chains

Using 4.5mm hook join Bold Orange to any st at top of Pot

* 1ch, 1dc in same st, 60ch

Fasten off *

Miss 20 sts, join Radiant Blue and rep from * to *

Miss 20 sts, join Bright Fuchsia and rep from * to *

Knot lengths of chain tog at top

GREAT ADVICE

To attach the yarn to the hoop, put the hook through the hoop and hook the yarn through from back to front.

Work each dc by first inserting the hook into the hoop and wrapping the yarn around it to create the loop





PLUS
stuffing, six
safety eyes,
small amount
of black DK,
tapestry
needle

SIZE
12cm wide x
14cm tall



GIFT BAG

Make three (one in each shade)
Using 4.5mm needles and Fluffy cast on 30 sts
Rows 1-4: beg with a k (RS) row work in st st
Change to Vivid Purple (Radiant Blue, Bright Fuchsia)
Rows 5-8: cont in st st
Row 9 (eyelets): k1, (k2tog, yfwd) to last st, k1
Rows 10-74: beg with a p row work in st st
Row 75: as Row 9
Rows 76-80: beg with a p row work in st st
Change to Fluffy
Rows 81-84: cont in st st
Cast off

GIRL face

Using 4.5mm

Mini gift bags

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needles and Light Brown cast on nine sts

Row 1: kfb, k to last st, kfb. 11 sts

Row 2: p

Rows 3-6: rep Rows 1-2. 15 sts

Rows 7-14: beg with a k (RS) row work in st st

Row 15: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. 13 sts

Change to Bold Orange

Row 16: p

Row 17: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. 11 sts

Rows 18-19: rep Rows 16-17. Nine sts

Cast off

collar

Make two

Using 4.5mm needles and Bright Fuchsia cast on seven sts

Row 1: k

Row 2: p

Cast off

BOY face

Work as for Girl Face

ear

Make two

Using 4.5mm needles and Light Brown cast on six sts

Row 1: k

Cut yarn leaving a

tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

bow tie

Using 4.5mm needles and Vivid Purple cast on 14 sts

Rows 1-3: beg with a k (RS) row work in st st
Cast off

DOG face

Work as for Girl Face using Light Brown only

ear

Make two

Using 4.5mm needles and Light Brown cast on six sts

Rows 1-20: k

Row 21: k2tog, k1, k2tog. Four sts
Cast off

collar

Using 4.5mm needles and Bold Orange cast on 12 sts

Row 1: k

Row 2: p

Cast off

tag

Using 4.5mm needles and Vivid Purple cast on three sts

Row 1: k

Cut yarn leaving a

tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

bow

Using 4.5mm needles and Bold Orange cast on eight sts

Row 1: k

Row 2: p

Cast off

to make up

Fold each Gift Bag in half lengthwise with RS tog and join row edges on WS, leaving top open. Turn RS out. Make an 80cm twisted cord in Fluffy by folding a 160cm length in half, securing tail end to a fixed point like a door handle, inserting a pencil in the loop and twisting until yarn kinks, and then releasing to allow it to twist around itself. Thread through holes around top of Gift Bag and tie into a bow. Attach two safety eyes to each Face. Place each Face onto Gift Bag and sew into place adding a small amount of stuffing to pad out. For Boy and Girl, embroider a

smile using pink DK and a nose using Light Brown. For Girl, cut 35cm lengths of Bold Orange, fold in half and sew to top of Face. Catch yarn either side of head and secure. Plait hair on either side, tying bows top and bottom of plait. Using Bold Orange, embroider a fringe using photograph as a guide. Place Collar below Face and secure. For Boy, use Bold Orange to oversew fringe area and to embroider eyebrows. Pull

fastened off tail of Ears tightly and sew this edge to each side of Face. Wrap middle of Bow Tie to shape and attach below Face. For Dog, attach Ears to each side of Face. Using black DK, embroider nose and mouth. Wrap middle of Bow to shape and sew to top of an Ear. Using Radiant Blue, embroider Collar with French knots. Gather fastened-off end of Tag tightly and sew to middle of Collar. Sew Collar below Face

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TOP TIP

CHANGE THE HAIR
AND SKIN COLOURS
WITH YARNS FROM
YOUR STASH TO
MATCH THOSE OF THE
LUCKY RECIPIENT!

THREE
to make!



PLUS
stitch holder
(optional), toy
stuffing,
tapestry
needle

SIZE
Fairy light
length: 6.5cm
Fairy light
diameter
(max): 3cm
String length
(approx):
92cm



FAIRY LIGHT GARLAND fairy light

Make nine (three
each in Bright
Fuchsia, Bold
Orange and Vivid
Purple)
Using 4.5mm
needles and
Radiant Blue cast
on six sts leaving a
short tail

Row 1 (RS): k1,
(kfb) four times,
k1. Ten sts

Rows 2-4: beg

with a p row work
in st st
Change to Bright
Fuchsia (Bold
Orange, Vivid
Purple) leaving a
long tail of
Radiant Blue

Row 5: k1, (kfb, k1)
four times, k1.
14 sts

Rows 6-12: cont in
st st

Row 13: k1, (k2,
k2tog) three times,
k1. 11 sts

Rows 14-16: cont
in st st

Row 17: k1, (k1,
k2tog) three times,
k1. Eight sts

Rows 18-20: cont
in st st

Row 21: k1, (k2tog)
three times, k1.
Five sts

Cut yarn leaving a
tail, thread

through rem sts,
pull tight and
fasten off

string

Make one
Using 4.5mm
needles and
Radiant Blue cast
on three sts
leaving a long tail
Make a 98cm-long
I-cord (see Great
Advice)

to make up

For each Fairy
Light, thread long
cast-off tail
through cast-off
sts again, pull tight
to close, then use
mattress st to join
sides of bulb tog
to colour change,
stuffing as you go.
Use long tail of
Radiant Blue to

join rem sides tog,
adding stuffing as
required, then
work a gathering
st through cast-on
sts and pull tight
to close. Secure
tail, then thread to
Row 4, work a
gathering st
around this row,
pull tight to shape,
then secure firmly.
Pass tail of
Radiant Blue back
up to end of Fairy
Light ready to
attach to String.
For String, fold
cast-on end of
I-cord over to
create a loop
approx 2cm wide,
then use tapestry
needle and
cast-on tail to
graft loop in
place with a few

sts. Use Radiant
Blue tail of a
finished Bold
Orange Fairy Light
to attach it to
I-cord 4cm from
base of loop, then
join rem finished
Fairy Lights in
same manner at
10cm intervals to
create foll rep
order: Bold
Orange, Bright
Fuchsia, Vivid
Purple. Leave a
4cm gap after
last Fairy Light,
then fold cast-off
tail over to create
a loop approx
2cm wide. Cut
yarn and thread
through rem sts to
fasten off. Secure
and weave in
all ends



GREAT ADVICE

To knit an I-cord,
cast on the
required number
of stitches and
knit one row.
Then, instead of
turning your work
like normal, slip
your stitches one
by one back onto
your left-hand
needle. Knit
another row,
before slipping
them back again,
and repeat the
process until
you reach the
desired length





"I-cords can be quite elastic. Once the I-cord reaches the desired length, place the stitches onto a stitch holder so it can be lengthened or shortened as required when attaching the finished fairy lights."

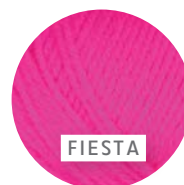
DAWN FINNEY, DESIGNER

TOP TIP

LEAVE LONG
YARN TAILS
WHEN YOU
FASTEN OFF TO
MAKE SEWING
UP A BREEZE!

Run out of yarn?

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PER 100G (300M) BALL FROM
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FIESTA



TURQUOISE



JAFFA



VIOLET



PLUS
stitch markers,
tapestry
needle,
stuffing, two
8mm safety
eyes, two small
orange
buttons

SIZE
23cm tall

Glen Giraffe

Dressed in his favourite dungarees,
Glen is a giraffe and a half!

In his practical outfit, this colourful chap by **HEATHER GIBBS** is ready for rough-and-tumble. He would be a great companion for a similarly active youngster with a big imagination. Beginners to crochet can easily tackle this pattern; just take care when working the nose as you need to work into both sides of your chain. Otherwise it's pretty plain sailing with simple rounds of double crochet.



GLEN GIRAFFE

Note: sections are worked without joining in continuous rnds. Place a st marker in top of first st to

mark start of rnd

head

Using 4.5mm hook and Bold Orange make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

Rnds 6-12: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 13: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 14: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 15: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
Add safety eyes between Rnds 5-6 at least seven sts apart

Rnd 16: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rnds 17-21: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off
Stuff

nose

Using 4.5mm hook and Bold Orange make 8ch

Rnd 1: 1dc in second ch from hook, 5dc, 3dc in last ch, working along other side of ch, 5dc, 2dc in last ch. 16 sts

Rnd 2: 2dc in next st, 5dc, (2dc in next st) three times, 5dc, (2dc in next st) twice. 22 sts

Rnds 3-4: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off
Stuff

ear

Make two

Using 4.5mm hook and Bold Orange make a magic ring, work 8dc into ring. Eight sts

Rnds 1-3: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 4: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Rnd 5: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. Four sts

Fasten off

ossicone

Make two

Using 4.5mm hook and Light Brown make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnds 1-3: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off
Stuff

patch

Make seven

Using 4.5mm hook and Light Brown make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, sl st to the first st to join. Six sts
Fasten off

right leg

Using 4.5mm hook and Light Brown make a magic ring,

work 8dc into ring. Eight sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 16 sts

Rnd 2: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 4: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Fasten off with a sl st to first st

Change to Radiant Blue

Rnds 5-11: 1dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Fasten off

left leg

Work as for Right Leg, do not fasten off, cont to Body

body

Rnd 1: 2ch, join to Right Leg with 1dc, 1dc in each st of Right Leg to end, 1dc in each of 2ch, 1dc in each st of Left leg to end, 1dc in each st of other side of 2ch. 28 sts

Rnd 2: 5dc, 2dc in next st, 13dc, 2dc in next st, 8dc. 30 sts
Stuff Legs

Rnds 3-7: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 8: working in



**TOP TIP**

WHEN MAKING
YOUR CHAINS
DON'T PULL THEM
TOO TIGHT, SO
THAT YOU CAN
EASILY WORK INTO
THESE STITCHES

BLO, 1dc in each st to end
Change to Bright Fuchsia and work in two-row stripe sequence of Bright Fuchsia, Vivid Purple ending with Bright Fuchsia
Rnds 9-11: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 12: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
Rnds 13-16: 1dc in each st to end
Stuff Body
Rnd 17: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 18: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

arm

Make two

Note: stuff Arms as you go but leave upper half unstuffed
Using 4.5mm hook and Light Brown make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each

st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 4: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. Nine sts

Change to Bright Fuchsia and work in two-row stripe sequence of Bright Fuchsia, Vivid Purple, ending with Bright Fuchsia
Rnds 5-14: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

dungaree top

Make two

Using 4.5mm hook and Radiant Blue make 10ch

Row 1: beg in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Nine sts

Rows 2-5: 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 1dc in each st to end, turn
Fasten off

dungaree strap

Make two

Using 4.5mm hook and Radiant Blue make 3ch

Row 1: beg in second ch from hook, 1dc in each

st to end, turn.

Two sts

Rows 2-8: 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 1dc in each st to end, turn
Fasten off

dungaree pocket

Using 4.5mm hook and Radiant Blue make 5ch

Row 1: beg in second ch from hook, 1dc in each

st to end, turn.

Four sts

Row 2: 1ch (does not count as st), 1dc in each st to end, turn
Fasten off

tail

Using 4.5mm hook and Bold Orange make 9ch

Rnd 1: beg in second ch from hook, sl st in each st to end
Fasten off



to make up

Attach Nose below eyes. Add Ossicones to top of Head. Attach Ears on either side of Ossicones. Attach Head to Body and Arms to either side. Attach Dungaree Tops to Row 7 over centre of Body front and back. Join Straps over shoulders. Attach button at base of each front Strap. Attach Pocket to front of Dungarees. Using Light Brown, loop two strands though one end of Tail and attach to back of Giraffe. Using strands of Light Brown, add a mane fringe to back of Head and neck. Attach Patches over Head using photos as a guide. Weave in all ends



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6mm (40.5cm)
circular needle,
set of four 6mm
double-pointed
needles, two
stitch markers,
tapestry needle

SIZE

Fits average
adult head

TENSION

15 sts x 20 rows
10cm x 10cm
Stocking stitch
6mm needles



Take the
next step

FOUR-WAY BEANIE

Using 6mm dpns, working from lightest end of O'Go and beg at top of crown, cast on eight sts, leaving a 30.5cm long yarn tail for cinching crown. Join in rnd, pm for beg of rnd

shape first crown

Note: change to circular needle when necessary
Rnd 1: (kfb) to end. 16 sts
Rnd 2: (k1, kfb) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 3: (k2, kfb) to end. 32 sts
Rnd 4: (k3, kfb) to end. 40 sts

One hat, four looks! This winter warmer is fully reversible and can be worn with or without the 7.5cm folded brim – leaving you free to change it up! You'll be using a special new yarn to create it which comes in a doughnut shape to prevent tangles. To get started with your O'Go yarn, simply cut the plastic tie where the ends of the O'Go meet and pull the tie to remove it. And off you go!



Rnd 5: (k4, kfb) to end. 48 sts
Rnd 6: (k5, kfb) to end. 56 sts
Rnd 7: (k6, kfb) to end. 64 sts
Rnd 8: (k7, kfb) to end. 72 sts
Rnd 9: (k17, kfb) to end. 76 sts
Pm at end of last rnd

body

Work in st st until work meas 28cm from marker
Cut yarn and rejoin yarn from darkest end of O'Go
Work in st st until work meas 28cm from colour change

shape second crown

Note: change to dpns when necessary
Rnd 1: (k17, k2tog) to end. 72 sts
Rnd 2: (k7, k2tog) to end. 64 sts
Rnd 3: (k6, k2tog) to end. 56 sts
Rnd 4: (k5, k2tog) to end. 48 sts
Rnd 5: (k4, k2tog) to end. 40 sts
Rnd 6: (k3, k2tog) to end. 32 sts
Rnd 7: (k2, k2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 8: (k1, k2tog) to end. 16 sts
Rnd 9: (k2tog) eight times.
Eight sts
Cut yarn leaving a 30.5cm long tail, thread through rem sts and fasten off

to make up

Weave tail from cast-on tightly through eight cast-on sts and tighten to close hole. Fasten securely. Fold Hat in half by pushing Second Crown into First Crown to create double thickness (as shown in photo)



GREAT ADVICE

For a fuller ombre look, remove about an eighth of yarn from both the lightest and darkest ends of the O'Go before you start so that you work across the central shade transition





ZIG-ZAG CHIC

We can't imagine anything cosier to snuggle up with this winter! Use this new kit from Wool Couture to knit up your own colourful Ellie Wrap featuring cheery zig-zags, made in Cheeky Chunky yarn.

£119.99,

**woolcouture
company.com**



PERFECT PAIR

This his-and-hers sweater set knitted in Stylecraft ReCreate Chunky features a basket weave stitch pattern for a glorious texture and subtle chequerboard look that would suit anyone. Patt 9950, RRP: £3.35, find stockists at **stylecraft-yarns.co.uk**



HIT THE SLOPES

Once you've mastered the first colour-block Ski Lift Scarf inspired by a winter sunrise, try your hand at the second design in this Sirdar pattern, using the intarsia technique to achieve bold lettering. Patt 10621, £3.70, **sirdar.com**

YOUR COSY WINTER WARDROBE

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DRESS TO IMPRESS

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BIGGER THE BETTER

Who doesn't love a super chunky yarn?! Rowan's new collection, Bigger than Big Knits features eight larger-than-life designs including this ultra-cosy cowl, all made in the new BIG Big Wool. £9.95, **knitrowan.com**



LIGHT AS AIR

We can't take our eyes off this elegant knit! Gossamer-light and decorated with pretty eyelets and bobbles around the yoke, it even boasts seamless shoulders and armholes for an ultra-cosy feel. Emma Yoke Sweater, free download, **bergeredefrance.co.uk**



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These utterly adorable winter bears by the wonderful **SACHIYO ISHII** can be made with needles or a hook depending on your preference, so no one misses out! Bundled up warm in their winter coats, complete with a special fluffy trim, we just know they'll be fab companions for your winter walks! Tell us which one you'll be making at

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PLUS
two pairs of
8mm
mushroom-
shaped beads
or safety eyes
and cotton
thread, small
amount of
dark brown DK,
stuffing, stitch
holder, stitch
marker,
tapestry
needle

SIZE
21cm tall



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WHICH IS IT TO BE?

CHOOSE YOUR BEAR
THEN GET STARTED ON
YOUR PATTERN...



KNITTED BEAR

right leg

Using 4.5mm needles and Radiant Blue cast on 15 sts

Rows 1-8: beg with a k (RS) row work in st st
Cut yarn, keep sts on st holder

left leg

Work as for Right Leg, do not cut yarn, cont to Body

body

Row 9: k15 (Left Leg sts from needle), k15 (Right Leg sts from holder), connecting both Legs. 30 sts

Row 10: p

Row 11: (k4, kfb) three times, (kfb, k4) three times. 36 sts

Row 12: p

Row 13: (k5, kfb) three times, (kfb, k5) three times. 42 sts

Rows 14-18: beg with a p row work in st st
Change to Bright

Fuchsia

Rows 19-20: cont in st st

Row 21: (k5, k2tog) five times, k4, k2tog, k1. 36 sts

Row 22: cont in st st

Row 23: (k4, k2tog) five times, k3, k2tog, k1. 30 sts

Rows 24-26: cont in st st

Row 27: (k3, k2tog) five times, k2,

k2tog, k1. 24 sts

Rows 28-31: cont in st st

Cast off

head

Using 4.5mm needles and Light Brown cast on 12 sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: (k1, kfb) three times, (kfb, k1) three times. 18 sts

Row 3 and every odd-numbered row: p

Row 4: (k2, kfb)

three times, (kfb, k2) three times. 24 sts

Row 6: (k3, kfb) three times, (kfb, k3) three times. 30 sts

Row 8: (k4, kfb) three times, (kfb, k4) three times. 36 sts

Row 10: (k5, kfb) three times, (kfb, k5) three times. 42 sts

Row 12: (k6, kfb) three times, (kfb, k6) three times. 48 sts

Row 14: (k7, kfb) three times, (kfb, k7) three times. 54 sts

Rows 15-19: beg with a p row work in st st

Row 20: (k1, k2tog) to end. 36 sts

Row 21: p

Row 22: (k4, k2tog) five times, k3, k2tog, k1. 30 sts

Rows 23-27: beg with a p row work in st st

Row 28: (k3, k2tog) five times, k2, k2tog, k1. 24 sts

Row 29: p

Row 30: (k2tog) to end. 12 sts

Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

ear

Make two

Using 4.5mm needles and Light Brown cast on 18 sts

Rows 1-5: beg with a p (WS) row work in st st

Row 6: (k1, k2tog) to end. 12 sts

Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

jumper

Using 4.5mm needles and Fluffy cast on 54 sts

Rows 1-3: beg with a k (RS) row work in st st

Change to Bright Fuchsia

Rows 4-9: cont in st st

Row 10: (k7, k2tog) five times, k6, k2tog, k1. 48 sts

Row 11 and every WS row: p

Row 12: (k6, k2tog) five times, k5, k2tog, k1.

42 sts

Row 14: (k5, k2tog) five times, k4,

k2tog, k1. 36 sts

Row 16: (k4, k2tog) five times, k3,

k2tog, k1. 30 sts

Row 17: p

Change to Fluffy

Rows 18-21: beg with a k row work in st st

Cast off

sleeve

Make two

Using 4.5mm needles and Bright Fuchsia cast on 12 sts

Rows 1-8: beg with a p (WS) row work in st st

Change to Fluffy

Rows 9-11: cont in st st

Cast off

hand

Make two

Using 4.5mm needles and Vivid Purple cast on 12 sts

Rows 1-6: beg with a k (RS) row work in st st

Row 7: (k2tog) to end. Six sts

Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

shoe

Make two

Using 4.5mm needles and Vivid Purple cast on 12 sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: (k1, kfb) three times, (kfb, k1) three times. 18 sts

Row 3: p

Row 4: (k2, kfb) three times, (kfb, k2) three times. 24 sts

Rows 5-9: beg with a p row work in st st

Row 10: k8,

(k2tog) four times, k8. 20 sts

Row 11: p

Row 12: k6, (k2tog) four times, k6. 16 sts

Rows 13-15: beg

with a p row

work in st st

Cast off

hat

Using 4.5mm needles and Fluffy cast on 60 sts

Rows 1-3: beg with a k (RS) row work in st st

Change to

Vivid Purple

Row 4 (ear holes):

p20, cast off four sts, p until you have 12 sts after cast-off, cast off four sts, p to end. 52 sts

Row 5: k20, cast on four sts, k12,

cast on four sts, k to end. 60 sts

Row 6 and every even-numbered row: p

Row 7: (k8, k2tog) five times, k7,

k2tog, k1. 54 sts

Row 9: (k7, k2tog) five times, k6,

k2tog, k1. 48 sts

Row 11: (k6, k2tog) five times, k5,

k2tog, k1. 42 sts

Row 13: (k5, k2tog) five times, k4,

k2tog, k1. 36 sts

Row 15: (k4, k2tog) five times, k3,

k2tog, k1. 30 sts

Row 17: (k3, k2tog) five times, k2,

k2tog, k1. 24 sts

Row 19: (k2, k2tog) five times, k1,

k2tog, k1. 18 sts

Row 21: (k1, k2tog) five times, k2tog,

k1. 12 sts

Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread

through rem sts,

pull tight and

fasten off

tie

Make two

Using 4.5mm hook and Fluffy make 30ch. Fasten off

to make up

With cast-on yarn end of Legs and Body, sew each Leg as far as crotch. Sew back

seam, stuff Legs

and Body. Fold

Shoe in half

longways and sew sole and back

seam. Stuff Shoe. Rep for other

Shoe. Insert Shoe

in Leg and secure. Rep for other Leg.

Seam Jumper. With seam at back,

dress Body in

Jumper. With

fastened-off yarn

end of Hand, sew

seam and stuff.

Seam Sleeve, insert

Hand in Sleeve

and secure Hand

with sts around

cuff. Rep for other

Arm. Attach

Sleeves to Body.

With fastened-off

yarn end of Head,

sew seam

halfway. With

cast-on yarn end,

work a gathering

thread along

cast-on edge and

draw tightly. Sew

seam halfway,

attach safety eyes

if using. Stuff Head

and close seam.

Seam Ears. Attach

Ears to Head

without stuffing.

Attach eye beads

if using. With dark

brown DK,

embroider nose

and mouth. Attach

Head to Body.

Seam Hat. Dress

Head in Hat.

Attach Ties and

work a bow

at front

KNIT



TOP TIP

SEW YOUR SEAMS
WITH THE RIGHT
SIDES FACING
USING MATTRESS
STITCH

CROCHET BEAR

Note: this pattern is worked in joined rnds, join with a sl st to first dc after each rnd. Use a st marker at beg of a rnd and move up with each rnd. 1ch at beg of rnd does not count as st throughout

left leg

Using 4.5mm hook and Radiant Blue make 15ch, join with a sl st to first st. 15 sts

Rnd 1: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Rnds 2-6: 1dc in each st to end Fasten off

right leg

Work as for Left Leg, do not fasten off, cont to Body

body

Rnd 7: insert hook in Left Leg, 1dc in each st of Left Leg, insert hook in Right Leg, 1dc in each st of Right Leg. 30 sts

Rnd 8: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 9: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

Rnds 10-14: 1dc in each st to end Change to Bright Fuchsia
Rnd 15: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 16: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 17: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 18: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 19: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnds 20-26: 1dc in

each st to end Fasten off

head

Using 4.5mm hook and Light Brown make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

Rnds 5-7: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 8: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 40 sts

Rnds 9-10: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 11: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 48 sts

Rnd 12: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 13: (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 54 sts

Rnd 14: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 15: (7dc, dc2tog) to end. 48 sts

Rnd 16: (6dc, dc2tog) to end.

42 sts

Rnd 17: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 18: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 19: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Attach safety eyes if using

Rnd 20: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Stuff
Rnd 21: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 22: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts Fasten off

ear

Make two

Using 4.5mm hook and Light Brown make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Rnds 3-4: 1dc in each st to end Fasten off

jumper

Using 4.5mm hook and Bright Fuchsia make 30ch, join

CROCHET

with a sl st to first st. 30 sts

Rnd 1: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 3: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 4: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

Rnd 5: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 6: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 48 sts

Rnd 7: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 8: (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 54 sts

Rnds 9-12: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Fluffy

Rnds 13-15: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

neckband

Using 4.5mm hook, Fluffy and with RS facing join yarn to any st in Rnd 1 of Jumper

Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end. 30 sts

Rnds 2-3: 1dc in each st to end Fasten off

sleeve

Make two

Using 4.5mm hook and Bright Fuchsia make 12ch, join with a sl st to first st. 12 sts

Rnds 1-9: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Fluffy

Rnds 10-11: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

hand

Make two

Using 4.5mm hook

and Vivid Purple make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. Ten sts

Rnds 2-5: 1dc in each st to end Fasten off

shoe

Make two

Using 4.5mm hook and Vivid Purple make 6ch

Rnd 1: beg in second ch from hook, 2dc in first ch, 3dc, 3dc in last ch, working on other side of ch, 3dc, 1dc in first ch. 12 sts

Rnd 2: (2dc in next st) twice, 3dc, (2dc in next st) three times, 3dc, 2dc in last st. 18 sts

Rnd 3: (2dc in next st, 1dc) twice, 3dc, (2dc in next st, 1dc) three times, 3dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc. 24 sts

Rnds 4-6: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 7: 6dc, (dc2tog, 1dc) four times, 6dc. 20 sts

Rnd 8: 6dc, (dc2tog) four times, 6dc. 16 sts

Rnds 9-11: 1dc in each st to end Fasten off

hat

Using 4.5mm hook and Vivid Purple make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 6: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

Rnd 7: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 48 sts

Rnd 8: (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 54 sts

Rnds 9-10: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 11: 16dc, make 5ch, miss five sts, 12dc, make 5ch, miss five sts, 16dc. 44 sts and 10ch

Change to Fluffy
Rnd 12: 1dc in each st and each ch to end. 54 sts

Rnds 13-14: 1dc in each st to end Fasten off

tie

Make two

Using 4.5mm hook and Fluffy make 30ch Fasten off

to make up

Stuff Body. Stuff Shoes. Insert Shoe in Leg and secure. Rep for other Leg. Insert Body in Jumper. Stuff Hand, insert Hand in Sleeve and stuff Sleeve. Secure Hand with sts around cuff. Rep for other Arm. Attach Sleeves to Body. Weave through finishing end of Head. Attach Ears without stuffing. Attach eye beads if using. With dark brown DK yarn, embroider nose and mouth. Attach Head to Body. Put Hat on Head and feed Ears through holes. Attach Ties and work a bow at front

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SIZE

30cm x 30cm (approx)



BEAR COMFORTER fluffy square

Make two

Using 4.5mm needles and Fluffy cast on 30 sts

Rows 1-44: k

Cast off

plain square

Make two

Using 4.5mm needles and Vivid Purple (Radiant Blue) cast on 30 sts

Rows 1-54: k

Cast off

arm

Make two

Using 4.5mm needles and Light Brown cast on ten sts

Rows 1-4: beg with a k (RS) row work in st st

Row 5: k1, kfb, k6, kfb, k1. 12 sts

Rows 6-10: cont in st st

Row 11: k1, kfb, k8,

Designed by **ÁINE MARRIOTT**, the mix of textures in this baby blanket will be sure to hold a tot's attention, and they're certain to find a friend in the sweet little teddy. Novelty yarns can take some getting used to, so if you're new to them, this pattern is a great place to start as you'll be working up our Fluffy yarn in nice and easy garter stitch.



kfb, k1. 14 sts

Rows 12-22: cont in st st

Row 23: k2tog, (k1, k2tog) to end. Nine sts

Row 24: p

Row 25: k1, (k2tog) to end. Five sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

paw pad

Make two

Using 4.5mm needles and Vivid Purple (Radiant

Blue) cast on three sts

Row 1 (RS): (kfb) twice, k1. Five sts

Rows 2-6: beg with a p row work in st st

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

head

Using 4.5mm needles and Light Brown cast on ten sts

Row 1 and every odd-numbered

row: p

Row 2 (RS): (kfb) to end. 20 sts

Row 4: (k1, kfb) to end. 30 sts

Row 6: (k2, kfb) to end. 40 sts

Rows 8-21: beg with a k row work in st st

Row 22: (k3, k2tog) to end. 32 sts

Row 23 and every odd-numbered

row: p

Row 24: (k2, k2tog) to end. 24 sts

Row 26: (k1, k2tog)

to end. 16 sts

Row 28: (k2tog) to end. Eight sts

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

ear

Make two (one in each colourway)
Using 4.5mm needles and Light Brown cast on ten sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: kfb, k8, kfb. 12 sts

Rows 3-5: beg with a p row work in st st

Row 6: k1, ssk, k6, k2tog, k1. Ten sts

Row 7 and every odd-numbered

row: p

Row 8: k1, ssk, k4, k2tog, k1. Eight sts

Row 10: k1, ssk, k2, k2tog, k1. Six sts

Row 12: k1, ssk, k2tog, k1. Four sts
Change to Vivid Purple (Radiant Blue)

Row 14: k1, m1, k2, m1, k1. Six sts

Row 16: k1, m1, k4, m1, k1. Eight sts

Row 18: k1, m1, k6, m1, k1. Ten sts

Row 19-21: beg with a p row work in st st

Row 22: k1, ssk, k4, k2tog, k1. Eight sts

Row 23: p
Cast off

to make up

Sew all four Squares tog with Fluffy Squares in opposite corners. Weave in ends. Seam row edges of Arms and stuff



TOP TIP

POP A STITCH MARKER ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF YOUR WORK WHEN KNITTING WITH THE FLUFFY YARN AS IT CAN BE HARD TO TELL WHICH IS WHICH!

lightly. Sew to centre of Blanket, one Arm hanging over Radiant Blue Square and one over Vivid Purple Square. Sew Paw Pads to underside

at end of Arms. Seam row edges of Head. Stuff. Sew cast-on edge of Head to centre of Blanket, overlapping Arms slightly. Fold Ear in

half so cast-on and cast-off edges meet. Seam row edges, then oversew cast-on/cast-off edges tog. Sew Ears to Head. Use Bright

Fuchsia to embroider nose. Use brown DK to embroider eyes, eyebrows and mouth. Use White DK to sew accents onto eyes

MAKE ONE (M1)

Also known as 'make one left' (M1L). This increase method is worked between the stitches and is ideal for stocking stitch fabrics.



Step 1: insert the LH needle into the horizontal bar between the last stitch on the RH needle and first stitch on the LH needle from front to back



Step 2: knit into the back of this loop

The finished stitch leans to the left





PLUS
stitch markers,
two wooden
buttons,
sewing needle
and pink
sewing thread,
tapestry
needle

SIZE
To fit 0-3
months

Fluffy booties

This quick and simple pair are perfect for winter outings

Chilly feet won't be an issue with these cute and cosy baby boots by **HEATHER GIBBS**. Your Fluffy yarn is used to add a funky fur-trim cuff, so your little one will be on-trend as well as warm. Finish them off with a rustic wooden button – make sure it's sewn on super securely for safety.



TOP TIP

THE SECTIONS ARE WORKED IN CONTINUOUS ROUNDS WITHOUT JOINING SO USE A STITCH MARKER TO INDICATE WHERE YOUR ROUND STARTS



Take the next step

FLUFFY BOOTIES

sole

Make two

Note: hold two strands of yarn tog throughout Using 4.5mm hook and Light Brown, make 11ch

Rnd 1: 2dc in second ch from hook, 8dc, 4dc in last ch, working back along opposite side of ch, 8dc, 2dc in last st. 24 sts

Rnd 2: (2dc in next st) twice, 8dc, (2dc in next st) four times, 8dc, (2dc in

next st) twice. 32 sts

Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end Fasten off

upper

Note: hold two strands of yarn tog throughout Join Bright Fuchsia to BLO of first st in last rnd of Sole

Rnd 1: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end. 32 sts

Rnd 2: 12dc, (dc2tog) four times, 12dc. 28 sts Fasten off

Join Radiant Blue to top of last st worked

Rnd 3: 10dc, (dc2tog) four times, 10dc. 24 sts

Rnd 4: 8dc, (dc2tog) four times, 8dc. 20 sts Fasten off Join Vivid Purple to top of last st worked

Rnds 5-6: 1dc in each st to end Fasten off

Join Fluffy to top of last st worked **Rnds 7-16:** 1dc in each st to end Fasten off

to make up

Fold over Upper edge to form Fluffy cuff at top of booties and st into place with sewing thread. Attach wooden button to side of Upper, one on

outside left side and one on outside right side. Weave in all ends

GREAT ADVICE

These booties are made holding two yarns together. Separate your yarn into two equal smaller balls first. You can then crochet in the exact same way as you would with one strand, but holding the two strands together



SKILL UP!

dc2tog: insert hook in next st, yoh, pull through loop, insert hook in next st, yoh, pull through loop, yoh and pull through all three loops on hook

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Pencil pals

These quick crocheted critters
would make great stocking fillers

USING YOUR

Millie

YARN KIT



PROJECT
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USE YOUR Millie YARN KIT



PLUS
six 5mm safety
eyes or black
beads

SIZE
5cm tall



Take the
next step

MR FOX head

Using 4.5mm hook and Bold Orange make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end. Five sts

Rnd 2: 2dc in next st, 4dc. Six sts

Rnd 3: 2dc in next st, 5dc. Seven sts

Rnd 4: 2dc in next st, 6dc. Eight sts

Rnd 5: 2dc in each st to end. 16 sts

Rnd 6: (2dc in next st, 7dc) to end.

18 sts

Rnds 7-9: 1dc in each st to end. Insert safety eyes between Rnds 5-6, either side of nose

Rnd 10: (dc2tog, 1dc) to end. 12 sts
Stuff

Rnd 11: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off



Schoolwork will never be boring with this cute trio of pencil toppers by **IRENE STRANGE**. All three can be made with your Millie kit, and they are quick enough to be easily done in time for Christmas. If you're not familiar with trebles and half trebles you'll find step by step guides on pages 64 and 65 – it's easy when you know how!

ear

Make two

Using 4.5mm hook and Bold Orange make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring, turn. Five sts

Row 1: 1ch, 1dc, 1htr, 3tr in next st, 1htr, 1dc. Seven sts
Fasten off

neck

Using 4.5mm hook and Vivid Purple leaving a long tail make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring.

Five sts

Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end. Five sts

Rnd 2: 2dc in next st, 4dc. Six sts

Rnds 3-5: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off
Pull starting tail through to outside

bow tie

Using 4.5mm hook and Radiant Blue make 2ch

Row 1: 1tr in second ch from hook, 1ch, sl st in

same ch, 1ch, 1tr in same ch, 1ch, sl st in same ch
Fasten off
Wrap yarn tail around middle to create bow shape

to make up

Sew Ears to Head, approx three rnds behind eyes. Sew Neck to base of Head using starting tail. Attach Bow Tie to top of Neck using yarn tail. Using

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Vivid Purple
embroider a nose
and a small smile.
Weave in all ends

HOBBY HORSE head

Using 4.5mm hook and Light Brown make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: (2dc in next st, 1dc) to end.

Nine sts

Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Radiant Blue

Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Light Brown

Rnd 4: (2dc in next st, 2dc) to end.

12 sts

Rnds 5-6: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 7: (2dc in next st, 3dc) to end.

15 sts

Rnd 8: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 9: (2dc in next

st, 4dc) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 10: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Vivid Purple

Rnd 11: 1dc in each st to end

Insert safety eyes between Rnds 5-6.

Stuff

Rnd 12: (dc2tog, 1dc) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 13: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

ear

Make two

Using 4.5mm hook and Light Brown make 4ch

Row 1: beg in second ch from hook, 1dc, 1htr, 5tr in last ch, working back along opposite side of ch, 1htr, 1dc.

Nine sts

Fasten off

neck

Using 4.5mm hook and Radiant Blue leaving a long tail make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 2: 2dc in next st, 4dc. Six sts

Rnds 3-5: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off
Pull starting tail through to outside

bridle

Using 4.5mm hook and Radiant Blue make 40ch, pulling on each ch as you go to tighten
Fasten off

to make up

Sew Ears to top of Head just before last colour change. Sew Neck to base of Head. Sew Bridle to Radiant Blue stripe. To make mane, cut small lengths of Vivid Purple and add along spine by folding each strand in half and pulling through fabric to make a loop, then feeding ends through loop and pulling to tighten. Trim to desired length. Weave in all ends

FLUFFY CAT head

Using 4.5mm hook and Fluffy make a magic ring, work 6dc in ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnd 2: (2dc in next st, 1dc) to end. 18 sts
Rnds 3-6: 1dc in each st to end

Insert safety eyes between Rnds 4-5
Rnd 7: (dc2tog, 1dc) to end. 12 sts
Stuff
Rnd 8: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off

ear

Make two
Using 4.5mm hook and Fluffy make 2ch
Row 1: beg in second ch from hook, 1dc, turn. One st
Row 2: 1ch (does

not count as st throughout), 3dc in next st, turn. Three sts
Row 3: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 1dc, 2dc in next st, turn. Five sts
Row 4: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 3dc, 2dc in next st. Seven sts
Fasten off

neck

Using 4.5mm hook and Radiant Blue leaving a long tail make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring.

Five sts

Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 2: 2dc in next st, 4dc. Six sts

Rnds 3-5: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off
Pull starting tail through to outside

bowler hat

Using 4.5mm hook and Vivid Purple make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts
Rnds 1-2: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 3: working in FLO, 2dc in each st to end. Ten sts
Fasten off

bow tie

Using 4.5mm hook and Bright Fuchsia make 2ch
Row 1: 1tr in second ch from hook, 1ch, sl st in same ch, 1ch, 1tr in same ch, 1ch, sl st in same ch
Fasten off
Wrap yarn tail around middle to create bow shape

to make up

Sew Ears to sides of Head so they sit behind eyes. Sew Neck to base of Head. Sew Bowler Hat to top of Head. Sew Bow Tie to top of Neck. Using Radiant Blue embroider a triangle nose between eyes. Using Bright Fuchsia embroider whiskers under eyes. Weave in all ends



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New to knitting or crochet? You'll get the hang of it in no time with our at-a-glance guides

TOOLKIT ESSENTIALS

Tapestry needle A blunt needle with a large eye, perfect for threading with yarn. It's used for weaving in ends, sewing seams and embroidery – a must-have!

Stitch marker Used to identify an important place in your knitting or crochet to help guide you – there are ring markers and locking stitch markers available

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PICKING UP A DROPPED STITCH

Fix mistakes in your knitting easily with this method!



Insert a crochet hook upwards into the loop of the dropped stitch. Catch the strand that runs behind the stitch and pull it through the loop on the hook. Repeat for each row. If working in garter stitch, alternate stitches must be picked up by inserting the hook from the wrong side and pulling the strand through the back of the stitch.

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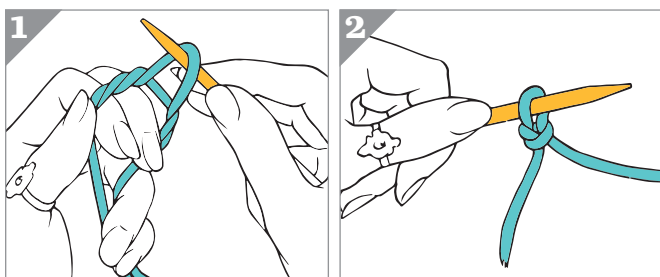
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slip knot

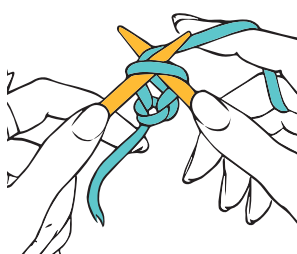
You need to make a slip knot on your needle before casting on. It counts as your first cast-on stitch



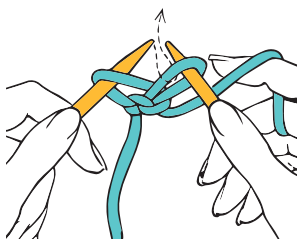
- 1 Hold the yarn under your left thumb, wrap it twice around your left index and middle fingers, with the second loop closer to the base of the fingers. With the backs of the fingers uppermost, insert the tip of the needle beneath the first loop and over the second, then pull the second loop under the first.
- 2 Remove your two fingers and gently tug on both ends of yarn to tighten the slip knot around the needle.

cast on

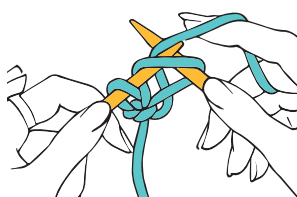
This method, also called the 'two-needle method', is great for beginners



- 1 Make a slip knot on the LH needle and pull it taut. Insert the RH needle into the knot from front to back, passing under the LH needle. Wrap the ball end of yarn anti-clockwise around the point of the RH needle.



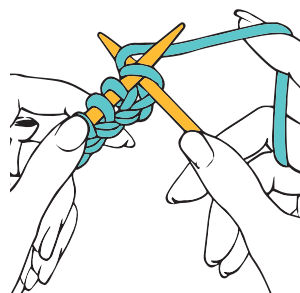
- 2 Pull the loop that forms back through the original stitch and insert the tip of the LH needle into the new stitch from underneath to transfer from the RH to LH needle. There should now be two stitches on the LH needle.



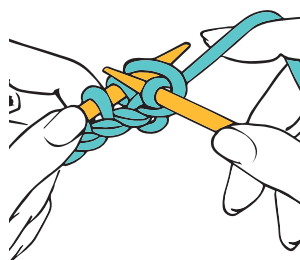
- 3 Repeat the above steps, knitting into the top stitch on the LH needle and returning the new stitches from the RH to the LH needle until you have the required number of stitches.

knit stitch (k)

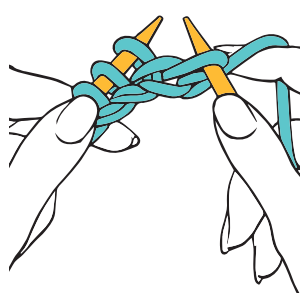
Also known as garter stitch, the knit stitch is the foundation of knitting



- 1 Once cast on, insert the tip of the RH needle upwards and from front to back into the top stitch on the LH needle. The RH needle should sit behind the LH one. Wrap the ball end of yarn anti-clockwise around the tip of the RH needle.



- 2 Using the RH needle, pull a loop of the wrapped yarn through the original stitch to create a new one on the RH needle.

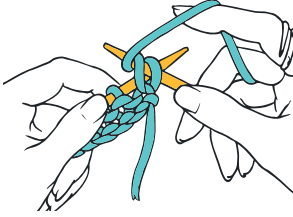


- 3 Slide the original stitch off the LH needle. Repeat from step 1.

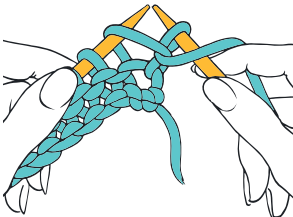
INCREASING & DECREASING

purl stitch (p)

Most frequently seen paired with the knit stitch to create different stitch patterns like stocking stitch and ribbing



1 With the ball-end of the yarn at the front (towards you), insert the tip of the RH needle into the front loop of the first stitch from right to left, with the RH needle in front of the LH one. Wrap the ball end of the yarn anti-clockwise around the RH needle.



2 Draw this needle backwards and upwards, forming a new stitch on the RH needle.



3 Once the new stitch has been formed on the RH needle you can let the loop from the LH needle slide off the end. Repeat until all the stitches have been purred and you have completed the row.

knit two together (k2tog)

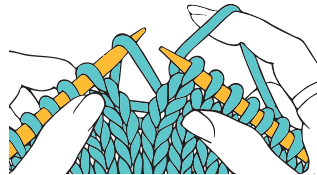
Decrease two stitches to one by knitting them together



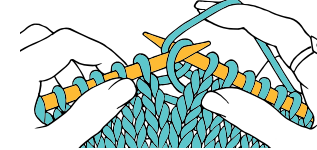
Insert the RH needle into the front loops of the next two stitches on the LH needle. Then wrap the yarn anti-clockwise around the tip and knit both stitches at the same time.

make one (m1)

Form a new stitch and increase your stitch count by one



1 Insert the LH needle into the horizontal bar of yarn lying between the stitch just knitted and the next stitch to be knitted. Hook and lift it with the needle tip in a backwards direction (away from you).

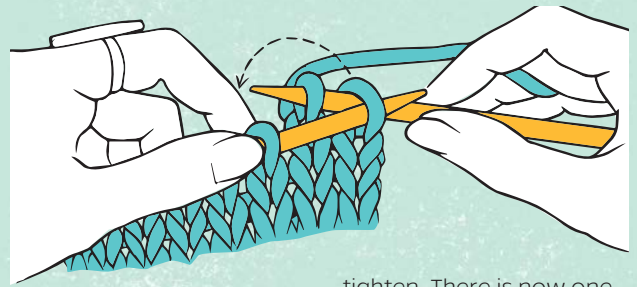


2 Push the RH needle into the back part of the loop that now lies over the LH needle and knit this stitch. You will now have an additional stitch on the RH needle.

FINISH HERE

cast off

Once you have completed the number of rows needed for your project, you'll need to cast off. This fastens the work and keeps it from unravelling



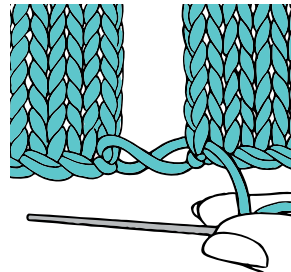
1 Knit two stitches as normal. Insert the tip of the LH needle into the second stitch on the RH needle (the stitch closest to you). Carefully lift it up and over the top stitch, dropping it off the tip of the RH needle and pulling the yarn to

tighten. There is now one stitch on the RH needle.

2 Knit one more stitch and repeat the process in step one. Continue until there is one stitch remaining. Cut the yarn, leaving a long tail. Slip the loop off the needle and pull the tail through, pulling it tight.

beginning a seam

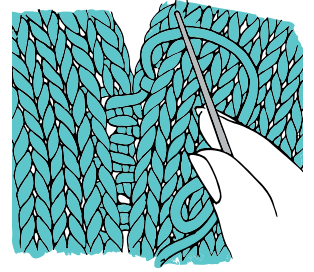
How to start sewing up your project



Place the pieces next to each other RS up, push a threaded tapestry needle through the fabric after the first stitch, moving from front to back. Push through after the first stitch on the second piece, moving from back to front.

mattress stitch

Join knitted pieces together with this invisible method



With the two pieces next to each other, hook the horizontal bar of the first stitch with a needle. Move to the other piece and hook the first horizontal bar of the stitch on that side. Repeat, moving from one piece to the next.

ABBREVIATIONS

Here's a handy list of the most common abbreviations

alt: alternate
approx: approximately
beg: beginning
BLO: back loops only
ch: chain
ch sp: chain space
cn: cable needle
cont: continue
dc: double crochet

dec: decrease
dtr: double treble
FLO: front loops only
fol: following
htr: half treble
inc: increase
k: knit
kfb: knit into front and back of next stitch
kwise: knitwise
k2tog: knit two together
LH: left-hand

m1: make one stitch by picking up horizontal loop before next stitch and knitting into back of it
meas: measures
p: purl
pfb: purl into front and back of next stitch
pm: place stitch marker
psso: pass slipped stitch over
pwise: purlwise

p2tog: purl two together
rem: remaining
rep: repeat
rev: reverse
RH: right-hand
RS: right side
skpo: slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over
sl 1: slip one stitch
sl st: slip stitch
sm: slip stitch marker
sp(s): space(s)
ssk: one by one, slip next two stitches

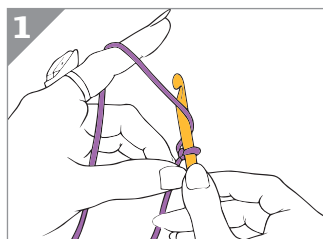
knitwise, put left-hand needle through front loops of both slipped stitches and knit them together
st(s): stitch(es)
st st: stocking stitch (knit one row, purl one row)
tbl: through back loop
tog: together
tr: treble
WS: wrong side
wyib: with yarn

in back
wyif: with yarn in front
yb: yarn back
yfwd: yarn forward (between knit stitches)
yoh: yarn over hook
yon: yarn over needle (between a purl and a knit stitch)
ym: yarn round needle (between purl stitches and between a knit and a purl stitch)

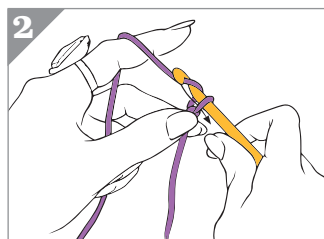


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Many projects start with a series of chain stitches. To begin you need to make a slip knot on your hook (see page 62)

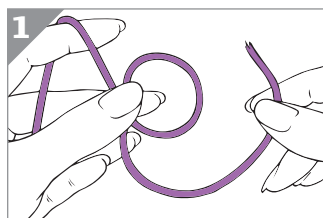


1 Make a slip knot and put it on the neck of the hook – don't pull it too tight or it will be difficult to stitch with. Coming from behind, wrap the yarn around the hook from right to left, across the 'neck'.

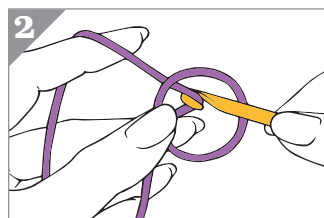


2 Catch the yarn and use the hook to pull it down through the slip knot. You have now made one chain (ch). Continue to make more chains, as directed in the pattern.

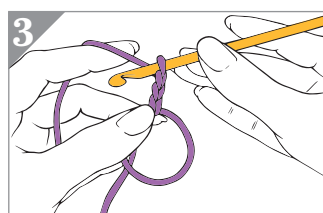
The magic ring is an easy way of beginning to work in the round. It is often used when making amigurumi toys



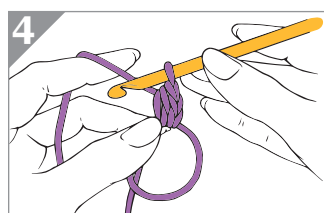
1 Make a large loop by putting the yarn tail behind the working yarn.



2 With your hook, draw the working yarn through the loop, so you have one loop on the hook.



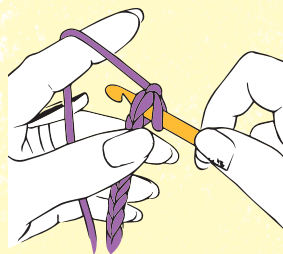
3 Make three chain stitches (counts as first treble), work a treble into the loop, crocheting over the tail.



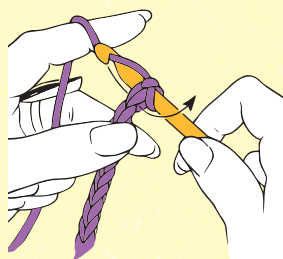
4 Continue to work as many stitches as needed into the loop. Once finished, untwist the tail if necessary and then pull to close the loop.

double crochet (dc)

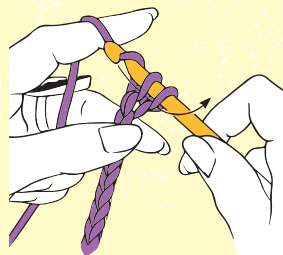
Double crochet is the shortest and most commonly-used crochet stitch



1 Insert hook through both strands of the next stitch.

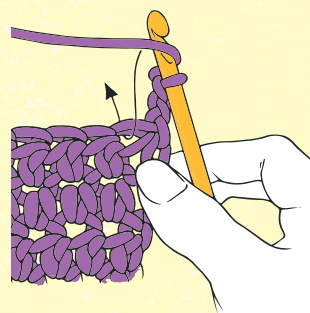


2 Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work. There will be two loops of yarn on the hook.

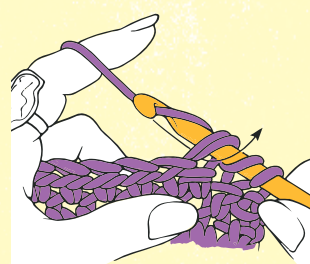


3 Yarn over the hook again and draw through both loops.

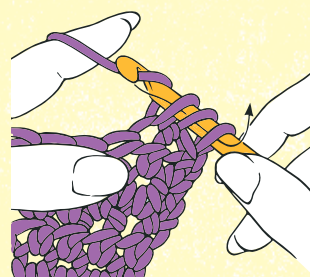
This stitch is longer than a double crochet and involves one extra step



1 (You will need a turning chain of two stitches.) Yarn over the hook and insert though the stitch.



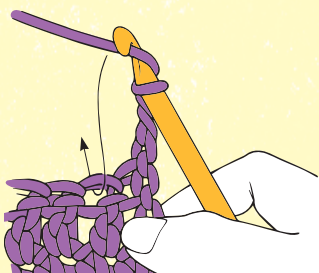
2 Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work. There will be three loops of yarn on the hook.



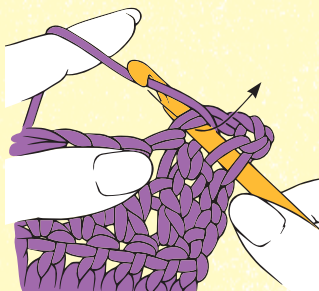
3 Yarn over the hook and draw through all three loops.

treble (tr)

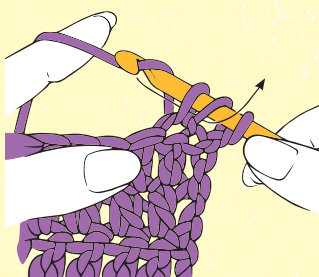
Treble crochet is slightly taller than half treble crochet but is made in a similar way



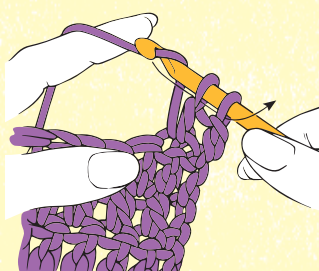
1 (You will need a turning chain of three stitches). Yarn over the hook. Insert the hook through the stitch.



2 Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work, there will be three loops of yarn on the hook.



3 Yarn over the hook and draw through the first two loops. This will leave two loops on the hook.

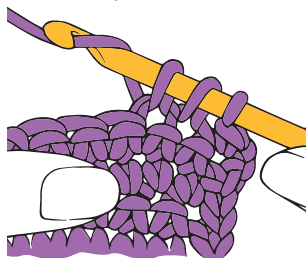


4 Yarn over the hook and draw through all the loops. This will leave one loop on the hook.

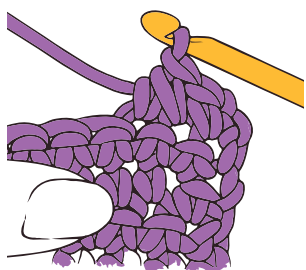
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double crochet two together (dc2tog)

Turn two crochet stitches into one with this simple method



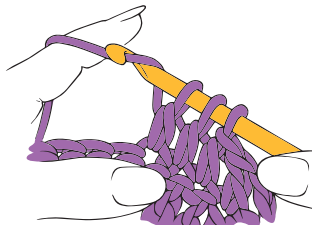
1 Insert hook through next stitch, yarn over hook, draw back through work. Two loops on hook. Insert hook into next stitch, yarn over hook, draw back through. Three loops on hook.



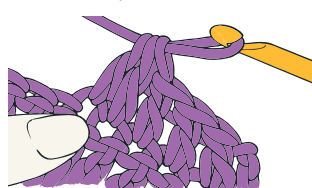
2 Yarn over hook, draw through all three loops. One loop on hook.

treble two together (tr2tog)

This is similar to 'dc2tog' but is worked with treble stitches



1 Yarn over the hook. Insert the hook through the stitch. Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work. There will be three loops of yarn on the hook. Yarn over the hook and draw through the first two loops. This will leave two loops on the hook. Yarn over the hook and insert through the next stitch, yarn over the hook and draw through the work. There will be four loops of yarn on the hook. Yarn over hook and draw through two loops. This will leave three loops on the hook.



2 Yarn over hook and draw through all three loops on the hook. This will leave one loop on the hook.

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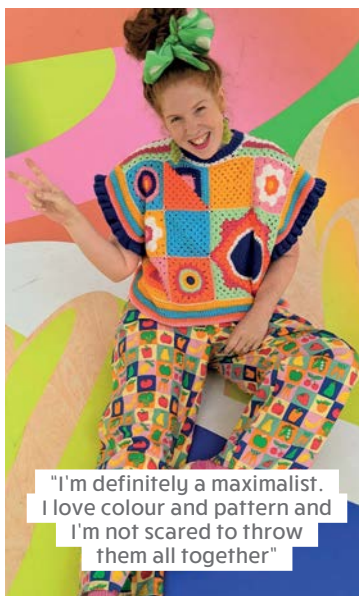
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TEA AND A CHAT WITH...

Katie Jones

Everything that comes off this crafter's hook is a joyous celebration of colour

Having studied fashion knitwear for a whopping seven years, we're hard pushed to think of anyone more qualified in the area than the lovely Katie Jones. Beginning with a foundation at the London College of Fashion, then a four-year BA at Central Saint Martins, she finally completed a Masters in Fashion Knitwear. "I loved my BA and hated my MA, but I learnt a lot – what I like, what I don't, how to find inspiration and use it. It shaped my whole artistic identity," she says.

Katie began making her living with a ready-to-wear clothing brand back in 2014, but says it amounted to "stress, not much sleep and lots of spreadsheets – which if you've been to art school is like trial by fire," she jokes. "I missed making, I missed the community, and the way the business was growing was unsustainable." Katie was looking for a new way forward when her mentor Orsola De Castro, co-founder of the Fashion Revolution movement, imparted some advice. "She was the first person to tell me I could shape and run a business however I wanted, and I didn't need to follow all the traditional fashion methods. So I switched up everything and became a pattern and workshop brand in 2018 and it's the best thing I have ever done!"

MAKING MATTERS

Crafting our own clothes is a fantastic way to tackle consumption, a huge problem in the fashion industry, and this is the ethos behind Katie's brand. "If we make our clothes we control a huge bulk of the supply chain," Katie explains. "There is also more of an emotional connection with a handmade item, which means we care for it and keep it for longer, and as the maker we have the ability to fix it too. All of these factors help tackle consumption. I think making clothes is a bit like growing veg," she muses. "You're not suddenly going to be self-sufficient, but it helps you understand the effort and care that goes into the rest of your clothing too." She continues, "We need to embrace that making is not just a hobby – it is a skill. If you added up the hours you spent on your last make and gave yourself even the minimum wage for it, think about its value. A handmade item is luxury!"

ALL HAIL THE GRANNY

Katie has had pieces featured in the V&A – "Having my granny squares next to Westwood and McCartney was just surreal!" – the Museo Salvatore Ferragamo, and even been a judge on Channel 4's Kirstie's Handmade Christmas. But her most recent achievement is her very own book,

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE...

Decade for fashion?

I am a sucker for the 80s – those knits!

Song?

Right now, Billie Elish, Happier Than Ever

Accessory to wear?

I always need either a beret or bow on my head, my glasses and some big earrings!

Colour?

All of them, but I do love PINK

Place to crochet?

Garden, or in front of the TV watching some teen supernatural drama!

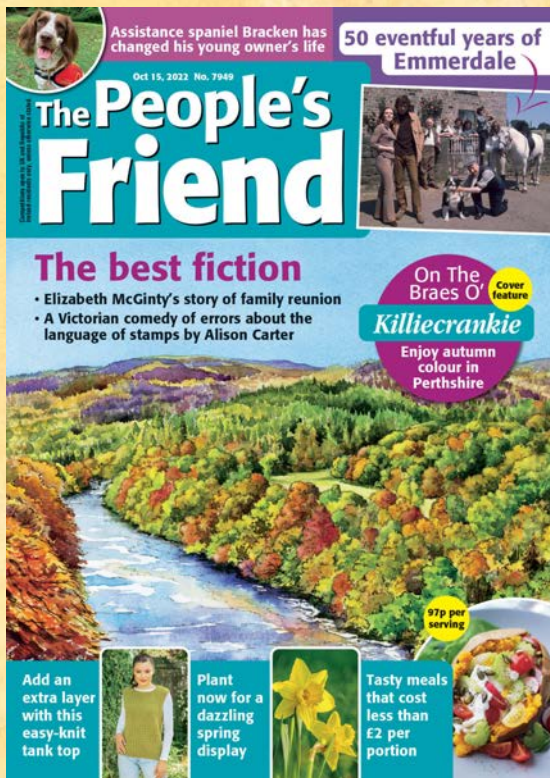
dedicated to the granny square! "I blooming love the granny," she says. "I just love that they are modular, that they are great for scraps, and you can do so much with them! The book was a massive labour of love and produced over a year where I had some huge highs and lows, so getting it finished is such an achievement! I just wanted to make a really cool crochet book that you could keep coming back to – and I think I did that." We've no doubt about that, Katie!



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