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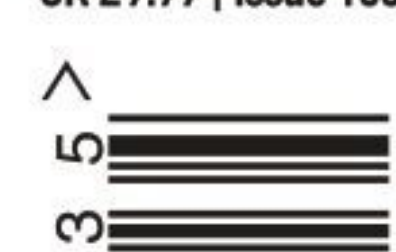
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Hello!

My favourite Christmas film when I was little was the 1985 classic *Santa Claus: The Movie*. And no, it's not the one with Tim Allen! The instrumental music alone is enough to give me goosebumps and fill me with nostalgia. It's why I named our yarn kit Santa, because the colours reminded me of the workshop, bustling with elves and toys. Actually, our **crochet elf** is just as jolly on page 13.

If a child receives one of our toys this Christmas, I can guarantee they'd be all smiles. **Sachiyo Ishii's sausage dog** (p50) is adorable, as are Hannah Cooper's rocking horses on page 16. We've also given a **knitted T-rex** the festive treatment on page 8; any dino-mad youngster will be delighted.

Our **festive crochet-along** features on page 20; prepare to be enamoured by two terrific mice getting ready for Christmas. The best bit? There are more mice to come! As well as that, you'll be pleased to know that **Knitting vs Crochet returns** with Santa's bestie, Rudolph.

Brace yourselves for even more brilliance, crafters. We love our **exclusive sparkly yarn** so much that Heidi's rounded up even more shimmery skeins on page 31. We praise the beautiful technique of Fair Isle, embrace wreaths and how they spread joy in our communities, plus we've got **bonus baby patterns** from Rico that are so blinkin' cute.

All that's left for me to say is this: you better watch out, better not cry, better not pout, I'm telling you why... loads of Christmas patterns are coming to town!

Rosie

ROSIE SAVAGE, EDITOR



YOUR SANTA YARN KIT



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"This festive issue is teeming with tradition, from a red-breasted robin to a knit-or-crochet Rudolph. But with a shade like Jolly Green, naturally we threw in a Christmas dinosaur too. You're welcome!"

ROSIE SAVAGE, EDITOR

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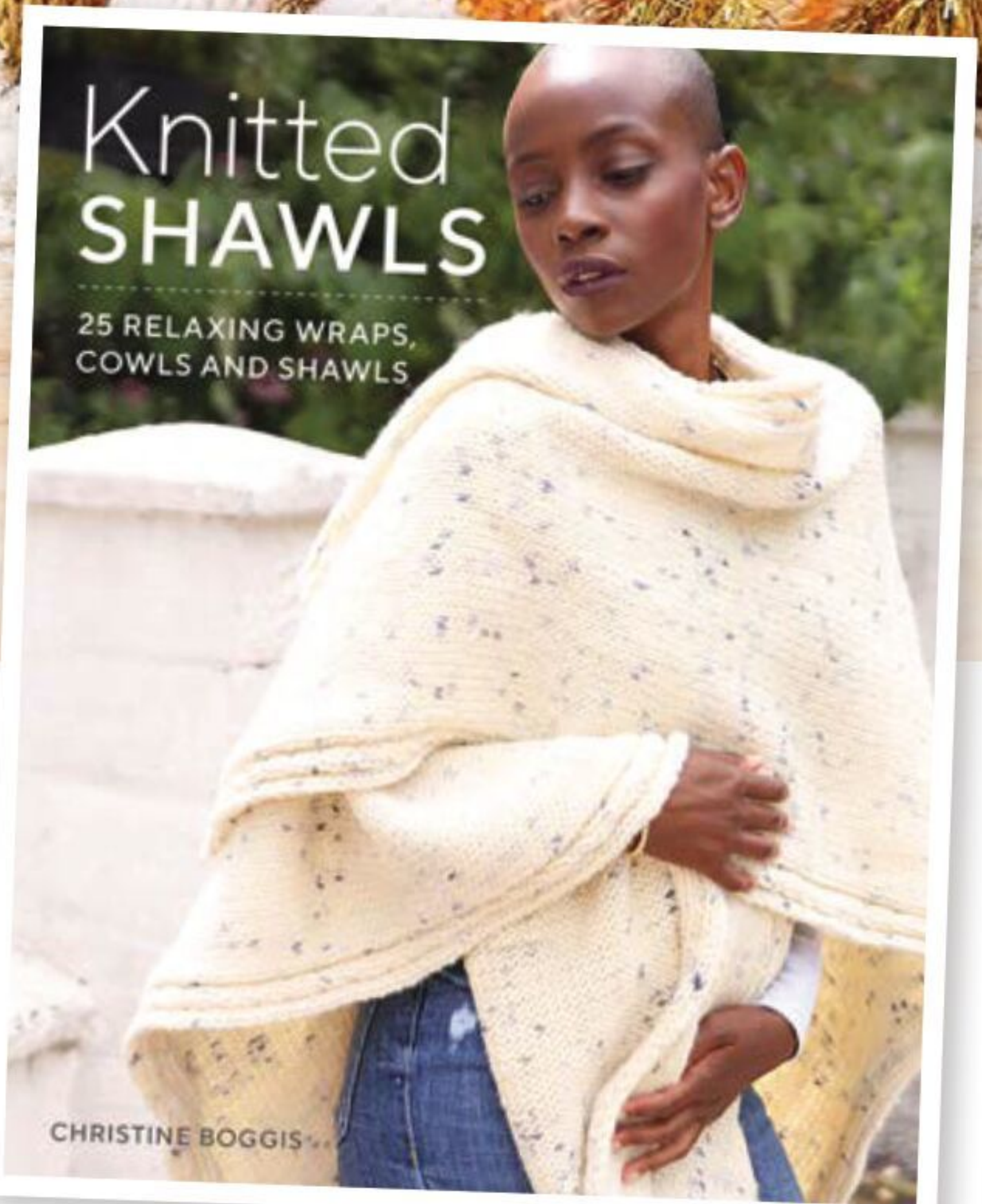
We're making our lists and checking them twice



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If you've not embraced punch needling – the most on-trend craft of the last 12 months – what are you waiting for?

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All wrapped up

A handmade shawl makes a wonderful Christmas gift. *Knitted Shawls* by Christine Boggis (£16.99, GMC Publications) includes 25 cosy and relaxing wraps, cowls and shawls. The book is designed as a step-by-step guide for absolute beginners, and offers more challenging designs for the seasoned knitter. Learn new techniques and immerse yourself in a brand new challenge with this brand new title!

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Cool cardi

Create a vibrant cardi for your autumn wardrobe. We adore this gorgeous garment that's stitched in Caron® Simply Soft®, a wonderfully cosy acrylic yarn. Featuring unique bobble embellishments and embroidery details too, this bold knit looks like such fun to make! Search 'connect the dots cardigan' at yarnspirations.com for the free pattern and buy the yarn you need to make it from woolwarehouse.com.



A tasty make

Gingerbread at Christmas is an essential treat and now you can create the iconic biscuit in yarn form, with Wool Couture's gingerbread man knitting kit! Standing at 55cm tall, this cuddly guy is ideal for anyone who's mastered knitting and is looking for a fun and interesting festive project. Your kit includes 500g of merino chunky yarn, a sewing needle and black thread for embroidered parts, and a funky tote to keep it in. Prices start at £49.99 from woolcouturecompany.com.



TREE DECORATIONS WITH

Stuart Hillard

Christmas has come early and so has Santa! It's the name of this issue's yarn pack with its gorgeous bright shade of Sparkly Red. You've also got Jolly Green, Joyful Pink, plus Cheerful Orange, Happy Blue and Chirpy Brown – all guaranteed to bring merriment to your projects. It's never too early to start making and the pack colours remind me of lollipops, so I thought I'd create some yarn versions to hang on my tree. For an i-cord knitted lollipop, use double-pointed needles and cast on four stitches. Knit the first row, then push the stitches to the other end of the needle, pull the working yarn up from the last stitch and knit the second row. Keep working these rows, knitting every stitch to create a thick tube. You will want to knit about 60cm of i-cord, changing yarn colour every 10-15cm. Once you're done, cast off the stitches and then wind the cord up into a flat disc, using some more yarn and a darning needle to stitch the rounds of cord together, creating a flat 'lollipop'. For a crochet version, just start with a magic ring and work six double crochets into it. On the next round, increase into every stitch so you have 12 stitches, then on the next three rounds increase six extra stitches so you have 18, 24, then 30 stitches. Next, work two rounds without increasing and then decrease at the same rate back to six stitches. Pull the top up tightly, sew in the end, then fill with stuffing. For either version, glue a lolly or kebab stick to the back or bottom and add some stitched details... maybe beads and sequins for a bit of sparkle? Finally, create a little hanging loop with ribbon and glue to the top of your lollipop so it can be hung from the tree.

Stu X



PLUS

small amount of black DK, stuffing, tapestry needle, small pom-pom maker

SIZE

Height: 25cm



Perfect for beginners

BLAKE THE T-REX body

Using 3mm needles and Chirpy Brown cast on 18 sts

Row 1 (RS): k

Row 2: p

Work in foll two-row stripe sequence: Happy

Blue, Chirpy Brown

Row 3: k1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1. 20 sts

Row 4: p

Row 5: k1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1. 22 sts

Rows 6-13: rep Rows 2-5 twice. 30 sts

Rows 14-26: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 27: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. 28 sts

Row 28: p Change to Jolly Green

Row 29: k

Row 30: p

Row 31: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. 26 sts

Rows 32-34:

starting with a p row work in st st

Rows 35-42: rep Rows 31-34 twice. 22 sts

Row 43: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. 20 sts

Row 44: p

Rows 45-60: rep Rows 43-44 eight times. Four sts

Row 61: (k2tog) twice. Two sts Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

head

Using 3mm needles and Jolly Green cast on eight sts

Row 1 (RS): (kfb) to end. 16 sts

Row 2: p

Row 3: (kfb) to end. 32 sts

Rows 4-16: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 17: (k2, k2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rows 18-24: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 25: (k2tog) to end. 12 sts

Row 26: (p2tog) to end. Six sts Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread

tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

leg

Make two

Using 3mm needles and Jolly Green cast on 14 sts

Row 1 (RS): (kfb) to end. 28 sts

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

Row 7: k2, (k3tog) eight times, k2. 12 sts

Rows 8-12: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 13: k1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1. 14 sts

Rows 14-16: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 17: rep Row 13. 16 sts

Rows 18-20: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 21: k2tog, k4, (k2tog) twice, k4, k2tog. 12 sts

Row 22: p Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

arm

Make two

Using 3mm

needles and Happy Blue cast on ten sts Work in foll two-row stripe sequence: Happy Blue, Chirpy Brown

Rows 1-14: starting with a k row work in st st

Change to Jolly Green

Row 15: k

Row 16: (p2tog) to end. Five sts Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

scarf

Using 3mm needles and Sparkly Red cast on four sts K every row until piece meas 30cm Cast off

hat

Using 3mm needles and Cheery Orange cast on 32 sts

Rows 1-8: (k2, p2) to end

Change to Sparkly Red

Rows 9-22: starting with a k row work in st st

Row 23: (k2tog) to end. 16 sts

Row 24: (p2tog) to

end. Eight sts Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

spike

Make six

Using 3mm needles and Joyful Pink cast on one st

Row 1 (RS): kfb. Two sts

Row 2: p

Row 3: (kfb) to end. Four sts

Row 4: p

Row 5: kfb, k2, kfb. Six sts

Rows 6-8: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 9: k2tog, k2, k2tog. Four sts

Row 10: p

Row 11: (k2tog) to end. Two sts

Row 12: p

Row 13: k2tog. One st

Fasten off

to make up

Sew tog row edges of Body on WS, leaving a gap in middle. Turn RS out and stuff firmly, including tail. Sew up hole. Gather cast-on sts of Head to form circle, sew up row edges to



fastened-off ends on WS. Turn RS out and stuff. Use black DK to embroider eyes, nostrils and mouth. Gather cast-on sts of Legs which are base of feet, sew up row edges on WS to fastened-off sts, leaving it open. Turn RS out and stuff. Sew Legs to Body. Sew row edges of Arms, stuff and sew to body. Use black DK to embroider claws. Fold Spikes in half to join cast-on and cast-off edges to make triangle shape. Sew Spikes to back of dinosaur down to tail. Make three small orange pom-poms. Attach two to Scarf ends. Tie Scarf around neck. Gather fastened-off sts of Hat, sew down row edges to cast-on edge. Fold ribbing over, attach pom-pom to top, then sew Hat to Head. Weave in all ends



HEIDI WILKINS, DEPUTY EDITOR

"Blake the T-rex is named after my dinosaur-loving nephew. We think he's the ultimate project for any dino fan!"



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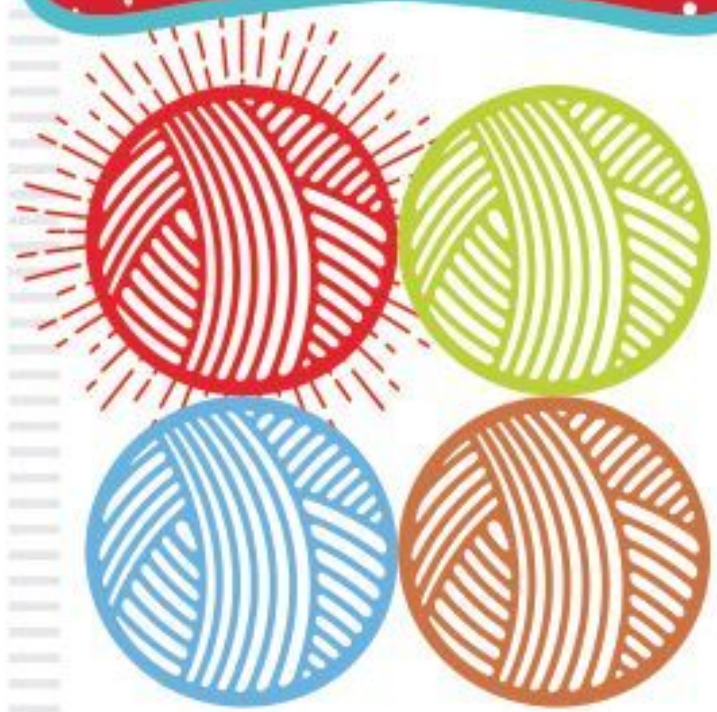
Brachiosaurus



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T-rex



PLUS

5g white DK,
small amount
of yellow DK,
tapestry
needle

SIZE

Length: 12cm



Take the
next step

Cutlery cosies

Tablescaping is the word of the season and we think crafty touches are the way to go

DAWN FINNEY encourages you to try intarsia this Christmas with her fun cutlery pockets. Available in Santa and elf versions, these cosies are predominantly made in stocking and moss stitch, meaning your focus can be applied to the colour changes, rather than tricky stitches! If you'd like to simplify the patterns, ignore the colour changes and go all-out in one hue instead.



SANTA COSY

Using 3mm
needles and White
cast on 25 sts,
leaving a long tail

Note: start
working RS

Rows 1-8: k1, (p1,
k1) to end

Change to Sparkly
Red, leaving long
tails

Note: change to
Chirpy Brown
after Row 30,
Sparkly Red after
Row 36, leaving
short tails

Rows 9-54:
starting with a k
row work in st st

Note: colour in
brackets foll
instruction
indicates which
yarn to use, do
not cut yarn not in
use, carry it along
row, working sts
over it

Row 55: k9
(Sparkly Red), k7
(Yellow), k9
(Sparkly Red)

Row 56: p9
(Sparkly Red), p7
(Yellow), p9

(Sparkly Red)

Row 57: k9 (Chirpy
Brown), k2
(Yellow), k3
(Chirpy Brown), k2
(Yellow), k9
(Chirpy Brown)

Row 58: p9 (Chirpy
Brown), p2
(Yellow), p3
(Chirpy Brown), p2
(Yellow), p9
(Chirpy Brown)

Row 59: k9 (Chirpy
Brown), k2
(Yellow), k2
(Chirpy Brown), k3
(Yellow), k9
(Chirpy Brown)

Row 60: p9
(Chirpy Brown), p3
(Yellow), p2
(Chirpy Brown), p2
(Yellow), p9
(Chirpy Brown)

Row 61: k9 (Chirpy
Brown), k2
(Yellow), k3
(Chirpy Brown), k2
(Yellow), k9
(Sparkly Red)

Row 62: p9 (Chirpy
Brown), p2
(Yellow), p3
(Chirpy Brown), p2
(Yellow), p9
(Chirpy Brown)

Row 63: k9



“These are lovely projects for practising intarsia – remember to keep the yarn nice and loose as you carry it across the back of the work to avoid accidentally puckering the finished surface”

DAWN FINNEY, DESIGNER

(Sparkly Red), k7
(Yellow), k9
(Sparkly Red)
Row 64: p9
(Sparkly Red), p7
(Yellow), p9
(Sparkly Red)
Cut Yellow, leaving a short tail, and cont working in Sparkly Red
Note: change to White after Row 84, leaving long tails
Rows 65-92: starting with a k row work in st st
Rows 93-100: k1, (p1, k1) to end
Cast off in patt, leaving a long tail

to make up

Fold in half then, using tapestry needle, use long tail of Sparkly Red to join one Sparkly Red side section tog using mattress st. Rep for other side. Use White to join st st collar section of one side tog using mattress st. Rep for other side, then fold over rem moss st collar section and join to each side to secure in place. Weave in all ends

ELF COSY

Using 3mm needles and Sparkly Red cast on 25 sts, leaving a

long tail
Row 1 (RS): k1, (p1, k1) to end
Row 2: p1, (k1, p1) to end
Change to Jolly Green, leaving long tails
Note: change to Chirpy Brown after Row 30, Jolly Green after Row 36, leaving short tails
Rows 3-54: starting with a k row work in st st
Row 55: k9 (Jolly Green), k7 (Happy Blue), k9 (Jolly Green)
Row 56: p9 (Jolly Green), p7 (Happy Blue), p9 (Jolly Green)

Row 57: k9 (Chirpy Brown), k2 (Happy Blue), k3 (Chirpy Brown), k2 (Happy Blue), k9 (Chirpy Brown)
Row 58: p9 (Chirpy Brown), p2 (Happy Blue), p3 (Chirpy Brown), p2 (Happy Blue), p9 (Chirpy Brown)
Row 59: k9 (Chirpy Brown), k2 (Happy Blue), k2 (Chirpy Brown), k2 (Happy Blue), k9 (Chirpy Brown)
Row 60: p9 (Chirpy Brown), p3 (Happy Blue), p2 (Chirpy Brown), p2 (Happy Blue), p9 (Chirpy Brown)
Row 61: k9 (Chirpy

Brown), k2 (Happy Blue), k3 (Chirpy Brown), k2 (Happy Blue), k9 (Chirpy Brown)
Row 62: p9 (Chirpy Brown), p2 (Happy Blue), p3 (Chirpy Brown), p2 (Happy Blue), p9 (Chirpy Brown)
Row 63: k9 (Jolly Green), k7 (Happy Blue), k9 (Jolly Green)
Row 64: p9 (Jolly Green), p7 (Happy Blue), p9 (Jolly Green)
Cut Happy Blue, leaving a short tail, and cont working in Jolly Green
Note: change to Sparkly Red after Row 92, leaving long tails

Rows 65-94: starting with a k row work in st st
Cast off kwise, leaving a long tail

collar

Using 3mm needles and Sparkly Red cast on 23 sts, leaving a long tail

Note: start working RS
Rows 1-4: starting with a k row work in st st
Row 5: k1, k2tog, k2, k2tog, turn and work on these five sts
Row 6: p5, turn
Row 7: k1, (k2tog) twice, turn and work on these three sts
Row 8: p3, turn

Row 9: k1, k2tog, turn and work on these two sts

Row 10: p2tog. One st
Cut yarn, leaving a short tail, and pass through rem st to cast off
Rejoin yarn and cont working as folls:

Row 5a: k1, k2tog, k4, k2tog, turn and work on these seven sts
Row 6a: p7, turn
Working on these seven sts only rep Rows 5-10
Cut yarn, leaving a short tail, and pass through rem st to cast off
Rejoin yarn and rep Rows 5-10, cut yarn, leaving a

short tail, and pass through rem st to cast off

to make up

Fold in half, use long tail of Sparkly Red to join one side tog using mattress st. Rep for other side. Graft top of Collar to front just below cast-off edge, secure tails at Collar points, then use these tails to join bottom edge of Collar to cosy with a few running sts to stop the points from curling up. Weave in all ends





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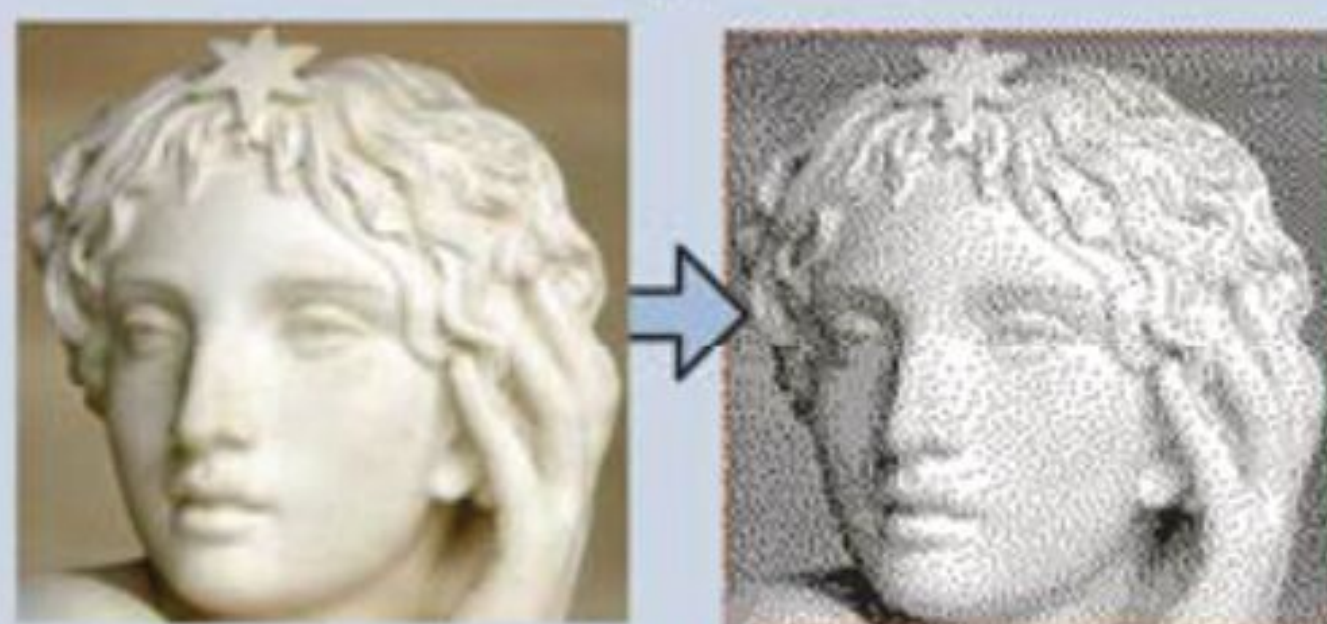
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stuffing, two
8mm black
safety eyes,
three small
silver bells, 22g
blush yarn,
blusher

SIZE

Height: 25cm



Perfect for
beginners

PATCH THE ELF head

Using 3mm hook
and Blush 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 5-9: 1dc in
each st to end

Rnd 10: 14dc, MB
(see Skill Up), 1dc
in each st to end.
30 sts

Insert safety eyes
between Rnds 8-9,
approx four sts

Do you hear what we hear? It's the sound of Christmas coming in fast! So it's the ideal time to crochet our adorable elf to take part in all the fun. Designed by **HEATHER GIBBS**, this festive fellow is ideal if you're new to amigurumi and a great chance to try new stitches like loop and picot. Add a touch of blush for cute rosy cheeks and you're done!



apart either side
of bobble

Rnds 11-13: 1dc in
each st to end

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

Rnd 15: (2dc,
dc2tog) to end.
18 sts

Rnd 16: (4dc,
dc2tog) to end.
15 sts

Rnd 17: 1dc in each
st to end
Stuff
Fasten off

legs & body

* Using 3mm hook
and Chirpy Brown
make 5ch

Rnd 1: starting in
second ch from
hook, 3dc, 2dc in
next st, work other
side of ch as folls:
3dc, 2dc in next st.
Ten sts

Rnd 2: 2dc in next
st, 2dc, 2dc in next
st, 3dc in next st,
2dc in next st, 2dc,
2dc in next st, 3dc
in next st. 18 sts

Rnd 3: 1dc in each
st to end

Rnd 4: 4dc,
(dc2tog) three
times, 8dc. 15 sts

Rnd 5: 3dc,
(dc2tog) three
times, 6dc. 12 sts

Rnds 6-7: 1dc in
each st to end
Change to Blush

Rnds 8-10: 1dc in
each st to end
Change to Sparkly Red

Rnd 11: 1dc in each
st to end *

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Fasten off
Rep from * to * for
second Leg, then
join Legs tog,
making sure boots
face forward, as
folls:

Rnd 12: 1dc in each
st around first Leg,
insert hook in
inner side of
second Leg, 1dc in
each st around
second Leg. 24 sts

Rnd 13: (3dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
30 sts

Rnd 14: (4dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
36 sts

Rnds 15-19: 1dc in
each st to end

Note: stuff as
you go

Rnd 20: (4dc,
dc2tog) to end.
30 sts

Rnds 21-25: 1dc in
each st to end

Rnd 26: (3dc,
dc2tog) to end.
24 sts

Rnds 27-29: 1dc in
each st to end

Rnd 30: (2dc,
dc2tog) to end.
18 sts

Rnd 31: (1dc,
dc2tog) to end.

12 sts

Rnd 32: (dc2tog)
to end. Six sts
Fasten off

right ear

Using 3mm hook
and Blush make a
magic ring, work
5dc into ring.

Five sts

Rnd 1: 1tr, picot st
(see Skill Up), join
with a sl st
Fasten off

left ear

Using 3mm hook
and Blush make a
magic ring, 5ch,
three sl sts, 5dc
into ring, join with
a sl st
Fasten off

hair

Using 3mm hook
and Cheery
Orange make 11ch

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

Rows 2-3: 1ch, loop
st (see Skill Up) in
each st to
end, turn
Fasten off



SKILL UP!

Make bobble (MB): (yoh, insert hook in indicated st, pull up a loop) three times. Nine loops on hook. Yoh and pull through all loops on hook

Loop stitch: insert hook in next st, wrap yarn around index finger of non hook holding hand. Wyif of hook, catch yarn with hook to create loop around finger, pull both strands through. Three loops on hook. Yoh and pull yarn through all loops on hook

Picot stitch: 3ch, insert hook back in centre of base st, yoh, pull through all loops on hook

hat

Using 3mm hook and Happy Blue make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end

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

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

Rnd 4: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 5: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 14 sts

Rnd 6: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 16 sts

Rnd 7: (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 8: (8dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 20 sts

Rnd 9: (9dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 22 sts

Rnd 10: (10dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 11: (11dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 26 sts

Rnd 12: (12dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 28 sts

Rnd 13: (13dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 14: (14dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 32 sts

Rnd 15: (15dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 34 sts

Rnds 16-17: 1dc in each st to end. Fasten off

arm

Make two

Using 3mm hook and Blush make a magic ring, work 8dc into ring. Eight sts

Note: change to Sparkly Red after Rnd 10 and stuff as you go, leaving upper half unstuffed

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

scarf

Using 3mm hook and Jolly Green make 26ch

Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. 25 sts

Rows 2-3: 1dc in each st to

end, turn. Fasten off

to make up

Sew up rem six sts of Body and Head. Using Joyful Pink, embroider mouth on Rnd 14 under nose. Attach Hair to front of Head on Rnd 5. Stuff Hat up to Rnd 13, attach bell to top of Hat, attach Hat to Head at slight angle and so it covers Hair.

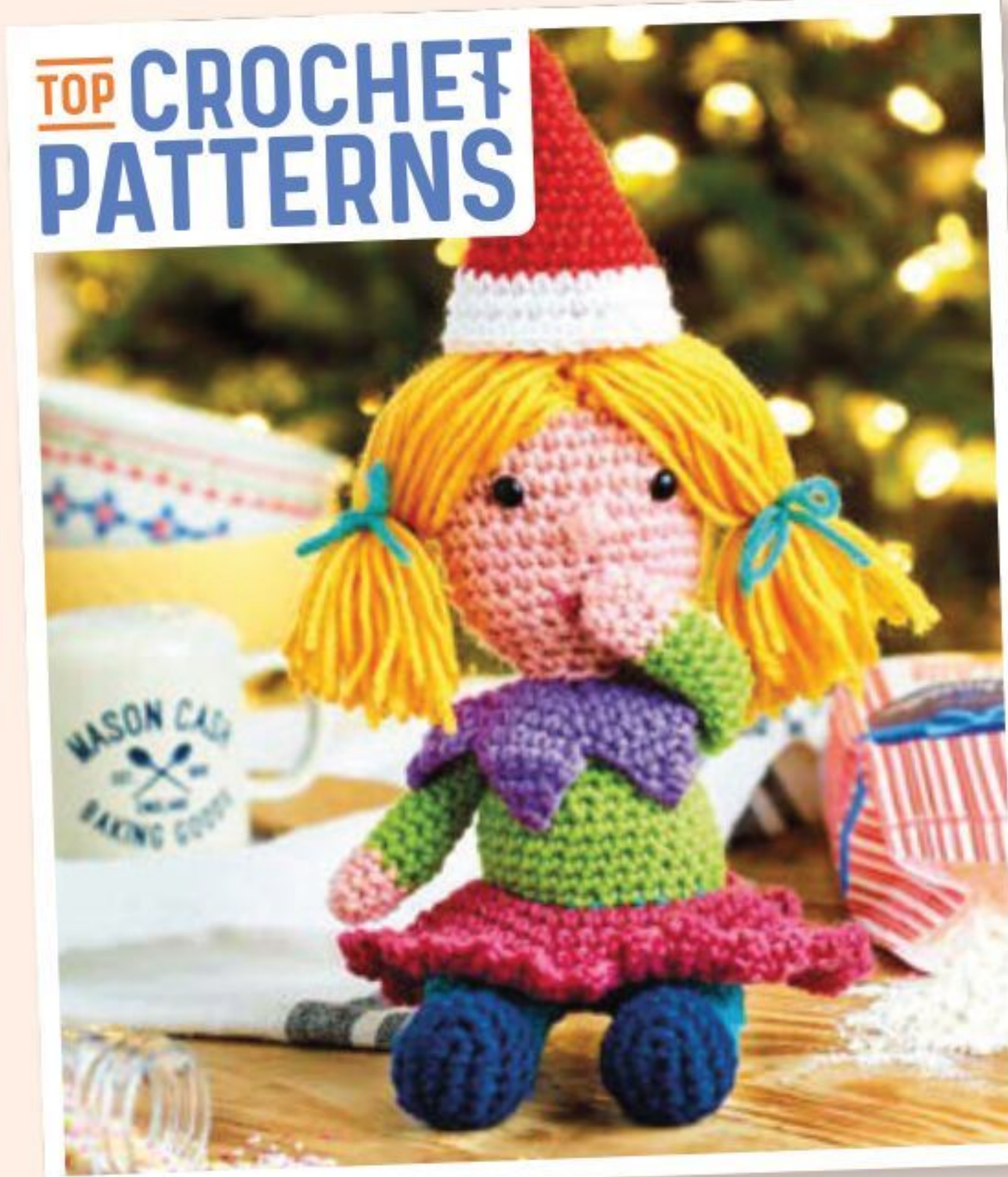
Attach Ears on either side of Head on Rnds 8-9. Attach Head to Body. Add blusher to cheeks (optional). Attach Arms to Body. For Scarf tie, make 25ch with Jolly Green, tie it around centre front of Scarf, attach bell to each end of ties. Sew Scarf around neck. Weave in all ends



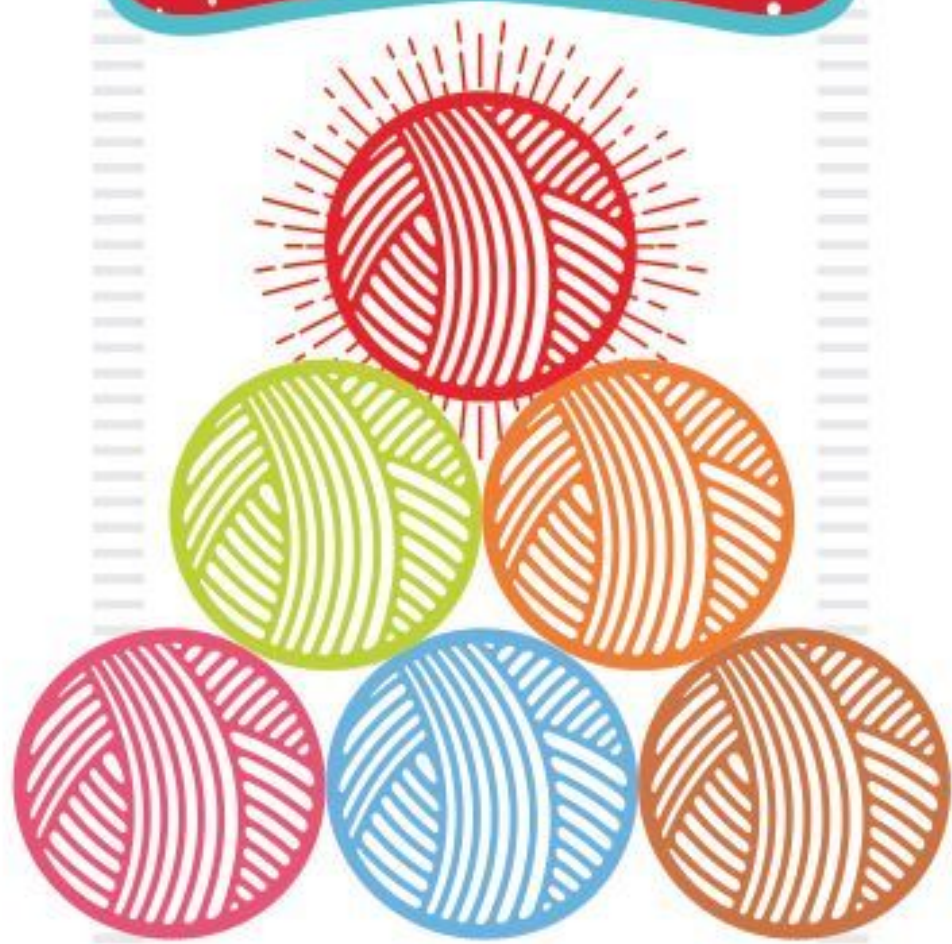
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needle,
stuffing, six
6mm black
safety eyes

SIZE
Height: 13cm



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ROCKING HORSES head

Make three

Using 3mm hook and Sparkly Red (Happy Blue, Joyful Pink) 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: pm in first st, 18dc, pm in next st

Note: leave rem 12 sts unworked, cont with 18 worked sts as folls:

Rnds 6-9: starting in first marked st of Rnd 5, 1dc in each st to end. Insert safety eyes between Rnds 6-7,

approx nine sts apart

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

Rnd 11: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts. Fasten off

neck & body

Make three

Using 3mm hook attach Sparkly Red (Happy Blue, Joyful Pink) to unworked marked st from Rnd 5

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

Rnd 2: 3dc, (2dc in next st) six times, 3dc. 18 sts

Rnd 3: 9dc, 10ch, turn, starting in second ch from hook, 9dc, work rem 9dc in rnd. 27 sts

Rnd 4: 9dc, 2dc in next st, 6dc, (2dc in next st) twice, miss turning ch and work back along ch from prev rnd, (2dc in next st) twice, 6dc, 2dc in next st, 9dc. 42 sts

Rnd 5: 10dc, 2dc in next st, 7dc, (2dc in next st, 1dc) three times, (2dc in next st, 8dc) twice. 48 sts

Rnds 6-8: 1dc in each st to end

Note: stuff as you go

Rnd 9: (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 42 sts

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

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

Rnd 13: 9dc, miss 22 sts, pm in fifth missed st, 5dc, work next 14 sts for Front Leg as folls:

Rnd 14-17: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 18: 8dc, (dc2tog) twice, 2dc. 12 sts

Rnds 19-20: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 21: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts. Fasten off

back leg

Make three

Using 3mm hook

attach Sparkly Red (Happy Blue, Joyful Pink) to marked st in Rnd 13

Rnd 1: 14dc, leave rem sts unworked, cont working in the rnd on these 14 sts only

Rnds 2-9: rep Rnds 14-21 of Neck & Body

Fasten off

ear

Make six (two in each colour)

Using 3mm hook and Sparkly Red (Happy Blue, Joyful Pink) make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring. Four sts

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

rocker

Make three

Using 3mm hook and Jolly Green (Chirpy Brown, Cheery Orange) make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

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

Rnds 2-8: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 9: 4dc, four sl sts, 4dc

Rnd 10: 1dc in each st to end

Rnds 11-14: rep Rnds 9-10 twice

Rnds 15-18: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 19: 7dc, four sl sts, 1dc

Rnd 20: 1dc in each st to end

Rnds 21-24: rep Rnds 19-20 twice

Rnds 25-30: 1dc in each st to end. Stuff

Rnd 31: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts. Fasten off

to make up

Sew up rem six sts of Body and under chin and belly. Sew Ears to Head. Sew Rocker to feet. Cut 15cm lengths of Jolly Green (Chirpy Brown, Cheery Orange), attach down middle of neck for mane by folding each piece of yarn in half, insert hook around a st, pull loop end through, insert loose ends and pull to secure. Make 5cm tassel with same colours, sew on back for tail. Embroider stars and French knots on horse sides. Weave in all ends

DID YOU KNOW?

The rocking horse was a popular toy in the Victorian era. The dappled grey markings were a favourite of Queen Victoria and her love of rocking horses was key in increasing the popularity of the toys



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You're obsessed with... Halloween



A FRIENDLY GHOST

I saw the pattern for this Halloween ghost and knew I had to make one for my niece Elsbeth. She always loves the crocheted cuddly toys I make for her!

Bethan Davies, Nottingham



SPELL ON YOU

This is my Halloween witch, Miss Willow, ready to fly off and go trick or treating! The pattern is by Jean Greenhowe and was really fun to knit.

Sarah Barge, Caerphilly



CREEPIN' IT REAL

I really enjoyed making Joanne the witch from issue 124 of Let's Get Crafting, and her crocheted skeleton companion is very cute too!

Mandy Roockley, West Yorkshire



I made this Halloween wreath with some knitted sugar skulls from an old Let's Knit magazine. The eyeballs were a free pattern I found, and I designed and knitted the top hat myself. I decorated it with feathers I found on my walks and added some Halloween buttons from my stash. It's for my grandsons Alf and Finn, I'm sure they'll love it!

Susan Evans, Buckinghamshire

◆ Ooh this looks wonderful – we'd love to hang up this fab wreath in our office

I made all the items in this little Halloween display. The rag doll is called Gladys and the pattern is by Ann Wood. I named the black cat Coco, and the white cat is called Mini Meow. The crochet pumpkin plushie cushion is called Jack and I made up the patterns for all three.

Heather Graham, Scotland

◆ Your designs are fantastic, Heather. We particularly love the cats!



I'm 36 and I have been knitting for around nine years. My late mum taught me how and is very much my inspiration – every time I pick up my needles I think of all the knitting skills she taught me. I will therefore continue to knit in her honour.

I've made lots of Halloween toys including lovely Frankie. He may look scary, but he is just a little softie at heart!

Donna Christlow, County Durham

◆ It's so heartwarming that your mum passed on such amazing skills



"Frankie may look scary, but he is just a little softie at heart!"



What's your favourite yarn to knit or crochet with?

"Paintbox yarn. It's so soft!"

Becky Williams

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SIZE: Mouse height: 11cm

Tree height: 7cm

Lights length: 20cm



SARAH-JANE HICKS,
DESIGNER

“Who doesn’t love a crochet-along? In this three-parter, you’ll learn to make a total of six mice, each with different festive characteristics. This edition’s pair has been made with your Santa kit and they’re busy getting the fir tree decorated in time for the big day. You’ll be using basic amigurumi stitches to whip them up and they’re only little, so they’re great if you’re short on time. We’ve sewn the tree to the red mouse’s arms and the lights to the hands of the blue mouse, but you can leave them free for playtime if you prefer. We’ve also created just the one scarf for our fella on the left, but go accessory-mad should you so wish! Have loads of fun with this one, and see you soon for the next instalment.”



Perfect for
beginners

MERRY MICE head

Make two

Using 3mm hook and Chirpy Brown make 2ch

Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts

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

Rnd 3: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

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

Rnds 5-8: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 9: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 10: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 11: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 12: 1dc in each st to end

Insert safety eyes between Rnds 8-9, approx eight sts apart
Stuff

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

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

Fasten off

body

Make two

Using 3mm hook and Chirpy Brown make 2ch

Rnds 1-4: rep Rnds 1-4 of Head. 24 sts

Rnds 5-6: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Happy Blue (Sparkly Red)

Rnds 7-10: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 11: (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 21 sts

Rnd 12: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 13: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 14: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 15: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. Nine sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

ear

Make four

Using 3mm hook and Chirpy Brown make 2ch

Rnd 1: 8dc in second ch from hook. Eight sts

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

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

foot

Make four

Using 3mm hook and Joyful Pink make 5ch

Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, sl st in each ch to end. Four sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

tail

Make two

Using 3mm hook and Joyful Pink make 16ch

Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, sl st in each ch to end. 15 sts
Fasten off, leaving

a long tail

arm

Make four (two in each colour)

Using 3mm hook and Happy Blue (Sparkly Red) make 2ch

Rnd 1: 4dc in second ch from hook. Four sts

Rnds 2-8: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

TREE

Using 3mm hook and Jolly Green make 2ch

Rnd 1: 4dc in second ch from hook. Four sts

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

Rnd 3 and every odd-numbered rnd: 1dc in each st to end

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

Rnd 6: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 8: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 15 sts

Rnd 10: working in BLO, (1dc, dc2tog) to end. Ten sts
Stuff

Rnd 11: (dc2tog) to end. Five sts
Change to Chirpy Brown

to make up

Finish stuffing Head and sew gap closed. Embroider nose with Joyful Pink. Stuff Body and sew to Head. Sew Ears to Head. Sew Feet, Arms and Tail to Body. Sew gap closed through BLO of Tree. Sew Star to top of Tree. Weave in all ends

Rnd 12: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

star

Using 3mm hook and Cheery Orange make 2ch, 1dc in second ch from hook, (2ch, sl st in second ch from hook, 1dc in starting ch) four times, 2ch, sl st in second ch from hook, sl st in top of first st
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

SCARF

Using 3mm hook and Cheery Orange make 32ch

Row 1: starting in third ch from hook, 1htr in each st to end. 30 sts
Fasten off

LIGHTS

Using 3mm hook and Jolly Green make 30ch
Fasten off

bulb

Make four

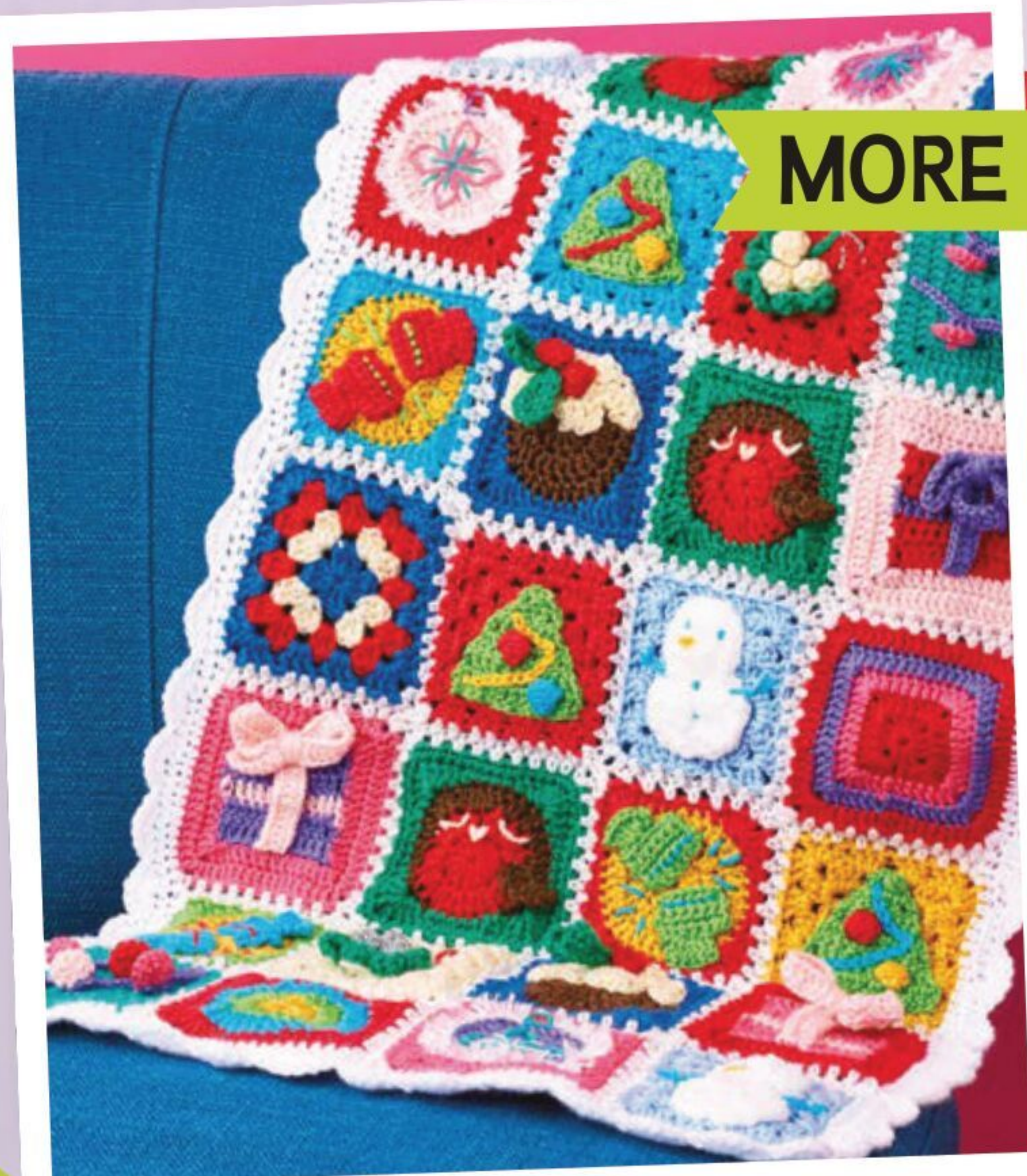
Using 3mm hook and Joyful Pink (Cheery Orange, Sparkly Red, Happy Blue) join yarn five sts along ch, 1ch, 1dc in same st, 1ch, one sl st in same st
Fasten off

festive series: it's really cute!

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tapestry
needle, stuffing

SIZE
Height: 16cm



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next step

Gingerbread house

If baking is not your forte, try our knitted version instead!

'Tis the season to be jolly and this tasty design will definitely get you in a festive mood! **DAWN FINNEY** has thought about all the details in this adorable gingerbread house – from colourful jelly beans to iced trims, they'll really give it a final flourish. Use mattress stitch when putting your make together; turn to page 63 for a reminder of how to do it.



GINGERBREAD HOUSE

Using 3mm needles and Chirpy Brown cast on one st
Row 1 (RS): kfbf. Three sts
Row 2: p
Row 3: k
Row 4: (pfb) twice, p1. Five sts
Row 5: k
Row 6: p
Row 7: kfb, k to last two sts, kfb, k1. Seven sts
Row 8: p
Row 9: k
Row 10: pfb, p to last two sts, pfb, p1. Nine sts
Row 11: k
Row 12: p
Rep Rows 7-12 until you have 27 sts, ending after a Row 7
Starting with a k row work 29 rows in st st
Change to Cheery Orange
Work 32 rows in st st

Change to Chirpy Brown
Work 30 rows in st st, then cont as folls:

Row 1a: k1, k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. 25 sts

Row 2a: p

Row 3a: k

Row 4a: p2tog, p to last three sts, p2tog, p1. 23 sts

Row 5a: k

Row 6a: p

Rep Rows 1a-6a until three sts rem, ending with a Row 6a

Row 1b: k2tog, k1. Two sts

Row 2b: p2tog. One st

For sides of House, with RS facing and using Cheery Orange * pick up 25 sts along one side of piece on Cheery Orange section (see Great Advice), starting with a p row work 29 rows in st st
Cast off kwise, leaving a long tail *
Rep from * to * for other side

roof

Note: do not cut yarn when changing colour, carry yarn along side
Using 3mm needles and Sparkly Red cast on 25 sts, leaving a long tail, and beg knitting RS as folls:

Rows 1-6: k

Work in foll four-row stripe sequence: Joyful Pink, Sparkly Red

Rows 7-10:

starting with a k row work in st st

Rows 11-14: k

Rows 15-18:

starting with a k row work in st st

Rows 19-20: k

Cont in Joyful Pink
Work in st st until piece meas 11cm from Row 20

Change to Sparkly Red

Rows 1a-2a: k

Work in foll four-row stripe sequence: Joyful Pink, Sparkly Red

Rows 3a-6a:

starting with a k row work in st st

Rows 7a-10a: k

Rows 11a-14a:

starting with a k row work in st st

Cont in

Sparkly Red

Rows 15a-20a: k

Cast off kwise

Fasten off

roof trim

Make two

Using 3mm needles and Sparkly Red cast on one st, leaving a short tail

Row 1: kfbf. Three sts

Rows 2-4: starting with a k row work in st st

Row 5: k3, sl second then first sts over third st. One st

Pass st back to LH needle, rep Rows 1-5 nine times
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

door

Using 3mm needles and

Happy Blue cast on 15 sts, leaving a long tail

Rows 1-30:

starting with a k row work in st st

Row 31: k1, k2tog, k10, k2tog. 13 sts

Row 32: p2tog, p8, p2tog, p1. 11 sts

Row 33: k1, k2tog, k6, k2tog. Nine sts

Cast off pwise
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

door trim

Using 3mm needles and Sparkly Red cast on three sts
Work a three st i-cord (see Skill Up) until piece meas 20cm
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

round sweet

Make three (two in Joyful Pink and one in Jolly Green)
Using 3mm needles and chosen yarn cast

on six sts, leaving a long tail

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

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

Row 5: (k2tog) to end. Six sts

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

GREAT ADVICE

To make sure you evenly pick up stitches when working the sides of the house, repeatedly pick up three stitches on consecutive stitches, then miss one stitch on the base. Follow this pattern seven times, then pick up four stitches at the end of the row to create a total of 25 stitches



TOP TIP

TO ENSURE YOUR HOUSE HAS A FLAT BASE, TRY PLACING A RECTANGULAR PIECE OF CARD IN THE BOTTOM BEFORE STUFFING

jelly bean

Make 14 (eight in Happy Blue and six in Jolly Green)
Using 3mm needles and chosen yarn cast on five sts, leaving a long tail
Work a five st i-cord (see Skill Up) for six rows
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

to make up

Join House sides to corresponding end sections using mattress st. Stuff firmly, join Roof to walls, starting at peak and joining edges tog using mattress st. Make sure garter st sections overhang walls. Add more stuffing before closing. Use long length of Sparkly Red and tapestry needle to join Roof Trim to side of Roof. Start at centre of Trim to ensure it's evenly joined on each side. Rep for second Roof Trim. Attach Door to one end of House, using over stitch

around edge. Join Door Trim to edge of Door (missing bottom) using running st. Embroider handle using Jolly Green. Pass cast-off tail of Round Sweet through cast-off

sts with tapestry needle, pull tightly, join sides tog using mattress st. Use yarn tail to attach sweets to end of House above Door. Pass cast-off tail of Jelly Bean through

cast-off sts with tapestry needle, pull tightly to create rounded end. Rep for cast-on end, secure yarn, then use it to attach Jelly Beans to Roof. Rep for all

Jelly Beans. Weave in all ends

**SKILL UP!**

Knit an i-cord: k across row, pass worked sts back to LH needle and k across row again, rep until cord reaches required length



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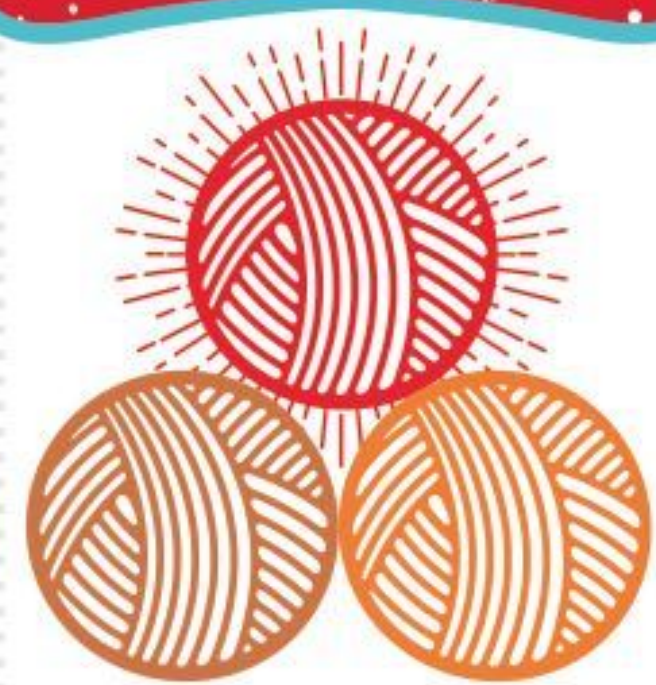
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stuffing,
tapestry
needle, two
6mm black
safety eyes,
9cm length of
wire or pipe
cleaner

SIZE

Height: 9.5cm



Perfect for
beginners

CHRISTMAS ROBIN

head & body

Using 3mm hook
and Chirpy 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

Rnds 4-8: 1dc in
each st to end

Note: colour in
brackets foll
instruction
indicates which
yarn to use, do
not cut yarn not in
use, carry it along
row working sts
over it. Join end of
each rnd with a sl
st, beg 1ch does
not count as a st

Rnd 9: 1ch, 3dc, 2dc
in next st, 2dc
(Chirpy Brown),
1dc, 2dc in next st,
(3dc, 2dc in next

st) twice, 2dc
(Sparkly Red), 1dc,
2dc in next st, 3dc,
2dc in next st
(Chirpy Brown).
30 sts

Rnd 10: 1ch, 4dc,
2dc in next st, 2dc
(Chirpy Brown),
2dc, 2dc in next st,
(4dc, 2dc in next
st) twice, 2dc
(Sparkly Red), 2dc,
2dc in next st, 4dc,
2dc in next st
(Chirpy Brown).
36 sts

Rnd 11: 1ch, 5dc,
2dc in next st, 2dc
(Chirpy Brown),
3dc, 2dc in next st,
(5dc, 2dc in next
st) twice, 2dc
(Sparkly Red), 3dc,
2dc in next st, 5dc,
2dc in next st
(Chirpy Brown).
42 sts

Rnd 12: 1ch, 6dc,
2dc in next st, 2dc
(Chirpy Brown),
4dc, 2dc in next st,
(6dc, 2dc in next
st) twice, 2dc
(Sparkly Red), 4dc,
2dc in next st, 6dc,
2dc in next st
(Chirpy Brown).
48 sts

Rnds 13-15: 1ch,
10dc (Chirpy

Brown), 24dc
(Sparkly Red), 14dc
(Chirpy Brown)

Rnd 16: 1ch, 10dc
(Chirpy Brown),
(2dc, dc2tog) six
times (Sparkly
Red), 14dc (Chirpy
Brown). 42 sts

Rnd 17: 1ch, 5dc,
dc2tog, 3dc
(Chirpy Brown),
2dc, dc2tog, (5dc,
dc2tog) twice
(Sparkly Red),
(5dc, dc2tog)
twice (Chirpy
Brown). 36 sts
Insert safety eyes
between Rnds 5-6,
approx five sts
apart

Cont in Chirpy
Brown only

Rnd 18: 1ch, 7dc,
(1dc, dc2tog) six
times, 11dc. 30 sts

Rnd 19: 1ch, 4dc,
(1dc, dc2tog) six
times, 8dc. 24 sts

Note: stuff as
you go

Rnd 20: 1ch, 6dc,
(1dc, dc2tog) three
times, 9dc. 21 sts

Rnd 21: 1ch, 5dc,
(1dc, dc2tog) three
times, 7dc. 18 sts

Rnd 22: 1ch, 4dc,
(1dc, dc2tog) three
times, 5dc. 15 sts

Rnd 23: 1ch, 3dc,
(1dc, dc2tog) three
times, 3dc. 12 sts
Fasten off

right wing

Using 3mm hook
and Chirpy Brown
make a magic ring,
work 4dc into ring,
turn. Four sts

Rnd 1: 1ch, 2dc in
each st to end,
turn. Eight sts

Rnd 2: 1ch, (1dc,
2dc in next st)
twice, 1dc, 2htr in
next st, 3tr in next
st, 2dtr in last st
Fasten off

left wing

Using 3mm hook
and Chirpy Brown
make a magic ring,
work 4dc into ring,
turn. Four sts

Rnd 1: 1ch, 2dc in
each st to end,
turn. Eight sts

Rnd 2: 3ch, 1dtr, 3tr

in next st, 2htr in
next st, 1dc, (2dc in
next st, 1dc) twice
Fasten off

beak

Using 3mm hook
and Cheery
Orange make a
magic ring, work
6dc into ring.
Six sts

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

foot

Make two
Using 3mm hook
and Cheery
Orange make
a magic ring, work
4dc into ring.
Four sts

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

toe

Make four
Using 3mm

hook and Cheery
Orange make a
magic ring, work
4dc into ring.
Four sts

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

to make up

Fold Body sts in
half to create tail
and sew hole shut.
Sew Wings onto
Body and Beak
onto face. Sew
two Toes to either
side of Foot, push
wire through
middle of Foot
and bend it at
Toes to create
Foot and Leg,
bend wire again
and push through
Body, bend wire
again, attach Foot
to other end and
bend wire again at
Toes. Weave in
all ends

Christmas robin

Celebrate frosty days and cosy nights
with our favourite festive bird

When you have a yarn kit that includes Sparkly Red, what better
way to showcase it than with a plump red-breasted robin?

HANNAH COOPER has used the intarsia method to change
colours when working the breast. While you work your rounds,
remember to crochet over the colour you're not using, so it's
ready to pick up again for the next colour change.



*“With a few colour changes this
robin could easily become a
blackbird or sparrow, so why
not create your own flock?”*

HANNAH COOPER, DESIGNER

TOP TIP

INSERT SMALL
PIECES OF
STUFFING ONE
AT A TIME,
ROLLING IT
AROUND YOUR
FINGERS FIRST
TO AVOID A
LUMPY
SURFACE





In the round

Passers-by will grin with glee when they see your handmade wreath!

Is it even Christmas if you don't have a colourful wreath on your front door throughout December? In recent years, the handmade wreath has become a huge festive trend and we highly recommend creating a knitted version that you can bring out with pride every year. Not only will it retain its beauty, your crafted version has the added bonus of not being covered in last year's dead foliage that you couldn't be bothered to sort out in January! Read on to find out how to make a wreath so beautiful that it will spread joy to neighbourhoods everywhere.

WORDS BY HEIDI WILKINS

Getting started

If you prefer to get straight to the knitting, we advise buying a polystyrene wreath from your local craft shop, then you can simply work in stocking stitch to create a large square, fold it over to make a tube, and then use it to cover the wreath. Alternatively, you could wrap lengths of yarn around the base. If you love the idea of something more traditional and are feeling really creative, why not make your own circular starting point with bendy fir tree branches and foliage? Twist your pieces together and round, adding more and more and securing with yarn until you're ready to add knitted accessories.

Choose your look

Whether you prefer an explosion of festive colour or pared-back Scandi style, decide what decorations you want to add to your wreath. If you're a fan of traditional décor, knit up some green foliage and red poinsettia flowers to adorn your creation. Want something more fun? Whip up Christmas toys and create a joyful scene that kids will love to see. We also adore the idea of knitting simple Nordic shapes in greys, whites and maybe some sparkly yarn too, to create a wreath that looks minimal and chic.



Top wreath making tips from designer Nicola Valiji

1 Sketch out a few ideas for your wreath before you get started.

Then you will know how many pieces to knit and have an overall idea to aim for

2 Pin all the pieces onto the wreath before sewing them on, and don't be afraid of moving them around to get it just right!

3 Make sure you get the scale of your mini knits to be placed on the wreath correct; if they're too big, it will look out of proportion

4 Don't use yarn any thicker than a DK, as it will be too bulky

5 Use a smaller needle than stated for the yarn to make the pieces nice and firm

6 It can be tricky attaching the wreath cover to the polystyrene wreath. I find it best to sew the cast-off and cast-on edge together first, then place the piece over the wreath. Use sewing clips to join the row edges together, then sew the piece on the wrong side

7 Take your time sewing up the wreath cover so it's tight and not baggy

8 As the pieces on the wreath are small, I sometimes use cotton sewing thread to sew them up for neatness

Let's
knit
together



We think you'll love working on Let's Knit Together's latest eight-part knit-along, designed exclusively for members of the online club! Available to download now, Sachiyo Ishii has created a gorgeously festive wreath, filled with adorable characters and cute decorations. It's made with lots of bright colours and easy-to-learn techniques and is sure to bring a little Christmas cheer to your door. Join the club's four-month Christmas membership now to take part letsknit.co.uk/christmas.



A wreath in time

Our favourite circular decoration dates as far back as the Persian Empire, ancient Egypt, and ancient Greece. Wreaths then were worn as head dresses or around the neck by early Olympians. The word 'wreath' comes from the Old English 'writhan' meaning 'to twist' and the custom of bringing decorative evergreens inside in winter began in the 16th century in Europe. In Germany, the traditional Christmas fir tree led to the pruned branches being twisted into wreaths, so it turns out the humble wreath was born from not wanting to throw things away! Then, Queen Victoria's marriage to Prince Albert from Germany saw Christmas trees and wreaths becoming popular in England, and other western cultures too.



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GLAD RAGS

Add a touch of shimmer and shine to your Christmas projects with fun sparkly yarn.

We're fans of sparkle all year round but Yuletide really does call for an added touch of pizzazz. Whether you're making yourself a festive jumper or creating toys for little ones, there's always an excuse to add a touch of glitter, and these fab yarns are the way to do it!



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LET'S GET CRAFTING

KNITTING
& CROCHET

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KNITTING

RUDOLPH WITH YOUR NOSE SO BRIGHT,

SACHIYO ISHII is back with another brilliant instalment of Knitting vs Crochet, and this time Rudolph's in the spotlight. Sporting bright green dungarees and a sparkly red jumper, made possible with this issue's special yarn, he's not your average reindeer – he's better! Whether your weapon of choice is a hook or needles, our Rudolph is for you. Let us know which one you'll be crafting at

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VS CROCHET

WON'T YOU GUIDE MY STITCHES TONIGHT?

CHOOSE YOUR
REINDEER, THEN
TURN OVER FOR
THE PATTERN...





PLUS

stuffing, 10g dark brown DK, small amount of dark brown 4-ply, two 8mm black eye beads or safety eyes, tapestry needle, stitch holder

SIZE

Height: 20cm



Take the next step

KNITTED RUDOLPH legs & body

* Using 3mm needles and Cheery Orange cast on 12 sts
Rows 1-7: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st Change to Jolly Green
Rows 8-11: starting with a k row work in st st
Row 12: (k3, kfb) to end. 15 sts
Row 13: p * Cut yarn, keep sts on holder Rep from * to * for second Leg
Row 14: k15 (Leg from needle), k15 (Leg from holder). 30 sts
Row 15: p
Row 16: (k4, kfb) three times, (kfb, k4) to end. 36 sts
Row 17: p Change to Sparkly Red

Rows 18-25:

starting with a k row work in st st

Row 26: (k4, k2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rows 27-33:

starting with a p row work in st st

Row 34: (k3, k2tog) to end. 24 sts
Cast off

head

Using 3mm needles and Chirpy Brown cast on 12 sts

Row 1 (WS): p

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

Row 3 and every odd-numbered row: p

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rows 15-17: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 18: (k7, k2tog) to end. 48 sts

Rows 19-23: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 24: (k6, k2tog) to end. 42 sts

Row 25 and every odd-numbered row: p

Row 26: (k5, k2tog) to end. 36 sts

Row 28: (k4, k2tog) to end. 30 sts

Row 30: k6, (k2tog, k1) six times, k6. 24 sts

Rows 31-35: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 36: (k2, k2tog) to end. 18 sts

Row 37: p

Row 39: (k1, k2tog) to end. 12 sts

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

trousers

* Using 3mm needles and Jolly Green cast on 15 sts

Rows 1-5: starting with a k (RS) row work in st st

Row 6: (k4, kfb) to end. 18 sts

Row 7: p * Cut yarn, keep sts on holder

Rep from * to * for second Leg

Row 8: k18 (Leg from needle), k18 (Leg from holder). 36 sts

Rows 9-12: starting with a p row work in st st

Cast off

strap

Make two

Using 3mm needles and Jolly Green cast on three sts

Rows 1-30: k
Cast off

ear

Make two

Using 3mm needles and Chirpy Brown cast on 12 sts

Rows 1-7: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st

Row 8: (k2, k2tog) to end. Nine sts

Row 9: (p1, p2tog) to end. Six sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

nose

Using 3mm needles and Joyful Pink cast on six sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. 12 sts

Row 3: (p2tog) to end. Six sts

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

sleeve

Make two

Using 3mm needles and Sparkly Red cast on 12 sts

Rows 1-11: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 12: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. Ten sts

Rows 13-15: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 16: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. Eight sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

hand

Make two

Using 3mm needles and Chirpy Brown cast on five sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. Ten sts

Rows 3-6: starting with a p row work in st st
Cast off

collar

Using 3mm needles and Sparkly Red cast on 24 sts

Rows 1-4: starting with a p row work in st st
Cast off

left antler

Note: starting with large fine

Using 3mm needles and Dark Brown cast on seven sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. 14 sts

Rows 3-7: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 8: k2, (k2tog, k2) to end. 11 sts

Row 9: p
Cut yarn, keep sts on holder

Note: now working small fine
Using 3mm needles and Dark Brown cast on six sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. 12 sts

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

Row 6: (k2, k2tog) to end. Nine sts

Row 7: p
Do not cut yarn

Next row

(connecting both pieces): (k1, k2tog) three times on small fine sts, then work from holder sts as folls: k2tog, (k1, k2tog) to end. 13 sts

Next six rows:

starting with a p row work in st st
Cast off

right antler

Work as for Left Antler but start with small fine, then work large fine
To connect both pieces: k2tog, (k1, k2tog) on large fine sts, then work from holder as folls: (k1, k2tog) to end. 13 sts

Next six rows:

starting with a p row work in st st
Cast off

to make up

With cast-on yarn end of Body, sew each Leg to crotch. Sew back seam. Stuff Legs and Body. Wrap Body with Trousers and sew each Trouser Leg to crotch. Sew back seam. Secure Trousers to Body. Seam and stuff Hand. Seam Sleeve and roll up cuff. Stuff Sleeve lightly and insert Hand. Secure Hand to cuff. Rep for other Arm. Attach Arms to Body. With fastened-off yarn end of Head, sew seam halfway. With cast-on yarn end, work gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw tightly. Sew up seam a little further, stuff, and close seam. Seam Ear, sew bottom of Ear, and attach to Head. Rep for other side. Seam Antlers and stuff. Attach to Head. Attach eye beads and nose. With dark brown 4-ply, embroider mouth. Sew Head to Neck. Attach Straps. Attach Collar to neck. Weave in all ends



CROCHET



PLUS

stuffing, 10g dark brown DK, small amount of dark brown 4-ply, two 8mm black eye beads or safety eyes, tapestry needle, stitch marker

SIZE

Height: 20cm



Take the next step

CROCHET RUDOLPH

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

legs & body

* Using 3mm hook and Cheery Orange make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnds 2-4: 1dc in each st to end. Change to Jolly Green
Rnds 5-8: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 9: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 15 sts *
Fasten off
Rep from * to * for second Leg and cont to Body

Rnd 10: 1dc in each st around first Leg, insert hook in second Leg, one sl st to join Legs, 1dc in each st around second Leg. 30 sts
Rnds 11-12: 1dc in each st to end. Change to Sparkly Red
Rnd 13: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
Rnds 14-16: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 17: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts
Rnds 18-20: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 21: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
Rnds 22-23: 1dc in each st to end. Fasten off

head

Using 3mm hook and Chirpy 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
Rnds 4-5: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 6: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
Rnd 7: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
Rnd 8: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts
Rnd 9: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 48 sts
Rnds 10-13: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 14: (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 54 sts

Rnd 15: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 16: (7dc, dc2tog) to end. 48 sts
Rnd 17: (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 42 sts
Rnd 18: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts
Rnd 19: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts
Rnd 20: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 21: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
Stuff
Rnd 22: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
Rnd 23: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off

trousers

* Using 3mm hook and Jolly Green make 15ch, one sl st in first ch to join. 15 sts
Rnd 1: 1ch, 1dc in each ch to end
Rnds 2-4: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts *
Fasten off
Rep from * to * for second Leg
Rnd 6: 1dc in each st around first Leg, insert hook in second Leg, one sl st to join Legs, 1dc in each st around second Leg. 36 sts
Rnds 7-10: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

strap

Make two
Using 3mm hook and Jolly Green make 3ch
Row 1: starting in

second ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end, turn. Two sts
Rows 2-30: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
Fasten off

ear

Make two
Using 3mm hook and Chirpy Brown make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnds 3-7: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

nose

Using 3mm hook and Joyful Pink make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts
Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. Ten sts
Fasten off

sleeve

Make two
Using 3mm hook and Sparkly Red make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 2dc in next st, 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in next st. Eight sts
Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 3: rep Rnd 1. Ten sts
Rnds 4-5: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 6: rep Rnd 1. 12 sts
Rnds 7-12: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

hand

Make two
Using 3mm hook and Chirpy Brown make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. Ten sts
Rnds 2-3: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 4: dc2tog, 1dc in each st to last two sts, dc2tog. Eight sts
Fasten off

collar

Using 3mm hook and Sparkly Red make 25ch
Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end, turn. 24 sts
Row 2: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

left antler

Note: starting with large tine
Using 3mm hook and Dark 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: dc2tog, 1dc to last two sts, dc2tog. Ten sts
Rnd 5: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off
Note: now working small tine
Using 3mm hook and Dark Brown make a magic ring,

to make up

Stuff Legs and Body. Dress Body in Trousers and secure. Stuff Hands. Roll up fastened-off edge of Sleeve, stuff lightly, insert Hand in Sleeve, and secure. Rep for other Arm. Attach Arms to Body. Weave through fastened-off edge of Head. Sew bottom corners of Ear and attach to Head. Rep for other Ear. Stuff Antlers. Attach to Head. Attach eye beads. Stuff Nose, work gathering thread along fastened-off edge and attach to Head. With dark brown 4-ply, embroider mouth. Sew Head to neck. Attach Straps. Attach Collar to neck. Weave in all ends



PLUS

2m thin gingham ribbon, one red button, two yellow buttons, tapestry needle

SIZE

House height: 7.5cm
Heart width: 5.5cm
Cookie diameter: 7cm
Star Flower diameter: 8.5cm



Perfect for beginners

HEART

Using 3mm hook and Chirpy Brown make 10ch

Rnd 1: starting in second ch from hook, 2dc, dc2tog, 2dc, 5dc in first ch made, work other side of ch as folls: 3dc, (1dc, 2ch, 1dc) in next ch, 3dc, 4dc in next ch, join with a sl st to first dc

Rnd 2: (1ch, 1dc) twice, dc2tog (skipping top of 2dc2tog in Rnd 1), 3dc, 3dc in next st, 6dc, (1dc, 2ch, 1dc) in 2ch sp, 6dc, 3dc in next st, 1dc, join with a sl st to first st
Change to

Sparkly Red

Rnd 3: (1ch, 1dc) in next st, dc3tog, 2dc, (2dc in next st) three times, 7dc, (1dc, 2ch, 1dc) in 2ch sp, 7dc, (2dc in next st) three times, 1dc, join with a sl st to first st
Fasten off

STAR FLOWER

Using 3mm hook and Sparkly Red make 5ch, join with a sl st to make a ring

Rnd 1 (RS): 3ch (counts as first tr), 2tr into ring, (1ch, 3tr into ring) five times, 1ch, join with a sl st to top of 3ch, turn

Rnd 2 (WS): 1ch, (1dc in next 1ch sp, 6ch) six times, join with a sl st to first dc
Change to Chirpy Brown

Rnd 3 (WS facing): 2ch (does not count as st), (1htr, 2tr, 3dtr, 2tr, 1htr) in each 7ch sp to end, join with a sl st to first htr,

turn. Six petals made
Change to Jolly Green

Rnd 4 (RS facing): 4ch (counts as first dtr), (2tr, 3htr, 2tr, 2dtr) to end missing last dtr, join with a sl st to top of first 4ch
Fasten off

COOKIE

Note: first 3ch counts as a tr throughout
Using 3mm hook and Chirpy Brown make 5ch, join with a sl st to make a ring

Rnd 1: 3ch, 15tr into ring, join with a sl st in top of 3ch. 16 sts

Rnd 2: 3ch, 2tr in each st to end, 1tr in same place as base of 3ch, join with a sl st to top of 3ch. 32 sts

Rnd 3: 3ch, (1tr, 2tr in next st) to end, 1tr in same place as base of 3ch, join with a sl st to top of 3ch. 48 sts
Change to Cheery Orange

Tree trimmings

Use simple stitches to create these delectable decorations

Adorning the Christmas tree is such an exciting part of Yuletide festivities, and we are also partial to a gingerbread biscuit while trimming – to encourage our creativity of course! These crocheted versions by **JACKIE CARREIRA** have zero calories and look so joyful and traditional when hung on a festive fir. Get creative when adding the 'icing' to really make your decs pop.



Rnd 4: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first dc
Fasten off

HOUSE

Using 3mm hook and Chirpy Brown make 16ch

Note: colour in brackets foll instruction indicates which yarn to use, do not cut yarn when not in use, carry it along row, working sts over it

Row 1 (RS): starting in second ch from hook, 5dc (Chirpy Brown), 5dc (Happy Blue), 5dc (Chirpy Brown), turn. 15 sts
Rows 2-5 (WS): 1ch, 5dc (Chirpy Brown), 5dc (Happy Blue), 5dc (Chirpy Brown), turn
Cont in Chirpy Brown

Rows 6-11: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Change to Cheery Orange

Row 12: dc2tog, 1dc in each st to

last two sts, dc2tog, turn. 13 sts
Rep Row 12 until one st rem
Fasten off

to make up

Attach 50cm of ribbon to top of each decoration.

Using tapestry needle and matching yarn, sew cherry style button to centre of Cookie. Sew two small buttons either side of House door.
Weave in all ends

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TOP TIP

MAKE SURE
YOUR TENSION
ISN'T TOO
TIGHT OR YOUR
DECORATIONS
WILL CURL



YOU WILL NEED



YARN

Rico Essentials Merino Plus DK
Jumper: (A) O21 Olive, 2 (2, 2, 3, 3) 50g balls, (B) O14 Black, 1 (1, 1, 1, 1) 50g ball, (C) O17 Mustard, 1 (1, 1, 1, 1) 50g ball, (D) O06 Red, 1 (1, 1, 1, 1) 50g ball, (E) O01 Cream, 1 (1, 1, 1, 1) 50g ball
Trousers: O21 Olive, 4 (5, 5) 50g balls
Hat: (D) O06 Red, (E) O01 Cream, 1 50g ball of each

PLUS

3mm, 3.25mm, 3.5mm and 4mm needles, 3mm hook, stitch holders, tapestry needle, two buttons, 17 1.5cm golden bells, 50 (55, 60) cm of thin elastic

SIZE

Jumper:
To fit chest: 41cm (46cm, 51cm, 56cm, 61cm)
Actual measurement: 46cm (52cm, 57cm, 63cm, 68cm)
Full length: 24cm (28cm, 32cm, 38cm, 42cm)
Sleeve seam: 15cm (17cm, 20cm, 24cm, 29cm)
Trousers: 3-6 mths (9-12 mths, 18-24 mths)
Hat: Prem (0-6 mths, 6-12 mths, 12-18 mths, 2-3 yrs)

TENSION SQUARE

22 sts x 28 rows
10cm x 10cm
Stocking stitch
4mm needles

Santa's little helper

Have your 'elf' a merry little Christmas with these adorable patterns



Make this Christmas one to remember with this sweet ensemble from **RICO DESIGN**. Knitted in soft merino wool, your little elf will be warm and cosy and look the part, with bells on! The jumper is a great challenge for experienced knitters, but if you're still learning, the festive hat is a very good place to start.



JUMPER back

Using 3.25mm needles, Yarn A and thumb method cast on 51 (57, 63, 69, 75) sts
Rows 1-2: (k1, p1) to end
These two rows form rib, work in rib for ten more rows, ending with a WS row
Change to 4mm needles **

Row 1: k
Row 2: p
Cont in st st for 7 (9, 17, 23, 27) rows, ending with a RS row
Change to Yarn B
Starting with a p row work in st st for nine rows
Change to Yarn A
Cont in st st for 6 (8, 14, 22, 26) rows, ending with a WS row

shape armholes

Cast off three sts at beg of next two rows. 45 (51, 57, 63, 69) sts
Dec one st at each end of next 1 (1, 3, 3, 3) rows, then on foll 2 (3, 2, 3, 3) alt

rows. 39 (43, 47, 51, 57) sts
Work 9 (11, 13, 15, 17) rows, ending with a WS row

divide for back opening

Next row: k18 (20, 22, 24, 27) and turn, leaving rem 21 (23, 25, 27, 30) sts on holder. Work on this set of sts for first side of back opening as folls: Work 13 rows, ending with a WS row

shape shoulder

Cast off 4 (5, 5, 6, 7) sts at beg of next row, then 5 (5, 6, 6, 7) sts at beg of foll alt row
Work one row, ending with a WS row
Cut yarn and leave rem 9 (10, 11, 12, 13) sts on holder
Return to sts on first holder, rejoin yarn, RS facing
Cast off three sts at beg of next row. 18 (20, 22, 24, 27) sts
Work 14 rows, ending with a RS row

shape shoulder

Cast off 4 (5, 5, 6, 7) sts at beg of next row, then 5 (5, 6, 6, 7) sts at beg of foll alt row, ending with a WS row
Cut yarn and leave rem 9 (10, 11, 12, 13) sts on holder

front

Note: when working chart, work odd-numbered rows as RS k rows, reading chart from right to left, and even-numbered rows as WS p rows, reading chart from left to right. Use separate ball of yarn for each block of colour and twist colours tog where they meet on WS to avoid holes forming. Note that first and second rows of chart are repeated as detailed below, and 19th and 20th rows of chart are repeated as required
Work as for Back to **

Now work in patt from chart as folls: Work first and second rows of chart 3 (4, 8, 11, 13) times, ending with a WS row
Now work third to 18th rows of chart Rep 19th and 20th rows of chart as required, cont as folls:
Work 2 (4, 10, 18, 22) rows, ending with a WS row

shape armholes

Cast off three sts at beg of next two rows. 45 (51, 57, 63, 69) sts
Dec one st at each end of next 1 (1, 3, 3, 3) rows, then on foll 2 (3, 2, 3, 3) alt rows. 39 (43, 47, 51, 57) sts
Work 7 (9, 9, 9, 11) rows, ending with a WS row

shape front neck

Next row: k15 (16, 18, 20, 22) and turn, leaving rem 24 (27, 29, 31, 35) sts on a holder
Work on this set of sts for first side of neck as folls:

Dec one st at neck edge of next four rows, then on foll 1 (1, 2, 3, 3) alt rows, then on foll fourth row. 9 (10, 11, 12, 14) sts
Work five rows, ending with a WS row

shape shoulder

Cast off 4 (5, 5, 6, 7) sts at beg of next row
Work one row
Cast off rem 5 (5, 6, 6, 7) sts
Return to sts left on holder and slip central 9 (11, 11, 11, 13) sts onto another holder
Rejoin yarn with RS facing and k to end. 15 (16, 18, 20, 22) sts
Dec one st at neck edge of next four rows, then on foll 1 (1, 2, 3, 3) alt rows, then on foll fourth row. 9 (10, 11, 12, 14) sts
Work six rows, ending with a RS row

shape shoulder

Cast off 4 (5, 5, 6, 7) sts at beg of

next row
Work one row
Cast off rem 5 (5,
6, 6, 7) sts

sleeve

Make two

Using 3.25mm needles, Yarn D and thumb method cast on 31 (31, 33, 35, 37) sts
Work in rib for ten rows, ending with a WS row
Change to 4mm needles
Work in foll eight-row stripe sequence: Yarn E, Yarn D
Starting with a k row work in st st as folls:
Work eight rows, inc one st at each end of third and foll fourth row. 35 (35, 37, 39, 41) sts
Work eight rows, inc one st at each end of 3rd (3rd, 3rd, 3rd, 5th) and 1 (1, 1, 1, 0) foll fourth row. 39 (39, 41, 43, 43) sts
Cont in st st, inc one st at each end of 3rd and 2 (4, 3, 1, 0) foll fourth rows, then on 0 (0, 2, 5, 8) foll sixth rows. 45 (49, 53, 57, 61) sts
Work 3 (5, 5, 5, 5) rows, ending after 6 (8, 8, 2, 8) rows using Yarn D (E, D, D, E) and with a WS row

shape top

Keeping stripes correct, cast off three sts at beg of next 12 (4, 8, 2, 2) rows. 9 (37, 29, 51, 55) sts
Dec one st at each end of next 0 (12, 8, 18, 20) rows, ending after 8 (8,

8, 6, 6) rows using Yarn E (E, D, D, D) and with a WS row
Cast off rem 9 (13, 13, 15, 15) sts

back opening button border

With RS facing, using 3.25mm needles and Yarn

A, pick up and k13 sts evenly down RS of back opening, from sts on holder at neck edge to base of opening

Row 1: k1, (p1, k1) to end

Row 2: k2, (p1, k1) to last st, k1
These two rows

form rib
Work in rib for a further two rows, ending with a RS row
Cast off in rib (WS)

back opening buttonhole border

With RS facing, using 3.25mm

needles and Yarn A, pick up and k13 sts evenly up left side of back opening, from base of opening to sts on holder at neck edge
Working in rib as for Back Opening Button Border, cont as follows:

Work one row, ending with a WS row

Row 2: rib 6, yfwd, k2tog (to make first buttonhole), rib to end
Work in rib for a further two rows, ending with a RS row
Cast off in rib (WS)



neck trim

Join shoulder seams

Using 4mm needles, Yarn D and thumb method cast on six sts

Row 1: k

Row 2: inc in first st, k1, k2tog, yfwd, k2. Seven sts

Row 3: k

Row 4: inc in first st, k to last four sts, k2tog, yfwd, k2

Rows 5-10: rep Rows 3-4 three times. 11 sts

Row 11: k

Row 12: cast off five sts loosely, k to last four sts, k2tog, yfwd, k2. Six sts

Last 12 rows form patt
Cont in patt until Neck Trim, unstretched, fits neatly around entire neck edge, beg and ending midway across top of Back Opening Borders and ending after 12th patt row

Note: it is important to end after a complete rep of patt and that straight edge of Trim sits neatly around neck edge without stretching. If needed, work an extra rep to ensure Trim will lay flat. When Trim is required length, cast off

neckband

Tack stitch Neck Trim in place (stitching will be removed once Neckband is complete)
With RS facing, using 3.25mm

needles and Yarn A, beg and ending at cast-off edges of Back Opening Borders and, where relevant, picking up (or knitting) sts through straight row-end edge of Neck Trim and garment (to secure Neck Trim in place), pick up and k four sts from top of Back Opening Buttonhole Border, k across 9 (10, 11, 12, 13) sts on left back holder, pick up and k 15 (15, 17, 19, 19) sts down left side of front neck, k across 9 (11, 11, 11, 13) sts on front holder, pick up and k 15 (15, 17, 19, 19) sts up right side of front neck, k across 9 (10, 11, 12, 13) sts on right back holder, then pick up and k four sts from top of Back Opening Button Border. 65 (69, 75, 81, 85) sts
Beg with first row, work in rib as for Back Opening Button Border as follows:
Work three rows, ending with a

WS row

Row 4: k1, k2tog tbl, yfwd (for second buttonhole), rib to end
Work in rib for a further four rows, ending with a RS row
Cast off in rib (on WS)

TROUSERS

right leg
Using 3mm needles and thumb method, cast on 37 (41, 49) sts, work 11 rows in 1x1 rib

Row 12: p3 (4, 4), m1, (p2, m1, p3 [2, 3], m1) 6 (8, 8) times, p4 (5, 5). 50 (58, 66) sts

Change to 3.5mm needles and working in st st work 9 (21, 21) rows inc one st at each end of 3rd (5th, 5th) and every foll 6th (8th, 8th) row. 54 (64, 72) sts

Note: for third size only
Work 24 rows inc one st at each end of every foll sixth row. 80 sts

Note: for all sizes
Work 16 (16, 8) rows inc one st at each end of every

foll fourth row. 62 (72, 84) sts
Work 8 (10, 8) rows inc one st at each end of every foll alt row. 70 (82, 92) sts
Cont without shaping until work meas 18 (23, 28) cm, ending with a WS row

shape crotch

Cast off three sts at beg of next 2 (2, 4) rows. 64 (76, 80) sts
Cast off two sts at beg of next 2 (4, 4) rows. 60 (68, 72) sts

Next row: k1, sl 1, k1, pssso, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1.

58 (66, 70) sts

Next row: p
Rep last two rows 4 (4, 2) times. 50 (58, 66) sts
Cont without shaping until crotch meas 11 (13, 15) cm from first cast-off sts, ending with a RS row



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Next row: p to end, dec one st in centre of row. 49 (57, 65) sts
Commencing with first row of 1x1 rib work two rows **
Next row: rib 6, k2tog tbl, yfwd, rib to end
Work six rows more in rib
Next row (fold line): k
Commencing with first row of 1x1 rib work nine rows
Cast off in rib

left leg
Work as for Right Leg to **
Next row (eyelet row): rib to last seven sts, yfwd, k2tog, rib 5
Work six rows in rib
Next row (fold line): k
Commencing with first row of 1x1 rib work nine rows
Cast off in rib

cord
Using 3mm hook make 70ch
Fasten off

HAT
Using 3.25mm needles, Yarn D and thumb method cast on 77 (81, 87, 91, 99) sts
Row 1 (RS): k1, (p1, k1) to end
Row 2: (p1, k1) to last st, p1
These two rows form 1x1 rib
Work 5 (5, 7, 7, 7) rows more in 1x1 rib
Next row: p7 (9, 4, 6, 8), p2tog, (p10 [10, 9, 9, 7], p2tog) 5 (5, 7, 7, 9) times, p8 (10, 4, 6, 8). 71 (75, 79, 83, 89) sts
Change to 4mm needles
Work in foll six-row stripe sequence: Yarn E, Yarn D
Starting with a k row work in st st for 24 (30, 26, 30, 24) rows
Note: first size only
Next row: (inc in first st pwise), p to last two sts, (inc in next st, p1). 73 sts
Note: second, third and fourth

sizes only
Next row: p1, p2tog, p to last three sts, p2tog, p1. (73, 77, 81) sts
shape crown
Note: fifth size only
Row 1: k1, (k2tog, k20) four times. 85 sts
Work one row
Next row: k1, (k2tog, k19) four times. 81 sts
Work three rows
Note: for fourth and fifth sizes only
Next row: k1, (k2tog, k18) four times. 77 sts
Work one row
Note: for third, fourth and fifth sizes only
Next row: k1, (k2tog, k17) four times. 73 sts
Work three rows
Note: for all sizes
Next row: k1, (k2tog, k16) four times. 69 sts
Work one row
Next row: k1, (k2tog, k15) four times. 65 sts

Work three rows
Next row: k1, (k2tog, k14) four times. 61 sts
Work one row
Next row: k1, (k2tog, k13) four times. 57 sts
Work three rows
Next row: k1, (k2tog, k12) four times. 53 sts
Work one row
Next row: k1, (k2tog, k11) four times. 49 sts
Work three rows
Next row: k1, (k2tog, k10) four times. 45 sts
Work one row
Next row: k1, (k2tog, k9) four times. 41 sts
Work three rows
Next row: k1, (k2tog, k8) four times. 37 sts
Work one row
Next row: k1, (k2tog, k7) four times. 33 sts
Work three rows
Next row: k1, (k2tog, k6) four times. 29 sts
Work one row
Next row: k1, (k2tog, k5) four

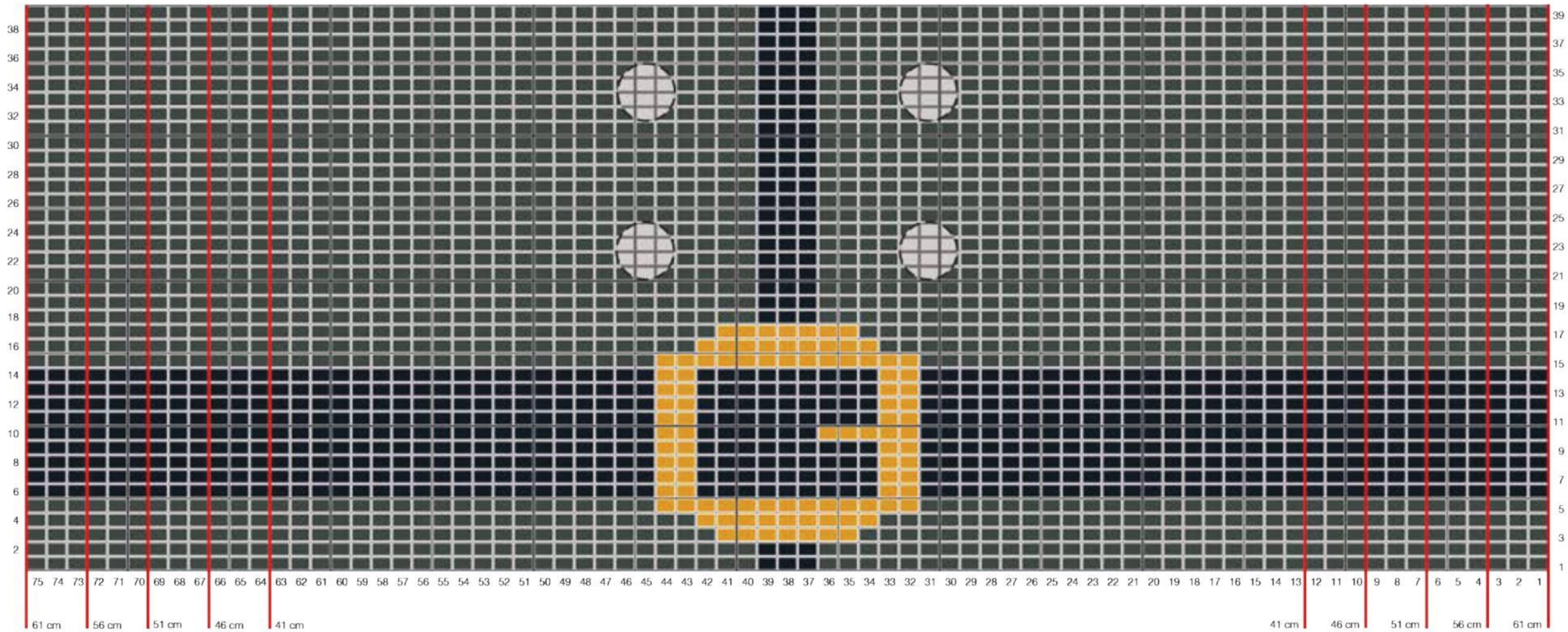
times. 25 sts
Work three rows
Next row: k1, (k2tog, k4) four times. 21 sts
Work one row
Next row: k1, (k2tog, k3) four times. 17 sts
Work three rows
Next row: k1, (k2tog, k2) four

times. 13 sts
Work one row
Next row: k1, (k2tog, k1) four times. Nine sts
Work two rows
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

to make up
Use Yarn B to embroider four buttons onto Front of Jumper. Lay Back Opening Buttonhole Border over Back Opening Button Border and sew row-end edges to cast-off sts at base of opening. Fold Sleeves in half lengthwise and placing folds to shoulder seams, sew Sleeves into armholes. Join side and Sleeve seams. Sew on buttons. Join Leg and crotch seams. Fold waistband in half onto WS, leaving a 2cm opening for elastic. Thread elastic through waistband and join opening. Thread cord through eyelets of waistband and tie into a bow. Join back seam of Hat, attach bell to top. Pin out garments to measurements given. Cover all with clean, damp tea towels and leave to dry. Weave in all ends

CHART

 Olive  Mustard  Black  Position of embroidered buttons



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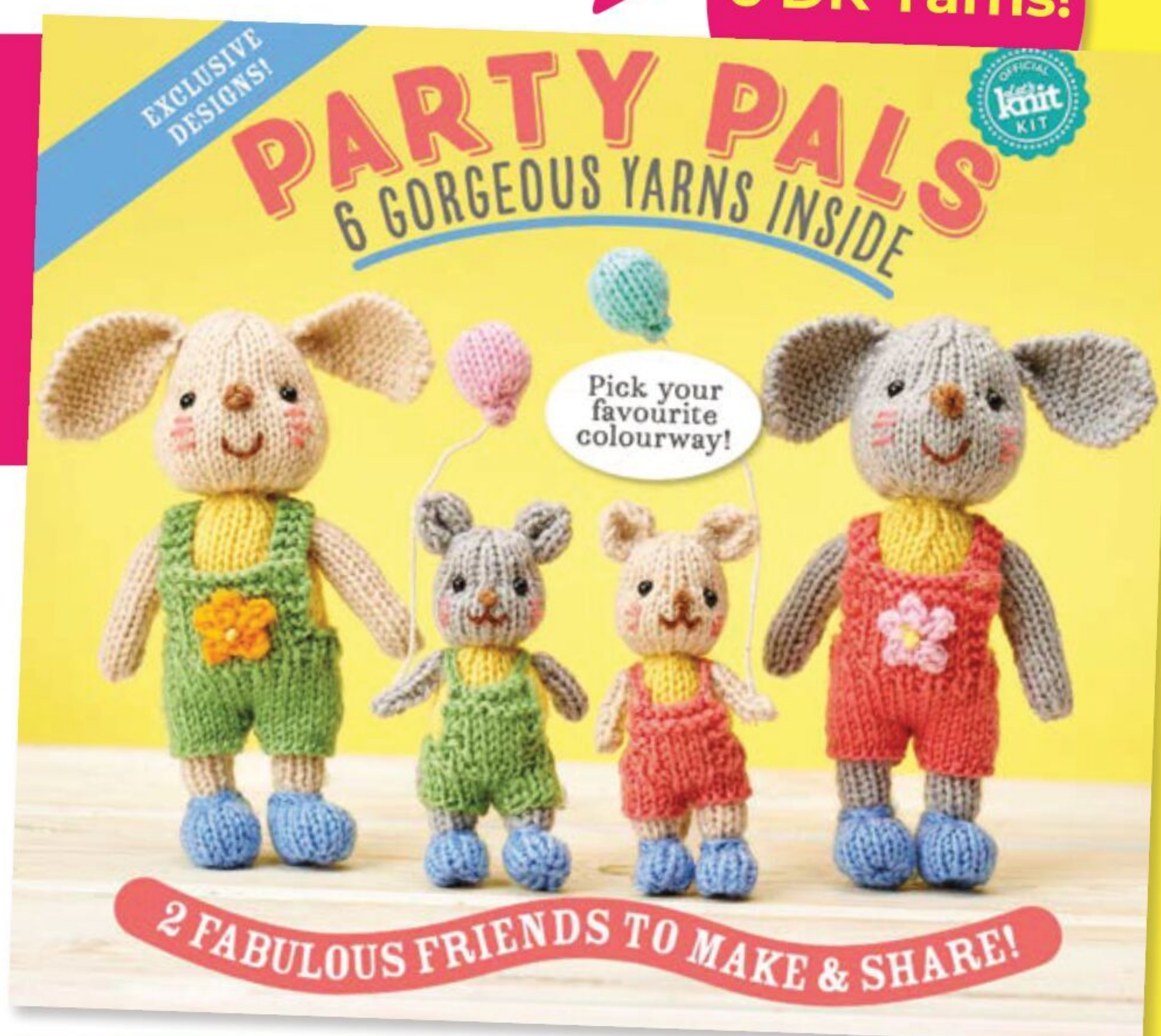
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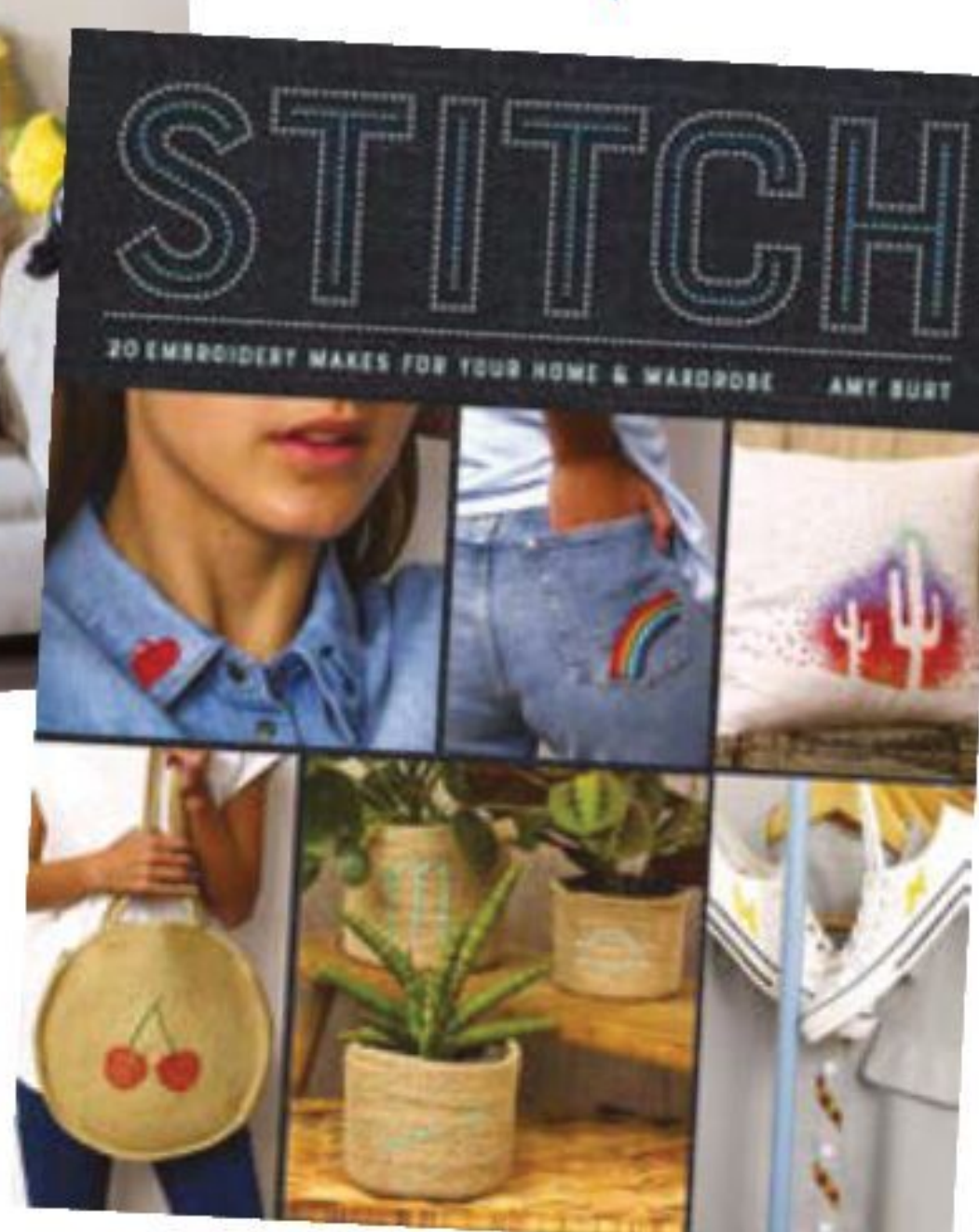
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YARN

Stylecraft
Classique
Cotton DK: (A)
3667 Sky Blue,
four 50g balls;
(B) 3097 Leaf,
(C) 3656 Toffee,
(D) 3360 White,
(E) 3672 Poppy,
one 50g ball of
each

PLUS

4mm needles,
five buttons

TENSION SQUARE

20 sts x 28 rows
10cm x 10cm
Over st st
4mm needles



Take the
next step

FIR CUSHION

Using 4mm
needles and Yarn
B cast on 86 sts

Row 1: (k1, p1)

to end

Row 2: (p1, k1)

to end

These two rows

set moss st

Work three more
rows in moss st

Next row (WS): p

to end

Change to Yarn A
Starting with a k
row work in st st
until it meas 30cm
from cast-on
edge, ending after
a RS row

Next row (WS): k
to end

Starting with a k
row work 13 rows
in st st

motif

Note: motif is
worked in intarsia
with embroidery
added when
finished

Row 1 (WS): p22, p
across Row 1 of
Chart (reading
chart from left to
right), p22

Row 2: k22, k
across Row 2 of
Chart (reading

chart from right to
left), k22

Cont in st st
working
appropriate row
of Chart until 74
rows have been
worked

Cont in Yarn
A only

Starting with a p
(WS) row work 13
rows in st st

Next row (RS): p
to end to
mark turn

overlap

Cont in st st
for 6cm

Note: ensure sts
on needle sit just
above cast-on
edge - if they
don't, adjust
Change to Yarn B
Work one row in
st st

buttonhole band

Row 1: (k1, p1)

to end

Row 2: (p1, k1)

to end

These two rows
set moss st

Row 3

(buttonhole row):

moss st six, (k2tog,
yon, moss st 16)
four times,

k2tog, yon, moss
st six

Row 4: rep Row 2

Row 5: rep Row 1

Cast off

to make up

Block and press
under dry cloth.

Using Yarns A, D
and E, embroider
French knots on
tree. Using Yarn D,

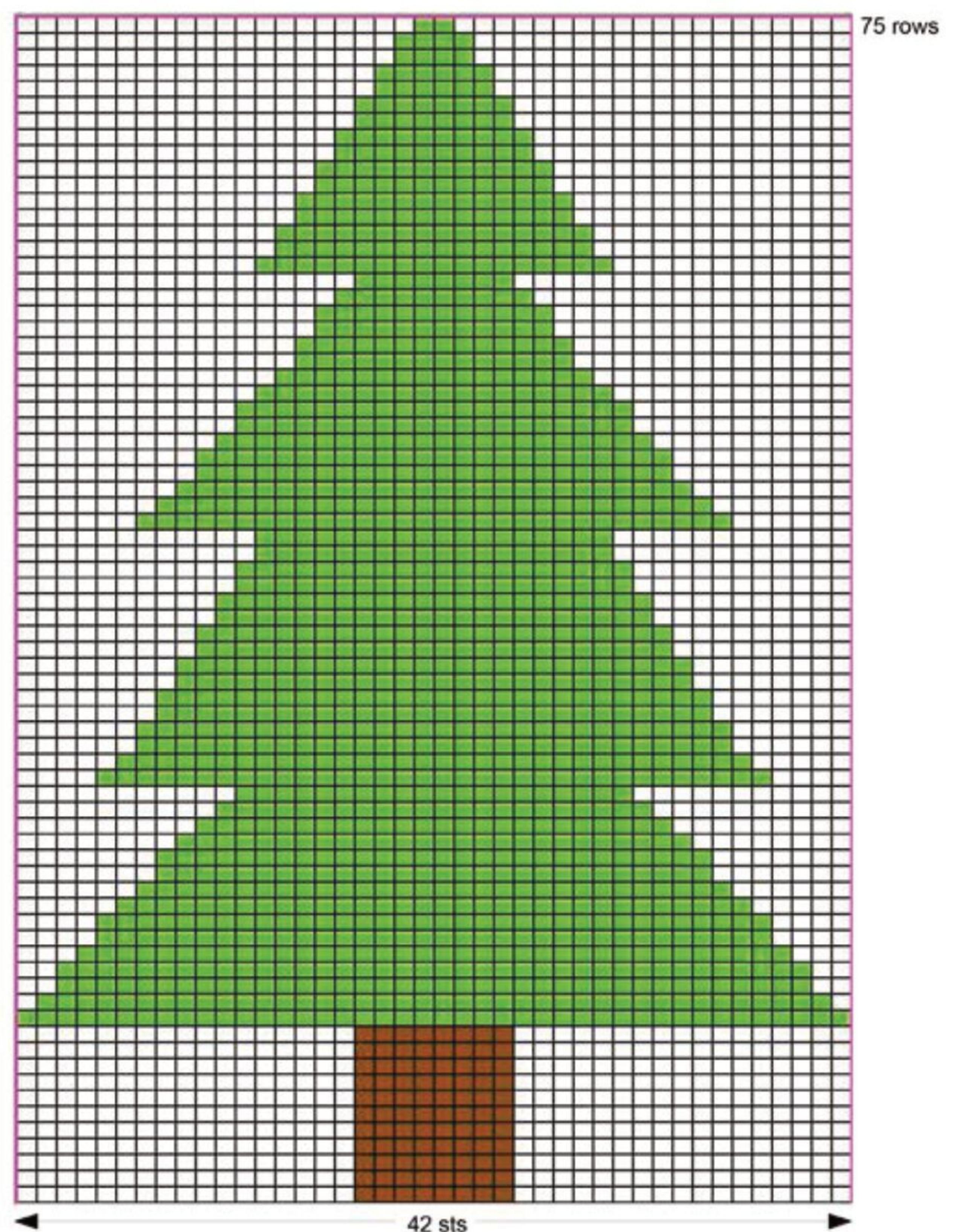
embroider star at
top of tree in long
sts, and stars
around top half of
front. Pin and sew
side seams
overlapping
buttonhole band.
Sew on buttons to
correspond with
buttonholes.
Weave in all ends

CHART

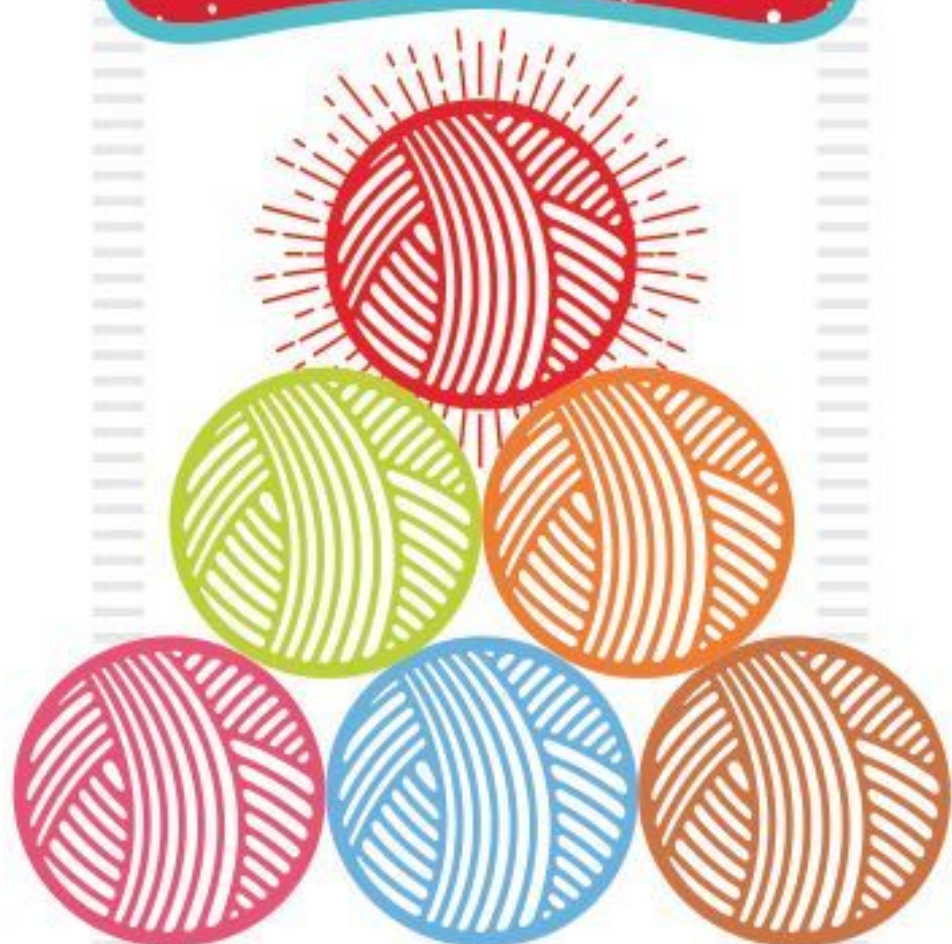
Yarn A

Yarn B

Yarn C







PLUS

stuffing,
tapestry
needle, small
amount of
black yarn,
stitch holder

SIZE

Height: 30.5cm



Take the
next step

KRISTA BUNNY

right leg
Using 3mm
needles and Jolly
Green cast on
14 sts
Row 1: p
Row 2: (kfb) to
end. 28 sts
Rows 3-11: starting
with a p row work
in st st
Row 12: k3, (k3tog)
six times, k7. 16 sts
Row 13: p
Row 14: k3, (k2tog)
three times, k7.
13 sts
Row 15: p
Work in foll
two-row stripe
sequence: Joyful
Pink, Happy Blue
Rows 16-43:
starting with a k
row work in st st
Cont in Joyful Pink
Row 44: k13 (Leg
from needle), k13
(Leg from holder).
26 sts
Row 45: p
Row 46: (k2, m1) to
last two sts, k2.
38 sts
Rows 47-59:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Change to
Sparkly Red
Rows 60-69:
starting with a k
row work in st st
Cut yarn and
place sts on
holder

left leg & body

Using 3mm
needles and Jolly

Green cast on
14 sts
Row 1: p
Row 2: (kfb) to
end. 28 sts
Rows 3-11: starting
with a p row work
in st st
Row 12: k7, (k3tog)
six times, k3. 16 sts
Row 13: p
Row 14: k7, (k2tog)
three times, k3.
13 sts
Row 15: p
Work in foll
two-row stripe
sequence: Joyful
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Rows 16-43:
starting with a k
row work in st st
Cont in Joyful Pink
Row 44: k13 (Leg
from needle), k13
(Leg from holder).
26 sts
Row 45: p
Row 46: (k2, m1) to
last two sts, k2.
38 sts
Rows 47-59:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Change to
Sparkly Red
Rows 60-69:
starting with a k
row work in st st
Row 70: (k2,
k2tog) to last two
sts, k2. 29 sts
Rows 71-73:
starting with a p

row work in st st
Row 74: (k2tog, k1)
to last two sts,
k2tog. 19 sts
Row 75: p
Row 76: (k1, k2tog)
to last st, k1. 13 sts
Cast off

head

Using 3mm
needles and
Chirpy Brown cast
on six sts
Row 1: (kfb) to
end. 12 sts
Row 2: p
Row 3: (kfb, k1) to
end. 18 sts
Row 4: p
Row 5: (kfb, k2) to
end. 24 sts
Rows 6-8: starting
with a p row work
in st st
Row 9: (kfb, k3) to
end. 30 sts
Rows 10-12:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Row 13: (kfb, k4)
to end. 36 sts
Rows 14-16:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Row 17: (kfb, k5)
to end. 42 sts
Rows 18-20:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Row 21: (kfb, k6)
to end. 48 sts
Rows 22-32:
starting with a p

row work in st st
Row 33: (k4,
k2tog) to end.
40 sts
**Row 34 and every
even-numbered
row:** p
Row 35: (k3,
k2tog) to end.
32 sts
Row 37: (k2, k2tog)
to end. 24 sts
Row 39: (k1, k2tog)
to end. 16 sts
Row 41: (k2tog) to
end. Eight sts
Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread
tail onto tapestry
needle and thread
through rem sts,
fasten off

ear

Make two
Using 3mm
needles and
Chirpy Brown cast
on six sts
Row 1: p
Row 2: k1, m1, k4,
m1, k1. Eight sts
Row 3: p
Row 4: k1, m1, k6,
m1, k1. Ten sts
Rows 5-7: starting
with a p row work
in st st
Row 8: k1, m1, k8,
m1, k1. 12 sts
Rows 9-17:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Row 18: k2tog, k8,

k2tog. Ten sts
**Row 19 and every
odd-numbered
row:** p
Row 20: k2tog, k6,
k2tog. Eight sts
Row 22: k2tog, k4,
k2tog. Six sts
Row 24: k2tog, k2,
k2tog. Four sts
Row 26: (k2tog)
twice. Two sts
Change to
Joyful Pink
Row 28: k1, m1, k1.
Three sts
Row 30: k1, m1, k1,
m1, k1. Five sts
Row 32: k1, m1, k3,
m1, k1. Seven sts
Row 34: k1, m1, k5,
m1, k1. Nine sts
Rows 35-41:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Row 42: k2tog, k5,
k2tog. Seven sts
Rows 43-45:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Row 46: k2tog, k3,
k2tog. Five sts
Rows 47-49:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Cast off

arm

Make two
Using 3mm
needles and
Sparkly Red cast
on eight sts
Row 1: p

Row 2: (kfb) to
end. 16 sts
Rows 3-9: starting
with a p row work
in st st
Change to Jolly
Green
Row 10: (k2, k2tog)
to end. 12 sts
Rows 11-13: k
Change to Chirpy
Brown
Rows 14-35:
starting with a k
row work in st st
Row 36: (k2tog) to
end. Six sts
Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread
tail onto tapestry
needle and thread
through rem sts,
fasten off

skirt

Using 3mm
needles and
Cheery Orange
cast on 85 sts
Rows 1-3: starting
with a k row work
in st st
Row 4: k1, (yfwd,
k2tog) to end
Row 5: k
Row 6: p
Change to Jolly
Green
Rows 7-10: k
Change to
Sparkly Red
Row 11: (k28, m1)
three times, k1.
88 sts

Krista bunny

We've all got our 'Christmas Day dress'
and this one is so merry and bright!

Step into Christmas colourwork with this sassy lady who always looks
her best on the big day! **AINE MARRIOTT** has included Fair Isle
details in the dress, which is an ideal opportunity to try knitting with
two colours at the same time. If you've not tried this technique before,
remember to cross your yarns when changing colour to avoid holes.
And turn the page for more Fair Isle fun from us!





TOP TIP

IF YOU DON'T HAVE A STITCH HOLDER, USE A SPARE NEEDLE INSTEAD

USE ALL
SIX
YARN
COLOURS!

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Rows 12-14:

starting with a p row work in st st
Change to Joyful Pink

Row 15: k

Row 16: p
Change to Sparkly Red

Row 17: k

Row 18: p

Note: colour in brackets foll instruction indicates which yarn to use

Row 19: k4 (Sparkly Red), (k1 [Happy Blue], k7 [Sparkly Red]) to last four sts, k1 (Happy Blue), k3 (Sparkly Red)

Row 20: * (p1 [Sparkly Red], p1 [Happy Blue]) three times, p2 (Sparkly Red), rep from * to end

Row 21: k3 (Sparkly Red), (k3 [Happy Blue], k5 [Sparkly Red]) to last five sts, k3 (Happy Blue), k2 (Sparkly Red)

Row 22: (p3 [Happy Blue], p1 [Sparkly Red]) to end

Row 23: rep Row 21

Row 24: rep Row 20

Row 25: rep Row 19

Cont in Sparkly Red

Row 26: p

Row 27: k
Change to Joyful Pink

Row 28: p
Change to Sparkly Red

Row 29: k

Row 30: p

Row 31: (k2tog) to end. 44 sts
Cast off

collar

Using 3mm needles and Cheery Orange

cast on 16 sts

Row 1: (kfb, k1) to end. 24 sts

Row 2: k

Row 3: cast off one st, (pass st on RH needle back to LH needle, cast on one st, cast off three sts) to end
Fasten off

boot cuff

Make two

Using 3mm needles and Cheery Orange
cast on 16 sts

Row 1: k

Cast off

holly

Make two

Using 3mm needles and Jolly Green
cast on eight sts

Row 1: k2, (kfb) three times, k3.

11 sts

Row 2: p

Row 3: k1, (yfwd, k2tog) to end

Row 4: p

Row 5: k2, (k2tog) three times, k3.

Eight sts

Cast off

berry

Make three

Using 3mm needles and Sparkly Red
cast on five sts

Row 1: (kfb) to end. Ten sts

Row 2: p

Row 3: (k2tog) to end. Five sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

to make up

Seam row edges of Body and Legs. Oversew across cast-on sts at base of each foot with Leg seam

facing inside. Stuff well. Seam row edges of Head, leaving a gap for stuffing. Gather around cast-on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Stuff Head and close gap in seam. Sew Head to top of Body. Fold Ears in half so cast-on and cast-off edges meet. Seam row edges, oversew across cast-on/cast-off edge. Fold edge in half, oversew again. Sew Ears to Head. Seam row edges of Arms. Stuff lightly, oversew across cast-on sts. Attach to sides of Body, just under neck. Seam row edges

of Skirt. Turn up picot edge along base of Skirt and sew cast-on edge to inside of Skirt. Place Skirt around Body and sew in position. Place Collar around neck. Seam row edges and sew in place. Place Boot Cuffs around top of shoe, seam row edges and sew in place. Fold Holly in half so cast-on and cast-off edges meet and oversew. Fold this edge in half and oversew. Gather up row edges and fasten off. Sew Holly to Head in front of one Ear. Seam row edges of Berries, stuff lightly, then gather

cast-on sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Sew Berries between Holly leaves. Use black

yarn to embroider eyes and Joyful Pink to embroider a nose. Weave in all ends



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THIS PATTERN?



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FESTIVE RABBIT

Fabulous Fair Isle

The cold-weather staple that's always on trend

Made nationally popular in the 1920s by the Prince of Wales – later King Edward VIII – Fair Isle knitwear has become a traditional winter wardrobe essential. These multicoloured masterpieces originated in the Scottish islands and today the term Fair Isle has become synonymous with any stranded colourwork design, where the creative possibilities are endless! Read on for tips and inspiration, as well as your next project.

Kellie jumper by Kristen Tedyke at knitrowan.com



Easier than you think

In the Fair Isle method, you carry your shades along the row, stranding the yarn not in use across the back of the work until you need it. It's easier to start with only two shades; tension one yarn using your index finger and the other with your middle finger.

It sounds fiddly but you'll soon get the hang of switching between the two. Stranded patterns are often worked in stocking stitch for a smooth surface that shows off the design. When you become more practiced at Fair Isle, try holding a colour in each hand. This means combining the traditional English way of knitting, where the yarn is in your right hand, with the continental knitting method which controls the yarn with the left hand. Using a different hand for each colour stops the yarns getting tangled.

Top tips

- 1 Strand one yarn above the other on the back of your work. The yarn stranded beneath will be the more dominant shade, so choose this for your accent colour.
- 2 Always take any strands right to the end of each row and twist them with the yarn currently being used. This avoids gaps where the stranded yarn pulls at the fabric.
- 3 If you are seaming using mattress stitch, sew through the strands of both yarns rather than just the main colour as this will give a much neater and more robust seam.

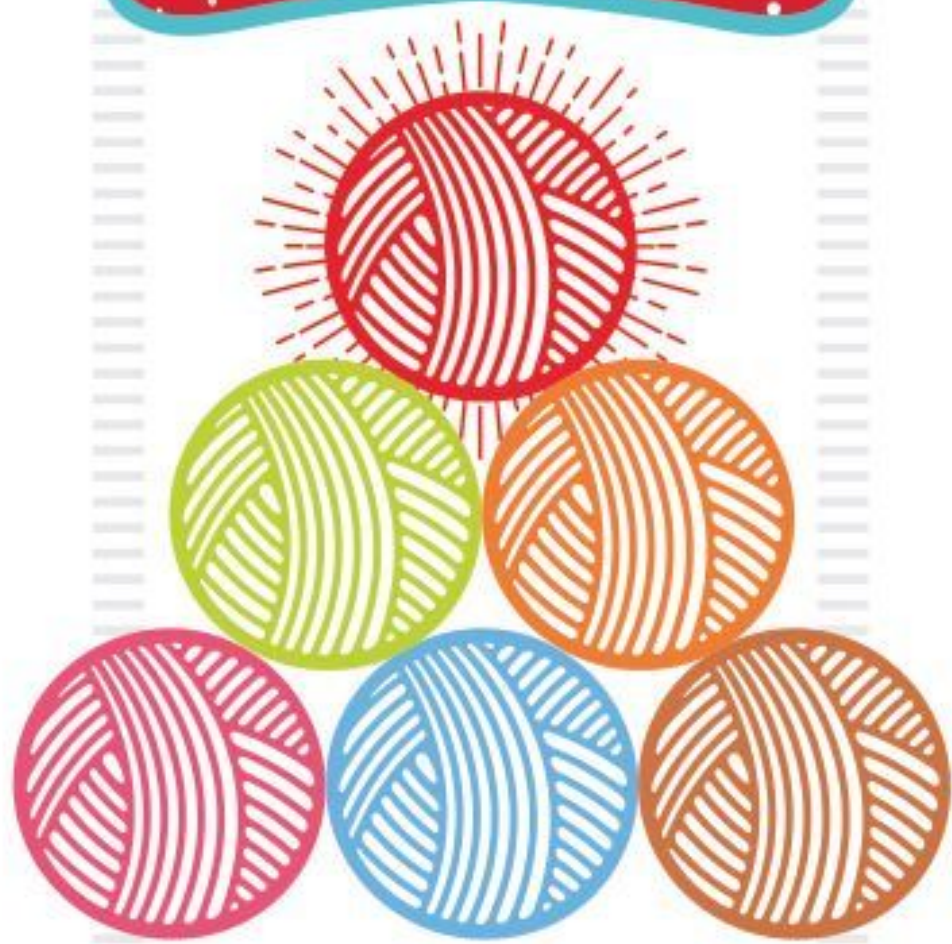


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PLUS

small amounts of dark brown DK and white DK, two 6mm black eye beads or safety eyes, stuffing, tapestry needle

SIZE

Dog length: 15cm
Hat height: 9cm
Tree height: 7.5cm



Take the next step

NUTMEG legs & body

Using 3mm needles and Chirpy Brown cast on 30 sts

Note: working hind legs

Rows 1-9: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st

Row 10: cast off four sts, k to end. 26 sts

Row 11: cast off four sts, p to end. 22 sts

Note: now increasing for tummy flaps

Row 12: cast on three sts, k these sts, k to end. 25 sts

Row 13: cast on three sts, p these sts, p to end. 28 sts

Rows 14-31:

starting with a k row work in st st

Row 32: cast off three sts, k to end. 25 sts

Row 33: cast off three sts, p to end. 22 sts

Note: now working front legs

Row 34: cast on four sts, k these sts, k to end. 26 sts

Row 35: cast on four sts, p these sts, p to end. 30 sts

Rows 36-43: starting with a k row work in st st

Row 44: cast off four sts, k to end. 26 sts

Row 45: cast off four sts, p to end. 22 sts

Row 46: skpo, cast off five sts, k to end. 16 sts

Row 47: p2tog, cast off st on RH needle, cast off to last two sts, p2tog, cast off last st

head

Using 3mm needles and Chirpy Brown cast on 12 sts

Row 1 (WS) and every

odd-numbered row:

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

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

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

Rows 7-15: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 16: k6, (k2tog, k1) six times, k6. 24 sts

Rows 17-19: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 20: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. 22 sts

Row 21: p

Row 22: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. 20 sts

Row 23: p2tog, p to last two sts, p2tog. 18 sts

Rows 24-25: rep Rows 22-23. 14 sts

Row 26: rep Row 22. 12 sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

ear

Make two

Using 3mm needles and Chirpy Brown cast on six sts

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

Rows 2-8: k

Row 9: k2, (k2tog) twice, k2. Six sts

Rows 10-14: k

Row 15: k1, (k2tog) twice, k1. Four sts

Row 16: k
Cast off

tail

Using 3mm needles and Chirpy Brown cast on eight sts

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

Row 6: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. Six sts

Row 7: p

Row 8: k2tog, k2, k2tog. Four sts

Row 9: Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

HAT

Using 3mm needles and White

cast on 36 sts

Rows 1-4: k

Change to Sparkly Red

Rows 5-8: starting with a k row work in st st

Row 9: (k4, k2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rows 10-12:

starting with a p row work in st st

Row 13: (k3, k2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rows 14-16: rep Rows 10-12

Row 17: (k4, k2tog)

to end. 20 sts

Rows 18-20: rep

Rows 10-12

Row 21: (k3, k2tog)

to end. 16 sts

Rows 22-24: rep Rows 10-12

Row 25: (k2, k2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rows 26-28: rep

Rows 10-12

Row 29: (k2, k2tog) to end. Nine sts

Row 30: p

Row 31: (k1, k2tog)

Run out of yarn?

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BURNT ORANGE



GINGERBREAD



ROSE



RUBY

USE ALL
SIX
YARN
COLOURS!

TOP TIP

LEAVE LONG
YARN ENDS FOR
ANY PARTS
THAT REQUIRE
ASSEMBLY



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to end. Six sts
Row 32: p
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

SCARF

Using 3mm needles and Sparkly Red cast on five sts and k until piece meas 18cm
Cast off

TREE

Using 3mm needles and Jolly Green cast on 12 sts
Row 1 (WS) and every odd-numbered row: p
Row 2: (k1, kfb) three times, (kfb, k1) three times. 18 sts
Row 4: (k2, kfb) three times, (kfb, k2) three times. 24 sts
Rows 6-11: k
Row 12: (k4, k2tog)

to end. 20 sts
Rows 13-15: k
Row 16: (k3, k2tog) to end. 16 sts
Rows 17-19: k
Row 20: (k2, k2tog) to end. 12 sts
Rows 21-23: k
Row 24: (k2, k2tog) to end. Nine sts
Rows 25-27: k
Row 28: (k1, k2tog) to end. Six sts
Row 29: k
Row 30: (k2tog) to end. Three sts

Row 31: k
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

bobble

Note: make as many as you like
Using 3mm needles and Joyful Pink or Happy Blue cast on five sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread

tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off
Sew both ends tog to make into bobble

trunk

Using 3mm needles and Dark Brown cast on ten sts
Row 1 (WS): p
Row 2: k
Row 3 (edge): k
Rows 4-8: starting with a k row work

in st st
Row 9 (edge): k
Row 10: k
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

BELT

Using 3mm needles and Cheery Orange cast on two sts and k until piece meas 11cm
Cast off



to make up

Thread tapestry needle with yarn at cast-on end of Legs and Body. Fold hind Leg in half lengthways and close tip by working gathering thread. Using overcast st, sew hind Leg to top of Leg and cont sewing to attach one tummy flap to cast-on edge. Join another strand from other end and rep for other Leg. Connect flap ends tog on underside and fold rem cast-on edge outwards. Sew cast-on edge tog to make an allowance for bottom. Sew front Legs in same way, joining strands and working from tip to centre. Connect tummy flaps at chest and sew rest of chest. Stuff Legs and Body and close tummy seam. Seam tail. Attach Tail to Body. With fastened-off yarn end of Head, sew seam halfway. With cast-on yarn end, work gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw tightly. Sew up seam a little further, stuff, and close seam. Attach Ears to Head. Attach eyes. With dark brown DK, embroider nose and mouth. Sew Head to Body. With cast-on yarn end of Tree, work gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw tightly. Sew seam halfway. With fastened-off yarn end, sew down seam, stuff, and close seam. Seam and stuff Trunk. Attach to Tree, attaching to base of tree by ridge row. Sew on Bobbles. Sew short edges of Belt tog. Seam Hat. To make fringes to Scarf, cut Sparkly Red to 8cm, fold in centre and thread both strands into needle eye. Insert needle from back of edge and take out loop, leaving yarn ends on back of Scarf. Release loop from needle, take yarn ends through loop and pull ends tightly. Rep four times and trim. Rep for other end of Scarf. Weave in all ends

SHOP THE TREND!



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SIZE

Pumpkin
height: 7cm
Oak Leaf
length: 8cm
Rowan Leaf
length: 8.5cm
Maple Leaf
height: 7.5cm



Take the
next step

PUMPKIN

Using 3mm hook and Chirpy 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

Change to Cheery Orange

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

Rnds 8-16: 1dc in each st to end. Insert safety eyes between Rnds 9-10, approx three sts apart

Rnd 17: (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 42 sts

Rnd 18: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 19: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

Note: stuff as you go

Rnd 20: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 21: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Change to Chirpy Brown

Rnd 22: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 23: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts. Fasten off

stem

Using 3mm hook and Chirpy 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

Rnds 3-4: 1dc in each st to end. Fasten off, leaving a long tail

leaf

Using 3mm hook and Jolly Green make 12ch

Row 1: 3dc in each st to end. 36 sts. Fasten off, leaving a long tail

OAK LEAF

Using 3mm hook and Chirpy Brown make 13ch

Rnd 1: 2tr in fourth ch from hook, 3tr, 3htr, 2dc, 3dc in last st, work down beg foundation ch as folls: 2dc, 3htr, 3tr, 2tr in last st, join with a sl st to top of beg ch. 24 sts

Rnd 2: * (3ch, 2tr) in next st, three

sl sts *, rep from * to * three times, one sl st, 5ch (for stalk), sl st in second ch from hook and in next 3ch, four sl sts on leaf, rep from * to * three times, join with a sl st to top of beg 3ch. Fasten off

ROWAN LEAF

Using 3mm hook and Jolly Green make 15ch

Row 1: 2tr in fourth ch from hook, 4tr, 3htr, 3dc, one sl st, 2ch, sl sl down beg foundation ch, 3dc, 3htr, 4tr, 2tr in last st, one sl st, 5ch (for stalk), sl st in second ch from hook and in next 3ch, sl st back onto Leaf to join. Fasten off

MAPLE LEAF

Using 3mm hook and Sparkly Red make a magic ring, 3ch, work 11tr into

ring, join with a sl st to top of beg 3ch. 12 sts

Rnd 1: (3ch, 1tr) in next st, 2tr in each st to end, join with a sl st to top of beg 3ch. 24 sts

Rnd 2: 1ch, * 1dc, (3tr, picot [see Skill Up], 3tr) in next st, 1dc, two sl sts *, 1dc, (3tr, picot, 3tr) in next st, 1dc, one sl st, 1htr, (3dtr, picot, 3dtr) in next st, 1htr, one sl st, rep from * to * twice, 2htr, one sl st, 5ch (for stalk), sl st in second ch from hook and in next 3ch, working back on Leaf, join with a sl st. Fasten off

to make up

Use Joyful Pink to embroider cheeks under eyes on Pumpkin. Embroider mouth with black embroidery yarn on Rnd 12. Sew Pumpkin closed. With Cheery Orange, take yarn through centre of Pumpkin and around outside, wrap yarn around twice, pulling it taut to shape Pumpkin into segments. Tie in secure knot at the top. Rep to create five equal segments in total. Sew Stem and Leaf to top of Pumpkin. Weave in all ends



SKILL UP!

Picot st: Picots are created by chaining the number of stitches called for in the pattern, then working a slip stitch in the indicated st. In this instance, make 3ch, sl st to base of preceding st

Pumpkin patch

Grab your hook and have a really *gourd* time with these all-new patterns

Well, we reckon our pumpkin would be popped into a wheelbarrow sharpish! The amigurumi design by **HEATHER GIBBS** is ultra cute and a fun one to whip up. Take your time dividing up the segments and make sure the yarn is really secure. We've also thrown in three autumn leaves for you to make, so you can really set the scene this season.





YOU WILL NEED

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YARN

Scheepjes Stone
Washed/River
Washed Colour
Pack, 58 10g
balls

PLUS

4mm hook,
tapestry needle

SIZE

25cm x 195cm



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beginners

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granny hexie

Make 116

Note: change colour on each rnd and use Join As You Go method on Rnd 3. Join hexies as per diagram

Rnd 1: 4ch, starting in fourth ch from hook, 1tr, 1ch, (2tr, 1ch) five times, join with a sl st to first ch. 12 sts

Rnd 2: sl st across to 1ch-sp, (3ch, 1tr, 1ch, 2tr, 1ch) in 1ch-sp, (2tr, 1ch, 2tr, 1ch) in next 1ch-sp to end, join with a sl st to third ch. 24 sts

Rnd 3: sl st across to 1ch-sp, (3ch, 1tr, 1ch, 2tr, 1ch) in 1ch-sp, 2tr in next 1ch-sp, 1ch, ([2tr, 1ch, 2tr, 1ch] in next 1ch-sp, 2tr in next 1ch-sp, 1ch) to end, join with a sl st to third ch. 36 sts

half hexie

Make 32

Note: work each row from RS and

join Half Hexies to scarf last

Row 1: 4ch, starting in fourth ch from hook, 1tr, 1ch, 2tr, 1ch, 2tr. Six sts

Row 2: starting in top of 3ch, 3ch, 1tr in same st, 1ch, (2tr, 1ch, 2tr, 1ch) in next 1ch-sp, (2tr, 1ch, 2tr, 1ch) in next 1ch-sp, 1ch, 2tr in last st.

12 sts

Row 3: sl st in 1ch-sp of hexie to right of where you are joining, then continue JAYG: 2tr in top of 3ch, 1ch,

2tr in next 1ch-sp, (2tr, 1ch, 2tr, 1ch) in next 1ch-sp, 2tr in next 1ch-sp, 1ch, (2tr, 1ch, 2tr, 1ch) in next 1ch-sp, 2tr in next 1ch-sp, 1ch, 2tr

in last st. 18 sts
Fasten off

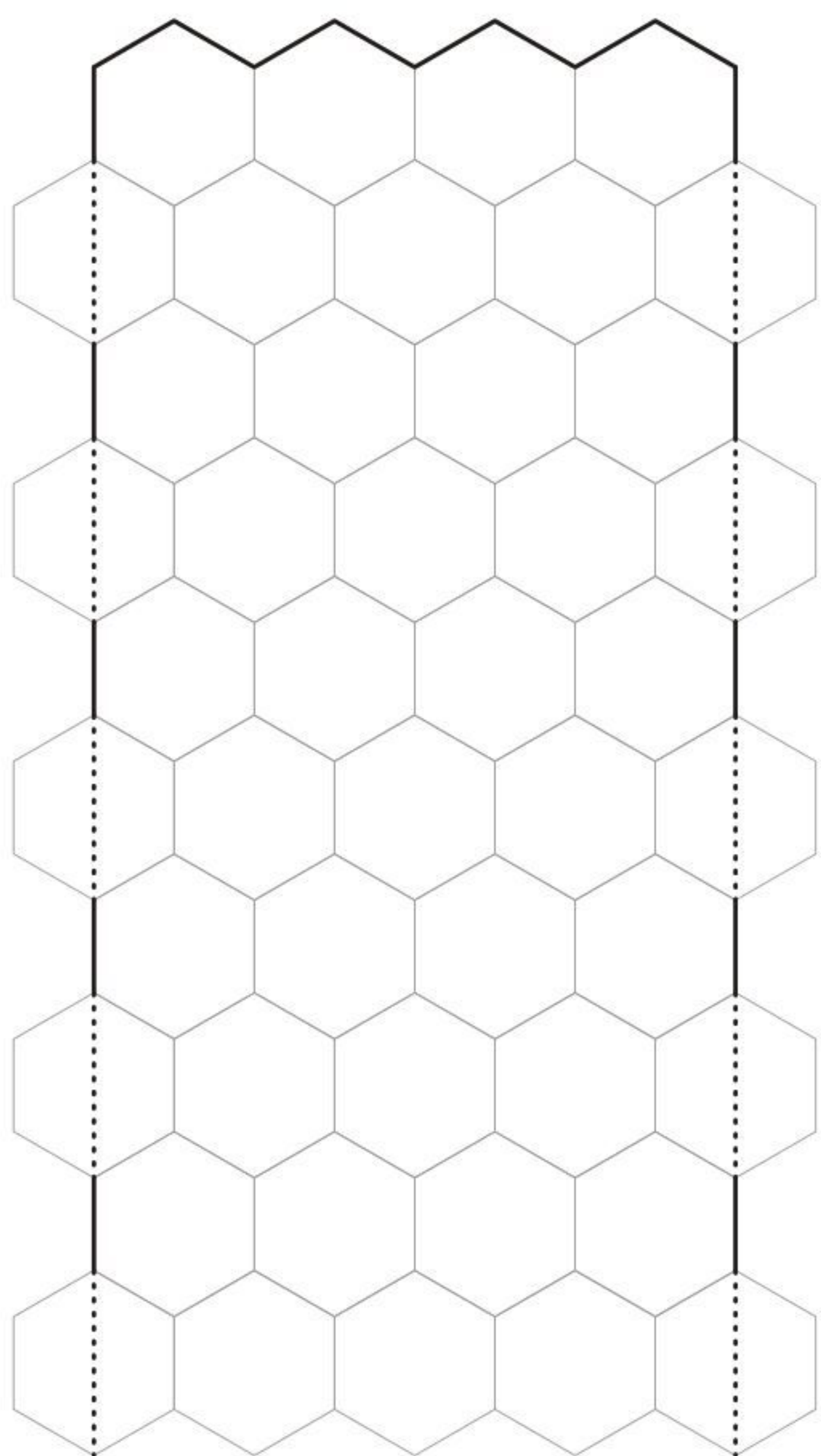
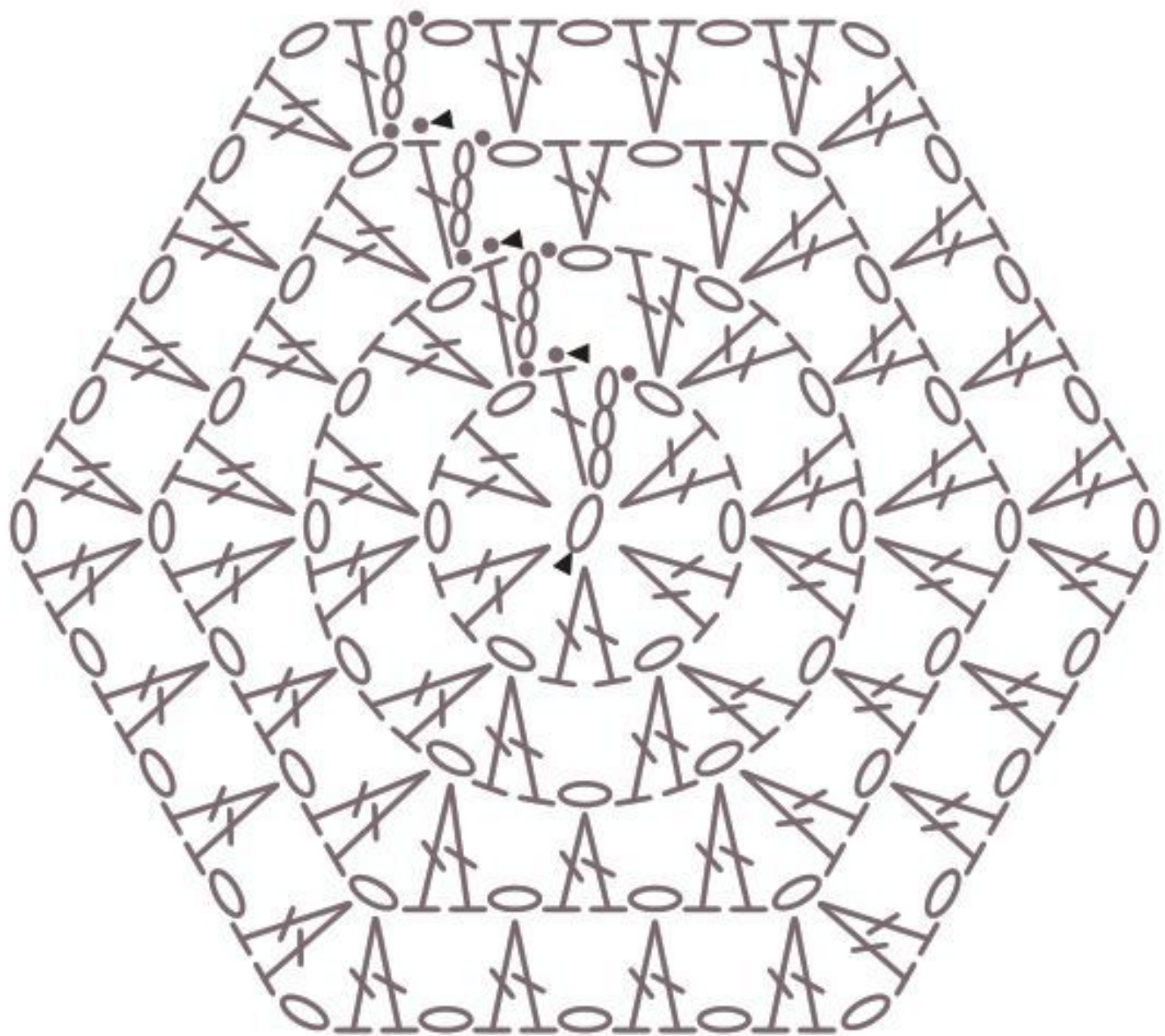
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Weave in all ends

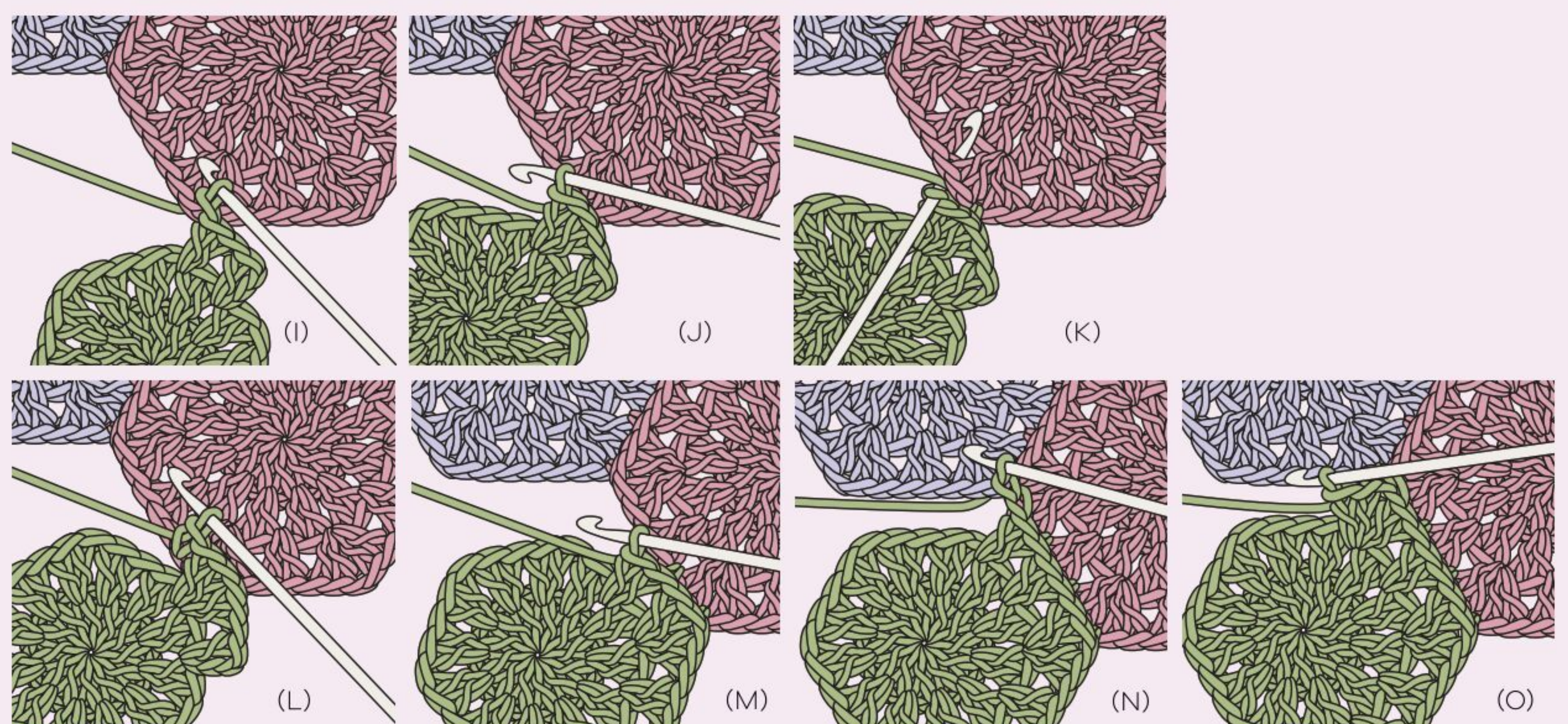


This pattern has been adapted from *Hello Hexie!* by Sarah Shrimpton (£14.99, David & Charles) davidandcharles.com

The diagram shows a triangular lattice structure. The top vertex is labeled 'RTS'. The bottom vertex is labeled 'RTS'. The lattice is composed of a series of interconnected triangles, with each vertex labeled 'RTS'. The lattice is oriented with one vertex pointing upwards and the other two pointing downwards.

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Make first half of sts into vertex of current hexie, insert hook from right to left into vertex of hexie you are joining to, yoh and pull yarn through vertex and loop on hook, i.e work a sl st (I). Complete sts in vertex of original hexie (J). Insert hook into sp between cluster on second hexie as shown (K). Yoh and complete a double crochet st (L). Complete next cluster of sts in original hexie (M). Rep steps K, L and M along edge until you reach next vertex, then complete first half of sts in original hexie, sl st into vertex of hexie you are joining to, then sl st into vertex of next hexie to join to (N). Complete first half of sts in vertex of original hexie (O). Rep from step 1 around edges to be joined



YOU WILL NEED

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YARN

Yarn: Rico Essentials Mega Wool Chunky:
(A) shade 005 Orange, 1 (2, 2) 100g ball(s),
(B) shade 006 Mustard, 1 (2, 2) 100g ball(s)

PLUS

5.5mm 40cm circular needle, five 5.5mm double-pointed needles, stitch markers, pom-pom (optional), tapestry needle

SIZE

Hat size: S (M, L)
Fits head circumference (cm): 51-53 (53-56, 56-61)

TENSION SQUARE

15 sts x 24 rows
10cm x 10cm
Stocking stitch
5.5mm needles



Take the next step

SMALL WEAVE HAT brim

Using 5.5mm circular needles and Yarn A cast on 64 (68, 72) sts, join to work in rnd being careful not to twist sts, pm for beg of rnd
Rnds 1-8: (k1tbl, p1) to end
Work inc round for your size as follows:

first size only

Inc rnd: k2, (m1,

k4) 15 times, m1, k2. 80 (-, -) sts

second & third sizes

Inc rnd: k2, (m1, k5) -, (2, 4) times, (m1, k4) -, (11, 7) times, (m1, k5) -, (2, 4) times, m1, k2. - (84, 88) sts

body

Next rnd: k to end
Commence main patt as folls:

Rnd 1: (k3, p1) to end
Rnd 2 and every even-numbered row: k all k sts and p all p sts as they appear
Rnd 3: (k3tog but do not drop sts from LH needle, yfwd, k3tog again and drop sts from LH needle, p1) to end

Rnd 5: (k1, p1, k2) to end
Rnd 7: (p1, k3tog but do not drop sts from LH needle, yfwd, k3tog again and drop sts from LH needle) to end

Rnd 8: rep Rnd 2
Rep Rnds 1-8 until approx 2.5cm before desired height or until work meas 23 (25, 27) cm from cast-on edge

decrease for crown

Note: switch to shorter circular needle or DPNs when required
Rnd 1: (k2tog) to end. 40 (42, 44) sts
Rnd 2: k to end
Rnd 3: (k2tog) to end. 20 (21, 22) sts
Rnd 4: k to end
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

to make up

Weave in all ends. Stitch pom-pom of choice to top of crown

BIG WAVES HAT brim

Using 5.5mm circular needle and Yarn B cast on 60 (68, 76) sts, join to work in rnd being careful not to twist sts, pm for beg of rnd
Rnds 1-8: (k1, p1) to end
Work inc round for your size as folls:

first size only

Inc rnd: k1, (m1, k3) 19 times, m1, k2. 80 (-, -) sts



second size

Inc rnd: k1, (m1, k3) six times, (m1, k2) 15 times, (m1, k3) six times, m1, k1. - (96, -) sts

third size

Inc rnd: k2, (m1, k3) twice, (m1, k4) 15

times, (m1, k3) twice, m1, k2. - (-, 96) sts

body

Next rnd: k to end
Commence main patt as folls:

Rnd 1: (k10, p2, k2, p2) to end
Rnd 2: (k2, p6, [k2, p2] twice) to end

Rnds 3-8: rep Rnds 1-2 three times

Rnd 9: ([k2, p2] twice, k8) to end

Rnd 10: ([k2, p2] twice, k2, p6) to end

Rnds 11-16: rep Rnds 9-10 three times
Rep Rnds 1-16 until



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SMALL WEAVE HAT

approx 2.5cm
before desired
height or until
work meas 23 (25,
27) cm from
cast-on edge

decrease for crown

Note: switch to
shorter circular
needle or DPNS
when required

Rnd 1: (k2tog) to
end. 40 (48, 48) sts

Rnd 2: k to end

Rnd 3: (k2tog) to
end. 20 (24, 24) sts

Rnd 4: k to end

Rnd 5: (k2tog) to
end. 10 (12, 12) sts

Rnd 6: k to end
Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread
tail onto tapestry
needle and thread
through rem sts,
fasten off

to make up

Weave in all ends.
Stitch pom-pom of
choice to top
of crown

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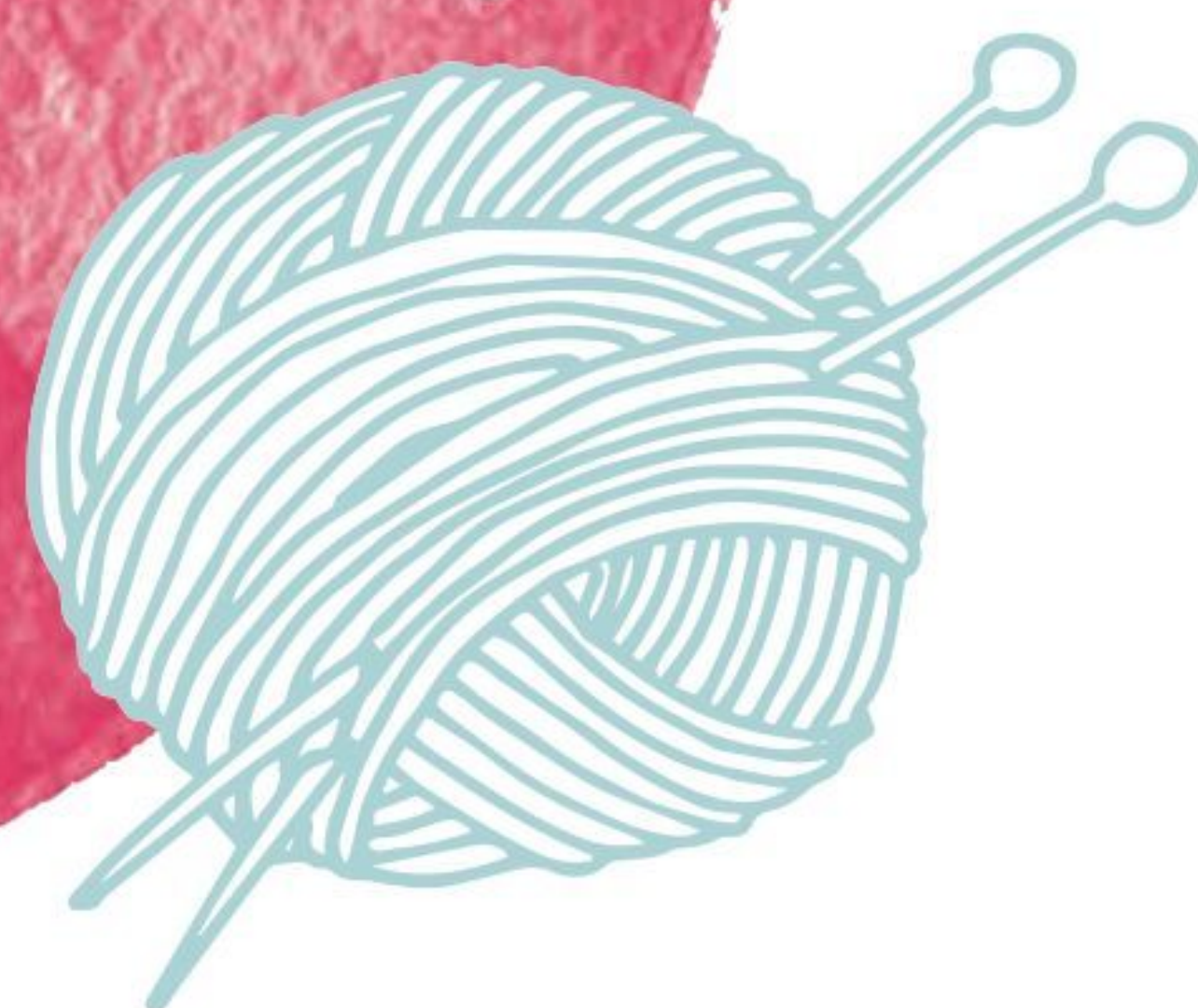
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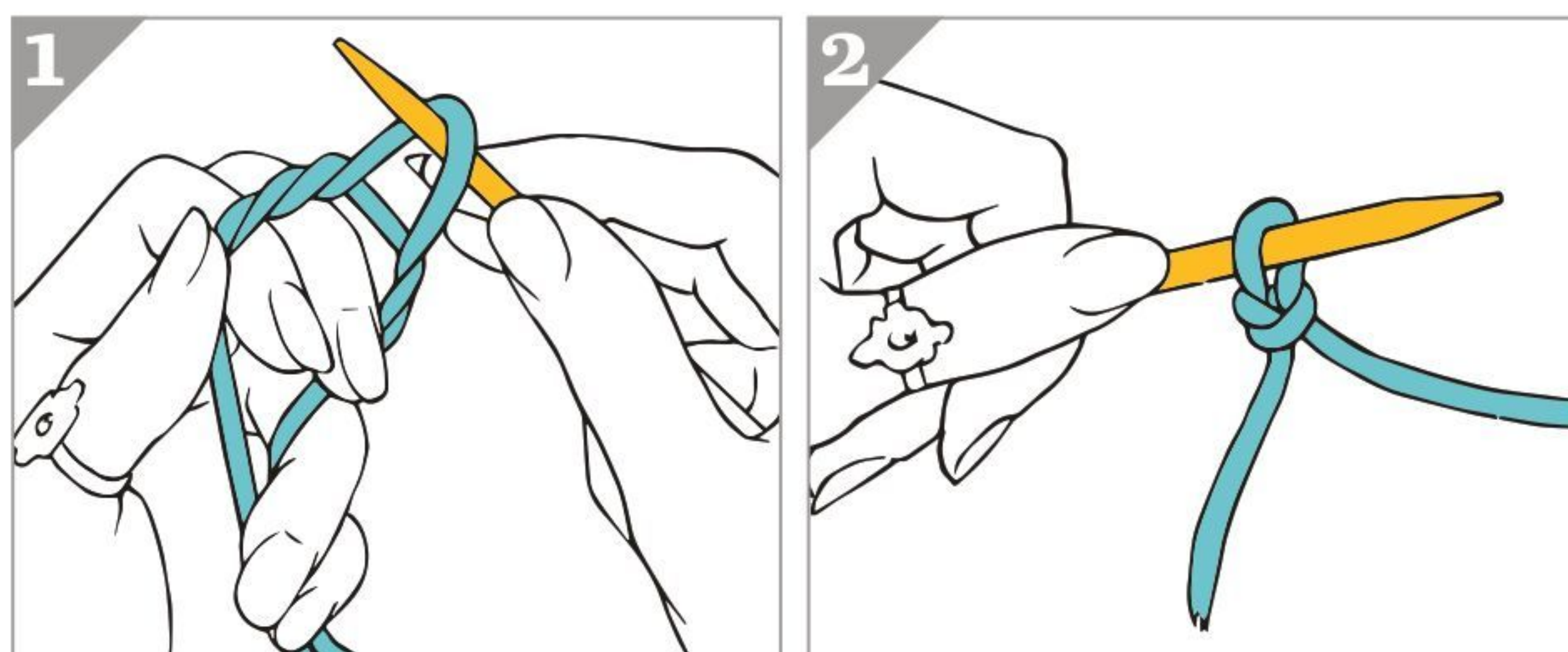
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slip knot

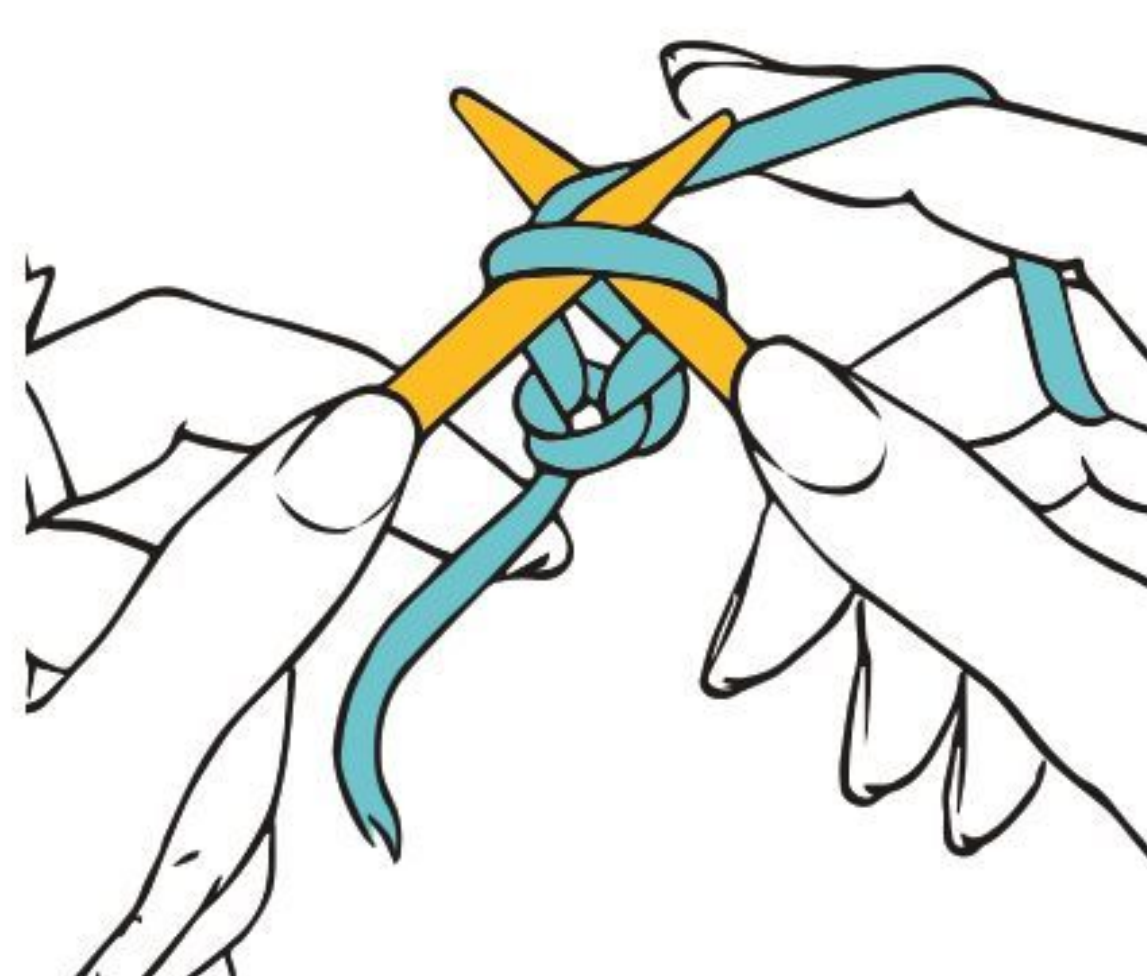
You need to make a slip knot on your needle before casting on. It counts as your first cast-on stitch



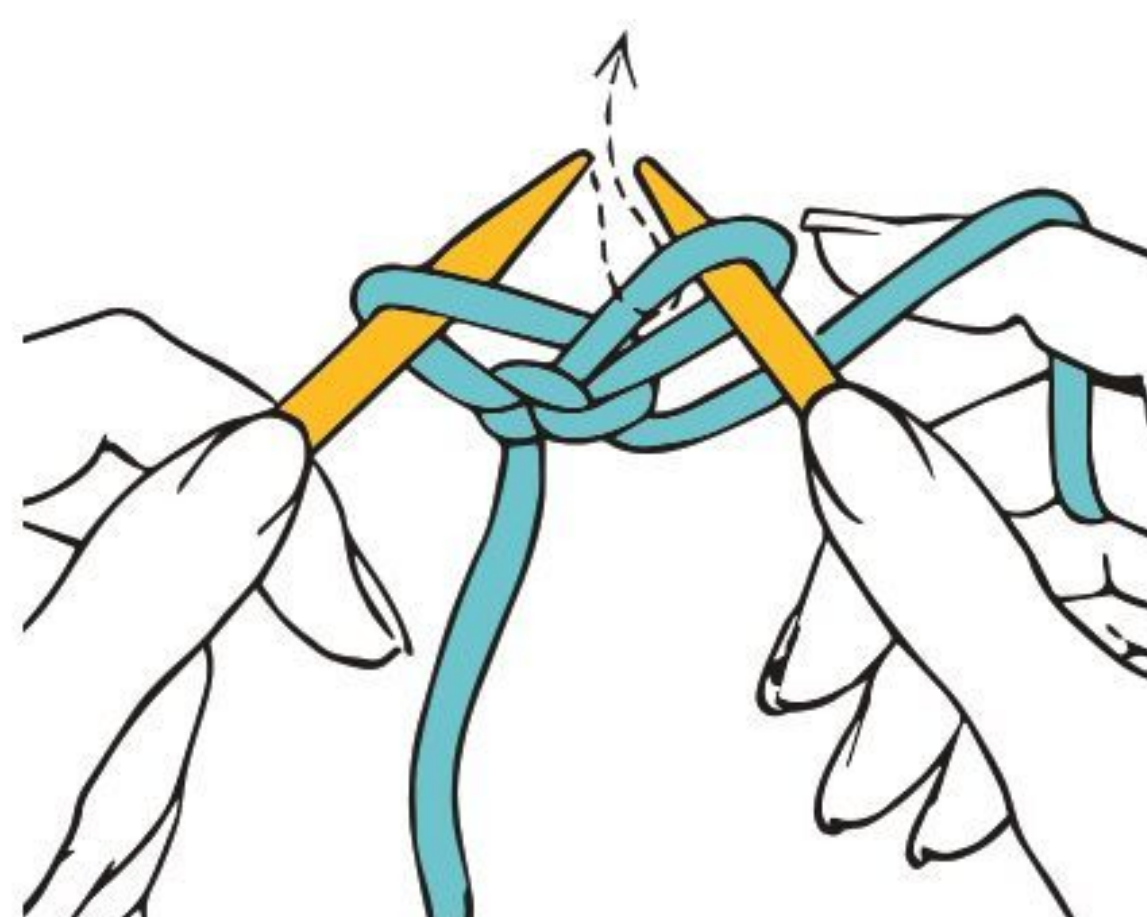
- 1 Hold the yarn under your left thumb, wrap it twice around your left index and middle fingers, with the second loop closer to the base of the fingers. With the backs of the fingers uppermost, insert the tip of the needle beneath the first loop and over the second, then pull the second loop under the 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.



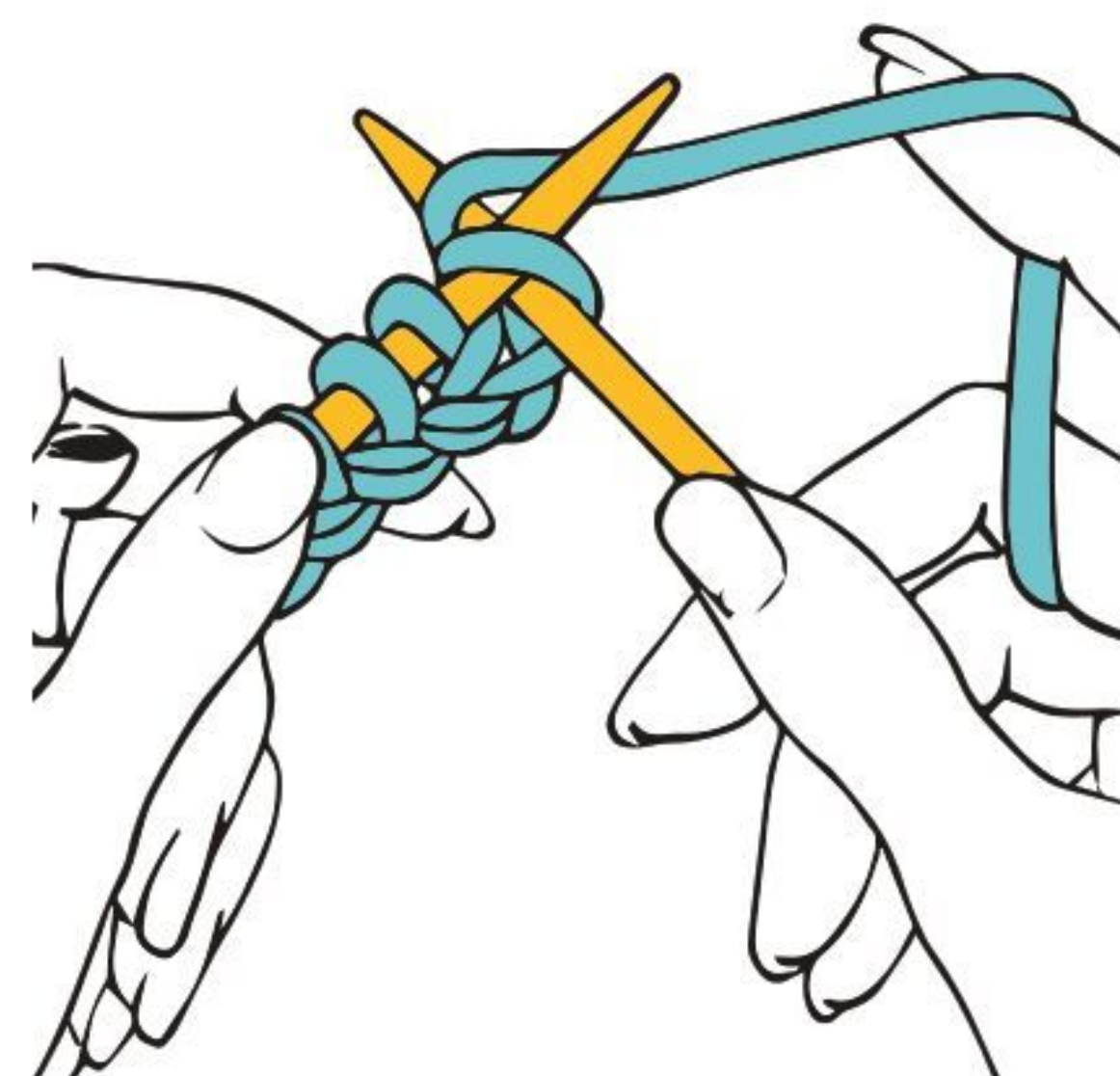
- 2 Pull the loop that forms back through the original stitch and insert the tip of the LH needle into the new stitch from underneath to transfer from the RH to LH needle. There should now be two stitches on the LH needle.



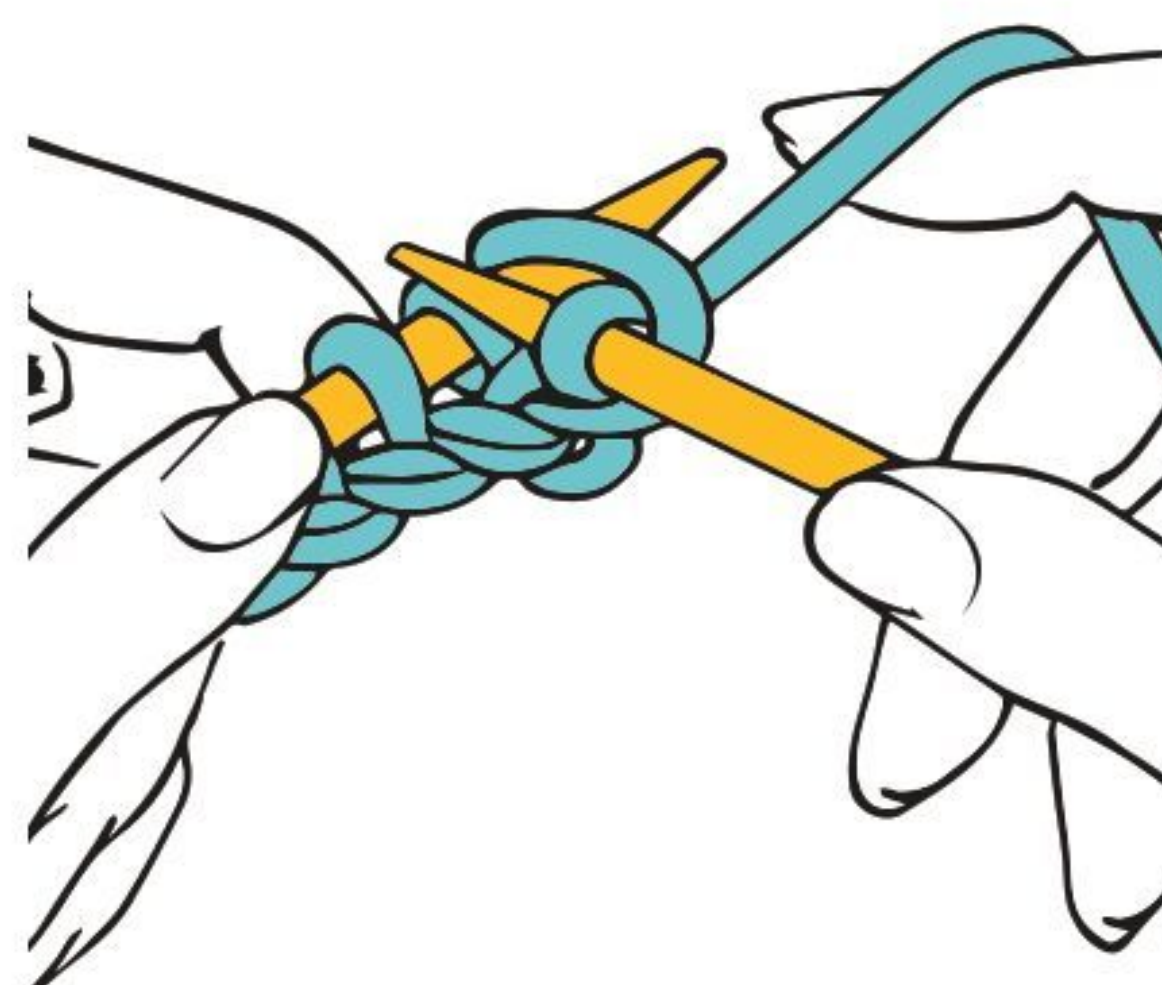
- 3 Repeat the above steps, knitting into the top stitch on the LH needle and returning the new stitches from the RH to the LH needle until you have the required number of stitches.

knit stitch (k)

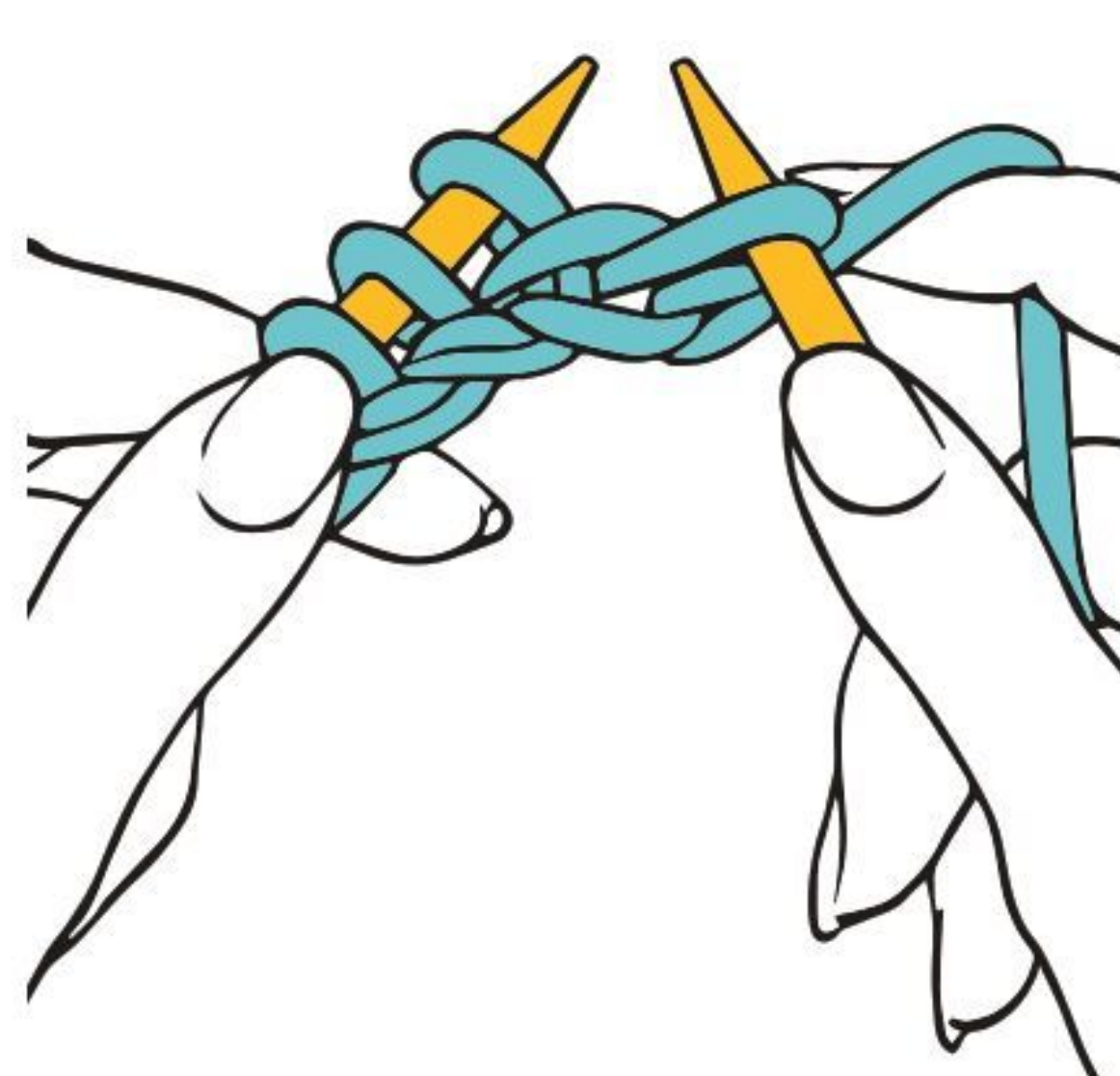
Also known as garter stitch, the knit stitch is the foundation of knitting



- 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.



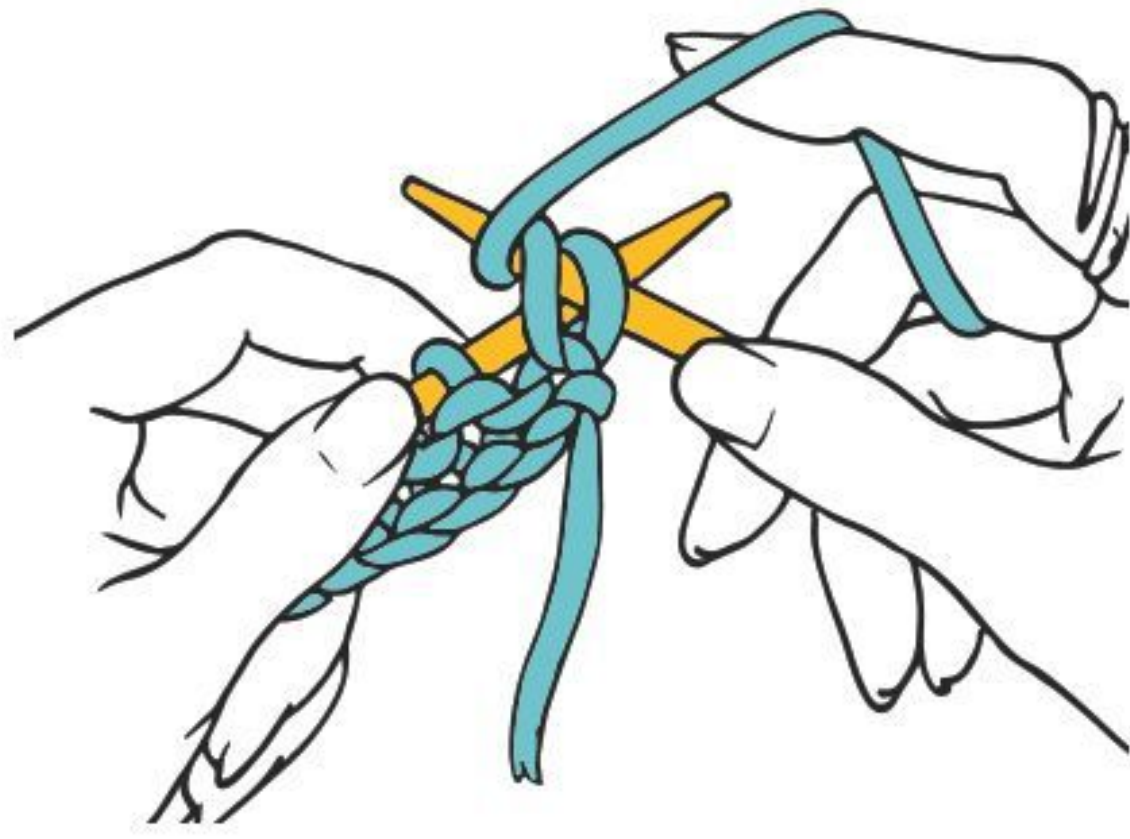
- 2 Using the RH needle, pull a loop of the wrapped yarn through the original stitch to create a new one on the RH needle.



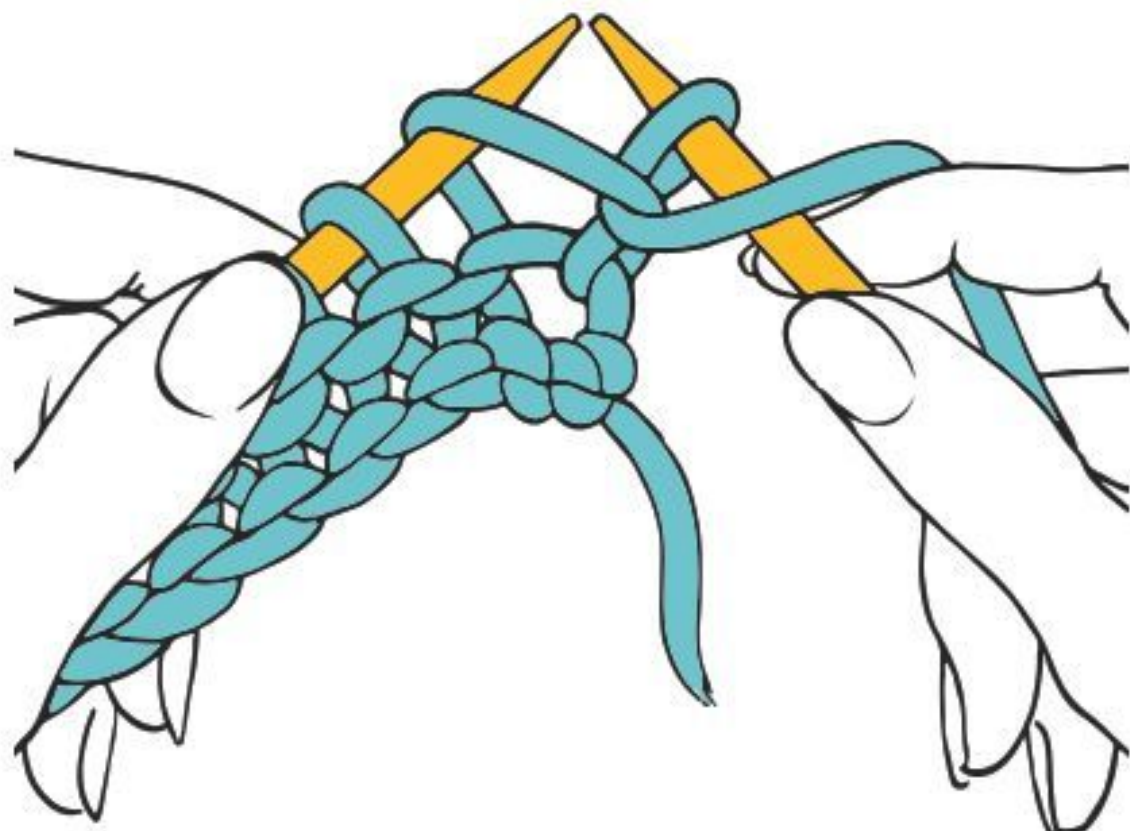
- 3 Slide the original stitch off the LH needle. Repeat from step 1.

purl stitch (p)

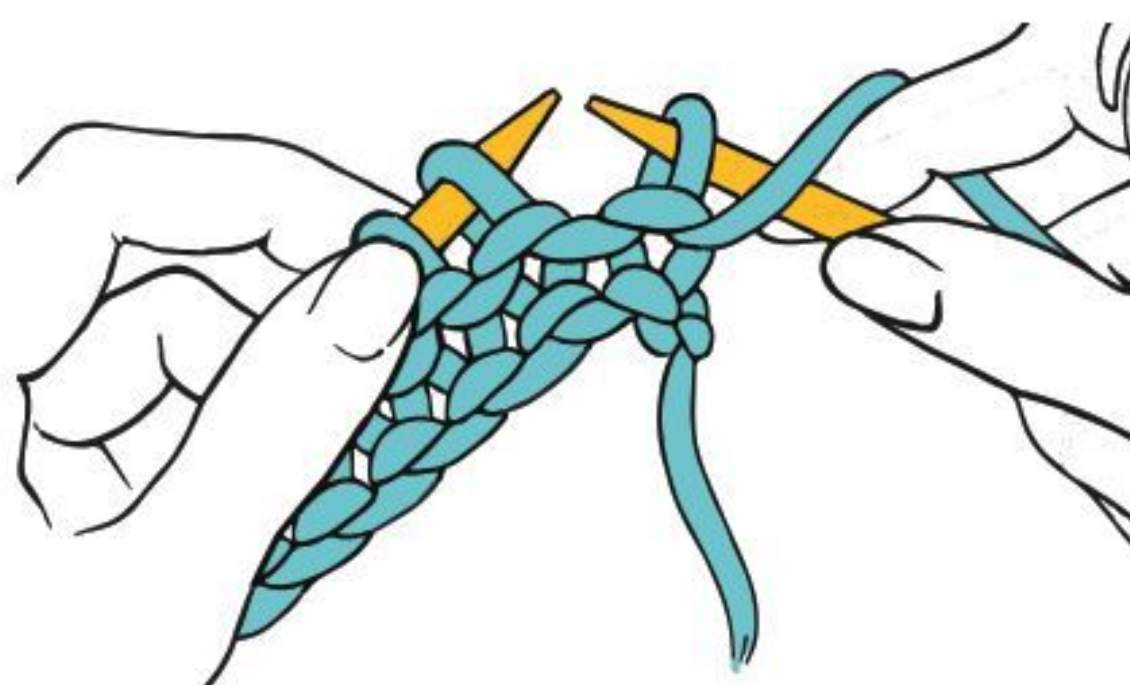
Most frequently seen paired with the knit stitch to create different stitch patterns like stocking stitch and ribbing



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.

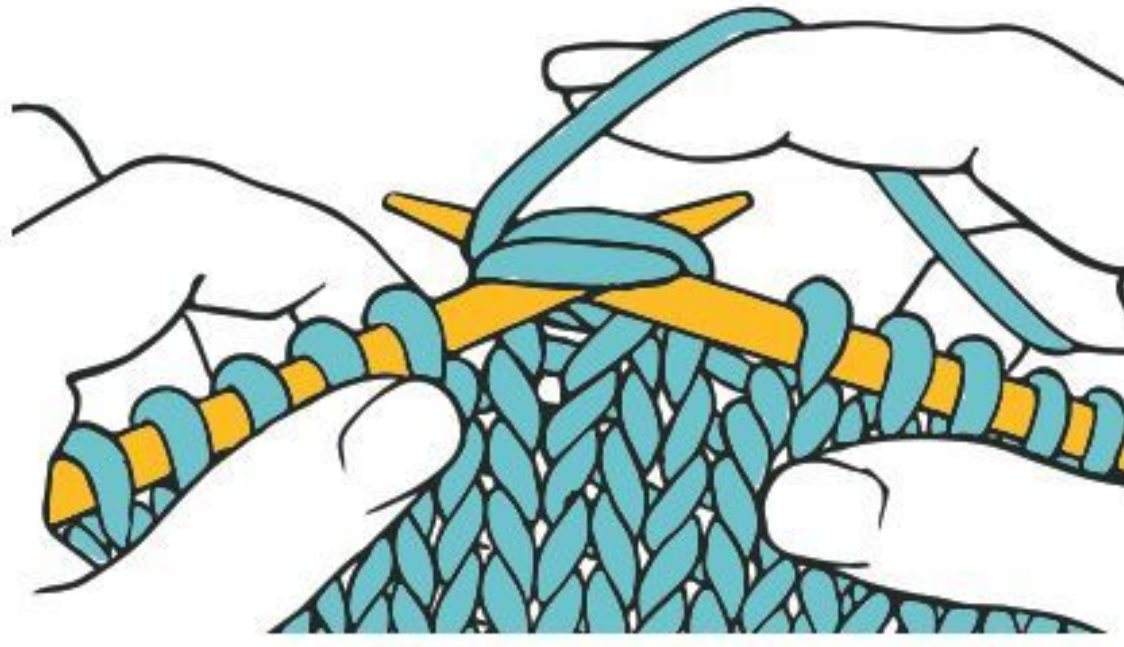


3 Once the new stitch has been formed on the RH needle you can let the loop from the LH needle slide off the end. Repeat until all the stitches have been purled and you have completed the row.

INCREASING & DECREASING

knit two together (k2tog)

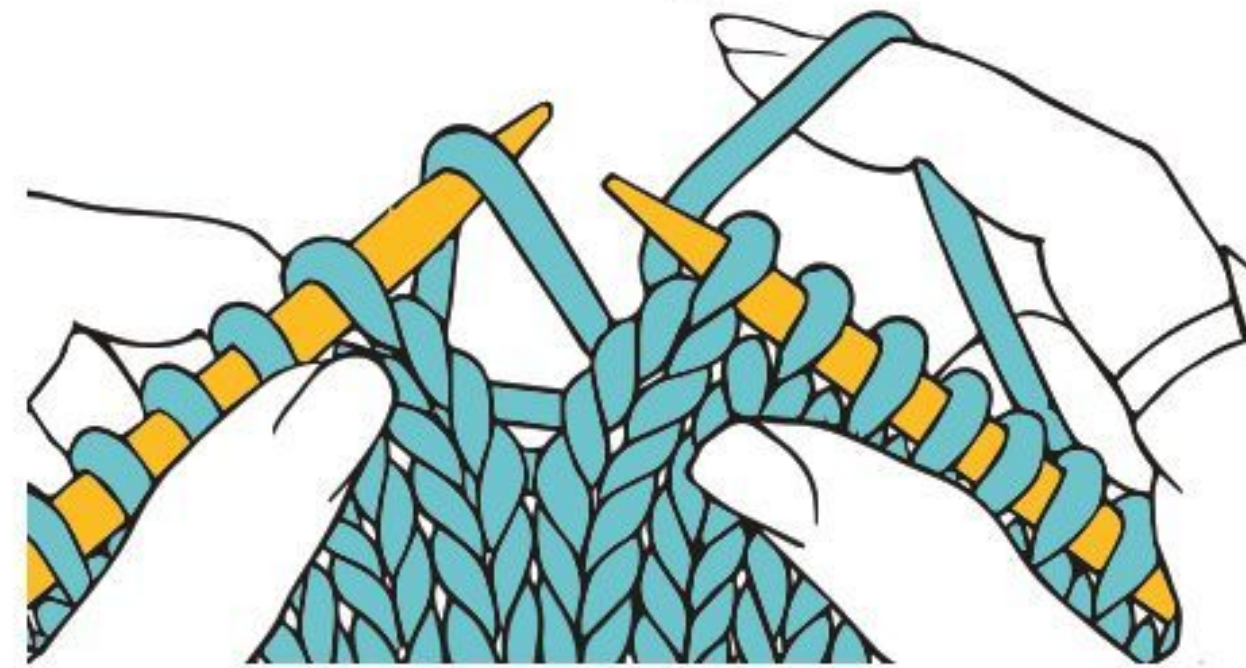
Decrease two stitches to one by knitting them together



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).

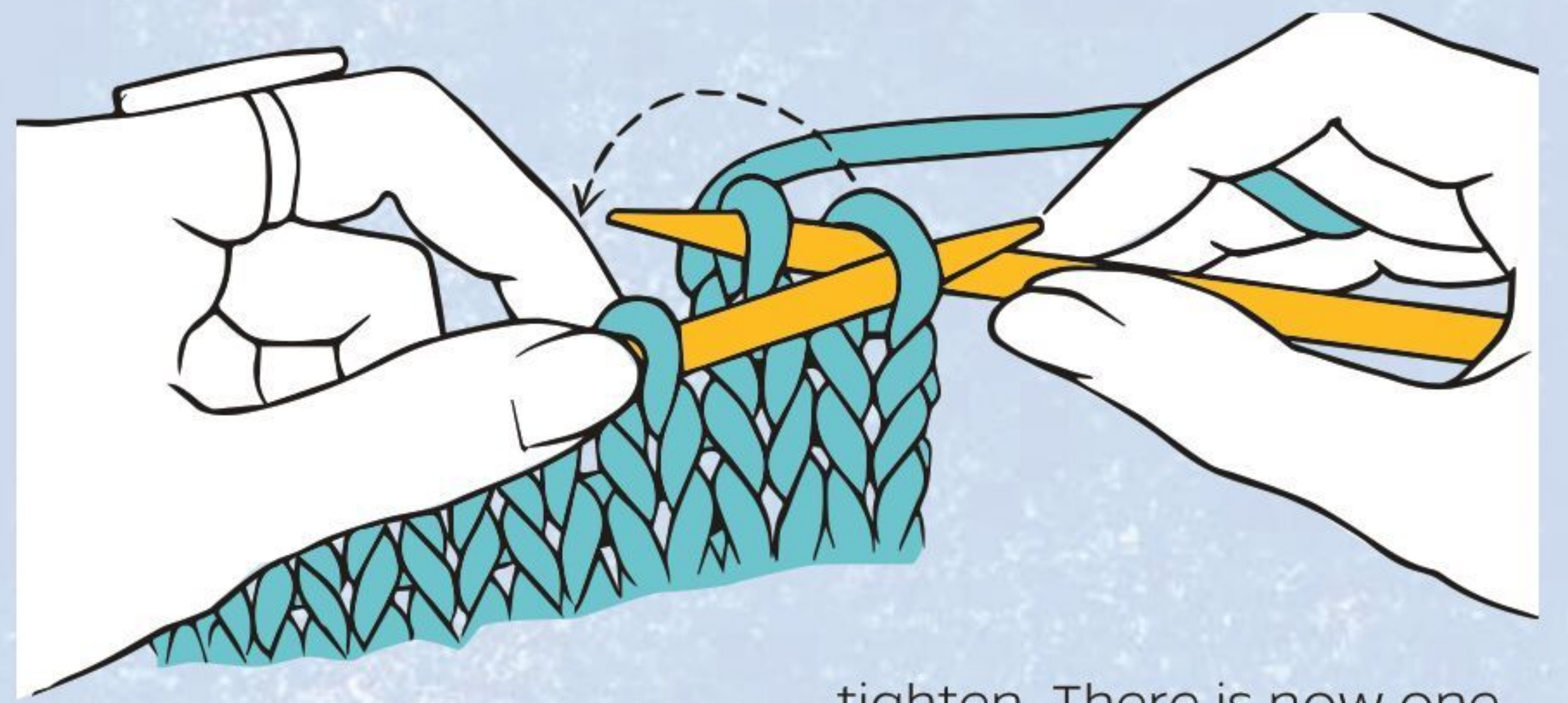


2 Push the RH needle into the back part of the loop that now lies over the LH needle and knit this stitch. You will now have an additional stitch on the RH needle.

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



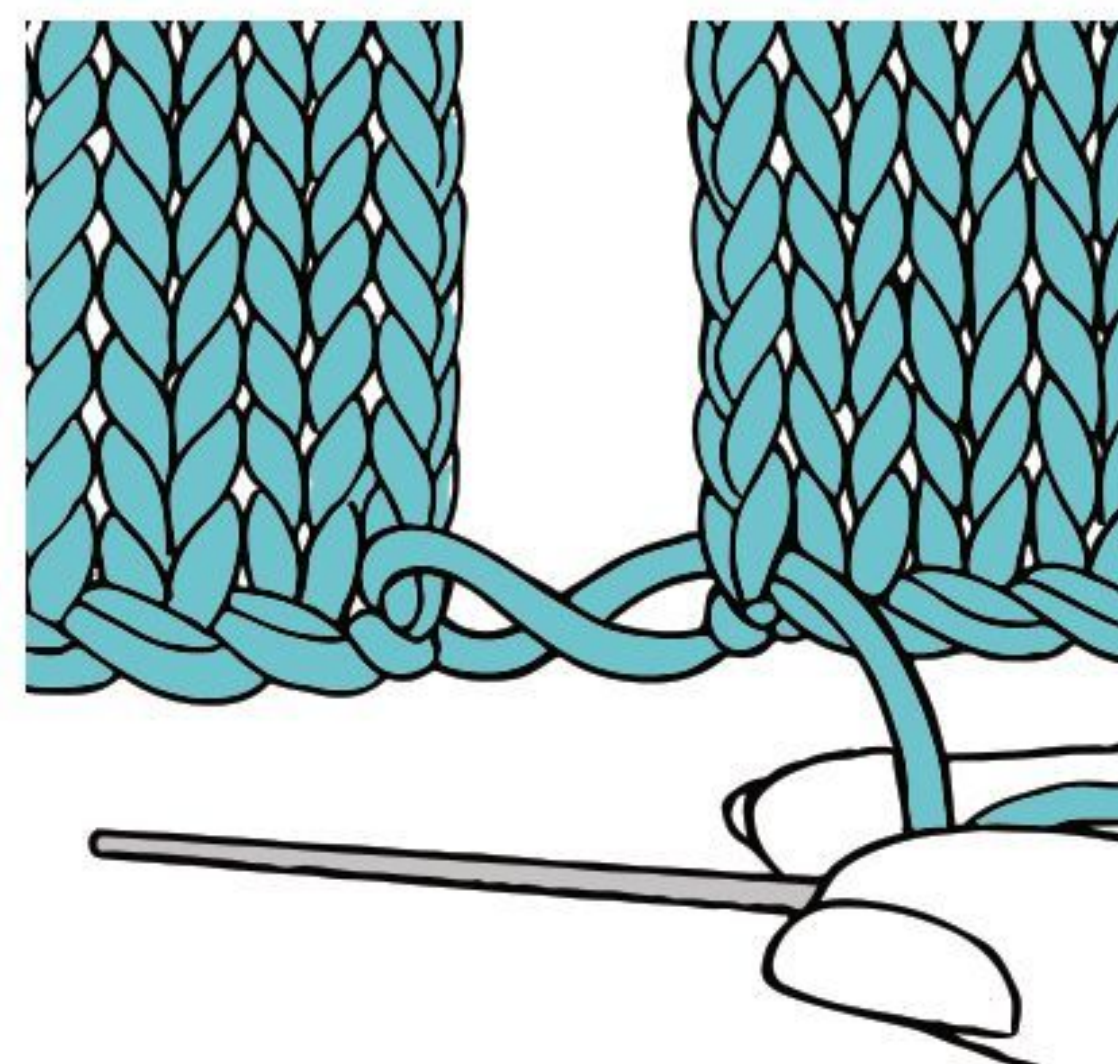
1 Knit two stitches as normal. Insert the tip of the LH needle into the second stitch on the RH needle (the stitch closest to you). Carefully lift it up and over the top stitch, dropping it off the tip of the RH needle and pulling the yarn to

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

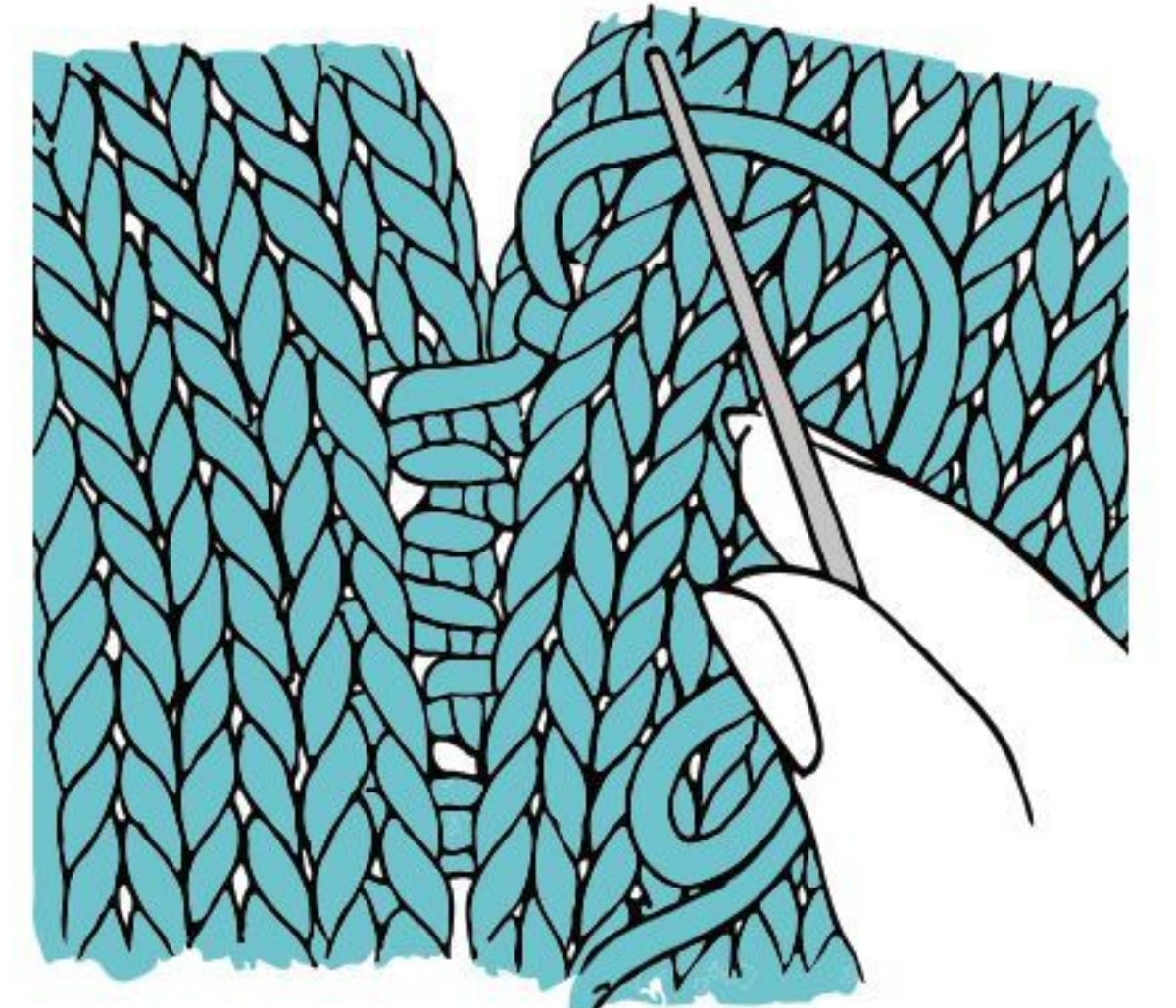
How to start sewing up your project



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
foll: 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

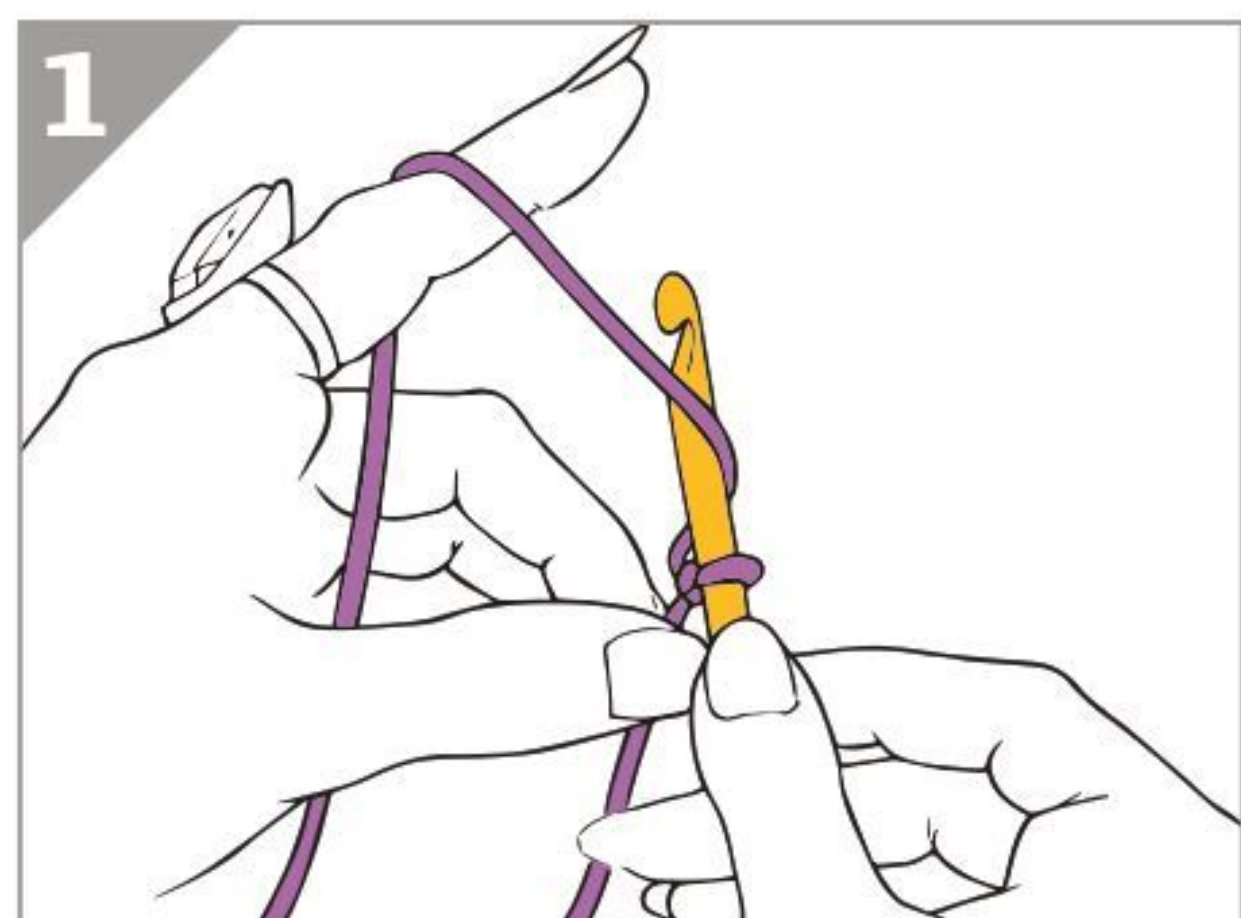
knitwise, put left-hand needle through front loops of both slipped stitches and knit them together
st(s): stitch(es)
st st: stocking stitch (knit one row, purl one row)
tbl: through back loop
tog: together
tr: treble
WS: wrong side
wyib: with yarn

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)
yn: yarn round needle (between purl stitches and between a knit and a purl stitch)

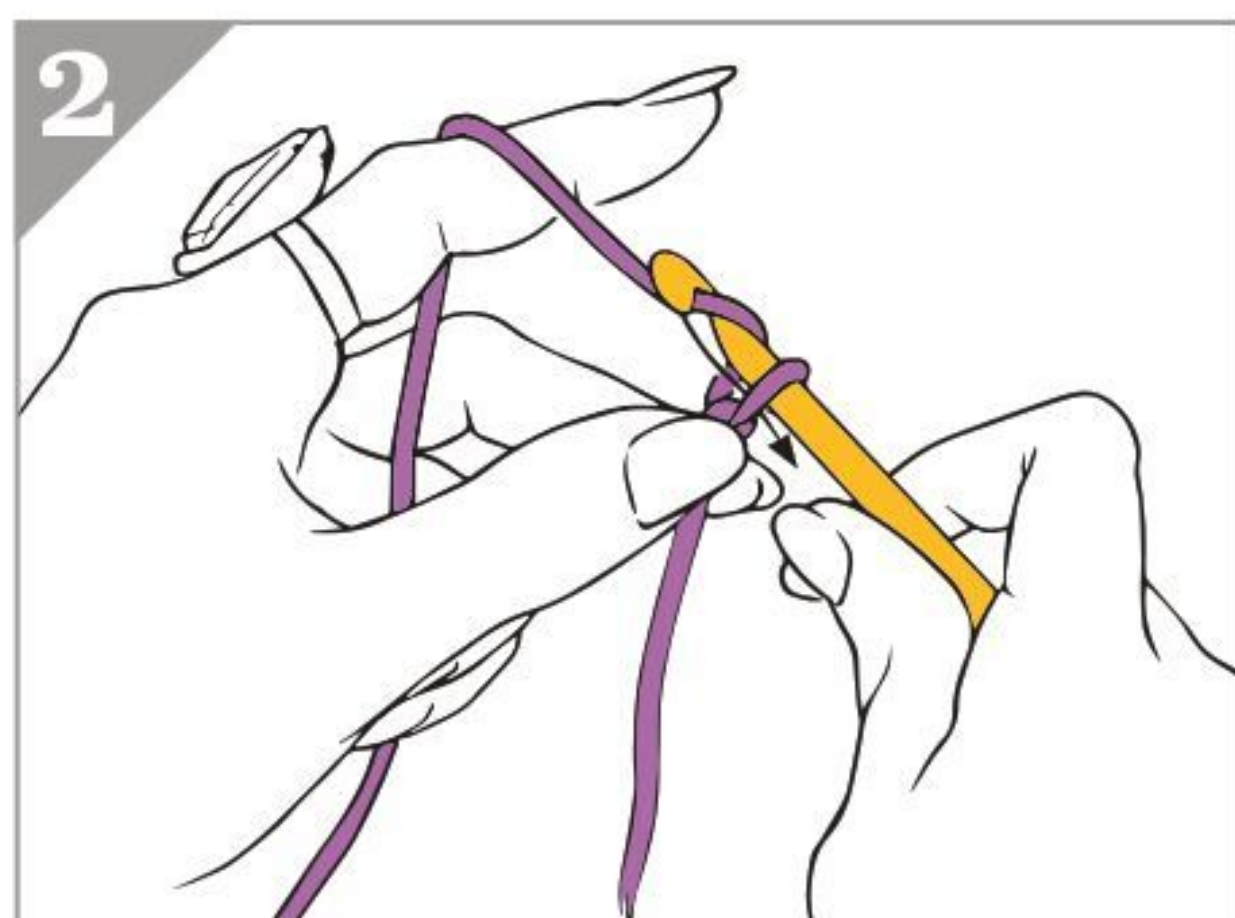
A stylized illustration of a ball of pink yarn with a pink knitting needle. The yarn is depicted with many parallel lines, and the needle is a simple, straight line with a small hook at the end. The background is a light blue and white pattern.



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



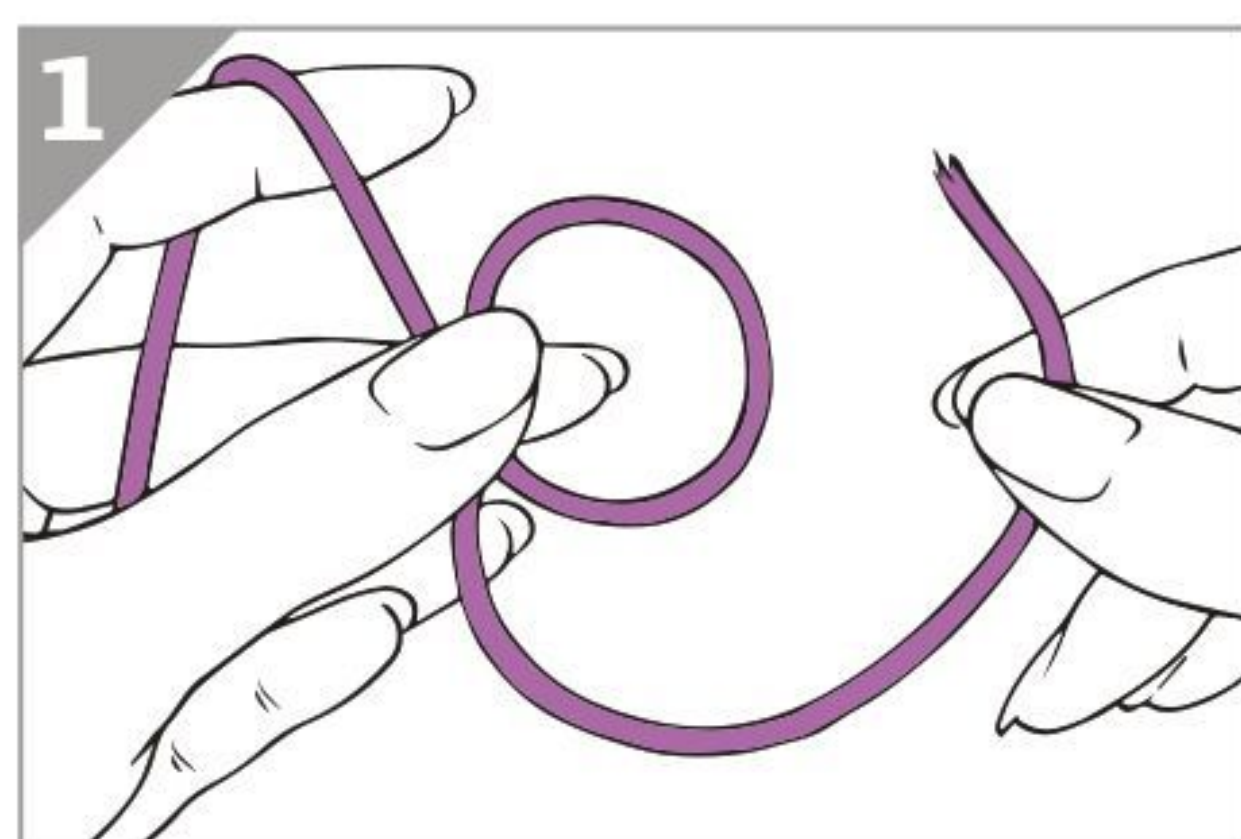
1 Make a slip knot and put it on the neck of the hook – don't pull it too tight or it will be difficult to stitch with. Coming from behind, wrap the yarn around the hook from right to left, across the 'neck'.



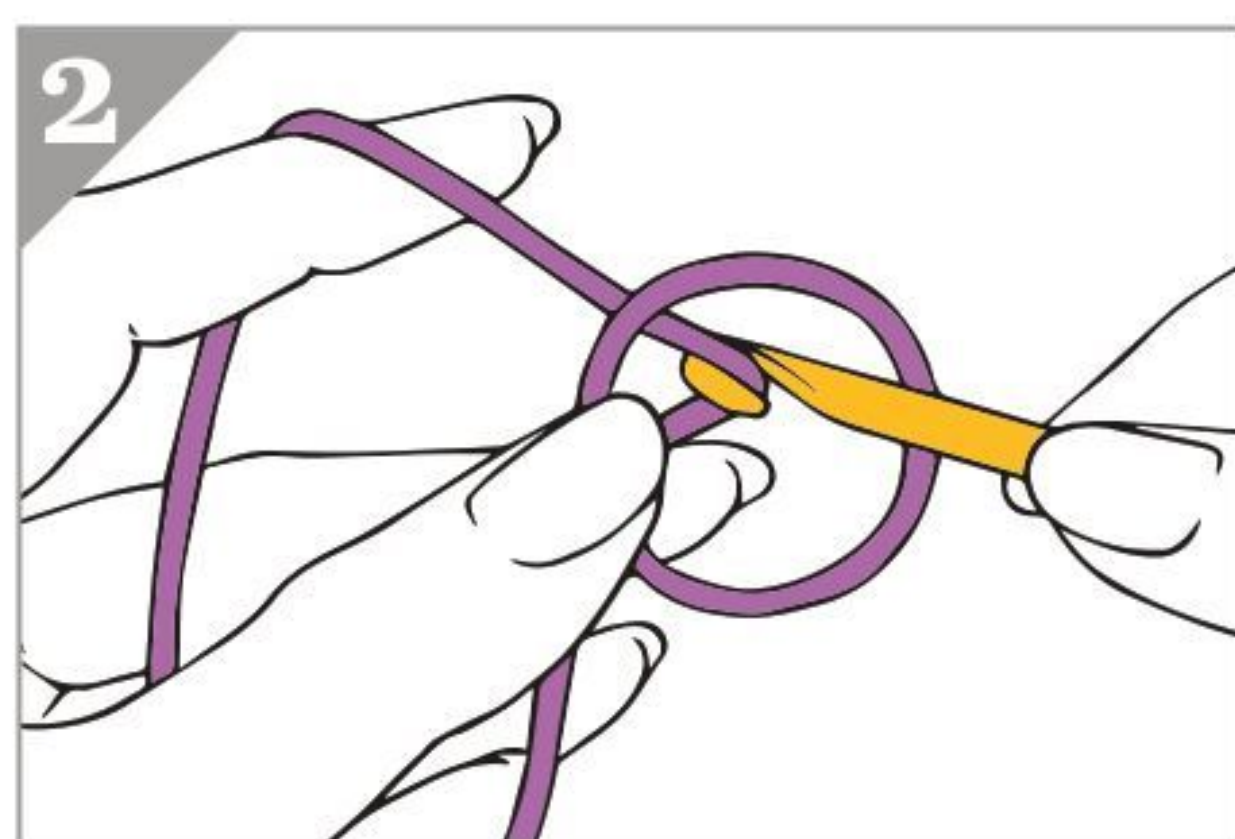
2 Catch the yarn and use the hook to pull it down through the slip knot. You have now made one chain (ch). Continue to make more chains, as directed in the pattern.

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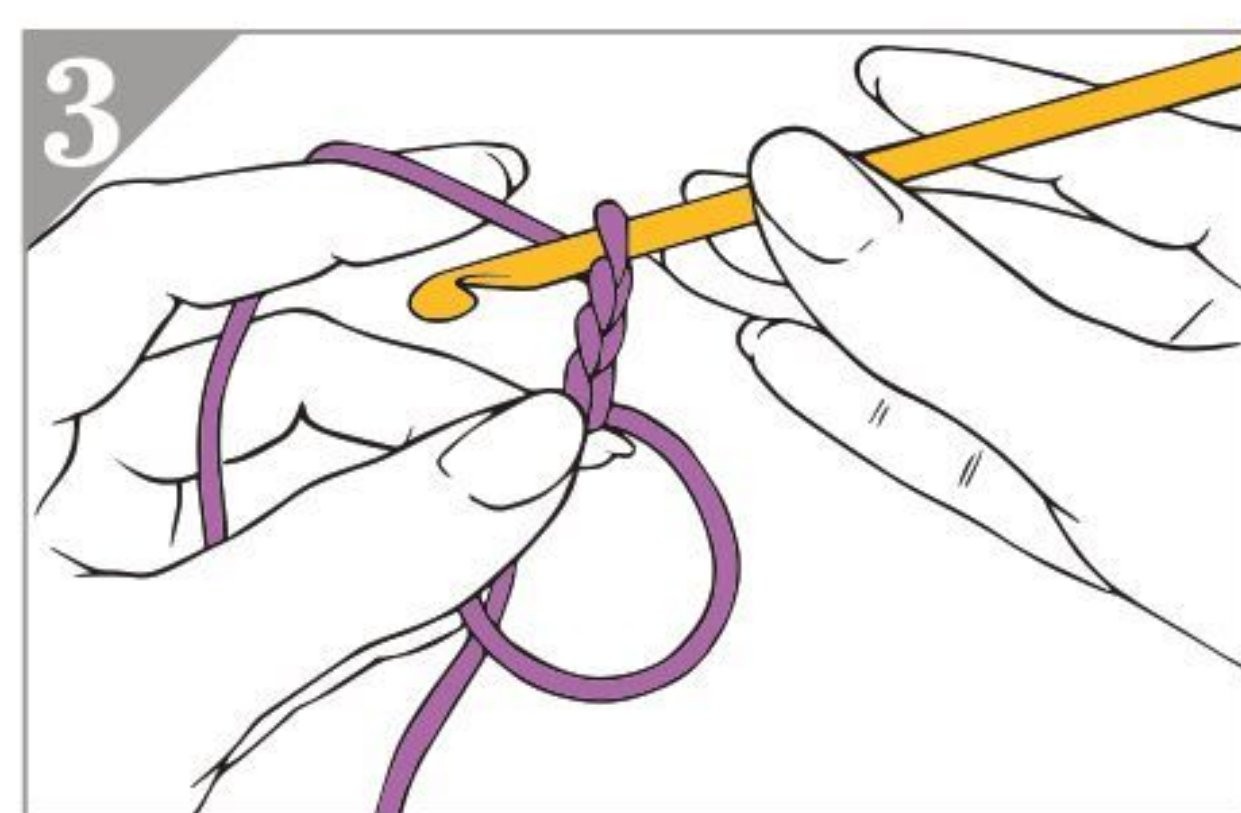
The magic ring is an easy way of beginning to work in the round. It is often used when making amigurumi toys



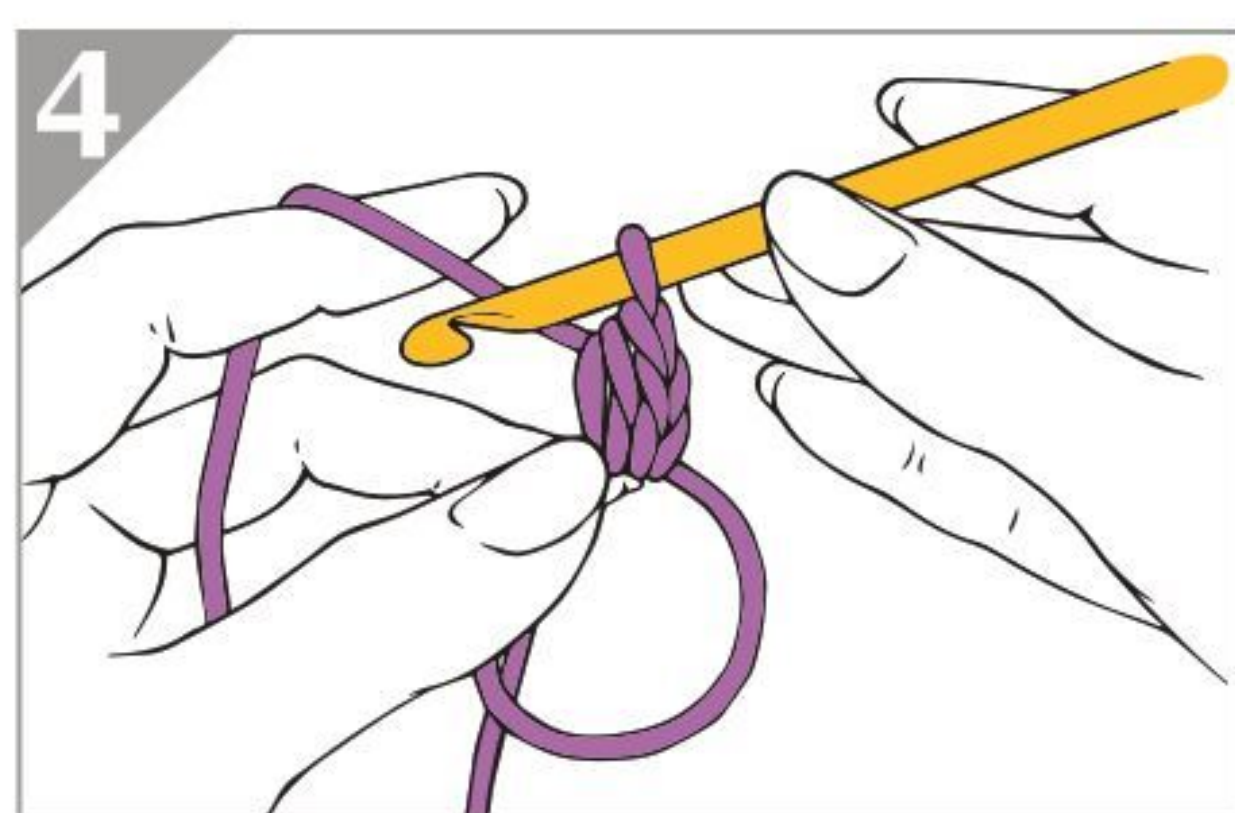
1 Make a large loop by putting the yarn tail behind the working yarn.



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



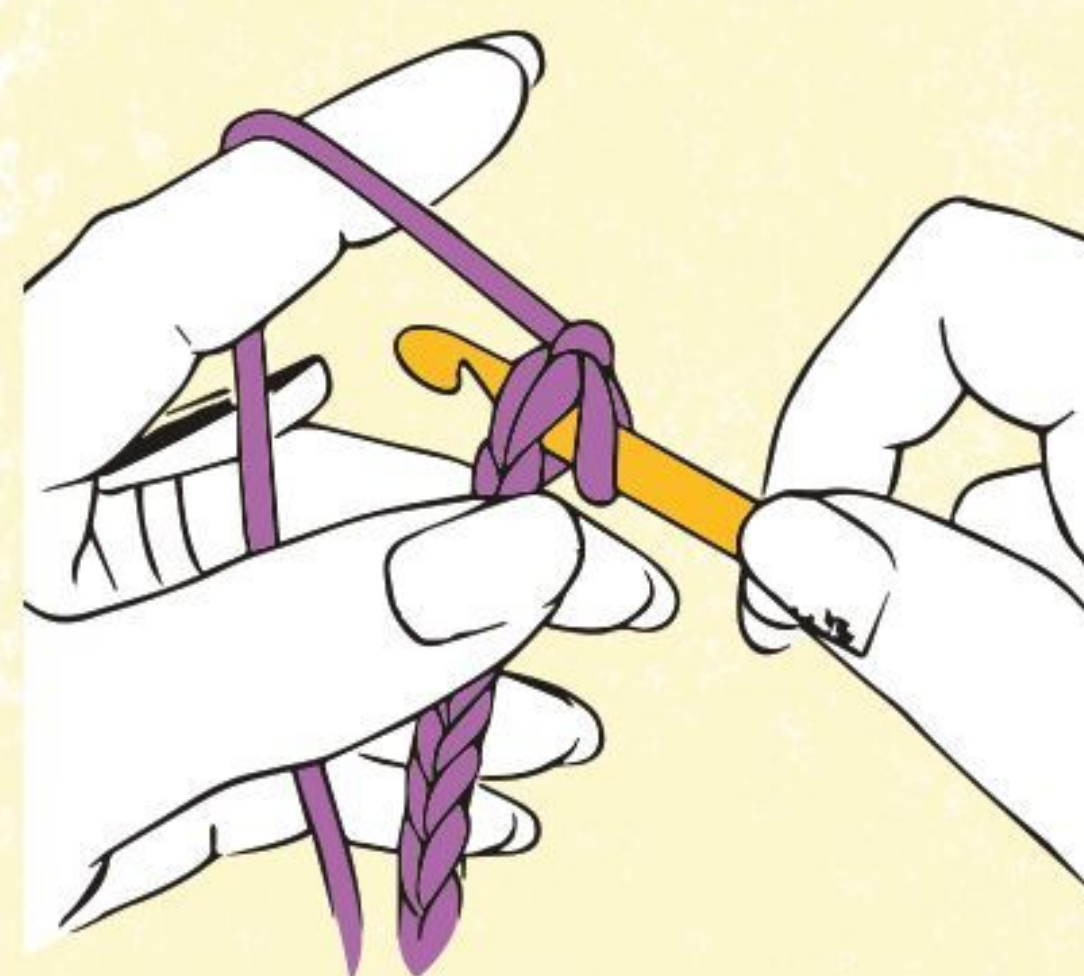
3 Make three chain stitches (counts as first treble), work a treble into the loop, crocheting over the tail.



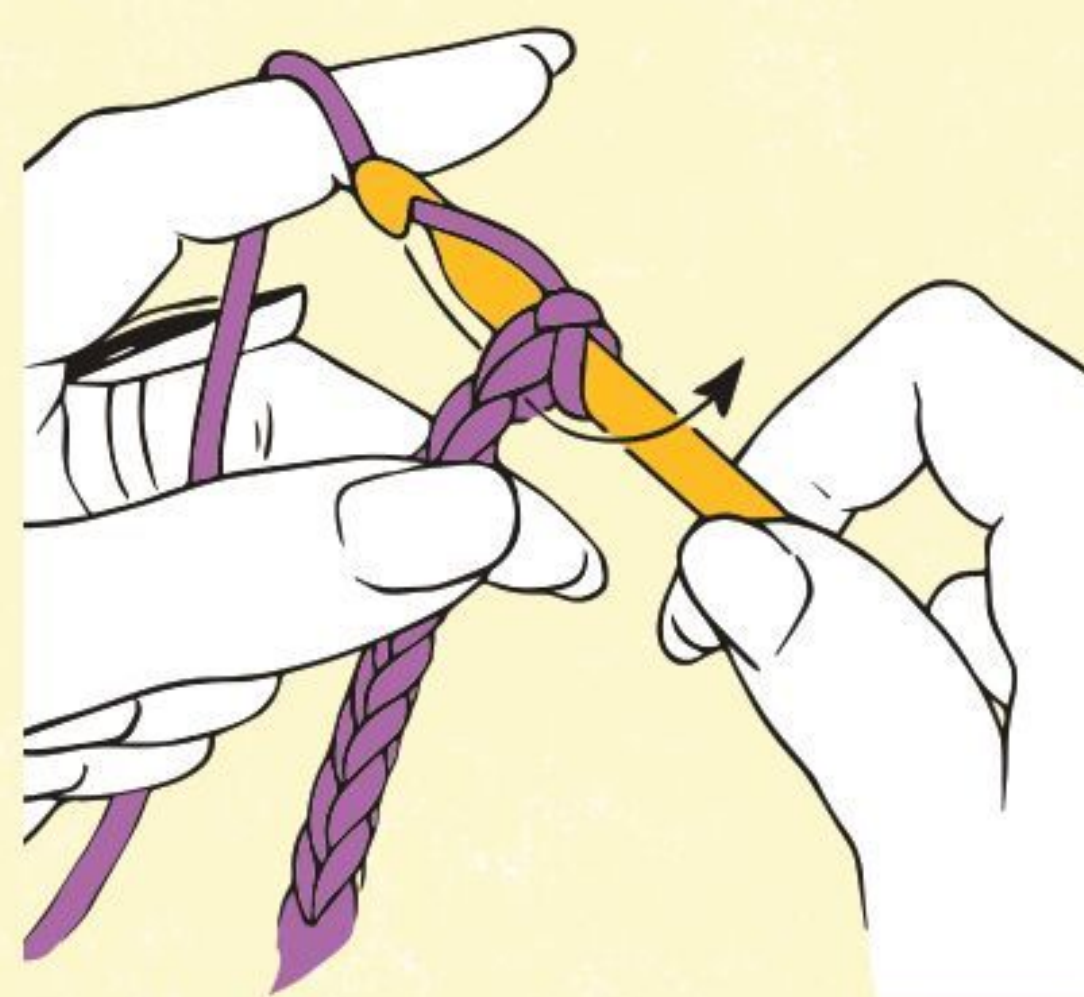
4 Continue to work as many stitches as needed into the loop. Once finished, untwist the tail if necessary and then pull to close the loop.

double crochet (dc)

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



1 Insert hook through both strands of the next stitch.

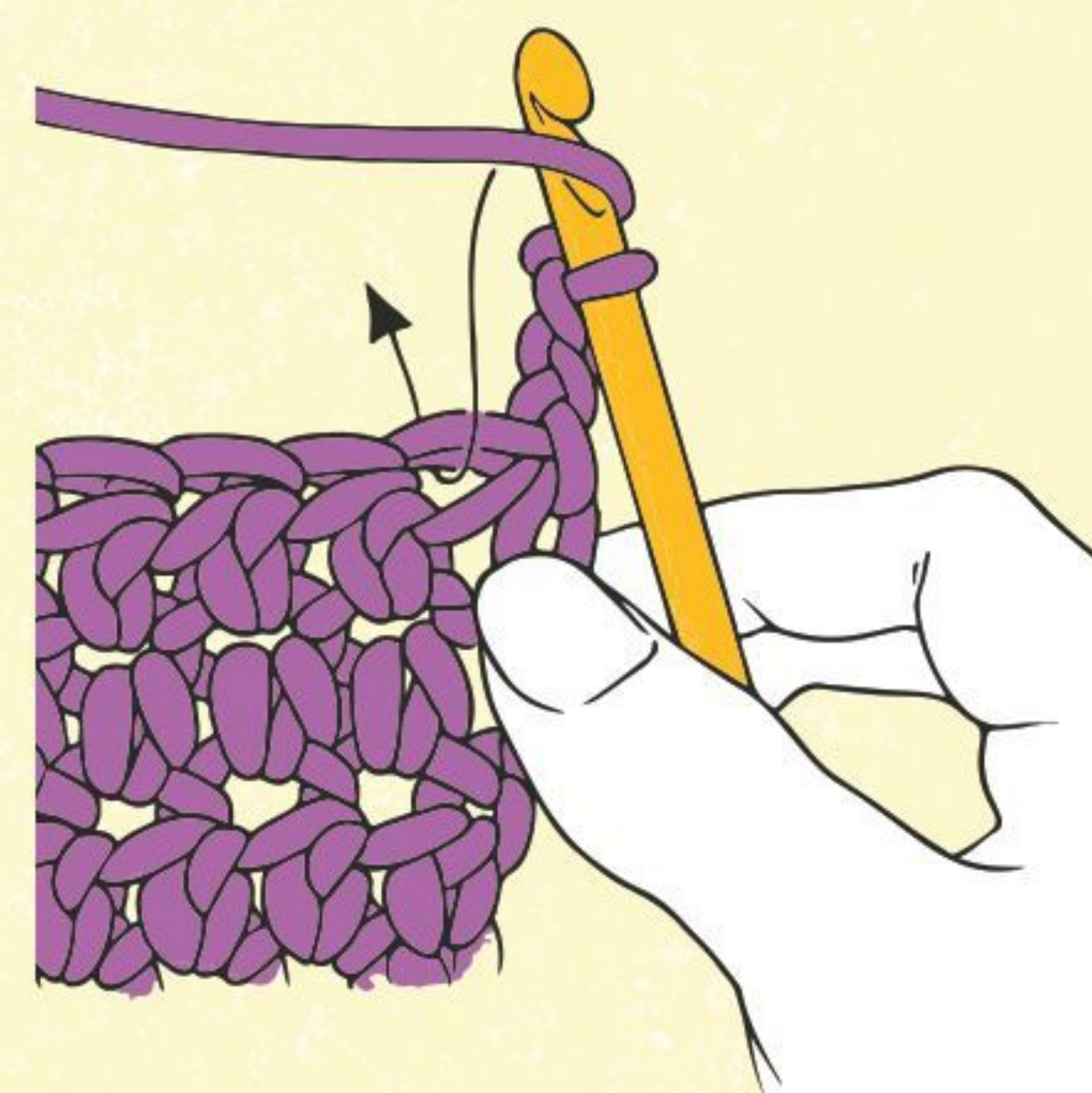


2 Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work. There will be two loops of yarn on the hook.

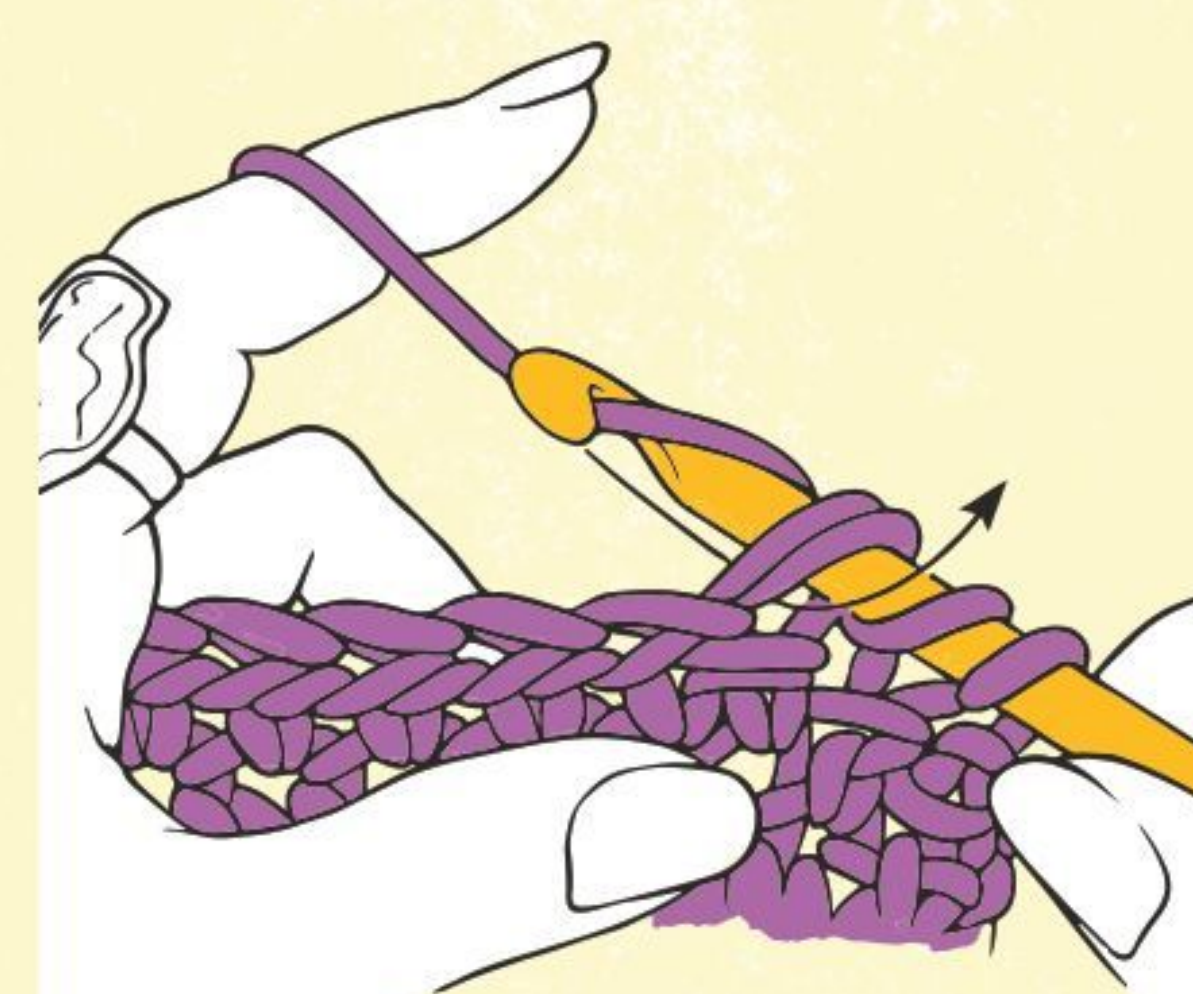


3 Yarn over the hook again and draw through both loops.

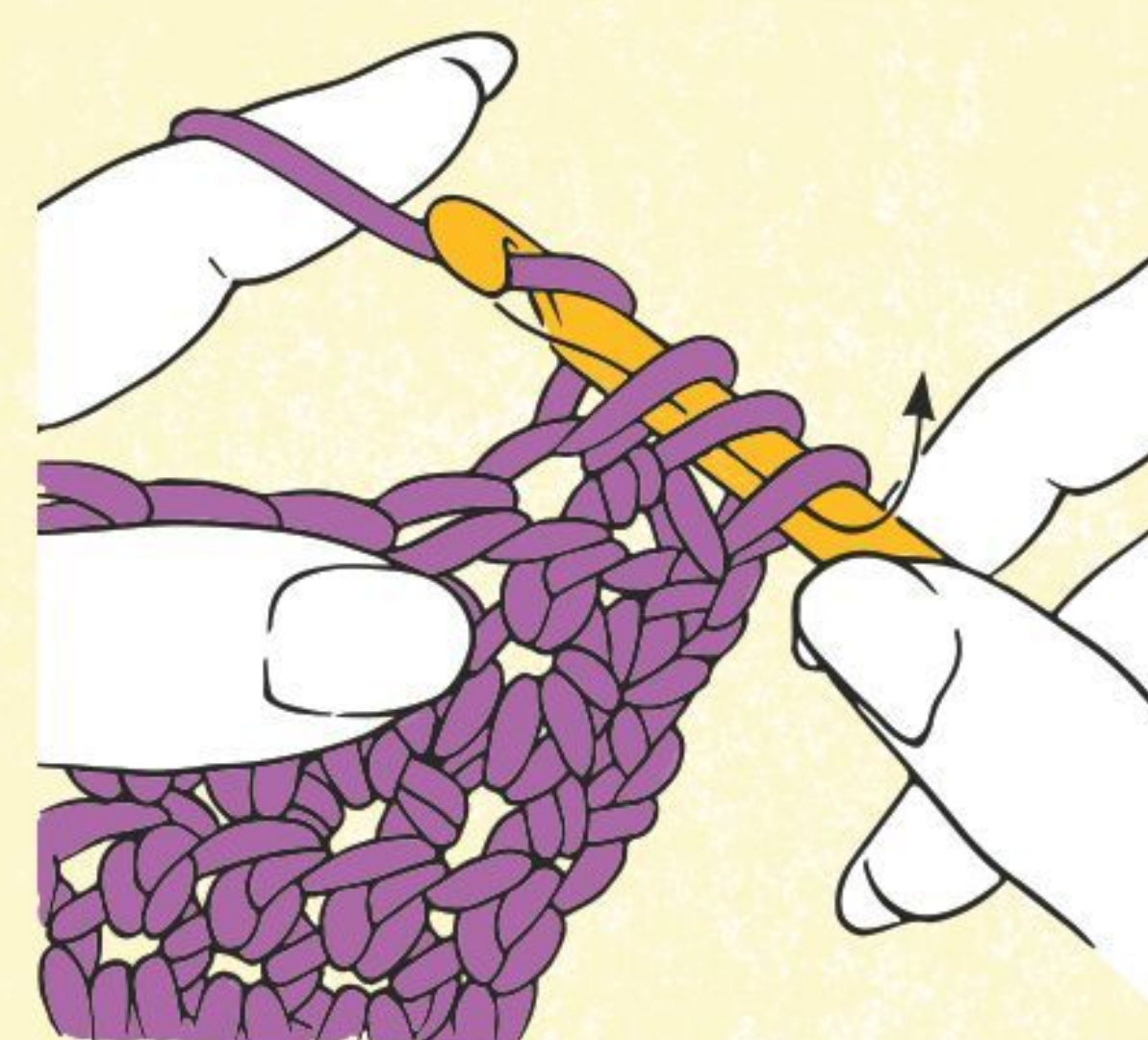
This stitch is longer than a double crochet and involves one extra step



1 (You will need a turning chain of two stitches.) Yarn over the hook and insert 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 all three loops.

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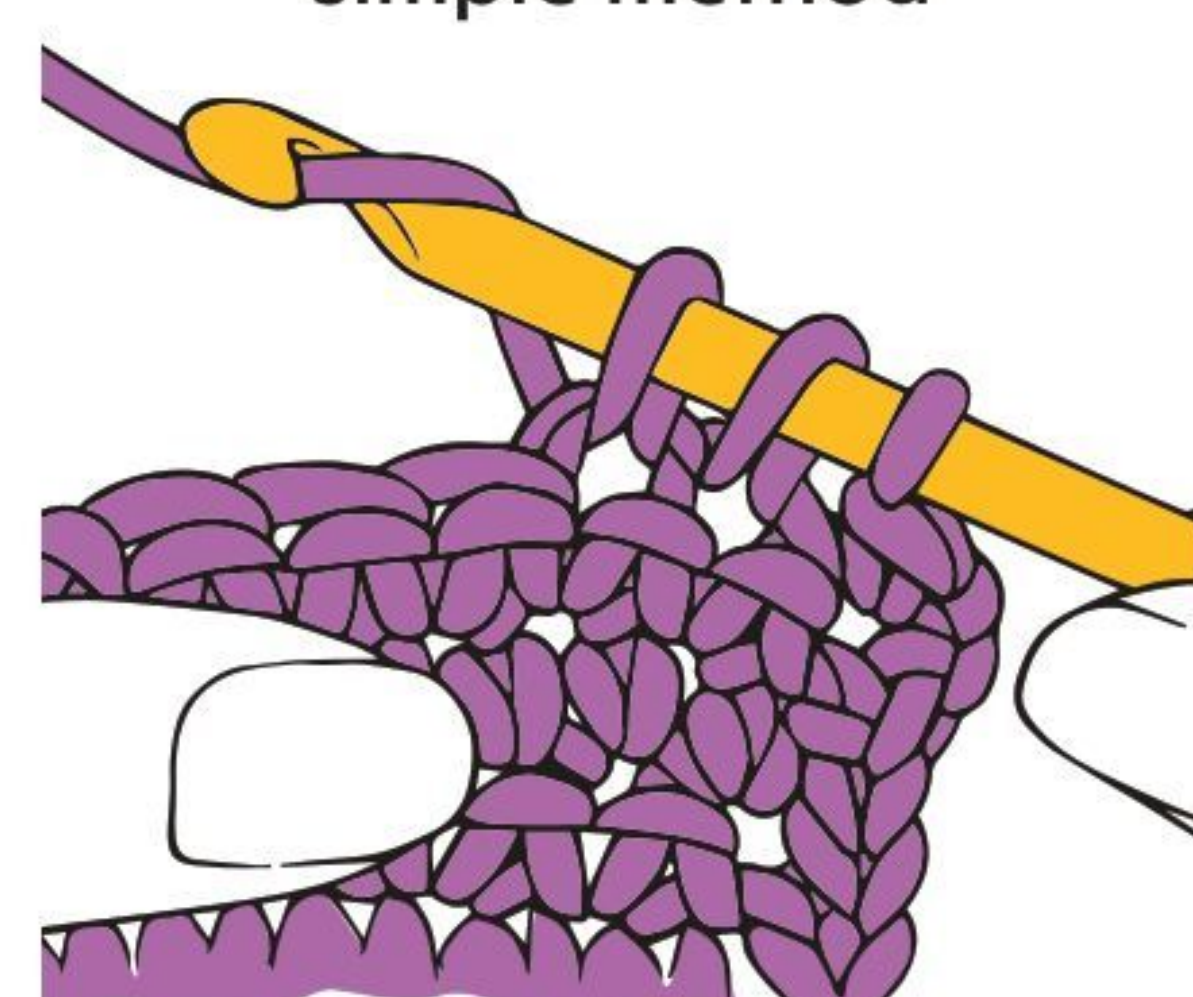
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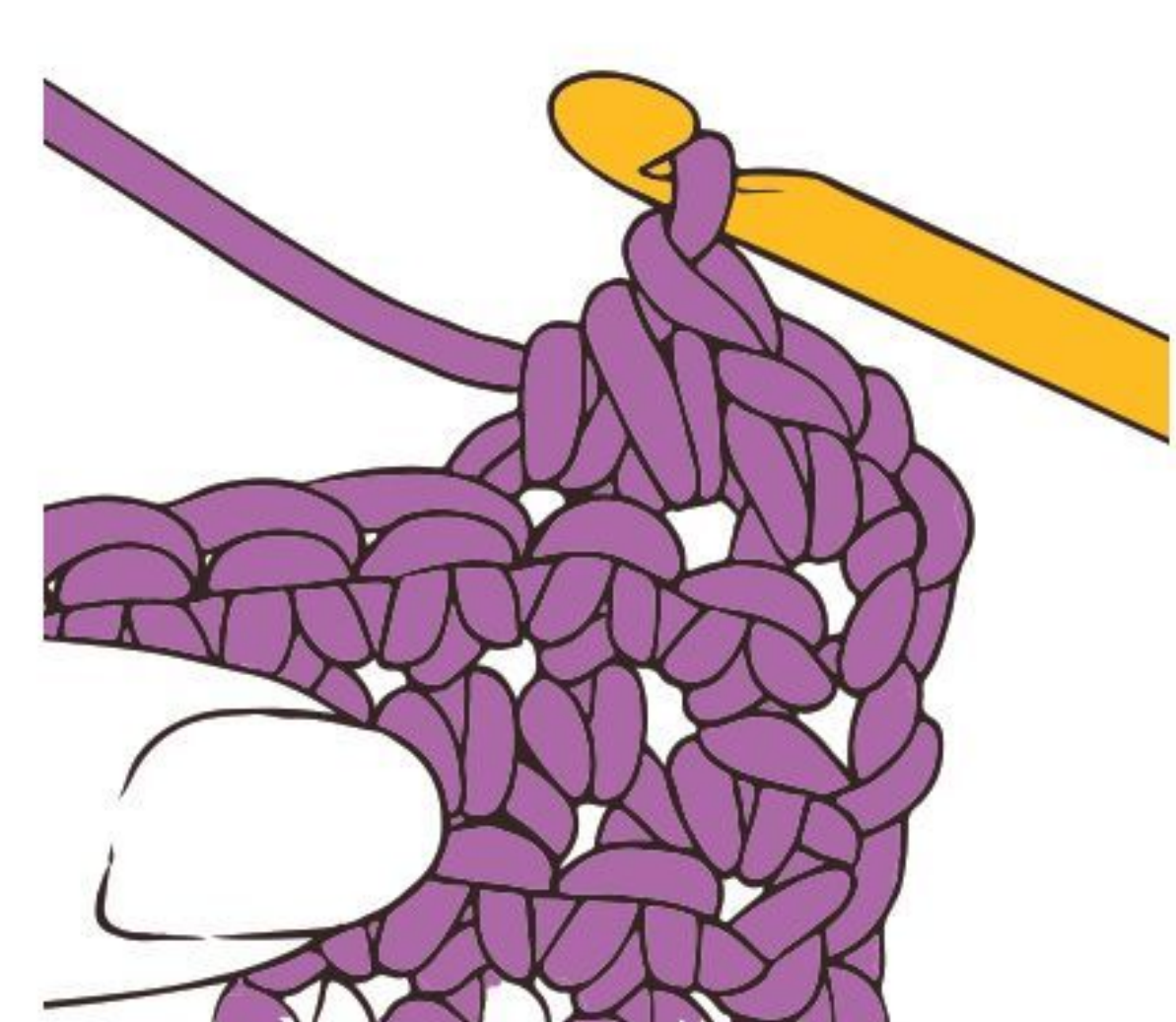
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double crochet two together (dc2tog)

Turn two crochet stitches into one with this simple method



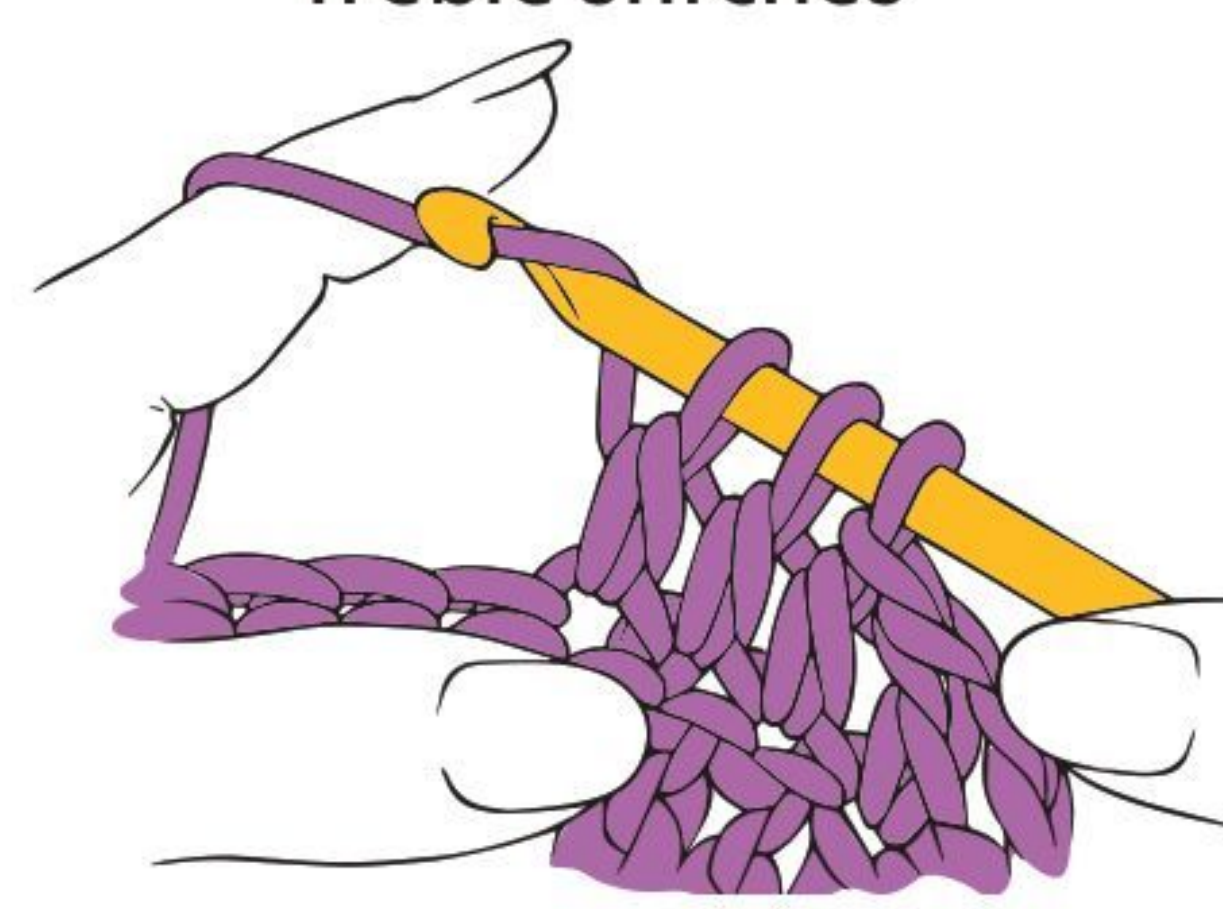
1 Insert hook through next stitch, yarn over hook, draw back through work. Two loops on hook. Insert hook into next stitch, yarn over hook, draw back through. Three loops on hook.



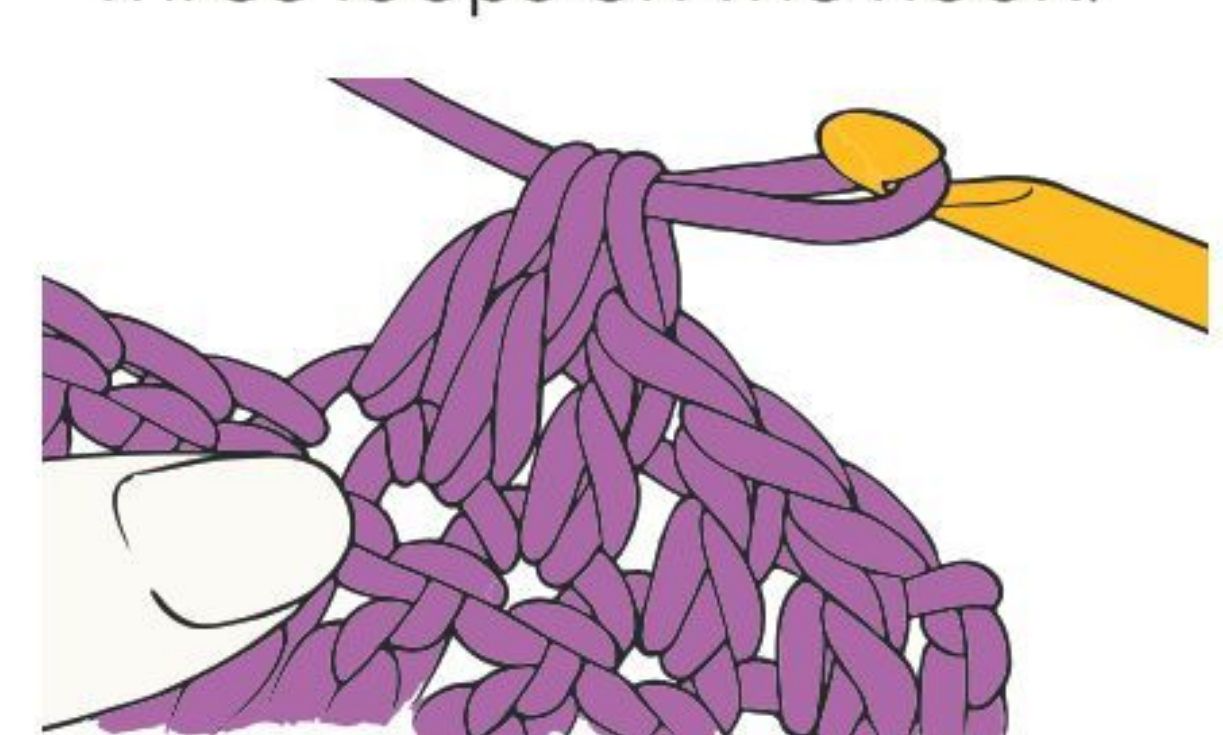
2 Yarn over hook, draw through all three loops. One loop on hook.

treble two together (tr2tog)

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



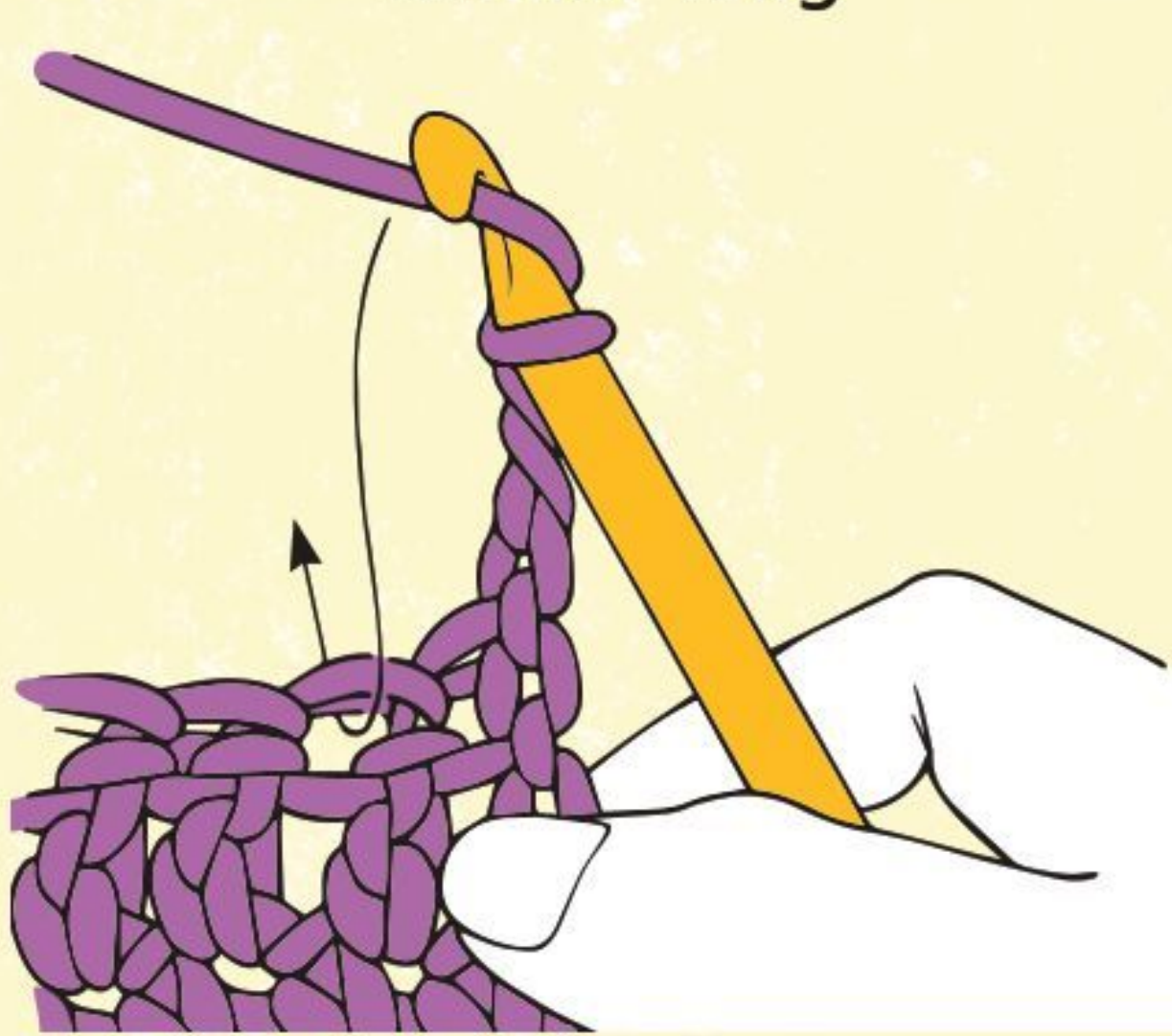
1 Yarn over the hook. Insert the hook through the stitch. Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work. There will be three loops of yarn on the hook. Yarn over the hook and draw through the first two loops. This will leave two loops on the hook. Yarn over the hook and insert through the next stitch,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

treble (tr)

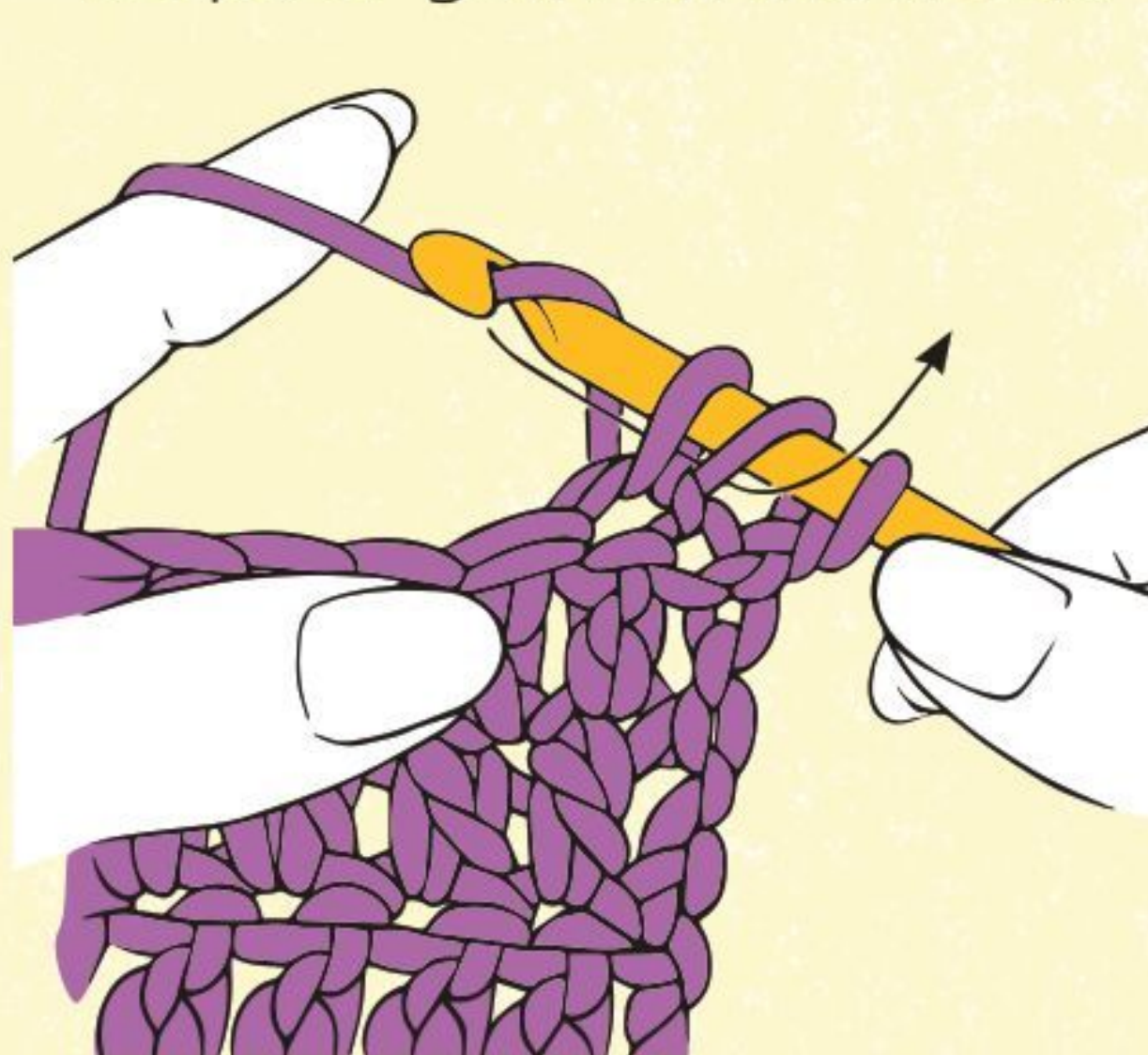
Treble crochet is slightly taller than half treble crochet but is made in a similar way



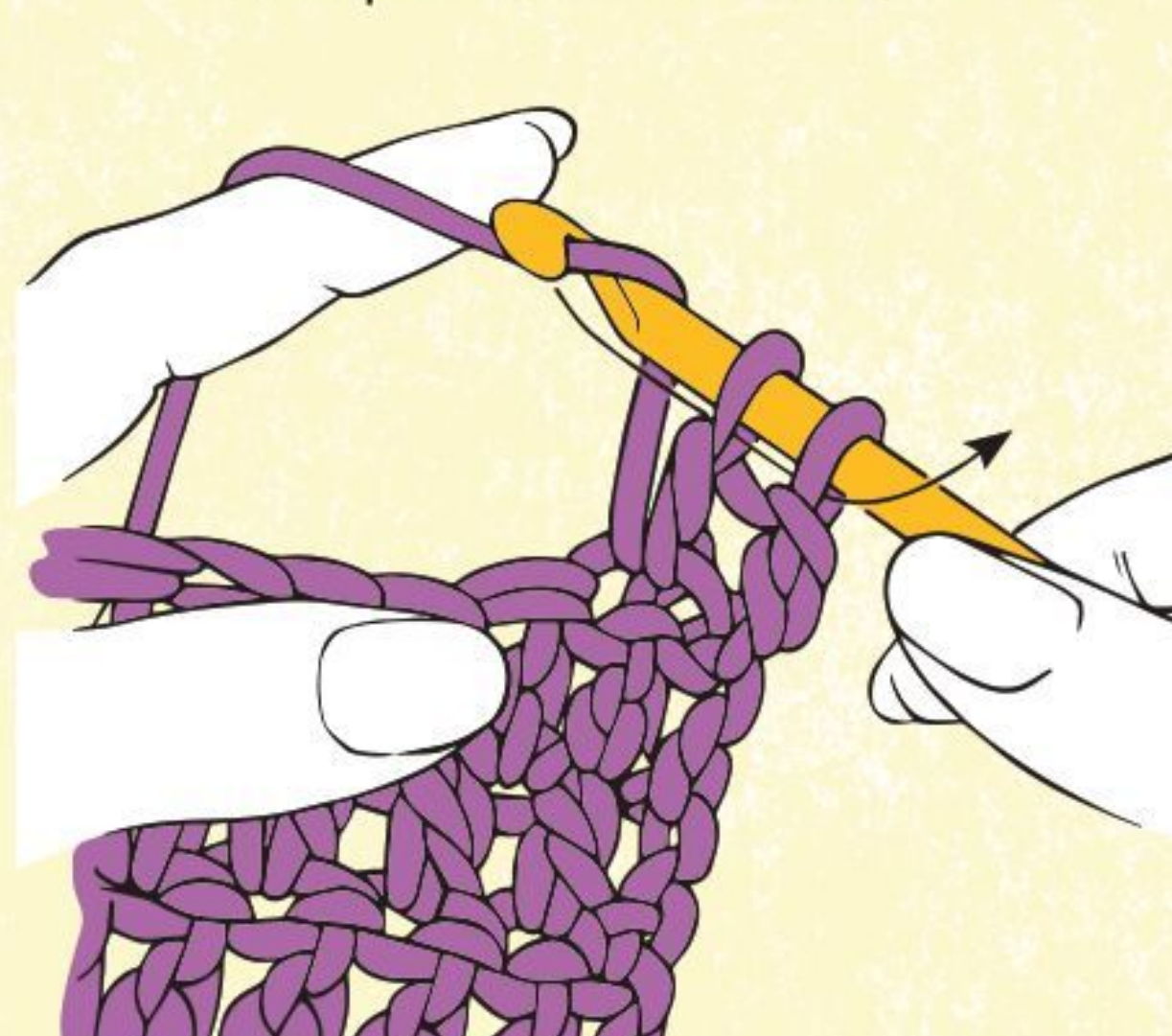
1 (You will need a turning chain of three stitches). Yarn over the hook. Insert the hook through the stitch.



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.

VIDEO OF THE MONTH



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"I describe my style as very playful and cute"



A deer in a dress – it doesn't get much more adorable than that!



Lou the unicorn is one of Marielle's most popular designs



TEA AND A CHAT WITH... **Marielle Maag**

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It's safe to say that here at Let's Get Crafting we are fans of cute toys, colourful crochet and woodland creatures in whimsical outfits. So when we came across Amalou Designs on Instagram we simply had to discover more about Marielle Maag, the designer behind such beautiful amigurumi makes. "I'm 42 years old and a mother of two wonderful girls. I live with them and my boyfriend in a quaint franconian village in Bavaria, Germany," Marielle tells us. "In my day job, I care for and manage a group of people with special needs and am in charge of making sure their needs are being met."

GOING VIRAL

Marielle's first steps into Amalou Designs began on social media when she started sharing pictures of her finished projects. "I posted my first design on Instagram and because so many of my followers kept asking me about the pattern, I decided to take the next step and write it down." She now has 133,000 Instagram followers and an Etsy shop that's booming with sales. It's easy to see why Marielle's makes are so appealing. "I describe my style as very playful and cute. I like to give my designs different looks by adding extra girly details, like bows and tutus, for example. I think it's easy to see that I'm a mother of girls! I love using lots of feminine colours like pinks, purples and pastel shades."

TIPS FROM THE EXPERT

Marielle first learned to crochet when she was at middle school. "But back then I wasn't very keen on it," she tells us. "I didn't pick it up again until about eight years ago, when I came across an amigurumi pattern and decided to have a go. Once I started crocheting again, I loved it! At first I bought patterns

and crocheted them, but eventually I felt comfortable enough to try out new things, and to create original patterns of my own." So what tips would Marielle give a crafter who's new to amigurumi? "Many amigurumi patterns require at least basic crochet knowledge and I found that watching YouTube tutorials really improved my skills," she explains. "Many beginners also don't crochet firmly enough which leads to loose parts between the single stitches. Then you can also end up with the stuffing showing through the holes and the whole figure won't be stiff. My suggestion to anyone with these issues would be to use a smaller crochet hook, sometimes just half a size smaller makes all the difference." We also wondered what fibres Marielle enjoys working with. "I love cotton yarn because it has the advantage of giving the figure the stiffness it needs. For soft toys, though, I recommend using a merino fibre or a blend of acrylic with soft textures like merino to make your toy extra cuddly!" Finally – because we often like to ask this – what does a super successful crochet designer do when she's not designing cute toys? Well it turns out that Marielle is also a huge fan of working with two sticks instead of one. "I really love knitting for my family," she says. "I'm a very creative and curious person, and love trying out new craft techniques. I have also recently grown very fond of watercolour painting. And I just love being in the great outdoors with my dogs, and meeting friends and family." It sounds like a perfect life to us!

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