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Hello!

Who doesn't love a wreath? These days we make them for pretty much every occasion, but for Christmas it goes without saying, you've just gotta have one! So on page 14 you'll find the pattern for our **Festive Wreath** to make with your exclusive Figgy kit. It comes complete with a cheerful gift-bearing chap to welcome visitors!

There's so much for crafters to celebrate at this time of year – new autumn yarn and pattern launches, Halloween, and of course the run up to Christmas – so we've rolled the very **best of the season** into one packed issue. There's a round-up of autumn releases on page 31, and a series of **spooky makes** starting on page 45, along with a host of fabulous **festive projects**. Talking of which, we hope you'll join in with our all-new Big Bauble Crochet-along! There are six fun designs in this issue and six more next time, enough to give any tree a crafty makeover.

Check out the **exciting exclusives** on page 51! Alphablocks and Numberblocks are two of CBeebies most popular shows, so we're very excited to bring you crochet patterns for Alphablock A and Numberblock One. These characters are great for learning as well as playtime – just don't let on to the kids!

Finally if you fancy a bigger project we have the most stunning **hat and jumper set** on page 54. Don't be put off by the detail – it only uses five colours and the shaping is simple. Why not give it a try?

Sarah
SARAH NEAL, EDITOR



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YOUR *Figgy* YARN KIT

These six joyful shades are simply perfect for seasonal projects



Special
SPARKLY
YARN



STITCH
MARKERS

3.5MM BAMBOO
NEEDLES



3.5MM
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"A kit that works for both Halloween and Christmas - genius! Whether you're making a festive wreath or a spooky witch, this pack has the go-to shades, along with a touch of sparkle - and there are stitch markers too!"

SARAH NEAL, EDITOR

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Newsflash!

Get your hooks and needles into these exciting releases



Footloose

Put your right foot forward with the fabulous Happy Feet collection from West Yorkshire Spinners! There are four fun designs to make, each guaranteed to liven up your sock drawer with vibrant colourwork effects created with the trusty Signature 4ply yarn. As designer Winwick Mum says, "Add a spring to your step and live life in a rainbow!" We'll do just that! £9.95, wyspinners.com



Donegal delights

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Back in time

Sirdar has recently cracked open the vault and delved into its archives of vintage knitting and crochet patterns, making them available to everyone as part of the new Heritage Collection.

Check out the dedicated section on sirdar.com to discover a whole host of designs from as far back as the 1930s, along with info about how to approach vintage patterns and Sirdar's fascinating history.



Udderly adorable

If you're in the moo-d for some cute amigurumi cows, these new designs from King Cole are sure to tickle your fancy! They use affordable yarns from the Big Value range and feature sweet bells around their necks and even a little hat! The pattern leaflet has an RRP of £3, for stockists visit kingcole.com



Choi's toys

My Amigurumi Toys is the new hot-off-the-shelf release from the popular Korean crochet designer, Lana Choi. Beginning with a handy library of technique tutorials should you need to brush up on your skills, this title features 16 must-make toy projects including a loved-up pair of wedding bears, adorable amigurumi vegetables, a happy, hoppy bunny, and more! £14.99, tuvapublishing.com



MAKE COASTERS WITH...

Stuart Hillard

Christmas comes but once a year, yet the build up in my house seems to last for at least three months! I'm not complaining, I absolutely love any excuse for a bit (a lot!) of extra crafting. The key to stress-free success when it comes to a handmade Christmas is planning and getting an early start, so I'm thrilled that this month's yarn pack has a holiday theme! Figgy is a gorgeous array of Christmas colours, including Yuletide essentials Jolly Green and Merry Red teamed up with some fashionable brights like Party Pink, Bright Orange and Sparkly Purple. For me, no festive project is complete without a bit of glitter and sparkle so I'm particularly loving the added metallic lustre! Last but by no means least, Soft Blush gives me a useful skin tone which I can supplement with warmer brown shades from my stash. I'm going to make some crochet granny square coasters because I love entertaining at Christmas and that includes special drinks with friends. Use your 3.5mm crochet hook and the yarn colour of your choice to make your starting chain, work a slip stitch to make a loop and then start working the first round of your favourite granny square pattern in the same colour. Work three or four rounds, changing colour each round. Make sure that each granny square uses a different combination of shades and vary the placement. This way your coasters will 'match' without all being the same! If you are gifting your coasters why not chain about 30cm with one of the colours and use this to tie your coasters into a neat stack? Don't forget that knitting and crochet often look better, squarer and flatter once they have been blocked. Do this by gently pinning your granny squares out to an even and uniform size and shape, then laying a damp, clean tea towel over the top of them. Leave everything for around 24 hours and your granny square coasters will be ready for a party!

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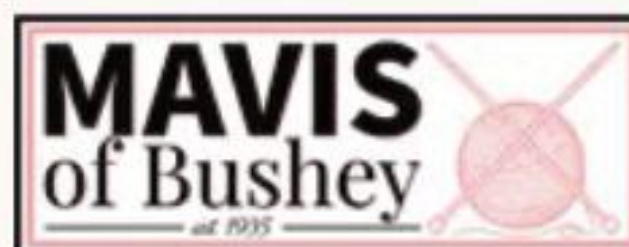


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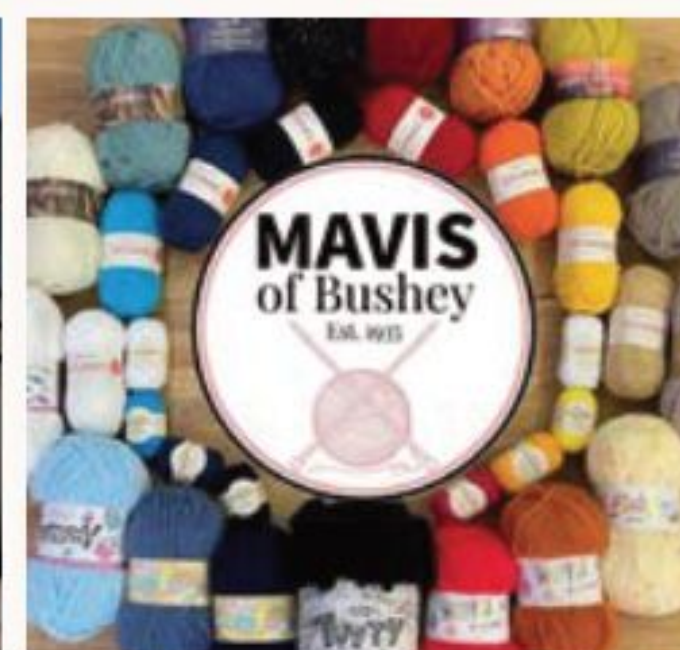
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PROJECT
OVERLEAF





PLUS

three pairs of 8mm safety eyes, stuffing, tapestry needle

SIZE

Purple Adult Owl: 17.5cm tall including hat
Pink Adult Owl: 16cm tall including hat
Baby Owl: 13cm tall including hat



Perfect for beginners

ADULT OWL body

Make two (one in each colour)
Using 3.5mm needles and Party Pink (Sparkly Purple) cast on seven sts

Row 1 and every odd-numbered row: p

Row 2 (RS): (kfb) to end. 14 sts

Row 4: (k1, kfb) to end. 21 sts

Row 6: (k2, kfb) to end. 28 sts

Row 8: (k3, kfb) to end. 35 sts

Rows 9-17: beg with a p row work in st st

Row 18: (k5, k2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rows 19-23: cont in st st



You'd be wise to craft this trio of feathered friends! Designed by **AINE MARRIOTT**, these festive fowl are kitted out in wintry headwear including a little beanie and brill bobble hats.

You'll be adding those all-important final touches with a spot of simple embroidery at the end to create a fluffy feathery look, sure to be loved by all ages! Why not gift them to a couple you know who will be celebrating their first Christmas with a little one?

Row 24: (k4, k2tog) to end. 25 sts

Rows 25-29: cont in st st

Row 30: (k3, k2tog) to end. 20 sts

Rows 31-35: cont in st st

Row 36: (kfb) to end. 40 sts

Rows 37-53: cont in st st

Row 54: (k3, k2tog) to end. 32 sts

Row 55: p

Row 56: (k2, k2tog) to end. 24 sts

Row 57: p

Row 58: (k1, k2tog) to end. 16 sts

Row 59: (p2tog) to end. Eight sts

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

beak

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Bright Orange cast on nine sts

Row 1 (RS): k

Row 2: p

Row 3: k1, ssk, k3, k2tog, k1. Seven sts

Row 4 and every even-numbered row: p

Row 5: k1, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1. Five sts

Row 7: k1, sl 1, k2tog, pss0, k1. Three sts

Row 9: (k1, m1) twice, k1. Five sts

Row 11: k1, m1, k3, m1, k1. Seven sts

Row 13: k1, m1, k5, m1, k1. Nine sts

Cast off

ear

Make four (two in each colour)
Using 3.5mm

needles and Party Pink (Sparkly Purple) cast on eight sts

Row 1: k

Row 2: p

Row 3: (k2tog) to end. Four sts

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

wing

Make four (two in each colour)

Using 3.5mm

needles and

Party Pink

(Sparkly Purple)

cast on 19 sts

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

Row 7: k7, k2tog, k1, ssk, k7. 17 sts

Row 8 and every even-numbered row: p

Row 9: k6, k2tog,

k1, ssk, k6. 15 sts

Row 11: k5, k2tog, k1, ssk, k5. 13 sts

Row 13: k1, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1. Nine sts

Row 15: ssk, k2tog, k1, ssk, k2tog. Five sts

Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread

through rem sts, pull tight and

fasten off

beanie hat

Using 3.5mm needles and Jolly Green cast on 45 sts

Rows 1-5: k

Change to

Merry Red

Row 6 (RS): k

Row 7: p

Row 8: (k7, k2tog) to end. 40 sts

Row 9 and every odd-numbered row: p

Row 10: (k6, k2tog) to end. 35 sts

Row 12: (k5, k2tog) to end. 30 sts

Row 14: (k4, k2tog) to end. 25 sts

Row 16: (k3, k2tog) to end. 20 sts

Row 18: (k2, k2tog) to end. 15 sts

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

Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread

through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

floppy hat

Using 3.5mm

needles and Merry

Red cast on 45 sts

Rows 1-5: k

Change to

Jolly Green

Rows 6: k

Row 7: p

Row 8: (k7, k2tog) to end. 40 sts

Rows 9-11: beg

with a p row work in st st

Row 12: (k6, k2tog) to end. 35 sts

Rows 13-15: cont in st st

Row 16: (k5, k2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rows 17-19: cont in st st

Row 20: (k4, k2tog) to end. 25 sts

Rows 21-23: cont in st st

Row 24: (k3, k2tog) to end. 20 sts

Rows 25-27: cont in st st

Row 28: (k2, k2tog) to end. 15 st

Rows 29-31: cont in st st

Row 32: (k1, k2tog) to end. Ten sts

Rows 33-35: cont in st st

Row 36: (k2tog) to

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

hat bobble

Make two (one in each colour)
Using 3.5mm needles and Merry Red (Jolly Green) cast on six sts

Row 1: (kfb) to end. 12 sts

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

Row 5: (k2tog) to end. Six sts

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

BABY OWL body

Using 3.5mm needles and Merry Red work as for Rows 1-6 of Adult Owl Body

Rows 7-13: beg with a p (WS) row work in st st. 28 sts

Row 14: (k5, k2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rows 15-19: cont in st st

Row 20: (k4, k2tog) to end. 20 sts

Rows 21-23: cont in st st

Row 24: (k3, k2tog) to end. 16 sts

Rows 25-27: cont in st st

Row 28: (kfb) to end. 32 sts

Rows 29-43: cont in st st

Row 44: (k2, k2tog) to end. 24 sts

Row 45: p

Row 46: (k1, k2tog) to end. 16 sts

Row 47: (p2tog) to end. Eight sts

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

beak

Using 3.5mm needles and Bright Orange cast on five sts

Row 1 (RS): k

Row 2 and every even-numbered row: p

Row 3: k2tog, k1, k2tog. Three sts

Row 5: (k1, m1) twice, k1. Five sts

Row 7: k

Cast off

wing

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Merry Red cast on 12 sts

Rows 1-6: beg with a k row work six rows in st st

Row 7: (k1, k2tog) to end. Eight sts

Row 8: p

Row 9: (k2tog) to end. Four sts

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

hat

Using 3.5mm

needles and Party Pink cast on 36 sts

Rows 1-3: k

Change to Jolly Green

Rows 4-9: beg

with a k (RS) row work in st st

Row 10: (k2, k2tog) to end. 27 sts

Row 11: p

Row 12: (k1, k2tog) to end. 18 sts

Row 13: p

Row 14: (k2tog) to end. Nine sts

Row 15: p

Change to Sparkly Purple

Row 16: (kfb) to end. 18 sts

Rows 17-19: k

Row 20: (k2tog) to end. Nine sts

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

ALL OWLS eye

Make six

Using 3.5mm needles and Soft Blush cast on 16 sts

Row 1: k

Row 2: p

Row 3: (k2tog) to end. Eight sts

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

foot

Make six

Using 3.5mm needles and Bright Orange cast on four sts

Row 1 (WS): p

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

Row 3: p

Row 4: k

Row 5: k1, (yfwd, k2tog) to end

Row 6: k

Row 7: p

Row 8: (k2tog)

three times, k1.

Four sts

Row 9: p

Cast off

to make up

For all Owls, seam row edges of Body, leaving a gap for stuffing. Sew Eyes to front of face, and insert safety eyes. Stuff and close seam. Fold Beak in half and seam row edges. Stuff lightly and sew to face between Eyes. Seam row edges of Ears and sew to top of head. Seam row edges of Wing. Oversew cast-on edge to close Wing. Use Soft Blush to embroider 'v' shapes on front of Body as feathers. Fold each Foot in half so cast-on and cast-off edges meet and oversew this edge. Sew to base of Body. For Adult Owls, sew Wings to sides of Body pointing outwards. For Baby Owl, sew Wings to sides of Body pointing downwards. Seam row edges of all Hats. Place Beanie, Baby Owl Hat and Floppy Hat on each head at a jaunty angle and secure. Fold down point of Floppy Hat and sew in place. Seam row edges of each Bobble. Stuff very lightly. Gather cast-on sts and pull up tightly. Sew a Bobble to top of Beanie Hat and Floppy Hat

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"You could make little pom-poms to go on the hats instead of the knitted bobble if you prefer"

ÁINE MARRIOTT, DESIGNER



PLUS
stitch markers,
tapestry
needle, 40cm
green ribbon,
two small jingle
bells (optional)

SIZE
Medium shoe:
UK size 4-6
(approx)
Large shoe: UK
size 6-8
(approx)



Take the
next step

Feet first

Keep yours cosy this Christmas with
a pair of crocheted slippers

This fab festive footwear from **HEATHER GIBBS** is just the thing to get you in the Christmas spirit. Your special Sparkly Purple yarn adds a sprinkling of seasonal magic, but feel free to go all out and include the optional jingle bells! These slippers can be adjusted to fit your foot length by working fewer rows of the side edges, so keep an eye on the measurements as you go along.



SLIPPERS

Make two

Note: worked from the toe up, when working in rnds join with a sl st to first htr
Using 3.5mm hook and Jolly Green make a magic ring, 2ch (does not count as st throughout), work 10htr into ring, join with a sl st to top of first htr. Ten sts
Rnd 1: 2ch, (2htr in

each st) to end. 20 sts
Rnd 2: 2ch, (1htr, 2htr in next st) to end. 30 sts
Change to Merry Red

medium size only

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

large size only

Rnd 3: 2ch, (2htr,

2htr in next st) to end. 40 sts

all sizes

Rnds 4-5: 2ch, (1htr in each st) to end
Change to Party Pink
Work in foll three-row stripe sequence: Party Pink, Sparkly Purple, Jolly Green, Merry Red

Rnds 6-17: 2ch, (1htr in each st) to end
Change to Party Pink
From this point onwards work in rows. To adjust length, cont until approx 2.5cm before end of your foot, then work Heel

Row 1: 2ch, 1htr in same st, 25 (29) htr, turn. 26 (30) sts

Rows 2-3: 2ch, 1htr in same st, 1htr in each st to end, turn
Work in foll three-row stripe sequence: Sparkly Purple, Jolly Green, Merry Red

Rows 4-12: 2ch, 1htr in same st, 1htr in each st to end, turn
Change to

Party Pink
Rows 13-14: rep Rows 1-2

large size only

Row 15: rep Row 1
Cont in stripe sequence if necessary until foot is correct length

heel

Change to Sparkly Purple

Row 16: as Row 1
Row 17: 2ch, 1htr in same st, 10 (12) htr, htr2tog twice, 11 (13) htr, turn. 24 (28) sts

Row 18: 2ch, 1htr in same st, 9 (11) htr, htr2tog twice, 10 (12) htr, turn. 22 (26) sts
Fasten off. Turn inside out and use yarn end to sew up back seam of Slipper. Turn right way out again

ankle

Note: from this point work in rnds again
Using 3.5mm hook join Party Pink to any st of ankle opening

Rnd 1: 1htr in each row end to corner,

htr2tog, 1htr in each st of front edge to corner, htr2tog, 1htr in each row end to beg of rnd
Fasten off

to make up

Tie ribbon in a bow. Attach with a couple of jingle bells to top of Slipper around Rnd 15, or affix to a brooch back to make removeable. Weave in all ends

GREAT ADVICE

Avoid uneven seams or gaping holes in your slipper by skipping over your chain stitches at the start of the round and joining to your first stitch. If you start your next round in the same stitch as your chains it allows them to become filler stitches and keeps your seam from having large holes



TOP TIP

ATTACHING THE
RIBBON BOW
AND BELLS TO A
BROOCH BACK
MEANS YOU CAN
REMOVE THEM
WHEN WASHING
YOUR SLIPPERS



Festive wreath

Welcome visitors with this cheerful chap on your front door!

Is it that time of year again already? Well, not quite, but we crafters always like to get a bit of a head start, don't we? That's why the wonderful **ÁINE MARRIOTT** has brought us this brilliant home make in plenty of time for Christmas. Making excellent use of our shimmering sparkle yarn, this easy wreath is brought to life with a scattering of holly leaves, a whimsical vine and of course our adorable present-bearing character nestled comfortably in the centre. Enjoy!



PLUS
stuffing, two 8mm safety eyes, 20.5cm diameter and 3cm thick wreath base, stitch holder, tapestry needle

SIZE
Wreath diameter: 20.5cm
Character: 25cm tall



FESTIVE WREATH wreath cover

Using 3.5mm needles and Sparkly Purple cast on 22 sts

Rows 1-118: beg with a k (RS) row work in st st Change to Party Pink

Rows 119-130: beg with a k row work in st st Change to Merry Red

Rows 131-142: beg with a k row work in st st Change to Bright Orange

Rows 143-154: beg with a k row work in st st Change to

Soft Blush

Rows 155-166: beg with a k row work in st st Cast off

CHARACTER right leg

Using 3.5mm needles and Jolly Green cast on 12 sts

Row 1 (WS): p
Row 2: (kfb) to end. 24 sts

Rows 3-9: beg with a p row work in st st

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

Rows 11-15: beg with a k row work in st st Change to

Bright Orange
Rows 16-39: beg with a k row work in st st Cut yarn and place rem sts on holder

left leg

Using 3.5mm needles and Jolly Green cast on 12 sts

Row 1: p
Row 2: (kfb) to end. 24 sts

Rows 3-9: beg with a p row work in st st

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

Rows 11-39: work as for Right Leg, do not

cut yarn, cont to body

body and head

Row 40: (k2, kfb) four times, k2 from needle for Left Leg, (k2, kfb) four times, k2 from holder for Right Leg. 36 sts

Rows 41-49: beg with a p row work in st st

Change to Party Pink

Rows 50-59: beg with a k row work in st st

Row 60: (k4, k2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rows 61-63: beg with a p row work in st st

Row 64: (k1, k2tog) to end. 20 sts

Change to Soft Blush

Row 65: p
Row 66: (kfb) to end. 40 sts

Rows 67-85: beg with a p row work in st st

Row 86: (k2, k2tog) to end. 30 sts

Row 87: p

Row 88: (k1, k2tog)

to end. 20 sts

Row 89: p

Row 90: (k2tog) to end. Ten sts

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

boot tops

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Merry Red cast on 17 sts

Rows 1-3: k Cast off

waistband

Using 3.5mm needles and Merry Red cast on 44 sts

Rows 1-5: k Cast off

hat

Using 3.5mm needles and Merry Red cast on 44 sts

Rows 1-3: k Change to Jolly Green

Rows 4-17: beg with a k row work in st st

Row 18: (k2, k2tog) to end. 33 sts

Row 19: p

Row 20: (k1, k2tog) to end. 22 sts

Row 21: p

Row 22: (k2tog) to end. 11 sts

Change to Merry Red

Row 23: p

Row 24: (kfb) to end. 22 sts

Rows 25-27: k

Row 28: (k2tog) to end. 11 sts

Row 29: k1, (k2tog) to end. Six sts

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

arms

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Party Pink cast on six sts

Row 1: p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. 12 sts

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

Change to Merry Red

Rows 22-25: k

Change to Soft Blush

Rows 26-30: beg with a k row work in st st

Row 31: (p2tog) to end. Six sts

Cut yarn leaving a



Flat-backed wreath bases sit better on a wall than double-sided versions, and making sure the wreath cover is wrapped really tightly will give you a lovely smooth finish



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

PRESENT sides

Make six

Using 3.5mm needles and Merry Red cast on eight sts

Rows 1-13: k Cast off

ribbon

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Jolly Green cast on three sts

Rows 1-53: k Cast off

bow

Using 3.5mm needles and Jolly Green cast on three sts

Rows 1-36: k
Cast off

holly leaves**Make six**

Using 3.5mm 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

berries**Make three**

Using 3.5mm needles and Merry 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 tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

vine

Using 3.5mm hook and Jolly Green, ch until work meas 96cm

hanging loop

Using 3.5mm hook and Jolly Green, ch until work meas 24cm

to make up

Seam cast-on and cast-off edges of Wreath Cover. Gradually sew row edges tog, enclosing wreath base as you sew. Wrap Vine around

Wreath and secure using photo as guide. Sew Hanging Loop to top of Wreath. For Character, seam row edges of Body and Head, leaving a gap for stuffing. Insert safety eyes onto face. Seam row edges of each Leg. Oversew across cast-on sts at base of each foot so that Leg seam is towards inside. Stuff Body and Head and close seam. Use Soft Blush to gather around neck to enhance shape. Use Soft Blush to embroider a nose, and Party Pink to embroider a shallow 'v' for mouth. Place Boot Top around Leg, seam row edges and sew in position over foot. Place Waistband around colour change on Body and seam row edges. Sew cast-off edge of Waistband to first row of Party Pink on Body. Seam row edges of Hat. Stuff bobble lightly and gather around base of bobble. Place Hat on Head and secure. Seam row edges of each Arm. Stuff lightly. Oversew cast-on edges, then sew each Arm to sides of Body, just under neck. Sew Present Sides tog to form box, stuffing as you sew on last square. Place each Ribbon around box and secure.

**TOP TIP**

USE A SPARE NEEDLE OR SCRAP PIECE OF YARN INSTEAD OF A STITCH HOLDER IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE TO HAND

Oversew cast-on and cast-off edges of Bow. Pinch centre of circle created and sew down onto top of Present to form a bow. Attach Present to Wreath between Arms. Fold Holly Leaf in half so cast-on and cast-off edges

meet and oversew. Fold this seam in half and oversew. Sew Holly Leaves in pairs onto Wreath. Seam row edges of Berries. Stuff lightly, gather around cast-on sts and fasten off. Sew one Berry in between each pair of Holly Leaves

COMING NEXT ISSUE

If you're already decking the halls for Christmas, our fabulous festive wall hanging is a must! Find it in issue 145, on sale 29th September.



PLUS
toy stuffing,
6cm diameter
cardboard
disks, tapestry
needle

SIZE
Height:
20cm-21.5cm
Diameter of
base: 7cm-8cm



Perfect for
beginners

CHRISTMAS TREE

Make six (one in each colourway)
Note: change colour as indicated for each style, leaving short tails unless otherwise stated
Using 3.5mm needles and chosen yarn for style, cast on ten sts leaving a short tail

Row 1: k1, (kfb) eight times, k1. 18 sts
Row 2 and every even-numbered row: p
Row 3: k1, (kfb, k1) eight times, k1. 26 sts
Row 5: k1, (kfb, k2) eight times, k1. 34 sts
Row 7: k1, (kfb, k3) eight times, k1. 42 sts
Row 9: k1, (kfb, k4)

eight times, k1. 50 sts
Rows 10-18: beg with a p row work in st st
Row 19: k1, (k10, k2tog) four times, k1. 46 sts
Rows 20-24: cont in st st
Row 25: k1, (k9, k2tog) four times, k1. 42 sts
Rows 26-30: cont in st st
Row 31: k1, (k8, k2tog) four times, k1. 38 sts
Rows 32-36: cont in st st
Row 37: k1, (k7, k2tog) four times, k1. 34 sts
Rows 38-42: cont in st st
Row 43: k1, (k6, k2tog) four times, k1. 30 sts
Rows 44-48: cont in st st
Row 49: k1, (k5, k2tog) four times, k1. 26 sts
Rows 50-54:

cont in st st
Row 55: k1, (k4, k2tog) four times, k1. 22 sts
Rows 56-60: cont in st st
Row 61: k1, (k3, k2tog) four times, k1. 18 sts
Rows 62-66: cont in st st
Row 67: k1, (k2, k2tog) four times, k1. 14 sts
Rows 68-72: cont in st st
Row 73: k1, (k1, k2tog) four times, k1. Ten sts
Rows 74-78: cont in st st
Row 79: k1, (k2tog) four times, k1. Six sts
Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

COLOUR CHANGES

style a
Rows 1-16: Jolly

Green, leaving a long tail
Rows 17-20: Merry Red
Rows 21-34: Bright Orange
Rows 35-46: Party Pink
Rows 47-52: Jolly Green
Rows 53-79: Bright Orange

style b

Rows 1-10: Sparkly Purple
Do not cut
Sparkly Purple
Rows 11-12: Soft Blush
Rows 13-14: Sparkly Purple
Rows 15-16: Soft Blush
Cut Soft Blush and secure tail firmly
Rows 17-79: Sparkly Purple

style c

Rows 1-20: Soft Blush, leaving a long tail

Rows 21-28: Jolly Green
Rows 29-44: Party Pink
Rows 45-50: Sparkly Purple
Rows 51-64: Soft Blush
Rows 65-79: Merry Red

style d

Rows 1-16: Bright Orange, leaving a long tail
Rows 17-22: Party Pink
Rows 23-79: Soft Blush

style e

Rows 1-16: Party Pink, leaving a long tail
Rows 17-70: change to Bright Orange and work in foll six-row stripe sequence: Bright Orange, Merry Red, Party Pink
Rows 71-79: Bright Orange

style f

Rows 1-20: Merry Red, leaving a long tail
Rows 21-79: Jolly Green

to make up

For each Tree, join row ends tog using mattress st. Stuff then insert one or more cardboard discs (see Top Tip) to create a flat base. If a long tail has been left at first colour change, use to close base. For all styles, close base using mattress st; next, work a gathering st through cast-on sts and pull tight to close. Fasten off and weave in ends

Christmas trees

Create a magical festive forest with
just your needles and yarn

It's never too early for a bit of Christmas crafting and **DAWN FINNEY** has got just the thing to start us off for the festive season! Her collection of six colourful firs are perfect for displaying proudly on your mantelpiece, windowsill or as the ultimate table centrepiece, and the pattern couldn't be simpler! Once you've used your kit to make the designs here, why not take a stash dive and see what other colour combos you can create?

TOP TIP

THICK CARDBOARD CAN BE HARD TO CUT – INSTEAD SIMPLY USE TWO DISCS OF THINNER CARDBOARD TO CREATE A STRONG FLAT BASE FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS TREES. CEREAL BOXES ARE PERFECT FOR THIS!

USE ALL
SIX
YARN
COLOURS!

**KNIT TWO TOGETHER (K2TOG)**

This method is used to decrease two knit stitches into one.



Step 1: insert the right needle into the next two stitches at the same time



Step 2: wrap the yarn around the needle and pull through both loops



The finished decrease leans to the right on a knit row



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You're obsessed with... accessories!



SMITTEN WITH MITTENS

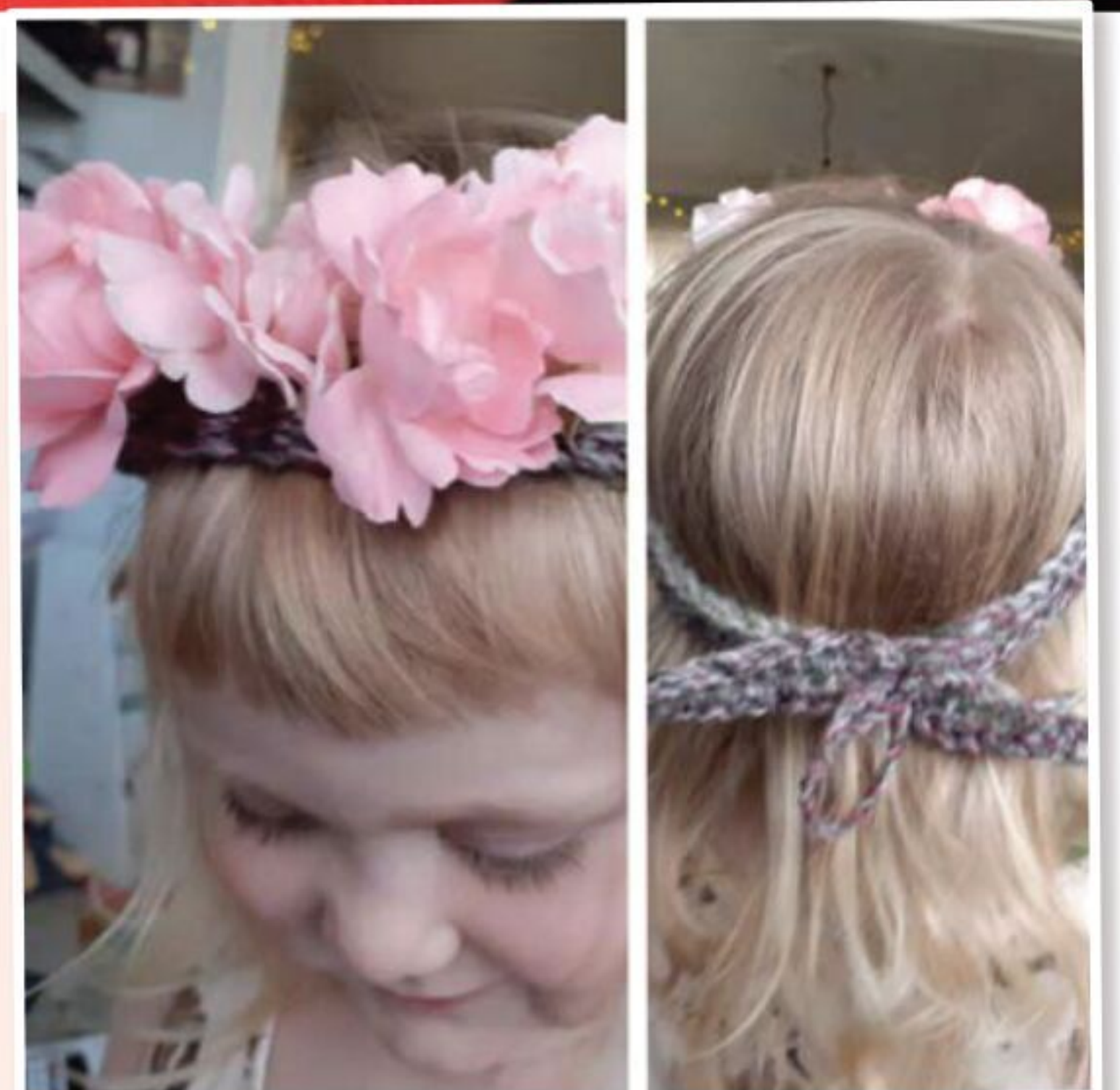
I've made these fingerless mittens – the fox ones are a favourite pattern from LGC issue 86 from a while ago. They're great for using up your stash. I make them during the year for the local homeless appeal in winter. I usually make about 20-30 pairs a year.

Susan Evans

SUPER MUM

Here are some scarves that my mom, Irene, and I have knitted and crocheted for the Salvation Army and other local charities. My mom was the one to teach me crochet, and I am so glad she did! She is now in her 80s, and though she doesn't knit anymore, she knitted over 200 afghans for family and friends years ago. I will always cherish the afghans that she made for me!

Wendy Manz



FLOWER GIRL

My daughter is completely in love with flowers and always has been. She always wants them in her hair and I can never manage to make endless amounts stay in there... so today I've made her a crochet headband. I just poke the stems of the flowers through the holes and she can have as many as she likes!

Kayleigh Skinner



My daughter Chloe loves the Hugo bear from issue 140 that I made for her. She sleeps with him every night and loves him so much that she asked me to make her another bear. I managed to get some more fluffy wool and adapted the Furlicity pattern from the same issue to make a girly bear for her instead of a cat. She loves her little family of bears! I'm now working on the bridal bears for her.

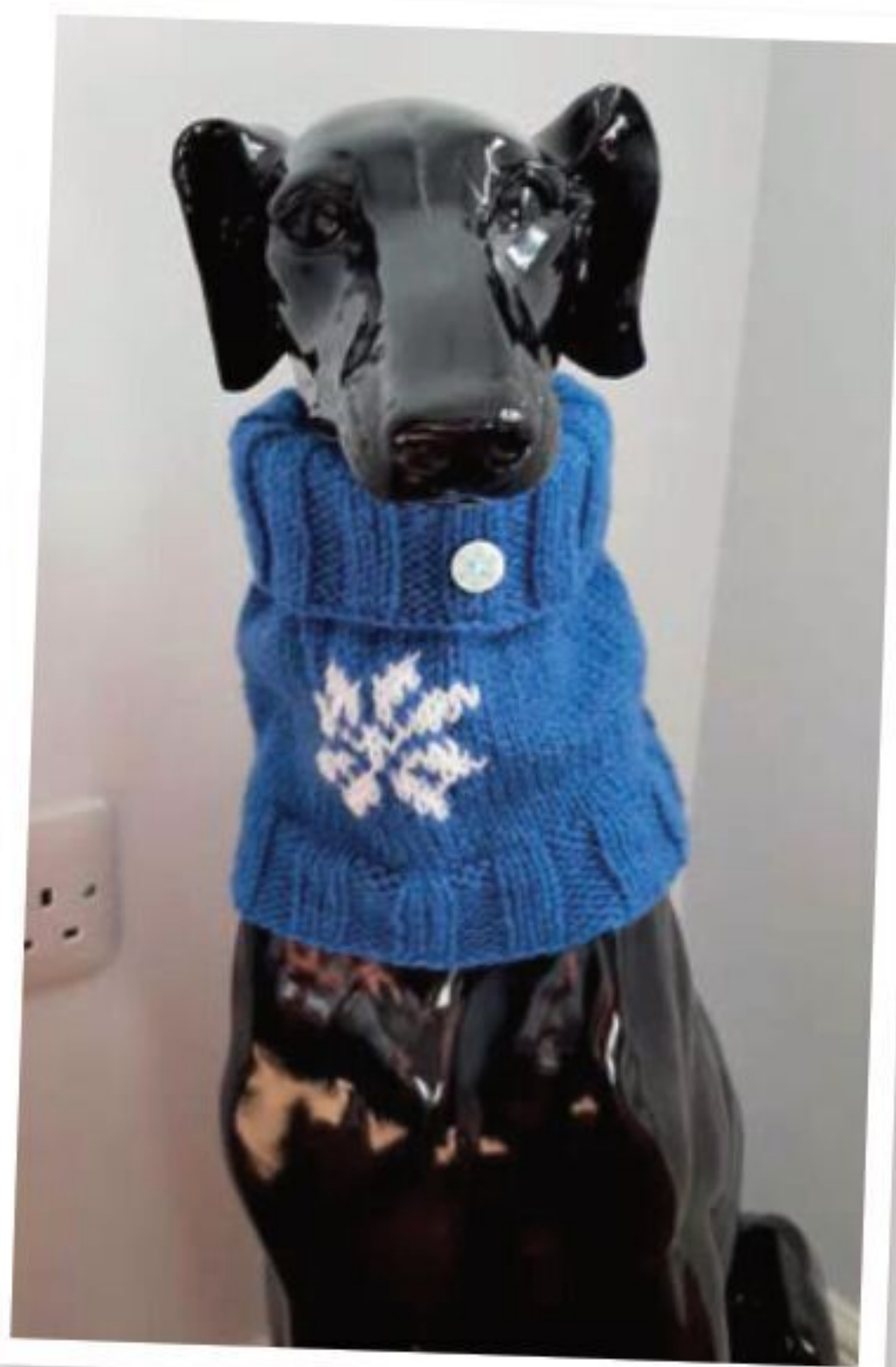
Danielle Mills

💎 This photo makes our hearts melt, Danielle!

I make these neck warmers for Greyhounds in Need and TIA Greyhound & Lurcher Rescue, groups that support rescued greyhounds. The dogs are nicknamed the shivering skinnies as they have no fat on their bodies so really feel the cold. I started making these to help me after my stroke and now my friends help me too – we have donated 66 in the last month! I am also designing Christmas-themed ones for the charities to sell. My wee girl does not like modelling so now I use my statue instead, haha!

Margaret Walker

💎 This certainly looks snug, Margaret!



I needed someone to look after my cats, Mia & Yoko, whilst I was away for a weekend break recently. I would normally pay for a sitter, but my friend wouldn't take any money. She asked for a pair of socks as payment! It took me just over a week to finish the pair, and even though they look difficult, it was such an easy pattern to follow. My friend loves her socks, which is good because I'll definitely be making her more!

Michelle Whittle

💎 What a great way to say thank you, Michelle!



"My friend wouldn't take any money for cat-sitting. She asked for a pair of socks as payment!"



What's your favourite season to knit or crochet for?

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"Christmas, making pressies for the family"

@fun_as_a_gran



"All seasons, I have AC in my 🏠 I crochet everywhere."

@christinesavinelli



"Every season 🥰"

@em_day_crafts



"I love autumn 🍂 making hats, wrist warmers and blankets ❤️"

@tangled_tinker



"All year long 🥰"

@kathrynhuntroaderick



"No seasons needed, I knit and crochet the whole year round 😊"

@knitterella20



"Winter knits ❄️ summer crochet 😎"

@its_donsi_



"All seasons! I just love to crochet, no matter the outside temperature"

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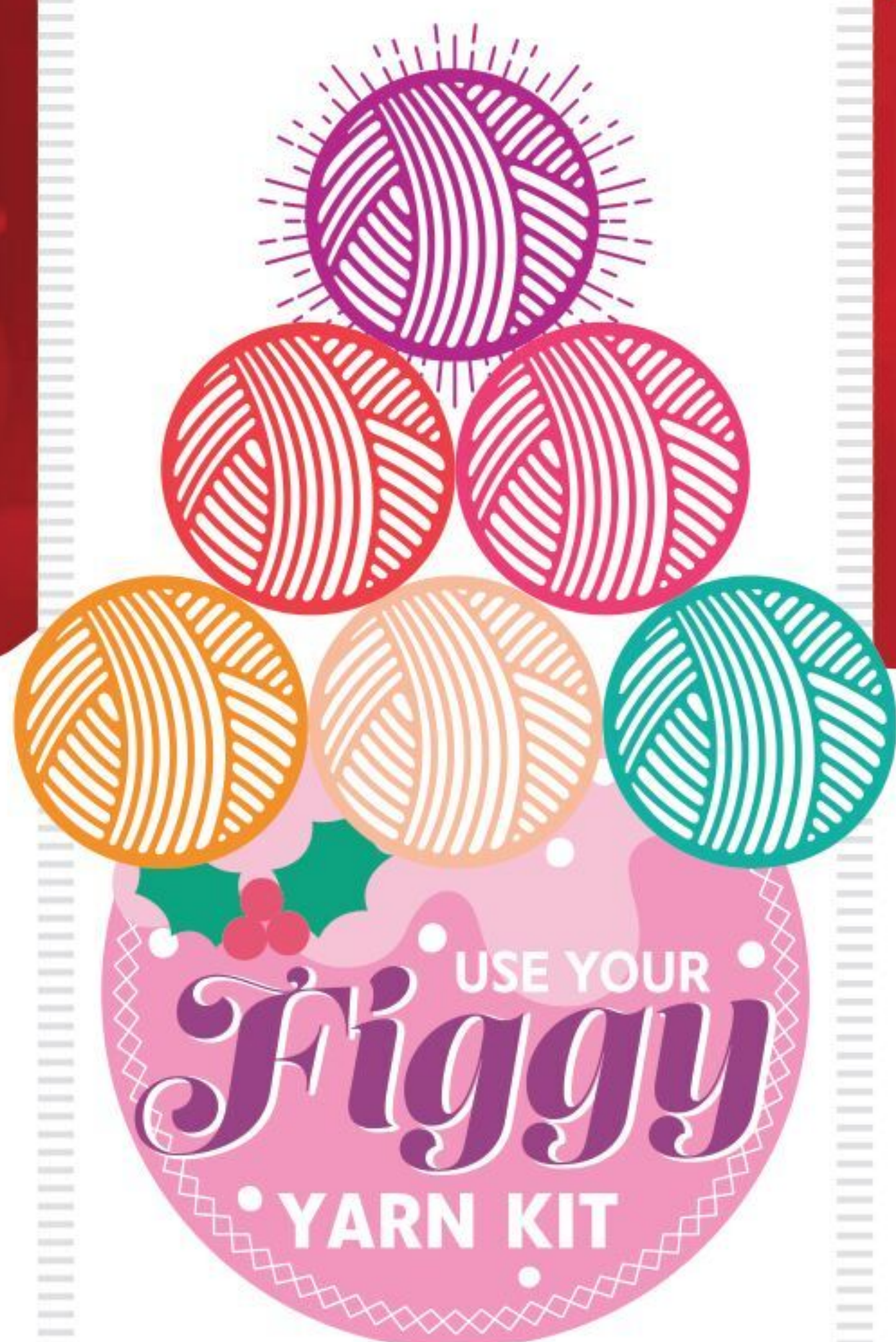
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12 festive decs to YOUR 2-PART



Take the
next step

TAPESTRY BAUBLE

Note: change to next colour by pulling through last two loops of st on previous rnd Using 3.5mm hook and Jolly Green make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

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

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

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

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

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

Make a hanging loop from 20cm of twine, and pull through centre of magic ring

Rnd 6: (using Jolly Green, 5dc, 2dc in next st, change to Bright Orange, 5dc, change to Jolly Green, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

Change to Soft Blush

Rnd 7: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Jolly Green

Rnd 8: 1dc, (change to Bright Orange,

6dc, change to Jolly Green, 8dc) twice, change to Bright Orange, 6dc, change to Jolly Green, 7dc

Rnd 9: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 10: 2dc, (change to Bright Orange, 6dc,

change to Jolly Green, 8dc) twice, change to Bright Orange, 6dc,

change to Jolly Green, 6dc

Change to Merry Red

Rnd 11: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Jolly Green

Rnd 12: 3dc, (change to Bright Orange, 6dc,

change to Jolly Green, 8dc) twice, change to Bright Orange, 6dc,

change to Jolly Green, 5dc

Do not cut Bright Orange, cont in Jolly Green only

Rnd 13: using 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 14: 4dc, (change to Bright Orange, 6dc,

change to Jolly Green, 8dc) twice, change to Bright Orange, 6dc,

change to Jolly Green, 4dc

Change to Soft Blush

Rnd 15: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Jolly Green

Rnd 16: 3dc, dc2tog, (change to Bright Orange, 5dc, dc2tog, change to Jolly

Green, 5dc, dc2tog) twice, change to Bright Orange, 5dc, dc2tog, change to Jolly Green 2dc.

36 sts

Cut Bright Orange

Rnd 17: (4dc,

dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

Stuff as you go

Rnd 18: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 19: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 20: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 21: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off and weave in ends

SPOTTY DROPLET BAUBLE

Note: worked from bottom up Using 3.5mm hook and Merry Red make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

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

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

Rnd 3: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 4: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 14 sts

Rnd 5: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 16 sts

Change to Jolly Green

Rnd 6: (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 7: (2dc,

change to Bright Orange, MB,

change to Jolly Green) to end

Cont in Jolly Green only

Rnd 8: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

Jolly Green

Join Sparkly Purple to any st in Rnd 8

Rnd 9: (8dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 20 sts

Rnd 10: (9dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 22 sts

Rnd 11: 10dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Rnds 12-13: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 14: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Jolly Green

Rnd 15: 1dc in each st to end

Stuff as you go

Rnd 16: (2dc,

change to Bright Orange, MB,

change to Jolly Green) to end

Change to Jolly Green

Rnd 17: 1dc in each



SKILL UP!

make bobble (MB): * yoh, insert hook in indicated st, pull up a loop, rep from * three times (nine loops on hook), yoh and pull through all loops on hook

PLUS: tapestry needle, stuffing, approx 120cm of twine
SIZE: Tapestry Bauble: 21cm circumference, 8cm high
Spotty Droplet Bauble: 11cm high
Bell Bauble: 8cm long, 8cm diameter
Snowflake Bauble: 10.5cm high
Stripy Diamond Bauble: 16cm high including tassel
Stripy Tassel Bauble: 10cm high



HEATHER GIBBS, DESIGNER

"I'm delighted to be getting into the Christmas spirit by designing two cheery sets of baubles! This first set of six features interesting shapes including a droplet and a bell, plus spots, stripes and snowflake motifs. There are lots of colour changes, so please note that when changing colour you should pull the new colour through the last two loops of the previous stitch to complete it, and then continue in the new colour. When working stripes carry the unused colour loosely on the wrong side so it does not pucker, and crochet over it to secure and hide the unused strands. I hope you enjoy these jolly makes, and don't forget to come back for the next six!"

make, keep or share! CROCHET-ALONG

BIG
BAUBLE

crochet-along

st to end

Change to

Merry Red

Rnds 18-20: 1dc in each st to end

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

18 sts

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

12 sts

Rnd 23: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Cut yarn leaving a tail, make a hanging loop with 20cm of twine, and insert before threading through rem sts, pulling tight and fastening off

BELL BAUBLE

Using 3.5mm hook and Sparkly Purple make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

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

Make a hanging loop from 20cm of twine, and pull through centre of magic ring

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 5-6: 1dc in each st to end, change to Party Pink on last st of Rnd 6

Rnds 7-8: 1dc in each st to end, change to Soft Blush on last st of Rnd 8

Rnds 9-10: 1dc in

TOP TIP

SECTIONS ARE WORKED IN CONTINUOUS ROUNDS, SO PLACE ONE OF YOUR STITCH MARKERS IN THE TOP OF THE FIRST STITCH TO MARK THE START AND MOVE IT UP AFTER EACH ROUND



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CONTINUE
CROCHETING



each st to end,
change to Bright
Orange on the last
st of Rnd 10

Rnd 11: (4dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.

36 sts

Rnd 12: 1dc in each
st to end

Change to
Merry Red

Rnd 13: (5dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.

42 sts

Rnd 14: 1dc in each
st to end

Change to
Jolly Green

Rnd 15: (6dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.

48 sts

Rnd 16: 1dc in each
st to end

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

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

36 sts

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

30 sts

Stuff as you go

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

24 sts

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

18 sts

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

12 sts

Rnd 23: (dc2tog)
to end. Six sts

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

CLASSIC SNOWFLAKE BAUBLE

Note: worked
from bottom up
Using 3.5mm hook
and Merry Red
make a magic ring,
work 6dc into ring.
Six sts

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

Nine sts

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

12 sts

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

15 sts

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

18 sts

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

24 sts

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

30 sts

Rnds 7-16: 1dc in
each st to end

Rnd 17: (3dc,
dc2tog) to end.

24 sts

Stuff as you go

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

18 sts

Rnd 19: (1dc,
dc2tog) to end.

12 sts

Rnds 20-22: 1dc in
each st to end

Rnd 23: (dc2tog)
to end. Six sts

Cut yarn leaving a
tail, make a
hanging loop with
20cm of twine,
and insert before
threading through
rem sts, pulling
tight and
fastening off

Side decoration

Using 3.5mm hook
and Soft 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

Change to
Jolly Green

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

30 sts

Fasten off

Using a length of
Merry Red
embroider star in
centre of circle.
Attach decoration
to front

STRIPY DIAMOND BAUBLE

Using 3.5mm hook
and Sparkly Purple
make a magic ring,
work 6dc into ring.
Six sts.

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

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

18 sts

Make a hanging
loop from 20cm of
twine, and pull
through centre of
magic ring

Change to
Soft Blush

Rnds 3-4: 1dc in
each st to end,
change to Party
Pink on last st of
Rnd 4

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

24 sts

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

30 sts

Change to
Soft Blush

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

36 sts

Rnd 8: (5dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.

42 sts

Change to
Merry Red

Rnd 9: 1dc in each
st to end

Rnd 10: (5dc,
change to Soft
Blush, MB, change
to Merry Red)

to end

Rnd 11: 1dc in each
st to end

Change to
Soft Blush

Rnd 12: (5dc,
dc2tog) to end.

36 sts

Rnd 13: (4dc,

dc2tog) to end.

30 sts

Change to
Party Pink

Rnd 14: (3dc,
dc2tog) to

end. 24 sts

Stuff as you go

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

18 sts

Change to
Soft Blush

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

Change to
Sparkly Purple

Rnd 18: (1dc,
dc2tog) to end.

12 sts

Rnd 19: (dc2tog) to
end. Six sts

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

STRIPY TASSEL BAUBLE

Note: worked
from tassel end up
Using 3.5mm hook
and Party Pink
make a magic ring,
work 6dc into ring.
Six sts.

Rnds 1-6: rep Rnds
1-6 of Classic
Snowflake Bauble.
30 sts

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

36 sts

Rnd 8: 1dc in each
st to end

Change to

Sparkly Purple

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

Change to

Party Pink

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

30 sts

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

24 sts

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

18 sts

Change to
Jolly Green

Rnd 14: 1dc in each
st to end

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

24 sts

Change to
Party Pink

Rnd 16: (3dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.

30 sts

Rnd 17: (4dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.

36 sts

Rnd 18: 1dc in each
st to end

Change to

Sparkly Purple

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

Change to

Party Pink

Rnds 21-22: rep
Rnds 11-13. 18 sts

Rnd 23: (1dc,
dc2tog) to end.

12 sts

Rnd 24: (dc2tog)
to end. Six sts

Cut yarn leaving a
tail, make a

hanging loop with
20cm of twine,

and insert before
threading through

rem sts, pulling
tight and

fastening off

Using Jolly Green
make tassel

approx 5cm long
attach to pointed

end of bauble



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Donna and
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One toy, two methods! Whether you're a crochet lover at heart or a knitter through and through, SACHIYO ISHII has got something special for you to make. These fun festive foxes each don a sweet bobble hat along with a matching outfit plus toasty boots and mitts – and a heart-melting little smile! Sachiyo has taken out the glitter thread from the Sparkly Purple yarn, but feel free to keep it in your version for that extra pizzazz! Tell us which one you'll be making at

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PLUS

two 8mm black eye beads or safety eyes, sewing thread, small amount of dark brown DK yarn, stuffing, tapestry needle, 25mm pom-pom maker or fork

SIZE

Height: 25cm including hat



VS CROCHET

WHICH IS THE ELITE TECHNIQUE:
OR CROCHET?

CHOOSE YOUR FOX,
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YOUR PATTERN...



Perfect for
beginners

KNITTED FOX head

Using 3.5mm
needles and
Soft Blush cast
on 12 sts

Row 1 (WS): p

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

18 sts

**Row 3 and
every
odd-
numbered
row:** p

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

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

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

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

Row 12: (k6, kfb)

three times, (kfb,
k6) three times.
48 sts

Rows 13-19: cont
in st st

Change to
Bright Orange

Rows 20: k

**Row 21 and every
odd-numbered
row:** p

Row 22: (k6,
k2tog) five times,
k5, k2tog, k1. 42 sts

Row 24: (k5,
k2tog) five times,
k4, k2tog, k1. 36 sts

Row 26: (k4,
k2tog) five times,
k3, k2tog, k1. 30 sts

Rows 27-33: cont
in st st

Row 34: (k3,
k2tog) five times,
k2, k2tog, k1. 24 sts

Row 35: p

Row 36: (k2,
k2tog) five times,
k1, k2tog, k1. 18 sts

Row 37: p

Row 38: (k1, k2tog)
five times, k2tog,
k1. 12 sts

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

muzzle

Using 3.5mm
needles and Soft
Blush cast on 12 sts



Row 1 (WS): p
Row 2: (k1, kfb) three times, (kfb, k1) three times. 18 sts
Row 3: p
Row 4: (k2, kfb) three times, (kfb, k2) three times. 24 sts
Rows 5-8: beg with a p row work in st st
Cast off

cheek

Make two
Using 3.5mm needles and two strands of Party Pink cast on ten sts
Row 1 (WS): p2, (p2tog, p2) to end. Eight sts
Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through

rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

ear

Make two
Using 3.5mm needles and Bright Orange cast on 22 sts
Rows 1-5: beg with a p (WS) row work in st st
Row 6: k2, (k2tog, k2) to end. 17 sts
Change to Sparkly Purple
Row 7: p
Row 8: k2tog, (k2tog, k1) to end. 11 sts
Row 9: p
Row 10: k1, (k2tog) to end. Six sts
Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

body

Using 3.5mm needles and Party Pink work as for Head to Row 8. 36 sts
Rows 9-19: beg with a p row work in st st
Row 20: (k4, k2tog) five times, k3, k2tog, k1. 30 sts
Rows 21-25: cont in st st
Row 26: (k3, k2tog) five times, k2, k2tog, k1. 24 sts
Row 27: p
Cast off

leg

Make two
Using 3.5mm needles and Sparkly Purple work as for Head to Row 4. 24 sts
Rows 5-7: beg with a p row work in st st
Row 8: k6, (k2tog) six times, k6. 18 sts
Row 9: p
Row 10: k7, (k2tog) twice, k7. 16 sts
Rows 11-13: cont in st st
Row 14: k6, (k2tog) twice, k6. 14 sts
Row 15: p
Change to Bright Orange
Rows 16-21: cont in st st
Cast off

arm

Make two
Using 3.5mm needles and Sparkly Purple work as for Head to Row 2. 18 sts
Rows 3-9: cont in st st
Row 10: k5, (k2tog) four times, k5. 14 sts
Rows 11-13: cont in

st st
Change to Bright Orange
Rows 14-20: cont in st st
Cast off

tail

Using 3.5mm needles and Bright Orange work as for Head to Row 2. 18 sts
Rows 3-12: beg with a p row work in st st
Change to Sparkly Purple
Row 13: p
Row 14: (k4, k2tog) to end. 15 sts
Row 15: p
Row 16: (k3, k2tog) to end. 12 sts
Row 17: p
Row 18: (k2, k2tog) to end. Nine sts
Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

dress

Using 3.5mm needles and Jolly Green cast on 56 sts
Rows 1-3: k
Rows 4-5: beg with a p (WS) row work in st st
Change to Merry Red
Rows 6-10: cont in st st
Row 11: (k2, k2tog) 13 times, k1, k2tog, k1. 42 sts
Row 12: p
Row 13: (k5, k2tog) five times, k4, k2tog, k1. 36 sts
Rows 14-16: beg with a p row work in st st
Row 17: (k4, k2tog) five times, k3, k2tog, k1. 30 sts
Rows 18-22: beg with a p row work in st st
Row 23: (k3, k2tog) five times,

k2, k2tog, k1. 24 sts
Cast off

hat

Using 3.5mm needles and Jolly Green cast on 36 sts
Rows 1-5: beg with a p (WS) row work in st st
Change to Merry Red
Row 6: (k4, k2tog) five times, k3, k2tog, k1. 30 sts
Rows 7-11: cont in st st
Row 12: (k3, k2tog)

five times, k2, k2tog, k1. 24 sts
Row 13: p
Row 14: (k2, k2tog) five times, k1, k2tog, k1. 18 sts
Row 15: p
Row 16: (k1, k2tog) five times, k2tog, k1. 12 sts
Rows 17-19: cont in st st
Row 20: (k2, k2tog) to end. Nine sts
Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off



to make up

With cast-on yarn end of Body, work a gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw tightly. Sew seam up to cast-off edge and stuff. Fold Leg piece in half longways and sew sole. Sew rest of seam and stuff. Rep for other Leg. Attach Legs to Body. Seam Dress and insert Body in Dress. Sew and stuff Arms as for Legs and attach to Body. Seam and stuff Tail. Attach Tail to Body. With fastened-off yarn end of Head, sew seam halfway. With cast-on yarn end, work a gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw tightly. Sew up seam a little further, attach safety eyes if using. Stuff Head and close seam. Seam Ears. Attach Ears to Head. With cast-on yarn end of Muzzle, sew seam, insert stuffing and attach Muzzle to Head. Attach eye beads if using. Using dark brown DK, embroider nose, mouth, and eyebrows. St ends of Cheeks tog to make into a circle. Attach Cheeks to face. With fastened-off yarn end of Hat, sew seam, insert stuffing, and roll up hem. Sew Hat to Head. Sew Head to Body. Make a small pom-pom with a pom-pom maker or using a fork. Attach pom-pom to tip of Hat, leaving 1cm free. Weave in ends



CROCHET FOX

Note: this pattern is worked in joined rnds, join with a sl st to first dc after each rnd. Use a st marker at beg of a

rnd and move up with each rnd

head

Using 3.5mm hook and Bright Orange make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring.



Six sts

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rnd 11: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

Rnds 12-13: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 14: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 48 sts

Change to Soft Blush

Rnds 15-20: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 21: (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 42 sts

Rnd 22: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 23: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

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

Attach safety eyes if using between Rnds 14 and 15

Stuff as you go

Rnd 25: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 26: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 27: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

muzzle

Using 3.5mm hook and Soft Blush work as for Head to Rnd 3. 24 sts

Rnds 4-5: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

cheek

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook and two strands of Party Pink make a magic ring, work 6htr into ring. Six sts

Fasten off

ear

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook and Sparkly Purple make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

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

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

Change to Bright Orange

Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end

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

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

Fasten off

body

Using 3.5mm hook and Party Pink, work as for Head to Rnd 5. 36 sts

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

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

Rnds 14-19: 1dc in each st to end

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

Fasten off

leg

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook and Sparkly Purple work as for Head to Rnd 3. 24 sts

Rnd 4: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 5: 6dc,

(dc2tog) six times, 6dc. 18 sts

Rnd 6: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 7: 5dc, (dc2tog) four times, 5dc. 14 sts

Rnds 8-9: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 10: 5dc, (dc2tog) twice, 5dc. 12 sts

Rnd 11: 1dc in each st to end

Change to

Bright Orange

Rnds 12-16: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

arm

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook and Sparkly Purple work as for Head to Rnd 2. 18 sts

Rnd 3: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rnds 4-5: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 6: 4dc, (dc2tog) twice, 4dc. Ten sts

Rnds 7-9: 1dc in each st to end

Change to

Bright Orange

Rnds 10-15: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

tail

Using 3.5mm hook and Sparkly Purple 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: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Change to

Bright Orange

Rnds 6-11: 1dc in each st to end

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

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

Fasten off

dress

Using 3.5mm hook and Merry Red make 25ch, join with a sl st to first st

Rnd 1: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in each st to end. 24 sts

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

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

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

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

Rnd 8: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

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

Rnd 12: (2dc in next st, 2dc) to end. 56 sts

Rnd 13: 1dc in each st to end

Change to

Jolly Green

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

Fasten off

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Fasten off

Nine sts

Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end

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

Rnd 5: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 15 sts

Rnd 6: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 7: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Rnds 8-9: 1dc in

each st to end

Rnd 10: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

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

Change to Jolly Green

Rnd 14: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 15: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

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

Fasten off

to make up

Stuff Arms and Legs. Attach Legs to Body. Insert Body in Dress. Sew Arms to Body over Dress. Stuff Tail and attach Tail to Body. Sew Ears and Muzzle to Head. Attach eye beads if using. Using dark brown DK, embroider nose, mouth and eyebrows. Attach Cheeks. Stuff Hat, roll hem and attach Hat to Head. Sew Head to Body. Make a small pom-pom with a pom-pom maker or using a fork. Sew pom-pom to tip of Hat, leaving 1cm free. Weave in ends



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STITCH THE NEW SEASON

Your first look at the autumn and winter launches from your favourite brands

Goodbye cool cotton, hello thick, squidgy wool! While we adore crafting all year round, there's something about the chillier months that really make our crafty hearts sing... it's time for snuggly fibres, chunky knitwear and cosy evenings spent stitching in front of the fire – just how we like it! To help you get prepped for the new season, we've been on the lookout for the biggest treats and trends in the fibre world, rounding up the newest and the best for you, our lovely readers, so you can hit the ground running this autumn.

Stylecraft Colour Twist DK, patt 9920, RRP: £3.35

GET THE LAVENDER LOOK

According to a joint prediction made by the international trend forecaster WGSN and the creators of the Coloro colour system, 2023 will see a rise in popularity of the shade 'Digital Lavender' – lilac to you and us – and we can't get enough of it! Serene, subtle and stylish, we've already spotted this calming colour making its way into the new season yarn and pattern launches. King Cole's new Wildwood Chunky is a 100% recycled wool yarn available in ten shades, including the lovely Heather, while Rico is expanding the Essentials Soft Merino Aran colour range to include an on-trend Lilac. Cygnet Yarns is adding new colours to the Deluxe Chunky range with the stunning shade Pansy going to the top of our to-buy lists. We're loving the flecks of purple in West Yorkshire Spinners' Calder blanket, which features in the new The Croft Home collection, made using The Croft Aran in shade Effirth, and Hobbycraft's chic lavender-coloured sweater is sure to turn some heads.



King Cole Wildwood Chunky: patt 5890, RRP: £3; yarn in shade Heather, RRP: £4.99-£5.99 per 100g (190m) ball



Rico Essentials Soft Merino Aran, RRP: £5.89 per 50g (100m) ball



Cygnet Yarns Deluxe Chunky, shade 862 Pansy, RRP: £2.15 per 100g (156m) ball



West Yorkshire Spinners, The Croft Home, Calder Basket Weave Blanket and Cushion



Knitcraft Relaxed Jumper O272, £2.30, hobbycraft.co.uk

TANK TALK

Let's get layering! Sweater vests are back in a big way, and they are perfect for those confusing mornings at the start of autumn when it's too warm for a jumper but too cold to go without.

We've spotted some fab tank tops from the likes of West Yorkshire Spinners, including a stunning sunshine-yellow zig-zag piece in the Nouveau Collection, while Stylecraft bring the texture with a tank knitted in the new Grace yarn, a feather-light aran-weight blend of acrylic, wool and mohair. Cable it up with Rico's new chunky design, and if crochet is more your bag, Rowan has a tank top-shaped treat for you in the new Crochet In-Style collection, designed by Emma Wright.



West Yorkshire Spinners Pure DK
Nouveau Collection, RRP: £12.95



Stylecraft Grace, patt 9929, RRP: £3.35



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NEW WORKSHOPS!

Fancy learning some new skills this season? Black Sheep Wools have announced a variety of fun workshops for fibre fanatics, including Beaded Purse Knitting on 7th October, Dye a Gradient Yarn on 13th October, Fair Isle & Steeking on 27th October, Professional Finishing Knitting on 17th November and much more! The workshops will all take place at the award-winning Craft Barn in Warrington with plenty of skilled professional tutors to show you the way. Visit blacksheepwools.com for more information.

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Rowan Crochet In-Style,
Evelyn, RRP: £15



Stylecraft Nice & Easy,
patt 9938, RRP: £3.35

DARE TO BE SQUARE

You may remember our feature from a couple of issues ago hailing the humble granny square, and its place in fashion right now... well, let us tell you, it's here to stay! From homewares to garments, these easy-peasy makes are cropping up

everywhere. We're loving King Cole's new colourful cardies, hooked in Merino Blend DK, and if you prefer more neutral shades, Rowan has got your back with this tan crochet sweater with monochrome details. Plus, spruce up your home with Stylecraft's new Nice & Easy home collection, featuring this gorgeous granny square blanket.



King Cole Merino Blend
DK, patt 5943, RRP: £3

COOL CABLES

If you fancy a new challenge, get your needles into these cables! Designed by Sarah Hatton for Stitch & Story, the Atlantis Cable sweater is suitable for chest sizes up to 167cm and includes two different sleeve lengths. Knit the slouch cable pattern in Stitch & Story's Cotton Braid yarn – there's nothing quite as soft. Visit stitchandstory.com/autumn for more info.



Knitcraft Broken Honeycomb Jumper 0210, £2, hobbycraft.co.uk



Scheepjes YARN The After Party issue 191, Terrazzo Tile Jumper, RRP: £1.50



BETTER SHAPE UP

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Geometric designs are all the rage this season, and we've seen these interlocking patterns creeping into knitwear. The unisex Terazzo Tile Jumper from Scheepjes has really caught our eye – designed by Chloé Elizabeth Birch, it's knitted in Scheepjes' first fully recycled yarn and is perfect if you fancy a challenge. The Rowan Alpaca Collection features a deliciously autumnal jacket with a striking dots and diamonds motif, and for a more subtle nod to the geometric trend, try Hobbycraft's Broken Honeycomb Jumper, featuring an interlocking motif in cable form around the yoke and cuffs.



Rowan The Alpaca Collection, Merry, RRP: £9.95



Rico Creative Petit Lapin Super Chunky, patt 1204, RRP: £2.99; yarn RRP: £9.89 per 100g (60m) ball



IN THE JUNGLE

Animal print is back! We've seen leopard spots cropping up time and again in fashion through the decades, and we're so pleased they're in again this season, with Rowan dropping some particularly stylish leopard print designs. As well as chic spots, we've seen some seriously funky tiger stripes in the new Safari Chunky collection from King Cole – there are some fab kid's patterns as well for any tots fascinated by exotic animals! And set off your look with a little faux fur, courtesy of Rico – their super chunky yarn is perfect for the new winter headbands and cosy jacket designs!



Rowan Magazine 72, Wild, RRP: £13.50

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HOW TO ENTER

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Thank you for voting

As an extra treat from us to you, every voter will get a special download pack with patterns, games and more!





Motor-mouse Mike

A festive mouse on a scooter? Only in LGC...

This woodland wonder designed by **SACHIYO ISHII** is making a pit stop in a town near you ready to deliver his stash of presents! Little hands will love packing the trailer with the teeny tiny removable gifts and ensuring our little motor mouse zooms along at lightning-fast speeds! As you may have guessed, the scooter's engines are fuelled by imagination, laughter, and a dash of knitty magic...

PLUS

small amount of dark brown 4ply yarn, stuffing, two 5mm eye beads, sewing needle and matching thread, cotton swab, sturdy card, stitch holder, 3.5mm crochet hook, tapestry needle

SIZE

Scooter:
15cm x 13cm
Trailer
(including gifts):
7cm x 4cm
Mouse: 15cm tall (including hat)



Take the next step

TRAILER body

Using 3.5mm needles and Party Pink cast on 18 sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: kfb, k6, (kfb) three times, k6, (kfb) twice. 24 sts

Row 3: p

Row 4: k1, kfb, k6, (kfb, k1) three times, k6, (kfb, k1) twice. 30 sts

Row 5: p

Row 6 (edge): p

Rows 7-10: beg with a p row work

in st st

Rows 11-12: k
Cast off kwise

wheels

Make five (two for trailer, three

for scooter)

Using 3.5mm needles and Sparkly Purple cast on ten sts

Row 1 (WS): (pfb) to end. 20 sts

Change to Jolly Green

Rows 2-9: beg with a k row work in st st
Change to Sparkly Purple

Row 10: k

Row 11: p2tog, (p1, p2tog) to end. 13 sts

Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread

through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

GIFTS boxed gift

Using 3.5mm needles and Bright Orange cast on 18 sts

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

Row 2: k

Rows 3-6: rep Rows 1-2 twice more

Row 7: as Row 1

Row 8: cast off six sts (one st on RH needle), p6 for edge, cast off to end. Seven sts
With WS facing, rejoin yarn to rem sts

Rows 9-15: beg with a p row work in st st

Row 16 (edge): p

Rows 17-31: beg with a p row work in st st
Cast off



bag

Using 3.5mm needles and Merry Red cast on 18 sts

Rows 1-12: beg with a p (WS) row work in st st Cast off

to make up

Copy Trailer Base template (p38) onto card and cut out. Make cuts 1cm into edge all around Base, fold up and tape tog to hold shape. Sew Body seam as far as bottom edge, insert template, join side seam. Using 3.5mm crochet hook and Sparkly Purple, make 20ch, attach this chain to Trailer Body. With fastened-off yarn end of Wheel, st tog ends, and with Jolly Green, sew rest of seam and stuff. With cast-on yarn end, work a gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw tightly. With Sparkly Purple, pierce Wheel centre from one side to the other, and pull thread to shape. Take two Wheels and attach to opposite sides of Trailer, leaving three for Scooter. For Boxed Gift, seam sides tog to make a cube and stuff. With Sparkly Purple, embroider line of chain st

across box. To make a bow, make two backstitches with Sparkly Purple, leaving loops every other st. Leave two yarn ends. For Bag, seam and stuff. With Jolly Green, work a gathering thread at 5mm from top edge and draw tightly. Make bow as for Boxed Gift

MOUSE right leg

Using 3.5mm needles and Merry Red cast on ten sts **Rows 1-3:** beg with a p (WS) row work in st st **Row 4:** k1, kfb, k to last two sts, kfb, k1. 12 sts **Rows 5-13:** cont in st st Cut yarn, keep sts on st holder

left leg

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

body

Row 14: k12 Left Leg sts, k12 from holder connecting both Legs. 24 sts **Row 15:** p **Row 16:** (k3, kfb) three times, (kfb, k3) three times. 30 sts **Rows 17-21:** cont in st st **Row 22:** (k3, k2tog) five times, k2, k2tog, k1. 24 sts

Row 23: p **Row 24:** (k4, k2tog) three times, k3, k2tog, k1. 20 sts **Rows 25-28:** cont in st st **Row 29:** (k3, k2tog) three times, k2, k2tog, k1. 16 sts Cast off

head

Using 3.5mm needles and Soft Blush cast on 12 sts **Row 1 (WS):** p **Row 2:** (k1, kfb) three times, (kfb, k1) three times. 18 sts **Row 3:** p **Row 4:** (k2, kfb) three times, (kfb, k2) three times. 24 sts **Rows 5-9:** cont in st st **Row 10:** k6, (k2tog, k1) four times, k6. 20 sts **Rows 11-13:** cont in st st **Row 14:** k4, (k2tog, k1) four times, k4. 16 sts **Rows 15-19:** cont in st st Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

ear

Make two Using 3.5mm needles and Soft Blush cast on 14 sts **Rows 1-4:** beg with a p (WS) row work in st st **Row 5:** p2tog, (p1, p2tog) to end. Nine sts Cut yarn leaving a

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

boot

Make two Using 3.5mm needles and Jolly Green cast on 12 sts **Row 1 (WS):** p **Row 2:** (k1, kfb) three times, (kfb, k1) three times. 18 sts **Rows 3-7:** cont in st st **Row 8:** k5, (k2tog) four times, k5. 14 sts **Rows 9-12:** cont in st st Cast off kwise

jumper

Using 3.5mm needles and Jolly Green cast on 36 sts **Row 1 (RS):** k Change to Merry Red **Rows 2-6:** beg with a p row work in st st **Row 7:** (k4, k2tog) five times, k3, k2tog, k1. 30 sts **Rows 8-10:** cont in st st **Row 11:** (k3, k2tog) five times, k2, k2tog, k1. 24 sts **Rows 12-13:** cont in st st **Row 14:** (k4, k2tog) three times, k3, k2tog, k1. 20 sts Cast off

arm

Make two Using 3.5mm needles and Merry Red cast on ten sts **Rows 1-6:** beg with a p (WS) row work in st st Change to Jolly Green **Rows 7-8:** p Change to

Soft Blush **Row 9:** p1, p2tog, p to last three sts, p2tog, p1. Eight sts **Row 10:** k Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

hat

Using 3.5mm needles and Jolly Green cast on 20 sts **Row 1 (RS):** k Change to Merry Red **Rows 2-4:** beg with a p row work in st st **Row 5:** (k3, k2tog) three times, k2, k2tog, k1. 16 sts **Rows 6-8:** cont in st st **Row 9:** (k2, k2tog) three times, k1, k2tog, k1. 12 sts **Rows 10-12:** cont in st st **Row 13:** (k1, k2tog) three times, k2tog, k1. Eight sts **Rows 14-16:** cont in st st **Row 17:** (k2tog) to end. Four sts Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

bobble

Using 3.5mm needles and Jolly Green, cast on ten sts **Row 1:** p Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

tail

Using 3.5mm needles and Soft Blush, cast on seven sts **Rows 1-15:** beg with a p (WS) row

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

to make up

With cast-on yarn end, sew each Leg as far as crotch. Sew back seam and stuff. Fold Boot in half longways and sew sole and back seam. Stuff toe, insert Leg in Boot and secure Boot to Leg with sts all around. Rep for other Leg. Seam Jumper and with seam on back, dress Body in Jumper. Seam and stuff Arms. Attach Arms to Body over Jumper. With fastened-off yarn end of Head, sew seam halfway. With cast-on yarn end, work a gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw tightly. Sew seam further, attach safety eyes if using. Stuff Head and close seam. Seam Ears and attach to Head. Attach eye beads if using. With dark brown 4ply, embroider nose and mouth. Take two plies from Party Pink and embroider whiskers. Sew Head to Body. Seam Hat and attach Bobble to tip of Hat, leaving 1cm free. Lightly stuff Hat and sew Hat to Head. Bend Hat in half and st top of Hat to back side of Hat to shape. Seam Tail



“Leave long ends for the parts that require assembly, and when making up, sew the seams with right sides facing using mattress stitch.”

SACHIYO ISHII, DESIGNER



Thanks to
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 and **@easybreezy**
crafting on Instagram
 for their name
 suggestions!

TOP TIP

IF YOU'LL BE GIFTING THIS TO
 A LITTLE ONE, YOU CAN MAKE
 LARGE FRENCH KNOTS OR
 EMBROIDER EYES INSTEAD OF
 USING BEADS OR SAFETY EYES
 FOR PEACE OF MIND

and attach
 to Body

SCOOTER seat

Using 3.5mm
 needles and Party
 Pink cast on 24 sts

**Row 1 (WS) and
 every odd-
 numbered row:** p

Row 2: kfb, k9,
 (kfb) three times,
 k9, (kfb) twice.
 30 sts

Row 4: k1, kfb, k9,
 (kfb, k1) three
 times, k9, (kfb, k1)
 twice. 36 sts

Row 6: k2, kfb, k9,
 (kfb, k2) three
 times, k9, (kfb, k2)
 twice. 42 sts

Row 8: k3, kfb, k9,
 (kfb, k3) three
 times, k9, (kfb, k3)

twice. 48 sts

Row 10 (edge): p

Rows 11-17: beg
 with a p row work
 in st st

Row 18: k3, k2tog,
 k9, (k2tog, k3)
 three times, k9,
 (k2tog, k3) twice.
 42 sts

Row 19: p

Row 20: k2, k2tog,
 k9, (k2tog, k2)
 three times, k9,
 (k2tog, k2) twice.
 36 sts

Rows 21-23: p

Row 24: k1, k2tog,
 k9, (k2tog, k1)
 three times, k9,
 (k2tog, k1) twice.
 30 sts

**Row 25 and all
 odd-numbered
 rows:** p

Row 26: k2tog, k9,

(k2tog) three
 times, k9, (k2tog)
 twice. 24 sts

Row 28: (k2,
 k2tog) five times,
 k1, k2tog, k1. 18 sts

Row 30: (k1, k2tog)
 five times, k2tog,
 k1. 12 sts

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

scooter front

Using 3.5mm
 needles and Party
 Sparkly Purple
 cast on 24 sts

Rows 1-15: beg
 with a p (WS) row
 work in st st

Row 16: (k4, k2tog)
 three times, k3,
 k2tog, k1. 20 sts

Rows 17-25: beg
 with a p row work
 in st st

Row 26: (k3,
 k2tog) three times,
 k2, k2tog, k1. 16 sts

Rows 27-29: beg
 with a p row work
 in st st

Row 30: (k2,
 k2tog) three times,
 k1, k2tog, k1. 12 sts
 Cast off

wheel arches

Make three

Using 3.5mm
 needles and Party
 Pink cast on six sts

Row 1 (WS): (pfb)
 to end. 12 sts

Row 2: k

Row 3: (p2, pfb)
 twice, (pfb, p2)
 twice. 16 sts

Row 4: k

Row 5: (p3, pfb)
 twice, (pfb, p3)
 twice. 20 sts

Rows 6-11: beg
 with a k (RS) row
 work in st st

Row 12: (k3, k2tog)
 twice, (k2tog, k3)
 twice. 16 sts

Row 13: p

Row 14: (k2, k2tog)
 twice, (k2tog, k2)
 twice. 12 sts

Row 15: p

Row 16: (k2tog) to
 end. Six sts
 Cut yarn leaving a
 tail, thread
 through rem sts,

pull tight and
 fasten off

headlight

Using 3.5mm
 needles and
 Bright Orange cast
 on 12 sts

Row 1 (WS): p

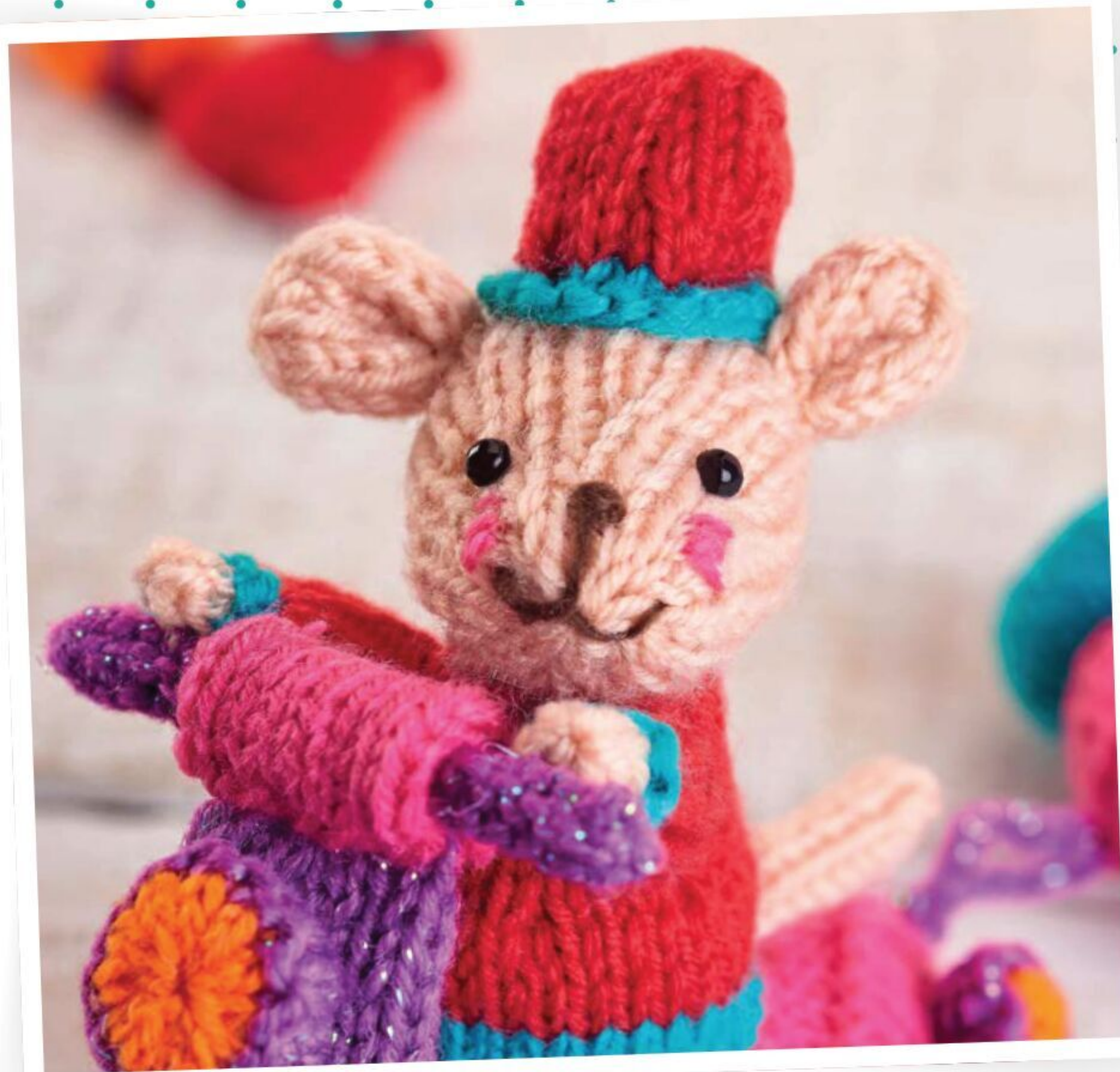
Change to
 Sparkly Purple

Row 2: k

Row 3 (edge): k

Rows 4-7: beg
 with a k row work
 in st st

Cut yarn leaving a
 tail, thread
 through rem sts,



Love THIS PATTERN?



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pull tight and fasten off

back lights

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Bright Orange cast on ten sts
Change to Sparkly Purple

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2 (edge): p

Rows 3-5: beg with a p row work in st st
Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

handlebar

Using 3.5mm needles and Sparkly Purple cast on 20 sts

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

handlebar centre

Using 3.5mm needles and Party Pink cast on ten sts

Rows 1-11: beg with a p (WS) row work in st st
Cast off

to make up

Copy Body Front and Scooter Seat Bottom templates (below) onto card and cut out. With fastened-off yarn end of Seat, sew seam as far as edge. With cast-on yarn end, work a gathering

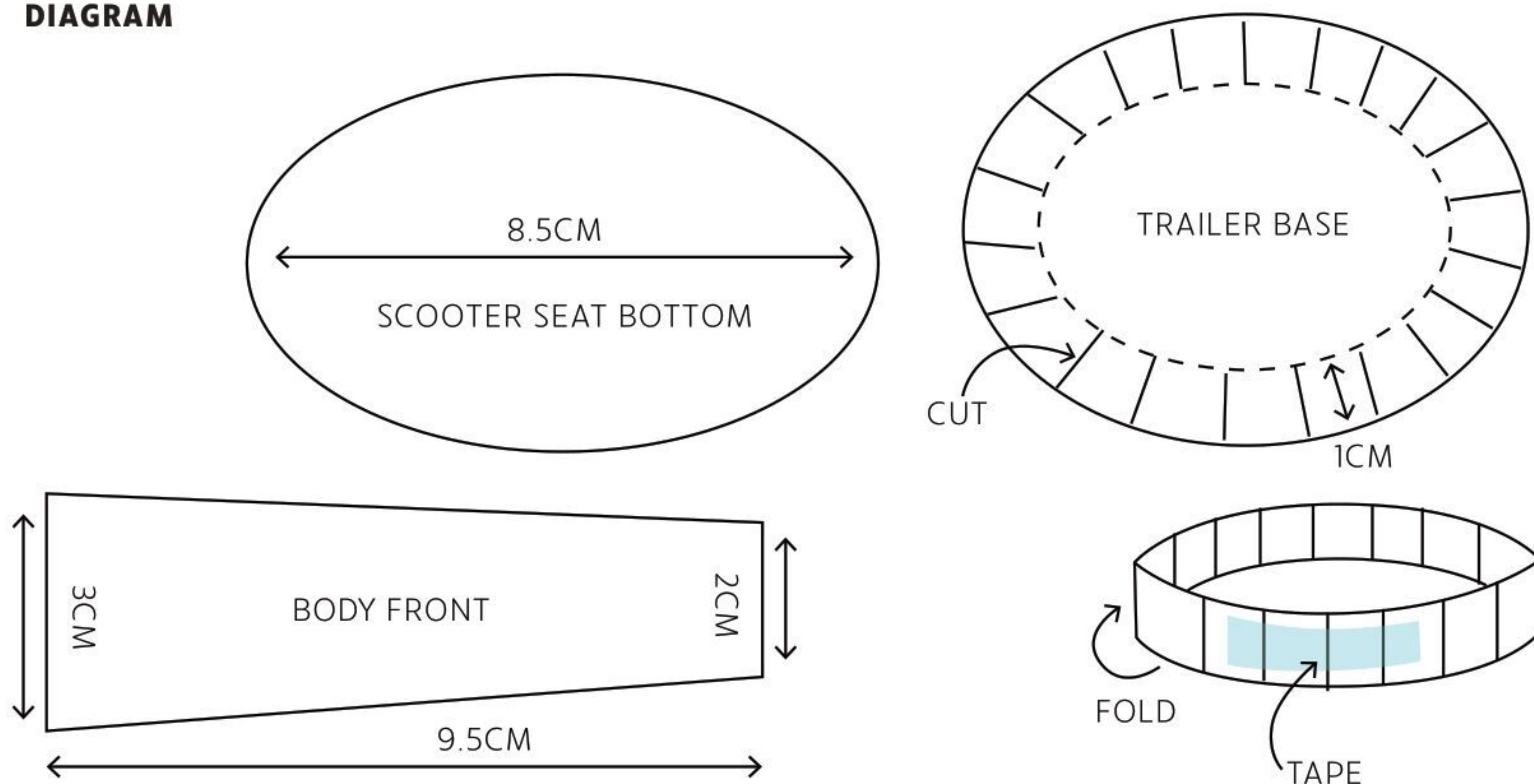
thread along cast-on edge and draw tightly. Sew Seat bottom seam as far as edge, insert card template to bottom and stuff. Close seam. With Party Pink, pierce Seat from top to bottom and rep. Pull thread to flatten base and top panels. Sew Scooter Front seam from

cast-on to cast-off edge. With seam in centre, insert card template. Insert stuffing in front of card (side without seam) only. Wrap a cotton swab with Handlebar and sew cast-on and cast-off edges tog. Work a gathering thread along both ends. Sew Handlebar to Body Front, wrap

with Handlebar Centre and st to secure. Sew bottom of Body Front to Seat. St tog ends of Wheel Arches and sew to Wheel. Attach Wheels to sides of Seat and Body Front. With fastened-off yarn end of Front Light, sew seam as far as edge and stuff. With cast-on yarn end, work a

gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw tightly. Sew rest of seam and attach Front Light to Body Front. Make up Back Lights as for Front Light and attach to Seat. Sew Trailer chain to back of Seat. Sew Mouse Body to Seat and hands to Handle. Bend Scooter Front to shape if needed

DIAGRAM



PUTTING ON THE GLITZ

If you can't take your eyes off our glorious sparkle yarn in this issue's kit, then you've turned to the right page! Nothing says Christmas like glitter, and we know better than anyone that crafters love to get started on their festive projects in plenty of time. So feast your eyes on this shimmering selection of fibres, perfect for adding a touch of magic to your seasonal makes...



FACT FILE

NAME: Scheepjes Twinkle
YARN WEIGHT: DK
FIBRE CONTENT: 75% cotton, 25% polyester
SHADE COUNT: 41
PRICE: £3.55 per 50g (130m) ball, woolmania.co.uk

Shade 941

FACT FILE

NAME: DMC Lumina
YARN WEIGHT: 4ply
FIBRE CONTENT: 60% viscose, 40% polyester
SHADE COUNT: 5
PRICE: £6.20 per 20g (150m) ball, dmc.com

Shade L168



FACT FILE

NAME: King Cole Cosmos
YARN WEIGHT: Fashion
FIBRE CONTENT: 76% lurex, 24% payette
SHADE COUNT: 7
PRICE: £3.99 per 25g (393m) ball, woolwarehouse.co.uk

Shade 1100 Starburst

FACT FILE

NAME: Cygnet Jellybaby Glitter Chenille
YARN WEIGHT: Chunky
FIBRE CONTENT: 92% polyester, 8% metallic
SHADE COUNT: 8
PRICE: £4.25 per 100g (120m) ball, chenilleyarn.co.uk



Shade 17 Metal Grey



Shade Gold

FACT FILE

NAME: Sheep On Mars Glitter Yarn
YARN WEIGHT: Lace
FIBRE CONTENT: 90% lurex, 10% polyamide
SHADE COUNT: 14
PRICE: £4 per 50g (350m) ball, etsy.com/uk/shop/sheeponmars

Shade 003 Gold



FACT FILE

NAME: Rico Fashion Cotton Métallisé DK
YARN WEIGHT: DK
FIBRE CONTENT: 53% cotton, 35% acrylic, 12% metallic
SHADE COUNT: 17
PRICE: £3.99 per 50g (130m) ball, lovecrafts.com



**SIX
WINNERS!**

CRAZY FOR CROSS STITCH!

Our friends at STITCHFINITY are giving away six prizes, each containing six of their mini cross stitch kits. The mini-kit collection is home to 42 different designs including birds, bees, cocktails, cakes and more, and they come with everything you need to start stitching straight away. Measuring approximately 7cm by 7cm when completed, they are ideal to include in a card or on a coaster. For more STITCHFINITY information and events, sign up at stitchfinity.com/newsletter-signup



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Win one of five kid's craft bundles from BLOPENS! Create the cutest Kawaii-style animals with the BLOPENS Kawaii Activity Set, complete with eight BLOPENS and six stencils for amazing airbrush-style effects. With the BLOPENS Sequin Activity Set, you can make the prettiest pictures that really sparkle! And use the six stencils in the BLOPENS Baby Animals Set to create some of your favourite animals in bright colours. Just put a stencil on a sheet of paper, blow through the pen and see your picture appear! Browse at johnadams.co.uk

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30-minute extended auto shut-off for sewists and quilters. For stockists, email groves@stockistenquires.co.uk



WORDS OF WISDOM

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ALL KITTED OUT

Who doesn't love a yarn kit?! In plenty of time for Christmas crafting, we're giving five lucky crafters the chance to win not one, not two, but four fabulous yarn kits each, which contain bamboo needles, a crochet hook and six fresh shades including an exciting pom-pom yarn, along with a selection of patterns tailor-made to be used with the yarn! Create gifts for your family and friends to treasure, or simply craft them for yourself, just because!



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USE ALL
SIX
YARN
COLOURS!

Hanging mini-makes

Turn festive favourites into a set of six quirky decs



12 x 9mm
safety eyes,
stuffing,
tapestry
needle

SIZE
6cm (approx)



ALL BAUBLES bauble

Make six (two in each colour)
Using 3.5mm hook and Soft Blush (Sparkly Purple, Party 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

Rnds 5-10: 1dc in each st to end
Place safety eyes

These cheery baubles all start with the same basic shape, but leave **HANNAH COOPER** to work her magic and hey presto, here are six jolly Christmas characters to hang from your tree. Quick and easy to make, these decorations will delight the younger members of the family, and they can help dress the tree without any danger of breakages.

between Rnds 6-7,
six sts apart

Rnd 11: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 12: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 13: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 14: (dc2tog) to end, join with a sl st to first st. Six sts

Fasten off

hanging loop
Make six (two in Sparkly Purple, two in Party Pink, one in Merry Red and one in Bright Orange)

Using 3.5mm hook and chosen colour make 15ch, join with a sl st to first st to make a loop

Fasten off

SANTA
santa hat

Using 3.5mm hook

and Merry Red make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

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

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

Rnds 4-5: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 6: 6dc, 2dc in next three sts. 12 sts

Rnd 7: 6dc, 2dc in next six sts. 18 sts

Rnd 8: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 9: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 10: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 11-14: 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first st

Fasten off

in each st to end, join with a sl st to top of 2ch. 30 sts

Fasten off

beard
Using 3.5mm hook and Bright Orange make 15ch, turn

Row 1: 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 1htr in each st to end, turn. 15 sts

Row 2: 1ch, htr2tog, 11htr, htr2tog, turn. 13 sts

Row 3: 1ch, htr2tog, 9htr, htr2tog, turn. 11 sts

Row 4: 1ch, htr2tog, 7htr, htr2tog, turn. 9 sts

Row 5: 1ch, htr2tog, 5htr, htr2tog, turn. 7 sts

Row 6: 1ch, htr2tog, 3htr, htr2tog, turn. 5 sts

Row 7: 1ch, htr2tog, 1htr, htr2tog, turn. 3 sts

Row 8: 1ch, htr3tog. One st

Fasten off

to make up
Turn Bauble so last row is at top and

sew hole shut. Sew Hat to Bauble head and tip of Hat to side of Head. Attach Beard under eyes. With Soft Blush embroider a nose. Using Jolly Green and a fork make a 2.5cm pom-pom and sew to end of Hat. Sew Hanging Loop to top of Hat

Rnd 14: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 15: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Jolly Green

Rnd 16-19: 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first st

Fasten off

trim
Using 3.5mm hook join Party Pink to any st, make 2ch (counts as 1htr), work 1htr in each st to end, join with a sl st to top of 2ch. 30 sts

Fasten off

right ear
Using 3.5mm hook and Soft Blush make a magic ring, work 3dc into ring, 3ch, sl st in third ch from hook, sl st in next st

Fasten off and pull on yarn end to close ring

left ear
Using 3.5mm hook and Soft Blush make a magic ring, sl st in next st, 3ch, sl st into third ch from hook, 3dc into ring

Fasten off and pull on yarn end to close ring

to make up
Turn Bauble so last row is at top and



"These makes are perfect for any tree but why not change the colours to suit your Christmas colour scheme and make them more personal."

HANNAH COOPER, DESIGNER





SKILL UP!

htr2tog: beg with three loops on hook, yoh, insert hook into next st, yoh, pull through st (end of first st), yoh, insert hook into next st, yoh, pull through st, yoh, pull through all five loops on the hook

sew hole shut. Sew Hat onto Bauble head. Sew tip of Hat to side of Head. Using Party Pink make a 4cm tassel and attach to end of Hat. Stitch Ears to either side of face. Using Party Pink embroider a smile. Using Soft Blush embroider nose as for Santa. Stitch the Hanging Loop onto top of Bauble

ROBIN red breast

Using 3.5mm hook and Merry Red make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnd 2: sl st in each of next two sts, 1dc, sl st in next st, 2dc in next st, 2htr in next st, 2tr in next st, 2dc in next st, sl st in next st, 1dc, sl st in next st, join with a sl st to first st. 17 sts
Fasten off

beak

Using 3.5mm hook and Bright Orange make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring. Four sts

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

tail

Using 3.5mm hook and Party Pink make 4ch, turn

Row 1: beg in second ch from hook, 3dc, turn
Row 2: 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 2dc in next st, 1dc, 2dc in last st, turn. Five sts
Row 3: ch1, 1dc in each st to end, turn
Row 4: ch1, 1dc, 1htr, 3tr in next st, 1htr, 1dc. Seven sts
Fasten off

wing

Make two
Using 3.5mm hook and Party Pink make a magic ring, work 1dc, 1htr, 3tr, 1htr and 1dc into ring, join with a sl st in first st
Fasten off

to make up

Turn Bauble so last row is at top and sew hole shut. Stitch Beak between eyes and add Red Breast directly underneath. Attach Wings onto both sides and Tail at back. Sew Hanging Loop to top of Bauble

REINDEER

muzzle

Using 3.5mm hook and Sparkly Purple make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

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

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

Rnds 3-4: 1dc in each st to end
Join with a sl st to first st
Fasten off

nose

Using 3.5mm hook

and Merry Red make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Join with a sl st to first st
Fasten off

ear

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook and Sparkly Purple make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring, turn. Five sts

Row 1: ch1 (does not count as st), 1dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc. Seven sts
Fasten off

right antler

Using 3.5mm hook and Bright Orange make 7ch, turn

Row 1: beg in second ch from hook, 3dc, 5ch, turn

Row 2: beg in second ch from hook, 3dc, 4ch, turn

Row 3: beg in second ch from

hook, 3dc, sl st in base of dcs from Row 2, 1dc in rem ch from Row 2, 1dc in base of dcs from Row 1, 1dc in each rem ch to end
Fasten off

left antler

Using 3.5mm hook and Bright Orange make 8ch, turn

Row 1: beg in second ch from hook, 3dc, 4ch, turn

Row 2: beg in second ch from hook, 3dc, sl st into base of dcs from Row 1, 1dc in next ch, 4ch, turn

Row 3: beg in second ch from hook, 3dc, 1dc in each rem ch to end
Fasten off

to make up

Turn Bauble so last row is at top and sew hole shut. Sew

Muzzle onto face below eyes and then Nose onto Muzzle. Stitch Ears and Antlers onto top of Head with Ears on outside. Sew Hanging Loop onto top of Bauble

CHRISTMAS PUDDING sauce

Using 3.5mm hook and Bright Orange make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

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

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

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

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

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

Rnd 7: 5ch, turn

Note: from this point on work in rows



TOP TIP

MAKE EACH COMPLETE BAUBLE UP AS YOU GO, OR YOU MIGHT GET YOUR PIECES MIXED UP



Row 8: beg in second ch from hook, 1dc, 1htr, 1dc, sl st, working into Rnd 6, 2dc, 3ch, turn

Row 9: beg in second ch from hook, 2dc, working back into Rnd 6, 2dc, 7ch, turn

Row 10: beg in third ch from hook, 2tr, 1htr, 1dc, sl st in next st, working into Rnd 6, 2dc, 4ch, turn

Row 11: beg in second ch from hook, 1htr, 1dc, sl st in next st, working into Rnd 6, 3dc, 5ch, turn

Row 12: beg in third ch from hook, 1tr, 1htr, 1dc, working into Rnd

6, 1dc, 4ch, turn

Row 13: beg in third ch from hook, 1tr, 1htr, working into Rnd 6, 4dc, 6ch, turn

Row 14: beg in third ch from hook, 2tr, 1htr, 1dc, working into Rnd 6, 2dc, 3ch, turn

Row 15: beg in second ch from hook, 1dc, sl st in next st, working into Rnd 6, 3dc, 5ch, turn

Row 16: beg in second ch from hook, 2htr, 1dc, sl st in next st, working into Rnd 6, 4dc, 6ch, turn

Row 17: beg in third ch from hook, 2tr, 1htr, sl st in next st, working into Rnd 6, 2dc, 4ch, turn

Row 18: beg in second ch from hook, 1htr, 1dc, sl st in next st, working into Rnd 6, 2dc, 3ch, turn

Row 19: beg in second ch from hook, 1htr, sl st in next st, working into Rnd 6, 2dc, join with a sl st to first st

Fasten off

to make up

Turn Bauble so last row is at top and place sauce on top so that ninth drip is between eyes. Stitch to Bauble. Using Merry Red embroider mouth. Sew Hanging Loop to top of Bauble

PENGUIN body patch

Using 3.5mm hook and Jolly Green 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: 7dc, (1htr, 2tr) in next st, (1tr, 1htr) in next st, sl st in next st, (1htr, 1tr) in next st, (2tr, 1htr) in next st, 1dc in each st to end Fasten off

When inserting eyes push them through Body Patch first and

first st
Fasten off

wing

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook and Sparkly Purple make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

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

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

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

Rnd 5: 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st Fasten off

bow tie

Using 3.5mm hook and Merry Red

make 3ch, turn

Row 1: beg in second ch from hook, 2dc, turn

Row 2: ch1 (does not count as st throughout), dc2tog, turn. One st

Row 3: ch1, 2dc in same st. Two sts Fasten off

to make up

Turn Bauble so last row is at top and sew hole shut. Stitch Body Patch to Bauble. Sew Beak onto Body Patch and Wings to each side of Body. Wrap a short length of Merry Red around middle of Bow Tie, pull tight and sew Bow Tie to front of Penguin just below Beak. Sew Hanging Loop to top of Bauble



GREAT ADVICE

Before you stuff each bauble place one of the stitch markers from your kit through the working loop to avoid dropping any stitches



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Witching hour

Head over to the pumpkin patch
with our sparkly sorceress



USING YOUR

Figgy

YARN KIT



PROJECT
OVERLEAF





PLUS
stuffing,
tapestry
needle

SIZE
Witch: 21cm tall
including hat
Small Pumpkin:
4cm diameter
Medium
Pumpkin: 6cm
diameter
Large Pumpkin:
8cm diameter
Extra Large
Pumpkin: 11cm
diameter



SMALL PUMPKIN

Make two (one in each colour)

Using 3.5mm needles and Party Pink (Bright Orange) cast on 12 sts

Row 1 (RS): (kfb) to end. 24 sts

Rows 2-10: beg with a p row work in st st

Row 11: (k2tog) to end. 12 sts

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

stalk

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Jolly Green cast on four sts
Cast off

It's time to cast a spell with your magic wands (and by magic wands, we do mean knitting needles) and conjure up this mystical witch! Showing off her transformative powers, this magical doll by **NICOLA VALIJI** is half person, half pumpkin, and we just love her magnificent hat and robe – and don't forget the collection of pumpkins! There are four different sizes to knit and they'd make fantastic table decorations, or even sugar-free gifts for trick-or-treaters!

leaf

Make four

Using 3.5mm needles and Jolly Green cast on six sts

Row 1 (RS): k4, turn

Row 2: p

Cast off

MEDIUM PUMPKIN

Using 3.5mm needles and Merry Red cast on 12 sts

Row 1 (RS): (kfb) to end. 24 sts

Row 2: p

Row 3: (k1, kfb) to end. 36 sts

Rows 4-18: beg with a p row work in st st

Row 19: (k1, k2tog) to end. 24 sts

Row 20: p

Row 21: (k2tog) to end. 12 sts

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

stalk

Using 3.5mm needles and Jolly Green cast on six sts

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

Cast off

leaf

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Jolly Green cast on eight sts

TOP TIP

MAKE SURE YOU LEAVE AN EXTRA-LONG YARN END WHEN YOU FINISH KNITTING EACH PUMPKIN FOR SEWING UP

Row 23: (k1, k2tog) to end. 24 sts

Row 24: p

Row 25: (k2tog) to end. 12 sts

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

stalk

Work as for Medium Pumpkin Stalk

leaf

Make four

Work as for Medium Pumpkin Leaf

EXTRA LARGE PUMPKIN

Using 3.5mm needles and Soft Blush cast on 12 sts

Row 1 (RS): (kfb) to end. 24 sts

Row 2 and every even-numbered row: p

Row 3: (k1, kfb) to end. 36 sts

Row 5: (k2, kfb) to end. 48 sts

Row 7: (k3, kfb) to end. 60 sts

Rows 8-30: beg with a p row work in st st

Row 31: (k3, k2tog) to end. 48 sts

Row 32 and every even-numbered row: p

Row 33: (k2, k2tog) to end. 36 sts

Row 35: (k1, k2tog) to end. 24 sts

Row 37: (k2tog) to end. 12 sts

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

stalk

Work as for Medium Pumpkin Stalk

leaf

Make two

Work as for Medium Pumpkin Leaf

WITCH body and head

Using 3.5mm needles and Sparkly Purple cast on 20 sts

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

Row 10: k4, (k2tog) twice, k4, (k2tog) twice, k4. 16 sts

Row 11: p2, (p2tog) twice, p4, (p2tog) twice, p2. 12 sts

Row 12: (k2tog) to end. Six sts

Change to Soft Blush

Rows 13-15: cont in st st

Row 16: (kfb) to end. 12 sts



GREAT ADVICE

To get your witch looking as good as possible, tease out your stuffing beforehand as this will prevent any lumps and bumps, and use a narrower needle to help you reach awkward areas like the ends of the arms.





Head. Plait yarn and secure with bows using Sparkly Purple. Seam row edges of Hat to cast-on edge on wrong side. Turn right side out and place brim of Hat at bottom and sew into place. Secure Hat on Witch's Head. With Soft Blush embroider a nose, Jolly Green to embroider eyes and three buttons on Witch's Body, and Party Pink to embroider a mouth. Sew Arms along seam edges on wrong side, turn right side out and stuff. Attach Arms to each side of Witch's Body. Place Robe around Witch's neck and tie a bow using a 20cm length of Party Pink. Weave in ends

Row 17: p
Row 18: (k1, kfb) to end. 18 sts
Rows 19-25: cont in st st
Change to Jolly Green
Row 26: k
Row 27: p
Row 28: (k2tog) to end. Nine sts
Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

hat

Using 3.5mm needles and Sparkly Purple cast on 19 sts
Row 1 (RS): k
Row 2: p
Work in two-row stripe sequence as folls: Jolly Green, Sparkly Purple
Rows 3-8: beg with a k row work in st st
Row 9: k3, (k2tog, k3) three times, k1. 16 sts
Rows 10-12: cont in st st
Row 13: (k2, k2tog) to end. 12 sts
Rows 14-16: cont in st st

Row 17: (k2, k2tog) to end. Nine sts
Rows 18-21: cont in st st
Row 22: (p2tog) four times, p1. Five sts
Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

brim for hat

Using 3.5mm needles and Sparkly Purple cast on 20 sts
Row 1 (WS) and every odd-numbered row: p
Row 2: (k3, kfb) to end. 25 sts
Row 4: (k4, kfb) to end. 30 sts
Row 6: (k5, kfb) to end. 35 sts
Row 7: p
Cast off

robe

Using 3.5mm needles and Sparkly Purple cast on ten sts
Row 1 (WS): p
Row 2: (kfb, k1) to end. 15 sts
Row 3: k2, p to last two sts, k2

Row 4: (kfb, k2) to end. 20 sts
Row 5: as Row 3
Row 6: (kfb, k3) to end. 25 sts
Row 7: as Row 3
Row 8: (kfb, k4) to end. 30 sts
Row 9: k2, p to last two sts, k2
Rows 10: k
Rows 11-19: rep Rows 9-10 four times and Row 9 once more
Row 20-23: k
Cast off

arms

Make two
Using 3.5mm needles and Jolly Green cast on nine sts
Rows 1-14: beg with a k (RS) row work in st st
Change to Sparkly Purple
Rows 15-18: k
Change to Soft Blush
Rows 19-21: cont in st st
Row 22: (p2tog) four times, p1. Five sts
Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts,

pull tight and fasten off

pumpkin base

Using 3.5mm needles and Bright Orange work as for Extra Large Pumpkin

to make up

For all Pumpkins, gather up cast-on sts and sew seam on wrong side leaving gap at top, turn right side out, stuff and close gap. Using a long length of matching yarn, sew from top of Pumpkin to bottom at intervals and pull tight to create Pumpkin segments. Sew row ends of each Stalk tog and attach Stalk and Leaves to top of Pumpkin. For Witch, sew up row edges of Body keeping seam to back, leaving a gap. Turn right side out, stuff and

close gap. Make up Pumpkin Base in same way as Pumpkins and sew Witch Body to centre of Pumpkin Base. Cut lengths of Jolly Green approx 30cm long to make hair and sew to top of

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SIZE
Overall length
(approx):
220cm
Pumpkin:
7cm tall
Spider's web:
8.5cm diameter
Skull: 7cm tall

Halloween bunting

Set a spooky scene with the help of this ghoulish garland!

Featuring a skull, a spider's web and a pumpkin, this creepy crocheted make by **HANNAH COOPER** is just the thing to hang in your window on All Hallows' Eve. Get the sweets ready though as it might attract trick-or-treaters! Each motif features some nifty crochet techniques to get the right shape, so follow the patterns carefully and don't fret if you need a couple of practice runs before you're happy.



HALLOWEEN BUNTING spider's web

Make six

Using 3.5mm hook and Soft Blush make a magic ring, work 8dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st. Eight sts

Rnd 1: 5ch (counts as 1tr, 3ch), (1tr in next st, 3ch) seven times, sl st in second ch of starting 5ch

Rnd 2: 6ch (counts as 1tr, 4ch), (1tr in

next tr, 4ch) seven times, sl st in second ch of starting 6ch

Rnd 3: 12ch (counts as 1 dtr, 6ch), 1dtr in next tr, 3ch, sl st in third ch from hook, 6ch, 1tr in next tr, 3ch, sl st in third ch from hook, 6ch, 1htr in next tr, 3ch, sl st in third ch from hook, 6ch, 1dtr in next tr, 3ch, sl st in third ch from hook, 6ch, 1tr in next tr, 3ch, sl st in third ch from hook, 6ch, 1htr in next tr, 3ch, sl st in third ch from hook, 6ch, sl st in 4th ch of starting

TOP TIP

TURN TO PAGES 64-65 FOR OUR ILLUSTRATED GUIDES TO WORKING TREBLES AND HALF TREBLES

ch, 3ch, sl st in third ch of starting 12ch
Fasten off

pumpkin

Make six

Using 3.5mm hook and Bright Orange make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

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

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

Rnd 3: 1dc, 1htr, 2tr in next st, (1tr, 1htr) in next st, 2htr, (1htr, 1tr) in next st, 2htr, 1dc, 2htr, (1tr, 1htr) in next st, 2htr, (1htr, 1tr) in next st, 2tr in next st, 1htr. 24 sts

Rnd 4: 1dc, 1htr, (2tr

in next st) four times, 1tr, 2tr in next st, 1tr, (1tr, 1htr) in next st, 1htr, 1dc, sl st in next st, 1dc, 1htr, (1htr, 1tr) in next st, 1tr, 2tr in next st, 1tr, (2tr in next st) four times, 1htr. 36 sts
Change to Jolly Green
Rnd 5: sl st in next st, 6ch, turn, beg in third ch from

hook, 1tr, 1htr, 1dc, sl st in same space as first sl st
Fasten off

skull

Make six

Using 3.5mm hook and Sparkly Purple, make 20ch, taking care not to twist ch join with a sl st in to make a ring and sl st in 11th st to make two

loops. 20 sts

Rnd 1: 10dc into each loop

Rnd 2: 4ch (counts as 1tr, 2ch), 1tr in same sp, 2htr, 2dc, 2dc in next st, (1dc, 2dc in next st) five times, 2dc, 2htr, sl st in second of 4ch. 27 sts plus 2ch spaces

Rnd 3: 3dc into 2ch space, sl st in next three sts, turn

Rnd 4: 3ch (counts

as 1htr, 2ch), miss sl st, 1htr, 2ch, miss one st, 1htr, 2ch, miss one st, 1htr, turn. (four 2-ch spaces created)

Rnd 5: 1ch, 2dc in each 2-ch space, 2dc around end htr [side of face], 1dc in each st around top of head, 2dc around end htr [other side of face], sl st in starting chain to join. 36 sts
Fasten off

to make up

Using 3.5mm hook, Party Pink and ensuring all motifs face same way, * make 20ch, attach to a Skull with a sl st in top st, 20ch, (sl st in picot spike on Spider's Web, 8ch) twice, sl st in picot spike on Spider's Web, 20ch, sl st in top of Pumpkin stalk, rep from * until all motifs are attached, 20ch, fasten off. Weave in all ends

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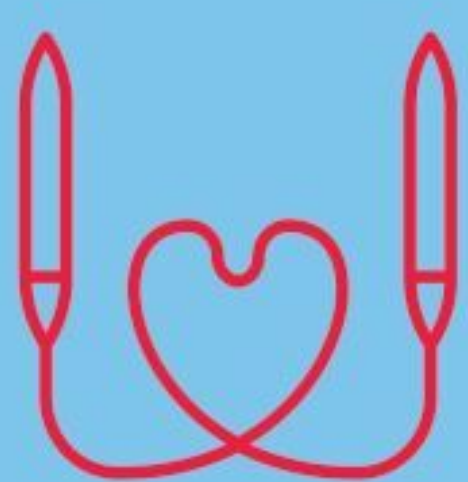
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If you have little ones at home then these two need no introduction, but in case you've not met them before, here are Numberblock One and Alphablock A, the stars of two hugely popular CBeebies shows. Created to help make literacy and numeracy more fun, these quirky characters are perfect to have on hand to jazz up phonics or sums. **SACHIYO ISHII** has designed these crochet versions and they're exclusive to LGC!



"The arms and legs are worked in joined rounds, so join with a slip stitch to the first double crochet after each round. Use a stitch marker to mark your end point."

SACHIYO ISHII, DESIGNER

yarn D, embroider around eyes and create eyebrows. Make French knots for freckles. Sew Plaster to Body. Stuff Legs. Using yarn A, pierce foot from sole and take needle out from top of foot and repeat. Pull thread to flatten sole and shape ankle. Stuff Arms and with yarn D, embroider a line in centre of each hand. Attach Arms and Legs to Body. Split two plies from yarn F and embroider nose. Weave in all ends

NUMBER-BLOCK ONE

Note: if you do not wish to make

ombré effect in Arms and Legs, change yarn at Rnd 7 and Rnd 10 respectively

body

Using 3mm hook and yarn H, make 43ch

Row 1 (RS): beg in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn.

42 sts

Rows 2-14: 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 1dc in each st to end, turn. Fasten off

Join yarn H to back loop of 15th st

Row 15: working in BLO, 1ch, 14dc, turn.

14 sts

Work on this set of 14 sts

Rows 16-28: 1ch,

1dc in each st to end, turn

Row 29: working in BLO, 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

Rows 30-42: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

Row 43: as Row 29

Rows 44-55: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Fasten off

arm

Make two

Using 3mm hook and yarn J make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, join.

Six sts

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

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

16 sts

Rnd 3: (6dc, dc2tog) twice.

14 sts

Rnd 4: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 5: (5dc, dc2tog) twice.

12 sts

Rnd 6: (4dc, dc2tog) twice.

Ten sts

Cut yarn, leaving approx 30cm tail for ombré effect if working and separate into three plies, take a similar length of yarn H, separate into three plies and combine into one strand as follows:

Rnd 7: with one ply of yarn H and two plies of yarn J, (3dc, dc2tog) twice. Eight sts

Rnd 8: with two plies of yarn H and one ply of yarn J, 1dc in each st to end

Rnds 9-10: with yarn H only, 1dc in each st to end. Fasten off

leg

Make two

Work as for Arms to Rnd 2. 16 sts

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

Rnds 6-9: work as for Rnds 3-6 of Arms. Ten sts

Cut yarn, leaving approx 30cm tail and work ombré effect as for Arm as follows:

Rnd 10: with one ply of yarn H and two plies of yarn J, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 11: with two plies of yarn H and one ply of yarn J, 1dc in each st to end

Cont in yarn H only

Rnd 12: (3dc, dc2tog) twice.

Eight sts

Rnd 13: 1dc in each st to end. Fasten off

eye pupil

Using 3mm hook and yarn F, make a magic ring, work 6htr into ring, join with a sl st to first st. Six sts

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

Fasten off

eye white

Work as for Eye Pupil but do not fasten off. 12 sts

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

18 sts

Change to yarn J

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

24 sts

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

30 sts

Fasten off

mouth

Using 3mm hook and yarn F make 5ch

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

Four sts

Rnd 2: miss first st, 2dc, sl st in last st. Fasten off

Join yarn J to corner

Rnd 3: work 14dc evenly around edge, join with a sl st to first st. Fasten off

to make up

Construct a 6cm x 6cm x 6cm box with sturdy card or cardboard box. Sew Body side edges tog, encasing card box. Sew Eye Pupil to Eye White. Using yarn E, make a French knot in Eye Pupil. Using yarn E, embroider teeth to Mouth. Sew Eye and Mouth to Body. Stuff Arms and Legs, attach them to Body. Weave in all ends

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YOU WILL NEED

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YARN

King Cole
Majestic DK: (A) 2656 Burnt Orange, (B) 658 Amber, (D) 2659 Cerise, 2 (2, 2, 2, 2, 2) 50g balls of each; (C) 3493 Cloud, 1 (2, 2, 2, 2, 2) 50g balls; (E) 645 Beige, 5 (6, 7, 7, 8, 9) 50g balls

PLUS

3.25mm and 4mm needles, stitch holders, 5cm diameter pom-pom maker, tapestry needle

SIZE

JUMPER
Dress size (approx): 4-6 (8-10, 10-12, 12-14, 16-18, 20-22)
To fit bust (cm): 71-76 (81-86, 87-91, 91.5-96.5, 101.5-106.5, 111.5-117)
Actual chest (cm): 82 (91, 100, 109, 118, 127)
Length to shoulder (cm): 65 (66, 67, 68, 69, 71)
Underarm length: 46cm
HAT
Size: Small-Medium (Medium-Large)
To fit head circumference (cm): 50-54 (55-59)
Actual head circumference (cm): 44 (49)

TENSION

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



Challenge yourself

It takes two

This Fair Isle bobble jumper and co-ordinating hat is a match made in heaven

This jazzy design duo by **JACINTA BOWIE** will have you flexing your knitting muscles with stranded colourwork and cute contrast bobbles!

The rib and stocking stitch body and sleeves are worked first before they are joined together to form the yoke. Top it off with an equally bold hat and make sure you use all your colours for the giant pom-pom!

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JUMPER back and front

Alike

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn A, cast on 89 (99, 109, 119, 129, 139) sts
Row 1 (RS): p1, * k1, p1, rep from * to end
Row 2 (WS): k1, * p1, k1, rep from * to end
Last two rows

form single rib
Change to yarn B
Cont in single rib and work in foll stripe sequence:
Six rows in yarn B
Six rows in yarn C
Two rows in yarn D **
Change to 4mm needles and yarn E
Next row (RS): kfb, k to end. 90

(100, 110, 120, 130, 140) sts
Beg with a p (WS) row, work 75 rows in st st
Join in yarn A and cont in st st as folls:
Rows 1-24: beg with a k (RS) row work ten-st rep from Body & Yoke Chart (p56) to end of each row,

reading RS rows from right to left and WS rows from left to right

shape armholes

Cont as set, shaping as folls:
Rows 25-26: cast off 4 (5, 6, 7, 8, 9) sts at beg of next two rows. 82 (90, 98, 106, 114, 122) sts
Dec one st at each end of next and foll four alt rows
Row 36: patt to end. 72 (80, 88, 96, 104, 112) sts
Place sts on holder

sleeve

Make two

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn A, cast on 47 (49, 51, 53, 55, 57) sts
Work in single rib as for Back to **
Change to 4mm needles and yarn E
Inc row (RS): kfb, k to end. 48 (50, 52, 54, 56, 58) sts
Cont in st st AT

THE SAME TIME inc one st at each end of [fourth then foll sixth row] 7 (7, 8, 8, 8, 8) times, (76 (78, 84, 86, 88, 90) sts, then foll 4th row once more. 78 (80, 86, 88, 90, 92) sts
Cont without shaping until work meas 38cm, ending after a WS row
Rows 1-24: beg with a k (RS) row work ten-st rep from Sleeve Chart for your size, reading RS rows from right to left and WS rows from left to right

shape sleeve top

Cont as set, shaping as folls:
Cast off 4 (5, 6, 7, 8, 9) sts at beg of next two rows. 70 (70, 74, 74, 74, 74) sts
Dec one st at each end of next and four foll alt rows. 60 (60, 64, 64, 64, 64) sts



SKILL UP!

mcb: k1 in shade for bobble, slip this st back onto LH needle, (kfb) twice in same st (four sts), turn, p4, turn, ssk, k2tog, pass first st over second st (back to one st)

TOP TIP

A FAIR ISLE JUMPER CAN BE HEAVY ON YOUR NEEDLES, SO CONSIDER USING A CIRCULAR NEEDLE TO MAKE LIGHT WORK OF THE YOKE SECTION



64) sts

Row 36: patt to end

yoke

Note: front, back and sleeves will join to work yoke Using 3.25mm needles, yarn D and with RS facing, work Row 37 from Body & Yoke Chart across first Sleeve, Front, second Sleeve and Back as follows:

first and third sizes only

Row 37: k across first Sleeve, k2tog at beg of Front, k

to last two sts, ssk, k across second Sleeve k2tog at beg of Front, k to last two sts, ssk, k across second Sleeve, k2tog at beg of Back, k to last two sts, ssk. 260 (-, 300, -, -, -) sts

second and fourth sizes only

Row 37: k to end. - (280, -, 320, -, -) sts

fifth size only

Row 37: k2tog, k to end of first Sleeve, k2tog at beg of Front, k to

last two sts, ssk, k2tog at beg of second Sleeve, k to end of second Sleeve, k2tog at beg of Back, k to last two sts, ssk. - (-, -, -, 330, -) sts

sixth size only

Row 37: k to end of first Sleeve, k2tog at beg of Front, k to end, k across second Sleeve, k2tog at beg of Back, k to end. - (-, -, -, -, 350) sts

all sizes

Cont to work from chart casting on

one st in same colour as first st in patt at beg and end of next row, (these will become edge sts of yoke). 262 (282, 302, 322, 332, 352) sts Work to Row 80 (82, 84, 86, 88, 94) of Body & Yoke Chart working decs as shown. 158 (170, 182, 162, 167, 177) sts

neck trim

Change to 3.25mm needles and yarn C to work in single rib as for Back to ** in foll stripe sequence AT THE SAME TIME for first, second, third and fourth sizes only dec one st on first rib row. 157 (169, 181, 161, 167, 177) sts

ssk

mcb

k2tog

p on RS and k on WS

no st

Yarn A

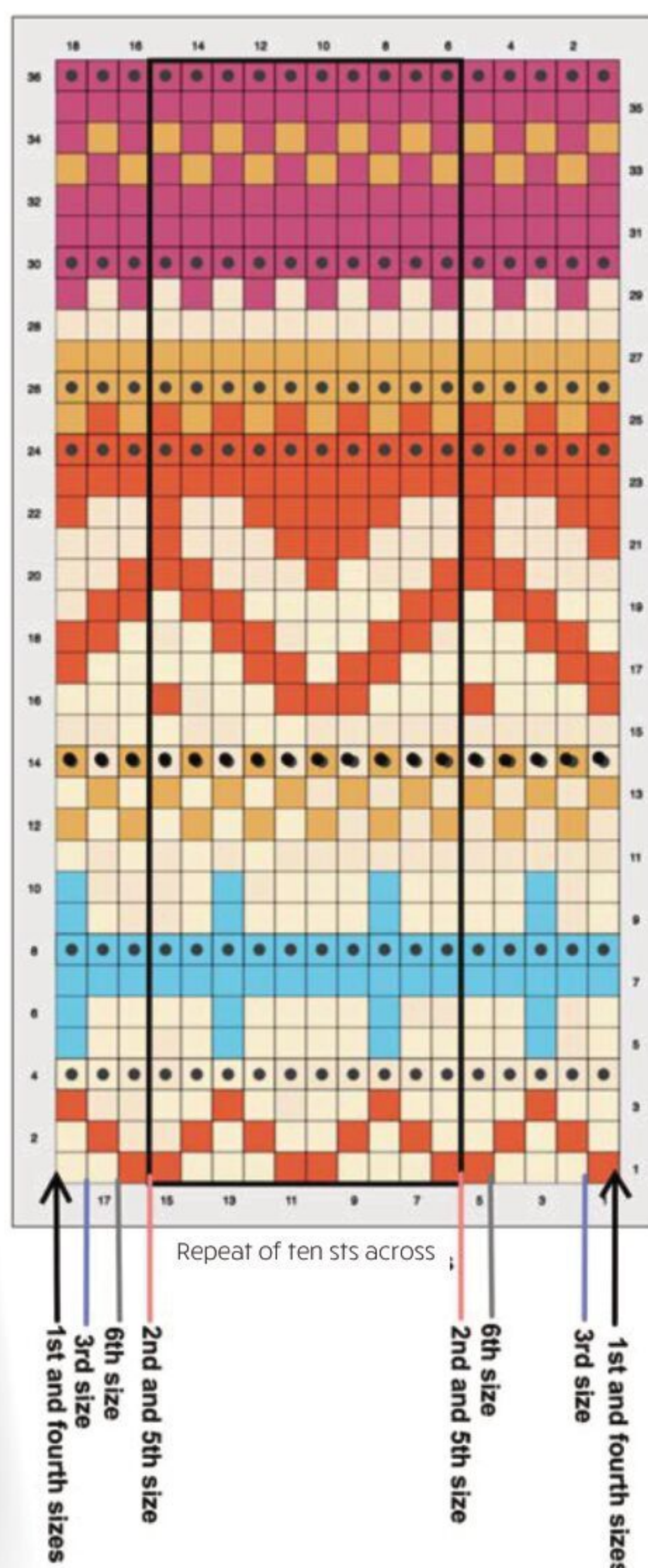
Yarn B

Yarn C

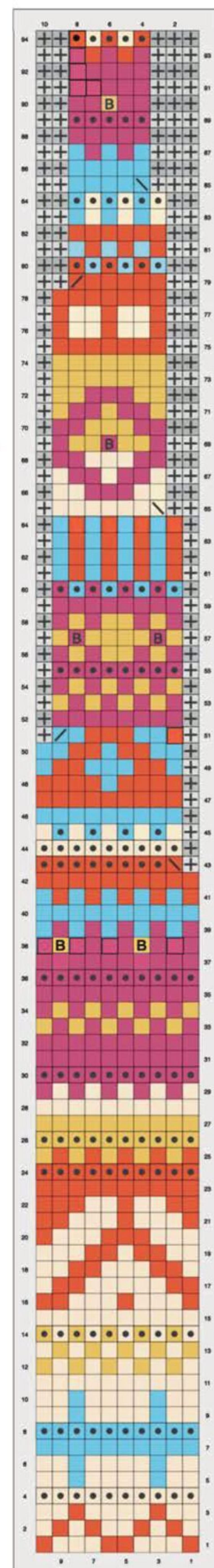
Yarn D

Yarn E

SLEEVES CHART



BODY & YOKE CHART



all sizes

Two rows in
yarn C
Two rows in
yarn A
Two rows in
yarn B
Two rows in
yarn D
Two rows in
yarn C
Cont in yarn
D only
Work two rows

first size only

Cast off kwise

second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth sizes only

Cast-off row:
* k2tog, cast off
this st, cast off
next st, rep from
* to cast off all sts

to make up

Weave in all ends.
Block under a
damp cloth to
measurements
given. Join Back

raglan seam and
neck trim with
mattress st. Join
underarm seams.
Join Sleeve seams
and side seams
with mattress st

HAT

Using 3.25mm
needles and
yarn A, cast on
99 (109) sts
Work in single rib
as for Back to **
Change to 4mm
needles and

yarn E

Next row (RS):

kfb, k to end. 100
(110) sts
Beg with a p (WS)
row, work three
rows in st st
Cont in st st and
commence Fair
Isle pattern from
Body & Yoke Chart
and rep
across row
Work from Chart
for 30 (32) rows

shape crown

Note: letter after
row number
indicates shade

Row 1 (D): k1,
[k2tog, k8] nine
(ten) times, k9. 91
(100) sts
Row 2 (D): k
to end

Row 3 (E): k1,
[k2tog, k7] ten (11)
times. 81 (89) sts
Row 4 (E): k to end
Row 5 (A): k1,
[k2tog, k6] ten (11)
times. 71 (78) sts
Row 6 (A): k
to end
Row 7 (E): k1,
[k2tog, k5] ten (11)
times. 61 (67) sts
Row 8 (E): k to end
Row 9 (B): k1,
[k2tog, k4] ten (11)
times. 51 (56) sts
Row 10 (B): k
to end
Row 11 (E): k1,
[k2tog, k3] ten (11)
times. 41 (45) sts
Row 12 (E): k
to end
Row 13 (C): k1,
[k2tog, k2] ten (11)
times. 31 (34) sts

Row 14 (C): k
to end

Row 15 (E): k1,
[k2tog, k1] ten (11)
times. 21 (23) sts

Row 16 (E): k
to end

Row 17 (E): k1,
[k2tog] ten (11)
times. 11 (12) sts
Cut yarn leaving a
tail, thread
through rem sts,
pull tight and
fasten off

to make up

Weave in all ends.
Join side seam
with mattress st.
Using all colours
make a 5cm
diameter pom-
pom and attach
securely to top
of hat



*"When a contrast bobble is
worked on a wrong-side row,
you will need to push it through
to the front of the work."*

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This festive gift idea from Knit for Victory contains everything you need to knit Albert the Robin, including beads, stuffing and quality acrylic yarn – just add the needles and you're ready to go. It comes in an attractive presentation box and costs £12 from [etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com)

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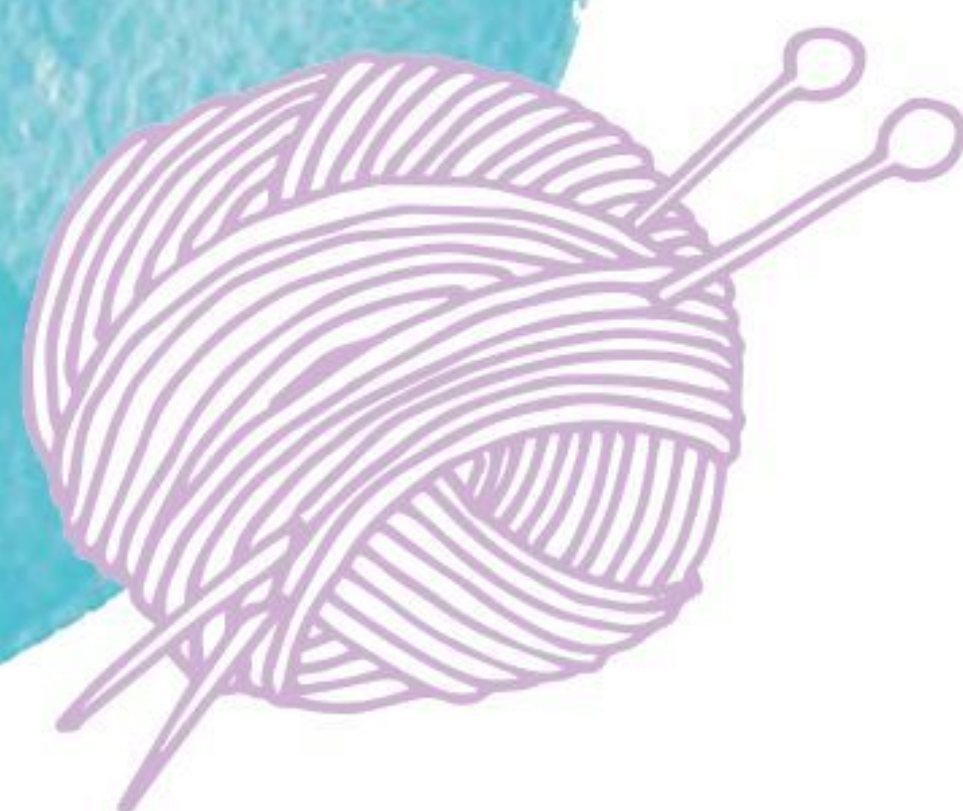
Use this technique to change yarn colour when making the festive trees on page 16



Insert your needle into the first stitch of the row, then lay the tail of the new colour across the top of the old one and knit the stitch. Don't tie a knot – instead ensure the ends are pulled taut and weave them in securely.

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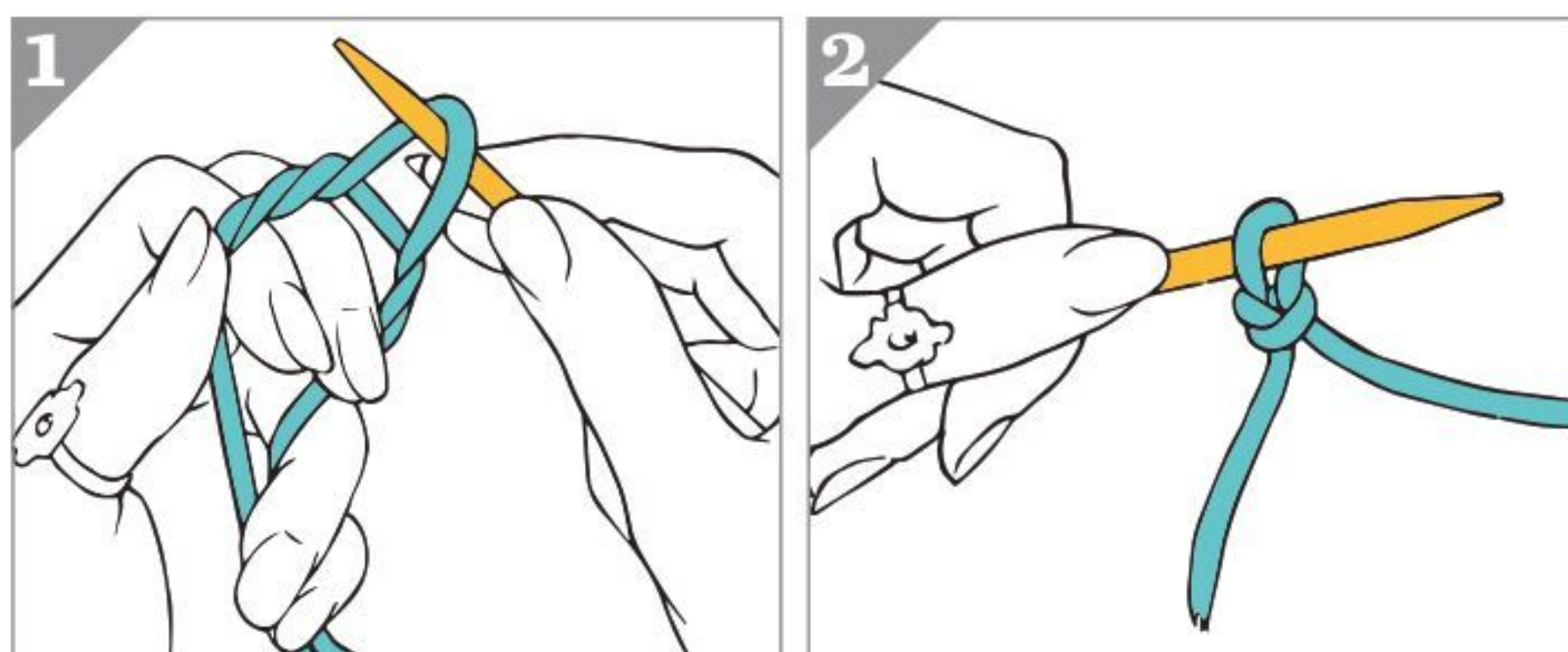
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slip knot

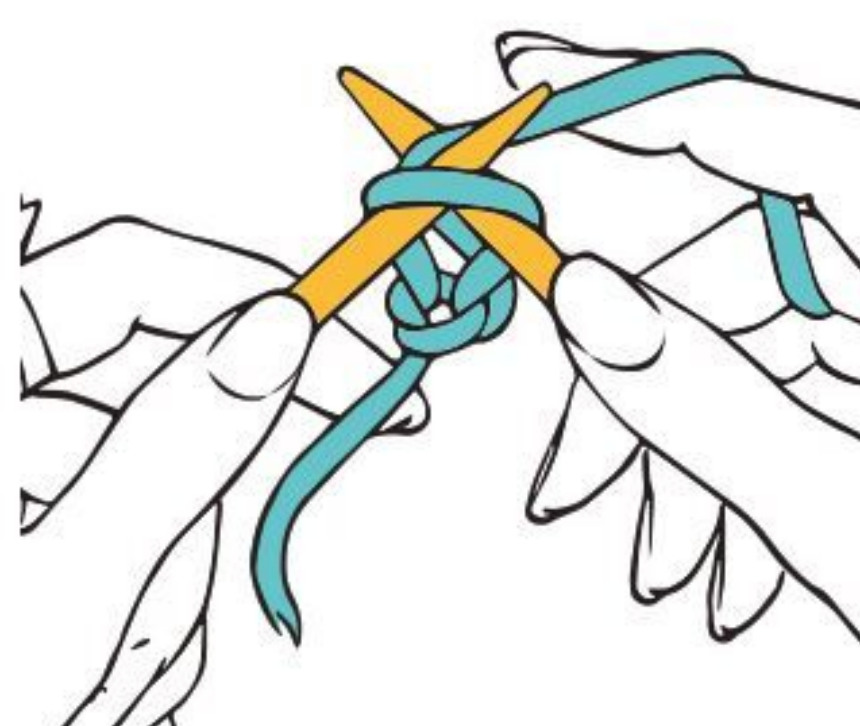
You need to make a slip knot on your needle before casting on. It counts as your first cast-on stitch



- 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.



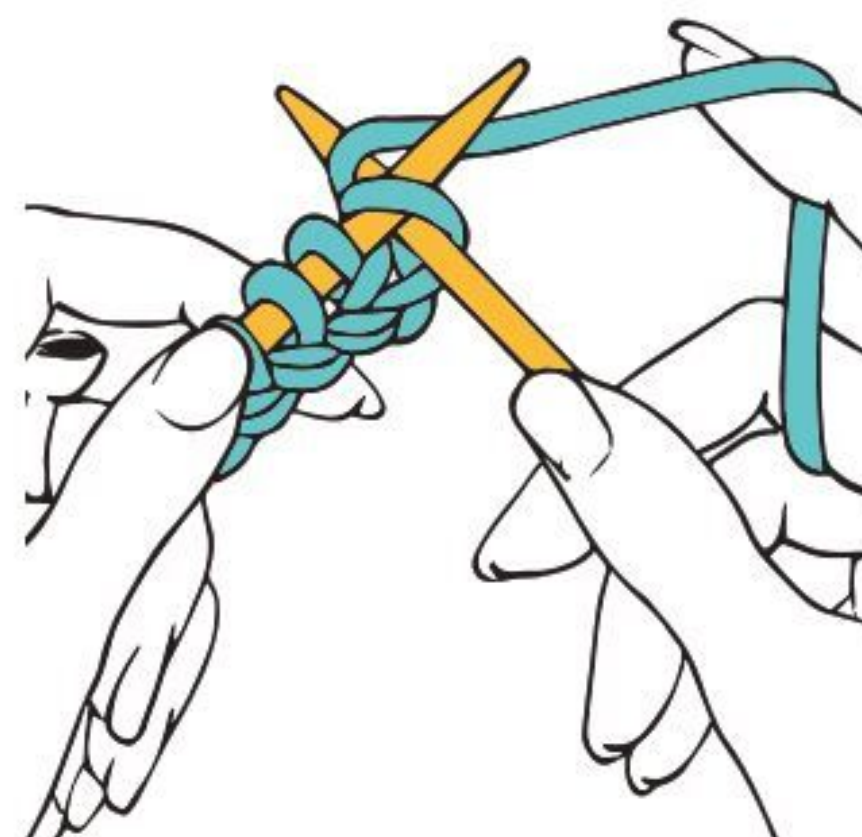
- 2 Pull the loop that forms back through the original stitch and insert the tip of the LH needle into the new stitch from underneath to transfer from the RH to LH needle. There should now be two stitches on the LH needle.



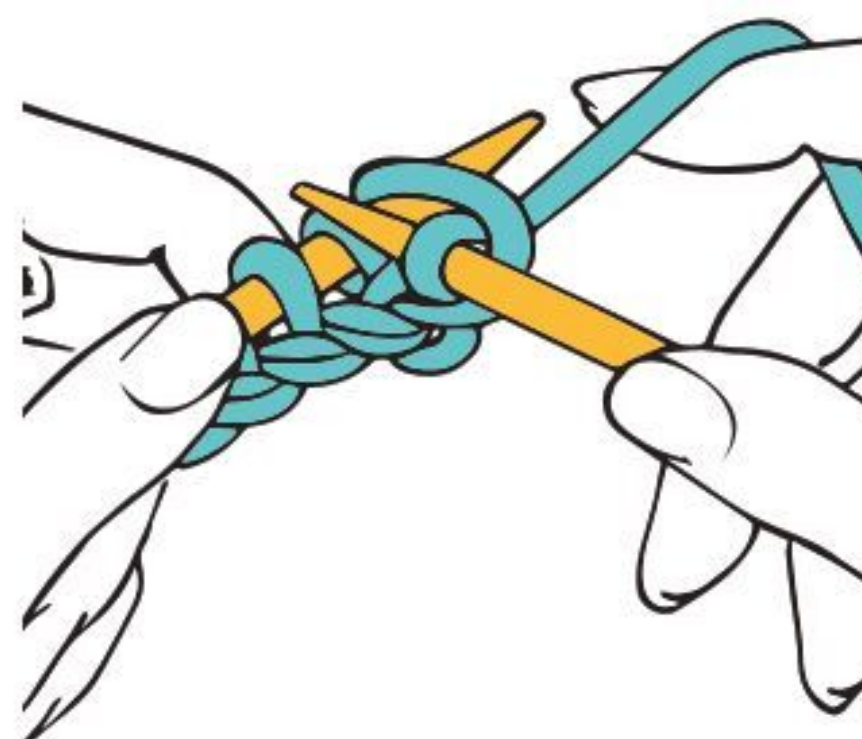
- 3 Repeat the above steps, knitting into the top stitch on the LH needle and returning the new stitches from the RH to the LH needle until you have the required number of stitches.

knit stitch (k)

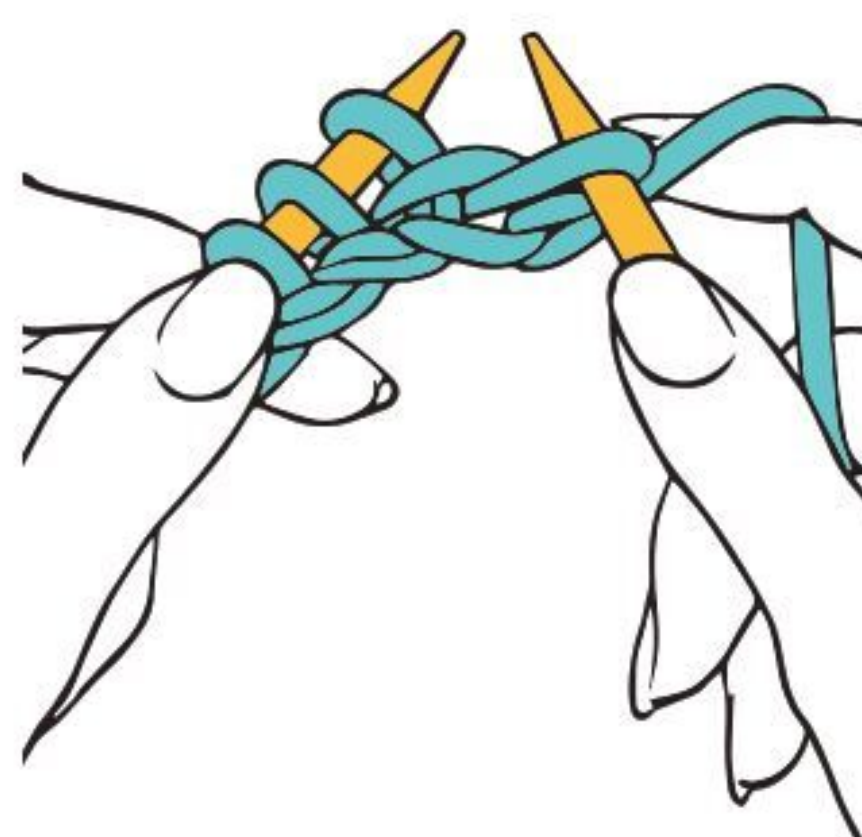
Also known as garter stitch, the knit stitch is the foundation of knitting



- 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.



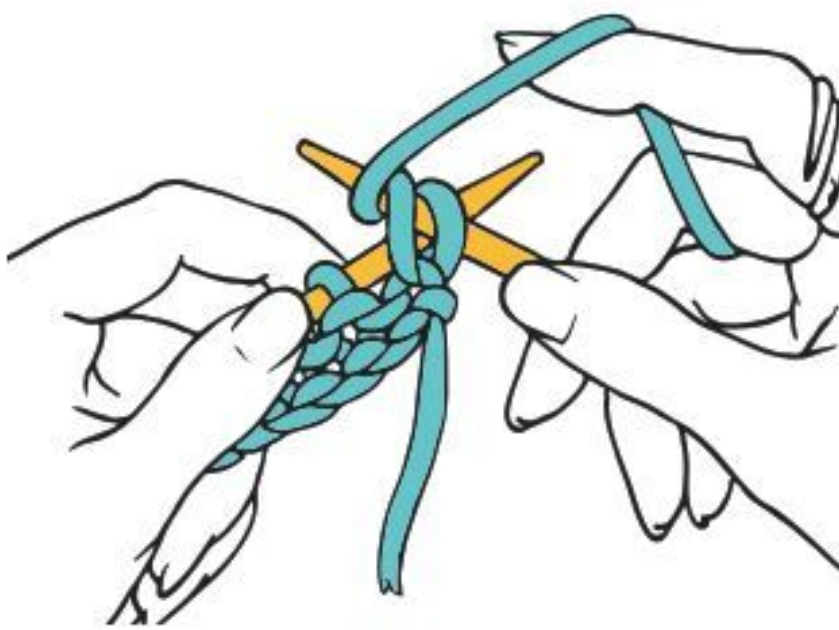
- 2 Using the RH needle, pull a loop of the wrapped yarn through the original stitch to create a new one on the RH needle.



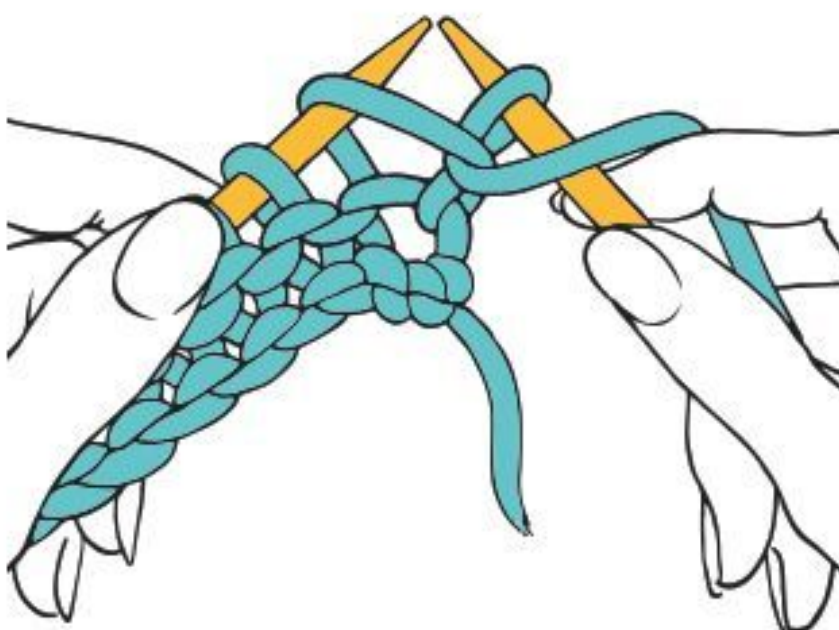
- 3 Slide the original stitch off the LH needle. Repeat from step 1.

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).

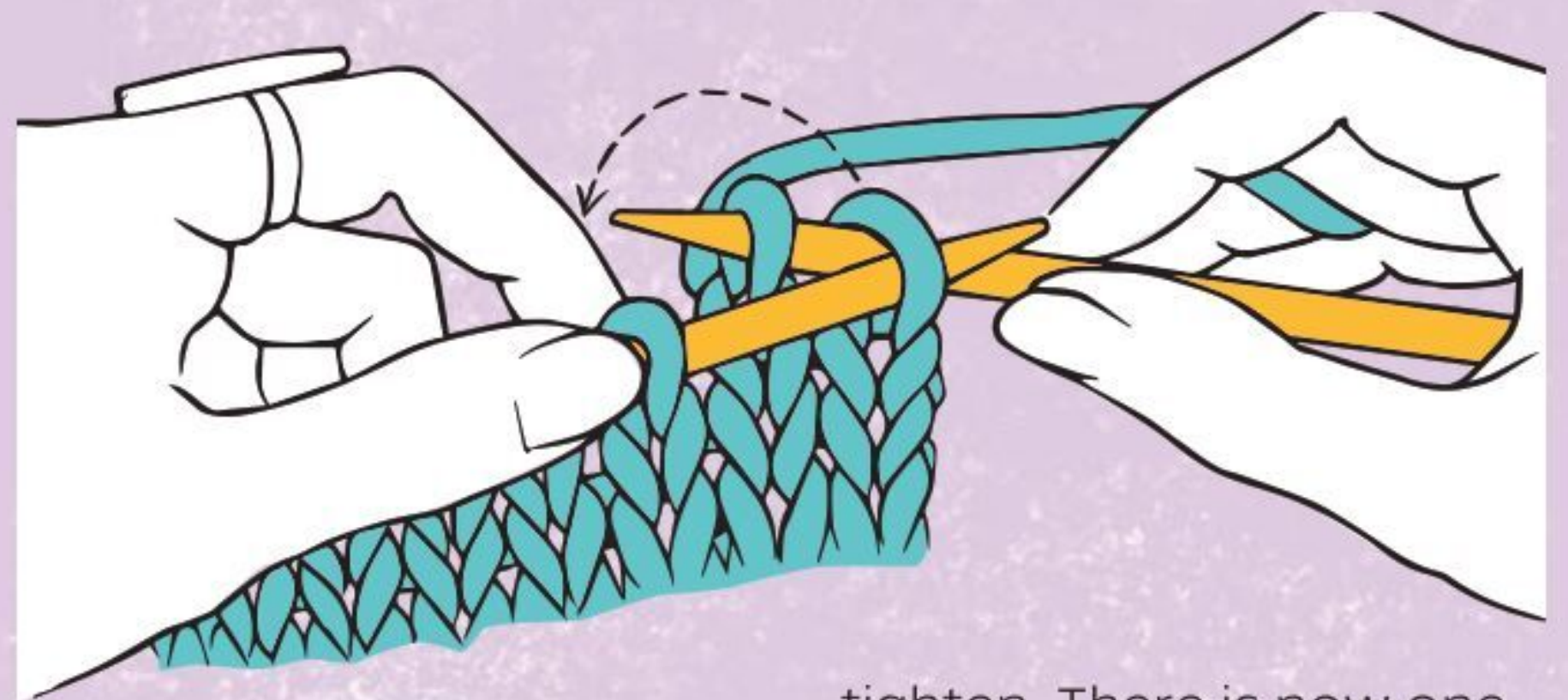


2 Push the RH needle into the back part of the loop that now lies over the LH needle and knit this stitch. You will now have an additional stitch on the RH needle.

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



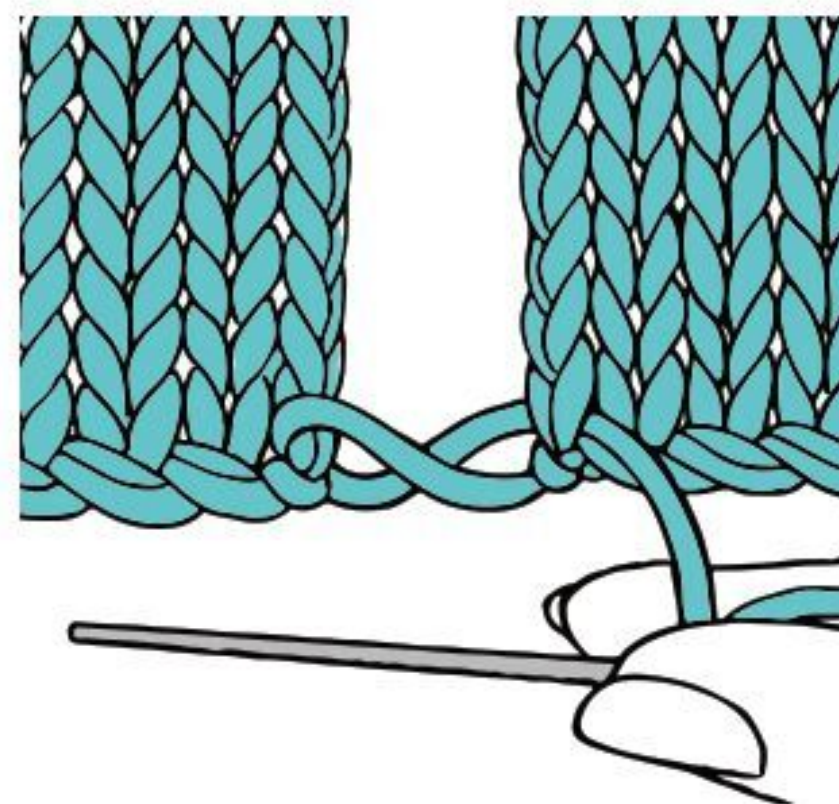
1 Knit two stitches as normal. Insert the tip of the LH needle into the second stitch on the RH needle (the stitch closest to you). Carefully lift it up and over the top stitch, dropping it off the tip of the RH needle and pulling the yarn to

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

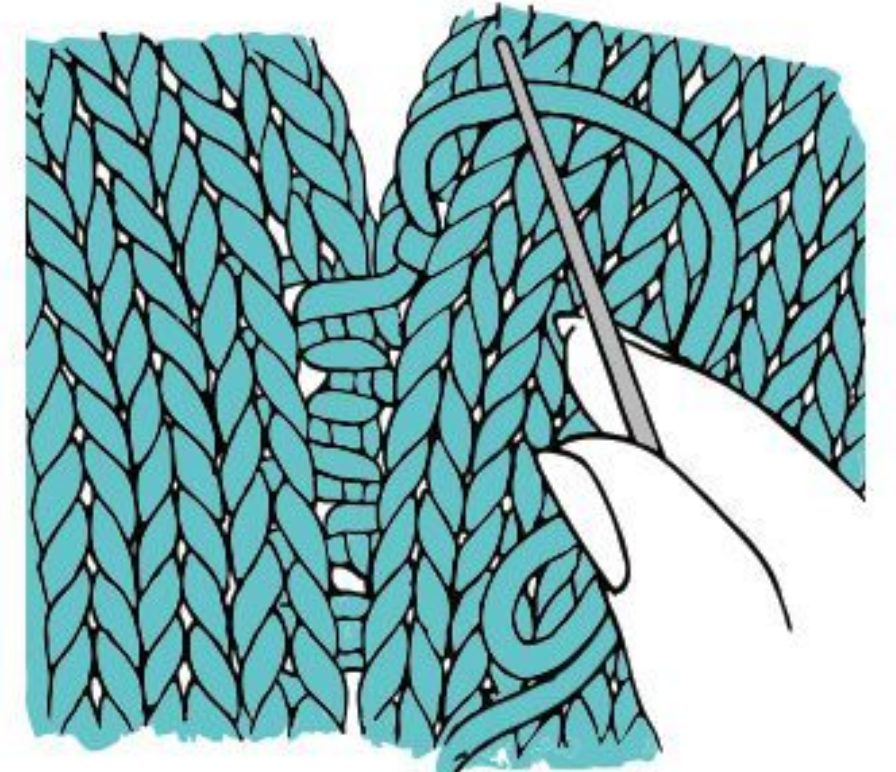
How to start sewing up your project



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

A stylized illustration of a ball of yarn in shades of purple and pink, with a white knitting needle inserted through it. The background is a solid light blue.



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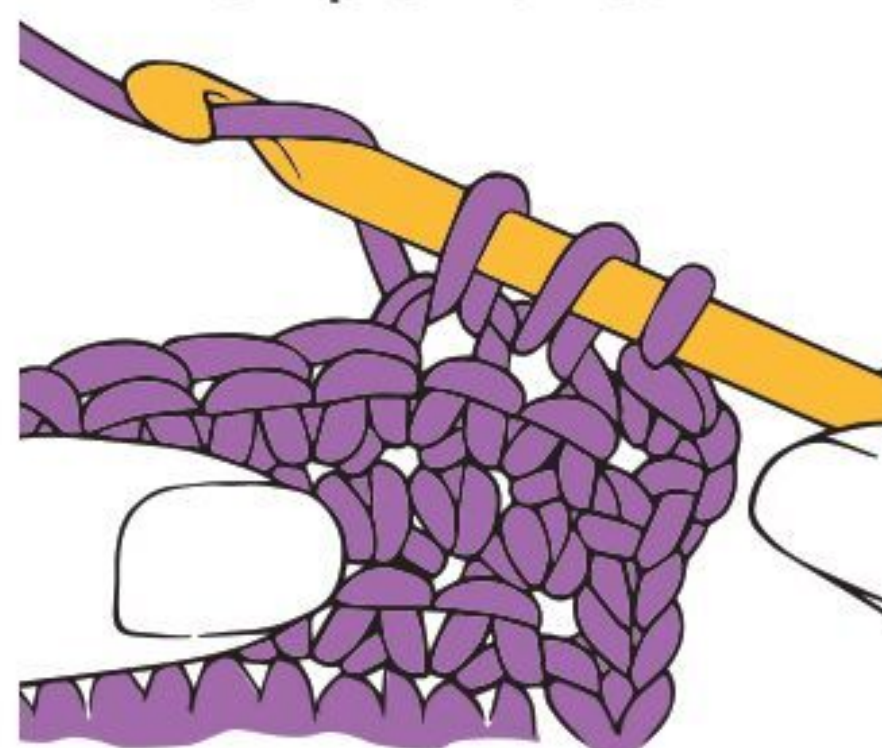
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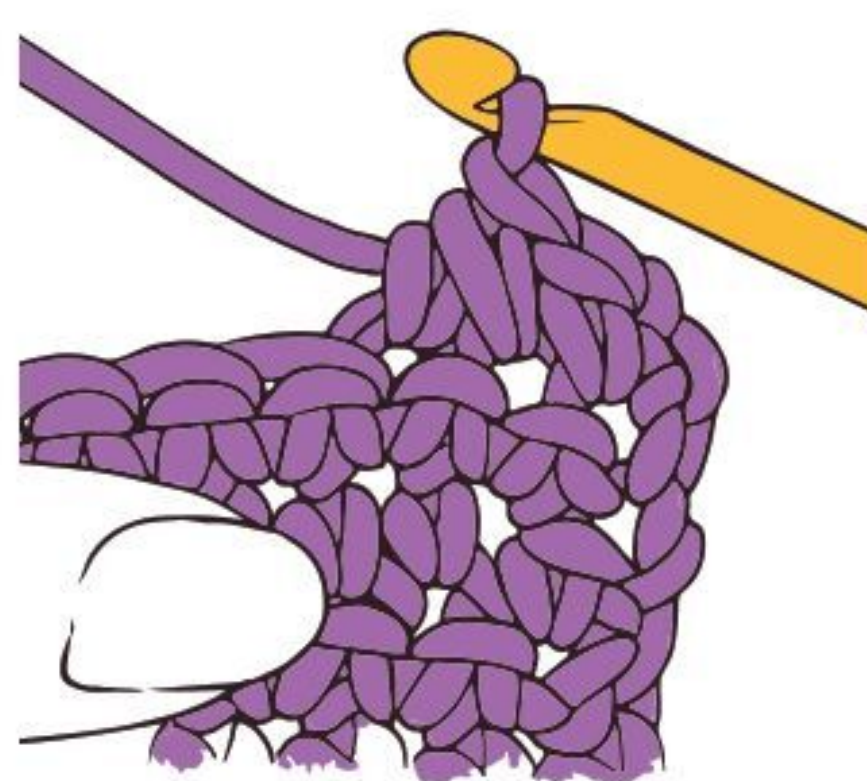
DECREASING

double crochet two together (dc2tog)

Turn two crochet stitches
into one with this
simple method



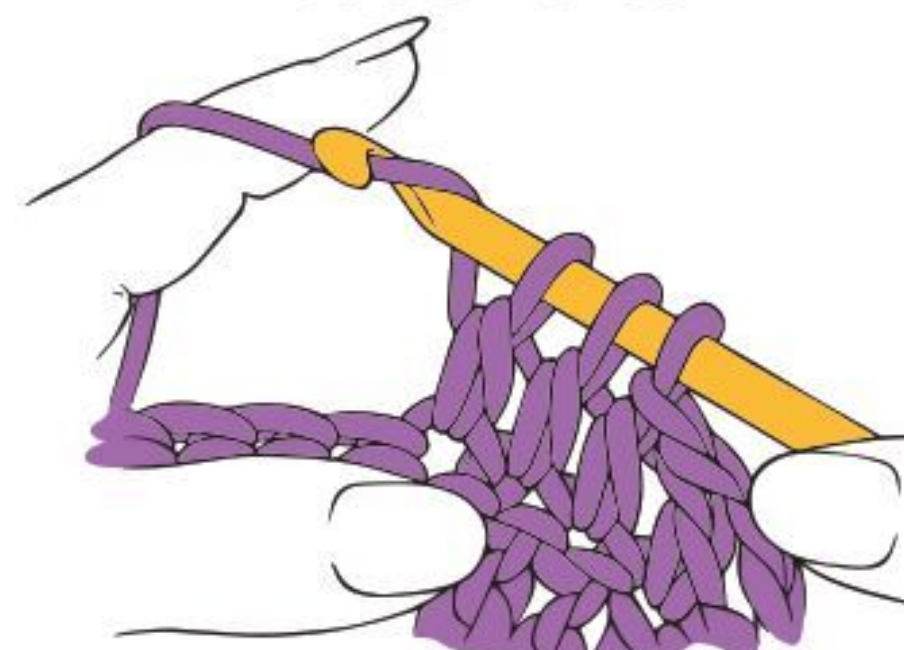
1 Insert hook through
next stitch, yarn over
hook, draw back
through work. Two
loops on hook. Insert
hook into next stitch,
yarn over hook, draw
back through. Three
loops on hook.



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



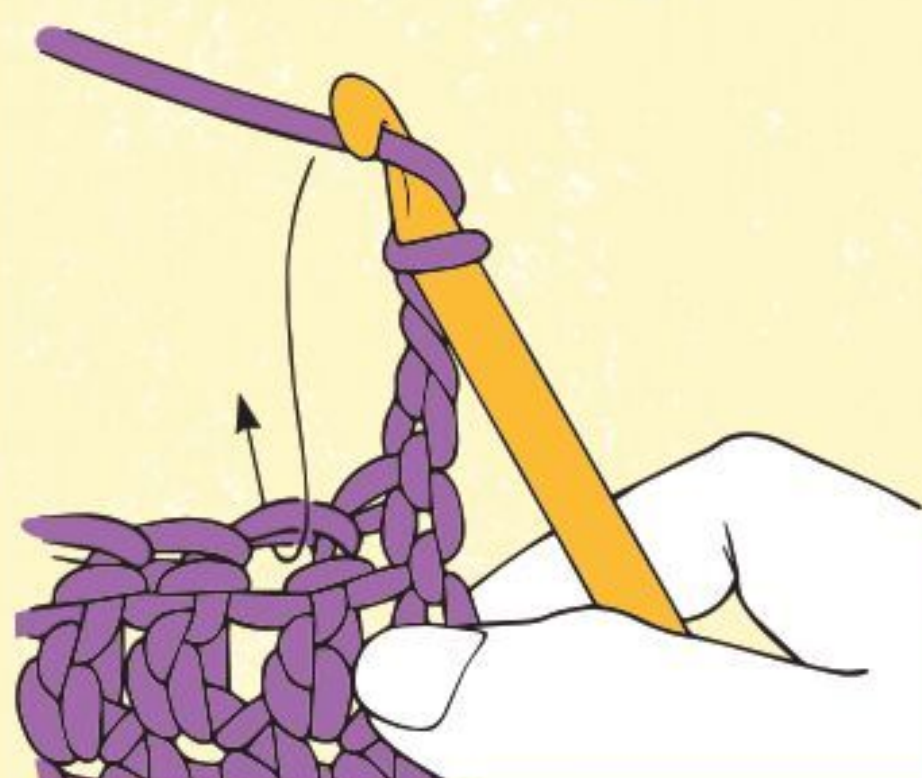
1 Yarn over the hook. Insert
the hook through the stitch.
Yarn over the hook and
draw back through the
work. There will be three
loops of yarn on the hook.
Yarn over the hook and
draw through the first two
loops. This will leave two
loops on the hook. Yarn
over the hook and insert
through the next stitch,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

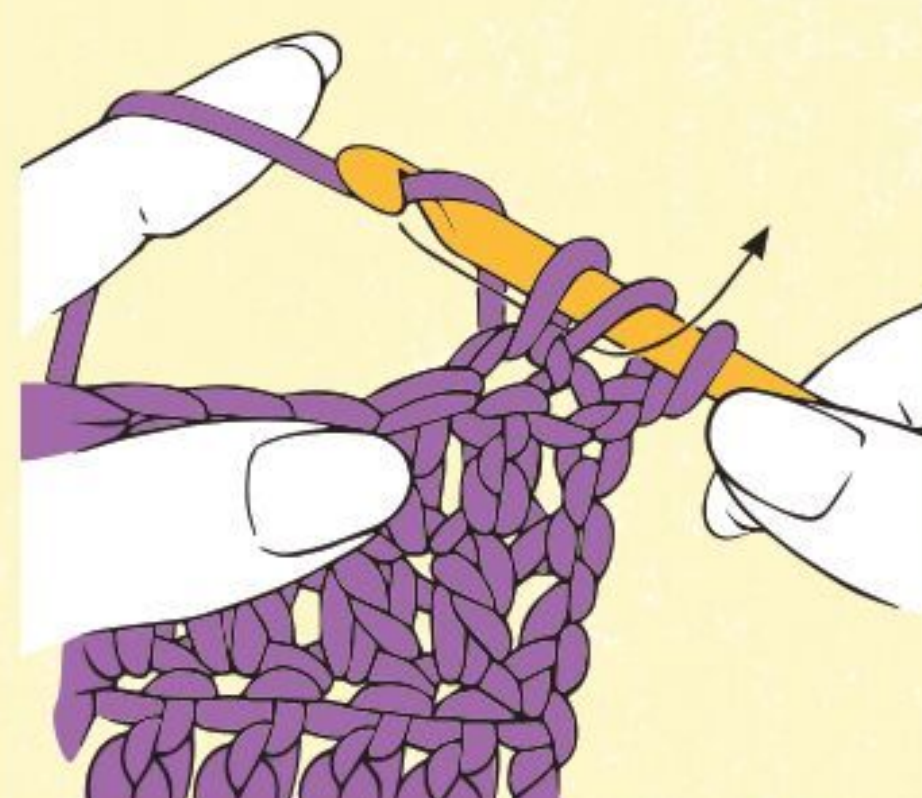
Treble crochet is slightly
taller than half treble
crochet but is made in a
similar way



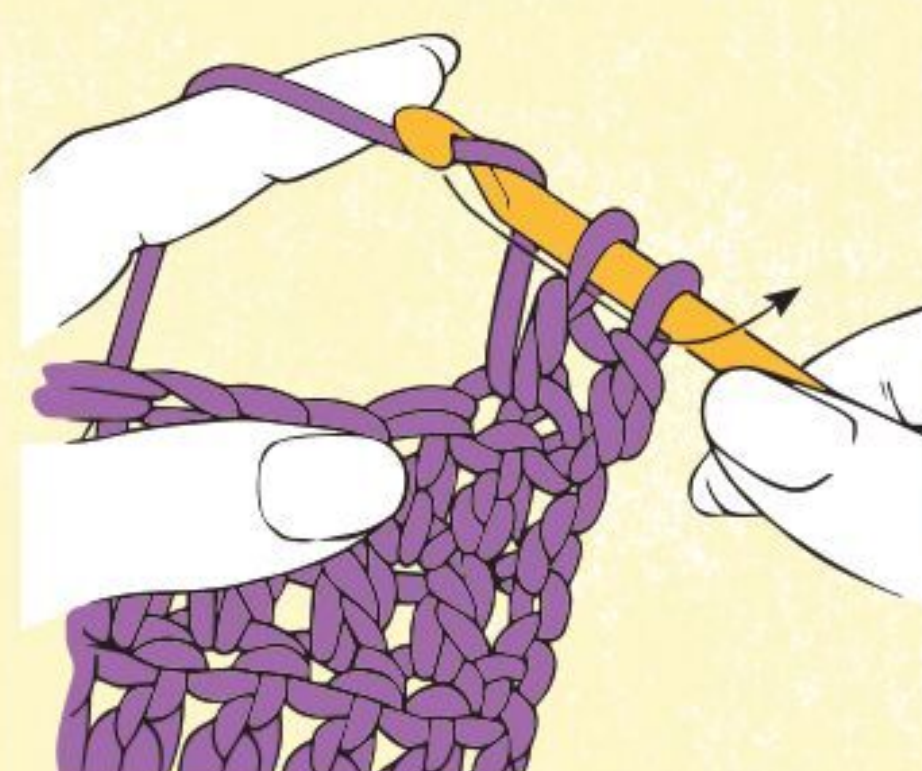
1 (You will need a turning
chain of three stitches).
Yarn over the hook. Insert
the hook through the stitch.



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.

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Katie's Let's Boogie sweaters, expertly modelled by her and her kids



TEA AND A CHAT WITH...

Katie Franceschi

Meet the sustainable hand-dyer, keen gardener and founder of Yarn Love

Ever since it began, the small hand-dye studio, Yarn Love, has been a family-centred business, built from a passion for textiles, crafting and colour. Founder Katie Franceschi, based near Iowa, USA, started the business 16 years ago and has been happily dyeing ever since. "When I became a mum, I opted to be the full-time care giver for my young children, but I needed a creative outlet. So, with three toddlers in the house, I started Yarn Love," Katie tells us. "At first, I dyed yarn part-time, but as my children have grown, so has the business and I now work full-time dyeing yarn." Yarn Love was built to support Katie's growing family, and indeed family has remained central to it since the very beginning. While Katie's husband consults on business and financial decisions, their children have mucked in on many occasions too. "My children's first job was twisting skeins and applying the yarn bands! Over the years, we've had many 'Banding Parties' where we watch a movie and apply yarn bands to huge piles of yarn in preparation for fibre events," Katie smiles. You'll often spot Katie's twin daughters modelling sample garments too!

GREEN FINGERS

When it comes to designing colourways, a huge amount of Katie's inspiration comes from her very own back garden. "If the temperature is above freezing, you'll find me working in the garden!" she laughs. "I have a large yard which I'm actively working to fill with flowers and vegetables. During the pandemic, I learned to start seedlings and it's fuelled my gardening passion even more." Try as she might, most of Katie's colourways don't often deviate from plant-related names – or failing that, they're named after delicious foods! Katie's love of gardening is guided by her respect for the planet, and as well as practising organic, sustainable gardening, she extends this approach to other areas of her life too. By making or thrifting her clothes, and opting to purchase yarn which is sustainably and ethically raised from renewable fibres, Katie hopes to minimise her impact on the planet. "I believe that through craft, we can leave the earth better than we found it," she says.

DYE IT YOURSELF

We asked Katie if she had any tips for knitters and crocheters looking to try

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE...

Base to dye on?

Anything with cashmere! It's so soft, I just can't help loving it

Colour to wear?

Pink and grey. I could happily live in this colour combination for the rest of my life!

Person to knit for?

My family! They are so appreciative of their handknit gifts

Season in the year?

Spring – in Iowa, where I live, flowers are abundant in the spring

Colourway you've dyed?

My newest colour is always my favourite!

their hand at yarn dyeing. "It's surprisingly easy to do at home," she tells us. "I started in my kitchen with food colouring. I recommend starting with superwash treated wool and wash-fast acid dyes, which are professional grade but non-toxic and produce reliable colours which won't bleed and fade. You'll need a mild acid to set the dye – regular white vinegar works but is quite smelly, so opt for citric acid if possible," she advises. "Your microwave or oven (on low) work well for heat-setting acid dyes. Just make sure your wool is wrapped or covered so the chemical reaction that bonds the dye to the fibre completes. And have fun," she adds. "Yarn dyeing does take a little experience to refine, but it's simple enough that it makes a great activity to do with your kids!"

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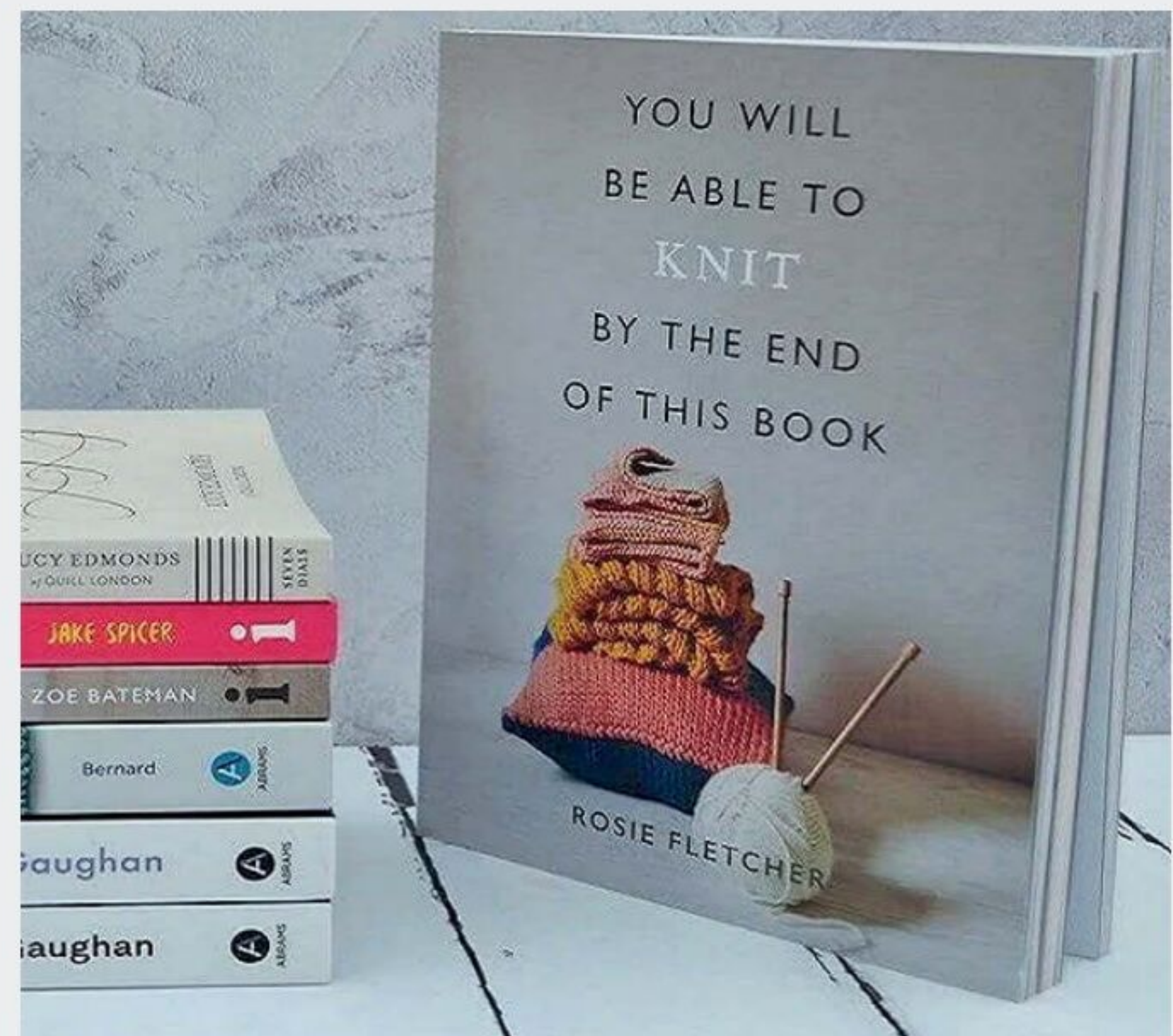
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