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Hello and welcome...

...to the December issue of *Knitting & Crochet*.

'Tis the season to be jolly and celebrate, and what better way than with a wonderful knitting or crochet project? I'm thrilled with all the designs in this issue and confident that you'll love them as much as I do.

So, what's in store? First up is a stunning collection of glitzy classics to knit and crochet (p6), all perfect for a special occasion or simply to dress up your favourite jeans. All are worked using yarns specifically chosen to look effortlessly glam!

Designer of the Month (p18) is Lesley Stanfield, a regular contributor to *Woman's Weekly* and creator of our fantastic knitting and crochet workshop pages. We love Lesley's incredible work and it was almost impossible to single out one of her designs to feature. After much deliberation, we chose a pretty floral posy added to a simple scarf – sure to brighten a dull winter day.

This issue's archive pattern (p22) from a bygone *WW* is an adorable polar bear, with the addition of a super-smart stripy scarf to bring him bang up to date.

Our seasonal collection (p25) has a Nordic theme, with six projects that are wonderful not just for Christmas but after the big day, too, as they'll carry on looking great all winter long.

If you're after a last-minute gift to make, then look no further than our cosy accessories (p42). A co-ordinating scarf and fingerless gloves, the lucky recipient will be grateful for them when the temperature drops.

Wishing you all a happy and handmade-with-love Christmas, and a very creative New Year!

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

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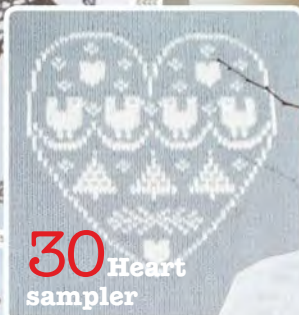
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Short-sleeve Jumper

Measurements

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

Actual measurements 85 (95) (105) (115) cm/33½ (37½) (41¼) (45¼) in.

Side seam 30.5 (33) (35.5) (37.5) cm/12 (13) (14) (14¾) in.

Length to back neck 42.5 (45.5) (48) (51) cm/16¾ (17¾) (19) (20) in.

Sleeve seam 5.5 (5.5) (7) (7) cm/2¼ (2¼) (2¾) (2¾) in.

Materials

2 (3) (3) (4) 100g (335m) balls of Sirdar Cotton 4 ply (100% cotton) in Dawn Grey (520)*. Pair of 2¾mm (No. 12) and 2¾mm (No. 10) knitting needles.

Tension

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

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **dec**, decrease; **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and k into back of it; **p2togb**, p2tog through back of sts; **skpo**, slip 1, k1, pass slip st over; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side).

Note

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

Back

With 2¾mm needles, cast on 119 (133) (147) (161) sts.

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

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

Repeat last 2 rows, twice more.

Change to 3¼mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.

Dec row: K2, skpo, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2.

Ss 3 rows.

Repeat last 4 rows, 7 (8) (9) (10) times more, then work dec row again – 101 (113) (125) (137) sts. Ss 3 rows.

Increase row: K2, up1, k to last 2 sts, up1, k2.

Ss 5 rows.

Repeat last 6 rows, 7 (8) (9) (10) times more, then work increase row again – 119 (133) (147) (161) sts.

Ss another 17 (15) (13) (11) rows.

Shape raglan armholes: Cast off 3 (4) (5) (6) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

1st dec row: K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

2nd dec row: P1, p2tog, p to last 3 sts, p2togb, p1.

Repeat last 2 rows, 3 times more – 97 (109) (121) (133) sts.

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

Ss 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 15 (16) (17) (18) times more – 65 (75) (85) (95) sts.

Leave these sts on a st holder.

Front

With 2¾mm needles, cast on 119 (133) (147) (161) sts.

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

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

Repeat last 2 rows, twice more.

Change to 3¼mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.

Dec row: K2, skpo, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2. Ss 3 rows.

Repeat last 4 rows, 7 (8) (9) (10) times more, then work dec row again – 101 (113) (125) (137) sts. Ss 3 rows.

Increase row: K2, up1, k to last 2 sts, up1, k2. Ss 5 rows.

Repeat last 6 rows, 7 (8) (9) (10) times more, then work increase row again – 119 (133) (147) (161) sts.

Ss another 17 (15) (13) (11) rows.

Shape raglan armholes: Cast off 3 (4) (5) (6) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

1st dec row: K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

2nd dec row: P1, p2tog, p to last 3 sts,

p2togb, p1.

Repeat last 2 rows, 3 times more – 97 (109) (121) (133) sts.

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

Ss 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 15 (16) (17) (18) times more – 65 (75) (85) (95) sts.

Leave these sts on a st holder.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 2¾mm needles, cast on 71 (77) (83) (89) sts.

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

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

Repeat last 2 rows, twice more.

Change to 3¼mm needles.

1st increase row: K8 (7) (6) (6), up1, [k8 (9) (10) (11), up1] to last 7 (7) (7) (6) sts, k to end – 79 (85) (91) (97) sts.

P 1 row.

2nd increase row: K2, up1, k to last 2 sts, up1, k2.

Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows.

Repeat last 4 rows, 1 (1) (2) (2) time(s) more, then work 2nd increase row again – 85 (91) (99) (105) sts.

Ss another 5 rows.

Shape raglan top: Cast off 3 (4) (5) (6) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

1st dec row: K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

2nd dec row: P1, p2tog, p to last 3 sts, p2togb, p1.

Repeat last 2 rows, 3 times more – 63 (67) (73) (77) sts.

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

Ss 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 15 (16) (17) (18) times more – 31 (33) (37) (39) sts.

Leave these sts on a st holder.

Neck edging

Join raglan seams, leaving left back raglan open.

With right side facing and using 2¾mm needles, k1, [p1, k1] 15 (16) (18) (19) times across left sleeve, p1, [k1, p1] 32 (37) (42) (47) times across front, k1, [p1, k1] 15 (16) (17) (18) times across right sleeve, p1, [k1, p1] 32 (37) (42) (47) times across back – 192 (216) (244) (268) sts. Rib 3 rows. Cast off in rib.

To make up

Join left back raglan seam and row-ends of neck edging. Join side and sleeve seams.

-  **Easy Peasy**
-  A Bit More Tricky
-  Hard-ish
-  Quite A Challenge

Cropped Top

Measurements

To fit bust sizes 81–86 (91) (97–102) cm/32–34 (36) (38–40) in.

Actual measurements 92 (99.5) (106) cm/36¼ (38¾) (41¾) in.

Side seam All sizes 30cm/11¾in.

Length 47 (49) (51) cm/18½ (19) (20) in.

Sleeve seam All sizes 27cm/10¾in.

Materials

3 (4) (4) 100g (335m) balls of Sirdar Cotton 4-ply (100% cotton) in Mosaic (524)*. Size 2.00 and 2.50 crochet hooks.

Tension

34 stitches and 19 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over pattern, using 2.50 hook.

Abbreviations

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

Note

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

*Yarn subject to availability

Back

With 2.50 hook, make 162 (174) (186) ch.

Foundation row: 1dc in 10th ch from hook, 1dc in each of next 4ch, [3ch, miss 3ch, 1tr in next ch, 3ch, miss 3ch, 1dc in each of next 5ch] to last 4ch, 3ch, miss 3ch, 1tr in ch at end, turn – 157 (169) (181) sts.

Work pattern thus: **1st row:** 2ch (counts as 1dc), 1dc in chsp, 3ch, miss 1dc, 1dc in each of next 3dc, [3ch, 1dc in chsp, 1dc in tr, 1dc in chsp, 3ch, miss 1dc, 1dc in each of next 3dc] to last ch loop, 3ch, 1dc in chsp, 1dc in 4th ch, turn.

2nd row: 2ch, 1dc in next dc, 1dc in first chsp, 3ch, miss 1dc, 1tr in next dc, [3ch, 1dc in chsp, 1dc in each of next 3dc, 1dc in chsp, 3ch, miss 1dc, 1tr in next dc] to last 6 sts, 3ch, 1dc in chsp, 1dc in next dc, 1dc in last st, turn.

3rd row: 2ch, 1dc in next dc, [3ch, 1dc in chsp, 1dc in tr, 1dc in chsp, 3ch, miss 1dc, 1dc in each of next 3dc] to last 11 sts, 3ch, 1dc in chsp, 1dc in tr, 1dc in chsp,

3ch, miss 1dc, 1dc in next dc, 1dc in last st, turn.

4th row: 6ch (counts as 1tr and 3ch), 1dc in chsp, 1dc in each of next 3dc, 1dc in chsp, 3ch, [miss 1dc, 1tr in next dc, 3ch, 1dc in chsp, 1dc in each of next 3dc, 1dc in chsp, 3ch] to last st, 1tr in last st, turn. These 4 rows form pattern. ** Repeat these 4 rows, 21 (22) (23) times more.

Finishing row: Slst in first 4 sts, 1dc in each of next 5dc, [slst in next 7 sts, 1dc in each of next 5dc] to last 4 sts, slst in last 4 sts. Fasten off.

Front

Work as back to **. Repeat these 4 rows, 19 (20) (21) times more.

Shape neck: Next row: Pattern 49 (55) (61) sts, turn and work on these sts for left half neck.

Left half neck: Pattern another 7 rows. Now work the finishing row as back. Fasten off.

Right half neck: Next row: Rejoin yarn at inside edge of remaining sts, slst in first 3 sts, [1dc in each of next 5dc, slst in next 7 sts] 4 times, 1dc in each of next 5 sts, slst in next 3 sts, pattern to end, turn.

Next row: Pattern 49 (55) (61) sts, turn. Pattern another 6 rows on these sts only. Now work the finishing row as back. Fasten off.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 2.50 hook, make 90 (102) (114) ch. Work foundation row as on back – 85 (97) (109) sts.

Work pattern thus: **1st row:** 2ch (counts as 1dc), 1dc in chsp, 3ch, miss 1dc, 1dc in each of next 3dc, [3ch, 1dc in chsp, 1dc in tr, 1dc in chsp, 3ch, miss 1dc, 1dc in each of next 3dc] to last ch loop, 3ch, 1dc in chsp, 1dc in 4th ch, turn.

2nd (increase) row: 2ch, 1dc in base of 2ch – increase made, 1dc in next dc, 1dc in first chsp, 3ch, miss 1dc, 1tr in next dc, [3ch, 1dc in chsp, 1dc in each of next 3dc, 1dc in chsp, 3ch, miss 1dc, 1tr in next dc] to last 6 sts, 3ch, 1dc in chsp, 1dc in next dc, 2dc in last st – increase made, turn.

3rd row: 2ch, 1dc in each of next 2dc, [3ch, 1dc in chsp, 1dc in tr, 1dc in chsp, 3ch, miss 1dc, 1dc in each of next 3dc] to last 12 sts, 3ch, 1dc in chsp, 1dc in tr, 1dc in chsp, 3ch, miss 1dc, 1dc in each of next 2dc, 1dc in last st, turn.

4th row: 3ch, 1tr in next dc, 3ch, 1dc in

chsp, 1dc in each of next 3dc, 1dc in chsp, 3ch, [miss 1dc, 1tr in next dc, 3ch, 1dc in chsp, 1dc in each of next 3dc, 1dc in chsp, 3ch] to last 2 sts, miss 1dc, 1tr in next dc, 1tr in last st, turn.

These 4 rows set the pattern.

5th row: 2ch, 1dc in next tr, 1dc in chsp, pattern to last 2 sts, 1dc in tr, 1dc in last st, turn.

6th (increase) row: 2ch, 1dc in base of 2ch, 1dc in each of next 2dc, 1dc in chsp, pattern to last 3 sts, 1dc in each of next 2dc, 2dc in last st, turn.

7th row: 2ch, 1dc in each of next 3dc, pattern to last 4 sts, 1dc in each of next 3dc, 1dc in last st, turn.

8th row: 3ch (count as 1dc and 1chsp), miss 1dc, 1tr in next dc, 3ch, miss 1dc, pattern to last 4 sts, miss 1dc, 1tr in next dc, 1ch, 1dc in last st, turn.

9th row: 2ch, 1dc in first chsp, 1dc in tr, 1dc in chsp, pattern to last 3 sts, 1dc in tr, 1dc in chsp, 1dc in last st, turn.

10th (increase) row: 2ch, 1dc in base of 2ch, 1dc in each of next 3dc, 1dc in first chsp, pattern to last 4 sts, 1dc in each of next 3dc, 2dc in last st, turn.

11th row: 3ch (counts as 1dc and 1chsp), miss 1dc, 1dc in each of next 3dc, pattern to last 2 sts, 1ch, miss 1dc, 1dc in last st, turn.

12th row: 4ch (counts as 1dc and 2chsp), miss first dc, 1tr in next dc, pattern to last 5 sts, miss 1dc, 1tr in next dc, 2ch, 1dc in last st, turn.

13th row: 3ch, 1dc in first chsp, 1dc in tr, 1dc in chsp, pattern to last 4 sts, 1dc in tr, 1dc in chsp, 1ch, 1dc in last st, turn.

14th (increase) row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1chsp), 1dc in first chsp, 1dc in each of next 3dc, 1dc in chsp, pattern to last 5 sts, 1dc in each of next 3dc, 1dc in chsp, 1ch, 1tr in last st, turn.

15th row: 4ch (counts as 1dc and 2ch), miss next dc, 1dc in each of next 3dc, pattern to last 7 sts, miss 1dc, 1dc in each of next 3dc, 2ch, 1dc in last st, turn.

16th row: 5ch (counts as 1dc and 3chsp), miss 1dc, 1tr in next dc, pattern to last 6 sts, miss 1dc, 1tr in next dc, 3ch, 1dc in last st, turn.

17th row: 4ch (counts as 1dc and 2chsp), 1dc in next chsp, pattern to last 5 sts, 1dc in tr, 1dc in chsp, 2ch, 1dc in last st, turn.

18th (increase) row: 5ch (counts as 1tr and 2chsp), 1dc in chsp, pattern to last 3 sts, 1dc in chsp, 2ch, 1tr in last st, turn.

19th row: 5ch (counts as 1dc and 3chsp), miss 1dc, pattern to last 4 sts, 3ch, miss 1dc and 2ch, 1dc in last st, turn.



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20th row: 2ch, 1dc in chsp, 3ch, miss first dc, 1tr in next dc, patten to last 6 sts, 1tr in next dc, 3ch, 1dc in chsp, 1dc in last st, turn.

21st row: 5ch (counts as 1dc and 3chsp), 1dc in chsp, 1dc in tr, pattern to last st, 1dc in last st, turn.

22nd (increase) row: 6ch (counts as 1tr and 3chsp), 1dc in chsp, 1dc in each of next 3dc, pattern to last 7 sts, 1dc in each of next 3dc, 1dc in chsp, 3ch, 1tr in last st, turn.

Repeat these 22 rows, once more, then work 1st to 6th rows again – 113 (125) (137) sts.

Finishing row: 2ch, 1dc in each of next 4dc, [slst in next 7 sts, 1dc in each of next 5dc] to last 11 sts, slst in next 7 sts, 1dc in each of next 4 sts, slst in last st. Fasten off.

Neckband

Join shoulder seams. With wrong side facing, rejoin yarn at left shoulder seam

and with 2.00 hook, work 1 row of dc around neck edge, slst in first dc. Fasten off.

To make up

Place markers at side edges 17 (19) (21) cm down from shoulders on back and front. Sew sleeve tops to row-ends between markers. Join side and sleeve seams. Work finishing row along lower edge of back, front and sleeves. Fasten off.



Mesh Sweater

Measurements

To fit bust sizes 81 (86) (91) (97) cm/32 (34) (36) (38) in.

Actual measurements 84 (90) (96) (102) cm/33 (35½) (37¾) (40) in.

Side seam All sizes 33cm/13in.

Length 50 (51) (52) (53) cm/19¾ (20) (20½) (21) in.

Sleeve seam All sizes 37cm/14½in.

Materials

11 (12) (13) (14) 25g (100m) balls of Anchor Artist Metallics (80% viscose, 20% metallized polyester) in Silver (00301)*. Pair of 3¾mm (No. 9) and 3¼mm (No. 10) knitting needles.

Tension

26 stitches and 40 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over pattern, using 3¾mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **sl**, slip; **tog**, together; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease (by taking 2 sts tog); **skpo**, sl1, k1, pass sl st over; **s2kpo**, sl2 sts kwise as if to k them tog, k1, pass 2 sl sts over; **yf**, yarn forward to make a st.

Note

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

Back

With 3¾mm needles, cast on 109 (117) (125) (133) sts.

P 1 row, k 1 row and p 2 rows.

Work pattern thus: **1st row (right side):**

K1, [yf, s2kpo, yf, k1] to end.

2nd row: P to end.

3rd row: Skpo, yf, k1, [yf, s2kpo, yf, k1] to last 2 sts, yf, k2tog.

4th row: P to end.

These 4 rows form pattern.

Pattern another 124 rows.

Shape armholes: Keeping pattern correct, cast off 8 sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 93 (101) (109) (117) sts.

Pattern 58 (62) (66) (70) rows.

Shape neck: Next row: Pattern 25 (29) (33) (37), turn and work on these sts for right back neck.

Right back neck: Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 2 rows and 2 following alternate rows – 21 (25) (29) (33) sts.

P 1 row. Cast off.

Left back neck: With right side facing, sl centre 43 sts onto a st holder, rejoin yarn to next st and pattern to end – 25 (29) (33) (37) sts.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 2 rows and 2 following alternate rows – 21 (25) (29) (33) sts.

P 1 row. Cast off.

Front

With 3¾mm needles, cast on 109 (117) (125) (133) sts.

P 1 row, k 1 row and p 2 rows.

Work pattern thus: **1st row (right side):**

K1, [yf, s2kpo, yf, k1] to end.

2nd row: P to end.

3rd row: Skpo, yf, k1, [yf, s2kpo, yf, k1] to last 2 sts, yf, k2tog.

4th row: P to end.

These 4 rows form pattern.

Pattern another 124 rows.

Shape armholes: Cast off 8 sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 93 (101) (109) (117) sts.

Pattern 42 (46) (50) (54) rows.

Shape neck: Next row: Pattern 25 (29) (33) (37), turn and work on these sts for left half neck.

Left half neck: Pattern 1 row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next row and 3 following alternate rows – 21 (25) (29) (33) sts. Pattern another 15 rows.

Cast off.

Right half neck: With right side facing, sl centre 43 sts onto a st holder, rejoin yarn to next st and pattern to end – 25 (29)

(33) (37) sts.

Pattern 1 row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next row and 3 following alternate rows – 21 (25) (29) (33) sts. Pattern another 15 rows.

Cast off.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 3¾mm needles, cast on 53 (57) (61) (65) sts.

P 1 row, k 1 row and p 2 rows.

Work pattern thus: **1st row (right side):**

K1, [yf, s2kpo, yf, k1] to end.

2nd row: P to end.

3rd row: Skpo, yf, k1, [yf, s2kpo, yf, k1] to last 2 sts, yf, k2tog.

4th row: P to end.

These 4 rows form pattern.

Pattern another 24 rows.

Working extra sts into pattern as they occur, inc 1 st at each end of next row and 19 following 6th rows – 93 (97) (101) (105) sts.

Pattern 1 row.

Mark each end of last row for sleeve seam. Pattern another 10 rows. Cast off.

Neck edging

Join right shoulder seam.

With right side facing and using 3¼mm needles, pick up and k18 sts down left front neck, k across 43 sts at centre front neck, pick up and k18 sts up right front neck, 8 sts down right back neck, k across 43 sts at centre back neck, pick up and k8 sts up left back neck – 138 sts.

K 1 row, p 1 row, then k 1 row.

Cast off pwise.

To make up

Join left shoulder seam, including neck edging. Set in sleeves, sewing rows above markers to cast-off stitches at underarms. Join side and sleeve seams.



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Shell Jacket

Measurements

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

Actual measurements 85 (103) (121) cm/33½ (40½) (47½) in.

Side seam All sizes 30cm/11¾in.

Length 47 (48.5) (50) cm/18½ (19) (19½) in.

Sleeve seam 31 (32) (34) cm/12¼ (12½) (13¼) in.

Materials

7 (8) (9) 50g (175m) balls of King Cole Galaxy DK (65% acrylic, 31% wool, 4% payette) in Turquoise (1628)*. Size 2.50 and 3.00 crochet hooks.

Tension

3 shells and 12 rows, to 9 x 9cm, over pattern, using 3.00 crochet hook.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **dc**, double crochet; **tr**, treble; **slst**, slip stitch; **shell**, work 7tr in same place; **chsp**, chain space.

Note

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

Back

Right shoulder: With 3.00 hook, make 26 (34) (42) ch.

1st row (wrong side): 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, [miss 3ch, 1 shell in next ch, miss 3ch, 1dc in next ch] 3 (4) (5) times, turn – 3 (4) (5) shells.

2nd row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1chsp), 1tr in base of 4ch, 2ch, 1dc in centre – 4th tr – of next shell, [2ch, work 1tr, 1ch and 1tr in next dc, 2ch, 1dc in centre of next shell] to end, finishing with 2ch, 2tr in dc at end, turn.

3rd row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 3tr in base of 3ch, [1dc in next dc, 1 shell in next 1chsp] to end, working last shell in top of tr at end, turn.

4th row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1chsp), 1tr in base of 4ch, 2ch, 1dc in centre of next shell, [2ch, work 1tr, 1ch and 1tr in next dc, 2ch, 1dc in centre of next shell] to end, working last dc in end tr, do not break yarn. Pull out a long st to prevent unravelling.

Left shoulder: With 3.00 hook, make 26

(34) (42) ch.

1st row (wrong side): 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, [miss 3ch, 1 shell in next ch, miss 3ch, 1dc in next ch] 3 (4) (5) times, turn – 3 (4) (5) shells.

2nd row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in base of 3ch, [2ch, 1dc in centre of next shell, 2ch, work 1tr, 1ch and 1tr in next dc] to end, turn.

3rd row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 6tr in next 1chsp to complete shell, 1dc in next dc, [1 shell in next 1chsp, 1dc in next dc] 2 (3) (4) times, 4tr in top of tr at end, turn.

4th (joining) row: 3ch (counts as 1dc and 2ch), work 1tr, 1ch and 1tr in next dc, [2ch, 1dc in centre of next shell, 2ch, then 1tr, 1ch, 1tr all in next dc] to end, working final 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in top of tr at end, do not turn, but make 29ch for back neck, then right side facing, slst into 3rd of 4ch at beginning of last row on right back shoulder. Fasten off.

With wrong side facing, return to st and yarn attached to right back shoulder.

5th row: 1ch, 1 shell in next 1chsp, [1dc in next dc, 1 shell in next 1chsp] 3 (4) (5) times, then work across ch thus: miss 2ch, 1dc in next ch, [miss 3ch, 1 shell in next ch, miss 3ch, 1dc in next ch] 3 times, miss 2ch, [1 shell in next 1chsp, 1dc in next dc] to end, turn – 11 (13) (15) shells.

Work main pattern thus: **1st row:** 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in base of 3ch, 2ch, 1dc in centre of next shell, [2ch, work 1tr, 1ch and 1tr in next dc, 2ch, 1dc in centre of next shell] to end, 2ch, 2tr in ch at end, turn.

2nd row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 3tr in base of 3ch, 1dc in next dc, [1 shell in next 1chsp, 1dc in next dc] to end, 4tr in tr at end, turn.

3rd row: 3ch (counts as 1dc and 2ch), work 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in next dc, 2ch, 1dc in centre of next shell, [2ch, work 1tr, 1ch and 1tr in next dc, 2ch, 1dc in centre of next shell] to end, working final dc in top of tr at end, turn.

4th row: 1ch, [1 shell in next 1chsp, 1dc in next dc] to end, working last dc in last ch, turn.

These 4 rows form main pattern.

Repeat these 4 rows, twice more.

Shape armholes: 1st row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1chsp), 1tr in base of 4ch, 2ch, 1dc in centre of next shell, pattern to last shell, 1dc in centre of last shell, 2ch, work 1tr, 1ch and 1tr in ch at end, turn.

2nd row: 3ch, 6tr in 1chsp, pattern to last 1chsp, 1 shell in chsp at end, turn.

Repeat last 2 rows, 2 (3) (4) times more – 14 (17) (20) shells.

Work the 4 main pattern rows, 10 times. Fasten off.

Left front

With 3.00 hook, make 26 (34) (42) ch.

1st row (wrong side): 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, [miss 3ch, 1 shell in next ch, miss 3ch, 1dc in next ch] 3 (4) (5) times, turn – 3 (4) (5) shells.

Work the 4 main pattern rows of back, twice.

Shape neck: Work 2nd to 4th rows of right back shoulder, turn at end.

Next row: 1ch, pattern to last 1chsp, 1 shell in end chsp, make 12ch and fasten off, turn.

Next row: Miss 11ch, rejoin yarn to next ch, work 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1chsp), 1tr in base of 4ch, 2ch, 1dc in centre of next shell, pattern to end, turn.

Next row: 3ch, 3tr in base of 3ch, [1dc in next dc, 1 shell in next 1chsp] 4 (5) (6) times, miss 2ch, 1dc in next ch, miss 3ch, 1 shell in next ch, miss 3ch, 1dc in end ch, turn.

Pattern 2 rows as set.

Shape armhole: 1st row: Pattern to end, working 2ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1tr in ch at end, turn.

2nd row: 3ch, 6tr in 1chsp, pattern to end, turn.

Repeat last 2 rows, 2 (3) (4) times more – 7 (8½) (10) shells.

Pattern 40 rows as set. Fasten off.

Right front

With 3.00 hook, make 26 (34) (42) ch.

1st row (wrong side): 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, [miss 3ch, 1 shell in next ch, miss 3ch, 1dc in next ch] 3 (4) (5) times, turn – 3 (4) (5) shells.

Work the 4 main pattern rows of back, twice.

Shape neck: 2nd row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in base of 3ch, [2ch, 1dc in centre of next shell, 2ch, work 1tr, 1ch and 1tr in next dc] to end, turn.

3rd row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 6tr in next 1chsp to complete shell, 1dc in next dc, [1 shell in next 1chsp, 1dc in next dc] 2 (3) (4) times, 4tr in top of tr at end, turn.

4th row: 3ch (counts as 1dc and 2ch), work 1tr, 1ch and 1tr in next dc, [2ch, 1dc in centre of next shell, 2ch, work 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in next dc] to end, working final 1tr, 1ch and 1tr in top of tr at end, turn.

Next row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 6tr in base of 3ch, 1dc in next dc, pattern to end, turn.

Next row: Pattern to last shell, 2ch, 1dc in centre of next shell, 2ch, work 1tr, 1ch and 1tr in 3ch at end, make 12ch, turn.

Next row: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, miss 3ch, 1 shell in next ch, miss 3ch, 1dc in next ch, miss 2ch, 1 shell in next 1chsp, pattern to end, turn.

Next row: Pattern to last shell, 1dc in centre of last shell, 2ch, 2tr in end ch, turn.

Pattern 1 row as set.

Shape armhole: 1st row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1chsp), 1tr in base of 4ch, 2ch, 1dc in centre of next shell, pattern to end, turn.

2nd row: Pattern to last 1chsp, 1shell in 1chsp at end, turn.

Repeat last 2 rows, 2 (3) (4) times more – 7 (8½) (10) shells.

Pattern 40 rows as set. Fasten off.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 3.00 hook, make 26 (34) (42) ch.

1st row (wrong side): 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, [miss 3ch, 1 shell in next ch, miss 3ch, 1dc in next ch] 3 (4) (5) times, turn – 3 (4) (5) shells.

2nd row: 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1chsp), 1tr in base of 4ch, 2ch, 1dc in centre of next shell, [2ch, work 1tr, 1ch and 1tr in next dc, 2ch, 1dc in centre of next shell] to end, working 2ch, 1tr, 1ch and 1tr in st at end, turn.

3rd row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 6tr in 1chsp, [1dc in next dc, 1 shell in next chsp] to last 1chsp, 7tr in end 1chsp, turn.

Repeat 2nd and 3rd rows, 3 times more.

Work 8 rows in main pattern as on back.

Repeat 2nd and 3rd rows, 3 times – 10 (11) (12) shells.

For sleeve seam: Work 6 rows of main pattern as on back.

1st decrease row: 2ch, work 1tr, 1ch and 1tr in next dc, 2ch, pattern to within 1dc of end, work 1tr, 1ch and 1tr in next dc, 1ch, 1dc in top of 3ch at end, turn.

2nd decrease row: 3ch, miss 1ch, 4tr in next 1chsp, 1dc in next dc, pattern to within 1dc of end, 1dc in next dc, 4tr in next 1chsp, miss 1ch, 1tr in ch at end, turn.

3rd row: 3ch, work 1tr, 1ch and 1tr in next dc, 2ch, pattern to within 1dc of end, work 1tr, 1ch and 1tr in next dc, 2ch, 1dc in top of 3ch, turn.

Beginning with 4th row, work 7 rows in main pattern as on back.

Repeat last 10 rows, twice more – 7 (8) (9) shells.

Pattern 6 (8) (10) rows straight.

Fasten off.

Edging

Join shoulder seams. With right side facing, using 2.50 hook, rejoin yarn to base and working under 2 strands where possible, work a row of dc up right front edge, round neck, and down left front edge, working 6dc into every 4 pattern rows and 2dc in each corner.

Without turning, work a row of reverse dc (dc worked from left to right). Fasten off.

To make up

Set in sleeves, then join side and sleeve seams.



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Clutch Bag

Crochet

Measurements

Approximately 23cm/9in wide and 15cm/6in high.

Materials

1 x 100g (212m) ball of Sirdar Cotton DK (100% cotton) in each of Cool Aqua (519), Grey Dawn (520) and Tranquil (516)*. Size 3.50 crochet hook. 30 x 70cm cotton lining fabric; matching sewing thread; sewing needle; 2.5cm square button.

Tension

3 pattern repeats measure 10cm across and 2 pattern repeats measure 7cm deep, using 3.50 crochet hook.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **st**, stitch; **dc**, double crochet; **htr**, half treble; **tr**, treble; **dtr**, double treble; **tog**, together; **yrh**, yarn round hook; **dc3tog**, work 3dc tog thus: [insert hook in next st, yrh and pull loop through] 3 times, yrh and pull through all 4 loops on hook; **dtr3tog**, work 3dtr tog thus: [yrh twice, insert hook in next st, yrh and pull loop through, yrh and pull through first 2 loops on hook, yrh and pull through 2 loops on hook] 3 times, yrh and pull through all 4 loops on hook.

Note

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

Back and front

(worked in one piece)

With 3.50 hook and Cool Aqua, make 86ch loosely.

Foundation row (right side): 1dc in 2nd ch from hook (counts as 1dc), [1dc in next ch] to end, turn – 85dc.

1st row: 4ch (counts as first dtr), 1dtr in first dc, [1tr in next st, 1htr in next st, 1dc in next st, 1htr in next st, 1tr in next st, 3dtr in next st] to end, ending last repeat with 2dtr not 3 – 113 sts.

When changing colour always leave a 15cm end to use when joining seam. Fasten off, turn and join Grey Dawn to top of first dtr.

2nd row: 1ch (does not count as a st),

[1dc in next st] to end, turn.

3rd row: 1ch (does not count as a st), 2dc in first dc, [1dc in each of next 2 sts, dc3tog, 1dc in each of next 2 sts, 3dc in next st] to end, ending last repeat with 2dc not 3.

Fasten off, turn and join Tranquil to top of first dc.

4th row: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in first dc, [1htr in next st, 1tr in next st, dtr3tog, 1tr in next st, 1htr in next st, 1dc in next st] to end, turn – 85 sts.

5th row: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in next st] to end.

Fasten off, turn and join Cool Aqua to top of first dc.

6th row: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in next st] to end, turn.

Repeat 1st to 6th rows, twice more, then work 1st to 4th rows again. Fasten off.

Flap

With 3.50 hook and Grey Dawn, make 58ch loosely.

Foundation row (right side): 1dc in 2nd ch from hook (counts as 1dc), [1dc in next ch] to end, turn – 57dc.

1st row: 1ch (does not count as a st), 2dc in first dc, [1dc in each of next 2 sts, dc3tog, 1dc in each of next 2 sts, 3dc in next st] to end, ending last repeat with 2dc not 3.

Fasten off, turn and join Tranquil to top of first dc.

2nd row: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in first dc, [1htr in next st, 1tr in next st, dtr3tog, 1tr in next st, 1htr in next st, 1dc in next st] to end, turn – 43 sts.

3rd row: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in next st] to end.

Fasten off, turn and join Cool Aqua to top of first dc.

4th row: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in next st] to end, turn.

5th row: 4ch (counts as first dtr), 1dtr in first dc, [1tr in next st, 1htr in next st, 1dc in next st, 1htr in next st, 1tr in next st, 3dtr in next st] to end, ending last repeat with 2dtr not 3 – 57 sts.

Fasten off, turn and join Grey Dawn to top of first dtr.

6th row: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in next st] to end, turn.

Repeat 1st and 2nd rows. Fasten off.

To make up

Fold back and front in half lengthwise with wrong side together. Using crochet pieces as templates, having 1.5cm seam allowance all round, cut a piece of lining



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for flap and one each for back and front.

Join flap to back of bag: With 3.50 hook, wrong sides together and back nearest to you, join Tranquil to the centre dc along top edge of back, 1ch, working through front loop of back and furthest loop of flap (missing the 2 loops between), work [1dc in each st] to end. Fasten off.

Join side seam using end of yarn. Join base seam. Neaten all ends.

Fastening loop: With 3.50 hook and Tranquil, make 22ch. Fasten off. Fold loop in half and use sewing thread to sew ends to wrong side of flap, above centre point on 2nd and 3rd Tranquil row.

Complete lining: Sew flap to top edge of back. Press 1.5cm of front lining to wrong side, then with folded edge along seam of back and flap lining, join side seams and base seam. With right sides together, slip lining into the bag. Fold seam allowance onto wrong side around flap, then sew lining into place, around flap and across top, along middle of 2nd Tranquil row of flap. Sew on button.

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DESIGNER *of the* MONTH

Natural Beauty

A love of nature inspires many of Lesley Stanfield's designs – this floral bouquet, perfect for dressing up a scarf, is a great example



Knitted history

'Although my degree was in graphics, I'd knitted since childhood and suddenly saw a connection between type and stitches. When Kaffe Fassett showed what can be done with colour and yarn and Patricia Roberts combined complex stitch patterns, I began to experiment.

Working on magazines, freelance designing and producing a number of books have left me believing that there are no limits to what you can do with stitches. You can make anything from a large sweater to a tiny flower.

For a while I've enjoyed translating natural objects into stitch and, judging by the popularity of *100 Flowers to Knit & Crochet*, this appeals to many knitting and crochet enthusiasts.

I get great pleasure from seeing one of my designs worn, especially if it has been adapted or altered in some way. I think that knitting and crochet should be a form of self expression, as well as a sort of therapy.'



Many of Lesley's designs have featured in *Knitting & Crochet* – including this gorgeous relaxed cardi

This lovely floral design is taken from
100 Flowers to Knit & Crochet by
Lesley Stanfield (Search Press, £10.99)





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overleaf



Flowers for a scarf

Materials

Small amount of 4 ply yarn in each of Lime, Cream, Purple, Mauve, White and Green. Small amount of DK yarn in each of Bright Green, Pale Blue, Blue, Deep Blue and Dark Blue. Size 2.50 and 3.50mm crochet hooks. Pair of 3¼mm (No. 9) knitting needles. Plain scarf to decorate.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **dc**, double crochet; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **tr**, treble; **dtr**, double treble; **chsp**, chain space; **slst**, slip stitch; **yrh**, yarn round hook; **loop st**, insert hook in st, extend left middle finger and catch the strand behind the finger together with the strand in front of the finger to make a loop, pull both strands through, yrh and pull through 3 loops on hook; **tr2tog**, work 2tr tog thus: [yrh, insert hook in next tr, yrh and pull through, yrh and pull through 2 loops on hook] twice, yrh and pull through all 3 loops on hook; **tr3tog**, work 3tr tog thus: [yrh, insert hook in next space, yrh and pull through, yrh and pull through 2 loops on hook] 3 times, yrh and pull through all 4 loops on hook; **tr4tog**, work 4tr tog thus: [yrh, insert hook in next space, yrh and pull through, yrh and pull through 2 loops on hook] 4 times, yrh and pull through all 5 loops on hook; **k**, knit; **yf**, yarn forward to make a st; **sl**, slip; **ssk**, slip 2 sts, one at a time knitwise, insert point of left needle into the front of these 2 sts and k them tog.

Note

Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

Auricula flower

Flower: With 2.50 hook, Lime and leaving an end of approximately 5cm, make 4ch, slst in first ch to form ring.

1st round: 4ch (counts as 1dtr), 6dtr in ring, slst in top of 4ch – 7 sts. Fasten off.

2nd round: With inside of cup facing, join Cream in a dtr, 4ch (counts as 1dtr), 2dtr in st below, [1ch, 3dtr in next st] 6 times, 1ch, change to Purple and slst in top of 4ch – 21dtr.

3rd round: With Purple, 3ch (counts as 1tr), 3tr in next dtr, 1tr in next dtr, [1ch, miss 1ch, 1tr in next dtr, 3tr in

next dtr, 1tr in next dtr] 6 times, 1ch, change to Mauve and slst in top of 3ch.

4th round: With Mauve, 1ch (counts as 1dc), 2tr in next tr, 2dtr in next tr, 2tr in next tr, 1dc in next tr, 1dc around 1ch of 3rd round and 1ch of 2nd round, [1dc in next tr, 2tr in next tr, 2dtr in next tr, 2tr in next tr, 1dc in next tr, 1dc around 1ch of 3rd round and 1ch of 2nd round] 6 times, slst in first ch. Fasten off.

Stem: With 2.50 hook and Lime, make 15ch, 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc in each of next 13ch. Fasten off.

To make up: With right side facing, insert hook into centre of flower, catch long end of Lime and pull through. Knot this end close to flower and trim. Attach top of stem to back of flower.

Scabious

Centre: 1st round: With 3.50 hook and Pale Blue, wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form ring, insert hook into ring, yarn over hook and pull through, 3ch (counts as 1tr), work 15tr in ring, slst in top of 3ch, pull end of yarn tightly to close ring – 16 sts.

2nd round: 4ch, [slst in front strand of next tr, 3ch] 15 times, slst in first of 4ch. Fasten off.

Petals: 3rd round: Working behind 2nd round and into 1st round, join in Blue in top of 3ch, 6ch, [slst in back strand of next tr, 5ch] 15 times, slst in first of 6ch. Fasten off.

Cornflower

Back: 1st round: With 3.50 hook and Green, leaving a long end to form stem, wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form ring, insert hook into ring, yarn over hook and pull through, 1ch (does not count as a st), work 3dc in ring, slst in first dc, pull end of yarn tightly to close ring – 3dc.

2nd round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 2dc in each dc, slst in first dc – 6dc.

3rd round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in each dc, slst in first dc. Fasten off.

Centre: 1st round: With 3.50 hook and Dark Blue, wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form ring, insert hook into ring, yarn over hook and pull through, 1ch (does not count as a st), work 3dc in ring, slst in first dc, pull end of yarn tightly to close ring – 3dc.

2nd round: 1ch, 2 loop sts in each dc, slst in 1ch – 6 loop sts.

Joining round: With loops facing, place centre on back and using Deep Blue, work through one st from each piece each time, 2dc in each pair of sts, slst in first dc – 12 sts. Fasten off.

First floret: With centre facing, join Deep Blue in a dc of joining round.

1st round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 5dc in same dc as join, slst in first dc.

2nd round: 1ch, 1dc in each dc, slst in first dc.

3rd round: 1ch, [work 1dc, 1tr and 1dc in next dc] 5 times, slst in first dc.



Fasten off.

Work 6 more florets, placing some next to each other and spacing others 1 or 2dc apart to distribute them unevenly around the joining round.

Michaelmas daisy

Petals: With 2.50 hook and Mauve, make [9ch, slst in 2nd ch from hook, slst in each of last 7ch] 37 times. Fasten off.

Centre: With same side facing and using 2.50 hook, join Lime in space between first and second petals, 3ch, tr3tog in next 3 spaces, [tr4tog in next 4 spaces] to end.

Fasten off, leaving a long end.

Making up: Coil the centre so that there are 3 layers of petals. Gathering centre slightly, stitch in place.

Stem: Take long Lime end from centre and make 15ch, slst in 2nd ch from hook, slst in each of last 13ch. Fasten off.

Small leaf

With 3¾mm needles and Bright Green, cast on 3 sts.

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

Repeat pattern row until stem measures 3cm.

Now work backwards and forwards in rows as follows:

1st row (right side): K1, yf, k1, yf, k1 – 5 sts.

2nd row and 3 following alternate rows: K.

3rd row: K2, yf, k1, yf, k2 – 7 sts.

5th row: K3, yf, k1, yf, k3 – 9 sts.

7th row: K4, yf, k1, yf, k4 – 11 sts.

9th row: K5, yf, k1, yf, k5 – 13 sts.

K 1 row.

Next row: Ssk, k to last 2 sts, k2tog.

Repeat last 2 rows, 4 times more – 3 sts.

K 1 row.

Next row: Sl1, k2tog, pass slip st over and fasten off.

Lily of the valley

Flower (make 3): 1st round: With 2.50 hook and White, wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form ring, insert hook into ring, yarn over hook and pull through, 3ch (counts as 1tr), work 9tr in ring, slst in top of 3ch, pull end of yarn tightly to close ring – 10 sts.

2nd round: 2ch, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, [tr2tog in next 2tr, 1ch] 4 times, slst in top of first tr.

3rd round: 4ch, slst in first of 4ch, [slst in chsp, slst in next st, 4ch, slst in first of 4ch] 4 times, slst in last chsp. Fasten off.

Stem: With 2.50 hook and Green, make 31ch, slst in 2nd ch from hook, slst in each of next 14ch, [3ch, slst in 2nd ch from hook, slst in next ch, slst in next 7ch on main stem] twice, 1dc in last ch. Fasten off.

Leaf: With 2.50 hook and Green, make 14ch, 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc in each of next 2ch, 1htr in next ch, 1tr in each of next 6ch, 1htr in next ch, 1dc in each of next 2ch, 5ch, 1dc in 4th ch from hook, 1ch, work along other side of ch thus: 1dc in each of next 2ch, 1htr in next ch, 1tr in each of next 6ch, 1htr in next ch, 1dc in each of next 3ch, now work 1dc in ch at start of leaf, 15ch, slst in 2nd ch from hook, slst in each of next 13ch, 1dc in same ch as last dc. Fasten off.

Making up: Sew a flower to the top of the stem and one to each side branch. Attach leaf to stem just below lowest flower.

To complete

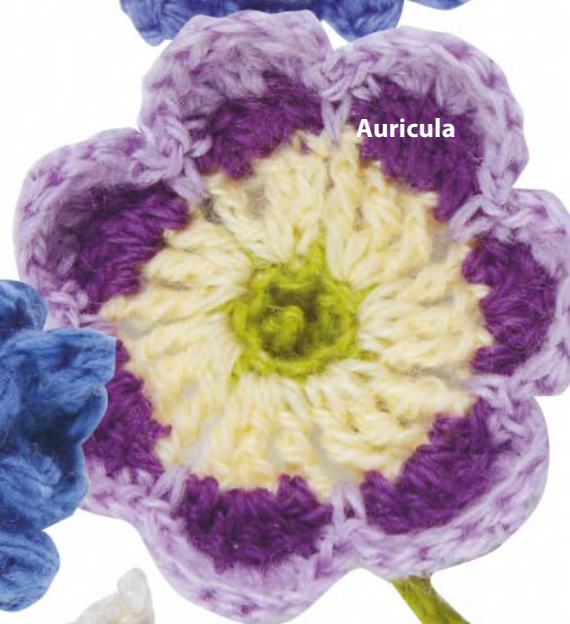
Arrange small bouquet of flowers and leaves at one end of scarf and stitch in position.



Small leaf



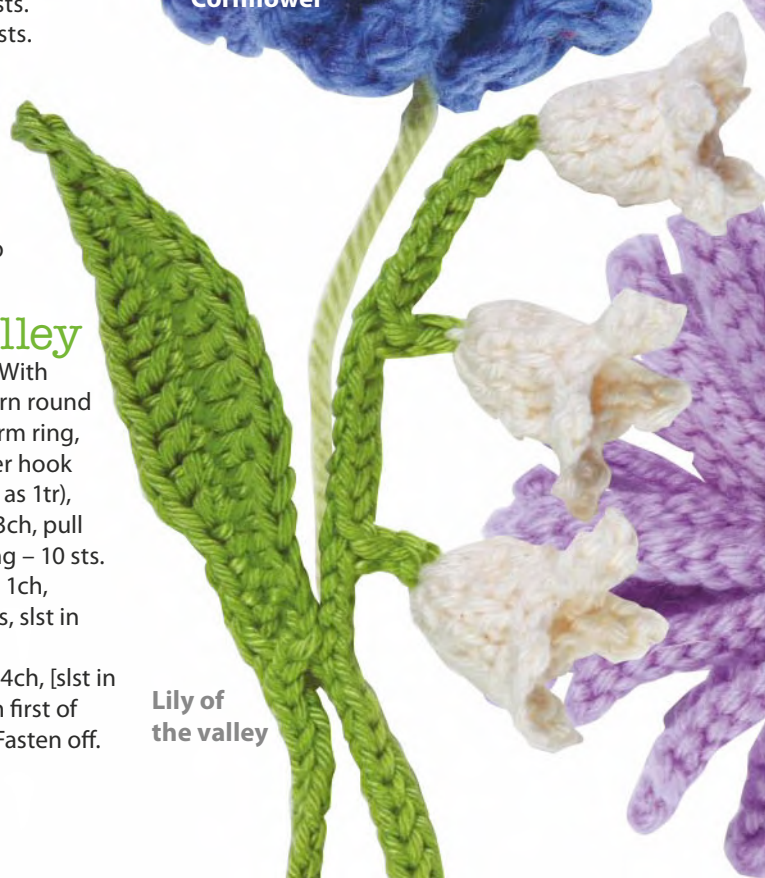
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Cornflower



Lily of the valley

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Cool Bear

Transported from the snowy Arctic to a cosy bedroom, our polar prince is still wearing a scarf to keep out winter chills!

Measurements

Approximately 26cm/10¼in high and 43cm/17in wide.

Materials

Bear: 4 x 25g (85m) balls of Sirdar Snuggly Snowflake DK (100% polyester) in Milky (630)*. Oddments of DK yarn in Black. Pair of 3mm (No. 11) knitting needles; washable toy stuffing.

Scarf: Small amount of DK yarn in each of Red and White. Pair of 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles.

Tension

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

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease (by taking 2 sts tog); **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **skpo**, slip 1, k1, pass slip st over; **wrap1**, slip next st onto right hand needle, take yarn between needles to opposite side of work (to front of work after k st or to back of work after p st), place the slipped st back onto left hand needle.

Note

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



We're really lucky to have such a rich back catalogue of fantastic *Woman's Weekly* knitting and crochet patterns. This adorable polar bear toy originally featured (without his scarf!) in the 10 November 1973 issue.

Right side legs, body and head

Back leg: With 3mm needles, cast on 40 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.

Shape instep: 1st row: K29, wrap1, turn.

2nd row: P18, wrap1, turn.

3rd row: K16, wrap1, turn.

4th row: P14, wrap1, turn.

Next row: K to end. P 1 row.

Next row: Inc in first st, k9, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k10, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k9, inc in last st – 38 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K11, [k2tog] twice, k8, [k2tog] twice, k11 – 34 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K8, [k2tog] 3 times, k6, [k2tog] 3 times, k8 – 28 sts. P 1 row.**

Shape leg: Inc 1 st at each end of next row – 30 sts. Ss 5 rows.

1st inc row: Inc in first st, k12, inc in next st, k1 and mark this st, inc in next st, k12, inc in next st, k1 – 34 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd inc row: Inc in first st, k to within 1 st of marked st, inc in next st, k1, inc in next st, k to last 2 sts, inc in next st, k1. Repeat last 4 rows, 3 times more – 50 sts. P 1 row.

3rd inc row: K to within 1 st of marked st, inc in next st, k1, inc in next st, k to

end. P 1 row. Work 2nd inc row. Repeat last 4 rows, once more – 62 sts.***

Next row: P31, cast off last 31 sts.

Leave remaining 31 sts on a st holder.

Front leg: Work as back leg to **.

Shape leg: Inc 1 st at each end of next row and 2 following 6th rows – 34 sts. Ss 3 rows.

1st inc row: [Inc in next st, k14, inc in next st, k1] twice – 38 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd inc row: [Inc in next st, k16, inc in next st, k1] twice – 42 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd inc row: [Inc in next st, k18, inc in next st, k1] twice – 46 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Body: Joining row: Cast off first 23 sts, k to end of front leg, cast on 16 sts, then with right side facing, k31 sts of back leg – 70 sts.

Fold each leg in half with wrong sides together and join back leg seams.

Ss 3 rows.

Inc 1 st at each end of next row and 3 following 6th rows – 78 sts. P 1 row.

Inc 1 st at beginning of next row and 3 following alternate rows – 82 sts. P 1 row. Place green marker at each end of last row.

Shape side of head: Next row: K3, inc in each of next 4 sts, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 85 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K7, inc in each of next 5 sts, k



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to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 89 sts. P 1 row.
Next row: K10, inc in each of next 5 sts, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 93 sts.
 Cast off 6 sts at beginning of next row – 87 sts.

Next row: K15, [k2tog] twice, k22, cast off next 6 sts, k to end. Work on last 40 sts for body top.

Body top: Cast off 8 sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 24 sts. Cast off.

Shape top of head: With wrong side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 39 sts and p to end. Place orange marker at end of last row.

Next row: Cast off 3 sts, k8 sts more, inc in next st, [k2tog] twice, k22 – 35 sts. Cast off 7 sts at beginning of next row – 28 sts.

Next row: Cast off 2 sts, k8 sts more, inc in next st, k2tog, k14 – 26 sts.

Next row: Cast off 4 sts and mark last cast off st with purple marker, p to end – 22 sts.

Cast off 2 sts at beginning of next 4 rows – 14 sts.

Next row: [K2tog, k5] twice – 12 sts. Dec 1 st at beginning of next row – 11 sts. **Next row:** K2tog, k3, k2tog, k4 – 9 sts. Dec 1 st at beginning of next row – 8 sts. **Next row:** K2tog, k1, [k2tog] twice, k1 – 5 sts. Cast off.

Left side legs, body and head

Work as right side legs, body and head reversing shapings by reading p for k and k for p.

Join top of body between green and purple markers.

Soles

(make 4)

With 3mm needles, cast on 7 sts for back edge.

Work in ss and inc 1 st at each end of first row and 3 following alternate rows – 15 sts. Ss 11 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows – 11 sts. Cast off.

With leg seam at centre of cast-on edge, sew in soles.

Head gusset

With 3mm needles, cast on 2 sts.

1st row: Inc wise in first st, k1 – 3 sts. P 1 row.

Inc 1 st at each end of next row and 9 following alternate rows – 23 sts. Ss 9 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 2 following 6th rows – 17 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and

following 4th row – 13 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Break off yarn.

Placing cast-on edge to purple markers and needle holding sts level with orange markers at front of head sides, sew in head gusset.

Muzzle

With right side facing and using 3mm needles, pick up and k9 sts from green to orange markers at right side head, k13 sts of head gusset, then pick up and k9 sts from orange to green markers at left side of head – 31 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: K2tog, k6, skpo, k11, k2tog, k6, k2tog – 27 sts. Ss 5 rows.

Next row: K2tog, k5, skpo, k9, k2tog, k5, k2tog – 23 sts.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row – 21 sts. K 1 row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows – 17 sts.

Next row: Cast off 5 sts, p6 sts more, cast off last 5 sts, turn and rejoin yarn to remaining 7 sts.

Ss 6 rows. Do not break off the yarn.

Join the 5 cast-off sts to last 6 row-ends at each side of muzzle.

Underside of head and body

Continue on the 7 sts of muzzle and ss 4 rows. Inc 1 st at each end of next row and 2 following 6th rows – 13 sts.

Ss 9 rows.

Inc 1 st at each end of next row and following 10th row – 17 sts. Ss 7 rows.

Place red markers at each end of last row. Ss 20 rows.

1st inc row: K7, inc in next st, place marker between last st and next st, inc in next st, k8 – 19 sts. Ss 5 rows.

2nd inc row: K to within 1 st of marker, inc in each of next 2 sts, k to end.

Ss 3 rows.

Place red markers at each end of last row.

Work 2nd inc row – 23 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Work 2nd inc row. P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, twice more, then work 2nd inc row again – 31 sts. Ss 9 rows.

Place blue markers at each end of last row.

1st dec row: K13, k2tog, k1 and mark this st, k2tog, k13 – 29 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: K to within 2 sts of marked st, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k to end. Ss 3 rows.

Work 2nd dec row. P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 4 times more, then work 2nd dec row again – 15 sts.

Ss 5 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and



2 following 6th rows – 9 sts.

Place blue marker at each end of last row. Ss 5 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 2 following 6th rows – 3 sts.

P3tog and fasten off.

With the fastened-off edge to green marker at back of body and sewing the cast-off part of back legs between blue markers and front legs between red markers, sew underside in position, leaving an opening. Stuff head and legs then body firmly and close opening. To stop legs spreading apart, hold toy in standing position, re-stitch inside of legs to underside along the crease, pushing the excess fabric into body.

With Black, embroider eyes, nose and mouth as shown in photo.

Ears

(make 2)

With 3mm needles, cast on 7 sts.

Work in ss and inc 1 st at each end of first row and 3 following alternate rows – 15 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 3 following alternate rows – 7 sts. Cast off. Fold ears in half with wrong sides together and oversew open edge. Fold this edge in half and sew to top of head.

Scarf

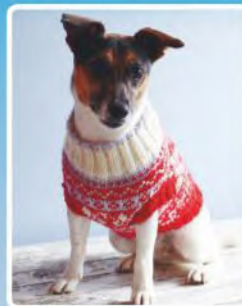
With 4mm needles and Red, cast on 20 sts.

Work 166 rows in ss and stripes of 2 rows Red and 2 rows White. Cast off.

Allowing edges of scarf to roll, place scarf round bear's neck and tie.

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Snow Man

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A Fair Isle number for pampered
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Heart's Desire

This pretty sampler would look charming
in any room

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We Wish You A Nordic Christmas Patterns

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Measurements

Approximately 15cm/6in high, excluding ears.

Materials

Penguin: 1 x 50g (100m) ball of Rico Design Essentials Soft Merino Aran (100% wool) in each of Black (090), Natural (060) and Saffron (066)*.

Silver fox: 1 x 50g (100m) ball of Rico Design Essentials Soft Merino Aran (100% wool) in each of Silver Grey (096) and Black (090)*.

Polar bear: 1 x 50g (100m) ball of Rico Design Essentials Soft Merino Aran (100% wool) in Natural (060)*; length of Black yarn for embroidery.

For all items: Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) knitting needles; washable toy stuffing.

Tension

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

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **p1b**, p1 through back of loop; **tog**, together; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease (by taking 2 sts tog); **skpo**, slip 1, k1, pass slip st over; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **wrap1**, slip next st onto right hand needle, take yarn between needles to opposite side (to front of work after k st and to back of work after p st), place the slipped st back onto left hand needle; **yf**, yarn forward to make a st.

Note

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

PENGUIN

Body

With 3¼mm needles and Black, cast on 9 sts for base. P 1 row.

1st inc row: [Inc in next st kwise] 8 times, k1 – 17 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: K1, [inc in next st, k1] 8 times – 25 sts. P 1 row.

3rd inc row: K1, [inc in next st, k2] 8 times – 33 sts. P 1 row.

4th inc row: K1, [inc in next st, k3] 8 times – 41 sts.

Using separate small balls for each coloured area and twisting yarns together on wrong side at joins, work thus:

1st row: P19 Black, 3 Natural, 19 Black.

2nd row: K17 Black, 7 Natural, 17 Black.

3rd row: P15 Black, 11 Natural, 15 Black.

4th row: K13 Black, 15 Natural, 13 Black.

5th row: P13 Black, 15 Natural, 13 Black.

6th to 10th rows: Repeat 4th and 5th rows, twice, then work 4th row again.

11th row: P14 Black, 13 Natural, 14 Black.

12th row: K14 Black, 13 Natural, 14 Black.

13th row: P14 Black, 13 Natural, 14 Black.

14th row: With Black, k4, [k2tog, k1] 3 times, skpo, with Natural, k11, with Black, [k2tog, k1] 3 times, k2tog, k4 – 33 sts.

15th row: P11 Black, 11 Natural, 11 Black.

16th row: K11 Black, 11 Natural, 11 Black.

17th row: P12 Black, 9 Natural, 12 Black.

18th row: With Black, k2, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k2, with Natural, k9, with Black, k2, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k2 – 29 sts.

19th row: P10 Black, 9 Natural, 10 Black.

20th row: With Black, k2, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k1, with Natural, k9, with Black, k1, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k2 – 25 sts.

21st row: P8 Black, 9 Natural, 8 Black.

22nd row: With Black, [k2, k2tog] twice, with Natural k9, with Black, [k2tog, k2] twice – 21 sts.

23rd row: P6 Black, 9 Natural, 6 Black.

24th row: With Black, k2, k2tog, k1, skpo, with Natural, k7, with Black, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k2 – 17 sts.

25th row: P5 Black, 7 Natural, 5 Black.

Cast off.

Gather cast-on edge, then join row-ends for back seam. Stuff body firmly.



Wings

Left wing: With 3¼mm needles, cast on 6 sts with Natural, then cast on 7 sts with Black – 13 sts.

Using separate small balls for each coloured area and twisting yarns together on wrong side at joins, work thus:

1st row: With Black, k6, wrap1, turn, p4, wrap1, turn, k3, wrap1, turn, p2, wrap1, turn, k4, with Natural, k5, wrap1, turn, p4, wrap1, turn, k3, wrap1, turn, p2, wrap1, turn, k4.

2nd row: P6 Natural, 7 Black.

3rd row: With Black, k1, k2tog, k3, yf, k1, with Natural, k1, yf, k2, skpo, k1.

4th row: With Natural, p4, p1b, p1, with Black, p1, p1b, p5.

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

7th row: With Black, k1, k2tog, k4, with Natural, k3, skpo, k1 – 11 sts.

8th row: P5 Natural, 6 Black.

9th row: K6 Black, 5 Natural.

10th row: P5 Natural, 6 Black.

11th row: With Black, k1, yf, k5, with Natural, k4, yf, k1 – 13 sts.

12th row: With Natural, p1, p1b, p4, with Black, p5, p1b, p1.

13th row: With Black, k1,



yf, k3, k2tog, k1, with Natural, k1, skpo, k2, yf, k1.

14th and 15th rows: As 12th and 13th rows.

16th row: As 12th row.

17th row: With Black, k4, k2tog, k1, with Natural, k1, skpo, k3 – 11 sts.

18th row: P5 Natural, 6 Black.

19th row: With Black, k1, skpo, k2tog, k1, with Natural, k1, skpo, k2 – 8 sts.

Cast off.

Right wing: With 3¼mm needles, cast on 7 sts with Black, then cast on 6 sts with Natural – 13 sts.

1st row: With Natural, k5, wrap1, turn, p4, wrap1, turn, k3, wrap1, turn, p2, wrap1, turn, k4, with Black, k5, wrap1, turn, p4, wrap1, turn, k3, wrap1, turn, p2, wrap1, turn, k5.

2nd row: P7 Black, 6 Natural.

3rd row: With Natural, k1, k2tog, k2, yf, k1, with Black, k1, yf, k3, skpo, k1.

4th row: With Black, p5, p1b, p1, with Natural, p1, p1b, p4.

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

7th row: With Natural, k1, k2tog, k3, with Black, k4, skpo, k1 – 11 sts.

8th row: P6 Black, 5 Natural.

9th row: K5 Natural, 6 Black.

10th row: P6 Black, 5 Natural.

11th row: With Natural, k1, yf, k4, with Black, k5, yf, k1 – 13 sts.

12th row: With Black, p1, p1b, p5, with Natural, p4, p1b, p1.

13th row: With Natural, k1, yf, k2, k2tog, k1, with Black, k1, skpo, k3, yf, k1.

14th and 15th rows: As 12th and 13th rows.

16th row: As 12th row.

17th row: With Natural, k3, k2tog, k1, with Black, k1, skpo, k4 – 11 sts.

18th row: P6 Black, 5 Natural.

19th row: With Natural, k2, k2tog, k1, with Black, k1, skpo, k2tog, k1 – 8 sts. Cast off.

Fold each wing vertically along colour change and join cast-on edge and row-end edge. With Black side uppermost, sew cast-off edge to neck edge at each side of body.

Head

With 3¼mm needles and Black, cast on 9 sts for back of head. P 1 row.

1st inc row: [Inc in next st kwise] 8 times, k1 – 17 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: K1, [inc in next st, k1] 8 times – 25 sts. P 1 row.

3rd inc row: K1, [inc in next st, k2] 8 times – 33 sts. Ss 8 rows.

Using separate small balls for each coloured area and twisting yarns together on wrong side at joins, work thus:

Next row: P13 Natural, 7 Black, 13 Natural.

Next row: K14 Natural, 5 Black, 14 Natural.

Next row: P15 Natural, 3 Black, 15 Natural.

1st dec row: With Natural, k1, [k2tog, k2] 3 times, k2tog, with Black, k3, with Natural, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] 3 times, k1 – 25 sts.

Continue in Natural and p 1 row.

2nd dec row: K1, [k2tog, k1] 8 times – 17 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: K1, [k2tog] 8 times – 9 sts. Break off yarn, thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Gather cast-on edge, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends for first 7 rows and last 6 rows, leaving 9 rows open for neck edge. Stuff head firmly. Sew open edge of head to top of body. With Black, work single chain stitch for each eye.

Beak

With 3¼mm needles and Saffron, cast on 7 sts. K 1 row and p 1 row.

1st dec row: K1, skpo, k1, k2tog, k1 – 5 sts. P 1 row and k 1 row.

Dec row: P1, p3tog, p1 – 3 sts.

K 1 row. P3tog and fasten off.

Make one more piece.

Join paired pieces together, leaving cast-on edge open. Stuff lightly and sew open edge to front of head.

Feet

(make 2)

With 3¼mm needles and Saffron, cast on 5 sts. Ss 16 rows. Cast off.

Fold each foot in half lengthways and join all three sides. Position feet at base of body, making sure that the toy is standing upright and sew in place.

SILVER FOX

Body

With 3¼mm needles and Silver Grey, cast on 9 sts for base. P 1 row.

1st inc row: [Inc in next st kwise] 8 times, k1 – 17 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: K1, [inc in next st, k1] 8 times – 25 sts. P 1 row.

3rd inc row: K1, [inc in next st, k2] 8 times – 33 sts. P 1 row.

4th inc row: K1, [inc in next st, k3] 8 times – 41 sts. Ss 13 rows.

1st dec row: K4, [k2tog, k1] 3 times, k2tog, k11, [k2tog, k1] 3 times, k2tog, k4 – 33 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: K2, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k13, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k2 – 29 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: K2, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k11, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k2 – 25 sts. P 1 row.

4th dec row: [K2, k2tog] twice, k9,



[k2tog, k2] twice – 21 sts. P 1 row.

5th dec row: K2, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k7, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k2 – 17 sts. P 1 row.

Cast off.

Gather cast-on edge, then join row-ends for back seam. Stuff body firmly.

Arms

(make 2)

With 3¼mm needles and Black, cast on 4 sts. P 1 row.

1st inc row: [Inc in next st kwise] 4 times – 8 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: [Inc in next st, k1] 4 times – 12 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Dec row: [K2tog, k1] 4 times – 8 sts.

Change to Silver Grey and ss 15 rows. Cast off.

Gather cast-on edge and join row-ends then stuff Black part only. Flatten top edge with the seam underneath. Sew flattened edge to neck edge at sides of body.

Head

With 3¼mm needles and Silver Grey, cast on 9 sts for back of head. P 1 row.

1st inc row: [Inc in next st kwise] 8 times, k1 – 17 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: K1, [inc in next st, k1] 8 times – 25 sts. P 1 row.

3rd inc row: K1, [inc in next st, k2] 8 times – 33 sts. Ss 9 rows.

1st dec row: K5, [k2tog, k2] 5 times, k2tog, k6 – 27 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K2, k2tog, k3, k2tog, [k1, k2tog] 4 times, k2, k2tog, k2 – 20 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd dec row: K2, k2tog, k2, [k2tog, k1] twice, [k2tog, k2] twice – 15 sts.

Ss 3 rows.

4th dec row: [K1, k2tog] twice, k3, [k2tog, k1] twice – 11 sts. P 1 row.

5th dec row: K1, k2tog, k5, k2tog, k1 – 9 sts.

6th dec row: [P2tog, p1] 3 times – 6 sts. K 1 row.

Break off yarn, thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Gather cast-on edge, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends for first 7 rows and last 14 rows, leaving 9 rows open for neck edge. Stuff head firmly. Sew open edge of head to top of body, matching seams at back. With Black, work a tiny circle of chain stitches for each eye and two straight long stitches for mouth.

Nose

With 3¼mm needles and Black, cast on 3 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, k in front, back, front and back of next st, k1 – 6 sts.

Next row: P1, p4tog, p1 – 3 sts.

Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Run yarn around outer edges of nose, pull up tightly to form ball. Sew nose in position.

Ears

(make 2)

Outer ear: With 3¼mm needles and Silver Grey, cast on 10 sts.

Beginning with a p row, work in ss, dec 1 st at beginning of 2nd row and at same edge on next 7 rows – 2 sts.

Work 2tog and fasten off.

Inner ear: With 3¼mm needles and Silver Grey, cast on 10 sts.

Beginning with a k row, work as outer ear.

Join paired pieces together. Sew shaped edge slightly curved to top of head.

Feet

(make 2)

With 3¼mm needles and Black, cast on 5 sts. Ss 16 rows. Cast off.

Fold each foot in half lengthways and join all three sides. Position feet at base of body, making sure that the toy is standing upright and sew in place.

Tail

With 3¼mm needles and Silver Grey, cast on 18 sts. * **1st row:** K15, wrap1, turn.

2nd row: P12, wrap1, turn.

3rd row: K10, wrap1, turn.

4th row: P8, wrap1, turn.

5th row: K6, wrap1, turn.

6th row: P4, wrap1, turn.

Next row: K to end.

Beginning with a p row, ss 5 rows. * Work from * to * twice more.

1st dec row: K1, k2tog, [k3, k2tog] 3 times – 14 sts. Ss 5 rows.

2nd dec row: K1, k2tog, [k3, k2tog] twice, k1 – 11 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd dec row: [K1, k2tog] 3 times, k2 – 8 sts. P 1 row.

4th dec row: K1, [k2tog] 3 times, k1 – 5 sts. P 1 row.

5th dec row: K1, [k2tog] twice – 3 sts.

Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends and stuff tail. Sew cast-on edge to base of body at back. Bring end of tail round body to front and secure in position.

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Body

Using Natural, work as body of Silver fox.

Arms

(make 2)

With 3¼mm needles and Natural, cast on 4 sts. P 1 row.

1st inc row: [Inc in next st kwise] 4 times – 8 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: [Inc in next st, k1] 4 times – 12 sts. Ss 5 rows.

1st dec row: K2, [k2tog, k3] twice – 10 sts. Ss 5 rows.

2nd dec row: K2, [k2tog, k2] twice – 8 sts. Ss 7 rows. Cast off.

Gather cast-on edge, then join row-ends and stuff lower part firmly. Flatten top edge with the seam underneath. Sew flattened edge to neck edge at sides of body.

Head

With 3¼mm needles and Natural, cast on 9 sts for back of head. P 1 row.

1st inc row: [Inc in next st kwise] 8 times, k1 – 17 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: K1, [inc in next st, k1] 8 times – 25 sts. P 1 row.

3rd inc row: K1, [inc in next st, k2] 8 times – 33 sts. Ss 9 rows.

1st dec row: K1, [k2tog, k2] 8 times – 25 sts. Ss 2 rows.

Cast off pwise, but do not break off the yarn.

With right side facing, pick up and k25 sts along cast-off edge. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K1, [k2tog, k1] 8 times – 17 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd dec row: K1, [k2tog] 8 times – 9 sts.

Break off yarn, thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Gather cast-on edge, pull up tightly and



secure. Join row-ends for first 7 rows and last 8 rows, leaving 9 rows open for neck edge. Stuff head firmly. Sew open edge of head to top of body, matching seams at back.

Mark eye positions on head. Attach length of Natural yarn under arm at neck edge. Take this yarn through head to marked eye position and make a small stitch, then return to same place at neck edge, pull yarn tightly to indent and secure. Indent second eye position in same way. Work a tiny circle of chain stitches in Black at each eye position. With Black, embroider nose, then two straight long stitches for mouth.

Ears

(make 4)

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

1st inc row: K1, [yf, k1] 4 times – 9 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: K3, [yf, k1] 3 times, yf, k3 – 13 sts. P 1 row. Cast off.

Fold each ear piece in half and join cast-on edge. Flatten each piece and pair them together, then join cast-off edges. Sew row-end edge to top of head.

Feet

Using Natural, work as feet of Silver fox.

With two strands pulled from length of Black yarn, work 3 single straight stitches across fold on feet for claws. Embroider claws over cast-on edge of arms in same way.



❄️ Crochet Snowflakes ❄️

Measurements

Approximately 24cm/9½in in diameter.

Materials

1 x 100g (280m) ball of DMC Petra 3 (100% cotton) in White (B5200), Red (5666), Light Grey (5415) or Dark Grey (5414)*. Size 2.00 crochet hook. Fabric stiffener.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **st**, stitch; **dc**, double crochet; **tr**, treble; **dtr**, double treble; **yrh**, yarn round hook; **slst**, slip stitch; **sp**, space; **cl**, cluster; **tr2cl**, [yrh, insert hook in place indicated, yrh and draw through, yrh and draw through first 2 loops on hook] twice, yrh and draw through all 3 loops on hook; **tr3cl**, [yrh, insert hook in place indicated,

yrh and draw through, yrh and draw through first 2 loops on hook] 3 times, yrh and draw through all 4 loops on hook; **tr4cl**, [yrh, insert hook in next tr, yrh and draw through, yrh and draw through first 2 loops on hook] 4 times, yrh and draw through all 5 loops on hook; **tr5cl**, [yrh, insert hook in next tr, yrh and draw through, yrh and draw through first 2 loops on hook] 5 times, yrh and draw through all 6 loops on hook; **chsp**, chain space.

Note

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

Snowflake centre

With 2.00 hook, make 6ch and join with a slst to form a ring.

1st round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 12dc in ring, slst in top of first dc.

2nd round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in base of 1ch, [7ch, miss 1dc, 1dc in next dc] 5 times, 2ch, miss last dc, 1dtr in first dc.

3rd round: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 4tr in sp formed by dtr, [3ch, 5tr in next chsp] 5 times, 3ch, slst in top of 3ch.

4th round: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in each of next 4tr, [3ch, 1dc in next chsp, 3ch, 1tr in each of next 5tr] 5 times, 3ch, 1dc in last chsp, 3ch, slst in top of 3ch.

5th round: 3ch, tr4cl, [5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 5ch, tr5cl] 5 times, [5ch, 1dc in next chsp] twice, 5ch, slst in top of first cl.

6th round: Slst in each of first 3ch, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in first chsp, [5ch, 1dc in next chsp] 17 times, 5ch, slst in first dc.

7th round: Slst in each of first 3ch, 1ch (does

not count as a st), 1dc in first chsp, [5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 3ch, work 5tr, 3ch and 5tr in next chsp, 3ch, 1dc in next chsp] 5 times, 5ch, 1dc in next chsp, 3ch, work 5tr, 3ch and 5tr in last chsp, 3ch, slst in first dc. Fasten off.

Snowflake points

With right side facing and using 2.00 hook, rejoin yarn to first tr of second group of 5tr.

1st row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), tr2cl over next 2tr, miss 2tr, [5ch, 1dc in next chsp] 3 times, 5ch, miss 2tr, tr3cl over last 3tr of next group of 5tr, turn.

2nd row: 3ch, tr2cl in first chsp, [5ch, 1dc in next chsp] twice, 5ch, tr3cl working 2tr in last chsp and 1tr in top of cl, turn.

3rd row: 3ch, tr2cl in first chsp, 3ch, work 1dc, 3ch and 1dc in next chsp, 3ch, tr3cl working 2tr in last chsp and 1tr in top of cl, turn.

4th row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in first chsp, [1ch, tr2cl working 1tr in same chsp as last tr and 1tr in next chsp] twice, 1ch, tr2cl working 1tr in last chsp and 1tr in top of cl, turn.

5th row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in first chsp, 1ch, tr2cl in next chsp, 1ch, tr2cl working 1tr in last chsp and 1tr in next tr, turn.

6th row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in first chsp, 1ch, tr2cl working 1tr in last chsp and 1tr in next tr, turn.

7th row: 3ch, tr2cl working 1tr in chsp and 1tr in next tr, turn.

8th row: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in top of cl, 7ch, slst in 7th ch from hook, 9ch, slst in 9th ch from hook, 7ch, slst in 7th ch from hook, slst in first dc. Fasten off.

Work 5 more points as first point, rejoining yarn to first tr of next 5tr group each time.

To complete

Stiffen with fabric stiffener.



Measurements

Each stocking measures approximately 37.5cm/14¾in from top edge to heel and 25.5cm/10in from heel to cast-off edge of toe.

Materials

Red stocking: 3 x 50g (48m) balls of Rico Design Essentials Big (50% wool, 50% acrylic) in Light Red (030) and 1 ball in Cream (001)*.

Striped stocking: 3 x 50g (48m) balls of Rico Design Essentials Big (50% wool, 50% acrylic) in Cream (001) and 1 ball in Light Red (030)*.

Both stockings: Pair of 7mm (No. 2) knitting needles; 40cm x 1.5mm-wide red ribbon; one large red button; matching sewing thread and a sewing needle.

Tension

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

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **sl**, slip; **tog**, together; **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **skpo**, slip 1, k1, pass slip st over; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **mst**, moss st.

Note

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

*Yarn subject to availability



❄ Knitted Stockings ❄

Red stocking

With 7mm needles and Cream, cast on 41 sts.

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

Mst another 7 rows, dec 1 st at centre of last row – 40 sts. Break off Cream.

Join in Light Red. Beginning with a k row, ss 42 rows. Break off Light Red. Join in Cream.

Shape heel: Right half heel: 1st row: K10, turn. **2nd row:** Sl1, p9, turn.

3rd to 10th rows: Repeat 1st and 2nd rows, 4 times.

11th row: K2, skpo, k1.

12th row: Sl1, p3.

13th row: K3, skpo, k1.

14th row: Sl1, p4.

15th row: K4, skpo, k1.

16th row: Sl1, p5.

17th row: K5, skpo.

18th row: Sl1, p5.

Break off Cream. With right side facing, sl these 6 sts and the next 20 sts onto the same st holder, then rejoin Cream to remaining 10 sts for left half heel.

Left half heel: 1st row: K.

2nd row: P. **3rd row:** Sl1, k to end.

4th to 9th rows: Repeat 2nd and 3rd rows, 3 times.

10th row: P2, p2tog, p1, turn.

11th row: Sl1, k3.

12th row: P3, p2tog, p1.

13th row: Sl1, k4.

14th row: P4, p2tog, p1.

15th row: Sl1, k5.

16th row: P5, p2tog.

17th row: Sl1, k5.

18th row: Sl1, p5.

With wrong side facing, sl 26 sts on st holder onto needle holding 6 sts of left half heel – 32 sts.

Instep and sole: Joining row: With right side facing and Light Red, k6 sts of right half heel, pick up and k6 sts down row-ends of right half heel, k20 centre sts, pick up and k6 sts up row-ends of left half heel, then k6 sts of left half heel – 44 sts. P 1 row.

1st dec row: K10, k2tog, k20, skpo, k10 – 42 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K9, k2tog, k20, skpo, k9 – 40 sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 17 rows. Break off Light Red. Join in Cream and ss 2 rows.

Shape toe: 1st dec row: K7, k2tog, k2, skpo, k14, k2tog, k2, skpo, k7 – 36 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K6, k2tog, k2, skpo, k12, k2tog, k2, skpo, k6 – 32 sts.

P 1 row.

3rd dec row: K5, k2tog, k2, skpo, k10, k2tog, k2, skpo, k5 – 28 sts.

P 1 row.

4th dec row: [K1, k2tog] twice, k2, [skpo, k2, k2tog] twice, k2, [skpo, k1] twice – 20 sts.

P 1 row.

5th dec row: [K2tog] twice, k1, [skpo, k1, k2tog] twice, k1, [skpo] twice – 12 sts.

Cast off kwise.

Fold stocking in half, lengthways. Join centre back, sole and toe seams. For hanging loop, fold ribbon in half to form a loop and trim ends. Leaving approx 3cm of ends free, add button and sew button and ribbon to centre of moss stitch edging at back seam.

Striped stocking

With 7mm needles and Cream, cast on 40 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 7 rows.

K1 row for foldline.

Beginning with a k row, ss 7 rows.

K 1 row to complete edging.

Beginning with a k row, ss 10 rows.

Continue in ss and stripes of 2 rows Light Red, 2 rows Cream.

Repeat last 4 rows, 4 times more, then work 2 rows in Light Red.

Ss 10 rows Cream. Break off Cream.

Join in Light Red.

Shape heel: Right half heel: 1st row: K10, turn. **2nd row:** Sl1, p9, turn.

3rd to 10th rows: Repeat 1st and 2nd rows, 4 times.

11th row: K2, skpo, k1, turn.

12th row: Sl1, p3.

13th row: K3, skpo, k1.

14th row: Sl1, p4.

15th row: K4, skpo, k1.

16th row: Sl1, p5.

17th row: K5, skpo.

18th row: Sl1, p5.

Break off Light Red. With right side facing, sl these 6 sts and the next 20 sts onto the same st holder, then rejoin Light Red to remaining 10 sts for left half heel.

Left half heel: 1st row: K.

2nd row: P. **3rd row:** Sl1, k to end.

4th to 9th rows: Repeat 2nd and 3rd rows, 3 times.

10th row: P2, p2tog, p1, turn.

11th row: Sl1, k3.

12th row: P3, p2tog, p1.

13th row: Sl1, k4.

14th row: P4, p2tog, p1.

15th row: Sl1, k5.



16th row: P5, p2tog, turn.

17th row: Sl1.

18th row: Sl1, p5.

Break off Light Red. With wrong side facing, sl26 sts on st holder onto needle holding 6 sts of left half heel – 32 sts.

Instep and sole: Joining row: With right side facing, k6 sts of right half heel, pick up and k6 sts down row-ends of right half heel, k20 centre sts, pick up and k6 sts up row-ends of left half heel, then k6 sts of left half heel – 44 sts.

P 1 row.

1st dec row: K10, k2tog, k20, skpo, k10 – 42 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K9, k2tog, k20, skpo, k9 – 40 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Work in ss and stripes of 2 rows Light Red, 2 rows Cream, 2 rows Light Red. Continue in Cream only and ss 7 rows. K 1 row.

Shape toe: K 1 row and p 1 row.

1st dec row: K7, k2tog, k2, skpo, k14, k2tog, k2, skpo, k7 – 36 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K6, k2tog, k2, skpo, k12, k2tog, k2, skpo, k6 – 32 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: K5, k2tog, k2, skpo, k10, k2tog, k2, skpo, k5 – 28 sts. P 1 row.

4th dec row: [K1, k2tog] twice, k2, [skpo, k2, k2tog] twice, k2, [skpo, k1] twice – 20 sts.

P 1 row.

5th dec row: [K2tog] twice, k1, [skpo, k1, k2tog] twice, k1, [skpo] twice – 12 sts. Cast off kwise.

Fold stocking in half, lengthways. Join centre back, sole and toe seams. Fold edging at foldline and catch down on the inside. For hanging loop, fold ribbon in half to form a loop and trim ends. Leaving approx 3cm of ends free, add button and sew button and ribbon to centre of moss stitch edging at back seam.

❄️ Christmas Sweater ❄️

Measurements

To fit chest sizes 86-91 (97-102) (107-112) cm/34-36 (38-40) (42-44) in.
Actual measurements 97 (108) (119) cm/38 (42½) (47) in.
Length to shoulder 59 (61.5) (63.5) cm/23¼ (24¼) (25) in.
Side seam 39 (40) (40.5) cm/15¼ (15¾) (16) in.
Sleeve seam 49 (50) (50.5) cm/19¼ (19½) (19¾) in.

Materials

6 (7) (8) 50g (155m) balls of Sirdar Country Style DK (40% nylon, 30% wool, 30% acrylic) in Silver Cloud (434); 2 (3) (3) balls in Cream (4114); 1 ball in each of Village Green (610), Cherry (402) and Khaki (624)*. A pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles.

Tension

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

Abbreviations

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

Note

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



Back

With 3¼mm needles and Cream, cast on 107 (119) (131) sts.

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

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

Repeat these 2 rows, once more.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 36 (38) (40) rows.

Using separate balls of yarn for each coloured area and twisting yarns together on wrong side at join, continue as follows:

1st row: K16 (22) (28) Silver Cloud, 91 (97) (103) Cream.

2nd row: P88 (94) (100) Cream, 19 (25) (31) Silver Cloud.

3rd row: K22 (28) (34) Silver Cloud, 85 (91) (97) Cream.

4th row: P82 (88) (94) Cream, 25 (31) (37) Silver Cloud.

5th row: K28 (34) (40) Silver Cloud, 79 (85) (91) Cream.

6th row: P76 (82) (88) Cream, 31 (37) (43) Silver Cloud.

7th row: K34 (40) (46) Silver Cloud, 73 (79) (85) Cream.

8th row: P70 (76) (82) Cream, 37 (43) (49) Silver Cloud.

9th row: K40 (46) (52) Silver Cloud, 67 (73) (79) Cream.

10th row: P64 (70) (76) Cream, 43 (49) (55) Silver Cloud.

11th row: K46 (52) (58) Silver Cloud, 61 (67) (73) Cream.

12th row: P59 (65) (71) Cream, 48 (54) (60) Silver Cloud.

13th row: K50 (56) (62) Silver Cloud, 57

(63) (69) Cream.

14th row: P55 (61) (67) Cream, 52 (58) (64) Silver Cloud.

15th row: K54 (60) (66) Silver Cloud, 53 (59) (65) Cream.

16th row: P51 (57) (63) Cream, 56 (62) (68) Silver Cloud.

17th row: K58 (64) (70) Silver Cloud, 49 (55) (61) Cream.

18th row: P47 (53) (59) Cream, 60 (66) (72) Silver Cloud.

19th row: K62 (68) (74) Silver Cloud, 45 (51) (57) Cream.

20th row: P43 (49) (55) Cream, 64 (70) (76) Silver Cloud.

21st row: K67 (73) (79) Silver Cloud, 40 (46) (52) Cream.

22nd row: P36 (42) (48) Cream, 71 (77) (83) Silver Cloud.

23rd row: K75 (81) (87) Silver Cloud, 32 (38) (44) Cream.

24th row: P28 (34) (40) Cream, 79 (85) (91) Silver Cloud.

Reading chart from right to left on right side (k) rows and from left to right on wrong side (p) rows, work motif from chart 1 thus: **25th row:** K78 (84) (90) Silver Cloud, k across 16 sts of 1st row of chart 1, k13 (19) (25) Cream.

26th row: P13 (19) (25) Silver Cloud, p across 16 sts of 2nd row of chart 1, with Silver Cloud, p to end.

Work another 12 rows from chart 1 as set. Continue in Silver Cloud only and ss another 32 rows.

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

Dec 1 st at each end of next 6 rows – 85

(95) (105) sts.

Ss another 48 (52) (56) rows.

Shape shoulders: Cast off 7 (8) (9) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Shape neck: Next row: Cast off 7 (8) (9), k6 (7) (8) sts more, k2tog, turn and work on these 8 (9) (10) sts only for right side.

Right side: Dec 1 st at beginning of next row – 7 (8) (9) sts. Cast off.

Left side: Next row: With right side facing, slip centre 39 (43) (47) sts onto a st, holder, rejoin yarn to remaining sts and k2tog, k to end – 15 (17) (19) sts.

Next row: Cast off 7 (8) (9) sts, p to last 2 sts, p2tog – 7 (8) (9) sts. K 1 row. Cast off.

Front

With 3¼mm needles and Cream, cast on 107 (119) (131) sts.

Work 4 rows in rib as given on back.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 36 (38) (40) rows.

Work from chart 2 as follows:

1st row: K13 (19) (25) Cream, k across 81 sts of 1st row of chart 2, k13 (19) (25) Silver Cloud.

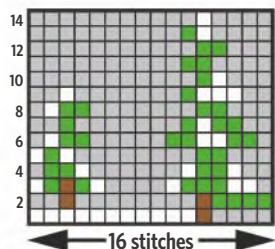
2nd row: P13 (19) (25) Silver Cloud, p across 81 sts of 2nd row of chart 2, p13 (19) (25) Cream.

Continue working from chart as set until 70th row of chart has been worked.

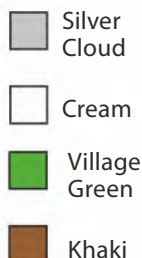
Shape armholes: Continue working from chart, casting off 5 (6) (7) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 6 rows – 85 (95) (105) sts.

CHART 1



Key for charts



Work another 18 rows as set, thus completing the chart.

Continue in Silver Cloud only and ss another 24 (26) (28) rows.

Shape neck: Next row: K24 (28) (32), k2tog, turn and work on these 25 (29) (33) sts for left side neck.

Left side neck: Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 4 (5) (6) rows – 21 (24) (27) sts.

Ss 1 (2) (3) row(s).

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

Right side neck: With right side facing, slip centre 33 (35) (37) sts onto a st holder, rejoin yarn to remaining sts, k2tog, k to end – 25 (29) (33) sts.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 4 (5) (6) rows – 21 (24) (27) sts. Ss 2 (3) (4) rows.

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

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 3¼mm needles and Silver Cloud, cast on 63 (71) (79) sts.

Work 4 rows in rib as given on back.

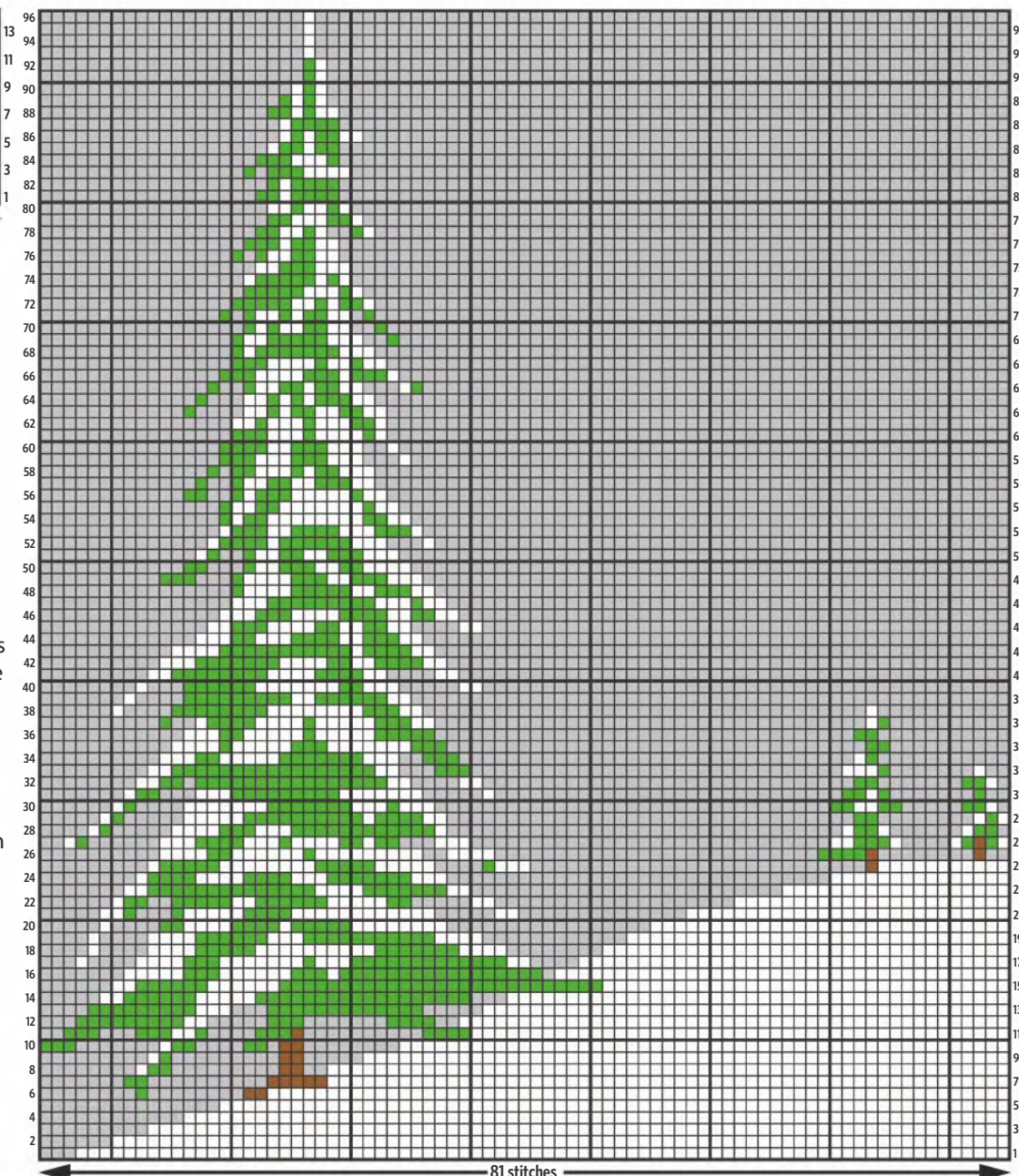
Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 3 rows.

Stranding yarn not in use loosely across wrong side, work border pattern thus:

1st row: P3 Silver Cloud, [1 Village Green, 3 Silver Cloud] to end.

CHART 2



2nd row: K2 Silver Cloud, [1 Village Green, 1 Silver Cloud, 1 Village Green, 5 Silver Cloud] to last 5 sts, 1 Village Green, 1 Silver Cloud, 1 Village Green, 2 Silver Cloud.

3rd row: P1 Silver Cloud, [1 Village Green, 1 Silver Cloud, 1 Village Green, 3 Silver Cloud] to last 6 sts, [1 Village Green, 1 Silver Cloud] 3 times.

4th row: K1 Village Green, [1 Cherry, 3 Village Green, 1 Cherry, 1 Village Green, 1 Cherry, 1 Village Green] to last 6 sts, 1 Cherry, 3 Village Green, 1 Cherry, 1 Village Green. **5th row:** As 3rd row.

6th row: As 2nd row.

7th rows: As 1st row.

Continue in Silver Cloud only. Inc 1 st at each end of next row and 13 following 8th rows – 91 (99) (107) sts. Ss another 19 (21) (23) rows.

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

beginning of following 22 rows – 37 (43) (49) sts. Cast off.

Neckband

Join right shoulder seam. With right side facing, using 3¼mm needles and Silver Cloud, pick up and k10 (11) (12) sts down left front neck, k33 (35) (37) sts at centre front, pick up and k10 (11) (12) sts up right front neck and 2 sts down right back neck, k39 (43) (47) sts at centre back, finally, pick up and k2 sts up left back neck – 96 (104) (112) sts.

Work 3 rows in k1, p1 rib. Cast off in rib.

To make up

Join left shoulder seam and ends of neckband. Using Cherry and working into each k stitch on right side rows, work blanket stitch over all ribbed areas on sweater. Sew in sleeves. Join side and sleeve seams.



❄️ Knitted Dog Coat ❄️

Measurements

To fit small (medium) sized dog.

Actual chest measurement 48.5 (62) cm/19 (24½) in.

Length 37.5 (43) cm/14¾ (17) in.

Materials

2 x 50g (85m) balls of Patons Wool Aran (100% wool) in Red (231); 1(2) ball(s) in Cream (202) and 1 ball in Pale Grey (294)*. Pair of 4½mm (No. 7) and 5mm (No. 6) knitting needles.

Tension

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

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **skpo**, slip 1, k1, pass slip st over; **p2togb**, p2tog through back of sts.

Note

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

Back

With 4½mm needles and Pale Grey, cast on 50 (62) sts for neck edge.

**** 1st rib row (wrong side):** P2, [k2, p2] to end.

Break off Pale Grey. Join in Cream.

2nd rib row: K2, [p2, k2] to end.

Rib another 12 (14) rows.

Change to 5mm needles.

Beginning with a p row, ss 1 (3) row(s).

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

1st row: K edge st of 1st row of chart, k 12-st of pattern repeat to last st, k edge st.

2nd row: P edge st of 2nd row of chart, p 12-st pattern repeat to last st, p edge st. ******

Work another 43 rows from chart as set, marking each end of 15th and 28th rows for leg opening.

Continue in ss and Red only, until back measures 30 (34) cm from beginning, ending with a p row.

Mark centre of last row.

Shape tail end: 1st row: K2, skpo, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2.

2nd row: P2, p2tog, p to last 4 sts, p2togb, p2.

Repeat last 2 rows, once more – 42 (54) sts.

Cast off 5 sts at beginning of next 6 (8) rows – 12 (14) sts.

Leave remaining sts on a spare needle.

Front

With 4½mm needles and Pale Grey, cast on 38 (50) sts for neck edge.

Work as back from ****** to ******.

Work another 12 rows from chart as set.

Shape leg openings: Next row: Continue working from chart, cast off 6 sts for right leg, pattern to last 6 sts, cast off last 6 sts for left leg – 26 (28) sts.

With wrong side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining sts and pattern another 12 rows. With spare length of Red, cast on 6 sts and leave on a spare needle.

Next row: Cast on 6 sts, pattern to end, then pattern 6 sts from spare needle – 38 (50) sts.

Continue in pattern until front is 15 (19) rows less than back to centre marker, ending with a k row.

Shape front: 1st row: Pattern 16 (20), turn and work on these sts for first side.

First side: Cast off 2 sts at beginning of next row and 2 (3) following alternate rows – 10 (12) sts.

Next row: P1, p2tog, pattern to end.

Next row: K to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. Repeat last 2 rows, 3 (4) times more – 2 sts. Cast off.

Second side: With wrong side facing, slip centre 6 (10) sts on to a st holder, rejoin yarn to remaining sts, cast off 2 sts, pattern to end – 14 (18) sts. Pattern 1 row.

Cast off 2 sts at beginning of next row and 1 (2) following alternate row(s) – 10 (12) sts.

Next row: K1, skpo, pattern to end.

Next row: Pattern to last 3 sts, p2togb, p1. Repeat last 2 rows, 3 (4) times – 2 sts. Cast off.

Legs

Join side seams from cast-on edge to leg openings. With right side facing, using 4½mm needles and Red, pick up and k40 sts evenly around leg opening.

Work 7 (9) rows in k2, p2 rib. Cast off in rib.

Tail end edging

Join right leg seam and remainder of that side seam. With right side facing, using 4½mm needles and Red, pick up and k15 (18) sts along left side of back tail end, k12

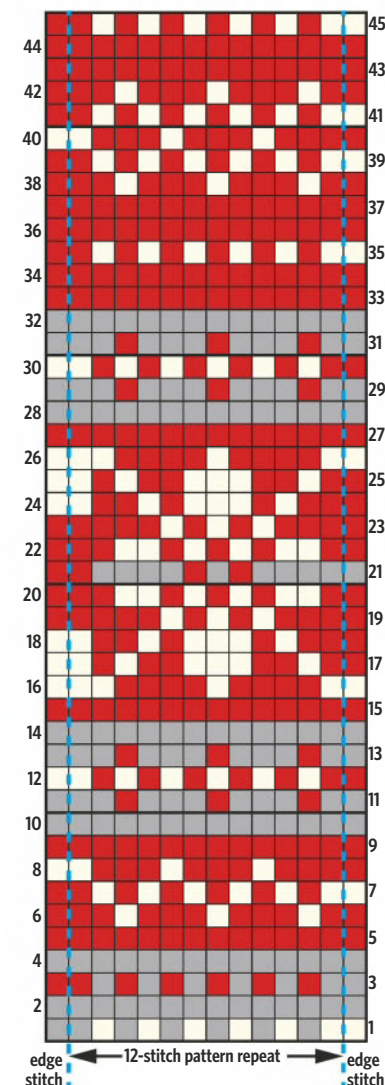


(14) sts at centre, pick up and k15 (18) sts along right side of back and 21 sts down right side of front, k6 (10) sts at centre front, then pick up and k21 sts up left side of front – 90 (102) sts.

Work 7 (9) rows in rib as on back.

Cast off in rib.

Join left leg seam, remainder of left side edge and edging.



Key for chart

Red

Pale Grey

Cream

❄️ Heart Sampler ❄️

Measurements

Approximately 30 x 30cm/12 x 12in.

Materials

1 x 50g (125m) ball of Rico Essentials Cotton Soft DK (50% cotton, 50% acrylic) in each of Silver (025) and White (018)*. Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) knitting needles; tapestry needle and an appropriate picture frame.

Tension

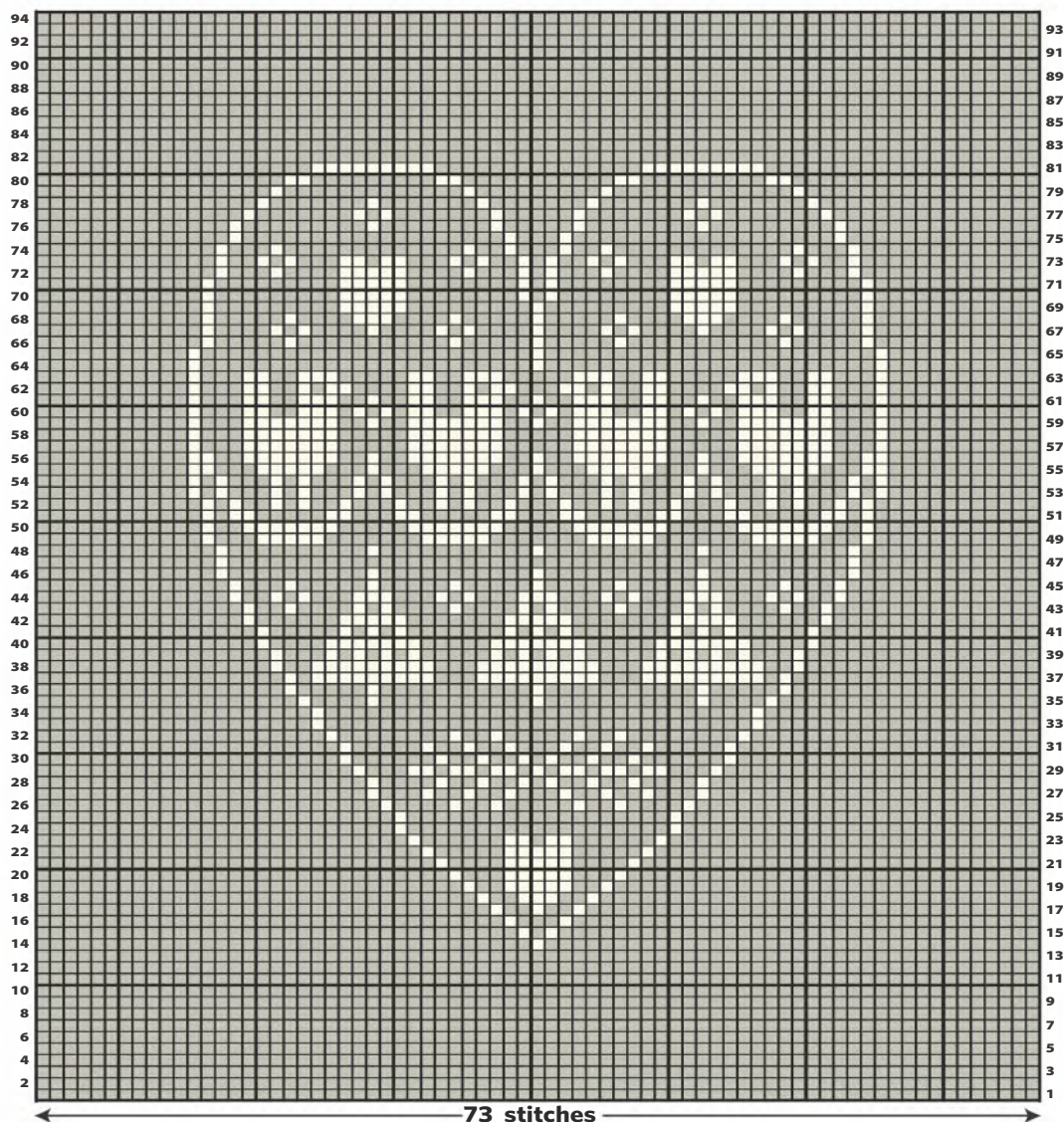
24 stitches and 31.5 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch (knit on right side and purl on wrong side), using 3¼mm needles.

Abbreviations

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



*yarn subject to availability



To make

With 3¼mm needles and Silver, cast on 73 sts.

1st row: K to end.

2nd row: K1, p to last st, k1.

3rd to 94th rows: Repeat last 2 rows, 46 times. Cast off.

To complete

Using tapestry needle and White, Swiss darn heart motif as shown on chart, neatening ends as you go. Pin out to measurements given, press lightly and add to picture frame.

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Fig 1

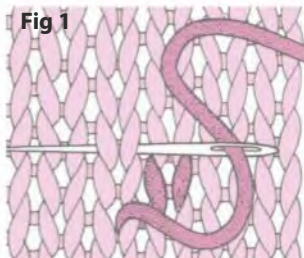
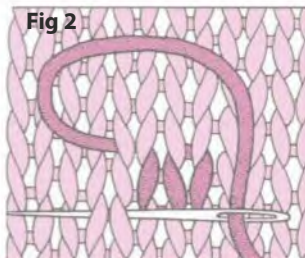
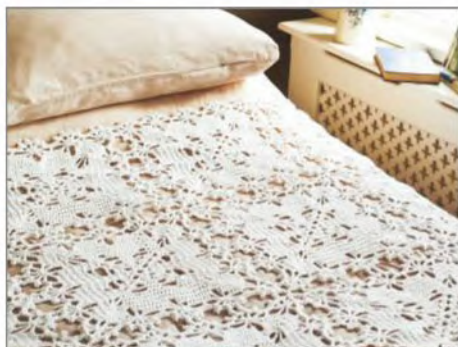


Fig 2



Thread a blunt darning needle with a length of Cream yarn. Bring point of needle through from the back at the base of the stitch to be covered and draw yarn through, leaving an end at the back. Take needle behind the 2 loops of the stitch above from right to left (Fig 1) and draw yarn through. Insert needle into same place as before and bring through at base of next stitch to be covered (Fig 2), draw yarn through to the tension of main knitting. Continue in this way until the entire motif is embroidered.

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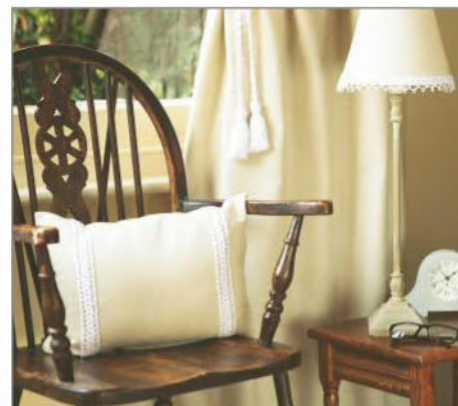
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Cable Couple

When the temperature drops, let our stylish cable-knit scarf and fingerless gloves keep you snug

Measurements

Scarf: 20 x 150cm/8 x 59in.

Fingerless gloves: To fit average adult hands.

Materials

Scarf: 4 x 50g (100m) balls of Sublime Natural Aran (100% wool) in Ecru (429)*.

Fingerless gloves: 2 x 50g (100m) balls of Sublime Natural Aran (100% wool) in Portobello (428)*. Pair of 3¼mm (No. 9) knitting needles.

Both designs: Pair of 5mm (No. 6) knitting needles; cable needle.

Tension

17 stitches and 28 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over moss stitch and 14-stitch cable panel measures 5cm across, using 5mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **cr4lt**, cross 4 left (slip next 3 sts onto cable needle and leave at front, p1, then k3 from cable needle); **cr4rt**, cross 4 right (slip next st onto cable needle and leave at back, k3, then p st from cable needle); **c4f**, cable 4 front (slip next 3 sts onto cable needle and leave at front, k1, then k3 from cable needle); **c4b**, cable 4 back (slip next st onto cable needle and leave at back, k3, then k st from cable needle); **c6f**, cable 6 front (slip next 3 sts onto cable needle and leave at front, k3, then k3 from cable needle); **c6b**, cable 6 back (slip next 3 sts onto cable needle and leave at back, k3, then k3 from cable needle).

Note

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

Right glove

With 3¼mm needles, cast 39 sts.

1st row: [P1, k1] twice, p1, k12, p2, [k1, p1] 10 times.

2nd row: [P1, k1] 11 times, p12, k2, p1, k1, p1.

3rd row: [P1, k1] twice, p1, c6f, c6b, p2, [k1, p1] 10 times.

4th row: As 2nd row.

5th to 8th rows: Repeat 1st and 2nd rows, twice.

These 8 rows form cable panel and moss st pattern. Pattern another 12 rows.

Shape thumb gusset: Next row: Pattern 24, work p1, k1 and p1 in next st, pattern to end.

Working extra sts into moss st, pattern another 3 rows.

Next row: Pattern 24, work p1, k1 and p1 in next st, k1, work p1, k1 and p1 in next st, pattern to end. Pattern 3 rows.

Next row: Pattern 24, work p1, k1 and p1 in next st, pattern 5, work p1, k1 and p1 in next st, pattern to end – 49 sts. Pattern 1 row.

Divide for thumb: Next row: Pattern 35, turn and cast on 1 st.

Next row: Pattern 12, turn and cast on 1 st. Pattern 4 rows on these 13 sts only.

Cast off. Join thumb seam.

With right side facing, rejoin yarn to base of thumb, pick up and k1 st from base of thumb, pattern to end – 39 sts.

Pattern another 5 rows.

Work border pattern as follows:

1st row: [P1, k1] twice, p1, k3, c6b, k3, p2, [k1, p1] 10 times.

2nd row: [P1, k1] 11 times, p12, k2, p1, k1, p1.

3rd row: [P1, k1] twice, p1, k2, cr4rt, cr4lt, k2, p2, [k1, p1] 10 times.

4th row: [P1, k1] 11 times, [p5, k2] twice, p1, k1, p1.

5th row: [P1, k1] 3 times, c4b, p2, c4f, k1, p2, [k1, p1] 10 times.

6th row: As 4th row.

7th row: [P1, k1] twice, p1, cr4rt, k1, p2, k1, cr4lt, p2, [k1, p1] 10 times.

8th row: [P1, k1] 11 times, p3, k1, p1, k2, p1, k1, p3, k2, p1, k1, p1.

9th row: [P1, k1] twice, cr4rt, p1, k1, p2,

k1, p1, cr4lt, p1, [k1, p1] 10 times.

10th row: [P1, k1] 10 times, p4, [k2, p1] twice, k2, p3, [k1, p1] twice.

11th row: P1, k1, p1, c4b, [p2, k1] twice, p2, c4f, [k1, p1] 10 times.

12th row: [P1, k1] 10 times, p4, [k2, p1] twice, k2, p5, k1, p1.

13th row: P1, k1, cr4rt, k1, [p2, k1] 3 times, cr4lt, p1, [k1, p1] 9 times.

14th row: [P1, k1] 9 times, p4, k1, p1, [k2, p1] 3 times, k1, p3, k1, p1.

15th row: P1, cr4rt, p1, k1, [p2, k1] 3 times, p1, cr4lt, [k1, p1] 9 times.

16th row: [P1, k1] 9 times, p3, [k2, p1] 4 times, k2, p4.

17th row: P1, k3, [p2, k1] 4 times, p2, k4, p1, [k1, p1] 8 times.

Repeat 16th and 17th rows, twice more. Cast off in pattern. Join side seam.

Left glove

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 39 sts.

1st row: [P1, k1] 10 times, p2, k12, p1, [k1, p1] twice.

2nd row: P1, k1, p1, k2, p12, [k1, p1] 11 times.

3rd row: [P1, k1] 10 times, p2, c6f, c6b, p1, [k1, p1] twice.

4th row: As 2nd row.

5th to 8th rows: Repeat 1st and 2nd rows, twice.

These 8 rows form cable panel and moss st pattern.

Pattern another 12 rows.

Shape thumb gusset: Next row: Pattern 14, work p1, k1 and p1 in next st, pattern to end.

Working extra sts into moss st, pattern another 3 rows.

Next row: Pattern 14, work p1, k1 and p1 in next st, k1, work p1, k1 and p1 in next st, pattern to end.

Pattern 3 rows.

Next row: Pattern 14, work p1, k1 and p1 in next st, pattern 5, work p1, k1 and p1 in next st, pattern to end – 49 sts.

Pattern 1 row.

Divide for thumb: Next row: Pattern 25, turn and cast on 1 st.

Next row: Pattern 12, turn and cast on 1 st. Pattern 4 rows on these 13 sts only.



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Cast off. Join thumb seam.

With right side facing, rejoin yarn to base of thumb, pick up and k1 st from base of thumb, pattern to end – 39 sts.

Pattern another 5 rows.

Work border pattern as follows:

1st row: [P1, k1] 10 times, p2, k3, c6b, k3, p1, [k1, p1] twice.

2nd row: P1, k1, p1, k2, p12, [k1, p1] 11 times.

3rd row: [P1, k1] 10 times, p2, k2, cr4rt, cr4lt, k2, p1, [k1, p1] twice.

4th row: P1, k1, p1, [k2, p5] twice, [k1, p1] 11 times.

5th row: [P1, k1] 10 times, p2, k1, c4b, p2, c4f, [k1, p1] 3 times.

6th row: As 4th row.

7th row: [P1, k1] 10 times, p2, cr4rt, k1, p2, k1, cr4lt, p1, [k1, p1] twice.

8th row: P1, k1, p1, k2, p3, k1, p1, k2, p1, k1, p3, [k1, p1] 11 times.

9th row: [P1, k1] 10 times, p1, cr4rt, p1, k1, p2, k1, p1, cr4lt, [k1, p1] twice.

10th row: [P1, k1] twice, p3, [k2, p1] twice, k2, p4, [k1, p1] 10 times.

11th row: [P1, k1] 10 times, c4b, [p2, k1] twice, p2, c4f, p1, k1, p1.

12th row: P1, k1, p5, [k2, p1] twice, k2, p4, [k1, p1] 10 times.

13th row: [P1, k1] 9 times, p1, cr4rt, k1, [p2, k1] 3 times, cr4lt, k1, p1.

14th row: P1, k1, p3, k1, p1, [k2, p1] 3 times, k1, p4, [k1, p1] 9 times.

15th row: [P1, k1] 9 times, cr4rt, p1, k1, [p2, k1] 3 times, p1, cr4lt, p1.

16th row: P4, [k2, p1] 4 times, k2, p3, [k1, p1] 9 times.

17th row: [P1, k1] 8 times, p1, k4, [p2, k1] 4 times, p2, k3, p1.

Repeat 16th and 17th rows, twice more.

Cast off in pattern. Join side seam.

Scarf

With 5mm needles, cast on 40 sts.

First half: Work border pattern as follows: **1st row:** P1, [k1, p1] 4 times, k4, [p2, k1] 4 times, p2, k4, [p1, k1] 4 times, p1.

2nd row: [P1, k1] 5 times, p3, k2, [p1, k2] 4 times, p3, [k1, p1] 5 times.

3rd to 6th rows: Repeat 1st and 2nd rows, twice.

7th row: [P1, k1] 5 times, cr4lt, p1, [k1, p2] 3 times, k1, p1, cr4rt, [k1, p1] 5 times.

8th row: [P1, k1] 5 times, p4, k1, [p1, k2] 3 times, p1, k1, p4, [k1, p1] 5 times.

9th row: [P1, k1] 5 times, p1, cr4lt, k1, [p2, k1] 3 times, cr4rt, p1, [k1, p1] 5 times.

10th row: [P1, k1] 6 times, p4, [k2, p1] twice, k2, p4, [k1, p1] 6 times.

11th row: [P1, k1] 6 times, cr4lt, [p2, k1] twice, p2, cr4rt, [k1, p1] 6 times.

12th row: [P1, k1] 6 times, p4, [k2, p1] twice, k2, p4, [k1, p1] 6 times.

13th row: [P1, k1] 6 times, p1, cr4lt, p1, k1, p2, k1, p1, cr4rt, p1, [k1, p1] 6 times.

14th row: [P1, k1] 7 times, p3, k1, p1, k2, p1, k1, p3, [k1, p1] 7 times.

15th row: [P1, k1] 6 times, p2, c4f, k1, p2, k1, c4b, p2, [k1, p1] 6 times.

16th row: [P1, k1] 7 times, p5, k2, p5, [k1, p1] 7 times.

17th row: [P1, k1] 6 times, p2, k1, c4f, p2, c4b, k1, p2, [k1, p1] 6 times.

18th row: As 16th row.

19th row: [P1, k1] 6 times, p2, k2, c4f, c4b, k2, p2, [k1, p1] 6 times.

20th row: [P1, k1] 7 times, p12, [k1, p1] 7 times.

21st row: [P1, k1] 6 times, p2, k3, c6b, k3, p2, [k1, p1] 6 times.

22nd row: As 20th row.

Work main pattern as follows:

1st row: [P1, k1] 6 times, p2, c6b, c6f, p2, [k1, p1] 6 times.

2nd row: [P1, k1] 7 times, p12, [k1, p1] 7 times.

3rd row: [P1, k1] 6 times, p2, k12, p2, [k1, p1] 6 times.

4th to 8th rows: Repeat 2nd and 3rd rows, twice, then work 2nd row again.

These 8 rows form main pattern.

Continue in main pattern until scarf measures 75cm from beginning, ending with an 8th row.

Second half: Work main pattern as follows:

1st row: [P1, k1] 6 times, p2, c6f, c6b, p2, [k1, p1] 6 times.

2nd row: [P1, k1] 7 times, p12, [k1, p1] 7 times.

3rd row: [P1, k1] 6 times, p2, k12, p2, [k1, p1] 6 times.

4th to 8th rows: Repeat 2nd and 3rd rows, twice, then work 2nd row again.

These 8 rows form main pattern.

Continue in main pattern until same number of rows have been worked as on first half, thus ending with an 8th row.

Work 1st and 2nd rows again.

Now work border pattern as follows:

1st row: [P1, k1] 6 times, p2, k3, c6b, k3, p2, [k1, p1] 6 times.

2nd row: [P1, k1] 7 times, p12, [k1, p1] 7 times.

3rd row: [P1, k1] 6 times, p2, k2, c4b, c4f, k2, p2, [k1, p1] 6 times.

4th row: [P1, k1] 7 times, p5, k2, p5, [k1, p1] 7 times.

5th row: [P1, k1] 6 times, p2, k1, c4b, p2, c4f, k1, p2, [k1, p1] 6 times.

6th row: As 4th row.

7th row: [P1, k1] 6 times, p2, cr4rt, k1, p2, k1, cr4lt, p2, [k1, p1] 6 times.

8th row: [P1, k1] 7 times, p3, k1, p1, k2, p1, k1, p3, [k1, p1] 7 times.

9th row: [P1, k1] 6 times, p1, cr4rt, p1, k1, p2, k1, p1, cr4lt, p1, [k1, p1] 6 times.

10th row: [P1, k1] 6 times, p4, [k2, p1] twice, k2, p4, [k1, p1] 6 times.

11th row: [P1, k1] 6 times, c4b, [p2, k1] twice, p2, c4f, [k1, p1] 6 times.

12th row: [P1, k1] 6 times, p4, [k2, p1] twice, k2, p4, [k1, p1] 6 times.

13th row: [P1, k1] 5 times, p1, cr4rt, k1, [p2, k1] 3 times, cr4lt, p1, [k1, p1] 5 times.

14th row: [P1, k1] 5 times, p4, k1, p1, [k2, p1] 3 times, k1, p4, [k1, p1] 5 times.

15th row: [P1, k1] 5 times, cr4rt, p1, k1, [p2, k1] 3 times, p1, cr4lt, [k1, p1] 5 times.

16th row: [P1, k1] 5 times, p3, [k2, p1] 4 times, k2, p3, [k1, p1] 5 times.

17th row: [P1, k1] 4 times, p1, k4, [p2, k1] 4 times, p2, k4, p1, [k1, p1] 4 times.

18th to 21st rows: Work 16th and 17th rows, twice. Cast off in pattern.

Collect & Create

PART 11



Knit this colourful patchwork blanket and create a stunning project by the end of the year with our 'Knit-A-Long'. This month's pattern has a Christmas theme

Welcome to the 11th pattern in our Collect & Create series. Each month we'll give you a different Fair Isle-design square to make, together with a repeat of a plain coloured square that will enable you to knit this beautiful blanket. Why not join in with us on our 'Knit-A-Long' – it'll give you the opportunity to share your progress, get advice and enjoy a great social experience. For more details on how to get involved, visit womansweekly.com/knitalong



-  Easy Peasy
-  **A Bit More Tricky**
-  Hard-ish
-  Quite A Challenge



December

The 11th pattern in our Collect & Create series is all about Christmas – rows of pretty festive trees set the scene

Photos: Sussie Bell, Designer: Lynne Rowe. *Yarn subject to availability



Key for chart

Green
 Light Green
 Peach
 Light Yellow
 Light Blue

Measurements

Each square measures approx 25 x 25cm/9¾ x 9¾in.
When complete, the blanket will measure approximately 130 x 130cm/ 51 x 51in, including edging.

Materials

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

Tension

21 stitches and 27.5 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 4mm needles.
25 stitches and 25.5 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over Fair Isle pattern, using 4mm needles.

Abbreviations

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

Note

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

Plain square

With 4mm needles and Vanilla, cast on 51 sts. Beginning with a k row, ss 68 rows. Cast off.

December Fair Isle square

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

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

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

2nd row: P61 sts of 2nd row of chart. Continue working in ss and pattern from chart until 62nd row of chart has been worked. Cast off.

From Russia With Love

Our charming set of babushka dolls will be
a Christmas gift to cherish



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BABUSHKA DOLLS

Measurements

Small doll: Approximately 16cm/6¼in tall.

Medium doll: Approximately 19cm/7½in tall.

Large doll: Approximately 22cm/8¾in tall.

Materials

For the set: 1 x 50g (155m) ball of DMC Natura Just Cotton (100% cotton) in each of Red (Crimson N61), White (Ivory N02), Light Pink (Rose Layette N06) and Gold (Tournesol N16); small amount in Light Brown (Ombre N39), Rose Pink (Erica N51), Turquoise (Prussian N64), Lime (N76), Scarlet (Passion N23) and Green (Jade N20)*; length of Blue and Black. Pair of 2¾mm (No. 12) knitting needles. Toy stuffing, piece of stout card and glue.

Tension

32 stitches and 44 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 2¾mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **p2togb**, p2tog through back of sts; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **skpo**, slip 1, k1, pass slip st over; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **wrap1**, slip next st onto right hand needle, take yarn between needles to opposite side (to front of work after k st and to back of work after p st), place the slipped st back onto left hand needle.

Note

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

SMALL DOLL Body and head

**** Base:** With 2¾mm needles and Red, cast on 10 sts. P 1 row.

1st inc row: Inc wise in each of first 9 sts, k1 – 19 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: K1, [inc in next st, k1] 9 times – 28 sts. P 1 row.

3rd inc row: K1, [inc in next st, k2] 9 times – 37 sts. P 1 row.

4th inc row: K1, [inc in next st, k3]

9 times – 46 sts. P 1 row. **

Next row: Holding length of contrast colour thread along back of this row, k to end weaving in the thread between each st.

Beginning with a p row, ss 5 rows.

Next row: [Avoiding catching marker, k next st tog with corresponding st on marked row] to end. Remove marker thread.

Body: Beginning with a p row, ss 5 rows.

1st inc row: K6, [inc in next st, k10] 3 times, inc in next st, k6 – 50 sts.

Using separate small balls of yarn for each coloured area and twisting yarns together on wrong side at joins, work apron as follows:

1st row: P22 Red, 6 White, 22 Red.

2nd row: K21 Red, 8 White, 21 Red.

3rd row: P20 Red, 10 White, 20 Red.

4th row: K19 Red, 12 White, 19 Red.

5th row: P19 Red, 12 White, 19 Red.

6th row: K18 Red, 14 White, 18 Red.

7th row: P18 Red, 14 White, 18 Red.

8th (inc) row: With Red, k5, inc in next st, k9, inc in next st, k1, with White, k16, with Red, k1, inc in next st, k9, inc in next st, k5 – 54 sts.

9th row: P19 Red, 16 White, 19 Red.

10th row: K19 Red, 16 White, 19 Red.

11th row: P18 Red, 18 White, 18 Red.

12th row: K18 Red, 18 White, 18 Red.

13th to 19th rows: Repeat 11th and 12th rows, 3 times, then work 11th row again.

20th row: With Red, k3, skpo, k6, skpo, k5, with White, k1, skpo, k12, k2tog, k1, with Red, k5, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k3 – 48 sts.

21st row: P16 Red, 16 White, 16 Red.

22nd row: With Red, k3, skpo, k5, skpo, k4, with White, k1, skpo, k10, k2tog, k1, with Red, k4, k2tog, k5, k2tog, k3 – 42 sts.

23rd row: P14 Red, 14 White, 14 Red.

24th row: With Red, k2, skpo, k5, skpo, k3, with White, k1, skpo, k8, k2tog, k1, with Red, k3, k2tog, k5, k2tog, k2 – 36 sts.

25th row: P12 Red, 12 White, 12 Red.

26th row: With Red, k2, skpo, k4, skpo, k2, with White, k1, [skpo, k2] twice, k2tog, k1, with Red, k2, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k2 – 29 sts.

27th row: P10 Red, 9 White, 10 Red.

Head: Change to Light Pink and ss 2 rows.

1st inc row: K1, [inc in next st, k3] 7 times – 36 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: [Inc in next st, k5] 6 times – 42 sts. P 1 row.

3rd inc row: [Inc in next st, k6] 6 times – 48 sts. Ss 11 rows.

**** 1st dec row:** [K2tog, k4] 8 times – 40 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: [K2tog, k3] 8 times – 32 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: [K2tog, k2] 8 times – 24 sts. P 1 row.

4th dec row: [K2tog, k1] 8 times – 16 sts.

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5th dec row: [P2tog] 8 times – 8 sts.

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

Join row-ends of base then first 5 rows of body. Gather cast-on edge, pull up tightly and secure. Cut out disc from stout card to fit base of doll and glue to inside of base. When dry, join remainder of seam, leaving an opening. Stuff firmly and join opening.

Head scarf

With 2¾mm needles and Gold, cast on 48 sts. K 1 row.

1st row: K25, wrap1, turn.

2nd row: P2, wrap1, turn.

3rd row: K3, wrap1, turn.

4th row: P4, wrap1, turn.

5th row: K5, wrap1, turn.

6th row: P6, wrap1, turn.

7th row: K9, wrap1, turn.

8th row: P12, wrap1, turn.

9th row: K15, wrap1, turn.

10th row: P18, wrap1, turn.

11th row: K21, wrap1, turn.

12th row: P24, wrap1, turn.

13th row: K to end.

Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows.

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

1st dec row: K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

2nd dec row: P1, p2tog, p to last 3 sts, p2togb, p1.

K 1 row, then work 2nd dec row again – 36 sts. Ss 5 rows straight.

1st inc row: P1, inc in next st, p to last 3 sts, inc in next st, p2.

K 1 row, then work 1st inc row again – 40 sts.

Next row: Cast on 3 sts, inc in next st, k to last 3 sts, inc in next st, k2.



Cast on 3 sts at beginning of next row – 48 sts.

Shape top: Work as body and head from *** to ****.

Join row-ends on top and at lower edge. With 2¾mm needles, cast on 20 sts for scarf ends. Cast off.

Tie scarf ends in the middle and attach to seam at lower edge of scarf.

To complete

With White, work single lazy daisy stitches around sides and lower edge of apron. Beginning on 6th stitch and one row up from lower edge of apron, Swiss darn (see page 39) rose motif using Turquoise for leaves and Rose Pink for flower. Place head scarf on doll. Allowing for ends to be under the sides of scarf, wind few strands of Light Brown into a bundle for hair and tie in centre. Position hair along top of head slightly under scarf and secure in position. Re-adjust scarf, covering edges of hair and pushing cast-on edge onto doll's body and secure in position. Swiss darn scarf rose motif at back point of scarf, using Turquoise for stem, Red for bud and flower with White centre. Embroider 3 leaves around stem with single lazy daisy stitches in Turquoise. Pull two strands from length of Blue and work a tiny circle of chain stitches for each eye. With Red, embroider mouth with a couple of straight stitches and small dots for nostrils with Black.

MEDIUM DOLL Body and head

Work as body and head of small doll from ** to **.

5th inc row: K1, [inc in next st, k4] 9 times – 55 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: Holding length of contrast colour thread along back of this row, k to end weaving in the thread between each st.

Beginning with a p row, ss 5 rows.

Next row: [Avoiding catching marker, k next st tog with corresponding st on marked row] to end. Remove marker thread.

Body: Beginning with a p row, ss 5 rows.

1st inc row: K6, [inc in next st, k13] 3 times, inc in next st, k6 – 59 sts. Using separate small balls of yarn for each coloured area and twisting yarns together on wrong side at joins, work apron as follows:

1st row: P26 Red, 7 White, 26 Red.

2nd row: K25 Red, 9 White, 25 Red.

3rd row: P24 Red, 11 White, 24 Red.

4th row: K23 Red, 13 White, 23 Red.

5th row: P23 Red, 13 White, 23 Red.

6th row: K22 Red, 15 White, 22 Red.

7th row: P22 Red, 15 White, 22 Red.

8th (inc) row: With Red, k5, inc in next st, k13, inc in next st, k1, with White, k17, with Red, k1, inc in next st, k13, inc in next st, k5 – 63 sts.

9th row: P23 Red, 17 White, 23 Red.

10th row: K22 Red, 19 White, 22 Red.

11th row: P22 Red, 19 White, 22 Red.

12th and 13th rows: As 10th and 11th rows.

14th row: K21 Red, 21 White, 21 Red.

15th row: P21 Red, 21 White, 21 Red.

16th row: With Red, k5, inc in next st, k13, inc in next st, k1, with White, k21, with Red, k1, inc in next st, k13, inc in next st, k5 – 67 sts.

17th row: P23 Red, 21 White, 23 Red.

18th row: K23 Red, 21 White, 23 Red.

19th to 25th rows: Repeat 17th and 18th rows, 3 times, then work 17th row again.

26th row: With Red, k5, skpo, k8, skpo, k6, with White, k1, skpo, k15, k2tog, k1, with Red, k6, k2tog, k8, k2tog, k5 – 61 sts.

27th row: P21 Red, 19 White, 21 Red.

28th row: With Red, k4, skpo, k7, skpo, k6, with White, k1, skpo, k13, k2tog, k1, with Red, k6, k2tog, k7, k2tog, k4 – 55 sts.

29th row: P19 Red, 17 White, 19 Red.

30th row: With Red, k4, skpo, k6, skpo, k5, with White, k1, skpo, k11, k2tog, k1, with Red, k5, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k4 – 49 sts.

31st row: P17 Red, 15 White, 17 Red.

32nd row: With Red, k3, skpo, k6, skpo, k4, with White, k1, skpo, k9, k2tog, k1, with Red, k4, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k3 – 43 sts.

33rd row: P15 Red, 13 White, 15 Red.

34th row: With Red, k3, skpo, k5, skpo, k3, with White, k1, [skpo, k1] twice, [k2tog, k1] twice, with Red, k3, k2tog, k5, k2tog, k3 – 35 sts.

35th row: P13 Red, 9 White, 13 Red.

Head: Change to Light Pink and ss 2 rows.

1st inc row: [Inc in next st, k4] 7 times – 42 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: [Inc in next st, k5] 7 times – 49 sts. P 1 row.

3rd inc row: [Inc in next st, k6] 7 times – 56 sts. Ss 13 rows.

Dec row: [K2tog, k5] 8 times – 48 sts. P 1 row.

Work as body and head of small doll from *** to end.

Head scarf

With 2¾mm needles and Gold, cast on 56 sts. K 1 row.

1st row: K29, wrap1, turn.

2nd row: P2, wrap1, turn.

3rd row: K3, wrap1, turn.

4th row: P4, wrap1, turn.

5th row: K5, wrap1, turn.

6th row: P6, wrap1, turn.

7th row: K8, wrap1, turn.

8th row: P10, wrap1, turn.

9th row: K13, wrap1, turn.

10th row: P16, wrap1, turn.

11th row: K19, wrap1, turn.

12th row: P22, wrap1, turn.

13th row: K25, wrap1, turn.

14th row: P28, wrap1, turn.

15th row: K to end.

Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows.

Shape face opening: Cast off 4 sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

1st dec row: K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

2nd dec row: P1, p2tog, p to last 3 sts, p2togb, p1.

Work 1st dec row. P 1 row.

Work 1st dec row again – 40 sts.

Ss 5 rows straight.

1st inc row: K1, inc in next st, k to last 3 sts, inc in next st, k2.

P 1 row, then work 1st inc row again.

2nd inc row: P1, inc in next st, p to last 3 sts, inc in next st, p2 – 46 sts.

Next row: Cast on 4 sts, inc in next st, k to last 3 sts, inc in next st, k2.

Cast on 4 sts at beginning of next row – 56 sts.

Shape top: Dec row: [K2tog, k5]

8 times – 48 sts. P 1 row.

Work as body and head of small doll from *** to ****.

Join row-ends on top and at lower edge.

With 2¾mm needles, cast on 20 sts for scarf ends. Cast off.

Tie scarf ends in the middle and attach to seam at lower edge of scarf.

To complete

Using Lime for leaves and Turquoise for apron flower, complete as small doll.

LARGE DOLL Body and head

Work as body and head of small doll from ** to **.

5th inc row: K1, [inc in next st, k4] 9 times – 55 sts. P 1 row.

6th inc row: K1, [inc in next st, k5] 9 times – 64 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: Holding length of contrast colour thread along back of this row, k to end weaving in the thread between each st.

Beginning with a p row, ss 5 rows.

Next row: [Avoiding catching marker, k next st tog with corresponding st on marked row] to end. Remove marker thread.

Body: Beginning with a p row, ss 5 rows.

1st inc row: K7, [inc in next st, k15] 3 times, inc in next st, k8 – 68 sts. P 1 row.

Using separate small balls of yarn for each coloured area and twisting yarns together on wrong side at joins, work apron as follows:

1st row: K30 Red, 8 White, 30 Red.
2nd row: P29 Red, 10 White, 29 Red.
3rd row: K28 Red, 12 White, 28 Red.
4th row: P27 Red, 14 White, 27 Red.
5th row: K26 Red, 16 White, 26 Red.
6th row: P26 Red, 16 White, 26 Red.
7th (inc) row: With Red, k8, inc in next st, k14, inc in next st, k1, with White, k18, with Red, k1, inc in next st, k14, inc in next st, k8 – 72 sts.
8th row: P27 Red, 18 White, 27 Red.
9th row: K26 Red, 20 White, 26 Red.
10th row: P26 Red, 20 White, 26 Red.
11th row: K25 Red, 22 White, 25 Red.
12th row: P25 Red, 22 White, 25 Red.
13th row: K24 Red, 24 White, 24 Red.
14th row: P24 Red, 24 White, 24 Red.
15th row: With Red, k7, inc in next st, k14, inc in next st, k1, with White, k24, with Red, k1, inc in next st, k14, inc in next st, k7 – 76 sts.
16th row: P26 Red, 24 White, 26 Red.
17th row: K25 Red, 26 White, 25 Red.
18th row: P25 Red, 26 White, 25 Red.
19th to 22nd rows: Repeat 17th and 18th rows, twice.
23rd row: With Red, k7, inc in next st, k15, inc in next st, k1, with White, k26, with Red, k1, inc in next st, k15, inc in next st, k7 – 80 sts.
24th row: P27 Red, 26 White, 27 Red.
25th row: K27 Red, 26 White, 27 Red.
26th to 32nd rows: Repeat 24th and 25th rows, 3 times, then work 24th row again.
33rd row: With Red, k5, skpo, k10, skpo, k8, with White, k1, skpo, k20, k2tog, k1, with Red, k8, k2tog, k10, k2tog, k5 – 74 sts.
34th row: P25 Red, 24 White, 25 Red.
35th row: With Red, k5, skpo, k9, skpo, k7, with White, k1, skpo, k18, k2tog, k1, with Red, k7, k2tog, k9, k2tog, k5 – 68 sts.
36th row: P23 Red, 22 White, 23 Red.
37th row: With Red, k5, skpo, k8, skpo, k6, with White, k1, skpo, k16, k2tog, k1, with Red, k6, k2tog, k8, k2tog, k5 – 62 sts.
38th row: P21 Red, 20 White, 21 Red.
39th row: With Red, k4, skpo, k7, skpo, k6, with White, k1, skpo, k14, k2tog, k1, with Red, k6, k2tog, k7, k2tog, k4 – 56 sts.
40th row: P19 Red, 18 White, 19 Red.
41st row: With Red, k4, skpo, k6, skpo, k5, with White, k1, skpo, k12, k2tog, k1, with Red, k5, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k4 – 50 sts.
42nd row: P17 Red, 16 White, 17 Red.
43rd row: With Red, k3, skpo, k6, skpo, k4, with White, k1, [skpo, k2] twice, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k1, with Red, k4, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k3 – 42 sts.
44th row: P15 Red, 12 White, 15 Red.
Head: Change to Light Pink and ss 2 rows.
1st inc row: [Inc in next st, k5] 7 times – 49 sts. P 1 row.
2nd inc row: [Inc in next st, k6] 7 times – 56 sts. P 1 row.
3rd inc row: [Inc in next st, k7] 7 times –

63 sts. Ss 17 rows.
Dec row: K7, [k2tog, k6] 7 times – 56 sts. P 1 row.
Next row: [K2tog, k5] 8 times – 48 sts. P 1 row.
 Work as body and head of small doll from *** to end.

Head scarf

 With 2¾mm needles and Gold, cast on 64 sts. K 1 row.
1st row: K33, wrap1, turn.
2nd row: P2, wrap1, turn.
3rd row: K3, wrap1, turn.
4th row: P4, wrap1, turn.
5th row: K5, wrap1, turn.
6th row: P6, wrap1, turn.
7th row: K8, wrap1, turn.
8th row: P10, wrap1, turn.
9th row: K13, wrap1, turn.
10th row: P16, wrap1, turn.
11th row: K19, wrap1, turn.
12th row: P22, wrap1, turn.
13th row: K25, wrap1, turn.
14th row: P28, wrap1, turn.
15th row: K31, wrap1, turn.
16th row: P34, wrap1, turn.
17th row: K to end.

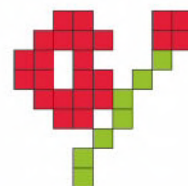
Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows.
Shape face opening: Cast off 5 sts at beginning of next 2 rows.
1st dec row: K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.
2nd dec row: P1, p2tog, p to last 3 sts, p2togb, p1.
 Work 1st dec row, then p 1 row.
 Repeat last 2 rows, once more, then work 1st dec row again – 44 sts.
 Ss 7 rows straight.
1st inc row: K1, inc in next st, k to last 3 sts, inc in next st, k2. P 1 row.
 Repeat last 2 rows once more, then work 1st inc row again.
2nd inc row: P1, inc in next st, p to last 3 sts, inc in next st, p2 – 52 sts.
Next row: Cast on 5 sts, inc in next st, k to last 3 sts, inc in next st, k2.
 Cast on 5 sts at beginning of next row – 64 sts.
Shape top: Dec row: [K2tog, k6] 8 times – 56 sts. P 1 row.
Next row: [K2tog, k5] 8 times – 48 sts. P 1 row.
 Work as body and head of small doll from *** to ****.
 Join row-ends on top and at lower edge.
 With 2¾mm needles, cast on 20 sts for scarf ends. Cast off.
 Tie scarf ends in the middle and attach to seam at lower edge of scarf.

To complete

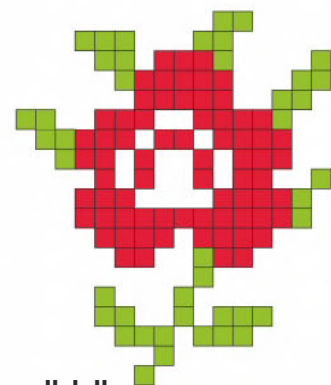
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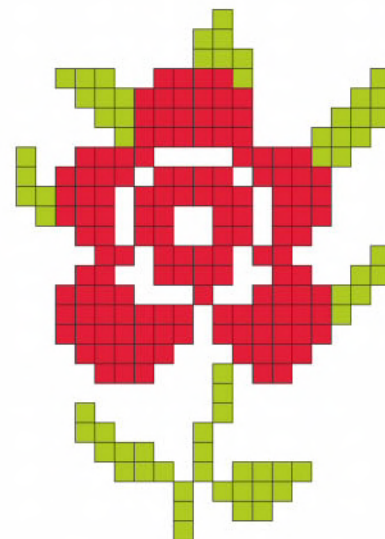
Rose motifs



For scarf



For small doll



For medium and large doll

BOOK OF THE MONTH

This lovely cardi was taken from *Junior Colour Knits*
by Erika Knight



College Kids

American varsity-style jackets are pretty neat – and in a child's size they're pretty cute, too!

Measurements

To fit ages 3-6 months (6-12 months)
(1-2 years) (2-3 years) (4-5 years).

Actual chest measurements 54 (62)
(70) (78) (86) cm/21¼ (24½) (27½) (30¾)
(34) in.

Side seam 18 (20) (25) (26.5) (28) cm/
7 (8) (9¾) (10½) (11) in.

Length to shoulder 28 (31.5) (38)
(41.5) (46.5) cm/11 (12½) (15) (16¼)
(18¾) in.

Sleeve seam 20 (21.5) (23) (25) (26.5) cm/
8 (8½) (9) (9¾) (10½) in.

Materials

2 (2) (3) (4) (5) 100g (80m) hanks of
Erika Knight Maxi Wool (100% wool)
in main colour (Montana 218); 1 ball
in first contrast colour (Steve 210);
small amount in second contrast
colour (Manga 214). Pair of No. 10
(No. 000) knitting needles; open-ended
zip fastener of appropriate length.

Tension

10 stitches and 12 rows, to 10 x 10cm,
over pattern, using 10mm needles.

Abbreviations

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

Note

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

Change to main colour on 1st and 2nd
sizes only.

Work 1 row, then work dec row again –
10 (12) (14) (16) (18) sts.

Change to main colour on 3rd, 4th and
5th sizes only. Work 2 (2) (2) (4) (8) rows.

Shape neck: Cast off 3 (3) (3) (4) (4) sts
at beginning of next row and 2 (2) (2) (2)
(3) sts at beginning of following alternate
row.

2nd dec row: K to last 4 sts, k2togb,
k2.

P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, nil (1) (2) (2) (2) times
more – 4 (5) (6) (7) (8) sts. Cast off.

Right front

With 10mm needles and main colour, cast
on 14 (16) (18) (20) (22) sts.

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

2nd rib row: [P1, k1] to last 4 sts, p1, k3.
Repeat last 2 rows, 1 (1) (2) (2) (2) time(s)
more.

1st row: K to end.

2nd row: P to last 2 sts, k2.

Keeping the 2 sts at front edge in gst
and remainder in ss, work 9 (11) (13) (15)
(17) rows.

Change to first contrast colour.

Work another 8 (8) (10) (10) (10) rows.

Shape armhole: Cast off 2 sts at
beginning of next row.

1st dec row: K to last 4 sts, k2togb, k2.

Change to main colour on 1st and 2nd
sizes only.

Work 1 row, then work dec row again –
10 (12) (14) (16) (18) sts.

Change to main colour on 3rd, 4th and
5th sizes only. Work 3 (3) (3) (5) (9) rows.

Shape neck: Cast off 3 (3) (3) (4) (4) sts at
beginning of next row and 2 (2) (2) (2) (3)
sts at beginning of following alternate row.
P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K2, k2tog, k to end.

Repeat last 2 rows, nil (1) (2) (2) (2) times
more – 4 (5) (6) (7) (8) sts. Cast off.

Back

With 10mm needles and main colour, cast
on 26 (30) (34) (38) (42) sts.

Work 4 (4) (6) (6) (6) rows in k1, p1 rib.

Beginning with a k row, ss 11 (13) (15) (17)
(19) rows.

Change to first contrast colour.

Ss 7 (7) (9) (9) (9) rows.

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

Dec row: K2, k2tog, k to last 4 sts, k2togb,
k2.

Change to main colour on 1st and 2nd
sizes only.

P 1 row, then work dec row again – 18 (22)
(26) (30) (34) sts.

Change to main colour on 3rd, 4th and 5th
sizes only.

Ss 7 (9) (11) (13) (17) rows.

Shape shoulders: Cast off 4 (5) (6) (7) (8)

sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 10 (12)
(14) (16) (18) sts. Cast off.

Left front

With 10mm needles and main colour, cast
on 14 (16) (18) (20) (22) sts.

1st rib row: [K1, p1] to last 2 sts, k2.

2nd rib row: K3, p1, [k1, p1] to end.
Repeat last 2 rows, 1 (1) (2) (2) (2) time(s)
more.

1st row: K to end.

2nd row: K2, p to end.

Keeping the 2 sts at front edge in gst
and remainder in ss, work 9 (11) (13) (15)
(17) rows.

Change to first contrast colour.

Work another 7 (7) (9) (9) (9) rows.

Shape armhole: Cast off 2 sts at
beginning of next row. Work 1 row.

1st dec row: K2, k2tog, k to end.



- Easy Peasy
- A Bit More Tricky**
- Hard-ish
- Quite A Challenge



Sleeves

(both alike)

With 10mm needles and main colour, cast on 14 (16) (18) (20) (22) sts.

Work 4 (4) (6) (6) (6) rows in k1, p1 rib.

Beginning with a k row, ss 3 (4) (4) (4) (5) rows.

Increase row: Ss 2, up1, ss to last 2 sts, up1, ss 2.

Repeat last 4 (5) (5) (5) (6) rows, 2 (2) (1) (2) (1) time(s) more – 20 (22) (22) (26) (26) sts.

Ss 1 (nil) (3) (nil) (5) row(s).

Change to first contrast colour.

Ss 2 (4) (1) (4) (nil) row(s).

Inc 1 st at each end as before on next row and nil (nil) (1) (nil) (1) following nil (nil) (5th) (nil) (6th) row – 22 (24) (26) (28) (30) sts. Ss another 4 (2) (2) (4) (2) rows.

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

Dec row: K2, k2tog, k to last 4 sts, k2togb, k2.

Change to main colour on 1st and 2nd sizes only.

P 1 row, then work dec row again.

Change to main colour on 3rd, 4th and 5th sizes only.

Repeat last 2 rows, nil (1) (2) (1) (1) time(s) more – 14 (14) (14) (18) (20) sts.

Ss 1 (1) (nil) (3) (3) row(s).

4th and 5th sizes: Dec 1 st at each end as before on next row – 16 (18) sts.

P 1 row.

All sizes: Cast off 2 sts at beginning of next 4 rows – 6 (6) (6) (8) (10) sts.

Cast off.

Collar

With 10mm needles and main colour, cast on 3 (3) (4) (4) (4) sts.

Work in gst, inc 1 st at each end of first row and 1 (1) (2) (2) (2) following alternate row(s) – 7 (7) (10) (10) (10) sts.

K 1 row.

Inc 1 st at beginning of next row and 3 following alternate rows – 11 (11) (14) (14) (14) sts.

K 25 (29) (31) (35) (39) rows straight.

Dec 1 st at beginning of next row and

3 following alternate rows – 7 (7) (10) (10) (10) sts. K 1 row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 1 (1) (2) (2) (2) following alternate row(s) – 3 (3) (4) (4) (4) sts. Cast off.

Pockets

(make 2)

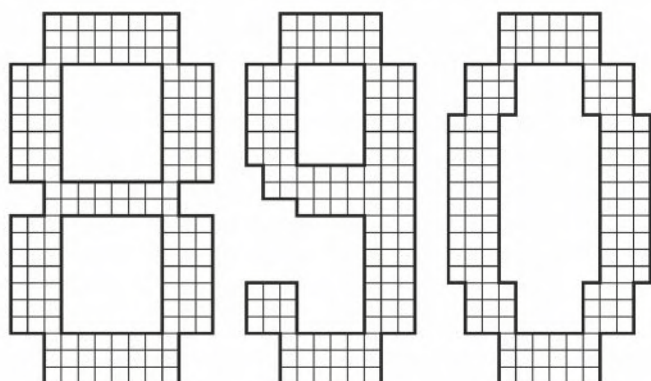
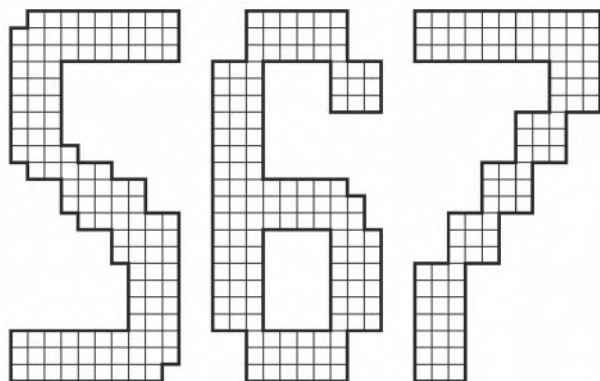
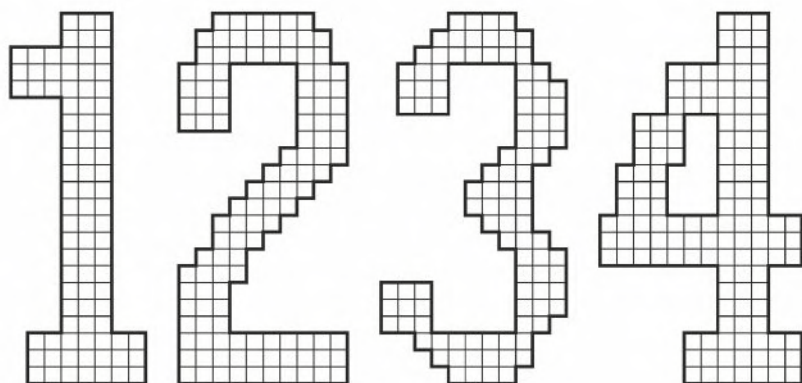
With 10mm needles and main colour, cast on 7 (8) (9) (9) (10) sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 6 (8) (8) (10) (10) rows. P 1 row, k 1 row and p 1 row. Cast off.

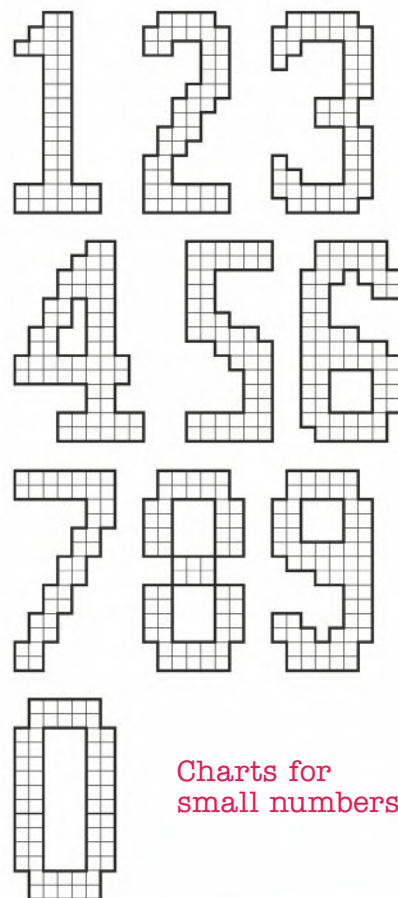
To make up

With second contrast colour and following chart of small numbers for 1st and 2nd sizes and large numbers for 3rd, 4th and 5th sizes, Swiss darn (see page 00) chosen number at centre and over contrast band at back as shown in photo.

Join shoulder seams. Sew in sleeves, then join side and sleeve seams. Sew in zip. With centre of shorter straight edge of collar to centre of back neck, sew collar in position. Sew on pockets.



Charts
for large
numbers



Charts for
small numbers



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Tina's Tips & Tricks

Get the little things right and your knitting will be beautiful

We want your knitting to be the best it can possibly be. So it's a good job we have Tina. A true knitting professional, Tina's been Technical Knitting Editor at *Woman's Weekly* for 16 years. And now she's here to help you! Every month, Tina answers the most common questions you've sent in and resolves some of the issues we face as knitters. Together, we'll make your knitting beautiful!

Cable trouble

Q I've just finished knitting the cable jacket for toddlers you featured in the magazine recently. It's lovely, with set-in sleeves. The head of the sleeves seems too big for the armholes, though. Is there something wrong with the pattern?

A It's the cables that are causing this headache for you. The cables mean the fabric has more give than you'd think. If you were doing some straight shaping, on a shoulder for example, you'd get round this problem by decreasing a few stitches over cables just before you cast off. But the shaping of the sleeve tops on this jacket is quite irregular, so you can't just decrease to stop cable from spreading. Instead, when you are sewing the sleeve into the seam, draw the fabric close over the cables, to maintain the same width. I know it won't feel right to do that, especially because cable-fabric can have such stretch. But stick with it and the sleeve head will fit.

Counting rows

Q I always forget how many rows I've worked! Is there a foolproof way of counting your worked rows?

A Counting rows is easy if you're knitting stripes, or even if you're knitting a pattern, as the repeats will show how many rows have been worked. On plain, stocking-stitch fabric, it's easier to count the rows on the wrong side. The horizontal ridges are clear and indicate one row worked. It's good to remember that if your first row was on the right side, every right-side row will be an odd number, and every wrong-side row will be even-numbered. You could also keep a tally on a piece of paper of the rows you've worked. Or, you could use any one of the many gadgets available to keep count. You just have to remember to notch each row as you go along. Alternatively, you could use a length of thread that you take to the back then to the front of your work at regular intervals, say every 5 or 10 rows. If you stray, or forget to take the thread, you'll soon be aware because the lengths of thread between the swap-over points will be different. It's a case of finding a method that works for you.

Changing rounds to rows

Q I work in a school and for a long time I've been looking for the right pattern to get the children into knitting. And then I found it – the knitted Christmas crackers you featured in your festive issue. But I'm a bit worried as the pattern is knitted in rounds on double-pointed needles. I'd like to keep the knitting as simple as possible for the students. So do you think the pattern would work on a normal pair of needles?

A First of all, I'm really excited to read that you're teaching knitting at school. I've taught children in the past, and I think choosing the right pattern is vital. You want something that will challenge them, but at the same time, you don't want something so difficult they'll be put off for life! And I think the knitted Christmas crackers would be perfect. The pattern was originally aimed at people with a little experience and who are ready to learn how to knit in rounds. But it can be adapted easily so it's knitted in rows rather than rounds. You'll need to add one or two stitches when you cast on, to allow for a seam. Now, begin with a purl row and work the same number of rows as there are rounds in the instructions, using stocking stitch (knit one row, purl one). Work the extra cast-on stitches before the bracket repeats on the picot-hem and eyelet rows. Good luck, and I hope the children get their crackers finished in time for Christmas!



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Choral Cohorts

Happiness is singing in a choir. And it's not just the music that makes you happy, it's the people. I belong to the choir of St John's Church in Ryhall, Lincolnshire. Recently, we had news that had us all singing high notes. Our fellow chorister, Christina, had a beautiful baby girl – named Lily Grace. I thought I'd knit little Lily a pram blanket. The pattern I chose has a delicate and pretty floral motif, every bit as pretty as Lily herself. I'm delighted with it.

Anne Harrison, Ryhall, Lincolnshire



For The Girls

Elephants are amazing. They form bonds, just like us. And just like us, it's the women who rule the roost. Each herd has a matriarch who decides who will be on look-out duty while the others who will be on look-out for food, who will take care of the younger ones. Which is why my friend, Sarah, loves them so much. And why I decided to crochet this pair for her. They're little reminders of all the things that make us women, us mothers and us matriarchs great.

Nanami Ui, London



Banish The Winter Blues

There's nothing like a wearing a woolly hat for making you feel jaunty. And there's nothing like feeling jaunty for banishing the blues of a blustery, bitter winter's day. This year, I decided to knit myself a new hat following a pattern I found in a book my friend gave me. I'm really pleased with the finished result and I love wearing it. It doesn't matter if it's snowing outside, if it's frosty or if it's blowing a gale. Wearing a hat can change your day in an instant. Knit one! You'll never feel the cold again.

Sarah Begley, Surrey



Knitting For Chari-Tea

There's no 'i' in team. But there is tea. A lot of it! My mum, who's 90, and me are a tea-team. I knit the tea-cosies, she makes them up and takes them to our local Cancer Research shop where she's been a volunteer for years. We use variations on a pattern that appeared in *Woman's Weekly*. I'm particularly proud of our Christmas cosies. I hope they make a little bit of money for a very good cause.

Glynis Bailey, via email

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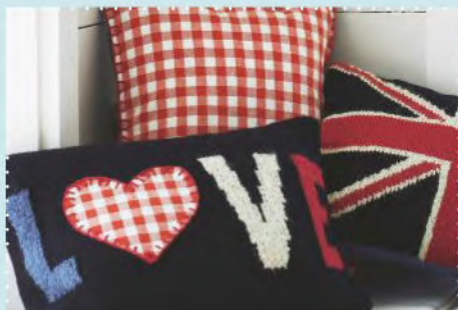


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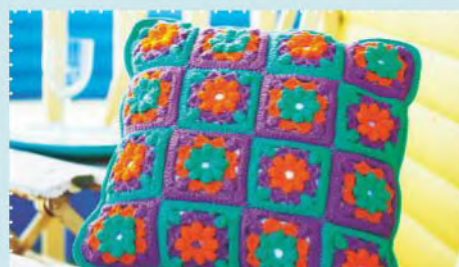
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Bookshelf

This month, make a mini merry Christmas, keep warm in some seasonal slippers, let your heart melt for an adorable teddy and felt your way festive...



Mini Knitted Christmas: Angels, reindeer, Santa Claus, the nativity and more

By Sue Stratford (Search Press, £9.99)

'Tis the season to deck the halls with miniature magic. Sue Stratford is a knitting and crochet designer and teacher, and over the years she's become known for her knitted toys and characters. She's done them all, from stripy-legged cats to punk-rocker meerkats. Her latest book is filled with just that sense of fun. It's also filled with the wonder of the season. Small scale, of course. There are patterns for a neat nativity, for a Santa in a sleigh pulled by Dasher, Dancer, Prancer and Rudolph, for polar bears and angels and shooting stars. They can be used to decorate your tree or your hearth, or given as stocking-fillers. And because of their size and the clarity of Sue's instructions, they're quick projects that are perfect for the run-up to Christmas.



30 Slippers To Knit And Felt: Fabulous projects you can make, wear and share

By Arne & Carlos (Search Press, £12.99)

Arne and Carlos, Scandinavia's superstar knitters, have turned their attention to slippers. It's a perfect festive combo. All of the patterns included would make great gifts. Some of the slippers use traditional Nordic designs and motifs. Others are more playful, covered in flowers, mice and rabbits, and there are even designs for seasonal slippers, such as the Rudolfs that come complete with red-bobble noses. The book also shows how to felt, and how to embellish your slippers with pompoms, frills and edging – skills you can easily transfer to other projects. And once you've finished knitting a pair of these tootsie-warmers for a friend or relative, wrapped them up and placed them under the tree, you might wish you'd knitted them for yourself...



Adorable Teddy Bears To Knit: Plus all their clothes and accessories

By Rachel Morello (Search Press, £9.99)

This book says it's adorable. And it's not wrong! There are 10 bears to knit, 10 *adorable* bears, as well as plenty of mix-and-match clothes and accessories. You could knit yourself a Winston the koala, a Riley the panda, or an Emmeline cable-knit bear, dress them in waistcoats, dungarees, jumpers or coats, and kit them out with hats, scarves, bags and even superhero disguises. Patterns range from beginner to intermediate level, and all the instructions are easy to follow and written in a friendly, accessible way. Rachel Borello is a mum, so she knows just how good a friend a teddy bear can be for a little one. She learned to knit as a child, with her mum as teacher. And it's that special love shared by a mum and her child that makes Rachel's designs so special.



Whimsical Woollies: 20 projects to knit and felt

By Marie Mayhew (Search Press, £14.99)

Whimsical Woollies is a collection of Marie Mayhew's favourite patterns from her 15-year career to date. Each is what she calls a 'felt-and-knit' pattern, which means knitting your project loosely before shrinking it into felty loveliness in your washing machine. It's a seasonal book – and we're not just talking about the festive season. The whole year is covered. There's a leprechaun toy for St Patrick's Day, a witch for Halloween, and a baby chick for Easter. And there's plenty for Christmas, too. Marie has designed baubles for your tree, stockings crying out to be filled with satsumas, place-card holders for the table, and Santa and snowmen toys that could be gifts or used to bring even more cheer to your home. We're very excited to see what the next 15 years of Marie's career brings.

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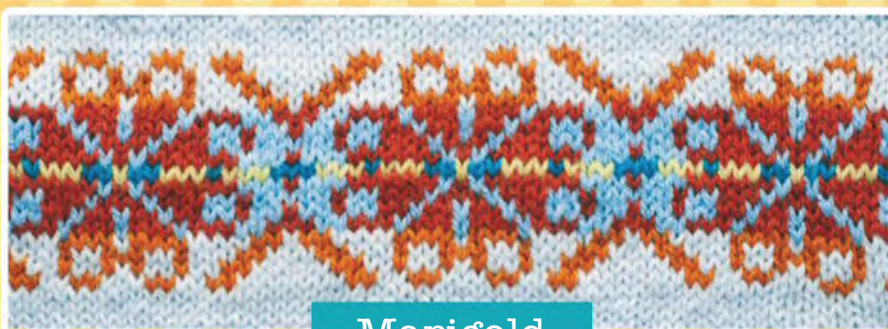
Use exciting Patterned Fair Isle for a border
or all-over repeat



Garland



Daisy



Marigold



Auricula

This type of Fair Isle knitting is rich in colour and pattern, although only two colours are used in any row. The intervals between colour changes are small enough for the yarn not in use to be stranded across on the wrong side.

Yarn

Sirdar Country Style DK, using 4mm needles.

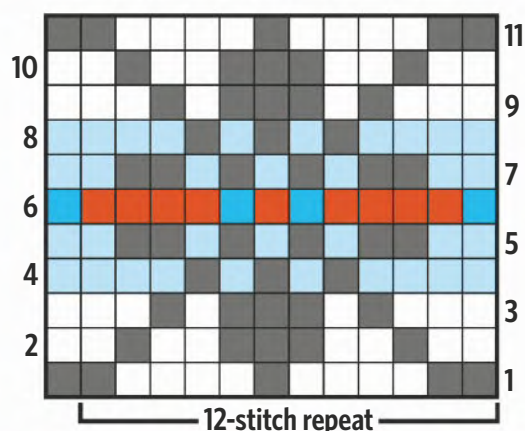
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Along the row spread the stitches on the right-hand needle in order to loosely strand the colour not in use. Strand the colours in the same sequence each time (for example, light above dark or main colour above contrast colour).

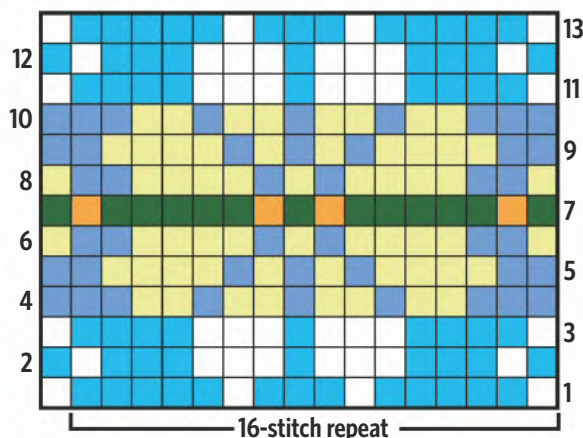
Charts are numbered with right-side (knit) rows on the right, to be read from right to left, and wrong-side (purl) rows on the left, to be read from left to right.

The pattern repeat is indicated by a bracket. On knit rows these stitches are repeated across the row and the single stitch outside the bracket is worked at the end of the row. On purl rows the single stitch is worked at the beginning of the row and then the repeat is worked across the row.

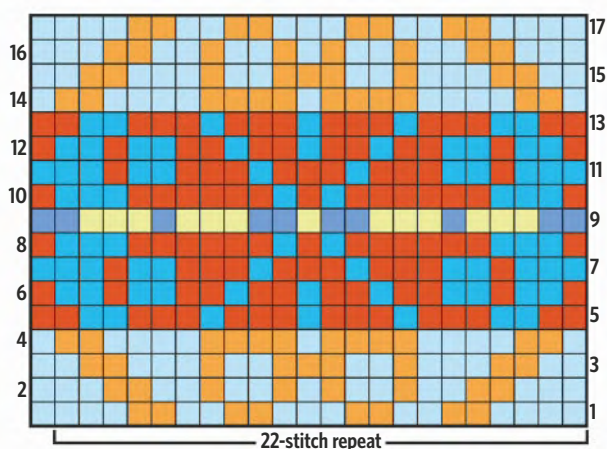
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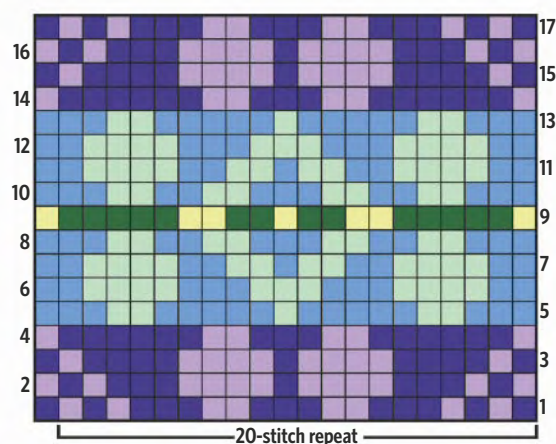
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A close-up photograph of a person's lower legs and feet. They are wearing dark green rubber wellington boots with yellow soles. Over the boots, they have pulled up thick, white-knit socks with a colorful Fair Isle pattern in shades of blue, yellow, and red. The person is also wearing dark blue or black trousers. They are standing on a ground covered with brown autumn leaves and twigs. The background is a soft-focus view of more autumn foliage. A light blue banner with a scalloped edge is positioned at the top, and a large white title is at the bottom.

Knitting Project

Welly Warmers

Smart socks with Fair Isle around the turn-over tops make wearing wellingtons that little bit cosier

These socks are knitted with two needles and are designed so that there is no seam under the foot

Measurement

To fit wellingtons up to size 10/28.

Materials

2 x 50g (155m) balls of Sirdar Country Style DK (40% nylon, 30% wool, 30% acrylic) in Cream (411) and 1 ball each in Tana (390), Duchess (623), Periwinkle (397), Teal (633), Amber (394) and Patisserie (619)*. Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles, single double-pointed needle.

Tension

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

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **up1**, make a st by inserting left-hand needle, from the front, underneath the strand between stitches then k this through the back; **dec**, decrease; **tog**, together; **ssk**, slip, slip, knit (slip each of the next 2 stitches knitwise then slip them back on to the left-hand needle and knit them together through the back of the loops); **ss**, stocking stitch (k on right side and p on wrong side).

Note

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

To make

Cuff: With 3¼mm needles and Cream, cast on 66 sts.

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

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

Repeat last 2 rows, once more.

Change to 4mm needles.

Next row: K1, up1, k to end – 67 sts.

P 1 row.

Now pattern from the chart, reading odd-numbered k rows from right to left and even-numbered p rows from left to right. Also see a further explanation of working Fair Isle on page 62.



Continue in Cream only. Ss 3 rows.

Next row: K2tog, k to end – 66 sts.

Leg: Beginning with a k row (this will now be the right side), ss 4 rows.

1st dec row: K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. Ss 3 rows.

Repeat last 4 rows, 9 times more, then work 1st dec row again – 44 sts.

Ss 5 rows straight. Break the yarn, leaving a fairly long end.

Shape heel: With right side facing, slip first 10 sts on to double-pointed needle, slip next 24 sts on to spare yarn, rejoin yarn and k7, k2tog, k1 across last 10 sts, without twisting the work, k1, ssk, k7 across 10 sts on double-pointed needle. Continue on these 18 sts, leaving centre 24 sts on spare yarn. P 1 row.

1st turning row: K17, turn.

2nd turning row: P16, turn.

3rd turning row: K15, turn.

4th turning row: P14, turn.

Continue in this way, working 1 st less at end of next 6 rows.

1st pick-up row: K8, inserting left-hand needle from the front, pick up the edge strand of the last st of the previous turning row, k2tog, turn.

2nd pick-up row: P9, pick up strand of last st of previous turning row, p2tog, turn.

3rd pick-up row: K10, pick up strand of last st of previous turning row, k2tog.

4th pick-up row: P11, pick up strand of last st of previous turning row, p2tog.

Continue in this way, working 1 more st at end of next 6 rows – 18 sts.

Do not break yarn.

Sole: Ss 26 rows on these 18 sts.

Shape toe: ** 1st dec row: K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, twice more, then work 1st dec row again – 10 sts.

Cast off loosely.

Upper: Replace remaining 24 sts on needle and rejoin yarn.

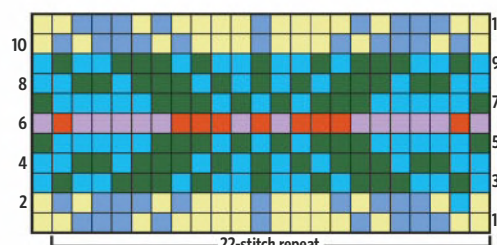
1st dec row (right side): K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, once more, then work 1st dec row again – 18 sts. Ss 21 rows.

Shape toe: Work as sole from **.

To make up

Taking in one stitch from each edge, join the rib of the cuff then, taking in half a stitch from each edge, join the Fair Isle band and the remaining 4 rows of the cuff. Reverse the seam for the leg, right sides together and taking in half a stitch from each edge, lightly over-sew the edges for a flat seam. Join the upper to the sole in the same way. Dry press the seams.



	Tana (390)		Teal (633)
	Duchess (623)		Amber (394)
	Periwinkle (397)		Patisserie (619)

Crochet Library

Crochet lends itself to all kinds of textures and three-dimensional effects



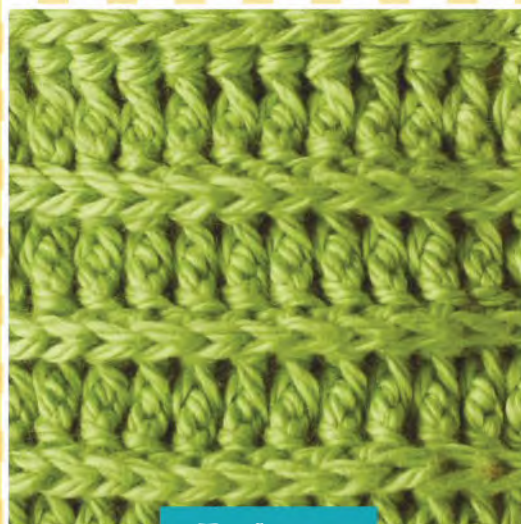
Double loops



Chain loops



Ruffles



Ridges

Photos: Nicki Dowey

You may like to combine some of these textures with smoother stitches.

Yarn

King Cole Cottonsoft DK, using size 4.50 crochet hook.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **dc**, double crochet; **tr**, treble; **htr**, half treble; **st**, stitch; **yrh**, yarn round hook.

Note

Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

Chain loops

This is a very dense fabric as each stitch is worked twice.

Multiple of 2ch plus 1.

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

1st row (wrong side): 2ch (counts as 1dc), working in back strand of each dc of previous row, 1dc in next dc, * 5ch, 1dc in next dc; repeat from * to last st, 1dc in 2nd of 2ch.

2nd row: 2ch, * fold loops forward to work 1dc in remaining strand of corresponding dc of last row but one; repeat from * to last st, 1dc in 2nd of 2ch.

3rd row: 2ch, working in back strand of each dc of previous row, 1dc in each of next 2dc, * 5ch, 1dc in next dc; repeat from * to last 2 sts, 1dc in last dc, 1dc in 2nd of 2ch.

4th row: As 2nd row.

Repeat 1st to 4th rows.



Double loops

In this stitch pattern double loops make a nice, furry effect.

Any number of chain.

Foundation row: 1tr in 4th ch from hook (counts as 2tr), 1tr in each ch to end.

1st row (wrong side): 2ch, * insert hook in next tr, holding yarn in right hand [yrh and around first 2 fingers of left hand] twice, yrh again, pull these 3 strands through tr, drop loop, yrh and pull through 4 loops on hook – loop st made; repeat from * to last st, 1dc in 3rd of 3ch.

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

3rd row: 2ch, loop st in each dc to last st, 1dc in 2nd of 2ch. Repeat 2nd and 3rd rows, ending with a 2nd row.



Ridges

These deep, soft ridges make a reversible fabric.

Any number of chain.

Foundation row: 1tr in 4th ch from hook (counts as 2tr), 1tr in each ch to end.

1st row: 2ch, * from the front, work 1tr around stem of next tr; repeat from * to last st, 1htr in 3rd of 3ch.

2nd row: 2ch, * from the front, work 1tr around stem of next tr; repeat from * to last st, 1htr in 2nd of 2ch. Repeat 2nd row.



Ruffles

The ruffles consist of groups of treble worked on a mesh base.

Multiple of 6ch plus 8.

Mesh

Foundation row: 1tr in 8th ch from hook (counts as 1tr, 2ch and 1tr), [2ch, miss 2ch, 1tr in next ch] to end.

1st row: 5ch (counts as 1tr and 2ch), miss 2ch, 1tr in next tr, * 2ch, miss 2ch, 1tr in next tr; repeat from *, ending miss 2ch, 1tr in next ch.

2nd row: As 1st row to last st, 1tr in 3rd of 5ch. Repeat 2nd row, for required length, then fasten off.

Ruffles

1st row (right side): Join yarn in 2ch at top right of last row of squares, 3ch, 2tr around 2ch, * swivel mesh to work 3tr around stem of next tr, swivel to work 3tr around 2ch, swivel to work 3tr around next tr, swivel to work 3tr around 2ch; repeat from * along row, ending 3tr around 2ch. Fasten off.

Repeat this row in each row of mesh squares below.

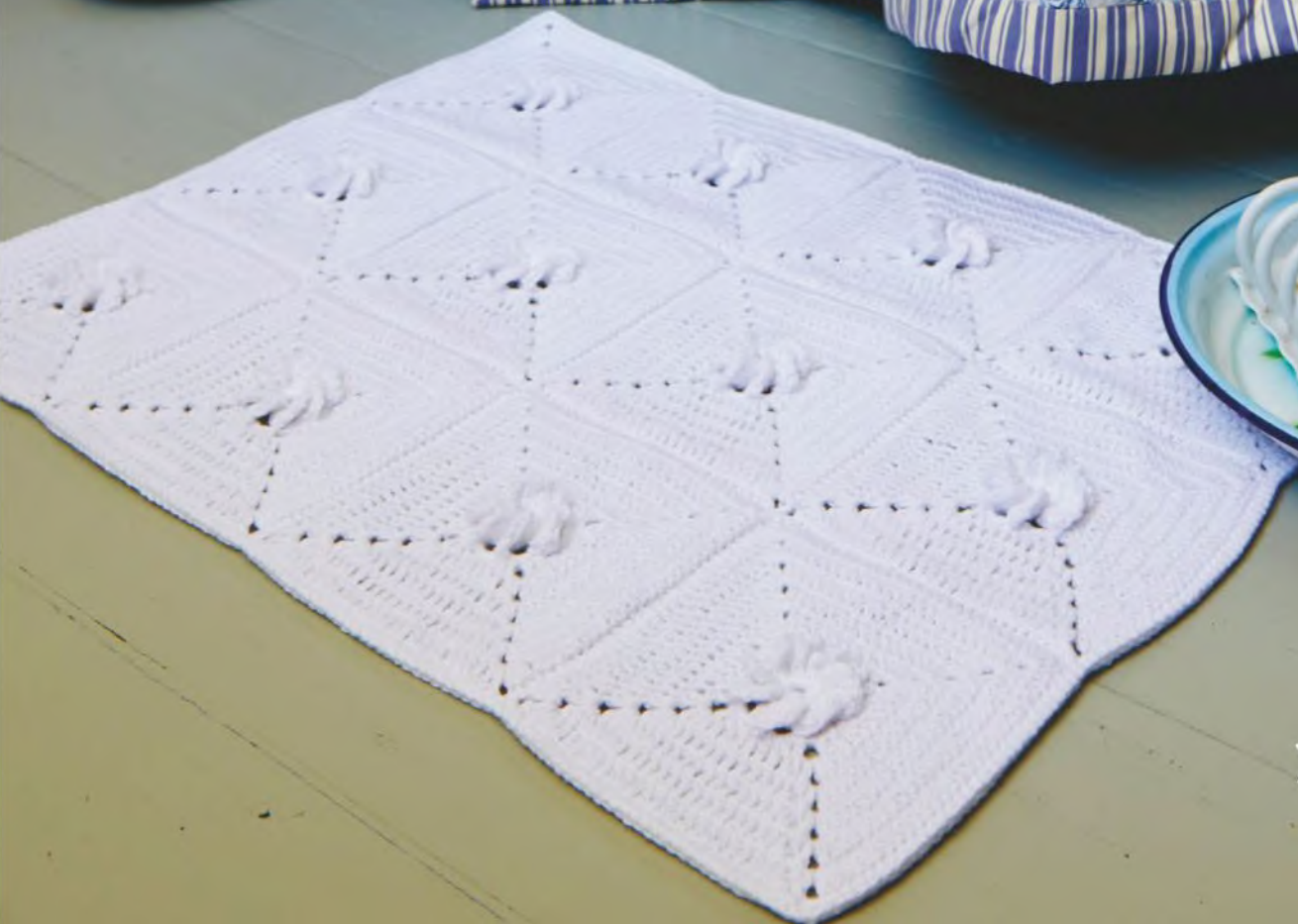




Crochet Project

Soft Landing

Step on to a small, soft mat when you get out of bed in the morning



The squares that make up this cotton mat each have a flower with spiralling petals in the centre. The flowers are an unusual construction but not difficult to make



Measurements

Approximately 53cm/21in wide and 71cm/28in long.

Materials

3 x 100g (210m) balls of King Cole Cottonsoft DK (100% cotton) in White (710)*. Size 4.50mm crochet hook.

Tension

17 stitches and 10 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over treble, using 4.50 hook.

Note

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

Abbreviations

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

Note

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Square

(make 12)

Using 4.50 hook, make 6ch, join with a slst into a ring.

1st round: Work as follows:

First petal: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 3tr in ring, turn, 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in tr below, 1tr in each of next 2tr, 1tr in 3rd of 3ch (petal made), turn.

Second petal: 2ch, fold petal forward to work behind it, 4tr in ring, turn, 3ch, 1tr in tr below, 1tr in each of next 3tr (petal made), turn.

Third to eighth petals: Work second petal, 6 times, 2ch, slst in 3rd of 3ch.

2nd round: Slst in next chsp, 2ch (counts as 1dc), 3dc in same chsp, [4dc in next chsp] 7 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 32dc.

3rd round: 5ch (counts as 1tr and 2ch), * 1tr in each of next 2dc, 1dc in each of next 4dc, 1tr in each of next 2dc, 2ch; repeat from * twice more, 1tr in each of next 2dc, 1dc in each of next 4dc, 1tr in next dc, slst in 3rd of 5ch.

4th round: Slst in chsp, 3ch (counts as 1tr), work 1tr, 2ch and 2tr in chsp, * 1tr in each of next 8 sts, work 2tr, 2ch and 2tr in chsp; repeat from * twice more, 1tr in each of next 8 sts (including slst), slst in 3rd of 3ch.

5th round: Slst in next tr, slst in chsp, 3ch, work 1tr, 2ch and 2tr in chsp, * 1tr in each of next 12tr, work 2tr, 2ch and 2tr in chsp; repeat from * twice more, 1tr in each of next 12 sts (including 2slst), slst in 3rd of 3ch.

6th round: Slst in next tr, slst in chsp,

3ch, work 1tr, 2ch and 2tr in chsp, * 1tr in each of next 16tr, work 2tr, 2ch and 2tr in chsp; repeat from * twice more, 1tr in each of next 16 sts (including 2slst), slst in 3rd of 3ch.

7th round: Slst in next tr, slst in chsp, 3ch, work 1tr, 2ch and 2tr in chsp, * 1tr in each of next 20tr, work 2tr, 2ch and 2tr in chsp; repeat from * twice more, 1tr in each of next 20 sts (including 2slst), slst in 3rd of 3ch.

8th round: Slst in next tr, slst in chsp, 3ch, work 1tr, 2ch and 2tr in chsp, * 1tr in each of next 24tr, work 2tr, 2ch and 2tr in chsp; repeat from * twice more, 1tr in each of next 24 sts (including 2slst), slst in 3rd of 3ch.

Fasten off.

To make up

Right sides together, join the adjacent sides of two squares with slip stitch, taking the hook through both strands at the top of each stitch. Do not break the yarn, but join two more pairs of squares in the same way. Then join the seams running across in the same way. Lightly press seams.

Edging

1st round: Right side facing, join yarn in top right-hand chsp of any corner square, 1ch, 2dc in chsp, * [1dc in each of next 28 sts, 2dc in seam st] to next corner, 3dc in corner chsp; repeat from * twice more, [1dc in each of next 28 sts, 2dc in seam st] to end, slst in 1ch.

2nd round: Slst in each st to end. Fasten off.

Glossary

Tension

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

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

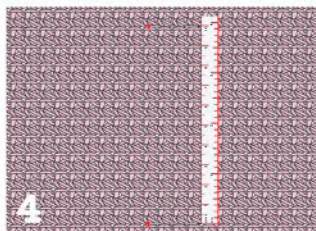
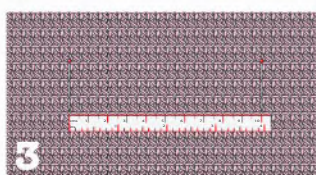
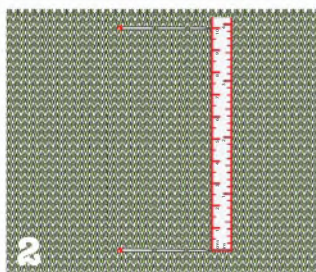
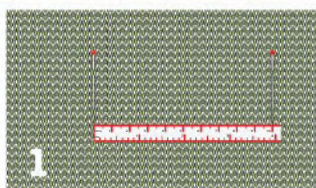
Before commencing a specific project, check your tension by working a swatch about 13cm square in pattern, yarn and needles or crochet hooks as stated. Stretch swatch in each direction and allow to rest. Mark 10cm horizontally in the middle of the test piece (diag. 1 and 3) and count stitches between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

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

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

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

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



Knitting needles conversion

Metric	Imperial
2	14
2.25	13
2.5	-
2.75	12
3	11
3.25	10
3.5	-
3.75	9
4	8
4.5	7
5	6
5.5	5
6	4
6.5	3
7	2
7.5	1
8	0
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10	000
12	-
15	-
20	-
25	-

Crochet hook conversion

Metric	Imperial
2	14
2.25	13
2.5	12
3	11
3.25	10
3.5	9
3.75	8
4	7
5	6
5.5	5
6	4
6.5	3
7	2
8	0
9	00
10	000
12	-
15	-
20	-
25	-

Substituting yarns

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

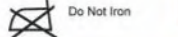
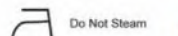
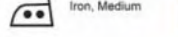
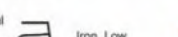
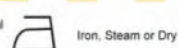
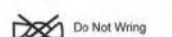
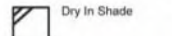
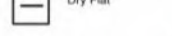
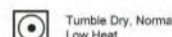
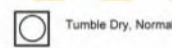
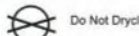
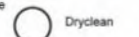
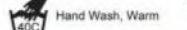
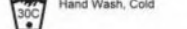
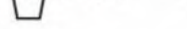
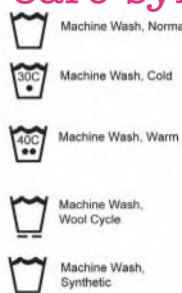
stitch, you may be able to use 4 ply yarn for this, but using 3mm needles instead of 3¼mm.

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

Making toys

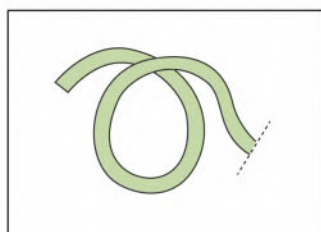
If the toy is intended for under-3s, ensure all the parts are sewn on securely and embellishments used for features (beads, button, plastic nose) are substituted with embroidery. Toy fabric needs to be dense so that the stuffing doesn't show through. Use washable toy stuffing that conforms to safety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

Care symbols

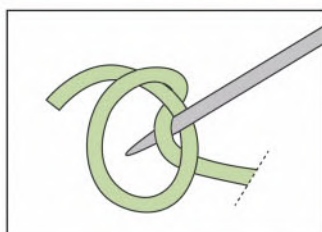


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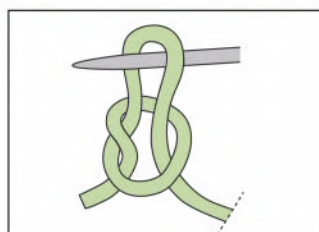
Slip knot



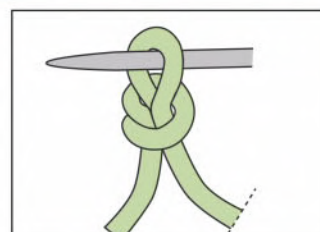
1 Loop the yarn with the ball end on top (the ball end is shown with a broken line).



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



3 Pull both ends to tighten the knot.



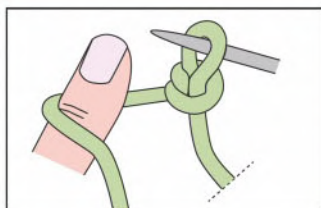
4 Pull the ball end to bring the knot up to the needle.

Holding the yarn and needles

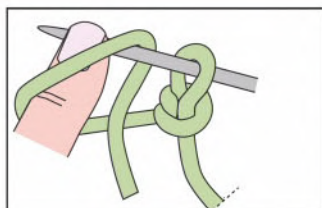
To make even stitches, control the yarn by taking it over the first finger of the right hand, under the second, over the third and under the fourth, or even around the fourth if necessary. Your

right hand also holds the needle that makes the new stitches. Hold this like a knife or a pencil – whichever is more comfortable. Your left hand holds the needle with the stitches already made.

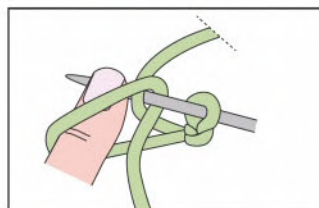
Casting on by thumb method



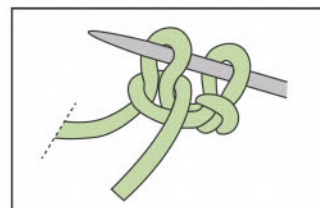
1 Leaving a long end, hold the yarn in the left hand and take the left thumb under the yarn and upwards.



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

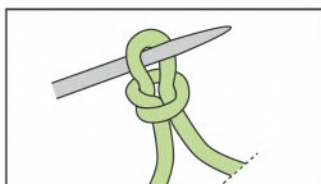


3 Take the ball end of the yarn around the needle and bring it through the loop, slipping the loop off the thumb.

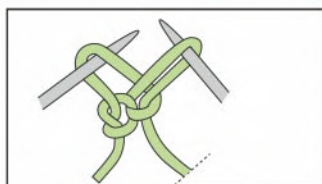


4 Pull the yarn end to close the stitch up to the needle. Continue to cast on stitches as steps 1-4.

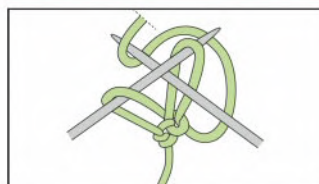
Casting on by cable method



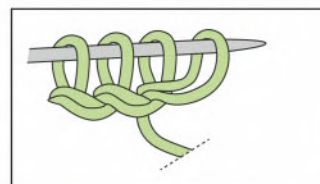
1 Make a slip knot, then hold the needle in your left hand.



2 Knit one without slipping the stitch off.

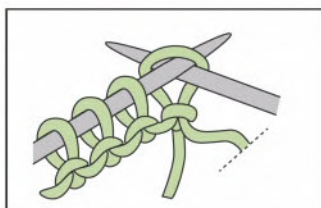


3 Insert the right-hand needles between the last 2 stitches just made, yarn round needle and pull the loop through, thus making new stitch. Slip the new stitch onto left needle.

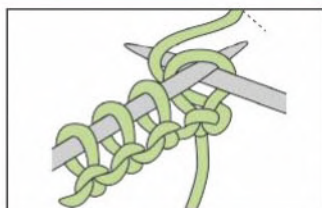


4 Continue making stitches as step 3, until you have the number of stitches you need.

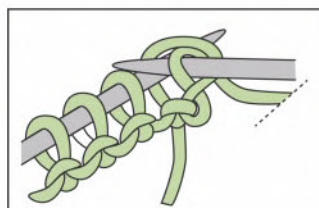
Knit stitch (k)



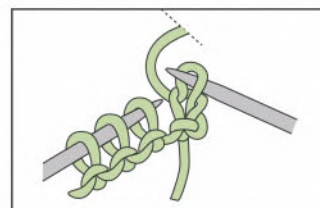
1 Turn the cast-on so that it's in the left hand and insert the right-hand needle from left to right in the front of the first stitch.



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

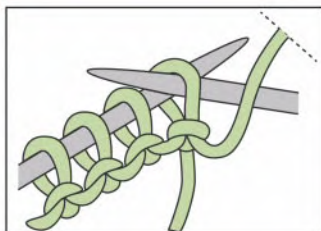


3 Use the tip of the right-hand needle to pull the yarn through.

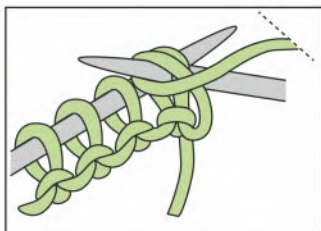


4 Slip the stitch off the left-hand needle to complete the new stitch on the right-hand needle. Continue to make knit stitches as steps 1-4.

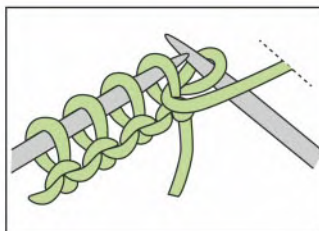
Purl stitch (p)



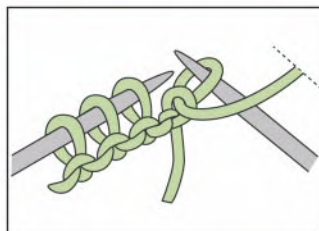
1 With the yarn to the front, insert the right-hand needle from right to left in the front of the first stitch.



2 Take the yarn up and around the right-hand needle.



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



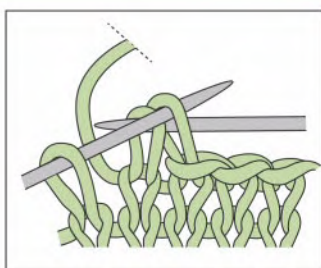
4 Slip the stitch off the left-hand needle to complete the new stitch on the right-hand needle.

Casting off

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

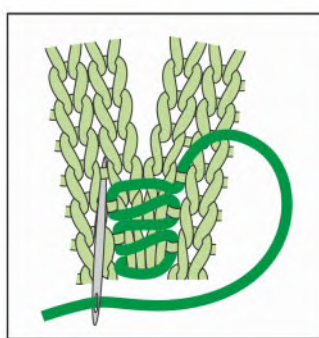
Knit the next stitch, then repeat from * until one stitch is left.

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

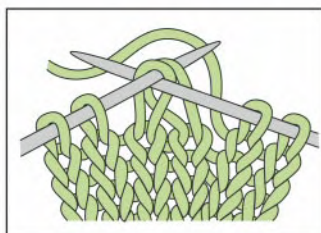


Invisible seaming

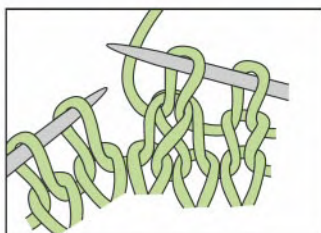
Sometimes called ladder or mattress stitch, this method of sewing up gives the neatest seams. Place the two edges together, right sides upwards and starting at the cast-on edge, take the yarn underneath the strand beside the edge stitch at one side and then the other. After a few stitches pull up the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



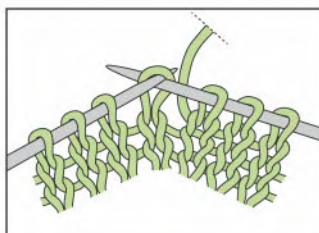
Decrease by knitting two stitches together (k2tog)



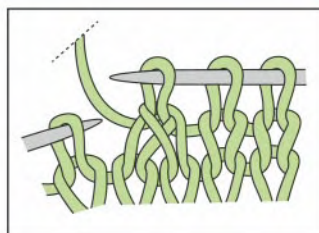
1 Insert the needle in the next two stitches knitwise (that is, through the front of the loops).



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

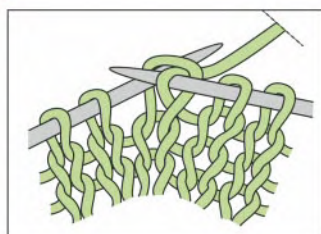


1 Insert the needle in the next stitch knitwise (through the front of the loop) to slip it on to the right-hand needle.

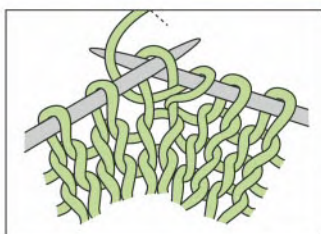


2 Knit the next stitch, then use the left-hand needle to lift the slipped stitch over the knitted one. The resulting decrease has the top stitch slanting to the left.

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

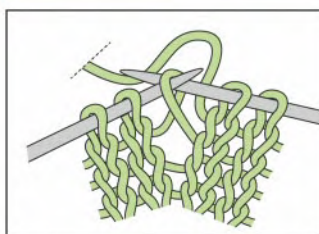


1 Knit the stitch in the usual way, but without slipping it off.

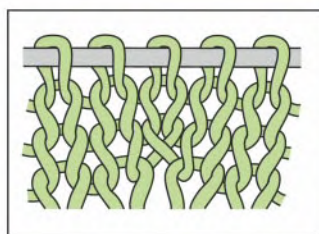


2 Take the right-hand needle to the back and knit the stitch again.

Increase by working into the strand between needles (up1)



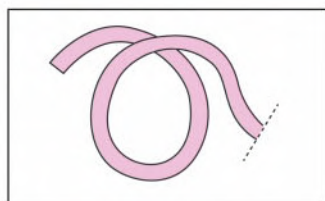
1 Pick up the strand lying between needles and knit in the back of it.



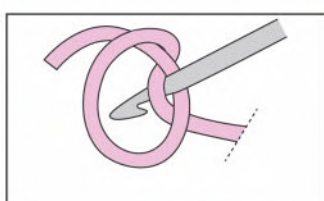
2 This makes a new stitch that fits closely between existing stitches

Crochet Class

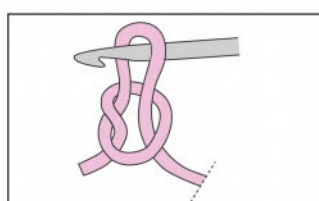
Slip knot



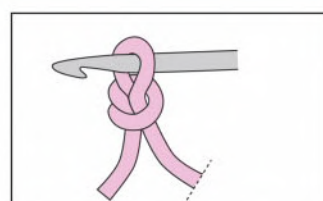
1 Loop the yarn with the ball end on top (the ball end is shown with a broken line).



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



3 Pull both ends to tighten the knot.



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

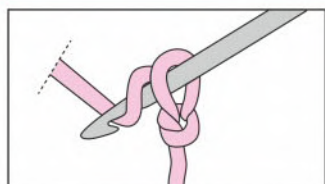
Holding the yarn and hook

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

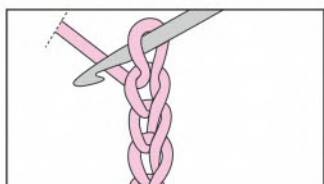
the yarn taken over the first three fingers and under the fourth, or around the fourth if necessary.

Extending the second finger holds the yarn taut for hooking.

Chain (ch)

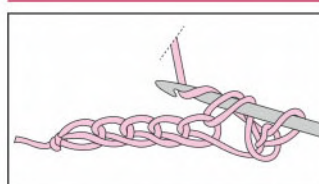


1 Twist the hook under and over the yarn – yarn round hook (yrh). Pull the yarn through the loop on hook and drop it off to make first chain.

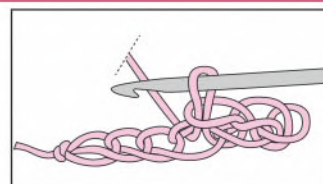


2 Continue to make chain in this way.
Each chain is made up of three strands, with the V shape the 'right side'. When counting chain don't count the loop on the hook.
At the start of a row chain will stand for the first stitch.

Slip stitch (slst)

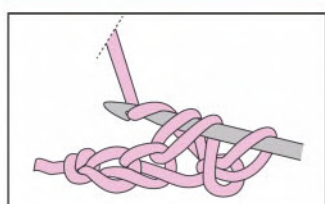


1 Make a length of chain. Insert the hook under two strands of second chain from hook and yarn round hook.

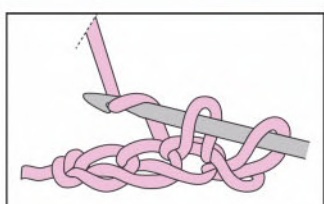


2 Pull the yarn through the chain and loop on the hook. This stitch has virtually no height.

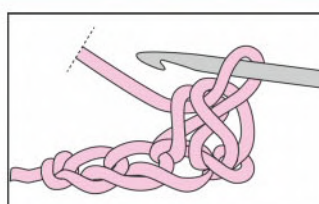
Double crochet (dc)



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



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

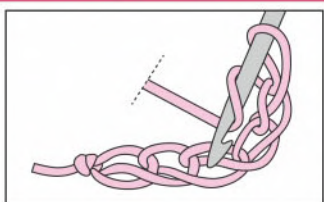


3 Pull the yarn through both loops on the hook to make one double crochet. Insert the hook in the next chain and repeat steps 1-2.

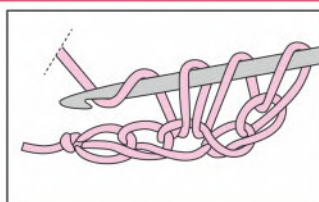
Remember not to take the yarn round hook before inserting the hook. When working into stitches always insert the hook under the top two strands of yarn unless instructed otherwise.

Half treble (htr)

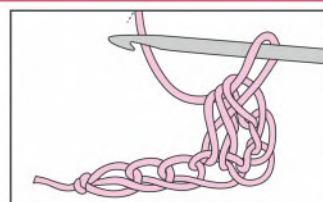
In height the half treble is halfway between a double crochet and a treble and is frequently used as a transitional stitch between the two.



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



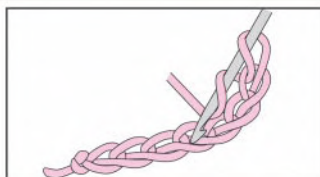
2 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through to make a loop on the hook, then yarn round hook again.



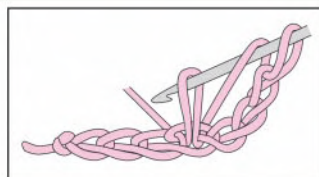
3 Pull the yarn through all three loops on the hook to complete the stitch.

Treble (tr)

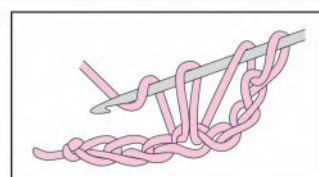
Treble stitch is twice the height of double crochet, because it has an initial yarn round hook, which requires additional steps (wraps) to complete the stitch. The height of stitches is dictated by the number of wraps worked.



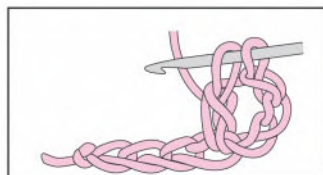
1 Yarn round hook before inserting the hook under two strands of the fourth chain from the hook.



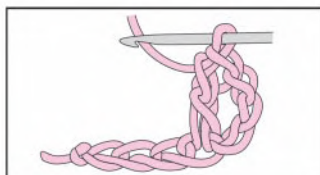
2 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through to make three loops on the hook.



3 Yarn round hook again.



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



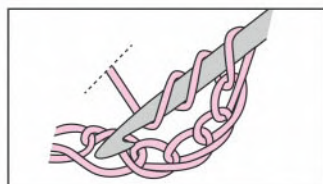
5 Yarn round hook for the last time and pull it through the remaining two loops to complete the stitch.

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

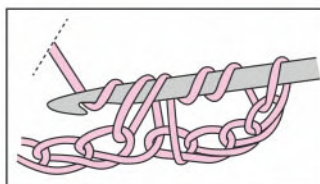
On the next row make sure that the treble following the chain is made in the second

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

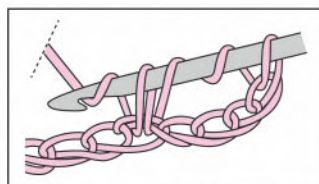
Double treble (dtr)



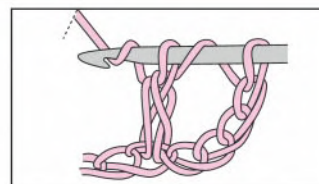
1 Yarn round the hook twice before inserting the hook under the top two strands of the fifth chain from the hook.



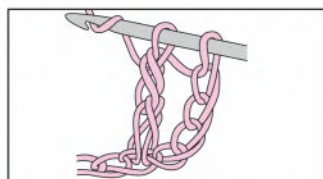
2 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through to make four loops on the hook.



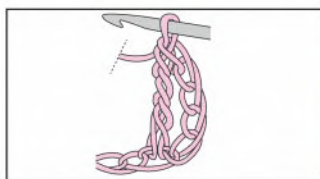
3 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through the first two loops on the hook to make three loops on the hook.



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



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



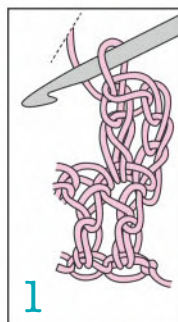
6 The finished double treble. To continue making double treble, yarn round hook twice and insert the hook in the next chain or stitch, then repeat steps 2-5.

Fastening off

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

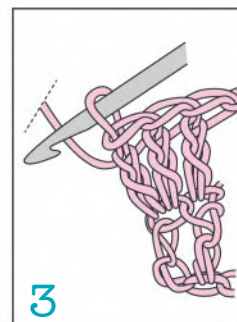
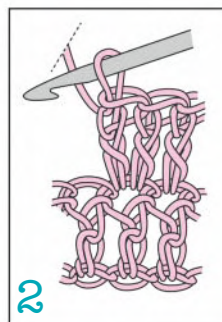
Increases

For clarity these are shown as single increases worked in treble, etc. but the principle is the same in double crochet, double treble, etc.



1 At the beginning of a row, instead of working into the next stitch after the chain that counts as the first stitch, work into the stitch below. This increases one stitch.

2 Mid row simply work the additional stitch, or

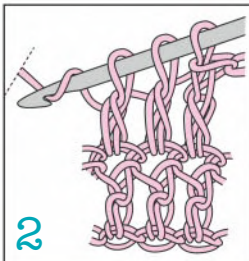
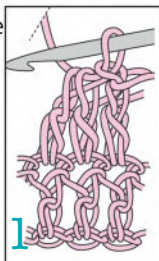


3 At the end of a row, work two stitches in the top chain that formed the first stitch of the previous row. This increases one stitch.

Decreases

Decreases are part stitches worked into a stated number of stitches and then joined into one in the last stage of the stitch. Decreasing one treble stitch is shown, but the principle is the same in all stitches and for any number of decreases.

1 Without making the last wrap of each make a treble in each of the next two stitches: * yarn round hook, insert hook in next stitch, yarn round hook, pull through, yarn round hook, pull it through two loops; repeat from * once, leaving three loops on the hook.



2 Yarn round hook and pull it through all three loops on the hook.

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