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# Hello and welcome...

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

It's wintertime! Please forgive me if I sound a little over-excited, because for a Knitting Editor it really is one of the most creative periods of the year. I do hope you'll love what we have for you this issue. Perhaps you'll be inspired to create our brightly coloured Nordic-inspired knits for children, or a festive make for your home from our seasonal collection of contemporary designs. Plus, we've a stunning brocade-patterned top from Designer of the

Month, Marie Wallin, a reworked cable sweater for men from our archives, and all your favourite regular features.

Some of you will know that my path to a career in knitting began as a Saturday girl in a wool shop, at a time when there was at least one haberdashery and wool shop on every high street. Although the yarns were more generic – 4ply, DK, Aran and possibly a Chunky – and the colour ranges quite small, the passion and enthusiasm of the customers who came in to buy their wool was an inspiration. Shopping trends have changed, sadly forcing many of the shops to close, but thankfully the eagerness a knitter or crocheter has for picking up their needles or hooks remains the same. Now we can buy a vast range of yarns online, in every colour imaginable. Why not check out our *Woman's Weekly* online shop – visit [shop.womansweekly.com](http://shop.womansweekly.com) – where you can buy yarns to make our fabulous designs, plus books, *Woman's Weekly* patterns you may have missed and much, much more! And we've not forgotten the social connection once enjoyed in the wool shops either: meet with us on Facebook, Pinterest or Ravelry and share what you've made. We love to hear from you, and if you've any knitting or crochet queries, please don't hesitate to ask!

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**Easy Peasy**



**A Bit More Tricky**



**Hard-ish**



**Quite A Challenge**

Whether you're a seasoned *Woman's Weekly* reader or picking up our fabulous new *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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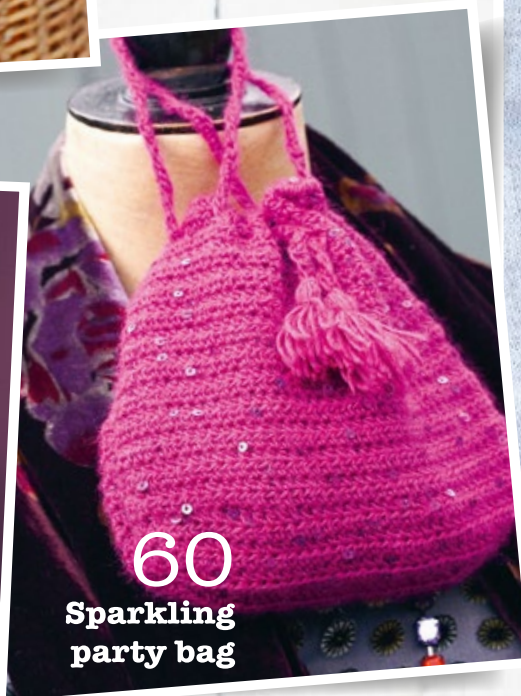
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# Winter Wonderland

Kids will love wrapping up in these snuggly makes, all with a bright Nordic feel. There's a lovely knitted toy bear, too



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# *Sweater With Polar Bear Motif and Hat*



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



## Measurements

**To fit ages** 2-3 (4-5) (6-7) years.

**Sweater: Actual chest measurements**

63.5 (69) (74.5) cm/25 (27¼) (29¼) in.

**Side seam** 23 (24) (25.5) cm/9 (9¼) (10) in.

**Length to shoulder** 36 (39) (42) cm/14 (15¼) (16½) in.

**Sleeve seam** 25 (28) (31) cm/9¾ (11) (12¼) in.

## Materials

**Sweater:** 3 (3) (4) 50g (116m) balls of Wendy Merino DK (100% wool) in Dutch Blue (2358); 1 (2) (2) ball(s) in Cloud Dancer (2350); 1 ball in Putty (2319); small amount in Black.

**Hat:** 1 (2) (2) 50g (116m) ball(s) of Wendy Merino DK (100% wool) in Dutch Blue (2358) and 1 ball in Cloud Dancer (2350).

**Both items:** Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles.

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## 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 stitch (k on right side and p on wrong side); **mb**, make bobble (k1, yarn forward to make a st, k1 all in next st, turn, [k in front and back of next st] twice, k1, turn, k5, turn, k2tog, k1, k2tog through back of next 2 sts, turn, k3tog); **nil**, meaning nothing is worked here for this size; **Db**, Dutch Blue; **Cd**, Cloud Dancer.

## 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.

# SWEATER

## Back

With 3¼mm needles and Cd, cast on 70 (76) (82) sts.

Work 6 rows in k1, p1 rib.

Change 4mm needles.

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

**2nd and 3rd sizes: Next row:** K75 (81) Cd, 1Db.

**Next row:** P1Db, 75 (81) Cd.

**Next row:** K74 (80) Cd, 2Db.

**Next row:** P3 (2) Db, 73 (80) Cd.

**3rd size: Next row:** K79Cd, 3Db.

**Next row:** P4Db, 78Cd.

**Next row:** K77Cd, 5Db.

**Next row:** P6Db, 76Cd.

**All sizes: 1st row:** K69 (72) (75) Cd, 1 (4) (7) Db.

**2nd row:** P2 (5) (8) Db, 68 (71) (74) Cd.

**3rd row:** K67 (70) (73) Cd, 3 (6) (9) Db.

**4th row:** P4 (7) (10) Db, 66 (69) (72) Cd.

**5th row:** K65 (68) (71) Cd, 5 (8) (11) Db.

**6th row:** P6 (9) (12) Db, 64 (67) (70) Cd.

**7th row:** K63 (66) (69) Cd, 7 (10) (13) Db.

**8th row:** P8 (11) (14) Db, 62 (65) (68) Cd.

**9th row:** K60 (63) (66) Cd, 10 (13) (16) Db.

**10th row:** P12 (15) (18) Db, 58 (61) (64) Cd.

**11th row:** K56 (59) (62) Cd, 14 (17) (20) Db.

**12th row:** P16 (19) (22) Db, 54 (57) (60) Cd.

**13th row:** K51 (54) (57) Cd, 19 (22) (25) Db.

**14th row:** P22 (25) (28) Db, 48 (51) (54) Cd.

**15th row:** K45 (48) (51) Cd, 25 (28) (31) Db.

**16th row:** P30 (33) (36) Db, 40 (43) (46) Cd.

**17th row:** K35 (38) (41) Cd, 15Db, mb with Cd, 19 (22) (25) Db.

**18th row:** P40 (43) (46) Db, 30 (33) (36) Cd.

**19th row:** K25 (28) (31) Cd, 45 (48) (51) Db.

**20th row:** P50 (53) (56) Db, 20 (23) (26) Cd.

With Db, ss 18 rows.

**39th row:** K14 (17) (20) Db, mb with Cd, with Db, k to end. With Db, ss 5 rows.

**45th row:** K47 (50) (53) Db, mb with Cd, with Db, k to end. With Db, ss 7 rows.

**53rd row:** K35 (38) (41) Db, mb with Cd, with Db, k to end. With Db, ss 3 rows.

**57th row:** K12 (15) (18) Db, mb with Cd, with Db, k to end.

Continue in Db, p 1 row.

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

Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows and 3 following alternate rows – 54 (58) (62) sts. Ss 3 rows.

**Next row:** K41 (43) (45) Db, mb with Cd, with Db, k to end.

With Db, ss 5 (5) (7) rows.

**Next row:** K18 (20) (22) Db, mb with Cd, with Db, k to end. With Db, ss 13 rows.

**Next row:** K35 (37) (39) Db, mb with Cd, with Db, k to end.

Continue in Db. Ss 3 (7) (9) rows.

**Shape shoulders:** Cast

off 12 (13) (14) sts at

beginning of next 2

rows – 30 (32) (34) sts.

Leave these sts on a spare needle.

## Front

With 3¼mm needles and Cd, cast on 70 (76) (82) sts.

Work 6 rows in k1, p1 rib.

Change 4mm needles.

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

**2nd and 3rd sizes: Next row:** K1Db, 75 (81) Cd.

**Next row:** P75 (81) Cd, 1Db.

**Next row:** K2Db, 74 (80) Cd.

**Next row:** P73 (80) Cd, 3 (2) Db.

**3rd size: Next row:** K3Db, 79Cd.

**Next row:** P78Cd, 4Db.

**Next row:** K5Db, 77Cd.

**Next row:** P76Cd, 6Db.

**All sizes: 1st row:** K1 (4) (7) Db, 69 (72) (75) Cd.

**2nd row:** P68 (71) (74) Cd, 2 (5) (8) Db.

**3rd row:** K3 (6) (9) Db, 67 (70) (73) Cd.

**4th row:** P66 (69) (72) Cd, 4 (7) (10) Db.

**5th row:** K5 (8) (11) Db, 65 (68) (71) Cd.

**6th row:** P64 (67) (70) Cd, 6 (9) (12) Db.

**7th row:** K7 (10) (13) Db, 63 (66) (69) Cd.

**8th row:** P63 (66) (69) Cd, 7 (10) (13) Db.

**9th row:** K8 (11) (14) Db, 62 (65) (68) Cd.

**10th row:** P62 (65) (68) Cd, 8 (11) (14) Db.

**11th row:** K9 (12) (15) Db, 61 (64) (67) Cd.

**12th row:** P61 (64) (67) Cd, 9 (12) (15) Db.

**13th row:** K10 (13) (16) Db, 60 (63) (66) Cd.

**14th row:** P60 (63) (66) Cd, 10 (13) (16) Db.

**15th row:** K11 (14) (17) Db, 59 (62) (65) Cd.

**16th row:** P59 (62) (65) Cd, 11 (14) (17) Db.

Reading chart (see page 10) from right to left on right side (k) rows and from left to right on wrong side (p) rows work motif from chart thus:

**1st row:** K9 (12) (15) Db, k across 1st row of chart, k9 (12) (15) Cd.

**2nd row:** P9 (12) (15) Cd, p across 2nd row of chart, p9 (12) (15) Db.

Keeping the 9 (12) (15) sts at each side of 52 chart sts in Db, continue working motif as set until 42nd row of chart has been worked.

**Shape armholes:** Continue working from chart, cast off 2 (3) (4) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows and 3 following alternate rows – 54 (58) (62) sts.

Work last row of chart.

With Db, ss 2 rows.

**Next row:** K31 (33) (35) Db, mb with Cd, with Db, k to end.

With Db, ss 7 rows.

**Next row:** K11 (13) (15) Db, mb with Cd, with Db, k to end.

Continue in Db only, ss 1 (3)



(5) row(s).

**Shape neck: Next row:** K18 (19) (20), k2tog, turn and work on these 19 (20) (21) sts for left side.

**Left side:** Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 7 rows – 12 (13) (14) sts.

Ss 6 (8) (10) rows. Cast off.

**Right side:** With right side facing, slip centre 14 (16) (18) sts onto st holder, rejoin yarn to remaining sts, k2tog, k to end – 19 (20) (21) sts.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 7 rows – 12 (13) (14) sts. Ss 7 (9) (11) rows. Cast off.

## Sleeves

(both alike)

With 3¼mm needles and Cd, cast on 38 (42) (46) sts.

Work 6 rows in k1, p1 rib.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, work in ss and inc 1 st at each end of first row and 4 following 6th rows – 48 (52) (56) sts. P 1 row. Stranding yarn not in use loosely across wrong side, work thus:

**Next row:** K1 (3) (1) Db, [6Cd, 2Db] to last 7 (9) (7) sts, 6Cd, 1 (3) (1) Db.

**Next row:** P3 (5) (3) Db, [2Cd, 6Db] to last 5 (7) (5) sts, 2Cd, 3 (5) (3) Db.

Continue in Db only. Ss 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at each end of next row and following 6th row – 52 (56) (60) sts.

Ss 3 rows.

**Next row:** K10 (12) (14) Db, mb with Cd, 20Db, mb with Cd, with Db, k to end.

Continue in Db only, p 1 row.

Inc 1 st at each end of next row and following 6th row – 56 (60) (64) sts.

Ss 3 rows.

**Next row:** K41 (43) (45) Db, mb with Cd, with Db, k to end.

Continue in Db only. Ss 5 (9) (15) rows.

**Next row:** K17 (19) (21) Db, mb with Cd, with Db, k to end.

Continue straight in Db only until sleeve measures 25 (28) (31) cm, ending with a p row.

**Shape top: Next row:** With Db, cast off 2 (3) (4), k35 (36) (37) sts more, mb with Cd, with Db, k to end.

Continue in Db only. Cast off 2 (3) (4) sts at beginning of next row.

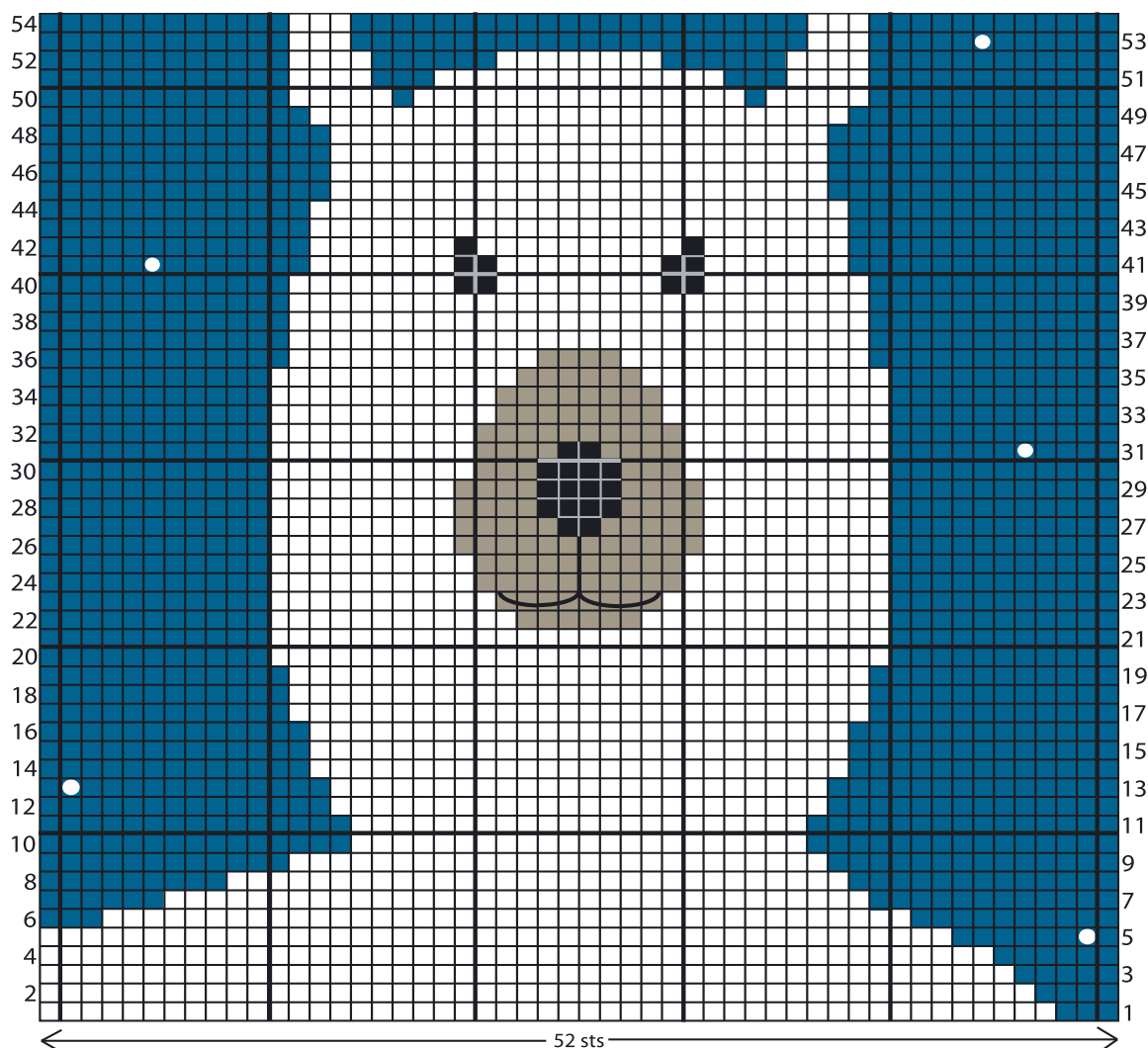
Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 2 (3) (4) following alternate rows – 46 sts.

P 1 row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 10 rows – 26 sts. Cast off.

## Polo collar

Join right shoulder seam. With right side facing, using 3¼mm needles and Db, pick up and k14 (15) (16) sts down left front neck, k14 (16) (18) sts from centre front, pick up and k14 (15) (16) sts up right front neck, k30 (32) (34) sts from centre back neck – 72 (78) (84) sts.



Work 7 rows in k1, p1 rib.  
Change to 4mm needles.  
Rib another 11 (15) (19) rows.  
Cast off loosely in rib.

## To make up

With Black, embroider mouth on bear motif as shown on chart. Join left shoulder and polo collar seam, reversing seam half way on collar for turn back. Sew in sleeves, then join side and sleeve seams.

## HAT

With 3¼mm needles and Db, cast on 80 (86) (90) sts.

Work 28 (32) (36) rows in k1, p1 rib.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows.

**Next row:** K74 (77) (79) Db, mb with Cd, with Db, k to end.

With Db, ss 3 (5) (7) rows.

**Next row:** K44 (47) (49) Db, mb with Cd, with Db, k to end.

With Db, ss 3 (3) (5) rows.

**Next row:** K32 (35) (37) Db, mb with Cd, with Db, k to end. With Db, ss 5 rows.

**Next row:** K13 (16) (18) Db, mb with Cd, with Db, k to end. With Db, p 1 row.

**Next row:** K64 (67) (69) Db, mb with Cd, with Db, k to end. With Db, p 3 rows.

**Next row:** K50 (53) (55) Db, mb with Cd, with Db, k to end. With Db, p 3 rows.

**Next row:** K29 (32) (34) Db, mb with Cd, with Db, k to end.

Continue in Db. Ss 2 (4) (4) rows.

**2nd and 3rd sizes only: Next row:** P2

## Key for chart

|                                                                                       |              |                                                                                       |                               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|  | Cloud Dancer |  | Black                         |
|  | Dutch Blue   |  | Make bobble with Cloud Dancer |
|  | Putty        |                                                                                       |                               |

(nil), [p2tog, p12 (7)] to end – 80 sts.

K 1 row.

**All sizes: 1st dec row:** [P2tog, p6] to end – 70 sts. K 1 row.

**2nd dec row:** [P2tog, p5] to end – 60 sts.

**Next row:** K7Db, mb with Cd, with Db, k to end. Continue in Db.

**3rd dec row:** [P2tog, p4] to end – 50 sts.

**Next row:** K33Db, mb with Cd, with Db, k to end. Continue in Db.

**4th dec row:** [P2tog, p3] to end – 40 sts. K 1 row.

**5th dec row:** [P2tog, p2] to end – 30 sts.

**Next row:** K11Db, mb with Cd, with Db, k to end. Continue in Db.

**7th dec row:** [P2tog, p1] to end – 20 sts. K 1 row.

**8th dec row:** [P2tog] to end – 10 sts.

Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Join back seam, reversing seam half way on the rib for turn back. With Cd, make a pompon and attach to top of hat.



# *Jumper, Waistcoat and Leggings*



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





## Measurements

**To fit ages** 6-9 (9-12) (18-24) (24-36) months.

**Jumper: Actual measurements** 56 (59) (62.5) (66) cm/ 22 (23¼) (24½) (26) in.

**Side seam** 16.5 (19.5) (21.5) (24.5) cm/ 6½ (7¾) (8½) (9¾) in.

**Length to back** 26.5 (30) (33) (37) cm/10½ (11¾) (13) (14½) in.

**Sleeve seam** 16.5 (19.5) (21.5) (24) cm/6½ (7¾) (8½) (9½) in.

**Waistcoat: Actual measurements** 59 (62) (65) (69) cm/23¼ (24¼) (25½) (27¼) in.

**Side seam** 12 (15) (17) (20) cm/4¾ (6) (6¾) (8) in.

**Length to back neck** 25 (28) (31) (35) cm/9¾ (11) (12¼) (13¾) in.

**Leggings: Actual hip measurements** 62 (65) (68) (72) cm/24¼ (25½) (26¾) (28¼) in.

**Inside leg seam** 23.5 (26) (30) (34) cm/9¼ (10¼) (11¾) (13¼) in.

**Length** 40 (44) (49.5) (56) cm/15¾ (17¼) (19½) (22) in.

## Materials

**Jumper:** 2 (3) (3) (4) 50g (155m) balls of Sirdar Country Style DK (40% nylon, 30% wool, 30% acrylic) in Cherry (402). Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles; 6 buttons.

**Waistcoat:** 3 (3) (4) (5) 50g (155m) balls of Sirdar Country Style DK (40% nylon, 30% wool, 30% acrylic) in Cream (411). Pair of 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles.

**Leggings:** 1 (1) (1) (2) 50g (155m) ball(s) of Sirdar Country Style DK (40% nylon, 30% wool, 30% acrylic) in Cobalt (476); 1 (1) (1) (2) ball(s) in Cream (411); 1 ball in Cherry (402). Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles; waist length of 1cm-wide elastic.

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## Tension

22 stitches and 28 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 4mm needles.  
20 stitches and 28 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over loopy stitch, using 4mm needles.  
23 stitches and 28 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over coloured pattern, 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 stitch (k on right side and p on wrong side); **nil**, meaning nothing is worked here for this size; **yo**, yarn forward, yarn round needle or yarn over needle to make a st; **loop1**, insert right needle kwise in next st, [bring yarn round point of needle, then under and over first finger of left hand] twice, yarn over point of needle again and pull the 3 loops just made through the st dropping st off left needle, place these 3 loops back on to left needle and work k3tog.

## 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.

Rib another 4 rows. Cast off in rib.

**Neckband:** With right side facing and using 3¼mm needles, pick up and k9 sts down right side neck including band, k17 (17) (19) (19) sts from centre, pick up and k9 sts up left side neck including band – 35 (35) (37) (37) sts.

Beginning with a 2nd row, work 6 rows in rib as on welt. Cast off in rib.

## Front

Work as back to \*\*.

Ss another 9 (9) (11) (13) rows.

**Shape neck: Next row:** K12 (14) (15) (17), k2tog, turn and work on these 13 (15) (16) (18) sts only for left side.

**Left side:** Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 2 rows and 2 following alternate rows – 9 (11) (12) (14) sts.

Ss another 5 (7) (7) (7) rows.

Change to 3¼mm needles.

**Shoulder buttonhole band: Next row:** P1 (1) (nil) (nil), [k1, p1] to end.

**Next row:** [K1, p1] to last 1 (1) (nil) (nil) st, k1 (1) (nil) (nil). Rib 1 row.

**Buttonhole row:** Rib 2, work 2tog, yo, rib 3 (3) (4) (4), yo, work 2tog, rib nil (2) (2) (3).

Rib another 2 rows. Cast off in rib.

**Right side:** With right side facing and using 4mm needles, slip centre 15 (15) (17) (17) sts onto st holder, rejoin yarn to remaining sts, k2tog and k to end – 13 (15) (16) (18) sts.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 2 rows and 2 following alternate rows – 9 (11) (12) (14) sts.

Ss another 5 (7) (7) (7) rows.

Change to 3¼mm needles.

**Shoulder buttonhole band: Next row:** [P1, k1] 4 (5) (6) (7) times, p1 (1) (nil) (nil).

**Next row:** K1 (1) (nil) (nil), [p1, k1] to end. Rib 1 row.

**Buttonhole row:** Rib nil (2) (2) (3), work 2tog, yo, rib 3 (3) (4) (4), yo, work 2tog, rib 2.

Rib another 2 rows. Cast off in rib.

**Neckband:** With right side facing and using 3¼mm needles, pick up and k18 (19) (19) (20) sts down left side neck including band, k15 (15) (17) (17) sts from centre, pick up and k18 (19) (19) (20) sts up right side neck including band – 51 (53) (55) (57) sts. Beginning with a 2nd row, work 1 row in rib as on welt.

**Buttonhole row:** Rib 3, yo, work 2tog, rib to last 5 sts, work 2tog, yo, rib 3.

Rib another 4 rows. Cast off in rib.

## Sleeves

**(both alike)**

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 33 (35) (37) (39) sts.

Work 8 rows in rib as on welt of back.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.

## JUMPER

### Back

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 61 (65) (69) (73) sts.

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

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

Repeat last 2 rows, 3 times more.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 40 (48) (54) (62) rows.

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

Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows and 3 following alternate rows – 43 (47) (51) (55) sts. \*\*

Ss another 19 (21) (23) (25) rows.

**Shape neck: Next row:** K13 (15) (16) (18), turn and work on these sts only for right side.

**Right side:** Cast off 3 sts at beginning of next row – 10 (12) (13) (15) sts.

Change to 3¼mm needles.

**Shoulder button band: Next row:** K nil (nil) (1) (1), [p1, k1] 4 (5) (5) (6) times, p2tog – 9 (11) (12) (14) sts.

**Next row:** [K1, p1] to last 1 (1) (nil) (nil) st, k1 (1) (nil) (nil).

Rib another 4 rows. Cast off in rib.

**Left side:** With right side facing and using 4mm needles, slip centre 17 (17) (19) (19) sts onto st holder, rejoin yarn to remaining sts and k to end – 13 (15) (16) (18) sts.

Dec 1 st at end of next row.

Change to 3¼mm needles.

**Shoulder button band: Next row:** Cast off 3 sts (1 st on left needle), [k1, p1] 4 (5) (5) (6) times, k nil (nil) (1) (1) – 9 (11) (12) (14) sts.

**Next row:** K1 (1) (nil) (nil), [p1, k1] to end.



Inc 1 st at each end of next row and 4 (5) (5) (6) following 6th (6th) (7th) (8th) row(s) – 43 (47) (49) (53) sts.

Ss another 11 (13) (14) (7) rows.

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

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 3 (2) (2) (1) following 4th row(s), then on 2 (5) (6) (9) following alternate rows – 25 sts.

P 1 row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 4 rows – 17 sts. Cast off.

## To make up

Lap buttonhole band over button band on each shoulder and catch together row-ends at armhole edges. Sew in sleeves, then join side and sleeve seams. Sew on buttons. Pin out garment to the measurements given. Cover with damp clothes and leave until dry.

## WAISTCOAT

Worked in one piece to armholes.

With 4mm needles, cast on 96 (102) (108) (116) sts.

**1st row:** K.

**2nd row:** Inc kwise in first st, [loop1, k1] to last st, inc kwise in last st.

**3rd row:** Inc kwise in first st, k to last st, inc kwise in last st.

**4th row:** Inc in first st, k1, [loop1, k1] to last 2 sts, loop1, inc in last st.

The last 4 rows set position of loopy pattern.

Working extra sts into pattern as they occur, inc 1 st at each end of next 4 rows and 3 following alternate rows, then on following 4th row – 118 (124) (130) (138) sts. Pattern another 16 (24) (30) (38) rows.

**Dividing for armholes: Next row:** K26 (27) (28) (30), cast off next 7 (8) (9) (9) sts, k to last 33 (35) (37) (39) sts, cast off next 7 (8) (9) (9) sts, k to end. Work on last set of 26 (27) (28) (30) sts for left front.

**Left front:** Dec 1 st at armhole edge on next 2 rows and 3 following alternate rows – 21 (22) (23) (25) sts.

Pattern another 14 (16) (18) (20) rows.

**Shape neck:** Cast off 6 (7) (7) (8) sts at beginning of next row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 3 rows and 3 following alternate rows – 9 (9) (10) (11) sts. Pattern 3 rows.

Leave these sts on a st holder.

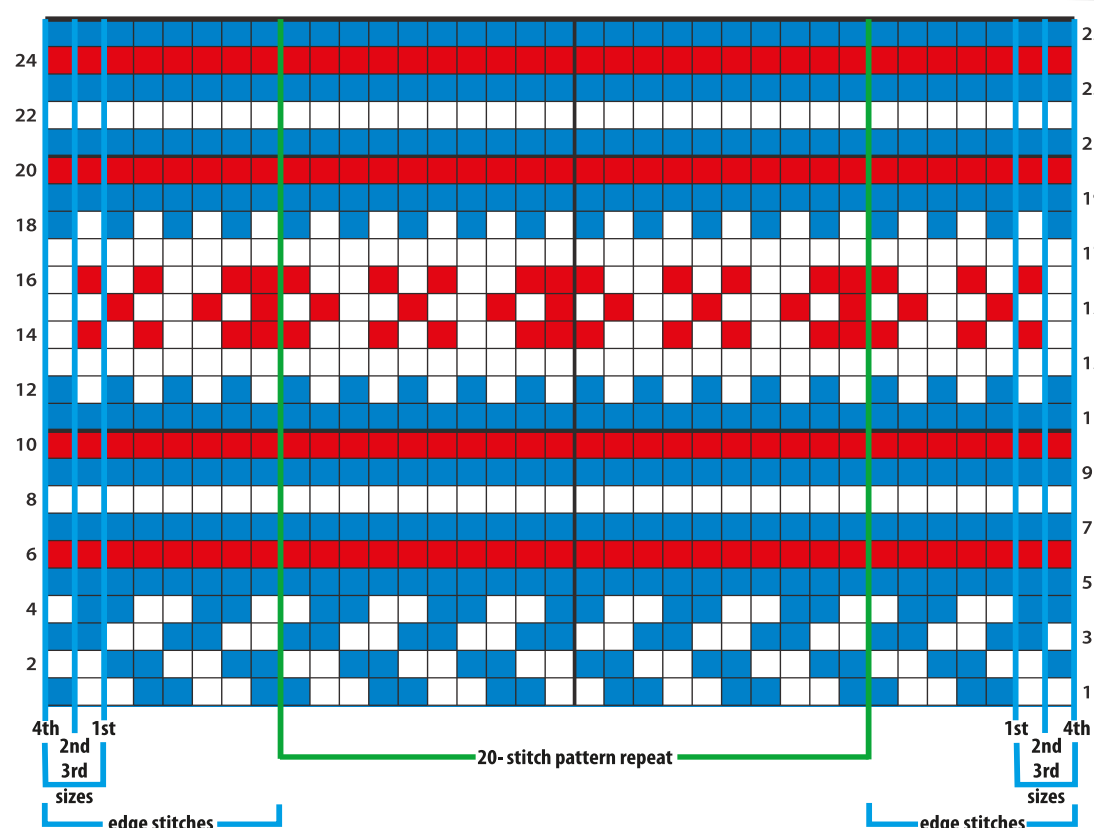
**Back:** With wrong side facing, rejoin yarn to centre 52 (54) (56) (60) sts.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows and 3 following alternate rows – 42 (44) (46) (50) sts.

Pattern another 27 (29) (31) (33) rows.

Leave remaining sts on a spare needle, but do not break off the yarn.

**Right front:** With wrong side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 26 (27) (28) (30) sts.



## Key for chart

Cobalt

Cream

Cherry

Dec 1 st at armhole edge on next 2 rows and 3 following alternate rows – 21 (22) (23) (25) sts.

Pattern another 13 (15) (17) (19) rows.

**Shape neck:** Cast off 6 (7) (7) (8) sts at beginning of next row.

Pattern 1 row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 3 rows and 3 following alternate rows – 9 (9) (10) (11) sts.

Pattern 3 rows.

Leave these sts on a spare needle.

**Join shoulders:** Return to back and place sts on spare needle back on to 4mm needle with point of needle at right armhole. With right sides of back and right front together and taking 1 st from front and 1 st from back and working them tog, cast off right shoulder sts, then cast off kwise next 24 (26) (26) (28) sts at centre of back.

With right side of back and left front together, cast off left shoulder sts in same way as right shoulder.

## LEGGINGS

**Sides (make 2):** With 4mm needles and Cobalt, cast on 48 (50) (50) (52) sts.

Change to Cherry and work 1 row in k1, p1 rib.

Change to Cobalt and work 1 row in k1, p1 rib.

Change to Cream and rib 1 row.

Change to Cobalt and rib 1 row.

Change to Cherry and rib 1 row, inc 3 sts

evenly along row – 51 (53) (53) (55) sts.

Beginning with a p row, work 5 rows in ss and pattern from chart.

Working extra sts into pattern as they occur, inc 1 st at each end of next row and 9 (10) (12) (13) following 6th rows – 71 (75) (79) (83) sts.

Pattern another 1 (3) (1) (7) row(s).

**Shape crotch:** Cast off 2 sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows and following alternate row – 59 (63) (67) (71) sts. Pattern another 32 (36) (40) (46) rows.

Continue in Cobalt.

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

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

Rib another 4 rows. Cast off in rib.

**To make up:** Join leg seams from cast-on edge to beginning of crotch shaping, then join centre-back and centre-front seams. Join ends of elastic to form a ring. Place ring along wrong side of ribbing. With Cobalt, work herringbone casing over elastic. Pin out garment to measurements given. Cover with damp cloths and leave until dry.







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



# Fair Isle Hat, Scarf and Mittens

## Measurements

**Hat and mittens:** To fit ages 2-3 (4-5) years.

**Scarf:** Approximately 18 x 131cm/ 7 x 51½in.

## Materials

**For the set:** 5 (6) 50g (112m) balls of King Cole Merino Blend DK (100% wool) in Cranberry (703); 3 balls in White (01) and 1 ball in Slate Blue (96). Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles; 8 buttons for scarf.

**You can buy this yarn online at [shop.womansweekly.com](http://shop.womansweekly.com) or call 0800 024 1212.**

## Tension

22 stitches and 25 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over colour pattern, 22 stitches and 28 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 4mm needles.

## Abbreviations

**K**, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **sl**, slip; **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **ss**, stocking stitch (k on right side and p on wrong side); **pssso**, pass sl st over; **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and k into back of it; **yf**, yarn forward to make a st; **gst**, garter st (every row k); **nil**, meaning nothing is worked here for this size.

## Note

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

## HAT

### Earflaps

(make 2)

With 3¼mm needles and Cranberry, cast on 3 sts.

**1st row (right side):** Inc kwise, k1, inc kwise – 5 sts.

**2nd row:** Inc kwise, k3, inc kwise – 7 sts.

**3rd row:** Inc kwise, k to last st, inc kwise – 9 sts. K 1 row.

Continue in gst, inc 1 st at each end of next row and 2 (3) following alternate rows – 15 (17) sts. Gst 13 (15) rows.

Break off yarn and leave sts on a st holder.

### Main part

With 3¼mm needles and Cranberry, cast on 11 (14) sts, with right side facing, k15 (17) sts of one earflap, turn, cast on 31 (37) sts, turn, with right side facing, k15 (17) sts of other earflap, turn, cast on 11 (14) sts – 83 (99) sts. K 1 row.

Stranding yarn not in use loosely across wrong side, continue in rib thus:

**1st rib row:** K1 Cranberry, [1 White, 1 Cranberry] to end.

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

**3rd rib row:** K1 Cranberry, [p1 White, k1 Cranberry] to end.

Repeat last 2 rows, once, then work 2nd rib row again. K 2 rows Cranberry.

Change to 4mm needles.

Continue in pattern, which is worked entirely in ss, beginning with a k row, so only the colour details are given.

**1st row:** All Cranberry.

**2nd row:** 1 Cranberry, [1 White, 1 Cranberry] to end.

**3rd and 4th rows:** All White.

**5th row:** 7 White, 1 Cranberry, 3 White, 1 Cranberry, [11 White, 1 Cranberry, 3 White, 1 Cranberry] to last 7 sts, 7 White.

**6th and 7th rows:** 7 White, 2 Cranberry, 1 White, 2 Cranberry, [11 White, 2 Cranberry, 1 White, 2 Cranberry] to last 7 sts, 7 White.

**8th row:** 4 White, [3 Cranberry, 1 White, 1 Cranberry, 1 White, 1 Cranberry, 1 White, 3 Cranberry, 5 White] to end, ending last repeat with 4 White instead of 5.

**9th row:** 1 White, 1 Cranberry, [3 White,

3 Cranberry, 1 White, 1 Cranberry, 1 White, 3 Cranberry, 3 White, 1 Cranberry] to last st, 1 White.

**10th row:** 1 Cranberry, 1 White, 1 Cranberry, [5 White, 3 Cranberry, 5 White, 1 Cranberry, 1 White, 1 Cranberry] to end.

**11th to 19th rows:** Work 9th row, back to the 1st row, in that reverse order.

**20th and 21st rows:** All White.

**22nd row:** 1 White, [1 Cranberry, 2 White, 1 Cranberry, 1 White, 1 Cranberry, 2 White] to last 2 sts, 1 Cranberry, 1 White.

**23rd row:** 3 Cranberry, [2 White, 1 Cranberry, 2 White, 3 Cranberry] to end.

**24th row:** As 22nd row.

**25th and 26th rows:** All White.

**27th and 28th rows:** As 1st row and 2nd rows.

**29th and 30th rows:** All White.

**31st row:** 1 White, [1 Slate Blue, 3 White] to last 2 sts, 1 Slate Blue, 1 White.

**32nd row:** All White.

**Shape crown: 1st row:** With White, k2, [sl1, k2tog, pssso, k5] to last st, k1 – 63 (75) sts.

**2nd row:** [P1 Slate Blue, 2 White] to end.

**3rd and 4th rows:** All White.

**5th row:** With White, k2tog, k1, [with Slate Blue, k2tog, with White, k1, k2tog, k1] to end – 42 (50) sts.

Continue with White only.

**6th row:** [P3tog, p1] to last 2 sts, p2tog – 21 (25) sts.

**7th row:** K1 (2), [k2tog, k1] to last 2 sts, k2tog – 14 (17) sts.

**8th row:** P nil (1), [p2tog] to end – 7 (9) sts.

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

### To make up

Join back seam. Cut six 70cm lengths of Cranberry and using 6 strands tog, attach centre of strands to cast-on edge of one earflap. Plait and knot ends. Work the other plait in the same way. Make a large pompon using all 3 colours and attach securely to top of hat.





## MITTENS

### Right mitt

With 3¼mm needles and Cranberry, cast on 33 (37) sts. K 4 rows.

**Buttonhole row:** K5, yf, k2tog, k4 (5), yf, k2tog, k7 (9), yf, k2tog, k4 (5), yf, k2tog, k5.

K 3 rows.

Work 1st to 3rd rib rows as given on hat, then work 2nd, 3rd and 2nd rib rows again.

K 2 rows Cranberry, dec 1st at centre of last of these rows – 32 (36) sts.

Change to 4mm needles.

**Next row:** K 1 row White.

**Next row:** [P 1 Cranberry, 1 White] to end. Ss 2 (4) rows Cranberry.

Stranding yarn not in use loosely across wrong side, work snowflake motif, which is worked entirely in ss, beginning with a k row, so only the colour details are given. \*\*

**1st row:** 4 (6) Cranberry, 1 White, 3 Cranberry, 1 White, 23 (25) Cranberry.

**2nd row:** 23 (25) Cranberry, 2 White, 1 Cranberry, 2 White, 4 (6) Cranberry. These 2 rows set position of the motif. Continue to work motif and shape for thumb thus:

**Shape thumb gusset: 3rd row:** 4 (6) Cranberry, 2 White, 1 Cranberry, 2 White, 6 Cranberry, with Cranberry, up1, k2, up, 15 (17) Cranberry – 34 (38) sts.

**4th row:** 22 (24) Cranberry, 3 White, 1 Cranberry, [1 White, 1 Cranberry] twice, 3 White, 1 (3) Cranberry.

**5th row:** 2 (4) Cranberry, 3 White, 1 Cranberry, 1 White, 1 Cranberry, 3 White, 4 Cranberry, with Cranberry up1, k4, up1, 15 (17) Cranberry – 36 (40) sts.

**6th row:** 28 (30) Cranberry, 3 White, 5 (7) Cranberry.

\*\*\* Work 5th row of motif, back to 1st row, in that reverse order taking care to align motif by allowing for increased sts, at the same time, inc 1 st each side of gusset on next row and 2 following alternate rows, thus completing motif – 42 (46) sts.

Continue in Cranberry only. P 1 row.

**Next row:** K15 (17), up1, k12, up1, k15 (17) – 44 (48) sts. P 1 row.

**Next row:** K29 (31), turn, p14, turn and work on these 14 sts for thumb.

**Thumb:** Ss 4 (6) rows.

**Next row:** K1, [k2tog, k1] to last st, k1 – 10 sts. P 1 row.

**Next row:** [K2tog] to end – 5 sts.

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

With right side facing, rejoin yarn to base of thumb, k15 (17), turn, p to end – 30 (34) sts. Ss 4 (8) rows.

**Shape top: Next row:** K2, [k2tog, k2] to end – 23 (26) sts. Ss 3 rows.

**Next row:** K2, [k2tog, k1] to end – 16 (18) sts. P 1 row.

**Next row:** [K2tog] to end – 8 (9) sts.

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

Join thumb seam, then join side seam.

### Left mitt

Work as right mitt to \*\*.

**1st row:** 23 (25) Cranberry, 1 White, 3 Cranberry, 1 White, 4 (6) Cranberry.

**2nd row:** 4 (6) Cranberry, 2 White, 1 Cranberry, 2 White, 23 (25) Cranberry. These 2 rows set position of the motif. Continue to work motif and shape for thumb thus:

**Shape thumb gusset: 3rd row:** 15 (17) Cranberry, with Cranberry, up1, k2, up, 6 Cranberry, 2 White, 1 Cranberry, 2 White 4 (6) Cranberry – 34 (38) sts.

**4th row:** 1 (3) Cranberry, 3 White, 1 Cranberry, [1 White, 1 Cranberry] twice, 3 White, 22 (24) Cranberry.

**5th row:** 15 (17) Cranberry, with Cranberry up1, k4, up1, 4 Cranberry, 3 White, 1 Cranberry, 1 White, 1 Cranberry, 3 White, 2 (4) Cranberry – 36 (40) sts.

**6th row:** 5 (7) Cranberry, 3 White, 28 (30) Cranberry.

Work as right mitt from \*\*\* to end.

## SCARF

### Front

With 3¼mm needles and Cranberry, cast on 20 sts.

K 14 rows.

**Increase row:** K1, [up1, k1] to end – 39 sts. Change to 4mm needles.

Stranding yarn not in use loosely across wrong side, continue in pattern, which is worked entirely in ss, beginning with a k row, so only colour details are given.

**1st row:** All Cranberry.

**2nd row:** 1 Cranberry, [1 White, 1 Cranberry] to end.

**3rd and 4th rows:** All White.

**5th row:** 9 White, 1 Cranberry, 3 White, 1 Cranberry, 11 White, 1 Cranberry, 3 White, 1 Cranberry, 9 White.

**6th and 7th rows:** 9 White, 2 Cranberry, 1 White, 2 Cranberry, 11 White, 2 Cranberry, 1 White, 2 Cranberry, 9 White.

**8th row:** 6 White, [3 Cranberry, 1 White, 1 Cranberry, 1 White, 1 Cranberry, 1 White, 3 Cranberry, 5 White] twice, 1 White.

**9th row:** 3 White, 1 Cranberry, [3 White, 3 Cranberry, 1 White, 1 Cranberry, 1 White, 3 Cranberry, 3 White, 1 Cranberry] twice, 3 White.

**10th row:** 2 White, 1 Cranberry, 1 White, 1 Cranberry, [5 White, 3 Cranberry, 5

White, 1 Cranberry, 1 White, 1 Cranberry] twice, 2 White.

**11th to 19th rows:** Work 9th row, back to the 1st row, in that reverse order.

**20th and 21st rows:** All White.

**22nd row:** 3 White, [1 Cranberry, 2 White, 1 Cranberry, 1 White, 1 Cranberry, 2 White] to last 4 sts, 1 Cranberry, 3 White.

**23rd row:** 2 White, 3 Cranberry, [2 White, 1 Cranberry, 2 White, 3 Cranberry] to last 2 sts, 2 White.

**24th row:** As 22nd row.

**25th and 26th rows:** All White.

**27th and 28th rows:** As 1st and 2nd rows.

**29th and 30th rows:** All White.

**31st row:** 3 White, [1 Slate Blue, 3 White] to end.

**32nd and 33rd rows:** All White.

**34th row:** 1 White, 1 Slate Blue, [3 White, 1 Slate Blue] to last st, 1 White.

**35th and 36th rows:** All White.

**37th row:** As 31st row.

**38th and 39th rows:** All White.

**40th row:** As 2nd row.

**41st row:** As 1st row.

**42nd row:** 1 White, [1 Cranberry, 1 White] to end.

**43rd row:** As 2nd row.

**44th row:** 1 White, [1 Cranberry, 3 White] to last 2 sts, 1 Cranberry, 1 White.

**45th and 46th rows:** All White.

These 46 rows form the pattern.

Repeat these 46 rows, twice more, then work 1st to 19th rows again. Break off yarns and leave sts on a st holder.

Work another piece in the same way but break off White and Slate Blue only.

**Joining row:** With right sides together, using Cranberry, cast off, working sts of both pieces together across row.

### Back

With 3¼mm needles and Cranberry, cast on 20 sts.

K 14 rows.

**Increase row:** K1, [up1, k1] to end – 39 sts. Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, work in ss until back measures the same as front from beginning to start of gst border, ending with a p row.

Change to 3¼mm needles.

**Dec row:** [K2tog] to last st, k1 – 20 sts. K 14 rows. Cast off.

### To make up

Press as on ball band. Join side seams, leaving cast-on and cast-off edges open. Sew 2 buttons evenly spaced at each end of back and front, to match buttonholes on mittens.



# *Polar Bear In Sweater*



Easy Peasy



**A Bit More  
Tricky**



Hard-ish



Quite A  
Challenge





## Measurements

40cm/15¾in tall.

## Materials

**Bear:** 2 x 50g (136m) balls of King Cole Cuddles DK (100% polyester) in White (1175). Oddments of DK yarn in Black. Pair of 3mm (No. 11) knitting needles; washable toy stuffing.

**Sweater:** 1 x 100g (250m) ball of King Cole Giza Cotton DK (100% cotton) in each of Merlot (67) and White (63). Pair of 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles.

**You can buy these yarns online at [shop.womansweekly.com](http://shop.womansweekly.com) or call 0800 024 1212.**

## Tension

25 stitches and 33 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 3mm needles and Cuddles.

22 stitches and 28 rows, to 10 x 10cm,

over stocking stitch, using 4mm needles and Giza.

## Abbreviations

**K**, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **k2togb**, k2tog through back of sts; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease (by taking 2 sts tog); **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **wrap1**, slip next st onto right hand needle, take yarn between needles to opposite side of work, place the slipped st back onto left hand needle, bring yarn back; **Me**, Merlot; **Wh**, White.

## Note

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

## BEAR

### Legs

**First leg:** With 3mm needles and White, cast on 30 sts.

**Shape foot: 1st row:** K10, wrap1, turn.

**2nd row:** P5, wrap1, turn.

**3rd row:** K6, wrap1, turn.

**4th row:** P7, wrap1, turn.

**5th row:** K8, wrap1, turn.

**6th row:** P9, wrap1, turn.

**7th row:** K10, wrap1, turn.

**8th row:** P11, wrap1, turn.

**Next row:** K23, wrap1, turn.

Work 2nd to 8th rows.

**Next row:** K to end. \*\*

Beginning with a p row, ss 11 rows.

**Shape heel: 1st row:** K15, wrap1, turn.

**2nd row:** P14, wrap1, turn.

**3rd row:** K13, wrap1, turn.

**4th row:** P12, wrap1, turn.

**5th row:** K11, wrap1, turn.

**6th row:** P10, wrap1, turn.

**7th row:** K9, wrap1, turn.

**8th row:** P8, wrap1, turn.

**9th row:** K7, wrap1, turn.

**10th row:** P6, wrap1, turn.

**11th row:** K5, wrap1, turn.

**12th row:** P4, wrap1, turn.

Work 11th row back to 2nd in that reverse order. Ss 34 rows across all sts. Cast off.

**Second leg:** Work as first leg to \*\*.

Beginning with a p row, ss 12 rows.

**Shape heel: 1st row:** P15, wrap1, turn.

**2nd row:** K14, wrap1, turn.

**3rd row:** P13, wrap1, turn.

**4th row:** K12, wrap1, turn.

**5th row:** P11, wrap1, turn.

**6th row:** K10, wrap1, turn.

**7th row:** P9, wrap1, turn.

**8th row:** K8, wrap1, turn.

**9th row:** P7, wrap1, turn.

**10th row:** K6, wrap1, turn.

**11th row:** P5, wrap1, turn.

**12th row:** K4, wrap1, turn.

Work 11th row back to 2nd in that reverse order. Ss 33 rows across all sts. Cast off.

Fold each foot and leg in half and join cast-on sts together, then join side of foot and inside leg seam. Stuff foot firmly and leg lightly, then oversew cast-off edge.

### Arms (make 2)

With 3mm needles and White, cast on 26 sts.

**1st row:** K8, wrap1, turn.

**2nd row:** P3, wrap1, turn.

**3rd row:** K4, wrap1, turn.

**4th row:** P5, wrap1, turn.

**5th row:** K6, wrap1, turn.

**6th row:** P7, wrap1, turn.

**7th row:** K8, wrap1, turn.

**8th row:** P9, wrap1, turn.

**9th row:** K10, wrap1, turn.

**10th row:** P11, wrap1, turn.

**Next row:** K20, wrap1, turn.

Work 2nd to 10th rows.

**Next row:** K to end.

Beginning with a p row, ss 19 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 5 following 6th rows – 14 sts.

Ss 5 rows. Cast off.

Fold each arm in half and join cast-on sts together, then join side seam. Stuff base of arms firmly easing stuffing towards top. With seam at side, oversew cast-off edge.

### Body

With 3mm needles and White, cast on 8 sts for centre of base. P 1 row.

**1st inc row:** Inc kwise in each st – 16 sts. P 1 row.

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

**3rd inc row:** [Inc in next st, k2] to end –

32 sts. P 1 row.

**4th inc row:** [Inc in next st, k3] to end – 40 sts. P 1 row.

**5th inc row:** [Inc in next st, k4] to end – 48 sts. P 1 row.

**6th inc row:** [Inc in next st, k5] to end – 56 sts. P 1 row.

**7th inc row:** [Inc in next st, k6] to end – 64 sts. P 1 row.

**Next row:** K17, place top of one leg in front of next 14 sts, [inserting needle through top of leg and next st, k1] 14 times, k2, place top of second leg in front of next 14 sts, [inserting needle through top of leg and next st, k1] 14 times, k17.

P 1 row.

**8th inc row:** [Inc in next st, k7] to end – 72 sts. Ss 3 rows.

**9th inc row:** [Inc in next st, k8] to end – 80 sts. Ss 15 rows.

**1st dec row:** [K2tog, k8] to end – 72 sts. Ss 7 rows.

**2nd dec row:** [K2tog, k7] to end – 64 sts. Ss 7 rows.

**3rd dec row:** [K2tog, k6] to end – 56 sts. Ss 5 rows.

**4th dec row:** [K2tog, k5] to end – 48 sts. Ss 3 rows.

**5th dec row:** [K2tog, k4] to end – 40 sts. Ss 3 rows. Cast off for neck edge.

Join base and back seam. Stuff body firmly. Sew tops of arms to cast-off edge at each side of body.

### Head

With 3mm needles and White, cast on 8 sts for centre of back. P 1 row.

**1st inc row:** Inc kwise in each st – 16 sts. P 1 row.

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

**3rd inc row:** [Inc in next st, k2] to end – 32 sts. P 1 row.

**4th inc row:** [Inc in next st, k3] to end – 40 sts. P 1 row.

**5th inc row:** [Inc in next st, k4] to end – 48 sts. Ss 3 rows.

**6th inc row:** [Inc in next st, k5] to end – 56 sts. Ss 3 rows.

**7th inc row:** [Inc in next st, k6] to end – 64 sts. Ss 3 rows.

**8th inc row:** [Inc in next st, k7] to end – 72 sts. Ss 19 rows.

**1st dec row:** [K2tog, k7] to end – 64 sts. Ss 3 rows.

**2nd dec row:** [K2tog, k6] to end – 56 sts. Ss 3 rows.

**3rd dec row:** [K2tog, k5] to end – 48 sts. Cast off pwise, but do not break off the yarn.

With right side facing, pick up and k48 sts along cast off row. P 1 row.

**4th dec row:** [K2tog, k4] to end – 40 sts. Ss 7 rows, dec 1 st at each end of 2nd and 5th of these rows – 36 sts.

**5th dec row:** K2tog, k1, [k2tog, k3] to last



3 sts, k3tog – 27 sts.

Ss 3 rows, dec 1 st at each end of last row – 25 sts.

**6th dec row:** K1, [k2tog, k2] to end – 19 sts.

Ss 3 rows, dec 1 st at each end of 2nd of these rows – 17 sts.

**7th dec row:** K2tog, [k1, k2tog] to end.

P 1 row.

Work 7th dec row – 7 sts. Cast off.

Fold cast-off edge in half and join.

Join row-ends together, leaving an opening. Stuff head firmly and close opening.

## Ears

(make 4)

With 3mm needles and White, cast on 10 sts for base edge.

Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.

**1st dec row:** K1, k2togb, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, once more – 6 sts.

**2nd dec row:** K1, k2togb, k2tog, k1 – 4 sts.

**3rd dec row:** P1, p2tog, p1.

K3tog and fasten off.

Join paired ear pieces together. Position and sew ears on top of head.

## Nose

With 3mm needles and Black, cast on 10 sts. Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.

**1st dec row:** K1, k2togb, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, once more – 6 sts.

**2nd dec row:** K1, k2togb, k2tog, k1 – 4 sts.

**3rd dec row:** P1, p2tog, p1.

K3tog and fasten off.

Place nose in position and secure. With

Black, embroider inverted Y for mouth.

Work tiny circle of 6 chain stitches in Black for each eye.

## SWEATER

### Back and front

(both alike)

With 4mm needles and Me, cast on 41 sts.

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

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

Rib another 4 rows.

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

**1st row (wrong side):** P with Me.

**2nd row:** K1Wh, 3Me, [1Wh, 1Me, 1Wh, 3Me] to last st, 1Wh.

**3rd row:** P1Me, [1Wh, 1Me] to end.

**4th row:** [K1Wh, 1Me] twice, [3Wh, 1Me, 1Wh, 1Me] to last st, 1Wh.

**5th row:** P2Wh, [1Me, 5Wh] to last 3 sts, 1Me, 2Wh.

Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows in Wh.

Using separate small balls of yarn for each

motif, twisting yarns together on wrong

side at joins to avoid holes, 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:** K5Wh, k across 31 sts of 1st row of chart, k5Wh.

**2nd row:** P5Wh, p across 31 sts of 2nd row of chart, p5Wh.

Continue working from chart as set until 22nd row of chart has been worked.

Ss 2 rows in Wh.

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

**1st row:** K2Wh, [1Me, 5Wh] to last 3 sts, 1Me, 2Wh.

**2nd row:** P1Wh, 3Me, [3Wh, 3Me] to last st, 1Wh.

**3rd row:** K5Me, [1Wh, 5Me] to end.

**4th row:** P in Me.

**5th row:** K2Me, 1Wh, [4Me, 1Wh, 1Me, 1Wh, 4Me, 1Wh] to last 2 sts, 2Me.

**6th row:** P1Me, 3Wh, [2Me, 2Wh, 1Me, 2Wh, 2Me, 3Wh] to last st, 1Me.

**7th row:** K2Wh, 1Me, 2Wh, [3Me, 1Wh, 3Me, 2Wh, 1Me, 2Wh] to end.

**8th row:** As 6th row.

**9th row:** As 5th row.

**10th row:** P in Me.

**11th row:** K1Wh, [1Me, 1Wh] to end.

**12th row:** P in Wh.

**Shape neck: 1st row:** [K2Me, 2Wh] 3 times, with Me, k2tog, turn and work on these 13 sts only for first side.

**First side: 2nd row:** With Me, p2tog, [p2Wh, 2Me] twice, 2Wh, 1Me – 12 sts.

**3rd row:** [K2Wh, 2Me] 3 times.

**4th row:** P in Wh. Cast off.

**Second side:** With right side facing, slip centre 13 sts onto st holder, join in yarns and with Me, k2tog, [k2Wh, 2Me] 3 times – 13 sts.

**2nd row:** P1Me, [2Wh, 2Me] twice, 2Wh, with Me, p2tog – 12 sts.

**3rd row:** [K2Me, 2Wh] 3 times.

**4th row:** P in Wh. Cast off.

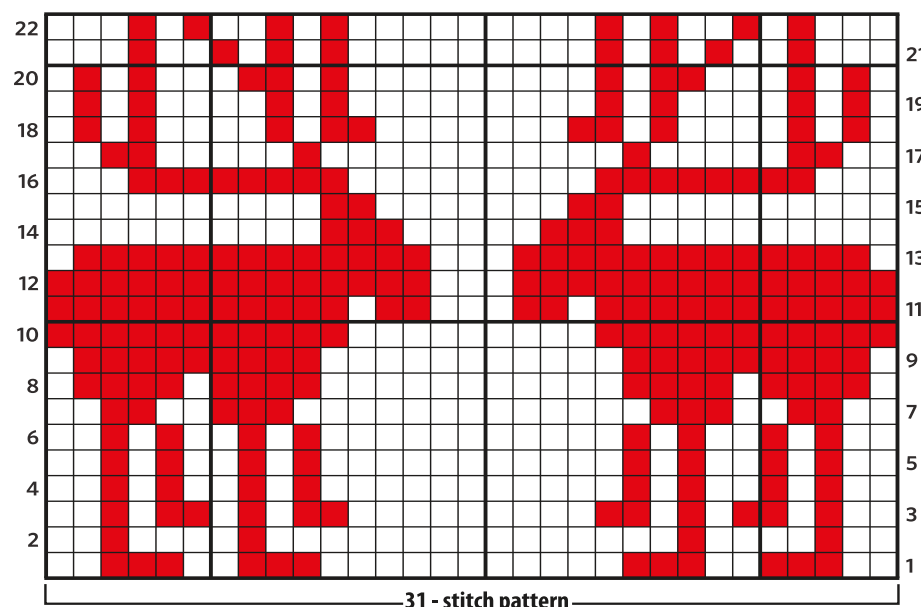
Join right shoulder seam.

**Polo collar:** With right side facing, using 4mm needles and Me, pick up and k7 sts down left front neck, k13 sts from centre front neck, pick up and k7 sts up right front neck to shoulder, 1 st from shoulder seam and 7 sts down right back neck, k13 sts from centre back, pick up and k7 sts up left back neck, inc 1 st in last st – 56 sts.

Work 12 rows in k1, p1 rib.

Cast off loosely in rib.

Join left shoulder and polo collar seam, reversing seam half way on collar for turn back.



### Key for chart



Merlot



White

## Sleeves

(both alike)

Place marker 25 rows down from shoulder seam on each side edge of front and back. With right side facing, using 4mm needles and Wh, pick up and k41 sts between markers. Stranding yarn not in use loosely across wrong side, work top border pattern thus:

**1st row:** P1Wh, [1Me, 1Wh] to end.

**2nd row:** K in Me.

**3rd row:** P2Me, 1Wh, [4Me, 1Wh, 1Me, 1Wh, 4Me, 1Wh] to last 2 sts, 2Me.

**4th row:** K1Me, 3Wh, [2Me, 2Wh, 1Me, 2Wh, 2Me, 3Wh] to last st, 1Me.

**5th row:** P2Wh, 1Me, 2Wh, [3Me, 1Wh, 3Me, 2Wh, 1Me, 2Wh] to end.

**6th row:** As 4th row.

**7th row:** As 3rd row.

**8th row:** With Me, k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog – 39 sts.

**9th row:** P4Me, 1Wh, [5Me, 1Wh] to last 4 sts, 4Me.

**10th row:** K3Me, [3Wh, 3Me] to end.

**11th row:** P1Wh, [1Me, 5Wh] to last 2 sts, 1Me, 1Wh.

Continue in ss and Wh, dec 1 st at each end of next row and 3 following 4th rows – 31 sts.

**1st row:** P3Wh, [1Me, 5Wh] to last 4 sts, 1Me, 3Wh.

**2nd row:** K2Wh, 1Me, 1Wh, 1Me, [3Wh, 1Me, 1Wh, 1Me] to last 2 sts, 2Wh.

**3rd row:** P1Wh, [1Me, 1Wh] to end.

**4th row:** With Wh, k2tog, k3Me, [1Wh, 1Me, 1Wh, 3Me] to last 2 sts, with Wh, k2tog – 29 sts.

Continue in Me only. P 1 row.

Work 6 rows in rib as on back and front.

Cast off in rib.

## To make up

Join side and sleeve seams. Place sweater on body of bear and insert arms into sleeves.

Sew bear head to open neck edge of body.



# Capelet



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Tricky**



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## Measurements

**To fit ages** 4-6 (7-9) (10-12) years.

**Actual measurements around base**

97 (106) (112) cm/38 (41¾) (44) in.

**Length** 34 (37) (40) cm/13½ (14½) (15¾) in.

## Materials

2 (3) (3) 100g (236m) balls of Sirdar Supersoft Aran (100% acrylic) in Rarin`Red (907). Pair of 4mm (No. 8) and 5mm (No. 6) knitting needles; cable needle; 4 buttons.

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## Tension

17 stitches and 26 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over garter stitch ridge pattern, 18 stitches and 32 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over

moss stitch, 10-stitch cable panel measures 4cm across, using 5mm needles.

## Abbreviations

**K**, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and k into the back of it; **c6b**, cable 6 back (slip next 3 sts onto cable needle and leave at back, k3, then k3 from cable needle).

## Note

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## Main piece

(worked sideways)

With 5mm needles, cast on 51 (55) (59) sts.

**1st row:** For moss st k1, [p1, k1] 5 (6) (7) times, for cable panel p2, k6, p2, for garter st ridge pattern k14 (16) (18), p2, [k3, p2] twice, k4.

**2nd row:** P4, [k2, p3] twice, k2, for garter st ridge pattern p14 (16) (18), for cable panel k2, p6, k2, for moss st k1, [p1, k1] 5 (6) (7) times.

**3rd row:** K1, [p1, k1] 5 (6) (7) times, p2, c6b, p2, k14 (16) (18), p2, [k3, p2] twice, k4.

**4th row:** As 2nd row.

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

**6th row:** P4, [k2, p3] twice, k18 (20) (22), p6, k3, [p1, k1] 5 (6) (7) times.

**7th row:** As 1st row.

**8th row:** As 6th row.

These 8 rows form pattern.

Repeat these 8 rows, 27 (30) (32) times more, then work 1st to 4th rows again. Cast off in pattern.

## Yoke

With right side facing and moss stitch part uppermost, using 5mm needles, pick up and k160 (175) (185) sts along row-ends of main piece.

**1st rib row:** K1, p3, [k2, p3] to last st, k1.

**2nd rib row:** P1, [k3, p2] to last 4 sts, k3, p1. Rib another 3 (3) (7) rows.

**1st row:** P1, [k2tog, k1, p2] to last 4 sts, k2tog, k1, p1 – 128 (140) (148) sts.

**2nd row:** K1, p2, [k2, p2] to last st, k1.

**3rd row:** P1, k2, [p2, k2] to last st, p1.

**4th row:** As 2nd row.

**5th row:** P1, [k2, p2tog] to last 3 sts, k2, p1 – 97 (106) (112) sts.

**6th row:** K1, [p2, k1] to end.

**Shape neck: Next row:** K2tog, k1, p1, [k2, p1] to last 3 sts, k1, k2tog.

**Next row:** P2tog, [k1, p2] to last 3 sts, k1,

p2tog.

**Next row:** P2tog, [k2, p1] to last 4 sts, k2, p2tog.

**Next row:** P2tog, p1, [k1, p2] to last 4 sts, k1, p1, p2tog – 89 (98) (104) sts.

**Next row:** K2, [p1, k2] to end.

**Next row:** P2, [k1, p2] to end.

Repeat last 2 rows until yoke measures 9 (10) (11) cm from picked up row, ending with a right side row.

**Next row:** P2, k1, [p2tog, k1] to last 2 sts, p2 – 61 (67) (71) sts. Cast off in rib.

## Right front border

With right side facing and using 4mm needles, pick up and k50 (55) (58) sts along cast-on edge of main part and 9 (9) (11) sts along yoke to beginning of neck shaping – 59 (64) (69) sts.

**1st rib row:** [P3, k2] to last 4 sts, p4.

**2nd rib row:** K4, [p2, k3] to end.

Rib another 2 rows.

**Buttonhole row:** Rib 3, cast off 2 sts, rib 18 (20) (23) sts more, cast off 2 sts, rib to end.

**Next row:** Rib to end, casting on 2 sts over those cast off in previous row.

Rib another 9 (11) (13) rows.

**Buttonhole row:** Rib 33 (36) (38), cast off 2 sts, rib 18 (20) (23) sts more, cast off 2, rib to end.

**Next row:** Rib to end, casting on 2 sts over those cast off in previous row.

Rib another 4 rows. Cast off in rib.

## Left front border

With right side facing, using 4mm needles, pick up and k9 (9) (11) sts along yoke from beginning of neck shaping to picked up row, then 50 (55) (58) sts along cast-off edge of main part – 59 (64) (69) sts.

**1st rib row:** P4, [k2, p3] to end.

**2nd rib row:** [K3, p2] to last 4 sts, k4.

Rib another 19 (21) (23) rows.

Cast off in rib.

## Collar

With right side facing, using 4mm needles and beginning halfway across right front border, pick up and k23 (24) (25) sts evenly along right side neck, 57 (65) (73) sts along cast-off edge of yoke, 23 (24) (25) sts evenly along left side neck, ending halfway across left front border – 103 (113) (123) sts.

**1st rib row:** K3, [p2, k3] to end.

**2nd rib row:** P3, [k2, p3] to end.

Repeat last 2 rows, until collar measures 7 (8) (9) cm, ending with a 1st row.

**Next row:** P3, [k2, p3] 6 (7) (8) times, k1, up1, k1 [p3, k1, up1, k1] 7 times, [p3, k2] 6 (7) (8) times, p3 – 111 (121) (131) sts.

Cast off loosely in rib.

## To make up

Sew on buttons. Pin out garment to the measurements given. Cover with damp cloths and leave until dry.



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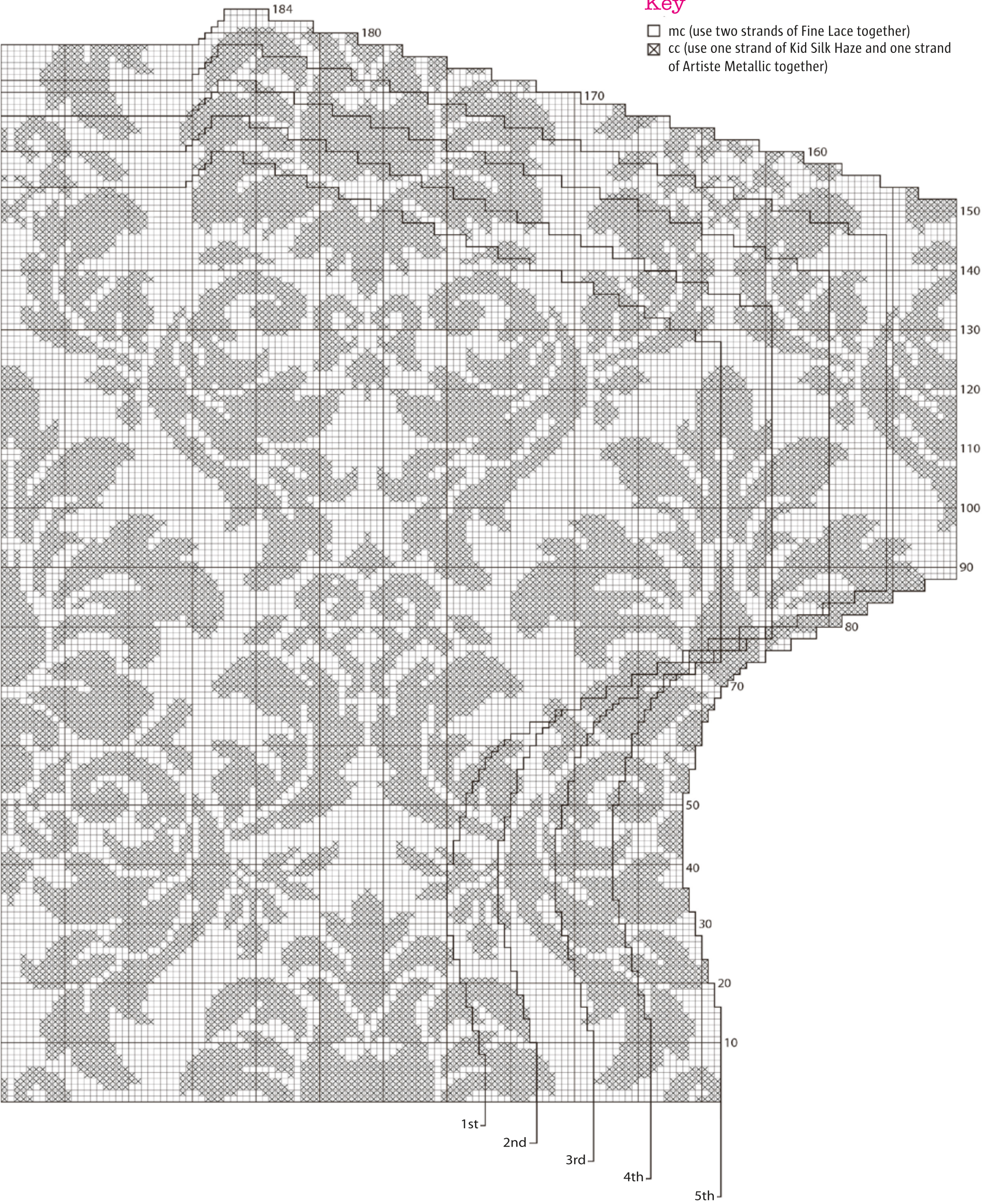




BACK CHART









# Brocade-motif top

## Measurements

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

(102-107) (112-117) (122-127) cm/32-34 (36-38) (40-42) (44-46) (48-50) in.

**Actual measurements** 96 (106) (118) (130) (144) cm/37¾ (41¾) (46½) (51¼) (56¾) in.

**Side seam** 19 (20.5) (21) (22.5) (23) cm/ 7½ (8) (8½) (8¾) (9) in.

**Length to centre back neck** 51 (53) (55) (57) (59) cm/20 (21) (21¾) (22½) (23¼) in.

**Sleeve seam All sizes** 12cm/4¾in.

## Materials

3 (4) (4) (5) (5) 50g (400m) balls of Rowan Fine Lace (80% alpaca, 20% wool) in Gunmetal (929); 3 (4) (4) (4) (5) 25g (210m) balls Rowan Kid Silk Haze (70% mohair, 30% silk) in Steel (664) and 7 (7) (8) (9) (11) 25g (100m) balls of Anchor Artiste Metallic (80% viscose, 20% polyester) in Mid Grey (324); oddments of spare yarn in the same weight for cast-on edges. Pair of 3¼in (No. 10) knitting needles; 2¾mm (No. 12) 80cm long circular knitting needle and a set of four long 2¾mm (No. 12) double-pointed knitting needles.

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## Tension

31 stitches and 30 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over pattern, using 3¼mm needles using two strands together (see abbreviations).

## Abbreviations

**K**, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts together); **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **nil**, meaning nothing is worked here for this size; **mc**, main colour (use two strands of Fine Lace together throughout); **cc**, contrast colour (use one strand in Kid Silk Haze and one strand of Artiste Metallic together throughout).

## 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

Using 3¼mm needles and spare yarn, cast on 149 (165) (183) (201) (223) sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 3 rows.

Join in mc and p 1 row.

Stranding yarn not in use loosely across wrong side over no more than 4 sts at a

time, work pattern from chart thus:

**1st row:** Reading chart from right to left, k76 (84) (93) (102) (113) sts of 1st row of chart on page 26, then k73 (81) (90) (99) (110) sts of 1st row of chart on page 26.

**2nd row:** Reading chart from left to right, p73 (81) (90) (99) (110) sts on 2nd row of chart on page 26, then p76 (84) (93) (102) (113) sts of 2nd row of chart on page 27.

Continue in pattern from chart, dec 1st at each end of next row and 5 following 4th rows – 137 (153) (171) (189) (211) sts.

Pattern another 11 (13) (13) (15) (15) rows. Taking extra sts into pattern as they occur, inc 1 st at each end of next row and 3 following 4th rows. Work 1 row. Inc 1 st at each end of next row and following alternate row – 149 (165) (183) (201) (223) sts. Pattern 1 row.

**Shape for sleeves:** Inc 1st at each end of next 4 rows – 157 (173) (191) (209) (231) sts. Cast on 3 sts at beginning of next 2 rows, 4 sts at beginning of following 10 rows and 5 sts at beginning of next 4 rows – 223 (239) (257) (275) (297) sts.

Pattern another 50 (52) (56) (58) (62) rows.

**Shape shoulders:** Cast off 4 (5) (5) (6) (6) sts at beginning of next 10 (26) (12) (26) (8) rows and 5 (nil) (6) (nil) (7) sts at beginning of following 16 (nil) (14) (nil) (18) rows – 103 (109) (113) (119) (123) sts.

**Shape back neck: Next row:** Cast off 5 (5) (6) (6) (7) sts, pattern another 18 (21) (21) (24) (24) sts, turn and work on these 19 (22) (22) (25) (25) sts for right side neck.

**Right side neck: 1st row:** Dec, pattern to end.

**2nd row:** Cast off 5 (6) (6) (7) (7) sts, pattern to last 2 sts, dec.

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

**Left side neck:** With right side facing, slip centre 55 (55) (57) (57) (59) sts onto a st holder, rejoin yarns to remaining 24 (27) (28) (31) (32) sts, pattern to end.

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

**Next row:** Dec, pattern to end.

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

**Next row:** Dec, pattern to end – 10 (12) (12) (14) (14) sts.

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

Pattern 1 row. Cast off.

## Front

Work as back until 124 (130) (134) (140) (144) rows of pattern have been worked.

**Divide for neck: Next row:** Pattern 96 (104) (113) (122) (133) sts, turn and work on these sts for left side neck.

**Left side neck:** Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 3 (3) (5) (5) (7) rows – 93 (101) (108) (117) (126) sts.

**1st, 3rd and 5th sizes only: Shape shoulder:**

Cast off 4 (5) (6) sts at beginning of next row and 4 (5) (3) following alternate rows, at the same time, dec 1 st at neck edge on first 7 (5) (3) of these rows, then on the 1 (3) (2) following alternate row(s) – 65 (70) (97) sts. Work 1 row. Cast off 5 (6) (7) sts at beginning of next row and 6 (5) (7) following alternate rows, at the same time, dec 1 st at neck edge on first of these rows, then on the 2 (1) (3) following alternate row(s) and 2 following 4th rows – 25 (30) (35) sts. Pattern 1 row.

Cast off 5 (6) (7) sts at beginning of next row and 3 following alternate rows – 5 (6) (7) sts. Pattern 1 row. Cast off.

**2nd and 4th sizes only: Shape shoulder:** Cast off 5 (6) sts at beginning of next row and 11 following alternate rows, at the same time, dec 1st at neck edge on first 7 (5) of these rows, then on the 4 (5) following alternate rows and 2 following 4th rows – 28 (33) sts. Work 1 row.

Cast off 5 (6) sts beginning of next row and following alternate row. Work 1 row.

Cast off 6 (7) sts at beginning of next row and following alternate row – 6 (7) sts.

Work 1 row. Cast off.

**All sizes: Right side neck:** With right side facing, slip 31 sts at centre front onto a st holder, rejoin yarns to remaining sts, pattern to end – 96 (104) (113) (122) (133) sts. Pattern 1 row. Complete as left front neck.

## Neckband

Join shoulder and upper sleeve seams. With right side facing, using three out of set of four 2¾mm double-pointed needles and mc, pick up and k36 (36) (38) (38) (40) sts down left front neck, k31 sts at centre front, pick up and k36 (36) (38) (38) (40) sts up right front neck, 5 sts down right back neck, k55 (55) (57) (57) (59) sts at centre back, then pick up and k5 sts up left back neck – 168 (168) (174) (174) (180) sts. **Picot edging:** With 4th needle, cast off 1 st, [slip st on right-hand needle back onto left-hand needle, cast on 2 sts, then cast off 4 sts] to end. Fasten off.

## Sleeve edgings (both alike)

First join underarm seams and side seam to spare yarn sections.

With right side facing, using three out of set of four 2¾mm double-pointed needles and mc, pick up and k94 (100) (106) (112) (118) sts evenly around sleeve edge.

Work picot edging as given for neckband.

## Hem edging

Carefully remove spare yarn from cast-on edge on back and front and beginning at left side edge, slip sts onto 2¾mm circular needle – 298 (330) (366) (402) (446) sts. With right side facing, work picot edging thus: Cast off 1 st, [slip st on right point of needle onto left point of needle, cast on 2 sts, then cast off 4 sts] to end. Fasten off.



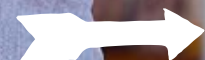
# Man Of The Moment

With its neat contemporary look, you'd never guess this polo pattern is a Sixties' vintage...



We're really lucky to have such a rich back catalogue of fantastic *Woman's Weekly* knitting and crochet patterns. This stylish man's sweater originally featured in the 4 November 1967 issue

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## Measurements

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

**Actual measurements** 96 (102) (107) (112) (118) (123) (128.5) cm/37¾ (40) (42) (44) (46½) (48½) (50½) in.

**Side seam All sizes** 45cm/17¾in.

**Length to centre back neck** 65 (66) (67) (68) (69) (70) (71) cm/25½ (26) (26½) (26¾) (27¼) (27½) (28) in.

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

## Materials

11 (12) (12) (13) (13) (14) (14) 50g (120m) balls of Sublime Superfine Alpaca DK (100% alpaca) in Soft Grey (433). Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles; a cable needle.

**You can buy this yarn online at [shop.womansweekly.com](http://shop.womansweekly.com) or call 0800 024 1212.**

## Tension

22 stitches and 28 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch and 18-stitch cable panel

measures 6cm, when slightly stretched, using 4mm needles.

## Abbreviations

**K**, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **sl**, slip; **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts together); **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and p into back of it; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **cr6b**, cross 6 back (sl next 4 sts onto cable needle and leave at back, k2, then p2 and k2 from cable needle); **cr6f**, cross 6 front (sl next 2 sts onto cable needle and leave at front, k2, p2, then k2 from cable needle); **nil**, meaning nothing is worked here for this size.

## Note

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

## Sleeves (both alike)

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 45 (45) (47) (47) (51) (53) (53) sts.

Work 17 rows in rib as given on back.

**Increase row:** P5 (5) (6) (6) (5) (4) (4), up1, [p5 (5) (5) (4) (6) (5) (5), up1] to last 5 (5) (6) (5) (4) (4) (4) sts, p to end – 53 (53) (55) (57) (59) (63) (63) sts. Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.

Inc 1 st at each end of next row and 12 (2) (5) (11) (12) (12) (18) following 6th (4th) (4th) (4th) (4th) (4th) (4th) rows, then on the 3 (15) (13) (9) (9) (9) (5) following 8th (6th) (6th) (6th) (6th) (6th) (6th) rows – 85 (89) (93) (99) (103) (107) (111) sts.

Continue straight until sleeves measures 46 (47) (47) (47) (48) (48) (48) cm from beginning, ending with a p row.

**Shape top:** Cast off 5 (6) (7) (7) (8) (9) (10) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and nil (1) (2) (1) (2) (3) (4) following 4th row(s) – 73 (73) (73) (81) (81) (81) (81) sts.

Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 10 (9) (7) (9) (7) (5) (4) following alternate rows – 51 (53) (57) (61) (65) (69) (71) sts. Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 8 (8) (8) (10) (10) (10) (10) rows – 35 (37) (41) (41) (45) (49) (51) sts.

**Shape for saddle shoulder extension:** Cast off 7 (8) (10) (10) (12) (14) (15) sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 21 sts.

**1st row:** K3, [p2, k2, p2, k3] twice.

**2nd row:** P3, [k2, p2, k2, p3] twice.

Repeat last 2 rows until saddle shoulder extension fits, when slightly stretched along cast-off sts of shoulder, ending with the 2nd row, dec 1 st at each end of last row – 19 sts. Leave these st on a st holder.

## Polo collar

Sew row-ends of saddle shoulder extensions along cast-off sts of shoulders on back and front, leaving left back saddle free.

With right side facing and using 3¼mm needles, k19 sts of left saddle extension, pick up and k10 sts down left front neck, k24 (26) (26) (28) (28) (30) (30) sts at centre front, dec 3 sts evenly, pick up and k10 sts up right front neck, k19 sts of right saddle extension, then k34 (36) (36) (38) (38) (40) (40) sts at back neck, dec 3 sts evenly – 110 (114) (114) (118) (118) (122) (122) sts.

**Rib row:** [K1, p1] to end.

Repeat rib row until polo collar measures 17cm from picked-up row.

Cast off loosely in rib.

## To make up

Join left back saddle, and polo collar seam, reversing seam on polo collar to allow for foldback. Sew sleeves into armholes. Join side and sleeve seams.

## Back

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 107 (113) (119) (125) (131) (137) (143) sts.

**1st rib row:** K2, [p1, k1] to last 3 sts, p1, k2.

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

Repeat these 2 rows, 7 times more, then work 1st row again.

**Increase row:** P5 (2) (5) (8) (5) (8) (5), up1, [p8 (9) (9) (9) (10) (10) (11), up1] to last 6 (3) (6) (9) (6) (9) (6) sts, p to end – 120 (126) (132) (138) (144) (150) (156) sts.

Change to 4mm needles.

**1st row:** K19 (21) (23) (26) (28) (30) (33), p2, [k2, p2] 4 times, \* k14 (15) (16) (16) (17) (18) (18), p2, [k2, p2] 4 times, work from \* once, k to end.

**2nd row:** P19 (21) (23) (26) (28) (30) (33), k2, [p2, k2] 4 times, \* p14 (15) (16) (16) (17) (18) (18), k2, [p2, k2] 4 times, work from \* once, p to end.

**3rd to 16th rows:** Repeat last 2 rows, 7 times more.

**17th row:** K19 (21) (23) (26) (28) (30) (33), p2, cr6b, p2, cr6f, p2, \* k14 (15) (16) (16) (17) (18) (18), p2, cr6b, p2, cr6f, p2, work from \* once, k to end.

**18th row:** As 2nd row.

These 18 rows form the pattern.

Continue in pattern until back measures 45cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

**Shape armholes:** Keeping pattern correct, cast off 5 (6) (7) (7) (8) (9) (10) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 (3) (3) (5) (5) (5) (5) rows and 4 (4) (4) (3) (3) (3) (3) following alternate rows – 96 (100) (104) (108) (112) (116) (120) sts. \*\*

Continue straight until armholes measure 17 (18) (19) (20) (21) (22) (23) cm, ending with a wrong side row.

**Shape shoulders:** Cast off 8 (8) (9) (9) (9) (10) (10) sts at beginning of next 6 rows and 7 (8) (7) (8) (10) (8) (10) sts at beginning of following 2 rows – 34 (36) (36) (38) (38) (40) (40) sts.

Leave these sts on a st holder.

## Front

Work as back to \*\*.

Continue straight until armholes measure 6 rows less than back to shoulder shaping, ending with a wrong side row.

**Divide for neck: Next row:** Pattern 36 (37) (39) (40) (42) (43) (45) sts, turn and work on these sts for left front neck.

**Left front neck:** Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 5 rows – 31 (32) (34) (35) (37) (38) (40) sts.

**Shape shoulder:** Cast off 8 (8) (9) (9) (9) (10) (10) sts at beginning of next row and 2 following alternate rows – 7 (8) (7) (8) (10) (8) (10) sts. Pattern 1 row.

Cast off.

**Right front neck:** With right side facing, sl centre 24 (26) (26) (28) (28) (30) (30) sts onto a st holder, rejoin yarn to remaining 36 (37) (39) (40) (42) (43) (45) sts, pattern to end.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 5 rows – 31 (32) (34) (35) (37) (38) (40) sts.

Pattern 1 row.

**Shape shoulder:** Cast off 8 (8) (9) (9) (9) (10) (10) sts at beginning of next row and 2 following alternate rows – 7 (8) (7) (8) (10) (8) (10) sts. Pattern 1 row.

Cast off.



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# Step Into Christmas Patterns

## Crocheted Stocking

### Measurements

Approx 35.5cm/14in from heel to top edge and 25cm/10in from heel to toe.

### Materials

1 x 50g (125m) ball of DMC Woolly (100% wool) in each of Turquoise (074), Orange (03), White (01) and Red (52). Size 4.00 crochet hook; 80cm of 4cm wide organza ribbon.

**You can buy this yarn online at [shop.womansweekly.com](http://shop.womansweekly.com) or call 0800 214 1212.**

### Tension

One hexagon measures approximately 12cm from point to point, using 4.00 hook.

### Abbreviations

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

### Note

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

### Hexagons

With 4.00 hook and Turquoise, make 6ch, join with a slst to form a ring.

**1st round:** 3ch (counts as 1tr), work 17tr in ring, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 18 sts. Fasten off.

**2nd round:** Join Red to space between any two tr, 3ch (counts as 1tr), work 2tr, 1ch and 3tr in same place as join, [miss next 3tr, work 3tr, 1ch and 3tr all in next space between tr] 5 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch. Fasten off.

**3rd round:** Join White to any 1chsp, 3ch (counts as 1tr), work 2tr, 1ch and 3tr in same place as join, [miss next 3tr, 3tr in next space between tr, work 3tr, 1ch and 3tr in next 1chsp] 5 times, miss next 3tr, 3tr in space between tr, slst in 3rd of 3ch. Fasten off.

**4th round:** Join Red to space after last 3tr group of 3rd round, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in each of next 3 sts, 3dc in corner chsp, [1dc in each of next 9 sts, 3dc in corner

chsp] 5 times, 1dc in each of next 6 sts, slst in first dc. Fasten off.

Make 2 more hexagons in same colours.

Make another 3 hexagons, using Turquoise, Orange, White, Red.

Make another 3 hexagons, using Red, Orange, White, Red.

Make another 3 hexagons, using Red, Turquoise, White, Red.

Make another 3 hexagons, using Orange, Red, White, Red.

Make another 2 hexagons, using Orange, Turquoise, White, Red.

### To make up

Press hexagon pieces. With right sides facing, using photo as guide and alternating

motifs, begin at top edge with two motifs at front and one at back and join these three motifs together for first round. With one motif at front and two at back, join another three motifs together for second round, then join second round to first round. Join another three motifs together as given for first round and sew to second round. Join two motifs together and sew to back for heel. Join another three motifs together as given for first round and sew to heel and front edge – 3 motifs remain.

Sew one motif to front edge for toe and two motifs to back for sole. Thread ribbon through top edge at back, tie in a bow and trim ends into points.





# Father Christmas Advent Calendar

## Measurements

Father Christmas 29cm/11½in high.

## Materials

**Father Christmas:** 1 x 50g (130m) ball of Rico Design Essentials Cotton DK (100% cotton) in each of Cherry Red (04), White (80) and Black (90). Size 3.00mm crochet hook; 1 small white button (optional); washable toy stuffing.

**Advent sacks:** 2 x 50g (130m) balls of Rico Design Essentials Cotton DK (100% cotton) in Cherry Red (04); 1 ball in each of Silver (03), Dark Teal (40), Aqua (95) and White (80). Size 3.00mm crochet hook; 24 small white buttons; set of self-adhesive numbers (optional).

**You can buy this yarn online at [shop.womansweekly.com](http://shop.womansweekly.com) or call 0800 024 1212.**

## Tension

20 stitches and 16 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over half treble pattern, using 3.00 hook.

## Abbreviations

**Ch**, chain; **htr**, half treble; **st**, stitch; **yrh**, yarn round hook; **htr2tog**, half treble 2 together ([yrh, insert hook in next st, yrh and draw loop through] twice, yrh and draw through all 5 loops on hook); **slst**, slip stitch.

## Note

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

## Father Christmas

### Body

**1st round:** With 3.00 hook and Cherry Red, make 3ch, work 7htr in 3rd ch from hook, slst in top ch – 8 sts.

**2nd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, [2htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 16 sts.

**3rd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in next st, [2htr in next st, 1htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 24 sts.

**4th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 2 sts, [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 2 sts] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 32 sts.

**5th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 3 sts, [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 3 sts] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

**6th round:** As 5th round – 50 sts.



**7th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 4 sts, [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 4 sts] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 60 sts.

**8th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

**9th to 12th rounds:** As 8th round.

**13th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in each of next 4 sts, htr2tog] to last 3 sts, 1htr in each of last 3 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 50 sts.

**14th round:** As 8th round.

**15th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in each of next 3 sts, htr2tog] to last 2 sts, 1htr in each of last 2 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 40 sts.

**16th and 17th rounds:** As 8th round.

**18th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in each of next 3 sts, htr2tog] to last 2 sts, 1htr in each of last 2 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 32 sts.

**19th round:** As 8th round.

**20th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in each of next 2 sts, htr2tog] to last st, 1htr in last st, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 24 sts.

**21st and 22nd rounds:** As 8th round.

**23rd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in next st, htr2tog] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 16 sts. Stuff body.

**24th round:** 2ch (does not count as a st), 1htr in next st, [htr2tog] to end, slst in first htr – 8 sts. Fasten off.

### Head

**1st round:** With 3.00 hook and White, make 3ch, work 7htr in 3rd ch from hook, slst in top ch – 8 sts.

**2nd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, [2htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 16 sts.

**3rd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in next st, [2htr in next st, 1htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 24 sts.

**4th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base

of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 2 sts, [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 2 sts] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 32 sts.

**5th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

**6th and 7th rounds:** As 5th round.

Fasten off White, join Cherry Red.

**Hat: 8th round:** As 5th round.

Stuff head lightly from lower edge to last White round.

**9th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in each of next 6 sts, htr2tog] to last 5 sts, 1htr in each of last 5 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 28 sts.

**10th round:** As 5th round.

**11th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in each of next 5 sts, htr2tog] to last 4 sts, 1htr in each of last 4 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 24 sts.

**12th round:** As 5th round.

**13th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in each of next 4 sts, htr2tog] to last 3 sts, 1htr in each of last 3 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 20 sts.

**14th round:** As 5th round.

**15th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in each of next 3 sts, htr2tog] to last 2 sts, 1htr in each of last 2 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 16 sts.

**16th round:** As 5th round.

**17th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in each of next 2 sts, htr2tog] to last st, 1htr in last st, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 12 sts.

**18th round:** As 5th round.

**19th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in next st, htr2tog] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 8 sts.

**20th round:** 2ch (does not count as a st), 1htr in next st, [htr2tog] to end, slst in first htr – 4 sts. Fasten off.

**Hat bobble: 1st round:** With 3.00 hook and White, make 3ch, work 7htr in 3rd ch from hook, slst in top ch – 8 sts.

**2nd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next





st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

Stuff lightly.

**3rd round:** 2ch (does not count as a st), 1htr in next st, [htr2tog] to end, slst in first htr – 4 sts. Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Sew to top of hat.

**Hat band:** With 3.00 hook and White, make 36ch and taking care not to twist length of ch, slst in first ch to form a ring.

**1st round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next ch] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Place hat band around hat and sew lower edge to last White row on head. Bend over top of hat and secure in place with a couple of stitches. Sew head to top of body.

With Black, embroider eyes and nose.

For beard, cut 17cm lengths of White and knot around front of face as shown in photograph.

## Arms

(make 2)

**1st round:** With 3.00 hook and White, make 3ch, work 7htr in 3rd ch from hook, slst in top ch – 8 sts.

**2nd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in next st, [2htr in next st, 1htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 12 sts.

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

**4th round:** As 3rd round.

Fasten off White, join in Cherry Red.

**5th to 11th rounds:** As 3rd round.

Fasten off leaving a long tail.

**Arm cuff:** With 3.00 hook and White, make 16ch and taking care not to twist length of ch, slst in first ch to form a ring.

**1st round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next ch] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Place arm cuff around arm and sew lower edge to last White row. Stuff quite firmly, flatten top and sew to sides of body.

## Legs

(make 2)

**1st round:** With 3.00 hook and Black, make 3ch, work 7htr in 3rd ch from hook, slst in top ch – 8 sts.

**2nd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, [2htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 16 sts.

**3rd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in each of next 5 sts, [2htr in next st] 4 times, 1htr in each of last 6 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 20 sts.

**4th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

**5th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in each of next 5 sts, [htr2tog] 4 times, 1htr in each of last 6 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 16 sts.

**6th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in each of next 5 sts, [htr2tog] twice, 1htr in each of last 6 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 14 sts.

**7th and 8th rounds:** As 4th round.

Fasten off Black, join in Cherry Red.

**9th to 14th rounds:** As 4th round.

Fasten off leaving a long tail.

**Boot cuff:** With 3.00 hook and White, make 18ch and taking care not to twist length of ch, slst in first ch to form a ring.

**1st round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next ch] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 18 sts.

Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Place boot cuff around leg and sew lower edge to top of last Black row. Stuff quite firmly, flatten top and sew to front on 6th round of Body, leaving a 6-st gap between legs.

## Advent garland

### Sacks

**1st round:** With 3.00 hook and Cherry Red, make 3ch, work 7htr in 3rd ch from hook, slst in top ch – 8 sts.

**2nd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, [2htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 16 sts.

**3rd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base

of 2ch, 1htr in next st, [2htr in next st, 1htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 24 sts.

**4th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 2 sts, [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 2 sts] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 32 sts.

**5th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 3 sts, [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 3 sts] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 40 sts.

**6th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

**7th round:** As 6th round.

**8th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), [htr2tog] twice, 1htr in each of next 16 sts, [htr2tog] twice, 1htr in each of next 15 sts, slst into 2nd of 2ch – 36 sts.

**9th to 11th rounds:** As 6th round.

**12th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, 1htr in each of next 16 sts, htr2tog, 1htr in each of next 15 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 34 sts.

**13th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch, work 8ch for button loop, slst in same place as last slst. Fasten off.

Make another 5 sacks in Cherry Red, then 5 in Silver, 5 in Dark Teal, 5 in Aqua and 3 in White.

## To complete

Using matching colour, sew a button to top of each sack opposite button loop. Attach one number, from 1 to 24, to each sack or embroider numbers in chain stitch using contrast yarns. Button sacks together to form garland.

If desired, sew a button to underside of Father Christmas's right hand and make 8ch loop in White at underside of left hand. Button Father Christmas's hand to sack's garland in desired position.





# Pegs and Tag Motifs



## Measurements

Each motif measures approximately 3cm/1in wide.

## Materials

1 x 50g (130m) ball Rico Design Essentials Cotton DK (100% cotton) in each of Silver (03), Blue (33) and Red (07). Size 2.00 and 2.50 crochet hooks; Rico Design My Hobby Pegs (08481.00.90), gift tags; Anita's Tacky Glue.

**You can buy this yarn, plus pegs and glue online at [shop.womansweekly.com](http://shop.womansweekly.com) or call 0800 024 1212.**

## Abbreviations

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

## Note

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

## Heart motif

With 2.00 hook and Silver or Blue or Red, make 7ch.

**1st round:** 4dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc in next ch, miss 2ch, 1dc in next ch, 4dc in last ch, now work along other side of ch thus: 1dc in next ch, work 1dc, 2ch and 1dc in 2chsp, 1dc in last ch, slst in first dc – 14dc.

**2nd round:** 1ch (counts as 1dc), 1dc in base of ch, 2dc in each of next 2dc, 1dc in next dc, slst in space between next 2dc, miss 1dc, 1dc in next dc, 2dc in each of next 3dc, 1dc in each of next 2dc, work 1dc, 2ch and 1dc in



2chsp, 1dc in each of last 2dc, slst in 1ch – 20dc.

Fasten off and neaten ends.

Using Blue for Silver heart, Red for Blue heart, or Silver for Red heart, embroider a round of blanket stitch around motif.

Glue heart to peg or gift tag.

## Star motif

**1st round:** With 2.50 hook and Silver or Blue or Red, 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 10dc in ring, slst in first dc, pull end of yarn tightly to close ring.

**2nd round:** [3ch, 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1htr in next ch, miss 1dc, slst in next dc] 4 times, 3ch, 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1htr in next ch, miss 1dc, slst in first of 3ch. Fasten off.

Using Blue for Silver star, Red for Blue star, or Silver for Red star, embroider a round of blanket stitch around motif.

Glue star to peg or gift tag.

# Christmas Fairy

## Measurements

28cm/11in tall, excluding halo.

## Materials

1 x 50g (130m) ball of Rico Design Essentials Cotton DK (100% cotton) in each of Red (02) and Nature (51); small amount of DK yarn in Light Brown; embroidery thread in each of Brown and Gold.

Pair of 3mm (No. 11) knitting needles; size 3.00 crochet hook. Small amount of washable toy stuffing; 10 x 30cm piece of cotton fabric with Christmas print for skirt; 8 x 16cm piece of polyester fabric for wings; waist length of shirring elastic; sewing threads matching DK yarn, skirt and wing fabrics; fabric glue; pinking shears; tweezers for stuffing small pieces; red colouring pencil; 15cm-deep strip of thin card.

**You can buy this yarn online at [shop.womansweekly.com](http://shop.womansweekly.com) or call 0800 024 1212.**

## Abbreviations

**K**, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **k2togb**, k2tog through back of sts; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **rss**, reverse stocking st (p on right side and k on wrong side).

## Note

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

## Body and head

**Body:** With 3mm needles and Red, cast on 14 sts. P 1 row.

**Inc row:** K twice in each st to end – 28 sts. Beginning with a p row, ss 25 rows.

**1st dec row:** K4, k2togb, k2, k2tog, k8, k2togb, k2, k2tog, k4 – 24 sts. P 1 row.

**2nd dec row:** K4, k2togb, k2tog, k8, k2togb, k2tog, k4 – 20 sts. P 1 row.

Change to Nature.

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

**Head: 1st inc row:** [K twice in next st] to end – 20 sts. P 1 row.

**2nd inc row:** [K twice in next st, k1] to end – 30 sts. Ss 13 rows.

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

**2nd dec row:** [K2tog] to end – 10 sts. P 1 row.



Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends and stuff head and body firmly. With this seam at centre back, join cast-on edge together. Run length of Nature through last dec row on body, pull up lightly to draw in neck and fasten off.

## Legs (make 2)

With 3mm needles and Nature, cast on 8 sts. Beginning with a k row, ss 38 rows. Using separate lengths of yarn for each coloured area and twisting yarns together on wrong side at joins, work shoe thus:

**Next row:** K3Red, 2Nature, 3Red.

**Next row:** P3Red, 2Nature, 3Red.

Continue in Red only, ss 6 rows.

**Next row:** [K2tog] to end – 4 sts.

Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends and stuff legs firmly. With seam at centre back, sew top of legs to base of body. Embroider shoe strap with single straight stitch in Red.

## Arms (make 2)

With 3mm needles and Nature, cast on 4 sts.

**Next row:** K twice in each st to end – 8 sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 25 rows.

Change to Red. K 1 row.

Beginning with a k row, rss 4 rows.

**Shape top:** Dec 1 st at each end of next row and following alternate row – 4 sts.

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

join row-ends to beginning of top shaping. Stuff arms firmly and sew tops to sides of body.

## Hair

Wind Light Brown 24 times around thin card, making sure that strands do not overlap.

With matching sewing thread, stitch lengths together at one end, working stitches through the yarn rather than under each loop and fasten off.

Work other side in same way and pull out the card. Place one seamed edge in the centre at top of head, with loose end at front and sew in position. Take the loose strands round head, bringing other seamed edge to centre of head with loose end at front, overlapping the first edge slightly and sew in position. Secure the loose ends at front in position for fringe. Lift the hair away from head and spread fabric glue around back and sides of head about halfway down. Beginning at centre back, carefully place folded strands back on head, making sure there are no gaps between strands and leave to dry.

## Facial features

Using brown embroidery thread and winding yarn twice, work French knot for each eye and single straight stitch for mouth. Using red colouring pencil, lightly blush cheeks.

## Skirt

With pinking shears trim bottom of skirt fabric. Join short ends together. Fold 5mm



of top edge over and press. Fold top edge again 1cm from previous fold and slip stitch in position, leaving small opening. Thread length of shirring elastic through hem and tie ends together. Close opening. Place skirt on fairy and secure in position with few stitches at back and front.

## Wings

Round of corners on polyester fabric. Turn 5mm of outer edges and stitch the hem. Fold the edge again and slip stitch hem in position. Sew a running thread down the centre of wings, pull up tightly and secure. Sew centre of wings to back of fairy.

## Halo

With 3.00 hook and gold embroidery thread, make 28 chain and slip stitch in first chain to form ring.

Place ring at back, slightly below top of head and sew lower edge in position.

# Pompom Wreath

## Measurements

To fit a polystyrene wreath measuring approx 35cm/13¾in diameter.

## Materials

1 x 100g (295m) ball of Stylecraft Special DK (100% acrylic) in each of White (1001) Matador (1010), Meadow (1065), Lime (1712) and Pomegranate (1083). A 35cm polystyrene wreath; 1m x 50cm muslin fabric; 1m x 2cm-wide red ribbon; sharp scissors; a strip of card approx 6 x 20cm; sewing needle and thread; a wool needle; UHU glue (optional).

**You can buy this yarn online at [shop.womansweekly.com](http://shop.womansweekly.com) or call 0800 024 1212.**

## Note

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate.

## Pompoms

Wind yarn around the strip of cardboard about 110 times, or more for large pompom and cut ends. Push this bunch of yarn off the card, keeping it tidy and together.

Tie a separate, long double length of yarn lightly around the middle of the bunch and repeat, so it's nice and tight. Holding the tie carefully cut ends to shape but do not cut tie. The pompom will look a bit dishevelled, so give it a good all-over trim to even it out to desired size.

Make 16 pompoms approximately 5cm diameter, in each of the 5 shades.

## Wreath

To cover wreath, using polystyrene wreath as template, fold fabric in half and allowing 1.5cm for seam, cut shape to match wreath. With right sides together, join inside edge seam. Press to flatten seam, then with right side facing, wrap fabric around wreath and join outside edge seam. Thread loose ends



of yarn from pompoms through wool needle and sew securely to cover, packing pompoms tightly together and adding a little glue to hold in place if required. Pass ribbon through hole at centre of wreath, bringing ends out to tie into a bow at outer edge. Using spare length of yarn, make a twisted cord of approximately 10cm long. Knot ends together and sew to back of wreath for hanging loop.





# Knitted Sampler

## Measurements

Approximately 24.5cm/9¾in wide and 23.5cm/9¼in high.

## Materials

1 x 50g (125m) ball of DMC Woolly (100% wool) in each of White (001), Green (081), Turquoise (074), Red (052) and Teal (072). A pair of 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles. An appropriate picture frame.

**You can buy this yarn online at [shop.womansweekly.com](http://shop.womansweekly.com) or call 0800 024 1212.**

## Tension

30 stitches and 28 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over pattern, using 4mm needles.

## Abbreviations

**K**, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side).

## KEY FOR CHART

|                                                                                     |                 |                                                                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
|  | White (001)     |  | Red (052)  |
|  | Green (081)     |  | Teal (072) |
|  | Turquoise (074) |                                                                                     |            |

## To make

With 4mm needles and White, cast on 74 sts. Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows. Stranding yarn when not in use loosely across wrong side over no more than 4 sts at a time and reading right side (k) rows from right to left and wrong side (p) rows from

left to right, work pattern from chart thus:

**1st row:** K across 1st row of chart.

**2nd row:** P across 2nd row of chart.

Continue working from chart as set until 63rd row of chart has been worked.

With White, p 1 row. Cast off.

Neaten ends. Press and add to picture frame.





# KNITTING WORKSHOP

Learn about the basic stitches with our simple step-by-step guide.  
Then enjoy practising your new skills with the project on page 47

## Knit Stitch Library



Heart decoration



Winter sun decoration



## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

The stitch used here is garter stitch, with beads worked in for sparkle. Single increases and decreases are used to create bold, cookie-cutter shapes.



### Yarn

DMC Natura Just Cotton (100% cotton) in Ibiza (N01), using 2¾mm (No. 12) knitting needles.

### Other materials

Round plastic beads PB9. Spray starch and fine florist's wire.

### Abbreviations

**K**, knit; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **ssk**, slip, slip, knit (slip the next st knitwise, followed by 2nd st, insert left-hand

needle from back to front in these 2 sts and k2tog); **gst**, garter stitch (k every row); **bd1**, bead one (for explanation, see page 45); **yo**, yarn forward and over needle to make a st.

### Note

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

## Heart

This is a simple symmetrical shape, with an odd number of stitches becoming an even number to form the top.

Thread 4 beads on the yarn (for explanation, see page 45).  
Cast on 2 sts.

**1st row (right side):** K1, yo, k1 – 3 sts.

**2nd row and every following alternate row:** K, working each yo through the back of loop.

**3rd row:** K1, [yo, k1] twice – 5 sts.

**5th row:** K1, yo, k3, yo, k1 – 7 sts.

**7th row:** K1, yo, k5, yo, k1 – 9 sts.

Continue to increase in this way on 5 right-side rows – 19 sts.

**19th row:** K9, bd1, k9.

On wrong-side rows work bead st through the back of loop.

Work 3 rows gst.

**23rd row:** K7, bd1, k3, bd1, k7.

Work 3 rows gst.

**27th row:** As 19th row.

Work 3 rows gst.

**31st row:** K10, yo, k9 – 20 sts.

Work 1 row gst.

**33rd row:** K1, k2tog, k4, ssk, k1, turn.

Continue on these 8 sts only.

\* Work 1 row gst.

**35th row:** K1, k2tog, k2, ssk, k1 – 6 sts.

Work 1 row gst.

**37th row:** K1, k2tog, ssk, k1 – 4 sts.

**38th row (wrong side):** Cast off knitwise.

Right side facing, rejoin yarn to inner end of remaining sts and k1, k2tog, k4, ssk, k1.

Work from \* to end.

### To make up

Avoiding the beads, damp press on right side. Spray starch, wipe starch from beads, iron and leave to dry flat. Attach length of florist's wire by threading through stitches on the wrong side, twist the ends closed and trim.

## Winter sun

The centre is actually an octagon but the edging makes it into a circle.

Thread 4 beads on the yarn (for explanation, see page 45).  
Cast on 7 sts.

**1st row:** K1, yo, k5, yo, k1 – 9 sts.

**2nd row and every following alternate row:** K, working each yo through the back of loop.

**3rd row:** K1, yo, k7, yo, k1 – 11 sts.

**5th row:** K1, yo, k9, yo, k1 – 13 sts.

**7th row:** K1, yo, k11, yo, k1 – 15 sts.

**9th row:** K.

**11th row:** K7, bd1, k7.

On wrong-side rows work bead st through the back of loop.

**13th row:** K.

**15th row:** K5, bd1, k3, bd1, k5.

**17th row:** K.

**19th row:** As 11th row.

**21st row:** K1, k2tog, k9, ssk, k1 – 13 sts.

**23rd row:** K1, k2tog, k7, ssk, k1 – 11 sts.

**25th row:** K1, k2tog, k5, ssk, k1 – 9 sts.

**27th row:** K1, k2tog, k3, ssk, k1 – 7 sts.

Cast off knitwise (wrong side).

Right side facing, pick up and k one st from an edge st between gst ridges, transfer this st to left-hand needle, \* cast on 3 sts, cast off 3 sts, miss one gst ridge, pick up and k one st from edge, slip st already on needle over this st then transfer new st to left-hand needle; repeat from \*, working in alternate sts along cast-on and cast-off edges. (For a detailed explanation of this picot edge, see page 46). Fasten off last st.

### To make up

Avoiding the beads, damp press on right side. Spray starch, wipe starch from beads, iron and leave to dry flat. Attach a length of florist's wire by threading it through stitches on the wrong side, twist the ends closed and trim.



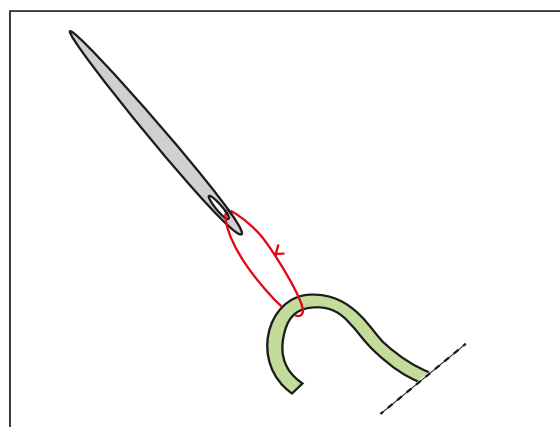


# Knitting Class

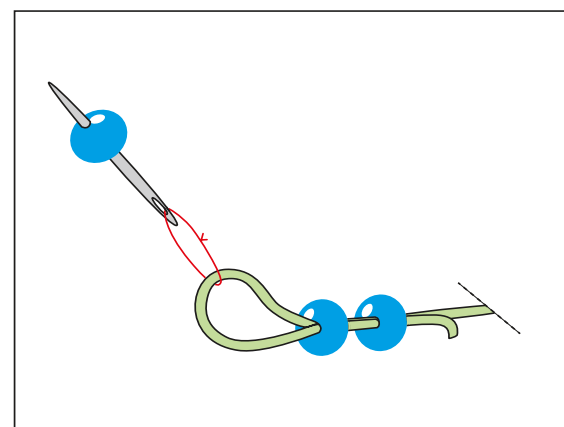
Only a few beads are used in these designs, but here is an explanation of exactly how to knit with them. Another decorative effect explained here is a picot cast-off

## Beading

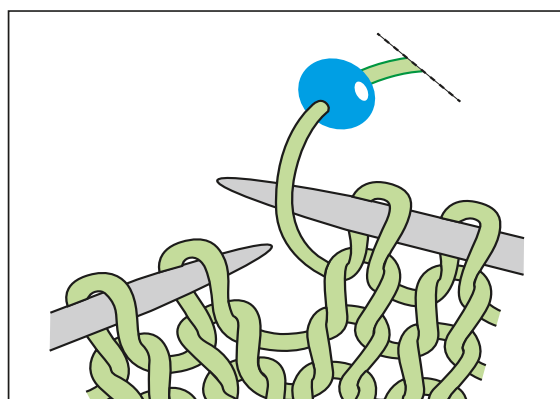
The important thing to remember about this technique is that the beads must be threaded on to the yarn before starting to knit.



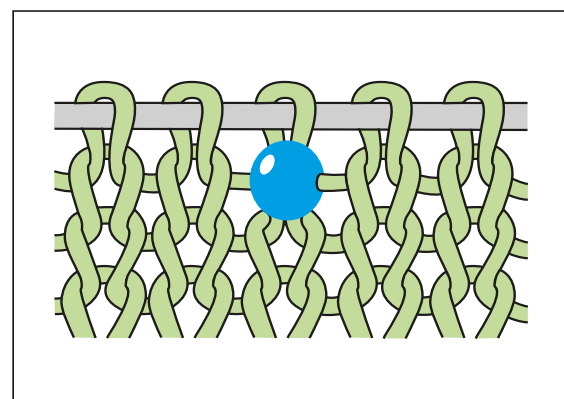
**1** The knitting yarn needs to sit snugly in the bead, so it will probably be too thick to pass through the bead doubled up in the eye of a knitter's sewing needle. In this case make a loop of sewing thread in a sewing needle and take the end of the yarn through the loop.



**2** Take the sewing needle through each bead then slide the bead over the thread and along the doubled knitting yarn until the estimated number of beads sit on the single yarn from the ball.



**3** Knit to the stitch where the bead is to be placed, bring the yarn to the front of the work and slide the bead along the yarn and close to the right-hand needle. Here it is shown with stocking stitch for clarity.



**4** Slip the 'bead' stitch purlwise then take the yarn to the back, so that the bead is sitting close to the work in front of the slipped stitch.

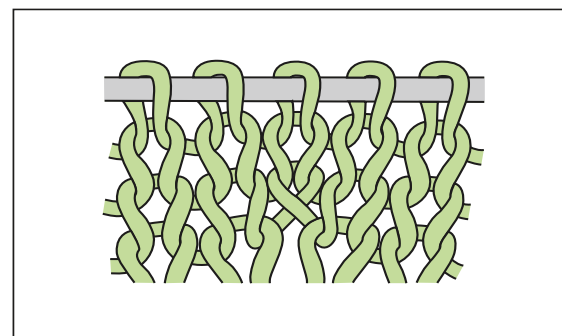
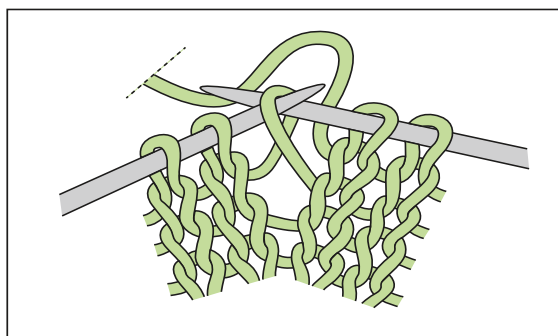
Diagrams: Winnie Ong





## Knitting in the back of the loop

Instead of inserting the right-hand needle in the front strand of a stitch to knit it in the usual way, it can be inserted in the back strand to produce a tighter twisted stitch.

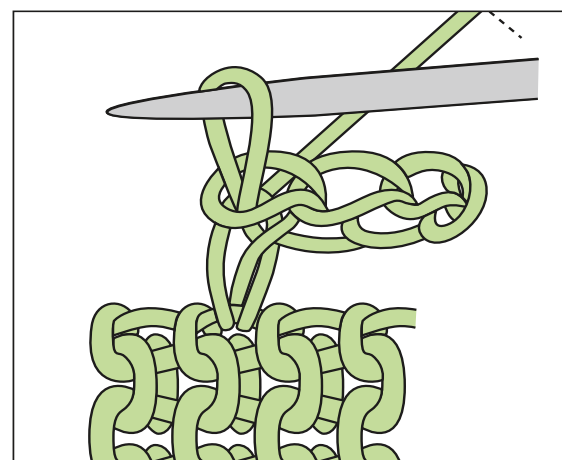
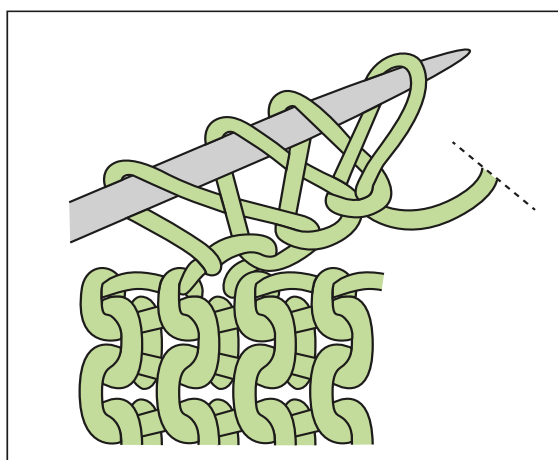


**1** One way to make a neat increase is to work a yarn over on one row (shown in stocking stitch for clarity).

**2** On the next row, knit this new stitch through the back of the loop to close up the hole that would be made if you knitted the stitch in the usual way.

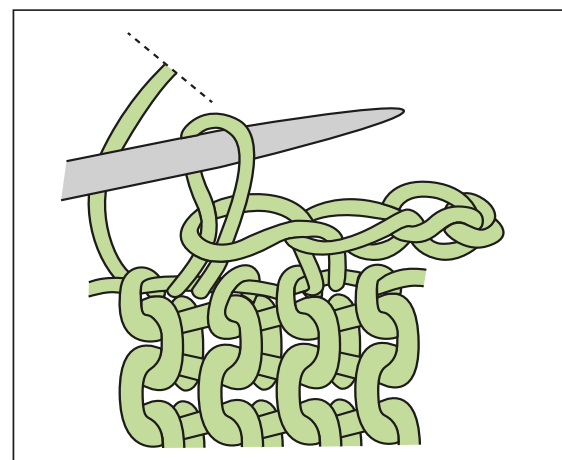
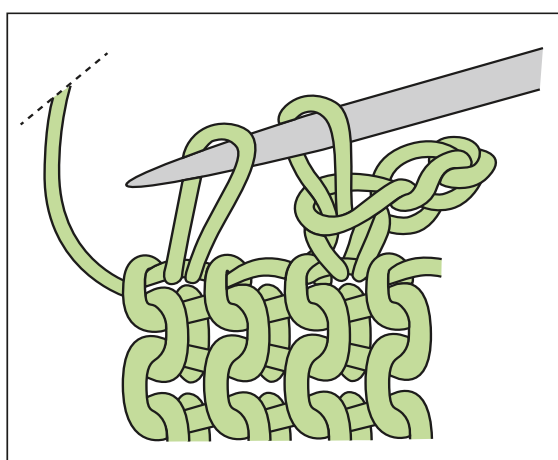
## Picot cast-off

Increasing a few stitches before casting off these and an additional stitch or two makes a very decorative edge. It's shown here worked along garter stitch edge. This is the method used to edge the winter sun on page 44.



**1** Pick up st and slip this stitch on to the left-hand needle and cast on 3 stitches.

**2** Cast off the 3 stitches just made.



**3** Miss one garter stitch ridge, pick up and knit one stitch.

**4** Slip the stitch already on the needle over this stitch, then transfer the new stitch to the left-hand needle.



## Knitting Project

# Flight Of Fancy

A butterfly may not be the first thing you think of at Christmas. But as you can see, our handmade creature with frosty bead detail looks gorgeous amongst festive greenery





The butterfly is the most ambitious of the knitted decorations, but take it one step at a time and you will have a treasure for years to come

### Measurement

Approximately 10cm/4in across.

### Materials

1 x 50g (155m) ball of DMC Natura Just Cotton (100% cotton) in Ibiza (N01). Pair of 2¾mm (No. 12) knitting needles. Plastic round beads PB9; fine florist's wire, spray starch, sewing needle and sewing thread.

**You can buy this yarn online at [shop.womansweekly.com](http://shop.womansweekly.com) or call 0800 024 1212.**

PB9 round beads in packets of 100 are available from Creative Beadcraft Ltd, call 01494 778818.

### Tension

25 stitches, to 10cm, over garter stitch, using 2¾mm needles, pressed.

### Abbreviations

**K**, knit; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **gst**, garter stitch (every row k); **ssk**, slip, slip knit (slip each of the next 2 sts knitwise then slip them back on to the left-hand needle and knit them together through the back of the loops; **bd1**, bead one (for explanation, see page 45); **yo**, yarn forward and over needle to make a stitch.

### Note

Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket. When casting on and off, leave yarn ends long enough to sew up with.



## Upper wings

### (make 2)

Thread 3 beads on the yarn (for explanation, see page 45).

Cast on 5 sts.

Work 4 rows gst.

**5th row:** K1, yo, k3, yo, k1 – 7 sts.

**6th row and every following alternate row:** K, working each yo through the back of loop.

**7th row:** K.

**9th row:** K1, yo, k5, yo, k1 – 9 sts.

**11th row:** K.

**13th row:** K1, yo, k7, yo, k1 – 11 sts.

**15th row:** K5, bd1, k5.

On wrong-side rows work each bead st through the back of loop.

**17th row:** K1, yo, k9, yo, k1 – 13 sts.

**19th row:** K4, bd1, k3, bd1, k4.

**21st row:** K1, k2tog, k7, ssk, k1 – 11 sts.

**23rd row:** K1, k2tog, k5, ssk, k1 – 9 sts.

**25th row:** K1, k2tog, k3, ssk, k1 – 7 sts.

**26th row (wrong side):** Cast off 3 sts, transfer st from right-hand to left-hand needle, cast on 2 sts, cast off 6 sts. (For more explanation of a picot cast-off, see page 46).

## Lower wings

### (make 2)

Cast on 2 sts.

Work 2 rows gst.

**3rd row:** K1, yo, k1 – 3 sts.

**4th row and every following alternate row:** K, working each yo through the back of loop.

**5th row:** K.

**7th row:** K1, [yo, k1] twice – 5 sts.

**9th row:** K.

**11th row:** K1, yo, k3, yo, k1 – 7 sts.

**13th row:** K.

**15th row:** K1, yo, k5, yo, k1 – 9 sts.

**17th row:** K1, k2tog, k3, ssk, k1 – 7 sts.

**19th row:** K1, k2tog, k1, ssk, k1 – 5 sts.

**20th row (wrong side):** Cast off knitwise.

## Body

Cast on 12 sts. Work 6 rows gst. Cast off.

## To make up

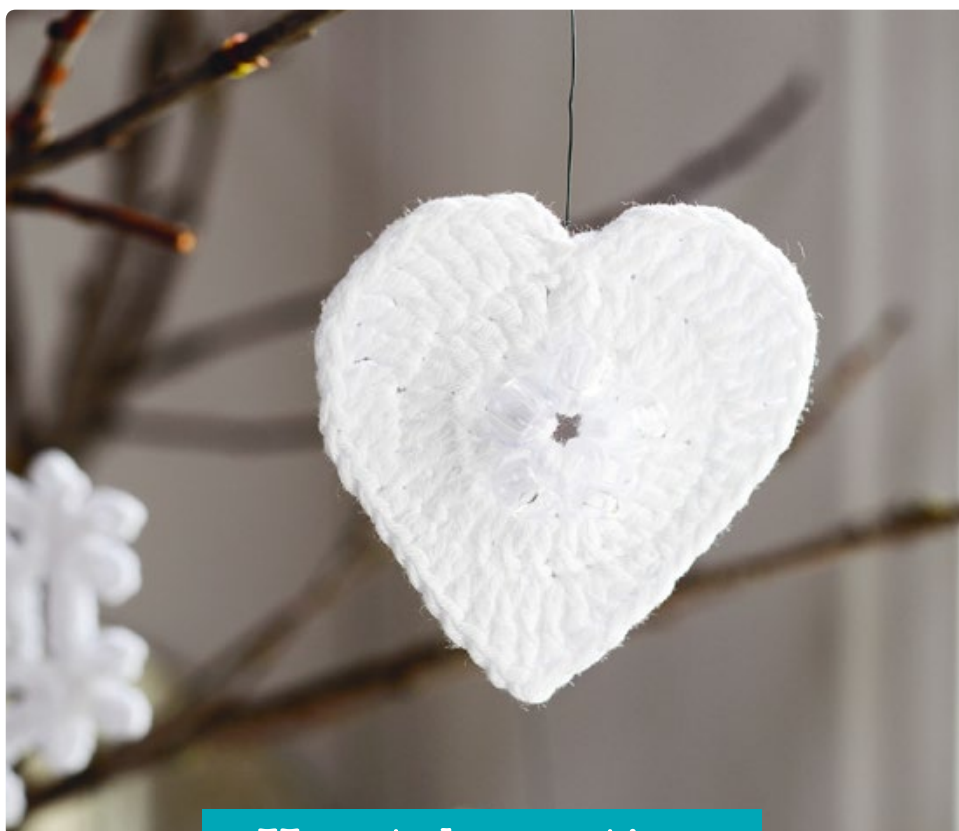
Fold body lengthways and join cast-on and cast-off edges. Join cast-on edges of upper wings and lower wings. Catch down lower wings underneath upper wings. Join to the underside, sew body to two pairs of wings and make a stitch around it near the top to indicate the head. Avoiding beads, damp press on the right side. Spray starch, wipe starch from beads, iron carefully and dry flat. Attach length of florist's wire by threading it through stitches on the wrong side of upper wings, twist the ends closed and trim.



# CROCHET WORKSHOP

Learn about the basic stitches with our simple guide, then turn to page 53 for a project that will show off your new skills beautifully

## Crochet Stitch Library



Heart decoration



Christmas rose decoration



## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

There are no fancy stitches in these decorations, although working with beads may take a little practice.

### Yarn

Rico Design Essentials Cotton DK (100% cotton) in White (080), using 2.50 crochet hook.

### Other materials

Clear plastic pony beads PB6, spray starch and fine florist's wire.

### Abbreviations

**Ch**, chain; **dc**, double crochet; **st**, stitch; **tr**, treble; **dtr**, double

treble; **dtr cl**, double treble cluster (see instructions); **htr**, half treble; **slst**, slip stitch; **bd1**, bead one (for explanation, see page 52).

### Note

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



## Heart

Make a slip ring (see page 51).

**1st round:** Into ring work 3ch, 2tr, bd1, [3tr, bd1] 4 times, pull on free yarn end to close ring, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 20 sts.

**2nd round:** 3ch, 2tr in next st, [1tr in next st, 2tr in next st] 9 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 30 sts.

**3rd round:** 3ch, 1tr in next tr, [2dtr in next tr, 1dtr in next tr] twice, 2tr in next tr, 1tr in next tr, 1htr in next tr, 1dc in each of next 3tr, 1htr in next tr, 2tr in next tr, 2dtr in next tr, 2ch, 2dtr in next tr, 2tr in next tr, 1htr in next tr, 1dc in each of next 3tr, 1htr in next tr, 1tr in next tr, 2tr in next tr, [1dtr in next tr, 2dtr in next tr] twice, 1tr in next tr, 3ch, slst in last tr. Fasten off.

### To make up

Avoiding the beads, damp press on right side. Spray starch, wipe starch from beads, iron and leave to dry flat. Attach length of florist's wire by threading through stitches on the wrong side, twist the ends closed and trim.

## Christmas rose

Make a slip ring (see page 51).

**1st round:** Into ring work 3ch, 2tr, bd1, [3tr, bd1] 4 times, pull on free yarn end to close ring, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 20 sts.

**2nd round:** 3ch, 2tr in next st, [1tr in next st, 2tr in next st] 9 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 30 sts.

**3rd round:** 4ch, dtr cl in next 3tr (without completing the last wrap of each stitch, make 1dtr in each of the next 3 sts, yarn round hook, pull it through all 4 loops on hook), 4ch, slst in next tr, [slst in next tr, 4ch, dtr cl in next 3tr, 4ch, slst in next tr] 5 times, slst in slst of previous round. Fasten off.

### To make up

Avoiding the beads, damp press on right side. Spray starch, wipe starch from beads, iron and leave to dry flat. Attach a length of florist's wire by threading it through stitches on the wrong side, twist the ends closed and trim.



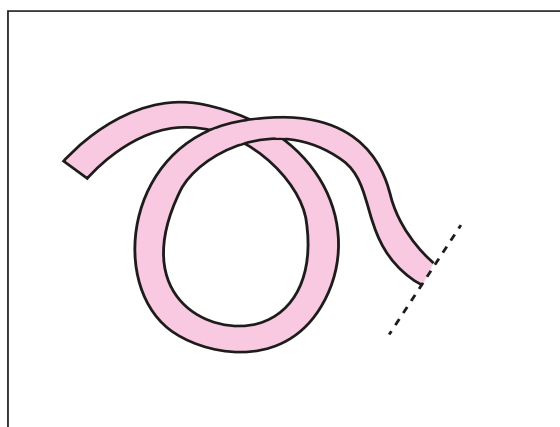


## Crochet Class

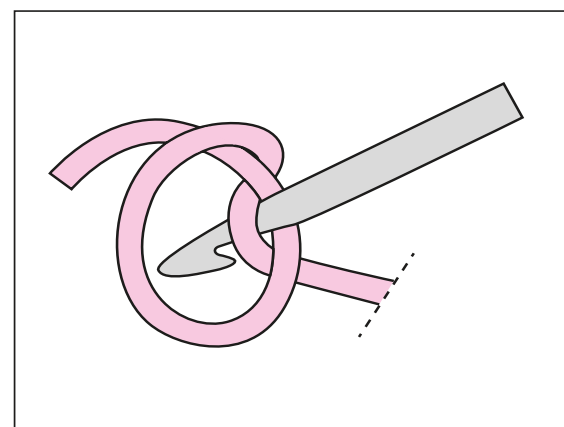
Extend your skills by learning this method of working beads into your crochet

### Slip ring

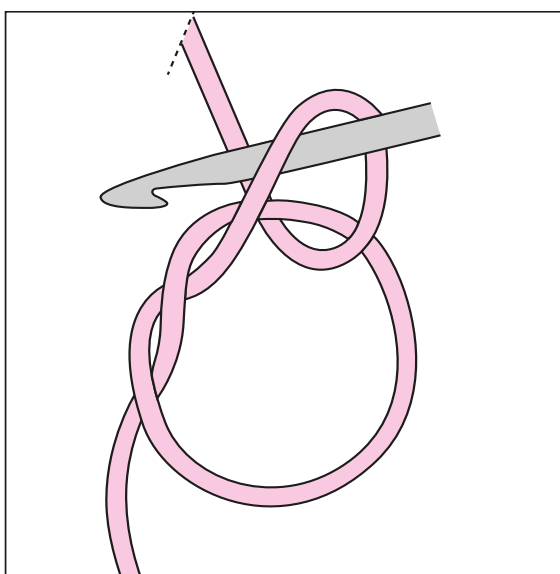
Unlike a chain ring, a slip ring can be pulled tight after the stitches have been worked so that it makes a firm, small centre.



**1** As for a slip knot, make a ring with the working end of the yarn crossing above the free end.



**2** Dip the hook into the ring, catch the working end of the yarn and pull it through the ring to the front.



**3** Instead of pulling the yarn ends to make a knot, hold the ring flat between first finger and thumb of the left hand. The loop on the hook forms the base of the first stitch, which in this case will be three chain to count as the first treble.

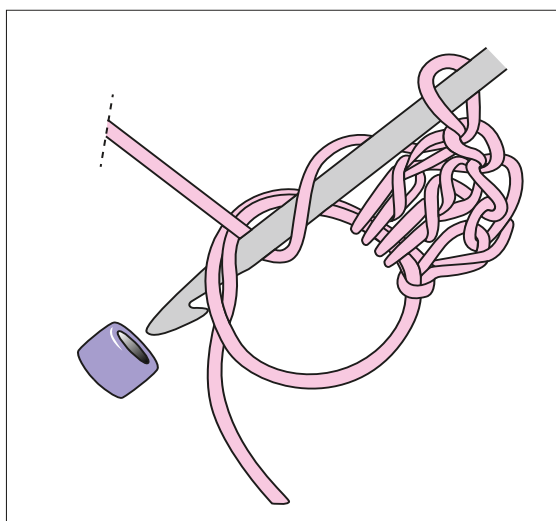
**4** Leaving the tail end free, make the required number of stitches around the two strands that form the top of the ring. Pull the free end to close up the ring and then join the first and last stitches to complete the round.

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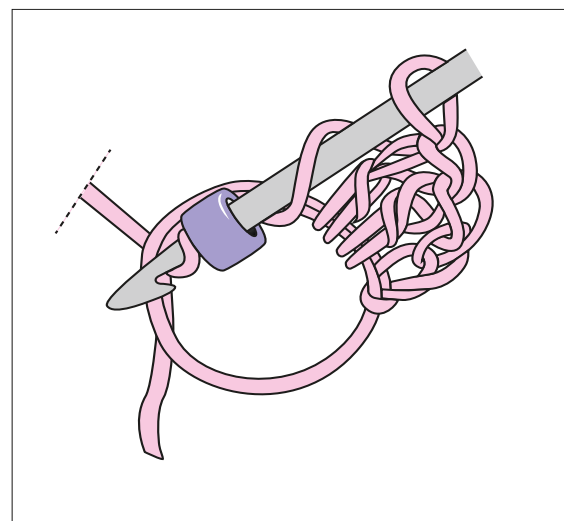


## Beading

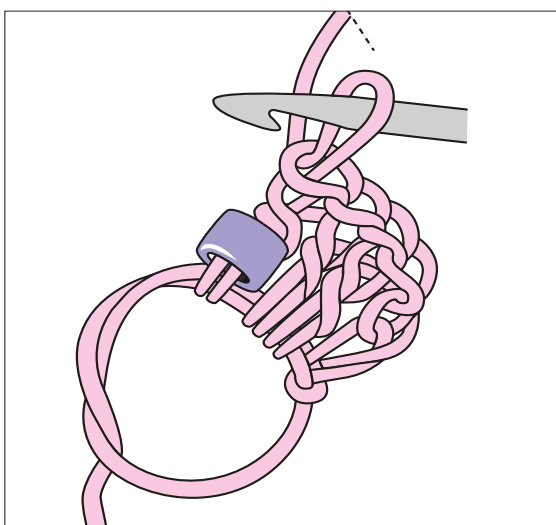
This method means that the beads aren't strung beforehand. However, they must be beads with a large enough hole to take the crochet hook. The type called a pony bead is used here.



**1** For these designs make a slip ring and work three chain and two trebles into it. Yarn round hook, insert it in the ring then in the bead.



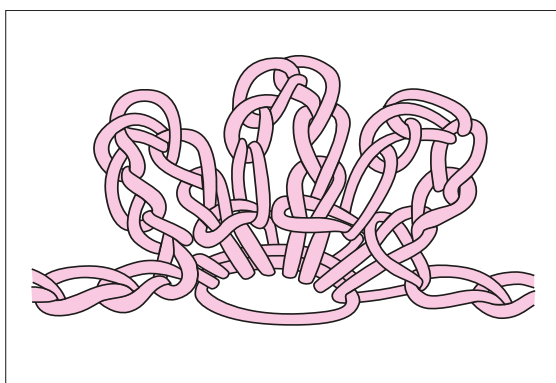
**2** Yarn round hook again and pull it through the bead, at the same time pulling the bead through to the front of the ring.



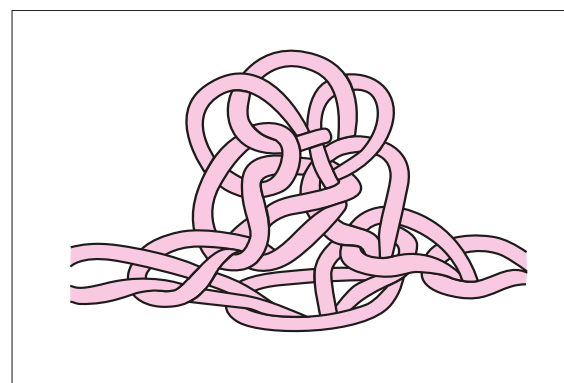
**3** [Yarn round hook and pull it through the next 2 loops on the hook] twice to make a treble, with the bead at the base of the stitch.

## Picot

There are several ways to make a picot (a decorative pip, usually on an edge).



**1** A small chain loop anchored with a slip stitch is one method, as the triple picot on the snowflake.



**2** A few chain with a double crochet worked in the first chain is a method that produces a firm little picot.



A white crocheted snowflake ornament is the central focus, hanging from a dark branch. The snowflake has a complex, multi-lobed design. In the center of the snowflake, there are several small, clear, faceted beads. The background is a soft-focus image of a branch with white blossoms. At the top, a pink banner with a scalloped edge contains the text 'Crochet Project'. At the bottom, the title 'Let It Snow' is written in a large, white, serif font. Below the title, a short paragraph describes the project. The page is framed by a blue grid pattern at the top and a dashed line on the left side.

## Crochet Project

# Let It Snow

There's no more decorative symbol of winter than a snowflake. Ours is surprisingly simple to make, with or without the beads in the centre



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crochet makes,  
especially the  
snowflake, will  
give a wonderfully  
crisp, frosty look  
to your Christmas  
decorations

#### Measurement

Approximately 8cm/3in across.

#### Materials

1 x 50g (130m) Rico Design Essentials Cotton DK (100% cotton) in White (080). Size 2.50mm crochet hook. Clear plastic pony beads PB6; spray starch, fine florist's wire.

**You can buy this yarn online at [shop.womansweekly.com](http://shop.womansweekly.com) or call 0800 024 1212.**

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#### Tension

25 stitches, to 10cm, over treble using 2.50 hook.

#### Abbreviations

**Ch**, chain; **dc**, double crochet; **slst**, slip stitch; **st**, stitch; **tr**, treble; **bd1**, bead one (for explanation, see page 52).

#### Note

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



#### To make

Make a slip ring (see page 51).

**1st round:** Into ring work 3ch, 2tr, bd1, [3tr, bd1] 4 times, pull on free yarn end to close ring, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 20 sts.

**2nd round:** 1ch, 2dc in next st, [1dc in next st, 2dc in next st] 9 times, slst in 1ch – 30 sts.

**3rd round:** 3ch, 1tr in next dc, [5ch, miss 3dc, 1tr in each of next 2dc] 5 times, 5ch, miss 3dc, slst in 3rd of 3ch.

**4th round:** [6ch, 1dc in first of 6ch, slst in

1tr] 3 times, \* 5dc around 5ch, slst in 2nd of 2tr, [6ch, 1dc in first of 6ch, slst in same tr] 3 times; repeat from \* 4 times more, 5dc around 5ch, slst in 3rd of 3ch. Fasten off.

#### To make up

Avoiding the beads, damp press on right side. Spray starch, wipe starch from beads, iron and leave to dry flat. Attach a length of florist's wire by threading through stitches on the wrong side, twist the ends closed and trim.



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

**Actual measurements** 89 (97) (105) cm/35 (38) (41¼) in.

**Side seam (including edging)** All sizes 39cm/15¼in.

**Length to shoulder (including edging)** 59 (59) (61.5) cm/23¼ (23¼) (24¼) in.

**Sleeve seam (including edging)** All sizes 32.5cm/12¾in.

## Materials

5 (5) (6) 25g (210m) balls of Rowan Kidsilk Haze (70% mohair, 30% silk) in Hurricane (632). Size 4.00 crochet hook.

**You can buy this yarn online at [shop.womansweekly.com](http://shop.womansweekly.com) or call 0800 024 1212.**

## Tension

25 stitches and 9 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over pattern, using 4.00 hook.

## Abbreviations

**Ch**, chain; **dc**, double crochet; **st**, stitch; **slst**, slip stitch; **sp**, space; **tr**, treble; **inc**, increase; **grp**, group; **yoh**, yarn over hook; **nil**, meaning nothing is worked here for this size; **tr2tog**, [yoh, insert hook as indicated, yoh and draw loop through, yoh and draw through 2 loops] twice, yoh and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

## Note

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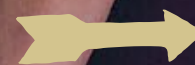
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## Back

With 4.00 hook, make 91 (99) (107) ch.

**Foundation row (wrong side):** 1tr into 4th ch from hook (counts as 2tr), [1ch, miss 2ch, work 1tr, 3ch and 1tr in next ch, 1ch, miss 2ch, 1tr in each of next 3ch] to end, ending last repeat with 1tr in each of last 2ch, turn – 111 (121) (131) sts.

**Work pattern thus: 1st row:** 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), [7tr in next 3chsp, 1ch, miss 1tr, 1ch and 1tr, 1tr in next tr, 1ch] to end, omitting 1ch at end, turn.

**2nd row:** 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), 1tr in first tr, [1ch, miss 1ch and 2tr, 1tr in each of next 3tr, 1ch, miss 2tr and 1ch, work 1tr, 3ch and 1tr in next tr] to end, ending with 1tr, 1ch and 1tr in last tr, turn.

**3rd row:** 3ch (counts as 1tr), 3tr in 1st 1chsp, [1ch, miss 1tr, 1ch and 1tr, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, 7tr in next 3chsp] to last 6tr, 1ch, miss 1tr, 1ch and 1tr, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss 1tr, 1ch and 1tr, 3tr in 1chsp, 1tr in last tr, turn.

**4th row:** 3ch (counts as 1tr), miss first tr, 1tr in next tr, [1ch, miss 2tr and 1ch, work 1tr, 3ch and 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss 1ch and 2tr, 1tr in each of next 3tr] to end, ending last repeat with 1tr in last 2tr, turn.

These 4 rows form pattern.

Pattern another 26 rows.

**Shape armholes: \*\* 1st row:** Slst to centre tr of first 3trgrp, 3ch, 7tr in next 3chsp, pattern to last 3chsp, 7tr in last 3chsp, miss 1tr, 1ch and 1tr, 1tr in next tr, turn.

**2nd row:** 3ch, miss first 3tr, 1tr in each of next 3tr, pattern to last 3 sts, miss 2tr, 1tr in top of 3ch, turn.

**3rd row:** 4ch, 7tr in next 3chsp, pattern to last 3chsp, 7tr in last 3chsp, 1ch, miss 1tr, 1ch and 3tr, 1tr in top of 3ch, turn. \*\*

**4th row:** 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), 1tr in first tr, 1ch, miss 1ch and 2tr, 1tr in each of next 3tr, pattern to last 4ch, 1ch, work 1tr, 1ch and 1tr in 3rd of 4ch, turn – 91 (101) (111) sts. \*\*\*

Beginning with a 3rd row, pattern another 12 (10) (12) rows.

**Shape neck: Next row:** Pattern until 1 (2) (2) 7trgrp have been worked, 1ch, miss 1tr, 1ch and 1tr, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, 6tr in next 3chsp, tr2tog inserting hook in same 3chsp and in last tr of next 3trgrp, turn and work on these 24 (29) (34) sts for right side neck.

**Right side neck: Next row:** 3ch (does not count as a st), miss first 3 sts, 1tr in each of next 2tr, pattern to end, turn – 21 (26) (31) sts.

Pattern another nil (2) (2) rows. Fasten off.

**Left side neck:** With right side facing, miss centre three 3trgrp, rejoin yarn in first tr of next 3trgrp, 3ch, 7tr in first

3chsp, pattern to end, turn – 25 (30) (35) sts.

**Next row:** Pattern to last 9 sts, miss 1ch and 2tr, 1tr in next tr, tr2tog inserting hook in next tr and in 3ch, turn – 21 (26) (31) sts.

Pattern nil (2) (2) rows. Fasten off.

**Lower edging:** With right side facing and using 4.00 hook, rejoin yarn to first ch at lower edge, 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in each ch to end, turn – 89 (97) (105) sts – read 57 (57) (65) sts here on sleeve.

**1st row:** 1ch, 1dc in each of first 4tr, [work 1dc, 7ch and 1dc in next tr, 1dc in each of next 7tr] to last 5 sts, work 1dc, 7ch and 1dc in next tr, 1dc in each of last 4tr, turn.

**2nd row:** 3ch (counts as 1tr), miss first dc, [1dc in next dc, 9dc in next 7chsp, miss 3dc, 1dc in next dc, 1tr in next dc] to end, turn.

**3rd row:** 1ch, 1dc in first tr, [4ch, miss 5dc, work 1dc, 5ch and 1dc in next dc, 4ch, miss 5dc, 1dc in next tr] to end, turn.

**4th row:** 1ch, 1dc in first dc, [3dc in next 4chsp, work 2dc, 3ch, slst in 1st of 3ch and 2dc in next 5chsp, 3dc in next 4chsp, 1dc in next dc] to end.

Fasten off.

## Front

Work as back to \*\*\*. Pattern another 2 (nil) (2) rows.

**Shape neck: Next row:** Pattern until 3 (3) (4) 7trgrp have been worked, 1ch, miss 1tr, 1ch and 1tr, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss 1tr and 1ch, tr2tog inserting hook in next tr and next 3chsp, turn and work on these 33 (38) (43) sts for left side neck.

**Left side neck: 1st row:** 3ch, miss first 2 sts, 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss 1ch and 2tr, 1tr in each of next 3tr, pattern to end, turn.

**2nd row:** Pattern to last 3trgrp, 1ch, miss 1tr, 1ch and 1tr, tr2tog inserting hook in next tr and 3ch, turn.

**3rd row:** 4ch, miss next 1ch and 2tr, 1tr in each of next 3tr, pattern to end, turn.

**4th row:** Pattern to last 3trgrp, miss 1tr, 1ch and 1tr, tr2tog inserting hook in next tr and in 2nd of 4ch, turn – 21 (26) (31) sts.

Pattern another 7 (9) (9) rows.

Fasten off.

**Right side neck:** With right side facing, miss centre two 3trgrp, rejoin yarn in 2nd ch of next 3chsp, 3ch (does not count as a st), 1tr in next tr, 1ch, miss 1ch and 1tr, 1tr in next tr, pattern to end, turn – 33 (38) (43) sts.

**1st row:** Pattern to last 6 sts, 1ch, miss 2tr and 1ch, tr2tog inserting hook in each of last 2tr, turn.

**2nd row:** 3ch (does not count as a st), miss first 3 sts, 1tr in next tr, pattern to end, turn.

**3rd row:** Pattern to last 4 sts, 1ch, miss 2tr and 1ch, 1tr in next tr, turn.

**4th row:** 3ch (does not count as a st), miss 1tr, 1ch and 1tr, 1tr in next tr, pattern to end, turn – 21 (26) (31) sts. Pattern another 7 (9) (9) rows. Fasten off.

**Lower edging:** Work as lower edging of back.

## Sleeves

(both alike)

With 4.00 hook, make 59 (59) (67) ch.

Work foundation row as on back – 71 (71) (81) sts.

Work 6 rows in pattern as on back.

**1st inc row:** 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in first tr, 3tr in 1chsp, pattern to last 1chsp, 1ch, 3tr in last 1chsp, 2tr in last tr, turn.

**2nd inc row:** 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), 1tr in first tr, 1tr in each of next 2tr, pattern to last 5tr, 1ch, miss 1ch and 2tr, 1tr in each of next 2tr, work 1tr, 1ch and 1tr in last tr, turn.

**3rd inc row:** 3ch (counts as 1tr), 3tr in first 1chsp, pattern to last 1chsp, 1ch, 3tr in last 1chsp, 1tr in last tr, turn.

Beginning with a 4th row, pattern 3 rows.

Repeat last 6 rows, twice more – 101 (101) (111) sts.

**Shape top:** Work as back from \*\* to \*\*.

**4th row:** 4ch (counts as 1tr and 1ch), miss 1tr, 1ch and 2tr, 1tr in each of next 3tr, pattern to last 4ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch – 77 (77) (87) sts. Fasten off.

**Lower edging:** Work as lower edging of back, noting variation.

## Neck edging

Join right shoulder seam. With right side facing and using 4.00 hook, rejoin yarn at shoulder of left front and work 1 row of dc making total of dc multiple of 4 plus 1, turn.

**Next row:** 1ch, 1dc in each of first 2dc, [work 1dc, 5ch and 1dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 3dc] to end, ending 1dc in each of last 2dc, turn.

**Next row:** 1ch, 1dc in first dc, [work 2dc, 3ch, slst in 1st of 3ch and 2dc in 5chsp, miss 2dc, 1dc in next dc] to end. Fasten off.

## To make up

Press as given on ball band. Join left shoulder and neck edging.

Set in sleeves. Join side and sleeve seams.



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## Measurements

Approximately 22cm/8½in wide and 16.5cm/6½in deep.

## Materials

1 x 50g (175m) ball of King Cole Galaxy DK (65% acrylic, 31% wool, 4% soft payette) in Fuchsia (687). Size 3.50 crochet hook.

**You can buy this yarn online at [shop.womansweekly.com](http://shop.womansweekly.com) or call 0800 024 1212.**

## Tension

21 stitches and 17 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over half treble pattern, using 3.50 hook.

## Abbreviations

**Ch**, chain; **dc**, double crochet; **htr**, half treble; **st**, stitch.

## Note

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

## Sides

(make 2)

With 3.50 hook, make 37ch.

**Foundation row (right side):** 1htr in 3rd ch from hook (counts as 2htr), [1htr in next ch] to end, turn – 36 sts.

**Pattern row:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next st] to end, turn.

Repeat pattern row, twice more.

Fasten off.

Rejoin yarn to chain edge.

**Next row:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), work 4htr along row-ends to fastened-off edge, 1htr in each htr along last pattern row, then work 5htr along other row-ends edge, turn – 46htr.

Repeat pattern row, 23 times more.

**Next row:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in next htr, [1ch, miss 1htr, 1htr in each of next 2htr, 1ch, miss 1htr, 1htr in each of next 3htr] 3 times, [1htr in each of next 3htr, 1ch, miss 1htr, 1htr in each of next 2htr, 1ch, miss 1htr] 3 times, 1htr in each of last 2htr, turn.

Pattern another 2 rows.

Work 1 row of reversed dc (dc worked from left to right) along top edge.

Fasten off.

## Cord

With 3.50 hook, make 150ch, removing sequins from yarn as you go.

**Foundation row:** 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, [1dc in next ch] to end.

Fasten off.

## To make up

Join sides together along row-ends and chain edge. Thread cord through holes, bringing ends out at centre of front and tie about 4cm from ends. Make 2 small tassels and attach to each end of cord. Pull cord at each side for handles.







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# BOOK OF THE MONTH



This pretty project is taken from *Crochet Scandinavian Style*  
by Eva Wincent & Paula Hammerskog

## Shawl Thing

Two easy stitches are all that's required to make  
this gorgeous Scandi-style wrap





## Measurements

Approximately 150 x 40cm/59 x 15¾in.

## Materials

1 x 25g (210m) ball of Rowan Kid Silk Haze (70% mohair, 30% silk) in each of Beige (Pearl 590), Grey (Majestic 589), Grey-Blue (Heavenly 592), Light Grey (Ghost 692), Warm Grey (Steel 664), Light Purple (Hibiscus 665), Grey-Purple (Dewberry 600), Pink (Blushes 583), Wine (Liqueur 595), Cerise (Candy Girl 606), Cyclamen (Splendour 57), Red (Strawberry 614), Orange (Marmalade 596), Grey-Pink (Shadow 653), Ice Blue (Tornado 667), Turquoise (Atlantic 609), Olive Green (Drab 611), Dark Green (Forest Green 651) and Yellow (Essence 663). 1 x 25g (100m) ball of Anchor Artiste Metallic (80% viscose, 20% polyester) in Light Blue (312) Gold (300), Wine Red (319) and Copper (314). Size 5.00 crochet hook.

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## Tension

18 stitches and 7 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over pattern, using 5.00 hook.

## Abbreviations

**Ch**, chain; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **tr**, treble; **htr**, half treble; **yrh**, yarn round hook; **tr3tog**, treble 3 tog ([yrh, insert hook in next st, yrh and draw loop through, yrh and draw through first 2 loops on hook] 3 times, yrh and draw through all 4 loops on hook); **htr3tog**, half treble 3 tog ([yrh, insert hook in next st, yrh and draw loop through] 3 times, yrh and draw through all 7 loops on hook).

## Note

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

## To make

Using 5.00 hook and two strands of Olive Green tog, make 224 ch.

Use 2 strands of Kid Silk Haze together throughout and one strand only of Artiste Metallic. When changing shades, leave approximately 25cm lengths of yarn at beginning and end of rows to form part of fringed edging, which is added on later.

**Foundation row (right side):** 1tr in 4th ch from hook (counts as 2tr), [1tr in each of next 3ch, tr3tog, 1tr in each of next 3ch, 3tr in next ch] to end, ending last repeat with 2tr in last ch, turn – 221 sts.

**Pattern row:** 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in first st, [1tr in each of next 3 sts, tr3tog, 1tr in each of next 3 sts, 3tr in next st] to end, ending last repeat with 2tr in last st, turn. Pattern 1 row Yellow.

**Metallic row:** Using Gold, work 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in first st, [1htr in each of next 3 sts, htr3tog, 1htr in each of next 3 sts, 3htr in next st] to end, ending last repeat with 2htr in last st, turn.

Pattern 2 rows Beige, 1 row Grey and 1 row Grey-Blue.

With Light Blue, work Metallic row.

Pattern 2 rows Light

Grey, 1 row Light

Purple, 1 row Grey

Purple, 2 rows Pink and 1 row Wine.

With Wine Red, work Metallic row.

Pattern 1 row Cyclamen, 2 rows Red, 1 row Cerise and 1 row Orange.

With Copper, work Metallic row.

Pattern 2 rows Grey Pink, 1 row Grey

Purple and 2 rows Warm Grey.

Using Light Blue, work Metallic row.

Pattern 1 row Ice Blue, 1 row Turquoise, 1 row Dark Green, 1 row Beige and 2 rows Yellow. Fasten off.

## To complete

Pin out shawl to measurements given. Spray with water and leave until completely dry. Cut 50cm lengths of Kid Silk Haze and using 4 strands together knot a fringe along beginning and end of rows, matching shades and knotting in matching yarn ends where colours were changed.



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# Bookshelf

This month, celebrate the season Scandinavian-style, discover the basics of crochet, learn new techniques to make old favourites and take your knitting to the next level



## **Christmas Crochet for Hearth, Home & Tree: Stockings, ornaments, garlands and more**

by Edie Eckman (Storey Books, £10.99\*)

Edie Eckman has invited fellow designers Kristin Omdahl, Andee Graves, Barbara Kreuters and Carol Ventura to contribute to her book of Christmas-themed makes. Together they've created designs for stockings (snowstorm, candy cane and peppermint) to make Santa proud. And your Christmas-tree angel will be delighted to look down on the new decs you'll be crocheting; beaded garlands, songbirds, bows and tree skirts. Edie has also included techniques that may be new and exciting even for experienced crocheters. She explains felting, tapestry crochet, Tunisian crochet and stitch patterning. Which shows that crochet is for life, not just for Christmas. \*For stockists of this book, call 01206 255777.

## **Winter Knitting: Patterns for the family and home**

by MillaMia (Pavilion, £20\*)

With winter months that are long, cold and dark, in Sweden keeping warm is a necessity. In this book, Swedish designer MillaMia – two people, sisters Katarina and Helena – shows how necessity can be made stylish. Each pattern for winter staples, like hats, scarves, socks and cardies, is bold and modern. But most importantly for those winter months, use of colour combinations that are vivid, lively and striking. The best way to keep warm is to wrap up *and* to stay cheerful. So *Winter Knitting* isn't just a book of natty patterns and designs; it's a guide to enjoying winter. There are ideas for Christmas cards, table runners and bookmarks. There are even recipes for Swedish favourites, pepparkakor gingerbread and Fira cake. \*For stockists of this book, call 0844 576 8122.



## **Winter Knits Made Easy: 40 fabulous patterns**

(DK/Dorling Kindersley, £16.99)

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## **Crochet Basics: A step-by-step course for first-time stitchers**

by Nicki Trench (CICO Books, £14.99)

What you need when you're learning something new is a good teacher. And with her wealth of experience, Nicki Trench is exactly that. Her new title assumes no prior knowledge of crochet. It goes back to basics, right down to how best to hold your crochet hook, and by the end of the book's 20 workshops and projects, every skill and technique you'll ever need to crochet beautifully has been taught. But Nicki's philosophy is to learn by doing. Projects are provided for you to practise your new skills at each level: colourful, fun patterns include headbands, cushions, gloves, teddies and flower corsages. All sure to give you the motivation you need to keep going with your hook. Practice, after all, makes perfect.



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# Tina's Tips & Tricks

Get the little things right and your knitting will be beautiful

**W**e 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 15 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!

## Carrying on stripes

**Q** When I'm knitting stripes, should I break the yarn off at the end of each stripe, or should I carry it along the side to be picked up later?

**A** I've always found it best when knitting even-numbered rows of stripes to carry the yarn along the edge. And I make sure to twist the carried colour with the working colour frequently to help maintain the tension. By doing this, you won't have to sew all those ends in later and you save yarn, too. But if your stripes are worked over an odd number of rows, you might consider using double-pointed or circular needles. That way, you can start the row from the end where the yarn is left without having to turn the work around or break off the yarn at all. Just be careful with this method when it comes to shaping.

## Joining shoulders

**Q** I loved the denim jacket in your September issue, but got stuck when it came to joining the shoulders. How do I do this?

**A** The jacket's designer used a technique where the front and back shoulder stitches are cast off together on the right side.

For the right shoulder you work along the right side of the back, with the right front behind the back and with the wrong sides of both pieces together. Make sure the points of your spare needles are at the outside edge, and insert the right needle in the first stitch on the back. Then, in the first stitch on the front, place the yarn round the point of the needle and pull it through both stitches on the spare needles. You should then drop these stitches off the spare needle.

Work in the next stitch on the back and front in the same way. Then, pass the second stitch over the first. Carry on until all the specified number of stitches is cast off. There should be some stitches remaining on the right front for the jacket's collar. The centre back stitches are also left for the collar. As are the first-quoted number of stitches on the left front (the same as the number of stitches left for the collar on the right front). So cast off the remaining left back and front stitches together in the same way as you did on the right.

## How to judge

**Q** I've been asked to be a judicator for a knitting competition. What should I take into account when judging the entries and picking a winner?

**A** I'd split the entries into categories. Items for babies, kids, adults, accessories, homeware, toys. Then, select three of the best items in each category, and from that three, a winner and runner-up. For an overall winner, choose one from the category winners.

I'd be judging each entry on how well it's made; the skills and technique used; the item's suitability for purpose, and the choice of yarn, colour and pattern. Good luck!

## Dropped stitches

**Q** I've never mastered the art of picking up dropped stitches. Can you tell me how to pick them up so I don't have to unravel every time?

**A** It's easier to work in stocking stitch. Use a crochet hook about the same size as your knitting needle. With the right side facing you, insert the hook into the dropped stitch. Catch the horizontal bar above the stitch and pull it through, making sure the new stitch is the same tension as your other stitches. Continue like this until you reach the working row. Do the same but on the wrong side if you drop a stitch while working in reverse stocking stitch.

It's more tricky picking up a dropped stitch if you're working a textured pattern. Calculation might be needed to work out which row the dropped stitch is on and what stitch should be worked next. Once you've fathomed that, work into the dropped stitch from the front for knit-stitch and from the back for purl-stitches along the horizontal bars.



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## Snuggly student

I'll never forget the day my granddaughter got accepted by St Andrew's University. I was thrilled. Brains as well as beauty, that girl. So I knitted this throw for her to take. I saw the pattern in *Woman's Weekly* back in January this year, and it'll be just the thing to keep her warm on those long, cold, wintry nights up there in Fife. And I hope that every time she snuggles up with it, she remembers how proud I am of her and how very, very much I love her.

*Ina Strachan, Scotland*



## Mice à la mode

You might recognise this pair of ritzy rodents – they appeared in *Woman's Weekly* at the end of May this year. As soon as I saw them, I loved them. And I knew my granddaughter Emily would love them, too. But there was a small problem: her birthday was only a week later. Morning, noon and night I knitted. It was all hands on deck for me until I finished them just in time for Emily's big day. She was delighted with the trendy twosome. They're dressed up very nicely indeed!

*Pauline Hedges, East Sussex*



## Classy carriers

Wednesday is my favourite day, because that's when I get my *Woman's Weekly*. The first thing I turn to every week is the craft section. A few weeks ago, there was a pattern for a crocheted basket. As soon as I saw it, I had a brainwave. I'd use crochet the basket, but instead of yarn, I'd use old carrier bags I had in the cupboard. I cut them into strips, took out my crochet hook and hey presto! A stylish but hard-wearing flower pot.

*Isabel Grant, Fife*



## Beddy-byes blanket

Every baby needs a blanket to keep their tiny fingers and toes warm when it's beddy-byes time. That's why I decided to knit this beautiful one for my friend's baby when she told me she was expecting. I hope it'll keep her little buttercup snug as a bug in a rug. What with the blanket's size, its delicate pattern and edging, this was a challenging project for me. I'm delighted with the end result.

*Pauline Wickes, Kent*

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# Horse Play

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## Measurements

Approximately 56cm/22in tall.

## Materials

1 x 50g (125m) ball of DMC Woolly (100% wool) in Green (081), Pink (054) and Orange (10); small amounts of Black (02) and White (03). Size 3.00 crochet hook; washable toy stuffing.

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## Abbreviations

**Ch**, chain; **st**, stitch; **htr**, half treble; **slst**, slip stitch; **yrh**, yarn round hook; **htr2tog**, [yrh, insert hook in next st, yrh and pull loop through] twice, yrh and pull through all 5 loops on hook.

## Note

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

## Body

**1st round:** With 3.00 hook and Green, wind yarn around index finger of left hand to form a ring, insert hook into ring, yrh and pull through, 2ch (counts as 1htr), work 7htr in ring, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 8 sts.

Working in stripes of 1 round Pink and 1 round Green, continue as follows:

**2nd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, [2htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 16 sts.

**3rd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in next st, [2htr in next st, 1htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 24 sts. \*\*

**4th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 2 sts, [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 2 sts] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 32 sts.

**5th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 3 sts, [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 3 sts] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 40 sts.

**6th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 4 sts, [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 4 sts] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 48 sts.

**7th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 5 sts, [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 5 sts] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 56 sts.

**8th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 6 sts, [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 6 sts] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 64 sts.

**9th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

**10th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 7 sts, [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 7 sts] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 72 sts.

**11th round:** As 9th round.

**12th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 17 sts, [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 17 sts] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 76 sts.

**13th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 18 sts, [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 18 sts] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 80 sts.

**14th to 20th rounds:** As 9th round.

**21st round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in each of next 6 sts, htr2tog] to last 5 sts, 1htr in each of last 5 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 70 sts.

**22nd round:** As 9th round.

**23rd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in each of next 5 sts, htr2tog] to last 4 sts, 1htr in each of last 4 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 60 sts.

**24th round:** As 9th round.

**25th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in each of next 4 sts, htr2tog] to last

3 sts, 1htr in each of last 3 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 50 sts.

**26th round:** As 9th round.

**27th round:** 2ch (counts as 1 htr), htr2tog, [1htr in each of next 3 sts, htr2tog] to last 2 sts, 1htr in each of last 2 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 40 sts.

**28th to 31st rounds:** As 9th round. Fasten off. Stuff body evenly.

## Head

**1st round:** Beginning at centre front.

With 3.00 hook and Orange, wind yarn around index finger of left hand to form a ring, insert hook into ring, yrh and pull through, 2ch (counts as 1htr), work 7htr in ring, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 8 sts.

**2nd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, [2htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 16 sts.

**3rd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in next st, [2htr in next st, 1htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 24 sts.

**4th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 2 sts, [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 2 sts] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 32 sts.

**5th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 3 sts, [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 3 sts] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 40 sts.

**6th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 4 sts, [2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 4 sts] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 48 sts.

**7th to 11th rounds:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

**12th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in each of next 19 sts, [2htr in next st] 8 times, 1htr in each of next 20 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 56 sts.

**13th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in each of next 19 sts, [2htr in next st] 16 times, 1htr in each of next 20 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 72 sts.

**14th to 22nd rounds:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

**23rd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in each of next 4 sts, htr2tog] to last 3 sts, 1htr in each last 3 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 60 sts.

**24th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in each of next 3 sts, htr2tog] to last 2 sts, 1htr in each of last 2 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 48 sts.

**25th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in each of next 2 sts, htr2tog] to last st, 1htr in last st, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 36 sts.

**26th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in next st, htr2tog] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 24 sts.

**27th round:** 2ch (does not count as a st), 1htr in next st, [htr2tog] to end, slst in







first htr – 12 sts. Stuff head.

**28th round:** 2ch (does not count as a st), 1htr in next st, [htr2tog] to end, slst in first htr – 6 sts.

Break off yarn, leaving a long end. Thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off securely for centre back of head. Position head over neck edge of body and beginning at centre front of body, and starting at centre front on 16th round of head, sew head to body.

## Legs

**(make 2)**

With Orange only, work as body to \*\*.

**4th to 6th rounds:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

**7th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in next st, htr2tog] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 16 sts. Break off Orange.

**8th round:** Join in Green, 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in each of next 2 sts, htr2tog] 3 times, 1htr in last st, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 12 sts.

Work 17 rounds in stripes of 1 round Pink and 1 round Green. Fasten off.

Stuff legs, flatten tops and sew to base of body across 5th and 6th rounds, leaving 5cm between legs.

## Arms

**(make 2)**

Work as given for legs.

Stuff arms, flatten tops and sew to sides of body on 4th round down from neck edge.

## Ears

**(make 2)**

**1st round:** With 3.00 hook and Pink, work as 1st round of body.

Working in stripes of 1 round Green and 1 round Pink, continue thus:

**2nd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

**3rd round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, [2htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 16 sts.

**4th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in

next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

**5th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 2htr in next st, [1htr in each of next 3 sts, 2htr in next st] to last 2 sts, 1htr in each of last 2 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 20 sts.

**6th to 16th rounds:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

Fasten off at base edge.

Flatten, then fold ears in half at base edge and catch edges together. Sew ears to top of head as shown in photograph.

## Eyes

**(make 2)**

**1st round:** With 3.00 hook and Black, wind yarn around index finger of left hand to form a ring, insert hook into ring, yrh and pull through, 2ch (counts as 1htr), work 5htr in ring, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 6 sts. Break off Black.

**2nd round:** Join in Green, 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, [2htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 12 sts. Break off Green.

**3rd round:** Join in White, 2ch (counts as 1htr), 2htr in next st, [1htr in next st, 2htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 18 sts.

**4th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next st] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

**5th round:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), htr2tog, [1htr in next st, htr2tog] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 12 sts. Fasten off.

Stuff eyes lightly and sew to centre of face over 10th, 11th and 12th rounds.

## Nostrils

**(make 2)**

**1st round:** With 3.00 hook and Black, work as 1st round of body. Fasten off. Sew nostrils to 5th round at centre of face. With Green, make a cross on each nostril.

## To complete

With Black, embroider mouth as shown in photograph. Cut Pink and Green into 18cm lengths and using 1 strand of Green and 1 strand of Pink together, knot fringes for mane from top of head, between ears, down to centre back of head. Beginning with 6 fringes across between ears, tapering down to 2 fringes at back of head.



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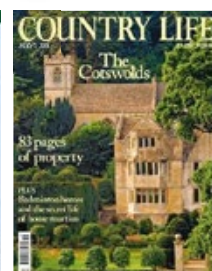
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