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Hello and welcome...

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

As this issue hits the newsstands the countdown to Christmas will be well and truly underway. If you're on the lookout for that special present or feel a yearning to make a little something to add a festive touch to your home, then we might be able to help. Turn to our seasonal collection (p29) where we've some lovely last-minute festive treats that won't take forever to make.

And as the year draws to an end, we've taken inspiration from the *Woman's Weekly* archives for our opening feature (p6): five vintage patterns reworked in gorgeous yarns to create a little sparkle and glitter for the festive party season – or, in fact, a special occasion at any time of the year.

So, what else do we have to tempt you? There's a super-cute fur-trimmed jacket for baby (p58) that will have you willing it to snow. Designers of the Month Katarina and Helena Rosén (aka MillaMia) bring us a super-cool hat that's bang on trend (p22), and for some toy-making fun, don't miss Poppy Cat's knitted doggy playmate Zuzu (p71). Plus, we've the last of our knitting and crochet workshops, all our regular features and much, much more!

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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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Wide Cowl-neck Top

Measurements

To fit bust sizes 81 (86) (91) (97) (102) (107) (112) (117) cm/32 (34) (36) (38) (40) (42) (44) (46) in.

Actual measurements 87 (92) (97) (102) (107) (112) (117) (122) cm/34½ (36¼) (38) (40) (42) (44) (46) (48) in.

Side seam All sizes 27cm/10¾in.

Length to shoulder 50 (51) (52) (53) (54) (55) (56) (57) cm/19¾ (20¼) (20½) (21) (21¼) (21¾) (22) (22½) in.

Sleeve seam All sizes 5cm/2in.

Materials

4 (4) (5) (5) (5) (5) (6) (6) 25g (200m) balls of Rowan Kid Silk Haze Eclipse (66% mohair, 27% silk, 4% polyester, 3% nylon) in Aries (453). Pair of 2¾mm (No. 12) and 3¼mm (No. 10) knitting needles.

You can buy this yarn at shop.
womansweekly.com or call
0800 024 1212.

Tension

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

Abbreviations

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

Note

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

Back and front alike

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 109 (115) (121) (127) (134) (140) (146) (152) sts loosely.

Change to 2¾mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 9 rows.

Change to 3¼mm needles.

Ss another 9 rows.

Next row: [K next st tog with corresponding st on cast-on edge] to end – 109 (115) (121) (127) (134) (140) (146) (152) sts. K 1 row.

Beginning with a k row, continue in ss until work measures 27cm from folded edge, ending with a p row.

Shape for sleeves: Inc 1st at each end of next 6 rows. Cast on 6 sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 133 (139) (145) (151) (158) (164) (170) (176) sts.

Mark each end of last row.

Continue in ss until work measures 10 (11) (12) (13) (13) (14) (15) (16) cm from markers, ending with a k row.

Divide for neck: **Next row:** P53 (55) (58) (60) (67) (69) (72) (74) and leave these sts on a spare needle for first side neck, cast off next 27 (29) (29) (31) (24) (26) (26) (28) sts, p to end. Work on last set of 53 (55) (58) (60) (67) (69) (72) (74) sts for second side neck.

Second side neck: Work 1 row.

Cast off 4 (4) (4) (4) (5) (5) (5) (5) sts at beginning of next row and 3 following alternate rows – 37 (39) (42) (44) (47) (49) (52) (54) sts.

Continue in ss until work measures 18 (19) (20) (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) cm from markers, ending with a p row.

Shape top of sleeve and shoulder:

Cast off 6 (7) (7) (7) (8) (8) (9) (9) sts at beginning of next row and 4 following alternate rows – 7 (4) (7) (9) (7) (9) (7) (9) sts. Work 1 row. Cast off.

First side neck: With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 53 (55) (58) (60) (67) (69) (72) (74) sts left on spare needle. Work 2 rows.

Cast off 4 (4) (4) (4) (5) (5) (5) (5) sts at beginning of next row and 3 following alternate rows – 37 (39) (42) (44) (47) (49) (52) (54) sts.

Continue in ss until work measures 18

(19) (20) (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) cm from markers, ending with a k row.

Shape top of sleeve and shoulder:

Cast off 6 (7) (7) (7) (8) (8) (9) (9) sts at beginning of next row and 4 following alternate rows – 7 (4) (7) (9) (7) (9) (7) (9) sts. Work 1 row. Cast off.

Collar

(make 2 pieces alike)

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 111 (113) (113) (115) (119) (122) (122) (124) sts loosely.

Change to 2¾mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 5 rows.

Change to 3¼mm needles.

Ss another 5 rows.

Next row: [K next st tog with corresponding st on cast-on edge] to end – 111 (113) (113) (115) (119) (122) (122) (124) sts. K 1 row.

Beginning with a k row, continue in ss until collar measures 7cm from folded edge, ending with a p row.

Change to 2¾mm needles.

Continue in ss for another 5cm, ending with a p row. Cast off.

Sleeve edgings

(both alike)

Join shoulder seams. With right side facing, using 2¾mm needles, pick up and k91 (95) (102) (108) (112) (119) (122) (129) sts evenly along row-ends of sleeve.

Beginning with a p row, ss 4 rows.

Cast off loosely.

To make up

Join side and sleeve seams, working through both thicknesses at lower edges. Fold sleeve edging in half to wrong side and slip stitch in position. Join side edges of collar, allowing for fold over. Sew cast-off edge of collar evenly around neck edge, then fold collar over to right side.



Cap-sleeve Jacket

Measurements

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

Actual measurements 82 (87) (93.5) (98.5) (105) (110) (117) cm/32½ (34½) (37) (38¾) (41½) (43¼) (46) in.

Side seam All sizes 29cm/11½in.

Length to centre back neck 49.5 (50.5) (51.5) (52.5) (53.5) (54.5) (55.5) cm/19½ (20) (20¼) (20¾) (21) (21½) (22) in.

Sleeve seam All sizes 4cm/1½in.

Materials

5 (6) (6) (6) (7) (7) (7) 50g (150m) balls of Stylecraft Stars DK (75% acrylic, 10% polyester, 10% metallic polyester, 5% sequin) in Quartz (1589). Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10), 4mm (No. 8) and 4½mm (No. 7) knitting needles; 6 buttons.

You can buy this yarn at shop. womansweekly.com or call 0800 024 1212.

Tension

28 stitches and 32 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over pattern, using 4½mm 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); **rss**, reverse stocking st (p on right side and k on wrong side); **tw4**, twist 4 (with yarn at back of work, slip next 3 sts from left needle onto right needle, then k1 from left needle, slip 2nd st on right needle over first st and k into back of it, slip 3rd st on right needle over first 2 sts and k into back of it, finally, slip 4th st on right needle over first 3 sts and k into back of it).

Note

Yarns amounts are based on average requirement 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 4½mm needles, cast on 136 (144) (152) (160) (168) (176) (184) sts.

1st row: K2, tw4, [p1, k2, p1, tw4] to last 2 sts, k2.

2nd row: K2, p4, [k1, p2, k1, p4] to last 2 sts, k2.

3rd row: K.

4th row: K2, p to last 2 sts, k2.

5th row: K2, [p1, k2, p1, tw4] to last 6 sts, [p1, k2] twice.

6th row: K3, [p2, k1, p4, k1] to last 5 sts, p2, k3.

7th and 8th rows: As 3rd and 4th rows. These 8 rows form the pattern.

Continue in pattern until back measures 11cm from beginning, ending with a right side row.

Change to 3¼mm needles.

Dec row: P10 (2) (6) (10) (3) (7) (11), [p2tog, p3 (4) (4) (4) (5) (5) (5)] to last 11 (4) (8) (12) (4) (8) (12) sts, p2tog, p to end – 112 (120) (128) (136) (144) (152) (160) sts. Beginning with a p row, rss 3 rows. P 1 row.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a 1st row, work 24 rows in pattern.

Change to 4½mm needles.

Continue in pattern until back measures 29cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape for sleeves: Taking extra sts into pattern as they occur, inc 1 st at each end of next 8 rows – 128 (136) (144) (152) (160) (168) (176) sts.

Mark each end of last row.

Continue in pattern until back measures 15 (16) (17) (18) (19) (20) (21) cm from markers, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape top of sleeves and shoulders: Cast off 11 (10) (9) (12) (11) (14) (13) sts at beginning of next 2 rows and 9 (10) (11) (11) (12) (12) (13) sts at beginning of following 8 rows – 34 (36) (38) (40) (42) (44) (46) sts. Cast off.

Left front

Using 4½mm needles, cast on 64 (72) (72) (80) (80) (88) (88) sts.

1st row: K2, tw4, [p1, k2, p1, tw4] to last 2 sts, k2.

2nd row: K2, p4, [k1, p2, k1, p4] to last 2 sts, k2.

3rd row: K.

4th row: K2, p to last 2 sts, k2.

5th row: K2, [p1, k2, p1, tw4] to last 6 sts,

[p1, k2] twice.

6th row: K3, [p2, k1, p4, k1] to last 5 sts, p2, k3.

7th and 8th rows: As 3rd and 4th rows. These 8 rows form the pattern.

Continue in pattern until front measures 11cm from beginning, ending with a right side row.

Change to 3¼mm needles.

Dec row: P7 (2) (7) (7) (7) (4) (7), [p2tog, p4 (3) (5) (3) (6) (4) (7)] to last 9 (5) (9) (8) (9) (6) (9) sts, p2tog, p to end – 55 (58) (63) (66) (71) (74) (79) sts.

Beginning with a p row, rss 3 rows. P 1 row.

Change to 4mm needles.

1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th sizes only: 1st row: K2, tw4, [p1, k2, p1, tw4] to last st, p1.

2nd row: K1, p4, [k1, p2, k1, p4] to last 2 sts, k2.

3rd row: K to last st, p1.

4th row: K1, p to last 2 sts, k2.

5th row: K2, p1, k2, [p1, tw4, p1, k2] to last 2 sts, p2.

6th row: K2, [p2, k1, p4, k1] to last 5 sts, p2, k3.

7th and 8th rows: As 3rd and 4th rows.

2nd, 4th and 6th sizes only: 1st row: K2, [tw4, p1, k2, p1] to end.

2nd row: [K1, p2, k1, p4] to last 2 sts, k2.

3rd row: K to last st, p1.

4th row: K1, p to last 2 sts, k2.

5th row: [K2, p1] twice, [tw4, p1, k2, p1] to last 4 sts, k3, p1.

6th row: K1, p3, k1, p2, k1, [p4, k1, p2, k1] to last 2 sts, k2.

7th and 8th rows: As 3rd and 4th rows.

All sizes: Repeat last 8 rows, twice more. Change to 4½mm needles.

Continue in pattern until front measures 29cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape for sleeve: Taking extra sts into pattern as they occur, inc 1 st at side edge on next 8 rows – 63 (66) (71) (74) (79) (82) (87) sts.

Mark end of last row.

Shape front edge: Dec 1 st at front edge on next row and 10 (9) (11) (10) (12) (10) (13) following alternate rows – 52 (56) (59) (63) (66) (71) (73) sts. Pattern 3 rows.

Dec 1 st at front edge on next row and 4 (5) (5) (6) (6) (8) (7) following 4th rows – 47 (50) (53) (56) (59) (62) (65) sts.

Continue in pattern for few rows until work measures 15 (16) (17) (18) (19)



29th June 1946



Easy Peasy



**A Bit More
Tricky**



Hard-ish



Quite A
Challenge



(20) (21) cm from marker, ending at side edge.

Shape top of sleeve and shoulder:

Cast off 11 (10) (9) (12) (11) (14) (13) sts at beginning of next row.

Work 1 row.

Cast off 9 (10) (11) (11) (12) (12) (13) sts at beginning of next row and 2 following alternate rows – 9 (10) (11) (11) (12) (12) (13) sts. Work 1 row. Cast off.

Right front

Using 4½mm needles, cast on 64 (72) (72) (80) (80) (88) (88) sts.

1st row: K2, tw4, [p1, k2, p1, tw4] to last 2 sts, k2.

2nd row: K2, p4, [k1, p2, k1, p4] to last 2 sts, k2.

3rd row: K.

4th row: K2, p to last 2 sts, k2.

5th row: K2, [p1, k2, p1, tw4] to last 6 sts, [p1, k2] twice.

6th row: K3, [p2, k1, p4, k1] to last 5 sts, p2, k3.

7th and 8th rows: As 3rd and 4th rows. These 8 rows form the pattern.

Continue in pattern until front measures 11cm from beginning, ending with a right side row.

Change to 3¼mm needles.

Dec row: P7 (2) (7) (7) (7) (4) (7), [p2tog, p4 (3) (5) (3) (6) (4) (7)] to last 9 (5) (9) (8) (9) (6) (9) sts, p2tog, p to end – 55 (58) (63) (66) (71) (74) (79) sts.

Beginning with a p row, rss 3 rows. P 1 row.

Change to 4mm needles.

1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th sizes only: 1st row: P1, tw4, [p1, k2, p1, tw4] to last 2 sts, k2.

2nd row: K2, p4, [k1, p2, k1, p4] to last st, k1.

3rd row: P1, k to end.

4th row: K2, p to last st, k1.

5th row: P2, [k2, p1, tw4, p1] to last 5 sts, k2, p1, k2.

6th row: K3, p2, k1, [p4, k1, p2, k1] to last st, k1.

7th and 8th rows: As 3rd and 4th rows.

2nd, 4th and 6th sizes only: 1st row: [P1, k2, p1, tw4] to last 2 sts, k2.

2nd row: K2, [p4, k1, p2, k1] to end.

3rd row: P1, k to end.

4th row: K2, p to last st, k1.

5th row: P1, k3, [p1, k2, p1, tw4] to last 6 sts, [p1, k2] twice.

6th row: K3, [p2, k1, p4, k1] to last 7 sts, p2, k1, p3, k1.

7th and 8th rows: As 3rd and 4th rows.

All sizes: Repeat the last 8 rows, twice.

Change to 4½mm needles.

Continue in pattern until front measures 29cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape for sleeve: Taking extra sts into

pattern as they occur, inc 1 st at side edge on next 8 rows – 63 (66) (71) (74) (79) (82) (87) sts.

Mark beginning of last row.

Shape front edge: Dec 1 st at front edge on next row and 10 (9) (11) (10) (12) (10) (13) following alternate rows – 52 (56) (59) (63) (66) (71) (73) sts. Pattern 3 rows.

Dec 1 st at front edge on next row and 4 (5) (5) (6) (6) (8) (7) following 4th rows – 47 (50) (53) (56) (59) (62) (65) sts.

Continue in pattern for few rows until work measures 15 (16) (17) (18) (19) (20) (21) cm from marker, ending at side edge.

Shape top of sleeve and shoulder:

Cast off 11 (10) (9) (12) (11) (14) (13) sts at beginning of next row. Work 1 row.

Cast off 9 (10) (11) (11) (12) (12) (13) sts at beginning of next row and 2 following alternate rows – 9 (10) (11) (11) (12) (12) (13) sts. Work 1 row. Cast off.

Button border

Join top of sleeve and shoulder seams.

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 11 sts.

1st rib row (wrong side): K2, [p1, k1] 3 times, p1, k2.

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

Repeat these 2 rows until band, when slightly stretched, fits from base of rss up left front edge and around to centre back neck.

Cast off in rib and sew on button border.

Mark position for 6 buttonholes, the first in 3rd and 4th rows up from cast-on edge and the sixth about 4 rows down from beginning of front shaping row, and the remaining 4 evenly spaced between.

Buttonhole border

Work as button border, working buttonholes to match markers, thus:

1st buttonhole row: Rib 5, cast off 2, rib to end.

2nd buttonhole row: Rib to end,

casting on 2 sts over cast-off sts in previous row.

Sew on border, then join cast-off edges.

Sleeve edgings

(both alike)

With right side facing, using 3¼mm needles, pick up and k77 (80) (86) (90) (96) (102) (105) sts evenly around row-ends of sleeves.

Beginning with a k row, rss 4 rows.

Cast off kwise.

To make up

Join side and sleeve seams, including sleeve edgings. Sew on buttons.



19th July 2005



Easy Peasy



A Bit More Tricky



Hard-ish



Quite A Challenge

Sequin Cardi

Measurements

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

Actual measurements 82 (88) (93.5) (99) (105) (110) (116) cm/32½ (34½) (36¾) (39) (41¼) (43¼) (45¾) in.

Side seam All sizes 26cm/10¼in.

Length to back neck 42 (43) (44) (45) (46) (47) (48) cm/16½ (17) (17¼) (17¾) (18) (18½) (19) in.

Sleeve seam All sizes 6.5cm/2½in.

Materials

2 (2) (3) (3) (3) (4) (4) 100g (355m) balls of Sirdar Cotton 4 ply (100% cotton) in Grey Dawn (520) or Harlow (523). Pair of 2¾mm (No. 12) and 3¼mm (No. 10) knitting needles; 5 (5) (6) (6) (7) (7) (8) x 6g packets of Rico Design 12mm sequin discs in Silver or Lilac.

You can buy this yarn and sequins at shop.womansweekly.com or call 0800 024 1212.

Tension

28 stitches and 36 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch (knit on right side and purl on wrong side), using 3¼mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **p2togb**, p2tog through back of sts; **dec**, decrease (by taking 2 sts tog); **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **mst**, moss st; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **skpo**, slip 1, k1, pass slip st over; **ps**, bring yarn to front, slip 1 pwise, slide sequin up close to work, take yarn back, leaving sequin in front of slip st; **nil**, meaning nothing is worked here for this size.

Note

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

Thread 2 packets of sequins onto first ball of yarn and appropriate number on following balls.

With 2¾mm needles and first ball, cast on 101 (109) (117) (125) (133) (141) (149) sts.

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

Mst another 9 rows.

Change to 3¼mm needles.

1st to 6th rows: Beginning with a k row, ss 6 rows.

7th row: K6, ps, [k7, ps] to last 6 sts, k6.

8th to 14th rows: Beginning with a p row, ss 7 rows.

15th row: K2, ps, [k7, ps] to last 2 sts, k2.

16th row: P.

These 16 rows form pattern.

Working extra sts into pattern as the occur, inc 1 st at each end of next row and 6 following 10th rows – 115 (123) (131) (139) (147) (155) (163) sts. Pattern another 9 rows.

Shape armhole: Cast off 7 (8) (8) (9) (9) (10) (10) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

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

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

Repeat last 2 rows, nil (nil) (1) (1) (2) (2) (3) time(s) more – 97 (103) (107) (113) (117) (123) (127) sts.

Work 1st dec row. P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 4 (5) (5) (6) (6) (7) (7) times more – 87 (91) (95) (99) (103) (107) (111) sts.

Continue straight until back measures 42 (43) (44) (45) (46) (47) (48) cm from beginning, ending with a p row.

Shape neck: Next row: Pattern 22 (23) (24) (25) (26) (27) (28), cast off next 43 (45) (47) (49) (51) (53) (55) sts, pattern to end.

Work on last set of 22 (23) (24) (25) (26) (27) (28) sts only for left side neck.

Left side neck: P 1 row.

Dec row: K1, skpo, pattern to end.

Repeat last 2 rows, 3 times more – 18 (19) (20) (21) (22) (23) (24) sts. Pattern 2 rows.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 9 (9) (10) (10) (11) (11) (12) sts at beginning of next row – 9 (10) (10) (11) (11) (12) (12) sts. Pattern 1 row. Cast off.

Right side neck: With wrong side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 22 (23) (24) (25) (26) (27) (28) sts and p to end.

Dec row: Pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 3 times more – 18 (19) (20) (21) (22) (23) (24) sts.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 9 (9) (10) (10) (11) (11) (12) sts at beginning of next row – 9 (10) (10) (11) (11) (12) (12) sts. P 1 row. Cast off.

Left front

With 2¾mm needles, cast on 31 (35) (37) (41) (43) (47) (49) sts.

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

Mst another 9 rows, inc 1 st at centre of last row on 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th sizes only – 32 (35) (38) (41) (44) (47) (50) sts.

Change to 3¼mm needles.

1st row: K to last 7 sts, mst 7.

2nd row: Mst 7, p to end.

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

7th row: K2, ps, [k7, ps] to last 13 (8) (11) (14) (9) (12) (7) sts, k6 (1) (4) (7) (2) (5) (nil), mst 7.

8th row: Mst 7, p to end.

9th to 14th rows: Repeat 1st and 2nd rows, 3 times.

15th row: K6, ps, [k7, ps] to last 9 (12) (7) (10) (13) (8) (11) sts, k2 (5) (nil) (3) (6) (1) (4), mst 7.

16th row: Mst 7, p to end.

These 16 rows form pattern.

Working extra sts into pattern as the occur, inc 1 st beginning of next row and 6 following 10th rows – 39 (42) (45) (48) (51) (54) (57) sts.

Pattern another 9 rows.

Shape armhole: Cast off 7 (8) (8) (9) (9) (10) (10) sts at beginning of next row.

Pattern 1 row.

1st dec row: K1, skpo, pattern to end.

2nd dec row: Pattern to last 3 sts, p2togb, p1.

Repeat last 2 rows, nil (nil) (1) (1) (2) (2) (3) time(s) more – 30 (32) (33) (35) (36) (38) (39) sts.

Work 1st dec row. Pattern 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 4 (5) (5) (6) (6) (7) (7) times more – 25 (26) (27) (28) (29) (30) (31) sts.

Continue straight until front measures same as back to shoulder shaping, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 9 (9) (10) (10) (11) (11) (12) sts at beginning of next row and 9 (10) (10) (11) (11) (12) (12) sts on following alternate row – 7 sts.

Continue in mst on these 7 sts until band fits halfway round back neck. Cast off.

Right front

With 2¾mm needles, cast on 31 (35) (37) (41) (43) (47) (49) sts.

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

Mst another 9 rows, inc 1 st at centre of last row on 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th sizes only – 32 (35) (38) (41) (44) (47) (50) sts.

Change to 3¼mm needles.

1st row: Mst 7, k to end.

2nd row: P to last 7 sts, mst 7.

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

7th row: Mst 7, k6 (1) (4) (7) (2) (5) (nil), [ps, k7] to last 3 sts, ps, k2.

8th row: P to last 7 sts, mst 7.

9th to 14th rows: Repeat 1st and 2nd rows, 3 times.

15th row: Mst 7, k2 (5) (nil) (3) (6) (1) (4), [ps, k7] to last 7 sts, ps, k6.

16th row: P to last 7 sts, mst 7.

These 16 rows form pattern.

Working extra sts into pattern as the occur, inc 1 at end of next row and 6 following 10th rows – 39 (42) (45) (48) (51) (54) (57) sts.

Pattern another 10 rows.

Shape armhole: Cast off 7 (8) (8) (9) (9) (10) (10) sts at beginning of next row.

1st dec row: Pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

2nd dec row: P1, p2tog, pattern to end. Repeat last 2 rows, nil (nil) (1) (1) (2) (2) (3) time(s) more – 30 (32) (33) (35) (36) (38) (39) sts.

Work 1st dec row. Pattern 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 4 (5) (5) (6) (6) (7) (7) times more – 25 (26) (27) (28) (29) (30) (31) sts.

Continue straight until front measures same as back to shoulder shaping, ending with a right side row.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 9 (9) (10) (10) (11) (11) (12) sts at beginning of next row and 9 (10) (10) (11) (11) (12) (12) sts on following alternate row – 7 sts.

Continue in mst on these 7 sts until band fits half way round back neck. Cast off.

Sleeves (both alike)

With 2¾mm needles, cast on 83 (87) (91) (95) (99) (103) (107) sts.

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

Mst another 9 rows, inc 8 sts evenly along last row – 91 (95) (99) (103) (107) (111) (125) sts.

Change to 3¼mm needles.

1st to 6th rows: Beginning with a k row, ss 6 rows.

7th row: K5 (3) (5) (3) (5) (3) (5), ps, [k7, ps] to last 5 (3) (5) (3) (5) (3) (5) sts, k to end.

8th to 14th rows: Beginning with a p row, ss 7 rows.

15th row: K9 (7) (9) (7) (9) (7) (9), ps, [k7, ps] to last 9 (7) (9) (7) (9) (7) (9) sts, k to end.

16th row: P.

These 16 rows form pattern.

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

Dec row: K1, skpo, pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 20 (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) (26) times more, then work dec row again – 33 (33) (35) (35) (37) (37) (39) sts. Pattern nil (nil) (1) (1) (nil) (nil) (1) row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 5 (5) (6) (6) (7) (7) (8) rows – 23 sts. Cast off 3 sts at beginning of next 4 rows – 11 sts. Cast off.

To make up

Join shoulder seams, then cast-off edges of bands. Sew band to back neck. Sew in sleeves, then join side and sleeve seams.





The front neck is finished with a buttoned placket.

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Short-sleeve Bolero

Measurements

To fit bust sizes 81 (86) (91) (97) (102) (107) (112) (117) (122) cm/32 (34) (36) (38) (40) (42) (44) (46) (48) in.

Actual measurements All round at widest part, edge to edge 84 (89.5) (95) (100.5) (106) (109.5) (115) (120.5) (126) cm/33 (35¼) (37½) (39½) (41¾) (43) (45¼) (47½) (49¾) in.

Side seam All sizes 12cm/4¾in.

Length to centre back neck 39.5 (40.5) (41.5) (42.5) (43.5) (44.5) (45.5) (46.5) (47.5) cm/15½ (16) (16¼) (16¾) (17) (17½) (18) (18¼) (18¾) in.

Sleeve seam All sizes 22cm/8¾in.

Materials

4 (4) (5) (5) (5) (5) (6) (6) (6) 50g (175m) balls of King Cole Galaxy DK (65% acrylic, 31% wool, 4% soft payette) in Plum (721). Pair of 3¾mm (No. 10) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles.

You can buy this yarn at shop.

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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; **sl**, slip; **tog**, together; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **gst**, garter st (every row k); **k2togb**, k2tog through back of sts.

Note

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

Back

With 4mm needles, cast on 92 (98) (104) (110) (116) (120) (126) (132) (138) sts.

Gst row: Sl1, k to end.

Repeat gst row, 8 times more.

Beginning with a k row, ss 26 rows.

Shape for sleeves: Inc 1st at each end of next 8 rows. Cast on 34 sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 176 (182) (188) (194) (200) (204) (210) (216) (222) sts.

Mark each end of last row.

Continue in ss until work measures 19 (20) (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) (26) (27) cm from markers, ending with a p row.

Shape top of sleeves and shoulders:

Cast off 13 (15) (18) (14) (17) (18) (15) (17) (20) sts at beginning of next 2 rows and 10 (10) (11) (11) (11) (12) (12) (12) sts at beginning of following 12 rows – 30 (32) (32) (34) (34) (36) (36) (38) (38) sts. Cast off.

Left front

With 4mm needles, cast on 34 (37) (40) (43) (46) (48) (51) (54) (57) sts.

Gst row: Sl1, k to end.

Repeat gst row, 8 times more.

Shape front edge: Next row: K to last 7 sts, inc, k6.

Next row: Sl1, k5, p to end.

Repeat last 2 rows, 11 times more – 46 (49) (52) (55) (58) (60) (63) (66) (69) sts.

Next row: K. **Next row:** Sl1, k5, p to end.

Shape for sleeve: Keeping the 6 sts at front edge in gst and remainder in ss, work thus: Inc 1 st at side edge on next 8 rows.

Cast on 34 sts at beginning of next row – 88 (91) (94) (97) (100) (102) (105) (108) (111) sts. Work 1 row. Mark end of last row. Work 12 (12) (12) (12) (14) (14) (16) (16) (16) rows straight.

Shape neck: Dec row: K to last 9 sts, k2tog, k7. Work 3 rows.

Repeat last 4 rows, 7 (8) (8) (9) (9) (10) (10) (11) (11) times more, then work dec row again – 79 (81) (84) (86) (89) (90) (93) (95) (98) sts.

Continue until work measures 19 (20) (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) (26) (27) cm from marker, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape top of sleeve and shoulder: Cast off 13 (15) (18) (14) (17) (18) (15) (17) (20) sts at



beginning of next row.

Work 1 row.

Cast off 10 (10) (10) (11) (11) (11) (12) (12) (12) sts at beginning of next row and 5 following alternate rows – 6 sts.

Work in gst on remaining sts for back neckband until band is long enough when slightly stretched, to fit across to centre back neck. Cast off.

Right front

With 4mm needles, cast on 34 (37) (40) (43) (46) (48) (51) (54) (57) sts.

Gst row: Sl1, k to end.

Repeat gst row, 8 times more.

Shape front edge: Next row: Sl1, k5, inc, k to end.

Next row: P to last 6 sts, k6.

Repeat last 2 rows, 11 times more – 46 (49) (52) (55) (58) (60) (63) (66) (69) sts.

Next row: Sl1, k to end.

Next row: P to last 6 sts, k6.

Shape for sleeve: Keeping the 6 sts at front edge in gst and remainder in ss, work as thus: Inc 1 st at side edge on each of

next 8 rows. Work 1 row.

Cast on 34 sts at beginning of next row – 88 (91) (94) (97) (100) (102) (105) (108) (111) sts. Mark beginning of last row.

Work 12 (12) (12) (12) (14) (14) (16) (16) (16) rows straight.

Shape neck: Dec row: K 7, k2togb, k to end. Work 3 rows.

Repeat last 4 rows, 7 (8) (8) (9) (9) (10) (10) (11) (11) times more, then work dec row again – 79 (81) (84) (86) (89) (90) (93) (95) (98) sts.

Continue until work measures 19 (20) (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) (26) (27) cm from marker, ending with a right side row.

Shape top of sleeve and shoulder: Cast off 13 (15) (18) (14) (17) (18) (15) (17) (20) sts at beginning of next row.

Work 1 row.

Cast off 10 (10) (10) (11) (11) (11) (12) (12) (12) sts at beginning of next row and 5 following alternate rows – 6 sts.

Work in gst on remaining sts for back neckband until band is long enough when slightly stretched, to fit across to

centre back neck. Cast off.

Sleeve edgings

(both alike)

Join top of sleeve and shoulder seams. Sew back neckband across centre back neck, and then join cast-off edges.

With right side facing, using 3¼mm needles, pick up and k83 (89) (92) (99) (102) (105) (112) (115) (118) sts evenly along row-ends of sleeve.

Gst row: Sl1, k to end.

Repeat gst row, 9 times more.

Cast off kwise.

To make up

Join side and sleeve seams, including sleeve edgings.

Evening Bag

Measurements

20cm/8in across and 11.5cm/4¼in high.

Materials

1 x 50g (126m) ball of Sirdar Ella DK (49% cotton, 48% acrylic, 3% polyester) in Pearlescent (0004). Pair of 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles.

You can buy this yarn online from shop.womansweekly.com or call 0800 024 1212.

Tension

23 stitches and 40 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over moss stitch, on 4mm needles.

Abbreviations

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

Note

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

Sides

(make 2)

With 4mm needles, cast on 47 sts.

Moss stitch row: K1, [p1, k1] to end.

Repeat this row, 45 times more.

Shape base: Cast off in mst 3 sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 41 sts.

Mst another 4 rows. Cast off in mst.

Handles

(make 2)

With 4mm needles, cast on 51 sts.

Work 7 rows in mst as given for sides.

Cast off in mst.

Ties

(make 2)

With 4mm needles, cast on 42 sts.

Cast off.

To make up

Sew the 3 cast-off sts to 4 row-ends of base on each side piece. Join sides together, leaving cast-on edge free. Sew handles in place. Attach one end of each tie to side seams about 8 rows down from top. Knot other ends. Tie ends together at centre of front and secure knot in position with couple of stitches.

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Knitted history

Knitting company MillaMia was founded in 2009 by Katarina and Helena Rosén – two Swedish sisters based in the UK.

Katarina has spent the last 12 years working in London's City district and Europe. Weekly commutes to work in Amsterdam offer her plenty of time to knit on the plane, to the bemusement of her fellow business travellers.

Helena is a Central Saint Martin's art college graduate who's forged a career in textile, accessories and fashion design, working in London for a variety of brands. Helena's designs aren't constrained by conventional knitting or what's gone before, and at the core of MillaMia is her passion for colour and craftsmanship.

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Hat

Measurements

To fit an average adult head.

Materials

2 x 50g (80m) balls of MillaMia Naturally Soft Aran (100% wool) in Slate (200). Pair of 5mm (No. 6) knitting needles; Rico Design fake fur pompom 10cm diameter (optional). For yarn stockists, call 0845 017 7474.

You can buy the fake fur pompom at shop.womansweekly.com or call 0800 024 1212.

Tension

22 stitches and 26 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over pattern, using 5mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **sl**, slip; **tog**, together; **dec**, decrease; **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and p into the back of it; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **yo**, yarn forward and over needle to make a st.

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

With 5mm needles, cast on 90 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 7 rows.

Increase row: P2, [up1, p11] 8 times – 98 sts.

1st row: K1, [sl1 pwise, k1, yo, then pass sl st over k1 and yo] to last st, k1.

2nd row: P to end.

3rd row: K2, [sl1 pwise, k1, yo, then pass sl st over k1 and yo] to last 2 sts, k2.

4th row: P to end.

These 4 rows form the pattern.

Continue in pattern until hat measures 18cm from beginning, ending with a 4th pattern row.

Shape crown: 1st dec row: K1, [sl1 pwise, k3tog, yo, then pass sl st over k3tog and yo, pattern 4] to last st, k1 – 74 sts.

Beginning with a 2nd row, pattern 3 rows.

2nd dec row: K1, [pattern 2, sl1 pwise, k3tog, yo, then pass sl st over k3tog and yo] to last st, k1 – 50 sts.

Beginning with a 2nd row, pattern 3 rows.

3rd dec row: K1, [sl1 pwise, k3tog, yo,

then pass sl st over k3tog and yo] to last st, k1 – 26 sts.

P 1 row. Work 3rd pattern row.

4th dec row: P1, [p2tog] to last st, p1 – 14 sts.

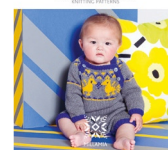
Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Join seam, reversing seam on ss section. Allow this section to roll back. Attach fur pompom to top of hat or make a large pompom and attach it to top of hat.



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From Knitting Editor Kandy

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From Our Archives



We're really lucky to have such a rich back catalogue of fantastic *Woman's Weekly* knitting and crochet patterns. This versatile jacket originally featured in the magazine back in the 1960s



Easy Peasy



A Bit More Tricky



Hard-ish



Quite A Challenge

Can-do Coat

When we first featured this fab jacket in the Sixties we called it a 'car coat' – now we'd consider it a wear-anywhere classic!

Measurements

To fit sizes 81 (86) (91) (97) (102) (107) cm/32 (34) (36) (38) (40) (42) in.

Actual measurements 92 (98) (104) (110) (116) (122.5) cm/36¼ (38½) (41) (43¼) (45¾) (48¼) in.

Side seam All sizes 51cm/20in.

Length to back neck 71 (73) (75) (77) (78) (80) cm/28 (28¾) (29½) (30¼) (30¾) (31½) in.

Sleeve seam 44 (44) (44) (44) (46) (46) cm/17¼ (17¼) (17¼) (17¼) (18) (18) in.

Materials

17 (18) (19) (21) (22) (23) 50g (100m) balls of Rico Design Essentials Soft Merino Aran (100% wool) in Midnight Blue (039). Pair of 4mm (No. 8), 5mm (No. 6), 5½mm (No. 5) and 6mm (No. 4) knitting needles; 6 buttons.

You can buy this yarn at shop.womansweekly.com **or call** 0800 024 1212.

Tension

26 stitches and 41 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over pattern, using 5mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **sl**, slip; **tog**, together; **k2togb**, k2tog through back of sts; **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **ytf**, yarn to front; **ytb**, yarn to back; **nil**, meaning nothing is worked here for this size.

Note

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

Back

With 5mm needles, cast on 117 (125) (133) (141) (149) (157) sts. P 1 row.

Change to 6mm needles.

1st row (right side): K2, [sl1 kwise, k3] to last 3 sts, sl1 kwise, k2.

2nd row: K2, [ytf, sl1 kwise, ytb, k3] to last 3 sts, ytf, sl1 kwise, ytb, k2.

3rd row: K4, [sl1 kwise, k3] to last 5 sts, sl1 kwise, k4.

4th row: K1, p3, [sl1 kwise, p3] to last st, k1.

These 4 rows form the pattern.

Continue in pattern until back measures 16cm.

Change to 5½mm needles.

Continue in pattern until back measures 30cm from beginning, ending with 2nd pattern row.

Change to 5mm needles.

Continue in pattern until back measures 51cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

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

1st row: K1, k2togb, pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

2nd row: K1, p1, pattern to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

3rd row: K2, pattern to last 2 sts, k2.

4th row: K1, p1, pattern to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

Repeat 1st to 4th rows, nil (nil) (1) (1) (1) (2) time(s) more – 111 (119) (125) (133) (141) (147) sts.

Now repeat 1st and 2nd rows, 39 (42) (44) (48) (51) (53) times – 33 (35) (37) (37) (39) (41) sts. Cast off.

Pocket flaps

(make 2)

With 5mm needles, cast on 33 sts.

P 1 row.

Work 27 rows in pattern as given for back.

Leave these sts on a st holder.

Left front

With 5mm needles, cast on 57 (61) (65) (69) (73) (77) sts. P 1 row.

Change to 6mm needles.

Work in pattern as given for back until front measures 16cm.

Change to 5½mm needles.

Continue in pattern until front measures 30cm from beginning, ending with 2nd pattern row.

Change to 5mm needles.

Pocket opening row: Pattern 8 (12) (16) (16) (20) (24), cast off firmly next 33 sts, pattern to end.

Flap placing row: Pattern 16 (16) (16) (20) (20) (20), pattern across 33 flap sts, pattern to end.

Continue in pattern until front measures 51cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape raglan armhole: Cast off 2 sts at beginning of next row. Pattern 1 row.

1st row: K1, k2togb, pattern to end.

2nd row: Pattern to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

3rd row: K2, pattern to end.

4th row: Pattern to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

Repeat 1st to 4th rows, nil (nil) (1) (1) (1) (2) time(s) more – 54 (58) (61) (65) (69) (72) sts.

Now repeat 1st and 2nd rows, 26 (29) (30) (34) (36) (37) times, then work 1st row again – 27 (28) (30) (30) (32) (34) sts.

Shape neck: Next row: Cast off 7 (8) (9) (9) (10) (11) sts, pattern to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

Next row: K1, k2togb, pattern to last 2 sts, work 2tog.

Next row: Work 2tog, pattern to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

Repeat last 2 rows, twice more – 11 (11) (12) (12) (13) (14) sts.

Continue to dec 1 st at armhole edge only as before on next row and 7 (7) (8) (8) (9) (10) following alternate rows –



3 sts.
Work 1 row.
Next row: K1, k2togb – 2 sts.
Work 1 row. K2tog and fasten off.

Right front

With 5mm needles, cast on 57 (61) (65) (69) (73) (77) sts. P 1 row.
Change to 6mm needles.
Work in pattern as given for back until front measures 16cm.
Change to 5½mm needles.
Continue in pattern until front measures 30cm from beginning, ending with 2nd pattern row.
Change to 5mm needles.
Pocket opening row: Pattern 16 (16) (16) (20) (20) (20), cast off firmly next 33 sts, pattern to end.
Flap placing row: Pattern 8 (12) (16) (16) (20) (24), pattern across 33 flap sts, pattern to end.
Continue in pattern until front measures 51cm from beginning, ending with a right side row.
Shape raglan armhole: Cast off 2 sts at beginning of next row.

1st row: Pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.
2nd row: K1, p1, pattern end.
3rd row: Pattern to last 2 sts, k2.
4th row: K1, p1, pattern to end.
Repeat 1st to 4th rows, nil (nil) (1) (1) (1) (2) time(s) more – 54 (58) (61) (65) (69) (72) sts.
Now repeat 1st and 2nd rows, 27 (30) (31) (35) (37) (38) times – 27 (28) (30) (30) (32) (34) sts.
Shape neck: Next row: Cast off 7 (8) (9) (9) (10) (11) sts, pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.
Next row: K1, p1, pattern to last 2 sts, work 2tog.
Next row: Work 2tog, pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.
Repeat last 2 rows, twice more – 10 (10) (11) (11) (12) (13) sts. Work 1 row.
Continue to dec 1 st at armhole edge only as before on next row and 6 (6) (7) (7) (8) (9) following alternate rows – 3 sts. Work 1 row.
Next row: K2tog, k1 – 2 sts.
Work 1 row. K2tog and fasten off.

Sleeves

(both alike)
With 4mm needles, cast on 47 (49) (51) (51) (53) (55) sts.
1st rib row: K1, [p1, k1] to end.
2nd rib row: P1, [k1, p1] to end.
Rib another 5 rows.
P 1 row, inc 2 (4) (2) (6) (4) (6) sts evenly along last row – 49 (53) (53) (57) (57) (61) sts.
Change to 5mm needles.
Work 4 rows in pattern as given on back. Taking extra sts into pattern as they occur, inc 1 st at each end of next row and 10 (15) (6) (10) (15) (19) following 8th (8th) (6th) (6th) (6th) (6th) rows, then on 7 (3) (14) (11) (8) (5) following 10th (10th) (8th) (8th) (8th) (8th) rows – 85 (91) (95) (101) (105) (111) sts.
Continue straight until sleeve measures 44 (44) (44) (44) (46) (46) cm from beginning, ending with same pattern row as on back before raglan armhole shaping.
Shape raglan top: Cast off 2 sts at beginning of next 2 rows.
1st row: K1, k2togb, pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.
2nd row: K1, p1, pattern to last 2 sts, p1, k1.
3rd row: K2, pattern to last 2 sts, k2.
4th row: K1, p1, pattern to last 2 sts, p1, k1.
Repeat 1st to 4th rows, 3 (3) (5) (6) (7) (8) times more – 73 (79) (79) (83) (85) (89) sts.
Now repeat 1st and 2nd rows, 33 (36) (36) (38) (39) (41) times – 7 sts. Cast off.

Collar

With 5mm needles, cast on 97 (101) (105) (109) (113) (117) sts. P 1 row.
Change to 6mm needles.
Work 8 rows in pattern as given on back. Change to 5½mm needles.
Pattern another 8 rows.
Change to 5mm needles.
Continue in pattern until collar measures 8cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.
Next 2 rows: Sl1, pattern to last 8 sts, turn.
Next 2 rows: Sl1, pattern to last 12 sts, turn.
Next 2 rows: Sl1, pattern to last 16 sts, turn.
Next 2 rows: Sl1, pattern to last 20 sts, turn.
Next 2 rows: Sl1, pattern to last 24 sts, turn.
Next 2 rows: Sl1, pattern to last 28 sts, turn.
Next row: Sl1, pattern to end. Cast off.

Button band

With 4mm needles, cast on 11 sts.
Work in rib as given on sleeve cuff until band, when slightly stretched, fits up left front to neck shaping. Cast off.
Sew band in position.
Mark band to indicate position of 6 buttons: first one 24cm up from lower edge, last one 6 rows down from top and remaining 4 evenly spaced between.

Buttonhole band

Work to match button band, making buttonholes to match markers thus:
1st buttonhole row: Rib 4, cast off 3 sts, rib to end.
2nd buttonhole row: Rib 4, cast on 3 sts, rib to end.

Pocket linings

(make 2)
With 4mm needles, cast on 26 sts.
1st row: K1, p to last st, k1.
2nd row: K.
Repeat last 2 rows until lining measures 12cm. Cast off.

To make up

Join all raglan seams, then join side and sleeve seams. Sew on buttonhole band. Beginning and ending at centre of front bands, sew cast-off edge of collar to neck edge. Position pocket linings on wrong sides of fronts and slip stitch in place. Sew on buttons.



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Festive Flourishes

Patterns

Christmas Tree

Measurements

Approximately 18cm/7in high.

Materials

1 x 100g (280m) ball of DMC Petra 3 (100% cotton) in Red (5321); length of 4ply cotton yarn in White for embroidery. Pair of 3mm (No. 11) knitting needles. Washable toy stuffing.

You can buy this yarn at shop. womansweekly.com or call 0800 024 1212.

Tension

23 stitches and 33 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over reverse stocking stitch (purl on right side and knit on wrong side), using 3mm needles and two strands of yarn together.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **sl**, slip; **dec**, decrease; **psso**, pass sl st over; **skpo**, (sl1, k1, psso).

Note

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

First triangle (make 2)

With 3mm needles and using two strands of yarn together, cast on 7 sts.

P 1 row.

1st dec row: Skpo, k3, k2tog – 5 sts.

P 1 row.

2nd dec row: Skpo, k1, k2tog – 3 sts.

P 1 row.

3rd dec row: Sl1, k2tog, psso. Fasten off. Place pieces together and join all three sides, stuffing it with spare yarn as you sew. With White, embroider star on each side.

Second triangle (make 2)

With 3mm needles and using two



strands of yarn together, cast on 19 sts.

P 1 row.

1st dec row: Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2tog.

P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 6 times more – 5 sts.

2nd dec row: Skpo, k1, k2tog – 3 sts.

P 1 row.

3rd dec row: Sl1, k2tog, psso. Fasten off.

Place pieces together and join all three sides, leaving an opening. Stuff and close opening.

Third triangle (make 2)

With 3mm needles and using two strands of yarn together, cast on 25 sts.

P 1 row.

1st dec row: Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2tog.

P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 9 times more – 5 sts.

2nd dec row: Skpo, k1, k2tog – 3 sts.

P 1 row.

3rd dec row: Sl1, k2tog, psso. Fasten off.

Place pieces together and join all three sides, leaving an opening. Stuff and close opening.

Fourth triangle (make 2)

With 3mm needles and using two strands of yarn together, cast on 31 sts.

P 1 row.

1st dec row: Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2tog.

P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 12 times more – 5 sts.

2nd dec row: Skpo, k1, k2tog – 3 sts.

P 1 row.

3rd dec row: Sl1, k2tog, psso. Fasten off.

Place pieces together and join all three sides, leaving an opening. Stuff and close opening.

Fifth triangle (make 2)

With 3mm needles and using two strands of yarn together, cast on 37 sts.

P 1 row.

1st dec row: Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2tog.

P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 15 times more – 5 sts.

2nd dec row: Skpo, k1, k2tog – 3 sts.

P 1 row.

3rd dec row: Sl1, k2tog, psso. Fasten off.

Place pieces together and join all three sides, leaving an opening. Stuff and close opening.

Sixth triangle (make 2)

With 3mm needles and using two strands of yarn together, cast on 43 sts.

P 1 row.

1st dec row: Skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2tog.

P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 18 times more – 5 sts.

2nd dec row: Skpo, k1, k2tog – 3 sts.

P 1 row.

3rd dec row: Sl1, k2tog, psso. Fasten off.

Place pieces together and join all three sides, leaving an opening. Stuff and close opening.

To complete

Stack triangles horizontally in size order, placing fifth one on top of sixth one, fourth one on top of fifth one, third on top of fourth one and second on top of third one. Position the smallest triangle vertically on top of stack. Attach length of Red yarn securely at back of largest triangle. Thread it through centre of triangles, bringing it up on top of second triangle, then take this yarn through one side of first triangle. Return the yarn back to base of largest triangle through same place, pull it up so that the triangles form a tree and secure in position.

Hanging Decorations

Measurements

Each ring measures approximately 6cm/2½in diameter.

Materials

For the set: 1 x 100g (280m) ball of DMC Petra 3 (100% cotton) in Grey (5415). Size 2.00 crochet hook. An assortment of beads and buttons, matching sewing thread; Rico Design fabric stiffener.

You can buy this yarn and fabric stiffener at shop.womansweekly.com or call 0800 024 1212.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **dc**, double crochet; **tr**, treble; **htr**, half treble; **dtr**, double treble; **chsp**, chain space; **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.

Tree ring

1st row: With 2.00 hook, make 4ch, 2tr in 4th ch from hook, turn – 3 sts.

2nd row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in base of 3ch, 1tr in next tr, 2tr in top of 3ch, turn – 5 sts.

3rd row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in base of 3ch, 1tr in each of next 3tr, 2tr in top of 3ch, turn – 7 sts.

4th row: 5ch, slst in 2ch from hook (counts as 1tr and 1 picot), 1tr in base of 3ch, 1tr in each of next 5tr, 2tr in top of 3ch, 2ch, slst in 2nd ch from hook, turn.

5th row: Slst in each of first 5 sts, 2ch, 1htr in base of 2ch.

Next round: 1ch, 1dc in space between 2ch and htr, 5ch, 1dc in first picot, 16ch, 1dc in tip of tree, 16ch, 1dc in next picot, 5ch, slst in first dc.

Next round: 1ch, 7dc in 5-chsp, 1htr in next dc, [23dc in 16-chsp, 1htr in next dc] twice, 7dc in 5-chsp, slst in first dc. Fasten off.

Decorate tree with beads and buttons. Attach a loop of sewing thread at the top for hanging. Immerse whole motif in fabric stiffener and squeeze off excess. Reshape the motif to form a circle, place it on a flat surface, cover with cling film and leave until dry.



Star

1st round: With 2.00 hook, wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form ring, insert hook into ring, yarn round hook and pull through, 1ch, 15dc in ring, slst in first dc, pull end of yarn tightly to close ring.

2nd round: [8ch, slst in 4th ch from hook, 1dc in next ch, 1htr in next ch, 1tr in next ch, 1dtr in next ch, miss 2dc, slst in next dc] 5 times.

3rd round: Slst along and into 4-chsp at tip of star, 1ch, 1dc in same space, [10ch, 1dc in next 4-chsp] 4 times, 10ch,

slst in first dc.

4th round: 1ch, [11dc in next chsp, 1htr in next dc] 5 times, slst in first dc. Fasten off.

Decorate star with beads and buttons. Attach a loop of sewing thread at the top for hanging. Immerse whole motif in fabric stiffener and squeeze off excess. Reshape the motif to form a circle, place it on a flat surface covered with cling film and leave until dry.



Jar Covers

Measurements

Each approx 6cm/2½in in diameter.

Materials

For the set: 1 x 50g (130m) ball of Rico Design Essential Cotton DK (100% cotton) in each of White (080) and Silver (003). Size 3.00 crochet hook; 3m of narrow ribbon.

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Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **dc**, double crochet; **st**, stitch; **tr**, treble; **htr**, half treble; **chsp**, chain space; **slst**, slip stitch; **yrh**, yarn round hook.

Note

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



Flower motif covers

1st round: With 3.00 hook and White, wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form ring, insert hook into ring, yrh and pull through, 7ch (counts as 1tr and 4ch), [2tr in ring, 4ch] 5 times, 1tr in ring, slst in 3rd of 7ch, pull end of yarn tightly to close ring – 6chsp.

2nd round: [Work 1slst, 1dc, 1htr, 5tr, 1htr, 1dc and 1slst all in next chsp – petal made] 6 times.

3rd round: Slst in first 3 sts of first petal, [1dc in each of next 5tr, 3ch, miss next 6 sts] to end, slst in first dc. Fasten off.

4th round: Join in Silver in same place as slst of last round, 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in each of next 4dc, 3htr in chsp, [1htr in each of next 5dc, 3htr in chsp] to end, slst in top of 2ch – 48htr.

5th round: 3ch (counts as 1tr), [1tr in next st] to end, slst in top of 3ch.

6th round: As 5th round.

7th round: 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next st] to end, slst in top of 2ch. Fasten off.

8th round: Join in White in same place as slst of last round, 1ch (counts as 1dc), 1dc in each of next 2dc, [3ch, slst in last dc worked, 1dc in each of next 3 sts] to end, 3ch, slst in last dc worked, slst in 1ch. Fasten off.

Thread length of ribbon around every other tr on 6th round and tie into a bow. Make another cover, using Silver instead

of White and White instead of Silver.

Make another cover, using Silver for the first 7 rounds, omitting fastening off at end of 3rd round and beginning 4th round with 2ch. With White, work 8th round.

Popcorn covers

1st round: With 3.00 hook and White, wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form ring, insert hook into ring, yrh and pull through, 1ch, 6dc in ring, slst in first dc, pull end of yarn tightly to close ring.

2nd round: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 4tr in base of 3ch, remove hook from loop, insert it in top of 3ch then into free loop and pull this loop through, [3ch, 5tr in next dc, remove hook from loop, insert it in top of first tr then into free loop and pull this loop through – popcorn made] 5 times, 3ch, slst in top of first popcorn – 6 popcorns.

Fasten off.

3rd round: Join in Silver to any chsp, 3ch, 4tr in same chsp, remove hook from loop, insert it in top of 3ch then into free loop and pull this loop through, 3ch, 1 popcorn in same chsp, 3ch, [work 1 popcorn, 3ch, 1 popcorn, 3ch in next chsp] 5 times, slst in top of first popcorn – 12 popcorns.

Fasten off.

4th round: Join White in any chsp, 2ch (counts as 1htr), 3htr in same chsp as

join, [4htr in next chsp] to end, slst in top of 2ch – 48htr.

5th round: 3ch (counts as 1tr), [1tr in next st] to end, slst in top of 3ch.

6th round: 1ch (does not count as st), [1dc in each st] to end, slst in first dc.

7th to 9th rounds: As 6th round. Fasten off.

10th round: Join Silver in same place as slst, 1ch, 1dc at base of 1ch, [insert hook 2 rounds down and 2 sts forward, yrh and pull through, insert hook 4 rounds down below next st, yrh and pull through, then insert hook 2 rounds down and 2 sts behind, yrh and pull through, yrh and pull through all 4 loops on hook – spike made, 1dc in each of next 5 sts] to end, ending last repeat, 1dc in each of last 4 sts, slst in first dc. Fasten off.

Thread length of ribbon around every other tr on 5th round and tie into a bow. Make another cover, using Silver instead of White and White instead of Silver. Make another cover, using Silver for the first 9 rounds, but do not fasten off at end of 2nd or 3rd rounds and begin 3rd and 4th rounds with slst in first chsp. Use White for 10th round.

Make another cover, using White for the first 9 rounds, but do not fasten off at end of 2nd or 3rd rounds and begin 3rd and 4th rounds with slst in first chsp. Use Silver for 10th round.

Star Motif

Measurements

Approximately 24cm/9½in.

Materials

1 x 100g (280m) ball of DMC Petra 3 (100% cotton) in White (B5200).
Size 2.50 crochet hook; stout A4 card in desired shade; a 35cm/13¾in length of narrow ribbon for hanging loop (optional).

You can buy this yarn at shop.
womansweekly.com or call
0800 024 1212.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **st**, stitch; **tr**, treble; **htr**, half treble; **dc**, double crochet;
tr2tog, treble 2 tog [yarn round hook, insert hook into next st, yarn round hook and draw loop through, yarn round hook and draw through first 2 loops on hook] twice, yarn round hook and draw loop through all 3 sts on hook; **tr2cl** treble 2 cluster [yarn round hook, insert hook in place indicated, yarn round hook and draw loop through, yarn round hook and draw through first 2 loops on hook] twice, yarn round hook and draw loop through all 3 loops on hook;
slst, slip stitch; **chsp**, chain space.

Note

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Centre

1st round: With 2.50 hook, wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form a ring, insert hook into ring, yarn round hook and pull through, 3ch (counts as 1tr), work 14tr in ring, slst in 3rd of 3ch, pull end tightly to close the ring – 15 sts.

2nd round: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 4tr in base of 3ch, 2ch, miss next 2 sts, [5tr in next st, 2ch, miss next 2 sts] 4 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch.

3rd round: Slst into next st, 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in base of 3ch, 3tr in next st, 2tr in next st, [1ch, miss 1 st, 2tr in chsp, 1ch, miss 1 st, 2tr in next st, 3tr in next st, 2tr in next st] 4 times, miss 1 st, 1ch, 2tr in chsp, 1ch, slst in 3rd of 3ch.

4th round: Slst in each of next 2 sts, 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in base of 3ch, 3tr in next st, 2tr in next st, 2ch, miss 2 sts, 1tr in chsp, 1tr in each of next 2 sts, 1tr in

chsp, [2ch, miss 2 sts, 2tr in next st, 3tr in next st, 2tr in next st, 2ch, miss 2 sts, 1tr in chsp, 1tr in each of next 2 sts, 1tr in chsp] 4 times, 2ch, slst in 3rd of 3ch.

5th round: Slst in each of next 2 sts, 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in base of 3ch, 3tr in next st, 2tr in next st, 2ch, miss 2 sts, 2tr in chsp, 1tr in each of next 4 sts, 2tr in chsp, [2ch, miss 2 sts, 2tr in next st, 3tr in next st, 2tr in next st, 2ch, miss 2 sts, 2tr in chsp, 1tr in each of next 4 sts, 2tr in chsp] 4 times, 2ch, slst in 3rd of 3ch.

Divide for point: 1st row: Slst in each of next 4 sts, 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in next st, 1ch, miss 1 st, 2tr in chsp, 1tr in each of next 8 sts, 2tr in chsp, 1ch, miss 1 st, 1tr in each of next 2 sts, mark next st, turn.

*** 2nd row:** 2ch (does not count as a st), 1tr in next st, 1tr in chsp, 2ch, miss 2 sts, 1tr in each of next 8 sts, 2ch, miss 2 sts, 1tr in chsp, tr2tog, turn.

3rd row: 2ch (does not count as a st), 1tr in next st, 2tr in chsp, 2ch, miss 2 sts, 1tr in each of next 4 sts, 2ch, miss 2 sts, 2tr in chsp, tr2tog, turn.

4th row: 2ch (does not count as a st), 1tr in each of next 2 sts, 1tr in chsp, 1ch, miss 1 st, 1tr in each of next 2 sts, 1ch, miss 1 st, 1tr in chsp, 1tr in next st, tr2tog, turn.

5th row: 2ch (does not count as a st), 1tr in each of next 2 sts, 1tr in chsp, 2ch, miss 2 sts, 1tr in chsp, 1tr in next st, tr2tog, turn.

6th row: 2ch (does not count as a st), 1tr in each of next 2 sts, 2tr in chsp, 1tr in next st, tr2tog, turn.

7th row: 2ch (does not count as a st), 1tr in each of next 3 sts, tr2tog, turn.

8th row: 2ch (does not count as a st), 1tr in next st, tr2tog, turn.

9th row: 2ch, 1tr in next st. Fasten off. With right side facing, rejoin yarn to next st after marked st, 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in next st, 1ch, miss 1 st, 2tr in chsp, 1tr in each of next 8 sts, 2tr in chsp, 1ch, miss 1 st, 1tr in each of next 2 sts, mark next st, turn. *

Work from * to * 3 times more.

Work 2nd to 9th rows.

Fasten off and neaten ends.

Make another star in the same way.

Using star as template, cut out star shape from card.

Edging

With wrong side of stars together and 2.50 hook, join yarn to marked st between two points and work through both thicknesses along outer edge thus:

1st round: 3ch, * miss first row-end, [1htr in next row-end, 3ch, tr2cl in 3rd ch from hook] 7 times, 3ch, 1htr in top of point, miss 1 row-end, [3ch, tr2cl in 3rd

ch from hook, 1htr in next row-end] 7 times, 1tr in marked st between points *, repeat from * to * twice more, insert card, then work from * to * twice, omitting 1tr at end of last repeat, slst in top of 3ch.

2nd round: 5ch (counts as 1tr and 2ch), * miss tr2cl, 1tr in next htr, 2ch] 6 times, work [1tr, 2ch] 3 times in htr at point, [1tr in next htr, 2ch] 6 times, 1tr in tr, repeat from * 4 times more, omitting tr at end of last repeat, slst in 3rd of 5ch.

3rd round: 1ch (does not count as a st), * [2dc in next chsp, 1dc in next tr] 7 times, 2dc in next chsp, 2dc in next tr, [2dc in next chsp, 1dc in next tr] 7 times, 2dc in next chsp, repeat from * 4 times more, slst in first dc.

Fasten off and neaten ends.

Hanging strip

With 2.50 hook, make 17ch.

1st row: 1htr in 3rd ch from hook, [1htr in next ch] to end, turn.

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

Fasten off and neaten ends.

Sew sides of hanging strip to back of star, at centre. Place star on top of Christmas tree

To complete

As an alternative hanging loop, thread ribbon through tip of one point and tie ends.



Snowman Greetings Card

Measurements

Snowman measures approximately 8cm/3¼in tall.

Materials

1 x 50g (130m) ball of Rico Design Essentials Cotton DK (100% cotton) in white (80) and small amount of red (02). Size 3.00 crochet hook; 3 red bugle beads; 5 medium and 5 small black beads; 12 x 12cm/4¾ x 4¾in embossed card (ref: PMA 150625); black sewing thread and a sewing needle; clear glue.

You can buy this yarn and embossed card from shop.womansweekly.com or call 0800 024 1212.

Abbreviations

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



Head

1st round: Using 3.00 hook and White, wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form a ring, insert hook into ring, yarn round hook and pull through, 3ch (counts as 1tr), work 11tr into ring, slst in 3rd of 3ch, pull end of yarn tightly and close ring – 12 sts.

2nd round: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in base of 2ch, [2tr in next st] 11 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 24 sts.

Fasten off and neaten ends.

Sew on two medium black beads for eyes, 5 small black beads evenly spaced for mouth and 3 red bugle beads for nose.

Body

1st round: Using 3.00 hook and White, wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form a ring, insert hook into ring, yarn round hook and pull through, 3ch (counts as 1tr), work 11tr into ring, slst in 3rd of 3ch, pull end of yarn tightly and close ring – 12 sts.

2nd round: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in base of 2ch, [2tr in next st] 11 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 24 sts.

3rd round: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in base of 3ch, 1tr in next st, [2tr in next st, 1tr in next st] 11 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 36 sts. Fasten off and neaten ends.

Sew on 3 medium black beads for buttons.

Scarf

First piece: With 3.00 hook and Red, make 10ch.

1st row: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, [1dc in next ch] 8 times, turn – 9 sts.

2nd row: 1ch (does not count as a st) [1dc in next st] 9 times.

Fasten off and neaten ends.

Second piece: With 3.00 hook and Red, make 10ch.

1st row: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, [1dc in next ch] 8 times, turn – 9 sts.

2nd row: 1ch (does not count as a st) [1dc in next st] 9 times, turn.

3rd row: As 2nd row.

Fasten off and neaten ends.

Fringe one row-end edge with Red and trim to 1cm.

To complete

Arrange body and head on centre of card, with head slightly overlapping body and glue in place. Drape first scarf piece round the snowman's neck. Tuck fringe-free edge of second piece over top of scarf at neck as shown in photograph and glue in place.

Christmas Pud Tea Cosy

Measurements

Approximately 44cm/17½in all round and 20.5cm/8in tall.

Materials

3 x 50g (100m) balls of Rico Design Essentials Soft Merino Aran (100% wool) in Light Grey (020); 2 balls in Brick (007); 1 ball in Natural (060). Pair of 4mm (No. 8) and 4½mm (No. 7) knitting needles; 3 red buttons; small amount of washable toy stuffing.

You can buy this yarn at shop.
womansweekly.com or call
0800 024 1212.

Tension

20 stitches and 27 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 4½mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **yf**, yarn forward to make a st.

Note

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

Main pieces

(make 2)

Outer layer: With 4½mm needles and Brick, cast on 10 sts for top.

1st row: K2, [inc kwise] 7 times, k1 – 17 sts.

2nd row and every alternate row: P.

3rd row: K2, [inc, k1] 6 times, inc, k2 – 24 sts.

5th row: K2, [inc, k2] 6 times, inc, k3 – 31 sts.

7th row: K.

9th row: K2, [inc, k3] 6 times, inc, k4 – 38 sts.

11th row: K.

13th row: K2, [inc, k4] 6 times, inc, k5 – 45 sts.

14th row: P to end.

Stranding yarn not in use loosely across wrong side, continue in ss and pattern thus:

1st row: K2 Brick, 1 Light Grey, [3 Brick, 1 Light Grey] to last 2 sts, 2 Brick.

2nd row: With Brick, p.

3rd row: With Brick, k.

4th row: P4 Brick, 1 Light Grey, [3 Brick,

1 Light Grey] to last 4 sts, 4 Brick.

5th row: With Brick, k.

6th row: With Brick, p.

These 6 rows form the pattern.

Pattern another 28 rows.

Continue in Brick, ss 5 rows.

K 1 row for fold line.

Lining: Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.

Break off Brick.

Continue in Light Grey only, ss 36 rows.

Shape top: 1st row: K2, [k2tog, k4] 6 times, k2tog, k5 – 38 sts.

2nd row and every alternate row: P.

3rd row: K.

5th row: K2, [k2tog, k3] 6 times, k2tog, k4 – 31 sts. **7th row:** K.

9th row: K2, [k2tog, k2] 6 times, k2tog, k3 – 24 sts.

11th row: K2, [k2tog, k1] 6 times, k2tog, k2 – 17 sts.

13th row: K2, [k2tog] 7 times, k1 – 10 sts.

Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure.

Run a gathering thread through cast-on edge, pull up tightly and secure. Join side seams on outer layer, leaving an

8cm opening on one side edge for spout and a 9cm opening on other side for handle. Join lining side seam, leaving

openings to match outer layer. Fold lining into outer layer at fold line and catch both section together at top. Join

row-ends of outer layer to lining at each side of openings.

row-ends of outer layer to lining at each side of openings.

Icing

With 4mm needles and Natural, cast on 10 sts for top.

1st row: [Inc kwise in st] 10 times – 20 sts.

2nd row and every alternate row: P.

3rd row: [K1, inc] 10 times – 30 sts.

5th row: [K2, inc, k2] 10 times – 40 sts.

7th row: [K3, inc] 10 times – 50 sts.

9th row: [K4, inc] 10 times – 60 sts.

11th row: [K5, inc] 10 times – 70 sts.

13th row: K.

15th row: [K6, inc] 10 times – 80 sts.

17th row: K.

19th row: [K7, inc] 10 times – 90 sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 4 rows.

Cast off kwise.

Run a gathering thread through cast-on edge, pull up tightly and secure. Join seam. Leaving an opening, sew icing on top of cosy, adjusting slightly to form a wavy edge. Stuff lightly, then join opening.

Holly

Leaves (make 3): With 4mm needles and Light Grey, cast on 23 sts.

K 1 row and p 1 row.

Picot row: K1, [yf, k2tog] to end.

P 1 row, k 1 row and p 1 row. Cast off.

Join row-ends together. Fold in half at picot row and join all layers together in the centre. Sew one end of each leaf to top of cosy, then add 3 buttons for berries.



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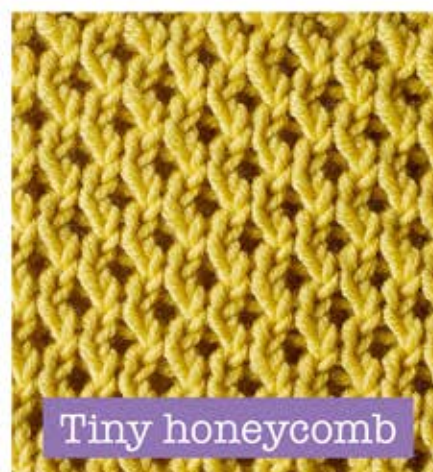
Zigzag rib



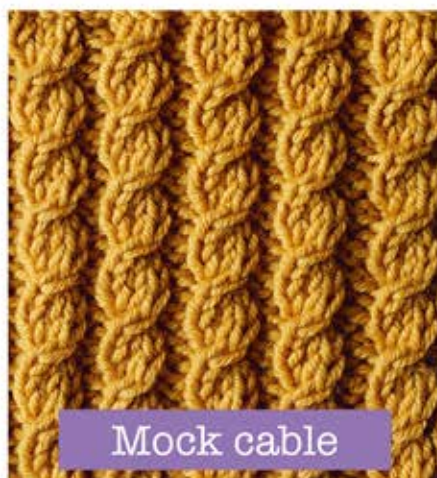
Wheatear rib



Spiral rib



Tiny honeycomb



Mock cable



Open basketweave

Effects from ribs to all-over patterns can be achieved with twist stitches. Here are just a few simple variations.

Materials

Sublime Extra Fine Merino Wool DK, using size 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **tw2rt**, twist 2 stitches to the right: miss the first stitch on the left-hand needle, knit in the front of the second stitch, then in the front of the first stitch, slip both stitches off together; **tw2lt**, twist 2 stitches to the left: take the right-hand needle behind the work to knit the

second stitch through the back of the loop, then knit the first stitch through the front of the loop, slip both stitches off together; **yo**, yarn forward and over needle to make a stitch.

Note

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



Wheatear rib

This very symmetrical stitch makes a firm fabric without any stretch.

Multiple of 5 sts plus 1.

1st row (wrong side): K1, [p4, k1] to end.

2nd row: P1, [tw2rt, tw2lt, p1] to end.

Repeat 1st and 2nd rows.



Zigzag rib

Twisting stitches on every row makes a very strong, deep rib.

Multiple of 3 sts plus 1.

1st row (right side): P1, [tw2lt, p1] to end.

2nd row: K1, * with the yarn in front, p second st, then p first st, slip both sts off tog, k1; repeat from * to end.

Repeat 1st and 2nd rows.



Tiny honeycomb

Lots of twists are needed to make this attractive texture.

Multiple of 4 sts.

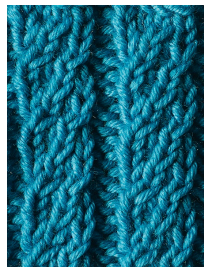
1st row (wrong side): K1, [p2, k2] to last 3 sts, p2, k1.

2nd row: [Tw2rt, tw2lt] to end.

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

4th row: [Tw2lt, tw2rt] to end.

Repeat 1st to 4th rows.



Spiral rib

Right twists are placed to give the effect of a continuous spiral.

Multiple of 6 sts plus 2.

1st row (wrong side): K2, [p4, k2] to end.

2nd row: P2, * [tw2rt] twice, p2; repeat from * to end.

3rd row: As 1st row.

4th row: P2, * k1, tw2rt, k1, p2; repeat from * to end.

Repeat 1st to 4th rows.



Open basketweave

The addition of increases and decreases opens up these twists.

Multiple of 2 sts plus 1.

1st row (right side): K1, [yo, tw2rt] to end.

2nd row: P1, [p2tog, p1] to end.

3rd row: Tw2lt, [yo, tw2lt] to last st, k1.

4th row: P2, [p2tog, p1] to last st, p1.



Mock cable

A well-defined cable effect can be made by twisting three stitches.

Multiple of 10 sts plus 2.

1st row (wrong side): K2, [p3, k2] to end.

2nd row: P2, * k in front of 3rd st on left-hand needle, then 2nd st, then first st, slip all 3 sts off tog, p2, k3, p2; repeat from * to end.

3rd row: As 1st row.

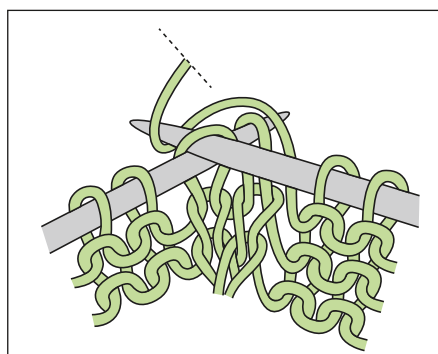
4th row: P2, * k3, p2, twist 3 sts as on 2nd row, p2; repeat from * to end.

Repeat 1st to 4th rows.

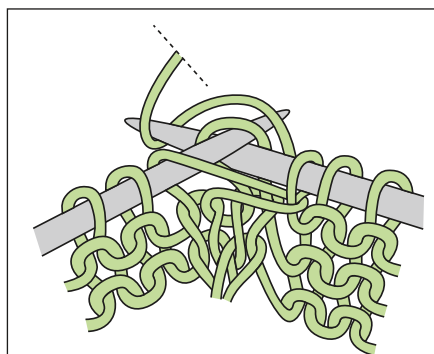
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Twisting stitches is basically working them out of sequence

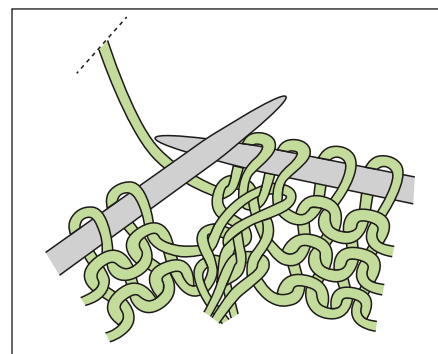
Twist 2 stitches to the right (tw2rt)



1 Miss the first stitch on the left-hand needle and knit in the front of the 2nd stitch, but without slipping it off.

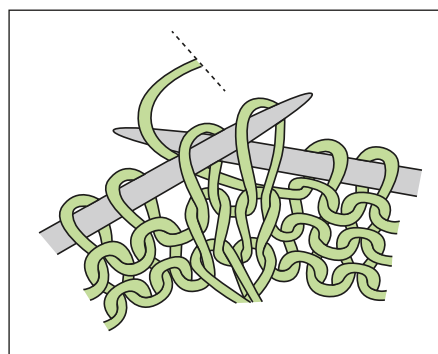


2 Knit the first stitch in the front of the loop in the usual way.

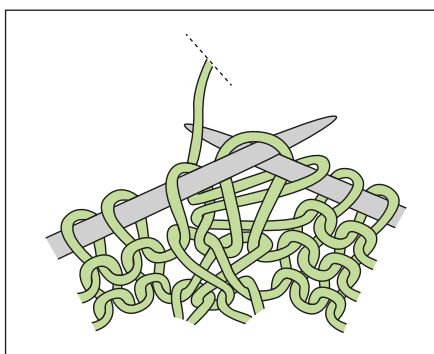


3 Slip both stitches off together.
If you are working a stitch pattern such as Spiral Rib (page 44) which contains only right-twist stitches you may prefer to work these: knit 2 together without slipping the stitches off, then knit the first stitch again, slip both stitches off together.

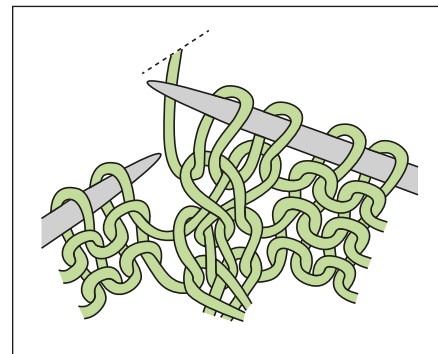
Twist 2 stitches to the left (tw2lt)



1 Miss the first stitch, take the right-hand needle behind to knit the second stitch on the left-hand needle through the back of the loop.



2 Knit the first stitch in the front loop in the usual way.



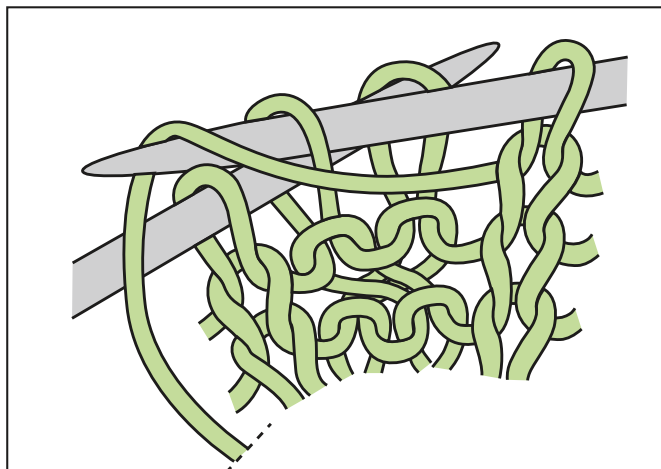
3 Slip both stitches off together.

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Twist 2 purl stitches

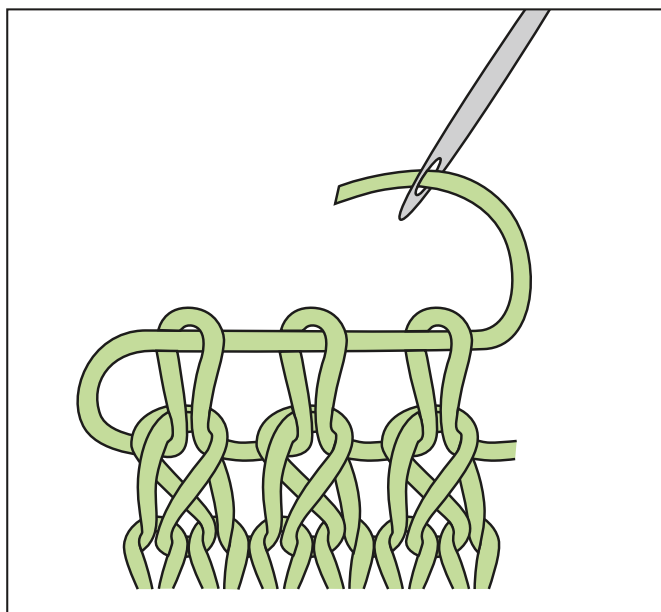
This is done on the wrong side of the work in a stitch such as zigzag rib (page 44).



Bring the yarn to the front and purl the 2nd stitch on the left-hand needle. Purl the first stitch through the front in the usual way, then slip both stitches off together.

Gathering stitches

When a few stitches are left after decreasing they can be gathered together by breaking the yarn, threading it on to a knitter's sewing needle and taking it through the stitches before pulling it tight.





Knitting Project

Snug Fit

Use twisted rib to knit this neat pull-on hat – the brim can be turned back a little or a lot



Twist stitches are a means of crossing stitches without using a cable needle. They make for a richly textured surface and sometimes a dense fabric

Materials

2 x 50g (116m) balls of Sublime Extra Fine Merino Wool DK (100% wool) in Sea Salt (03800). Pair of 3¾mm (No. 9) knitting needles.

You can buy this yarn at shop. womansweekly.com or call 0800 024 1212.

Measurement

To fit the head of a 7-8 year old (see Note).

Tension

24 stitches to 10cm over rib, slightly stretched.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tw2rt**, twist 2 stitches to the right: miss the first stitch on the left-hand needle, knit in the front of the second stitch, then in the front of the first stitch, slip both stitches off together; **tog**, together.

Note

The size of the hat can be altered by adding or subtracting 4 stitches (or a multiple of 4 stitches) to the cast-on. Don't forget that the hat will need to be slightly under-sized so that it will stretch to fit.

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



To make

With 3¾mm needles, cast on 122 sts.

1st row (wrong side): K2, [p2, k2] to end.

2nd row: P2, [tw2rt, p2] to end.

Repeat 1st and 2nd rows, 26 times more, then work 1st row again.

1st decrease row (right side): P2tog, [tw2rt, p2tog] to end – 91 sts.

Next row: K1, [p2, k1] to end.

2nd decrease row: P1, [k2tog, p1] to end – 61 sts.

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

3rd decrease row: [K2tog] to last st, p1 – 31 sts.

4th decrease row (wrong side): K1, [p2tog] to end – 16 sts.

5th decrease row: [K2tog] to end – 8 sts.

Break the yarn, leaving a long enough end to thread through the remaining stitches and start the back seam.

Press very lightly. Use the yarn end to draw up the remaining stitches. Join the back seam with mattress stitch, reversing the seam for the turn-back of the cuff. Press the seam lightly.

CROCHET WORKSHOP

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Peacock's tail



Simple shells



Lacy fans



Shell trellis

SHELLS AND FANS

These are just a few variations on this decorative theme. They are all based on a group of stitches being worked into one stitch or space so that they spread into a shell or a fan. If the row making the shell shape is the last row, this gives a decorative edge.

Yarn

King Cole Merino Blend DK, using a 4.00 hook.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **ch sp**, chain space; **dc**, double crochet; **tr**, treble; **dtr**, double treble; **tr2tog**, work 2 treble without making the last wrap of each stitch, yarn round hook and pull it through all 3 loops on hook.



Simple shells

This stitch pattern is less open than many of a similar type.

Multiple of 8ch plus 2.

Foundation row: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook (counts as 1dc), * miss 3ch, 7tr in next ch, miss 3ch, 1dc in next ch; repeat from * to end.

1st row (wrong side): 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in dc below,

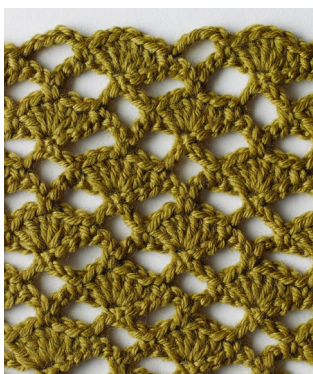
* 5ch, miss 7tr, work 1tr, 1ch, 1tr in next dc; repeat from *, ending 5ch, miss 7tr, 2tr in last dc.

2nd row: 3ch, 3tr in first tr, * miss 1tr and 2ch, 1dc over ch and into 4th of 7tr, miss 2ch and 1tr, 7tr in 1-ch sp, miss 2ch; repeat from *, ending miss 1tr and 2ch, 1dc over ch and into 4th of 7tr, miss 2ch and 1tr, 4tr in 3rd of 3ch.

3rd row: 3ch, miss 3tr, * work 1tr, 1ch, 1tr in next dc, 5ch, miss 7tr; repeat from *, ending work 1tr, 1ch, 1tr in next dc, 2ch, miss 3tr, 1dc in 3rd of 3ch.

4th row: 1ch, 1dc in dc below, * miss 2ch and 1tr, work 7tr in 1-ch sp, miss 1tr and 2ch, 1dc over ch and into 4th of 7tr; repeat from *, ending miss 1tr and 2ch, 1dc in first of 3ch.

Repeat 1st to 4th rows.



Shell trellis

Setting shells in a mesh makes a very open stitch pattern.

Multiple of 12ch plus 4

Foundation row: 2tr in 4th ch from hook (counts as 3tr), * miss 2ch, 1dc in next ch, 5ch, miss 5ch, 1dc in next ch, miss 2ch, 5tr in next ch; repeat from *, ending miss 2ch, 3tr in last ch.

1st row (wrong side): 6ch

(counts as 1dc and 5ch), * 1dc in 3rd of next 5ch, 5ch, 1dc in 3rd of 5tr, 5ch; repeat from *, ending 1dc in 3rd of 5ch, 5ch, 1dc in 3rd of 3ch.

2nd row: * 5ch, 1dc in 3rd of next 5ch, miss 2ch, 5tr in next dc, 1dc in 3rd of 5ch; repeat from *, ending 2ch, 1tr in first of 6ch.

3rd row: 6ch, 1dc in 3rd of 5tr, * 5ch, 1dc in 3rd of next 5ch, 5ch, 1dc in 3rd of 5tr; repeat from *, ending 5ch, 1dc in 3rd of 5ch.

4th row: 3ch, work 2tr in dc below, 1dc in 3rd of 5ch, * 5ch, 1dc in 3rd of next 5ch, miss 2ch, 5tr in next dc, 1dc in 3rd of 5ch; repeat from *, ending 5ch, 1dc in 3rd of 6ch, miss 2ch, 3tr in first of 6ch.

Repeat 1st to 4th rows.



Peacock's tail

A particularly large group of double treble stitches gives this stitch its name.

Multiple of 10ch plus 2.

Foundation row: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook (counts as 1dc), * miss 4ch, 9dtr in next ch, miss 4ch, 1dc in next ch; repeat from *.

1st row (wrong side): 4ch

(counts as 1dtr), * 4ch, 1dc in 5th of 9dtr, 4ch, 1dtr in next dc; repeat from *, ending 1dtr in 1dc.

2nd row: 1ch (counts as 1dc), * miss 4ch, 9dtr in next dc, miss 4ch, 1dc in next dtr; repeat from *, ending miss 4ch, 1dc in 4th of first 4ch.

Repeat 1st and 2nd rows.



Lacy fans

This stitch pattern incorporates two-stitch clusters in the fan shapes.

Multiple of 10ch plus 2

Foundation row: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook (counts as 1dc), * 3ch, miss 3ch, 1dc in next ch, 3ch, miss 1ch, 1dc in next ch, 3ch, miss 3ch, 1dc in next ch; repeat from * to end.

1st row (right side): 1ch (counts as 1dc), * 1ch, miss 3ch and 1dc, in 3-ch sp work tr2tog, [3ch, tr2tog] 4 times, 1ch, miss 1dc and 3ch, 1dc in next dc; repeat from *, ending 1ch, miss 1dc and 3ch, 1dc in last ch.

2nd row: 7ch (counts as 1dtr and 3ch), * miss first 3-ch arch, [1dc in next 3-ch arch, 3ch] twice, miss 4th 3-ch arch, 1dtr in next dc, 3ch; repeat from *, ending 1dtr in last ch.

3rd row: 1ch (counts as 1dc), * 1ch, miss 3ch and 1dc, in 3-ch arch work tr2tog, [3ch, tr2tog] 4 times, 1ch, miss 1dc and 3ch, 1dc in dtr; repeat from *, ending miss 1dc and 3ch, 1dc in next ch.

Repeat 2nd and 3rd rows.

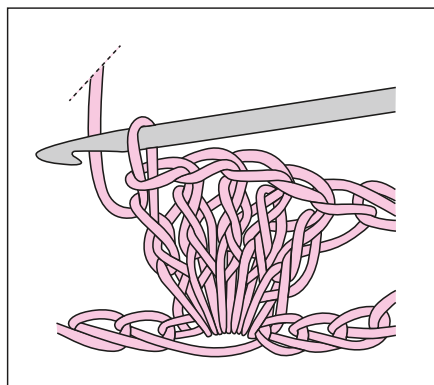
Crochet Class

Shells, or fans, are made by working several stitches in one chain or stitch. In construction they are related to bobbles.

A cluster is the reverse of a shell

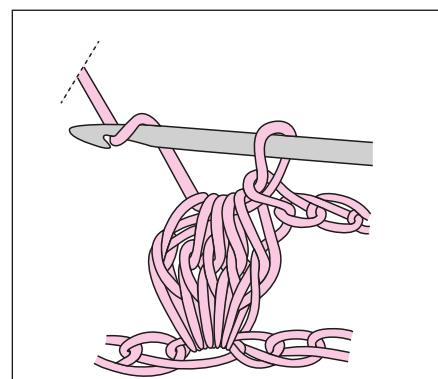
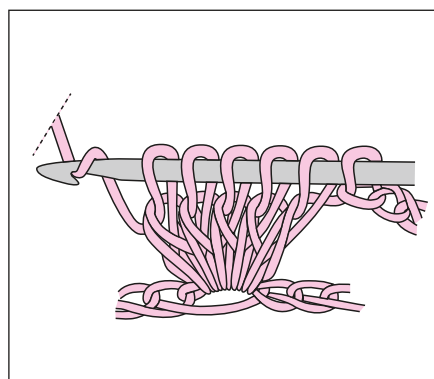
Shell

Here 5 treble have been worked in one chain. Longer stitches can also be used.



Bobble

A bobble is a shell that is gathered together at the top.



Diagrams: Winnie Ong

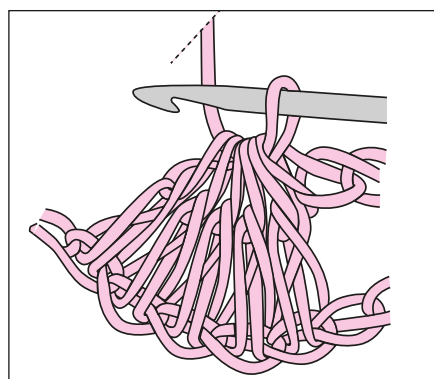
1 Here 5 treble have been made in one chain, but without completing the last wrap of each stitch (a wrap is yarn round hook and pull through).

2 Yarn round hook and pull it through all 6 loops on the hook. A chain can be worked to complete the stitch.

Cluster

This is the reverse of a shell.

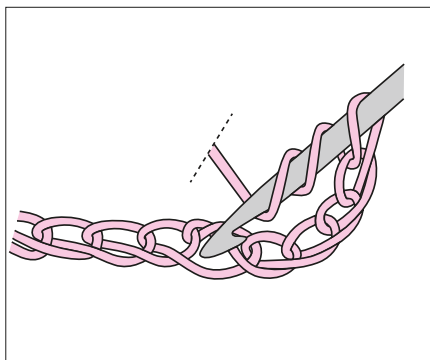
When 2 treble are worked in this way it is referred to as tr2tog and it is a decrease rather than a cluster.



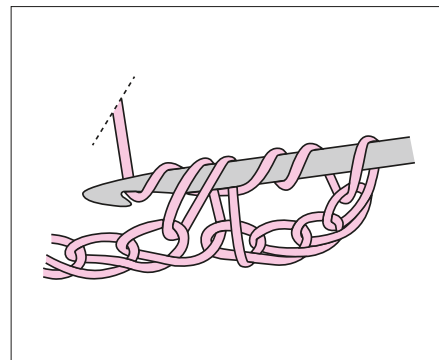
Here 5 treble have been worked in separate chain, but without completing the last wrap of each stitch. Yarn round hook and pull it through all 6 loops on the hook. A chain can be worked to complete the stitch.

Double treble

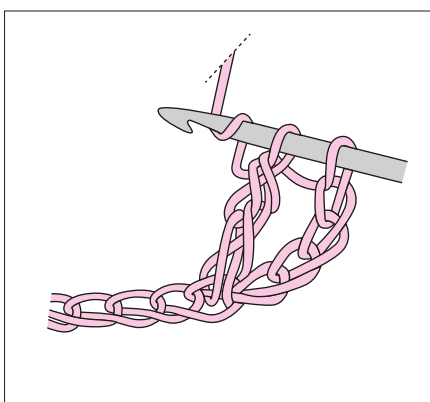
The more common treble is started with a single yarn round hook and at the beginning of a row is replaced by 3 chain. A double treble is taller as it starts with 2 yarn wraps and at the beginning of a row is replaced by 4 chain.



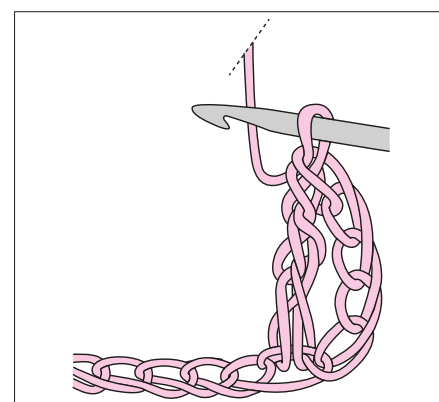
1 Yarn round hook twice and insert the hook in the fifth chain from the hook.



2 Yarn round hook and pull it through the chain.



3 [Yarn round hook and pull it through the next 2 loops] twice.



4 Yarn round hook and pull it through the remaining 2 loops on the hook to completed double treble.



Crochet Project

See Shells

With its intricate shell pattern and scalloped edge, this cushion has more than hint of vintage style

The daisies in this stitch pattern are made by working a shell immediately above a cluster.

The cushion is made in one piece, folded to make an envelope-style closure. The scalloped edge is simply the last pattern row



Measurement

Approximately 40cm/16in wide, 30cm/12in deep.

Materials

6 x 50g (80m) balls of King Cole Merino Blend Aran (100% wool) in Silver (36). Size 4.00 and 5.00 crochet hooks; 40 x 30cm cushion pad; 4 small half-round buttons.

You can buy this yarn at shop. womansweekly.com or call 0800 024 1212.

Tension

Two pattern repeats measure 9cm across using 5.00mm hook.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **dc**, double crochet; **slst**, slip stitch; **st**, stitch; **tr**, treble; **cl**, cluster: without completing the last wrap of each, work a treble in each of the number of stitches stated, yarn round hook and pull it through all loops on the hook (see page 51 for more explanation).

Note

The yarn amount is based on average requirements and are therefore approximate.

Cushion cover

(made in one piece)

With 4.00 hook, make 74ch.

1st foundation row: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook (counts as 1dc), 1dc in each ch to end – 73 sts.

Change to 5.00 hook.

2nd foundation row: 1ch (counts as 1dc), * miss 3dc, 7tr in next dc, miss 3dc, slst in next dc; repeat from *, ending 1dc in last st – 9 shells made.

1st pattern row (wrong side): 3ch (counts as 1tr), 3-tr cl over 3tr, * 3ch, slst in next tr, 3ch, 7-tr cl over next 7 sts (3tr, 1slst, 3tr); repeat from * 7 times more, 3ch, slst in next tr, 3ch, 3-tr cl over next 3tr, 1tr in 1ch.

2nd row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 3tr in top of cl, miss 3ch, slst in slst, * miss 3ch, 7tr in top of 7-tr cl, miss 3ch, slst in slst; repeat from * 7 times more, miss 3ch, 3tr in top of 3-tr cl, 1tr in 3rd of 3ch.

3rd row: 4ch (counts as 1dc, 3ch), * 7-tr cl over next 7 sts, 3ch, slst in next tr, 3ch; repeat from * 7 times more, 7-tr cl over next 7 sts, 3ch, 1dc in 3rd of 3ch.

4th row: 1ch (counts as 1dc), * miss 3ch, 7tr in top of next cl, miss 3ch, slst in slst; repeat from * 8 times more, ending miss 3ch, 1dc in first of 4ch.

Repeat 1st to 4th rows, 12 times more. Fasten off.

To make up

Press carefully. Right side facing, fold the work along the 3rd complete daisy from the first row, so that 3 half daisies match along the side edges. Right side facing, fold along the centre of 5th daisy from the last row, so that 4 half daisies match along the side edges with the 2 long edges overlapping. Right sides facing, join the side seams with invisible seaming, then catch down the 3 overlapping layers. Mark the daisies on the main part that correspond to 4 alternate complete daisies on the scalloped edge and sew a button to each. Insert the cushion pad and use the centres of the edge daisies as buttonholes to close the envelope.

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DEER BOY

In a competition to find the cutest knitted reindeer, we think ours would win by a nose...

Measurements

Approximately 41cm/16in tall.

Materials

1 x 100g (280m) ball of Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic) in each of Walnut (927), Wheat (816), Chocolate (947) and Signal Red (977); length of Black DK yarn for embroidery. Pair of 3mm (No. 11) knitting needles; washable toy stuffing.

You can buy this yarn at shop.womansweekly.com or call 0800 024 1212.

Tension

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

Abbreviations

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

Note

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

Head

With 3mm needles and Walnut, cast on 16 sts. P 1 row.

1st inc row: [Inc in next st, k1] to end. P 1 row. Work 1st inc row – 36 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: [Inc in next st, k2] to end – 48 sts. Ss 9 rows.

1st dec row: [K2, k2tog] to end. Ss 5 rows. Work 1st dec row – 27 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: [K1, k2tog] to end – 18 sts. Ss 5 rows.

3rd dec row: [K2tog] to end – 9 sts. P 1 row. Break off yarn, thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends together, leaving cast-on

edge open. Stuff firmly. With the seam at centre back, join cast-on edge together for lower muzzle edge.

Body

With 3mm needles and Walnut, cast on 16 sts. P 1 row.

1st inc row: [Inc in next st, k1] to end.

P 1 row. Work 1st inc row – 36 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: [Inc in next st, k2] to end – 48 sts. Ss 15 rows.

1st dec row: [K4, k2tog] to end – 40 sts. Ss 13 rows.

2nd dec row: [K3, k2tog] to end – 32 sts. Ss 7 rows.

3rd dec row: [K4, k2tog] twice, k8, [k2tog, k4] twice – 28 sts. Ss 3 rows.

4th dec row: K4, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k8, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k4 – 24 sts. P 1 row.

5th dec row: [K1, k2tog] to end – 16 sts. P 1 row.

6th dec row: [K2tog] to end – 8 sts.

Break off yarn, thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends together, leaving cast-on edge open. Stuff firmly. With the seam at centre back, join cast-on edge together for lower edge.

Neck

With 3mm needles and Walnut, cast on 10 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows.

Cast off 2 sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 6 sts. Dec 1 st at each end of next row – 4 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: [K2tog] twice – 2 sts. Cast off. Join row-ends together from cast-on edge to beginning of shaping. With this seam at centre front of body, sew cast-on edge of neck to top of body and stuff firmly. Placing point of neck to back of head, just below second decrease row, sew lower back of head to top of neck. Catch head to body where it touches.

Legs (make 2)

With 3mm needles and Wheat, cast on 16 sts for base. P 1 row.

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

2nd inc row: [Inc in next st, k2] to end – 32 sts.

P 1 row. P 1 row for end of base.

Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows.

1st dec row: [K6, k2tog] to end – 28 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: [K5, k2tog] to end – 24 sts. P 1 row.

Change to Walnut and ss 14 rows.

3rd dec row: [K4, k2tog] to end – 20 sts. Ss 15 rows.

4th dec row: [K3, k2tog] to end – 16 sts. Ss 15 rows. Cast off.

Gather cast-on edge on each leg, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends, leaving cast-off edges open. Stuff legs firmly. With the seam at inside edge, join cast-off edge together. Sew top of legs to base of body, placing seam on the inside.

Arms (make 2)

With 3mm needles and Wheat, cast on 10 sts for base. P 1 row.

1st inc row: [Inc in next st, k1] to end – 15 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: [Inc in next st, k2] to end – 20 sts.

K 1 row for end of base.

Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows.

1st dec row: [K8, k2tog] to end – 18 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: [K7, k2tog] to end – 16 sts. P 1 row.

Change to Walnut and ss 6 rows.

3rd dec row: [K6, k2tog] to end – 14 sts. Ss 7 rows.

4th dec row: [K5, k2tog] to end – 12 sts. Ss 7 rows.

Shape top: Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 3 following alternate rows – 4 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: [K2tog] twice – 2 sts. Cast off.

Gather cast-on edge on each arm, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends to beginning of top shaping. Stuff arms firmly and sew top to sides of body.

Nose

With 3mm needles and Signal Red, cast on 8 sts. P 1 row.

Inc row: [Inc in next st] to end – 16 sts.
Ss 5 rows.

Dec row: [K2tog] to end – 8 sts.

Break off yarn, thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Gather cast-on edge, then join row-ends, stuffing nose as you sew. Sew nose in position.

With Black, embroider single chain stitch for each eye on top of face.

Antlers (make 2)

With 3mm needles and Chocolate, cast on 10 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 8 rows.

Cast on 5 sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 20 sts. Cast off 5 sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 10 sts. Ss 4 rows.

Cast on 6 sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 22 sts. Cast off 6 sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 10 sts. Ss 4 rows.

Cast on 7 sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 24 sts. Cast off 12 sts at beginning of next row. Cast off remaining 12 sts.

Fold each antler in half lengthways, matching bunches and sew around all edges, stuffing as you sew. Beginning at cast-on edge, catch antlers together for a few rows. Position and sew antlers to top of head.

Ears (make 2)

With 3mm needles and Walnut, cast on 4 sts.
P 1 row.

1st inc row: [Inc in next st, k1] twice – 6 sts.
Ss 5 rows.

1st dec row: [K2tog] to end – 3 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K2tog, k1 – 2 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: Inc in first st, k1 – 3 sts. P 1 row.

3rd inc row: [Inc in next st] to end – 6 sts.

Ss 5 rows.

3rd dec row: [K1, k2tog] twice – 4 sts. Cast off.

Fold ears in half and sew around outer edges. Sew ears to top of head, just below antlers.

Tail

With 3mm needles and Walnut, cast on 20 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows.

1st dec row: K2, k2tog, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2. P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, twice more – 14 sts.

2nd dec row: K2, [k2tog, k1] to end – 10 sts.
P 1 row.

3rd dec row: K1, [k2tog, k1] to end – 7 sts.
P 1 row.

4th dec row: K1, [k2tog] to end – 4 sts.
P 1 row.

Break off yarn, thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure.

Join row-ends and stuff firmly. Sew open end of tail to lower edge of back.



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We reckon this merino number is the perfect party coat for little ones. If only it came in grown-up sizes...

Measurements

To fit ages 0-3 (3-6) (6-9) (9-12) months.

Actual measurements 48 (52) (57) (61) cm/19 (20½) (22½) (24) in.

Side seam 12 (14) (15) (16) cm/4¾ (5½) (6) (6¼) in.

Length to shoulder 21 (24) (26) (28) cm/8¼ (9½) (10¼) (11) in.

Sleeve seam 13 (15) (18) (20) cm/5 (5½) (7) (8) in.

Materials

3 (4) (4) (5) 50g (116m) balls of Wendy Merino DK (100% wool) in Birch (365). Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles.

4 buttons; 1 reel of Simplicity Faux fur trim (optional).

NB: Due to the nature of faux-fur fabric, loose fibres may likely be found – this becomes less frequent with wash and wear.

You can buy this yarn and faux-fur trim at shop.womansweekly.com or call 0800 024 1212.

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); **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and k into the back of it; **yf**, yarn forward to make a st; **gst**, garter st (every row k).

Note

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

Back

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 53 (57) (63) (67) sts.

K 3 rows.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, work in ss until back measures 12 (14) (15) (16) cm from beginning, ending with a p row.

Shape armholes: Cast off 4 sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 45 (49) (55) (59) sts.

Continue straight until back measures 21 (24) (26) (28) cm from beginning, ending with a p row.

Shape shoulders: Cast off 11 (12) (14) (15) sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 23 (25) (27) (29) sts. Cast off remaining sts.

Pocket linings

(make 2)

With 4mm needles, cast on 12 (13) (15) (16) sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 15 (17) (19) (21) rows. Leave these sts on a st holder.

Left front

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 38 (41) (45) (48) sts.

K 3 rows.

Change to 4mm needles.

1st row: K.

2nd row: K3, p to end.

These 2 rows form ss with gst edging.

Repeat these 2 rows, 9 (10) (11) (12) times more.

1st pocket row: K3, cast off next 12 (13) (15) (16) sts, k to end.

2nd pocket row: K3, p20 (22) (24) (26), p



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across 12 (13) (15) (16) sts of one pocket lining, p3.

Continue in ss with gst edging until left front measures 12 (14) (15) (16) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape armhole: Cast off 4 sts at beginning of next row – 34 (37) (41) (44) sts.

Continue until left front measures the same as back to shoulder shaping, ending at armhole edge.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 11 (12) (14) (15) sts at beginning of next row – 23 (25) (27) (29) sts. Work 1 row.

Leave remaining sts on a st holder.

Right front

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 38 (41) (45) (48) sts.

K 3 rows.

Change to 4mm needles.

1st row: K.

2nd row: P to last 3 sts, k3.

These 2 rows form ss with gst edging.

Repeat these 2 rows, 9 (10) (11) (12) times more.

1st pocket row: K23 (25) (27) (29), cast off next 12 (13) (15) (16) sts, k to end.

2nd pocket row: P3, p across 12 (13) (15) (16) sts of other pocket lining, p to end. Continue in ss with gst edging until right front measures 8 (9) (9) (9) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Buttonhole row: K3, yf, k2tog, k13 (15) (17) (19), k2tog, yf, k to end.

Continue until right front measures 12 (14) (15) (16) cm from beginning, ending with a right side row.

Shape armhole: Cast off 4 sts at beginning of next row – 34 (37) (41) (44) sts.

Continue until right front measures 13 (15) (16) (17) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Buttonhole row: K3, yf, k2tog, k13 (15) (17) (19), k2tog, yf, k to end.

Continue until right front measures the same as back to shoulder shaping, ending at armhole edge.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 11 (12) (14) (25) sts at beginning of next row – 23 (25) (27) (29) sts. Leave remaining sts on a spare needle, but do not break off yarn.

Hood

First join shoulder seams. With right side facing, using 4mm needles and attached yarn, k23 (25) (27) (29) sts of right front, pick up and k23 (25) (27) (29) sts across back neck, then k23 (25) (27) (29) sts of left front – 69 (75) (81) (87) sts.

Next row: K3, p21 (23) (25) (27), [inc pwise in next st, p1] 10 (11) (12) (13) times, inc pwise in next st, p to last 3 sts, k3 – 80 (87) (94) (101) sts.

Next row: K.

Next row: K3, p to last 3 sts, k3.

Repeat these 2 rows until hood measures 18 (20) (22) (24) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row. Cast off.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 29 (31) (33) (35) sts.

K 3 rows.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 4 (4) (6) (6) rows.

Increase row: K3, up1, k to last 3 sts, up1, k3. Ss 3 rows.

Repeat last 4 rows, 4 (5) (7) (8) times more, then work the increase row again – 41 (45) (51) (55) sts.

Continue straight until sleeve measures 13 (15) (18) (20) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Mark each end of last row.

Ss another 6 rows. Cast off.

To make up

Fold hood in half, lengthwise and join top seam. Set sleeves into armholes, sewing row-ends above markers to cast-off sts at underarms. Join side and sleeve seams. Catch pocket linings on wrong side. Sew on buttons. Sew fur trim (if used) to outer edge of hood and catch down on the inside.

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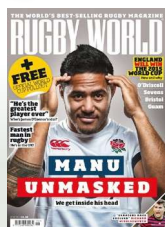
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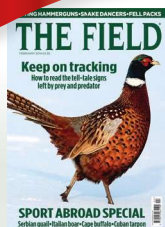
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This cute project is taken from *Knitted Dogs & Puppies* by Sue Stratford



Puppy Love

A trio of performing circus pups who look like they're having fun

Measurements

Approximately 8cm/3¼in high.

Materials

1 x 25g (73m) ball of King Cole Dollymix DK in each of Acid (38), Surf (143), Orange (144) and Taupe (37). Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) knitting needles; washable toy stuffing; two small black beads; small bag filled with weighting beads.

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0800 024 1212.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **sl**, slip; **tog**, together; **p2togb**, p2tog through back of sts; **dec**, decrease (by taking 2 sts tog); **inc**, increase (by working twice in same st); **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **skpo**, sl1, k1, pass sl st over; **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and work into the back of it.

Note

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

Back body and head

Body: With 3¼mm needles and Orange, Acid or Surf, cast on 4 sts for tail end.

Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.

Increase row: K1, up1, k to last st, up1, k1.

Ss 3 rows. Cast on 9 sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 24 sts.

Work increase row – 26 sts. P 1 row.

1st dec row: K1, skpo, k7, k2tog, k2, skpo, k7, k2tog, k1 – 22 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: K1, skpo, k5, k2tog, k2, skpo, k5, k2tog, k1 – 18 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd dec row: K1, skpo, k3, k2tog, k2, skpo, k3, k2tog, k1 – 14 sts. P 1 row.

Shape neck: **Next row:** Cast off 4 sts, k to last 4 sts, cast off last 4 sts. Leave these 6 sts.

Head: With 3¼mm needles and Orange, Acid or Surf, cast on 8 sts for first side.

Beginning with a k row, ss 3 rows.

Leave these sts on a st holder.

With 3¼mm needles and Orange, Acid or Surf, cast on 8 sts for second side.

Beginning with a k row, ss 3 rows.

Joining row: P1, up1, p7 sts of second side, p6 sts on top of body, p7, up1, p1 across sts of first side of head – 24 sts. **Next row:** K11, up1, k2, up1, k11 – 26 sts. Ss 4 rows.

Next row: P1, p2togb, p6, p2tog, p4, p2togb, p6, p2tog, p1 – 22 sts.

Next row: K8, skpo, k2, k2tog, k8 – 20 sts.

Next row: Cast off 8 sts, p to last 8 sts, cast off last 8 sts.

Head gusset: With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 4 sts.

Ss 3 rows.

Next row: P1, up1, p2, up1, p1 – 6 sts.

Ss 13 rows.

Next row: P1, p2togb, p2tog, p1 – 4 sts.

K 1 row. Cast off.

Join cast-on edge of sides of head together.

With this seam at centre of cast-off edge of gusset, sew gusset along row-ends and along cast-off edge of head. Join row-ends on tail.

Front

With 3¼mm needles and Surf, Orange or Acid, cast on 12 sts for base edge. P 1 row.

Increase row: K1, up1, k to last st, up1, k1 – 14 sts. P 1 row.

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

Ss 3 rows.

Repeat last 4 rows, twice more. Work dec row again. P 1 row. Repeat last 2 rows, once more – 6 sts. Cast off, working 2tog along row. Sew row-ends of front to row-ends of back, then sew cast-off edge to head at underchin. Stuff head and body firmly.

Base and tummy

Base: With 3¼mm needles and Acid, Surf or Orange, cast on 3 sts. P 1 row.

Increase row: K1, up1, k to last st, up1, k1. Ss 3 rows.

Repeat last 4 rows, 3 times more – 11 sts.

Cast off 3 sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 5 sts.

Tummy: Work increase row – 7 sts.

Ss 5 rows.

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

2nd dec row: Skpo, k1, k2tog – 3 sts. Cast off. Sew in base, enclosing bag of weighting beads, then fold over tummy piece to front of body and stitch in position.

Legs (make 2)

With 3¼mm needles and Surf, Orange or Acid, cast on 4 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.

Dec row: K1, k2tog, k1 – 3 sts.

Increase row: P1, up1, p2 – 4 sts.

Ss 4 rows. Cast off.

Fold each leg in half and join row-ends at each side. Sew legs in position.

Arms (make 2)

Work as legs.

Nose

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

Increase row: K1, up1, k to last st, up1, k1. P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, once more – 7 sts.

Dec row: K1, skpo, k1, k2tog, k1 – 5 sts. P 1 row. Cast off.

Sew nose in position. With Brown embroider mouth.

Ears (make 2)

Outer ears: With 3¼mm needles and Taupe, cast on 4 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.

Increase row: K1, up1, k2, up1, k1 – 6 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Dec row: K1, skpo, k2tog, k1 – 4 sts.

P 1 row. Cast off.

Inner ears: With 3¼mm needles and Acid, Surf or Orange, cast on 3 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.

Increase row: K1, up1, k1, up1, k1 – 6 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Dec row: Skpo, k1, k2tog – 3 sts.

P 1 row. Cast off.

Join paired ear pieces together and sew to top of head. Sew beads to head for eyes.



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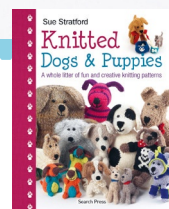
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This month, spread joy around your home with quirky crocheted cushions, teach your children crochet skills, enter an enchanted woodland, and knit with vintage style



Crochet Cushions

by Susie Johns (Search Press, £8.99)

Cushions make your armchair cosy, your sofa cuddly and your bed snuggly. They can add colour and character to your home, too, which is something Susie Johns understands well. In this pattern collection, you'll find cushions in the shape of chickens and owls, cushions

inspired by cobwebs and snails, wedding-day cushions, swinging 60s cushions, flower cushions, and cushions embellished with ribbons, buttons. Susie learned to crochet from her gran and each of her new designs is steeped in the rich heritage of this traditional craft. But she shows us that traditional doesn't have to mean old-fashioned. The crochet tradition is bright and fun, and if you follow these patterns, it'll be alive and kicking in the corner of your sofa or on your bed. Oh, and even better, most of these patterns can be crocheted in one piece, so there's no tricky making-up to do when you get to the end.

Crochet For Kids: Basic techniques & great projects that kids can make themselves

by Franziska Heidenreich (Stackpole Books, £11.20)

All the skills and all the know-how you need to teach your child to crochet is presented by Franziska Heidenreich in a way that is friendly and accessible. She goes through all the equipment you'll need and explains step-by-step all the stitches, as well as increasing and decreasing. But apart from helping you to teach your child all the crochet knack they'll need, *Crochet For Kids* is packed with patterns they'll want to make. For the girls, wristbands, headbands, hair-bobbles, bows, stars and butterflies to decorate bags and hats and t-shirts. There are patterns to get the boys interested, too: coloured laces for trainers; pirate eye-patches and play moustaches.



Mini Knitted Woodland: Cute and easy knitting patterns for animals, birds and other forest life

by Sachiyo Ishii (Search Press, £8.99)

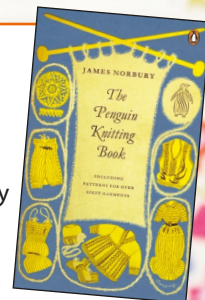
Ishii's first book took us to a knitted savannah complete with lions, rhinos and giraffes. Now she's taking us into a magical woodland where pocket-sized gnomes sit on teeny toadstools, prickles of

hedgehogs play in thickets and families of beavers frolic in streams. With each of her knitted animals brimming with charm and character, Sachiyo Ishii's mini knitted woodland seems an enchanted place, and one you'll want to visit over and over. Her patterns are easy to follow and come with ideas for embroidery and crochet details. And as well as knitting woodland creatures, you can knit the woodland itself, a large floormat where little ones can play with their knitted otters and foxes.

The Penguin Knitting Book: Including patterns for over sixty garments

by James Norbury (Penguin, £7.99)

Welcome to 1957, the year James Norbury published his *Knitting Book*. Norbury was a highly-respected knitwear designer of the time. Now, 57 years since 1957, Penguin have reissued his book in a handy paperback format. He took inspiration from the trends around him and his patterns have all the glamour of a lost age, an age of gloves and hats and haute-couture tailoring. Norbury was also something of an expert in the history of knitting, a subject to which he dedicates the first chapter of this book. And yet, for all the book's quirky appeal and its chic patterns for men, women and children, it is perhaps the photographic plates that steal the show. Beautiful garments worn by beautiful models photographed in everlastingly romantic black and white.



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Tina's Tips & Tricks

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Sugar stiffener

Q Back in August, you ran a pattern for crocheted bowls. The instructions say the bowls are firmed up in shape by fabric stiffener. I remember a similar project years ago where the instructions said to make a stiffener out of sugar. Can you help with this?

A Here's what to do: put 2tbsp granulated sugar into a small pan with 1tbsp water. Warm over a low heat until the sugar has dissolved. Don't let the sugar burn or you'll never get the smell out of your kitchen! While the mixture is still warm, dip your crocheted bowl into it, covering it completely. Squeeze out any excess liquid, taking care not to burn your fingers. Lastly, place the crocheted bowl over your mould and leave until dry. Now you'll have a bowl strong enough to hold your nicknacks!

Bootee confusion

Q The baby set featured in the November issue was pretty simple – until I got to the bootees. I picked up the stitches for the sole and worked 5 rows in stocking stitch. But what happens in the next row? The pattern is telling me to knit the next stitches with the corresponding stitch from the cast-on row, but every time I try it, it goes wrong.

A The row where you're going wrong is worked to create a ridge around the bootee's sole. You could try picking up the stitches from the cast-on row first, using a needle at least two sizes smaller than the ones you've used up to that point. With the wrong side facing, and starting at the opposite end, pick up the stitches along the cast-on row. Now, place this needle behind the needle holding the stitches yet to be worked. Next, insert the working needle into the first stitch on the needle in front, then into the corresponding stitch on the needle behind and knit them together. If that doesn't work, you could knit one row and mark this row before continuing with the pattern to complete the sole. Then, with wrong side facing, and using a knitting sewing needle, join the stitches on marked row with the back of the stitches on the picked-up row.



Garden gloves

Q My husband's a keen gardener and needs a pair of fingerless gloves to keep his hands warm while he's outdoors. Have you ever featured fingerless gloves for men? I can't be the only wife worried her husband's green fingers are turning blue!

A You're in luck! We featured a pair of fingerless gloves back in March. They're unisex, and done in a double rib to ensure they're nice and snug. Best of all, they come up over the wrist, so will keep his forearms warm, too. You'll find the pattern in our online shop at shop.womansweekly.com, or call 0800 024 1212.



Dog-coat dilemma

Q There was a gorgeous tartan dog coat in one of your recent issues. A vintage pattern, I believe. On the face of it, it looked quite easy to make. But when I studied the pattern more closely, I saw the coat's vertical stripes weren't knitted in but crocheted on. And try as I might, I've never mastered crochet. Is there some other way I could do the vertical stripes?

A The vertical stripes really make the look of this coat, so I understand why you don't want to leave them off. You could knit the stripes using the intarsia method, rather than purling them. Or, you could knit the coat's horizontal stripes using purl stitches as stated. Then, embroider the chin stitches in the same colour as the stripes along the purl stitches, using a knitting sewing needle. The overall effect would be the same as crocheted stripes.



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We Made These!

The best part about finishing a project is getting to show it off. So why not share yours with us?



Going live!

I was lucky enough to go to *Woman's Weekly Live!* in Manchester. It was a crafter's paradise. A highlight was the Knitting With Colour workshop led by your Technical Editor, Tina. She showed us tricks for knitting with coloured yarns and taught us how to embellish our work with Swiss darning. When I got home, I turned the sample I made during the workshop into a lavender bag. A fragrant reminder of a lovely day.

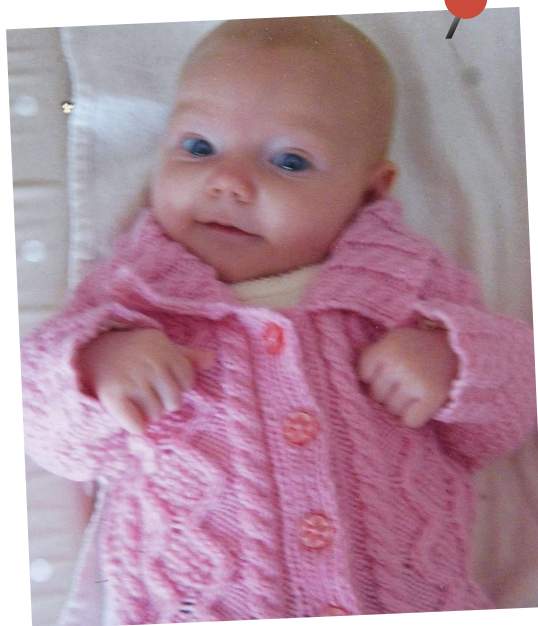
Catherine de Haas, via email



Nutty by name, nutty by nature...

A Harvest festival is no harvest festival at all without a few juicy apples, plump pears and at least one ripe and ready aubergine on display. So when our church, St Stephen's, announced its annual Harvest Festival Country Dance and Supper, us members of Tonbridge's one and only Nutty Knitters Club swung into action. Well, it'd be a waste to use real fruit and veg in a harvest display!

The Nutty Knitters, Tonbridge, Kent



Lucky little lady

My baby girl, Jessie Louise, is four months old. Her grandma Iris knitted this beautiful pink cardie for her. It's perfect for keeping her warm on these frosty winter mornings and Jessie Louise looks pretty as a flower in it. She also loves exploring all the intricate cables and textures with her fingers. It is a gift made with love, and one that Jessie and me will treasure. Thank you so much, grandma Iris.

Maxine Eldridge, London



Knitted firequacker

I'm new to knitting, but I thought I'd have a quack at making my own duck all the same. It was hard going; getting the shaping right almost gave me a *mallardy*. But I'm so proud of the end result. My feathered friend is a firequacker. He's an Aylesbury Duck, just like *Jemima Puddle-Duck*. Unlike *Jemima Puddle-Duck*, however, he hasn't got a name yet. I was thinking about *Bill*...

Ella Dove, Kent

Made something you're proud of?

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inside the underside of your
toy vehicles so that they
hold their shape. Cereal
boxes work really well.



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Zuzu, That's Who

Meet one of
Poppy Cat's
best friends –
Zuzu. He's a
dog full of fun,
adventure and
a whole lot
of energy!

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



Measurements

Approximately 29cm/11½in high.

Materials

2 x 50g (85m) balls of Patons Merino Extrafine Aran (100% wool) in Cream (202); 1 ball in each of Royal (251), Canary (221) and Black (299). Pair of 3¼mm (No. 9) knitting needles; size 4.00 crochet hook; tweezers; washable toy stuffing.

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Tension

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

over stocking stitch, using 3¼mm needles.

Abbreviations

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

Base: With 3¼mm needles and Cream, cast on 15 sts. P 1 row.

1st inc row: Inc kwise in each st to end – 30 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: [Inc in next st, k1] to end – 45 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd inc row: [Inc in next st, k2] to end – 60 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Jumper: Change to Royal. K 2 rows.

Beginning with a k row, ss 10 rows.

1st dec row: [K13, k2tog] to end – 56 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: [K12, k2tog] to end – 52 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd dec row: K4, [k2tog, k4] to end – 44 sts. Ss 5 rows.

4th dec row: [K3, k2tog] to last 4 sts, k4 – 36 sts. Ss 3 rows. Cast off.

Jumper trim: With 4.00 hook and Canary, make 96 chain. Fasten off.

Gather cast-on edge of body, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends for back seam. Stuff body firmly. Pin trim along lower edge of jumper in zig-zag pattern and secure in place.

Head

With 3¼mm needles and Cream, cast on 14 sts for back edge. P 1 row.

1st inc row: Inc kwise in each st to end – 28 sts. P 1 row.

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

3rd inc row: [Inc in next st, k2] to end – 56 sts. Ss 9 rows.

1st dec row: [K12, k2tog] to end – 52 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: [K11, k2tog] to end – 48 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd dec row: [K4, k2tog] to end – 40 sts. Ss 5 rows.

4th dec row: [K3, k2tog] to end – 32 sts. Ss 3 rows.

5th dec row: [K2, k2tog] to end – 24 sts. Ss 3 rows. Cast off.

Join row-ends, leaving an opening. With this seam at centre, join cast-off edge, then cast-on edge. Stuff head firmly and close opening. Sew head to top of body.

Ears (make 2)

With 3¼mm needles and Cream, cast on 2 sts for back edge. P 1 row.

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

2nd inc row: Inc in each of first 2 sts, k1 – 5 sts. Ss 5 rows.

1st dec row: K2tog, k1, k2tog – 3 sts. Ss 3 rows. Work 2nd inc row. Ss 5 rows.

Work 1st dec row. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K2tog, k1 – 2 sts. Cast off.

Fold ears in half widthwise and join row-ends. With Canary, embroider patches on front of each ear. Position ears to side





of head and sew in place.

Fringe

With 3¾mm needles and Black, cast on 2 sts.

Inc row: Inc kwise in each st – 4 sts. Ss 7 rows.

Dec row: [K2tog] twice – 2 sts. Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Position fringe on top of head between ears and sew in place.

Facial features

With Black, embroider straight stitches for nose, then with backstitch, embroider mouth round end of nose. With Cream work single straight stitch near top edge of nose for shine. Embroider 3 small stitches on each cheek with Black for freckles. With Black, embroider eyes with a few straight stitches on side of head slightly angled from direction of knitting. Using Canary, work a few stitches just under and away

from each ear, following the contour of his head.

Arms (make 2)

Hand: With 3¾mm needles and Cream, cast on 2 sts.

* **Next row:** Inc kwise in first st, k1 – 3 sts. Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows on these 3 sts only. Break off yarn and leave these sts.

With 3¾mm needles and Cream, cast on 2 sts onto needle holding sts.* Work from * to * 4 times more.

Next row: Inc kwise in first st, k1 – 3 sts. Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows on these 3 sts only.

Joining row: K across 3 sts of each finger – 18 sts. Ss 5 rows.

Dec row: K2, [k2tog, k2] to end – 14 sts. Ss 2 rows.

Sleeve: Change to Royal. P 2 rows. Beginning with a p row, ss 13 rows.

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

Dec 1 st at beginning of next 5 rows – 5 sts. Working p2tog at beginning of row, cast off.

Thumb: With 3¾mm needles and Cream, cast on 2 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: Inc kwise in each st – 4 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: Inc in first st, k2, inc in last st – 6 sts. P 1 row.

Mark each end of last row. Ss 3 rows. Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Fold arms in half lengthwise and join seam around each finger and along sides to top of sleeve shaping. Using tweezers, stuff fingers and sleeves firmly. Join row-ends from gathered end to marker on thumb. Position shaped edge on hand and sew in place. With Canary, embroider zig-zag pattern around cuffs. Sew shaped edge of arms to side of body.

Legs (make 2)

Toes: With 3¾mm needles and Cream, cast on 3 sts.

* **Next row:** Inc kwise in first st, k2 – 4 sts. Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows on these 4 sts only. Break off yarn and leave these sts.

With 3¾mm needles and Cream, cast on 3 sts onto needle holding sts.* Work from * to * 4 times more.

Next row: Inc kwise in first st, k2 – 4 sts. Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows on these 4 sts only.

Foot: **Joining row:** Work across toe sts thus: K3, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k3 – 20 sts. Ss 7 rows.

1st dec row: [K3, k2tog] to end – 16 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: [K2, k2tog] to end – 12 sts. Cast off.

Leg: With 3¾mm needles and Cream, cast on 20 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 6 rows.

Dec row: [K3, k2tog] to end – 16 sts. Ss 8 rows. Cast off.

Leg patch: With 3¾mm needles and Black, cast on 2 sts.

Next row: Inc kwise in each st – 4 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: [K2tog] twice – 2 sts. Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Fold feet in half widthwise and join seam around each toe and side of foot. Using tweezers, stuff toes and feet firmly. Join cast-off edge. Join row-ends on legs. Position cast-off edge to top of foot and sew in place. Stuff legs firmly and sew top edge to underside of body. Sew patch to front right leg.

Tail

With 3¾mm needles and Cream, cast on 14 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 20 rows.

Next row: K2, [k2tog, k2] 3 times – 11 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Next row: K2, [k2tog, k1] 3 times – 8 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: [K2tog] 4 times – 4 sts. P 1 row.

Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure.

Patch: With 3¾mm needles and Canary, cast on 2 sts.

Next row: Inc kwise in each st – 4 sts. Ss 5 rows.

Next row: [K2tog] twice – 2 sts.

Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends of tail. Stuff tail firmly and attach at back of body just below jumper. Position patch on underside of tail and secure in place.



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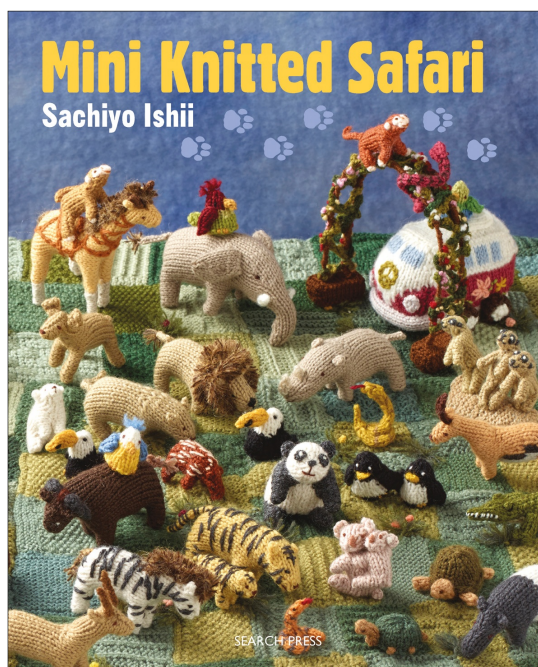
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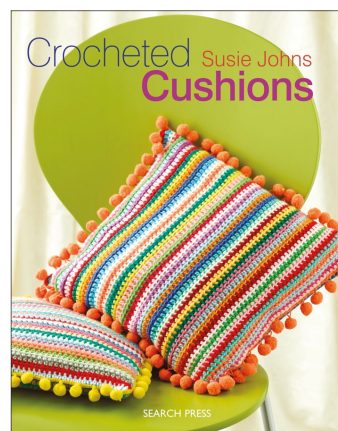
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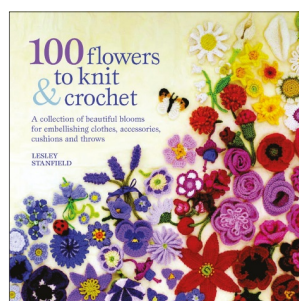
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