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Needle-felting is so popular, we're delighted to be running these workshops in October and November. You can make these Christmas decorations for your own home or to give as personalised gifts. Run by experts Judy Balchin and Roz Dace, these days are perfect for beginners or those with more experience. It's an easy technique to pick up.

Christmas Penguin on 27 October

Have fun needle-felting this cute 15cm-high penguin (below). Judy and Roz will show you how to create the basic figure then add his cute hat and hot-water bottle.



Judy and Roz

10am Meet and greet, with tea and coffee
10.30am Introduction and a short demonstration on the needle-felting technique
10.45am Start needle-felting body parts
11.30am Tea/coffee break
11.45am Continue needle-felting the body



1pm Lunch
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4.15pm Question time
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Festive Needle-Felties on 18 November

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10am Meet and greet, with tea and coffee
10.30am Introduction and a short demonstration on the needle-felting technique
10.45am Start needle-felting the baubles
11.30am Tea/coffee break
11.45am Continue needle-felting baubles and adding any embellishments
1pm Lunch
2pm Start needle-felting a selfie

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3.15pm Add any embellishments you like and hanging loops
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Hello and welcome...



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

As I sit writing this letter, torrential rain is falling outside – following what must have been one of the hottest weekends of the year! Typical British weather and very appropriate, as in this month's magazine we're celebrating British Wool and its annual calendar week (5th-11th October).

So, as a nod to our great wool industry and this fantastic British Wool campaign, we've chosen only home grown, dyed and spun yarns throughout many of this issue's features. You'll find British wools in the 'Best of British' opener, offering a selection of classic timeless designs (p6); in the cardi from Yarn Stories' head designer, Amanda Crawford, our Designer of the Month (p20); in the archive pattern – a man's chunky jumper (p24); in our very own *Woman's Weekly* teddy bear (p26), and in our fab kids' jacket – perfect to wear all year round (p52). All feature our specially designed British Wools logo.

Now, we know from your letters that creating for Christmas is something you enjoy all year round. So, with a little more than ten weeks to go until the big day, we didn't think it was too soon to bring

you this year's first festive projects with 'Christmas Is Coming' (p29) – a delightful collection featuring colourful cards, pretty bowls, cute hats and quirky decorations.

Plus, we've all the usual regulars that we hope will keep you all inspired and creating – whatever the weather!
See you next month.



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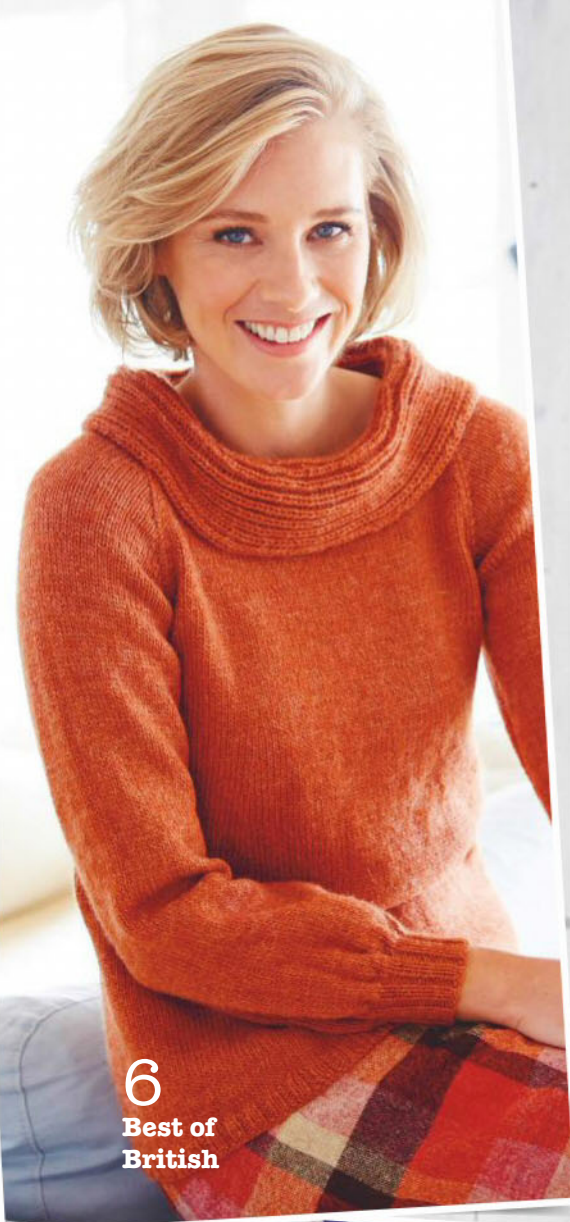
Whether you're a seasoned *Woman's Weekly* reader or picking up our fabulous *Knitting & Crochet* magazine for the first time, we're aware that, while of course you'll love to knit and/or crochet, you'll also have different skills at different levels. So we've signposted each project in the magazine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

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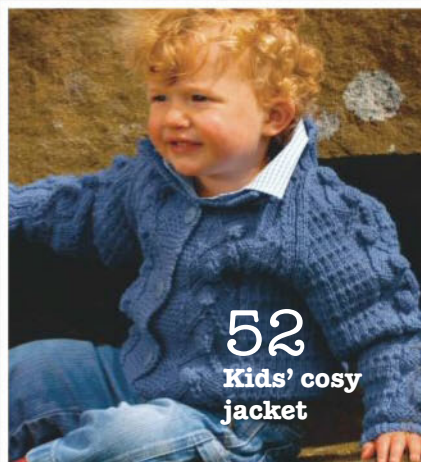
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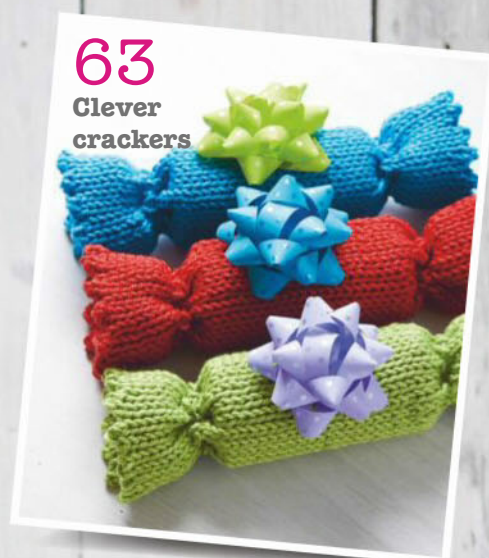
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Best of British

This issue's celebration of home-grown yarns kicks off with five classic knits to add to your winter wardrobe



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Broken-Rib Jacket

Measurements

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

Actual measurements 96 (101) (108) (113) (118) (124) (130) cm/37¾ (39¾) (42½) (44½) (46½) (48¾) (51¼) in.

Side seam 32.5 (33.5) (33.5) (34.5) (34.5) (35.5) (35.5) cm/12¾ (13¼) (13¼) (13½) (13½) (14) (14) in.

Length to shoulder 54.5 (55.5) (57) (58) (59.5) (60.5) (61.5) cm/21½ (21¾) (22½) (23) (23½) (23¾) (24¼) in.

Sleeve seam All sizes 46cm/18in.

Materials

Pair of 4mm (No. 8) and 4½mm (No. 7) knitting needles. Wensleydale yarn pack which contains 6 (7) (7) (8) (8) (9) (9) 100g (160m) balls of Wensleydale Sheepshop Longwool Aran (100% wool) in Larch and costs £41.20 (£47.40) (£47.40) (£53.60) (£53.60) (£59.80) (£59.80). The yarn is also available in other colours. For more details, write to: Wensleydale Longwool Sheepshop, Cross Lanes Farm, Leyburn, Garriston, N. Yorkshire DL8 5JU, or call 01969 623840.

Tension

18 stitches and 28 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over pattern, using 4mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **nil**, meaning nothing is worked here for this size.

Note

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

Left sleeve and yoke

With 4mm needles, cast on 46 (46) (51) (51) (56) (61) sts.

1st row: K2, [p2, k3] to last 4 sts, p2, k2.

2nd row: P to end.

These 2 rows form pattern.

Pattern another 22 rows.

Change to 4½mm needles.

Pattern another 2 rows.

Working extra sts into pattern as they occur, inc 1 st at each end of next row and 16 following 6th rows – 80 (80) (85) (85) (90) (90) (95) sts.

Pattern another 7 rows.

Shape back and front yoke: Cast on 10 sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 100 (100) (105) (105) (110) (110) (115) sts. Pattern another 44 (46) (48) (50) (52) (54) (56) rows.

Dividing row: Pattern 50 (50) (52) (52) (54) (54) (56), turn and work on these sts for back yoke neck.

Back yoke neck: Pattern 22 (24) (26) (28) (30) (32) (34) rows straight.

Leave these sts on a spare needle.

Front yoke neck: With right side facing rejoin yarn to end of dividing row, cast off next 10 (8) (9) (7) (8) (6) (7) sts, pattern to end – 40 (42) (44) (46) (48) (50) (52) sts.

Next row: P to last 2 sts, p2tog.

Next row: K2tog, pattern to end.

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

Work 2tog and fasten off.

Right sleeve and yoke

With 4mm needles, cast on 46 (46) (51) (51) (56) (56) (61) sts.

1st row: K2, [p2, k3] to last 4 sts, p2, k2.

2nd row: P to end.

These 2 rows form pattern.

Pattern another 22 rows.

Change to 4½mm needles.

Pattern another 2 rows.

Working extra sts into pattern as they occur, inc 1 st at each end of next row and 16 following 6th rows – 80 (80) (85) (85) (90) (90) (95) sts.

Pattern another 7 rows.

Shape back and front yoke: Cast on 10 sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 100 (100) (105) (105) (110) (110) (115) sts.

Pattern another 44 (46) (48) (50) (52) (54) (56) rows.

Dividing row: Pattern 40 (42) (44) (46) (48) (50) (52), turn and work on these sts for front yoke neck.

Front yoke neck: **Next row:** P2tog, p to end.

Next row: Pattern to last 2 sts, k2tog.

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

Work 2tog and fasten off.

Back yoke neck: With right side facing rejoin yarn to end of dividing row, cast off next 10 (8) (9) (7) (8) (6) (7) sts, pattern to end – 50 (50) (52) (52) (54) (54) (56) sts. Pattern another 22 (24) (26) (28) (30) (32)

(34) rows straight.

Centre back seam: Place right and left back yoke with right sides together and needles pointing in same direction, then taking 1 st from each needle and working them tog, cast off back yoke sts.

Lower back

With right side facing and using 4½mm needles, pick up and k87 (91) (97) (102) (106) (112) (116) sts along row-ends of back yoke.

1st row: P to end.

2nd row: K nil (2) (nil) (nil) (2) (nil) (2), [p2, k3] to last 2 (4) (2) (2) (4) (2) (4) sts, p2, k nil (2) (nil) (nil) (2) (nil) (2).

These 2 rows form pattern.

Continue in pattern until lower back measures 23 (24) (24) (25) (25) (26) (26) cm from picked up row, ending with a p row.

Change to 4mm needles.

Pattern another 10 rows.

Cast off loosely in pattern.

Lower left front

With right side facing and using 4½mm needles, pick up and k57 (59) (62) (67) (69) (72) (74) sts along row-ends of left front yoke.

1st row: P to end.

2nd row: P2, [k3, p2] to last nil (2) (nil) (nil) (2) (nil) (2) sts, k nil (2) (nil) (nil) (2) (nil) (2).

These 2 rows form pattern.

Continue in pattern until lower left front measures 23 (24) (24) (25) (25) (26) (26) cm from picked up row, ending with a p row.

Change to 4mm needles.

Pattern another 10 rows.

Cast off loosely in pattern.

Lower right front

With right side facing and using 4½mm needles, pick up and k57 (59) (62) (67) (69) (72) (74) sts along row-ends of right front yoke.

1st row: P to end.

2nd row: K nil (2) (nil) (nil) (2) (nil) (2), p2, [k3, p2] to end.

These 2 rows form pattern.

Continue in pattern until lower right front measures 23 (24) (24) (25) (25) (26) (26) cm from picked up row, ending with a p row.

Change to 4mm needles.

Pattern another 10 rows.

Cast off loosely in pattern.

To make up

Join side and sleeve seams.



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Cable Waistcoat

Measurements

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

Actual measurements 107 (122) (136) cm/42 (48) (53½) in.

Side seam 35 (36) (39) cm/13¾ (14) (15¼) in.

Length to back neck 67 (71) (76) cm/26¼ (28) (30) in.

Materials

11 (13) (14) 50g (100m) balls of Sublime Natural Aran (100% wool) in Minky (445)*. Pair of 4mm (No. 8) and 5mm (No. 6) knitting needles; cable needle.

Tension

18 stitches and 24 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch and 58 stitches of cable pattern measures 24cm across, using 5mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **ss**, stocking stitch (k on right side and p on wrong side); **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and work into the back of it; **nil**, meaning nothing is worked here for this size; **c8b**, cable 8 back, (slip next 4 sts on to cable needle and leave at back, k4, then k4 from cable needle); **cr5rt**, cross 5 right, (slip next st on to cable needle and leave at back, k4, then p1 from cable needle); **cr5lt**, cross 5 left, (slip next 4 sts on to cable needle and leave at front, p1, then k4 from cable needle).

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.

7th row: P7, cr5lt, cr5rt, p2, cr5lt, cr5rt, p7.

8th row: K8, p8, k4, p8, k8.

9th row: P8, c8b, p4, c8b, p8.

10th row: K8, p8, k4, p8, k8.

11th row: P8, k8, p4, p8, p8.

12th row: K8, p8, k4, p8, k8.

13th row: P8, c8b, p4, c8b, p8.

14th row: K8, p8, k4, p8, k8.

15th row: P7, cr5rt, cr5lt, p2, cr5rt, cr5lt, p7.

16th row: K7, [p4, k2] 3 times, p4, k7.

17th row: P6, [cr5rt, p2, cr5lt] twice, p6.

18th row: K6, p4, k4, p8, k4, p4, k6.

19th row: P6, k4, p4, c8b, p4, k4, p6.

20th row: K6, p4, k4, p8, k4, p4, k6.

21st row: P6, k4, p4, k8, p4, k4, p6.

22nd row: K6, p4, k4, p8, k4, p4, k6.

Back

With 4mm needles, cast on 112 (128) (136) sts.

1st rib row: P1, k2, [p2, k2] to last st, p1.

2nd rib row: K1, p2, [k2, p2] to last st, k1. Rib another 7 rows.

Next row: Rib nil (4) (16), [p2tog, rib 2] 1 (2) (nil) time(s), * up1, rib 3, up1, rib 2, up1, rib 5, up1, rib 7, p2tog, rib 4, up1, rib 2, up1, rib 4, p2tog, [rib 6, up1] twice, rib 2, up1, rib 3, up1 *, rib 8, work from * to *, [rib 2, p2tog] 1 (2) (nil) time(s), rib nil (4) (16) – 126 (140) (152) sts.

Change to 5mm needles.

1st row: K2 (9) (15), p3, c8b, work 1st row of panel, c8b, p3, k6, p3, c8b, work 1st row of panel, c8b, p3, k2 (9) (15).

2nd row: P2 (9) (15), k3, p8, work 2nd row of panel, p8, k3, p6, k3, p8, work 2nd row of panel, p8, k3, p2 (9) (15).

3rd row: K2 (9) (15), p3, k8, work 3rd row of panel, k8, p3, k6, p3, k8, work 3rd row of panel, k8, p3, k2 (9) (15).

4th to 7th rows: Repeat 2nd and 3rd rows, twice, but working 4th to 7th rows of panel.

8th row: As 2nd row, but working 8th row of panel.

These 8 rows form cable pattern and set position of panels.

Continue in pattern until back measures 56 (60) (65) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape shoulders: Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 4 following alternate rows, then on next 3 rows – 110 (124) (136) sts.

Cast off 4 (5) (5) sts at beginning of next 6 rows, 6 (7) (9) sts on following 4 rows and 8 (9) (10) sts on next 4 rows – 30 sts. Cast off.

Left front

With 4mm needles, cast on 62 (70) (74) sts.

Rib row: P1, [k2, p2] to last st, k1.

Rib another 8 rows.

Next row: Rib 10, up1, rib 3, up1, rib 2, up1, rib 5, up1, rib 7, p2tog, rib 4, up1, rib 2, up1, rib 4, p2tog, [rib 6, up1] twice, rib 2, up1, rib 3, up1, [rib 2, p2tog] 1 (2) (nil) time(s), rib nil (4) (16) – 69 (76) (82) sts. Change to 5mm needles.

1st row: K2 (9) (15), p3, c8b, work 1st row of panel, c8b, p3, k9 for front border.

2nd row: Sl1, p8, k3, p8, work 2nd row of panel, p8, k3, p2 (9) (15).

3rd row: K2 (9) (15), p3, k8, work 3rd row of panel, k8, p3, k9.

4th to 7th rows: Repeat 2nd and 3rd rows, twice, but working 4th to 7th rows of panel.

8th row: As 2nd row, but working 8th row of panel.

These 8 rows form cable pattern and set position of panel.

Continue in pattern until front measures 56 (60) (65) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape shoulder: Dec 1 st at beginning of next row and 4 following alternate rows, then at same edge on next 3 rows – 61 (68) (74) sts.

Cast off 4 (5) (5) sts at beginning of next row and 2 following alternate rows.

Pattern 1 row.

Cast off 6 (7) (9) sts at beginning of next row and following alternate row.

Pattern 1 row.

Cast off 8 (9) (10) sts at beginning of next row and following alternate row – 21 sts.

Cast on 1 st at beginning of next row – 22 sts.

Continue on these sts only for another 8.5cm, ending with a wrong side row.

Cast off.

Right front

With 4mm needles, cast on 62 (70) (74) sts.

Rib row: K1, [p2, k2] to last st, p1.

Rib another 8 rows.

Next row: Rib nil (4) (16), [p2tog, rib 2] 1 (2) (nil) time(s), up1, rib 3, up1, rib 2, [up1, rib 6] twice, p2tog, rib 4, up1, rib 2, up1, rib 4, p2tog, rib 7, up1, rib 5, up1, rib 2, up1, rib 3, up1, rib 10 – 69 (76) (82) sts. Change to 5mm needles.

1st row: K9 for front border, p3, c8b, work 1st row of panel, c8b, p3, k2 (9) (15).

2nd row: P2 (9) (15), k3, p8, work 2nd row of panel, p8, k3, p9.

3rd row: K9, p3, k8, work 3rd row of panel, k8, p3, k2 (9) (15).

Cable panel

(worked over 36 sts)

1st row: P6, k4, p4, k8, p4, k4, p6.

2nd row: K6, p4, k4, p8, k4, p4, k6.

3rd row: P6, k4, p4, c8b, p4, k4, p6.

4th row: K6, p4, k4, p8, k4, p4, k6.

5th row: P6, [cr5lt, p2, cr5rt] twice, p6.

6th row: K7, [p4, k2] 3 times, p4, k7.

4th to 7th rows: Repeat 2nd and 3rd rows, twice but working 4th to 7th rows of panel.

8th row: As 2nd row, but working 8th row of panel.

These 8 rows form cable pattern and set position of panel.

Continue in pattern until front measures 50 (60) (65) cm from beginning, ending with a right side row.

Shape shoulder: Dec 1 st at beginning of next row and 4 following alternate rows, then at same edge on next 3 rows – 61 (68) (74) sts.

Cast off 4 (5) (5) sts at beginning of next row and 2 following alternate rows.

Pattern 1 row.

Cast off 6 (7) (9) sts at beginning of next row and following alternate row.

Pattern 1 row.

Cast off 8 (9) (10) sts at beginning of next row and following alternate row – 21 sts.

Cast on 1 st at beginning of next row – 22 sts.

Continue on these sts for another 8.5cm, ending with a wrong side row.

Cast off.

Armbands

(both alike)

Join shoulder seams. Place markers at side edges on back and front 21 (24) (26) cm down from shoulder seams. With right side facing and using 4mm needles, pick up and k102 (114) (126) sts evenly along side edge between markers.

1st rib row: P2, [k2, p2] to end.

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

Rib another 6 rows. Cast off in rib.

To make up

Join front borders at back and sew row-ends to back neck. Join side and armbands seams.



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Cable Jacket

Measurements

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

Actual measurements 92 (102) (112) cm/36¼ (40) (44) in.

Side seam 31.5 (33) (35) cm/12¼ (13) (13¾) in.

Length 50 (54) (57.5) cm/19¾ (21¼) (22½) in.

Sleeve seam All sizes 44.5cm/17½in.

Materials

10 (11) (12) 50g (112m) balls of WYS Blueface Leicester DK (100% wool) in Honey (289). Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles; a cable needle; 13 (14) (15) small buttons.

Tension

24 stitches and 32 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over pattern, using 4mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **sl**, slip; **tog**, together; **dec**, decrease (by taking 2 sts tog); **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **c4**, cable 4 (sl2 sts on cable needle and leave at back, k2, then k2 from cable needle); **yon**, yarn over needle to make a st; **yrn**, yarn round needle to make a st.

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Back

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 110 (122) (134) sts.

P 6 rows.

Change to 4mm needles.

Work in cable pattern thus: **1st row:** P2, [k4, p2] to end.

2nd row: P to end.

3rd and 4th rows: As 1st and 2nd rows.

5th row: P2, [c4, p2] to end.

6th row: P to end.

These 6 rows form pattern.

Pattern another 90 (96) (102) rows.

Shape armholes: Cast off 6 (8) (9) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Dec 1 st at each at end of next row and 6 (8) (8) following alternate rows – 84 (88) (98) sts.

Pattern another 37 (39) (45) rows.

Shape back neck: Next row: Pattern 30 (32) (32), turn and work on these sts for right back neck.

Right back neck: Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 6 rows – 24 (26) (26) sts.

Pattern 1 row.

Cast off in pattern for shoulder.

Left back neck: With right side facing, sl centre 24 (24) (34) sts on to a st holder, rejoin yarn to remaining sts and pattern to end – 30 (32) (32) sts.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 6 rows – 24 (26) (26) sts. Pattern 1 row.

Cast off in pattern for shoulder.

Left front

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 57 (63) (69) sts.

P 6 rows.

Change to 4mm needles.

Work in cable pattern thus: **1st row:** [P2, k4] to last 3 sts, p3.

2nd row: P to end.

3rd and 4th rows: As 1st and 2nd rows.

5th row: [P2, c4] to last 3 sts, p3.

6th row: P to end.

These 6 rows form pattern.

Pattern another 90 (96) (102) rows.

Shape armhole: Cast off 6 (8) (9) sts at beginning of next row. Pattern 1 row.

Dec 1 st at armhole edge on next row and 6 (8) (8) following alternate rows – 44 (46) (51) sts.

Pattern another 25 (27) (33) rows.

Shape neck: Next row: Pattern 30 (32) (32), turn and leave remaining 14 (14) (19) sts on a st holder.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 6 rows – 24 (26) (26) sts. Pattern 13 rows.

Cast off in pattern for shoulder.

Right front

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 57 (63) (69) sts.

P 2 rows.

1st buttonhole row: P2, yrn, p2tog, p to end. P 3 rows.

Change to 4mm needles.

Work in cable pattern thus: **1st row:** P3, [k4, p2] to end. **2nd row:** P to end.

3rd and 4th rows: As 1st and 2nd rows.

5th row: P3, [c4, p2] to end.

6th row: P to end.

These 6 rows form pattern.

Pattern 2 rows.

2nd buttonhole row: P2, yon, k2tog,

pattern to end.

Making buttonholes as on 2nd buttonhole row on every following 12th row, pattern another 88 (94) (100) rows.

Shape armhole: Cast off 6 (8) (9) sts at beginning of next row.

Dec 1 st at armhole edge on next row and 6 (8) (8) following alternate rows – 44 (46) (51) sts.

Pattern another 26 (28) (34) rows.

Shape neck: Next row: Pattern 30 (32) (32), turn and leave remaining 14 (14) (19) sts on a st holder.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 6 rows – 24 (26) (26) sts. Pattern 12 rows.

Cast off in pattern for shoulder.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 56 (62) (62) sts.

P 6 rows.

Change to 4mm needles.

Work 8 rows in cable pattern as given for back. Working extra sts into pattern as they occur, inc 1 st at each end of next row and 11 (11) (17) following 10th (10th) (6th) rows – 80 (86) (98) sts. Pattern another 19 (19) (27) rows.

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

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 13 (14) (13) following alternate rows – 40 (40) (52) sts.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 7 (7) (13) rows – 26 sts. Cast off.

Neckband

Join shoulder seams. With right side facing, sl 14 (14) (19) sts from right front st holder on to 4mm needle with point to inner end, rejoin yarn and pick up and k18 sts up right front neck to shoulder, 7 sts down right back neck, pattern across 24 (24) (34) sts at centre back, pick up and k7 sts up left back neck, 18 sts down left front neck and, finally, pattern across 14 (14) (19) sts from left front st holder – 102 (102) (122) sts.

Change to 3¼mm needles.

P 3 rows. Work 1st buttonhole row.

P 1 row. Cast off pwise.

To make up

Set in sleeves, then, join side and sleeve seams. Sew on buttons.

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Shawl-Collared Tunic

Measurements

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

Actual measurements 85 (90.5) (96) (101.5) (107) (112.5) (118) (123.5) cm/33½ (35½) (37¾) (40) (42) (44¼) (46½) (48½) in.

Side seam 46 (47) (47.5) (48) (49) (49.5) (50.5) (51) cm/18 (18½) (18¾) (19) (19¼) (19½) (19¾) (20) in.

Length 64 (65) (66) (67) (68) (69) (70.5) (72) cm/25 (25½) (26) (26¼) (26¾) (27¼) (27¾) (28¼) in.

Sleeve seam 49 (50) (50.5) (51.5) (52) (52.5) (53.5) (54.5) cm/19¼ (19½) (19¾) (20¼) (20½) (20¾) (21) (21¼) in.

Materials

10 (11) (12) (12) (13) (14) (14) (15) 50g (112m) balls of Wendy Ramsdale DK (100% wool) in Thirsk (3305)*. Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10), 3¾mm (No. 9) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles.

Tension

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

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **p2togb**, p2tog through back of sts; **dec**, decrease; **skpo**, slip 1, k1, pass slip st over; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and work into the back of it; **nil**, meaning nothing is worked here for this size.

Note

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Back

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 122 (130) (134) (142) (146) (154) (158) (166) sts.

1st rib row: K2, [p2, k2] to end.

2nd rib row: P2, [k2, p2] to end.

Rib another 4 rows, decreasing 2 sts evenly across last row on 2nd, 4th, 6th and 8th sizes only – 122 (128) (134) (140) (146) (152) (158) (164) sts.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 8 (8) (10) (10) (12) (12) (14) (14) rows.

Dec row: K30 (31) (33) (34) (36) (37) (39) (40), skpo, k to last 32 (33) (35) (36) (38) (39) (41) (42) sts, k2tog, k to end.

Ss 7 rows.

Repeat last 8 rows, 12 times more, then work dec row again – 94 (100) (106) (112) (118) (124) (130) (136) sts.

Ss another 11 (13) (13) (15) (15) (17) (17) (19) rows.

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

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

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

Repeat last 2 rows, nil (1) (1) (2) (2) (3) (3) (4) time(s) more – 86 (88) (92) (94) (98) (100) (104) (106) sts.

Work 1st dec row, then p 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 8 (9) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (14) times more – 68 (68) (70) (70) (72) (72) (74) (76) sts.

Work 1st dec row, then ss 3 rows.

Repeat last 4 rows, 6 (5) (5) (4) (4) (3) (3) (3) times more – 54 (56) (58) (60) (62) (64) (66) (68) sts.

Cast off.

Front

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 122 (130) (134) (142) (146) (154) (158) (166) sts.

1st rib row: K2, [p2, k2] to end.

2nd rib row: P2, [k2, p2] to end.

Rib another 4 rows, decreasing 2 sts evenly across last row on 2nd, 4th, 6th and 8th sizes only – 122 (128) (134) (140) (146) (152) (158) (164) sts.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 8 (8) (10) (10) (12) (12) (14) (14) rows.

Dec row: K30 (31) (33) (34) (36) (37) (39) (40), skpo, k to last 32 (33) (35) (36) (38) (39) (41) (42) sts, k2tog, k to end.

Ss 7 rows.

Repeat last 8 rows, 12 times more, then work dec row again – 94 (100) (106) (112) (118) (124) (130) (136) sts.

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

(19) rows.

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

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

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

Repeat last 2 rows, nil (1) (1) (2) (2) (3) (3) (4) time(s) more – 86 (88) (92) (94) (98) (100) (104) (106) sts.

Work 1st dec row, then p 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 8 (9) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (14) times more – 68 (68) (70) (70) (72) (72) (74) (76) sts.

Work 1st dec row, then ss 3 rows.

Repeat last 4 rows, 3 (2) (2) (1) (1) (nil) (nil) time(s) more, then work 1st dec row again – 58 (60) (62) (64) (66) (68) (70) (72) sts.

Shape neck: Next row: P9, cast off next 40 (42) (44) (46) (48) (50) (52) (54) sts, p to end.

Work on last set of 9 sts only for left side neck.

Left side neck: Next row: K7, skpo. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, skpo, k3, skpo. P 1 row.

Next row: K4, skpo. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, skpo, skpo. P 1 row.

Next row: K1, skpo – 2 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: Skpo and fasten off.

Right side neck: With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 9 sts and k2tog, k7. P 1 row.

Next row: K2tog, k3, k2tog, k1. P 1 row.

Next row: K2tog, k4. P 1 row.

Next row: K2tog, k2tog, k1. P 1 row.

Next row: K2tog, k1 – 2 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K2tog and fasten off.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 46 (50) (50) (54) (54) (58) (58) (62) sts.

1st rib row: K2, [p2, k2] to end.

2nd rib row: P2, [k2, p2] to end.

Rib another 18 rows.

Change to 4mm needles.

Increase row: K2 (4) (2) (4) (2) (4) (2) (4), [up1, k1] to last 2 (4) (2) (4) (2) (4) (2) (4) sts, k to end – 88 (92) (96) (100) (104) (108) (112) (116) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 5 rows.

Dec row: K4, skpo, k to last 6 sts, k2tog, k4.

Repeat last 6 rows, 9 (9) (9) (9) (10) (10) (10) (10) times more – 68 (72) (76) (80) (82) (86) (90) (94) sts.

Ss another 7 rows.

Increase row: K4, up1, k to last 4 sts,

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up1, k4.

Repeat last 8 rows, 5 times more – 80 (84) (88) (92) (94) (98) (102) (106) sts.
Ss another 11 (13) (15) (17) (13) (15) (17) (19) rows.

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

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

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

Repeat last 2 rows, 3 (5) (5) (7) (6) (8) (8) (9) times more – 60 (56) (58) (54) (58) (54) (56) (56) sts.

Work 1st dec row, then p 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 19 (17) (18) (16) (18) (16) (17) (17) times more – 20 sts.

Cast off.

Collar

With 4mm needles, cast on 24 sts.

P 1 row.

Pattern row: [K1, k next st in row below] to end.

Pattern another 3 rows.

Shape collar: Next 2 rows: Pattern 18, turn, pattern to end.

Pattern 2 rows across all sts.

Next 2 rows: Pattern 16, turn, pattern to end.

Pattern 4 rows across all sts.

Repeat last 10 rows, 31 (32) (33) (34) (35) (36) (37) (38) times more.

Cast off loosely.

To make up

Join all raglan seams, then side and sleeve seams. Join cast-on and cast-off edges of collar together. With this seam at centre back, sew shorter row-end edge of collar to neck.

Cardigan

Measurements

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

Actual measurements 89 (95) (102) (107.5) (113.5) (119.5) cm/35 (37¼) (40) (42¼) (44¾) (47) in.

Side seam All sizes 43cm/17in.

Length to shoulder 61 (63) (64) (65.5) (67) (68) cm/24 (24¾) (25¼) (25¾) (26¼) (26¾) in.

Sleeve seam All sizes 45cm/17¾in.

Materials

10 (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) 50g (120m) balls of Yarn Stories Fine Merino & Baby Alpaca DK (70% merino, 30% alpaca) in Toffee (2519)*. Pair of 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles; 2 cable needles; one button.

Tension

26 stitches and 32 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over rib slightly stretched, using 4mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **sl**, slip; **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **skpo**, sl1, k1, pass sl st over; **cr6b**, cross 6 back (sl next 4 sts on to a cable needle and leave at back, k2, sl the 2 p sts from cable needle on to left-hand needle, move cable needle to front of work between needles, p2 from left-hand needle, then k2 from cable needle); **cr6f**, cross 6 front (sl next 2 sts on to 1st cable needle and leave at front, sl next 2 sts on to 2nd cable needle and leave at back, k2, from left-hand needle, p2 from 2nd cable needle, then k2 from 1st cable needle); **kfb**, k into front and back of st; **pfkb**, p into front and k into back of st; **yf**, yarn forward to make a st; **gst**, garter st (every row k).

Note

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Back

Cast on 126 (134) (142) (150) (158) (166) sts.

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

2nd row: P2, [k2, p2] to end.

These 2 rows form rib pattern.

Rib another 12 rows.

Dec row: K2, p2, k1, skpo, rib to last 7 sts, k2tog, k1, p2, k2.

Rib 7 rows.

Repeat last 8 rows, 6 times more, then work the dec row again – 110 (118) (126) (134) (142) (150) sts.

Rib another 13 rows.

1st inc row: K2, p2, k1, kfb, rib to last 7 sts, pfkb, k2 p2, k2.

Next row: P2, k2, p3, rib to last 7 sts, p3, k2, p2.

Rib another 6 rows.

2nd inc row: K2, p2, k1, kfb, rib to last 7 sts, kfb, k2, p2, k2.

Next row: P2, k2, p4, rib to last 8 sts, p4, k2, p2.

Rib 6 rows.

Work 2nd inc row again.

Next row: P2, k2, p2, k1, rib to last 7 sts, k1, p2, k2, p2.

Rib 6 rows.

Work 1st inc row again – 118 (126) (134) (142) (150) (158) sts.

Rib another 29 rows.

Shape armholes: Cast off 4 (4) (4) (8) (8) (8) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

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

Next row: P2, rib to last 2 sts, p2.

Continue to dec 1 st at each end as before on next row and 9 (9) (13) (9) (13) (13) following alternate rows – 88 (96) (96) (104) (104) (112) sts.

Rib another 29 (35) (31) (43) (39) (43) rows.

Divide for neck: Next row: Rib 23 (23) (23) (27) (27) (31), cast off next 42 (50) (50) (50) (50) sts, rib to end.

Work on last set of 23 (23) (23) (27) (27) (31) sts for left back neck.

Left back neck: 1st row: Rib to last 2 sts, work 2tog.

2nd row: Cast off 7 sts, rib to end.

3rd row: As 1st row – 14 (14) (14) (18) (18) (22) sts.

Rib 2 rows. Cast off for shoulder.

Right back neck: With wrong side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 23 (23) (23) (27) (27) (31) sts.

1st row: Cast off 7 sts, rib to end.

2nd row: Rib to last 2 sts, work 2tog.

3rd row: Work 2tog, rib to end – 14 (14)

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(14) (18) (18) (22) sts.
Rib 2 rows. Cast off for shoulder.

Left front

Cast on 66 (70) (74) (78) (82) (86) sts.
1st row (right side): K2, [p2, k2] to last 4 sts, k4 for front edging.
2nd row: For front edging k4, then p2, [k2, p2] to end.
These 2 rows form rib pattern with gst border.
Work another 12 rows.
Dec row: K2, p2, k1, skpo, rib to last 4 sts, k4 – 65 (69) (73) (77) (81) (85) sts.
Work another 7 rows.
Continue to dec 1 st at side edge as before on next row and 6 following 8th rows – 58 (62) (66) (70) (74) (78) sts.
Work another 13 rows.
1st inc row: K2, p2, k1, kfb, rib to last 4 sts, k4 – 59 (63) (67) (71) (75) (79) sts.
Next row: K4, rib to last 7 sts, p3, k2, p2. Work another 6 rows.
Continue to inc and work into rib, 1 st at side edge as before on next row and 2 following 8th rows – 62 (66) (70) (74) (78) (82) sts.
Work another 23 rows.
Shape neck: 1st row: Rib 47 (51) (55) (59) (63) (67) sts, k2tog, k1, p2, cr6b, k4.
2nd and alternate rows: K4, rib to end.
3rd and 5th rows: Rib to last 15 sts, k2tog, rib 9, k4 – 59 (63) (67) (71) (75) (79) sts.
Shape armhole: 7th row: Cast off 4 (4) (4) (8) (8) (8) sts, rib to last 15 sts, k2tog, rib 9, k4.
8th row: As 2nd row.
The last 8 rows form cable panel.
9th row: K1, skpo, rib to last 15 sts, k2tog, k1, p2, cr6b, k4.
10th row: As 2nd row.
Keeping cable panel correct, continue to dec 1 st at each end as before on next row and 9 (9) (13) (9) (13) (13) following alternate rows – 32 (36) (32) (40) (36) (40) sts.
2nd and 4th sizes only: Work 1 row. Keeping armhole edge straight, dec 1 st at neck edge as before on next row and following alternate row – 34 (38) sts.
All sizes: Work 3 rows straight. Keeping armhole edge straight, continue to dec 1 st at neck edge as before on next row and 4 (6) (4) (6) (4) (4) following 4th rows – 27 (27) (27) (31) (31) (35) sts. Work another 15 (9) (17) (17) (25) (29) rows.
Shape shoulder: Cast off 12 (12) (12) (16) (16) (20) sts at beginning of next row – 15 sts.
Continue as set on remaining sts until border fits across to centre back neck. Cast off in pattern.

Right front

Cast on 66 (70) (74) (78) (82) (86) sts.
1st row (right side): K4 for front edging,

k2, [p2, k2] to end.
2nd row: P2, [k2, p2] to last 4 sts, k4 for front edging.
These 2 rows form rib pattern with gst border.
Work another 12 rows.
Dec row: K4, rib to last 7 sts, k2tog, k1, p2, k2 – 65 (69) (73) (77) (81) (85) sts.
Work another 7 rows.
Continue to dec 1 st at side edge as before on next row and 6 following 8th rows – 58 (62) (66) (70) (74) (78) sts.
Work another 13 rows.
1st inc row: K4, rib to last 7 sts, pfbk, k2, p2, k2 – 59 (63) (67) (71) (75) (79) sts.
Next row: P2, k2, p3, rib to last 4 sts, k4. Work another 6 rows.
Continue to inc and work into rib, 1 st at side edge as before on next row and 2 following 8th rows – 62 (66) (70) (74) (78) (82) sts.
Work another 19 rows.
Buttonhole row: K2, yf, k2tog, rib to end. Work another 3 rows.
Shape neck: 1st row: K4, cr6f, p2, k1, skpo, rib to end.
2nd and alternate rows: Rib to last 4 sts, k4.
3rd, 5th and 7th rows: K4, rib 9, skpo, rib to end – 58 (62) (66) (70) (74) (78) sts.
Shape armhole: 8th row: Cast off 4 (4) (4) (8) (8) (8) sts, rib to last 4 sts, k4. The last 8 rows form cable panel.
9th row: K4, cr6f, p2, k1, skpo, rib to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.
10th row: As 2nd row.
Keeping cable panel correct, continue to dec 1 st at each end as before on next row and 9 (9) (13) (9) (13) (13) following alternate rows – 32 (36) (32) (40) (36) (40) sts.
2nd and 4th sizes only: Work 1 row. Keeping armhole edge straight, dec 1 st at neck edge as before on next row and following alternate row – 34 (38) sts.
All sizes: Work 3 rows straight. Keeping armhole edge straight, continue to dec 1 st at neck edge as before on next row and 4 (6) (4) (6) (4) (4) following 4th rows – 27 (27) (27) (31) (31) (35) sts. Work another 16 (10) (18) (18) (26) (30) rows.
Shape shoulder: Cast off 12 (12) (12) (16) (16) (20) sts at beginning of next row – 15 sts.
Continue as set on remaining sts until border fits across to centre back neck. Cast off in pattern.

Sleeves

(both alike)

Cast on 50 (54) (58) (58) (58) (62) sts.
Work 28 (28) (28) (16) (16) (16) rows in rib as on back.
1st inc row: K2, p2, k1, kfb, rib to last 7 sts, pfbk, k2, p2, k2.

Next row: P2, k2, p3, rib to last 7 sts, p3, k2, p2.
Rib another 4 rows.
2nd inc row: K2, p2, k1, kfb, rib to last 7 sts, kfb, k2, p2, k2.
Rib 5 rows.
Work 2nd inc row again.
Next row: P2, k2, p2, k1, rib to last 7 sts, k1, p2, k2, p2.
Rib 4 rows.
Work 1st inc row again – 58 (62) (66) (66) (66) (70) sts.
Rib 5 rows.
Continue to inc and work into rib, 1 st at each end as before on next row and 11 (11) (11) (15) (15) (15) following 6th rows – 82 (86) (90) (98) (98) (102) sts. Work another 25 (25) (25) (13) (13) (13) rows.
Shape top: Cast off 4 (4) (4) (8) (8) (8) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.
Dec row: K1, skpo, rib to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.
Work 1 row.
Repeat last 2 rows, 10 times more, then work the dec row again – 50 (54) (58) (58) (58) (62) sts.
Work 1 (1) (1) (3) (5) (5) row(s).
Next dec row: Cast off 2 sts, rib to last 2 sts, work 2tog.
Repeat last row, 5 times more – 32 (36) (40) (40) (40) (44) sts.
Next dec row: Cast off 4 sts, rib to last 2 sts, work 2tog.
Repeat last row, 3 times more – 12 (16) (20) (20) (20) (24) sts.
Cast off.

To make up

Join shoulder seams, then join cast-off edge of borders together. Sew row-ends of borders across centre back neck. Set sleeves into armholes, then join side and sleeve seams. Sew on button.

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Amanda's garments are stylish and contemporary



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Cream Cardigan

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 83 (87.5) (91) (98) (103) (106) (114) (121) cm/32¾ (34½) (36) (38½) (40½) (41¾) (45) (47¾) in.

Side seam 40 (39) (40) (39) (40) (39) (40) (39) cm/15¾ (15½) (15¾) (15½) (15¾) (15½) (15¾) (15½) in.

Length to shoulder 58 (58) (60) (60) (62) (62) (64) (64) cm/22¾ (22¾) (23½) (23½) (24¼) (24¼) (25) (25) in.

Sleeve seam 45 (45) (46) (46) (47) (47) (48) (48) cm/17¾ (17¾) (18) (18) (18½) (18½) (19) (19) in.

Materials

10 (11) (11) (12) (12) (13) (13) (14) 50g (120m) balls of Yarn Stories Fine Merino DK (100% wool) in Cream (2504)*. Pair of 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles; a cable needle; 7 buttons.

Tension

26 stitches and 36 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over main pattern, 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); **tw2**, twist 2 (k into back of 2nd st on left hand needle, then into front of first st slipping both sts off needle tog); **c3rt**, cross 3 right (sl next 2 sts onto cable needle and leave at back, k1, then k2 from cable needle); **c3lt**, cross 3 left (sl next st onto cable needle and leave at front, k2, then k st from cable needle); **c6**, cable 6 (sl next 2 sts onto cable needle and leave at back, k1, then k2 from cable needle, place next st onto cable needle and leave at front, k2, then k st from cable needle); **yf**, yarn forward to make a st; **nil**, meaning nothing is worked here for this size.

Note

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

Back

With 4mm needles, cast on 108 (114) (118) (128) (134) (138) (148) (158) sts.

1st row (right side): P1 (4) (1) (1) (4) (1) (1) (1), [c6, p4] to last 7 (10) (7) (7) (10) (7) (7) (7) sts, c6, p1 (4) (1) (1) (4) (1) (1) (1).

2nd row: K1 (4) (1) (1) (4) (1) (1) (1), [p6, k4] to last 7 (10) (7) (7) (10) (7) (7) (7) sts, p6, k1 (4) (1) (1) (4) (1) (1) (1).

3rd row: K to end. **4th row:** P to end. These 4 rows form welt pattern.

Repeat these 4 rows, 8 times more.

Now work in main pattern as follows:

1st row: P1, [tw2, p1] nil (1) (nil) (nil) (1) (nil) (nil) (nil) time, [c6, p1, tw2, p1] to last 7 (10) (7) (7) (10) (7) (7) (7) sts, c6, [p1, tw2] nil (1) (nil) (nil) (1) (nil) (nil) (nil) time, p1.

2nd row: K1, [p2, k1] nil (1) (nil) (nil) (1) (nil) (nil) (nil) time, [p6, k1, p2, k1] to last 7 (10) (7) (7) (10) (7) (7) (7) sts, p6, [k1, p2] nil (1) (nil) (nil) (1) (nil) (nil) (nil) time, k1.

3rd row: P1, [tw2, p1] nil (1) (nil) (nil) (1) (nil) (nil) (nil) time, [k6, p1, tw2, p1] to last 7 (10) (7) (7) (10) (7) (7) (7) sts, k6, [p1, tw2] nil (1) (nil) (nil) (1) (nil) (nil) (nil) time, p1.

4th row: As 2nd row.

The last 4 rows form main pattern.

Continue in main pattern until work measures 40 (39) (40) (39) (40) (39) (40) (39) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape armholes: Keeping pattern correct, cast off 4 (5) (5) (6) (7) (7) (8) (9) sts at beginning of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 (3) (3) (3) (5) (5) (7) (7) rows and 3 (4) (4) (7) (6) (6) (7) (8) following alternate rows – 88 (90) (94) (96) (98) (102) (104) (110) sts.

Continue straight until armhole measures 18 (19) (20) (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) cm, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape shoulders: Cast off 7 (7) (8) (8) (8) (9) (9) (10) sts at beginning of next 4 rows and 7 (8) (7) (8) (8) (8) (8) (9) sts at beginning of following 2 rows – 46 (46) (48) (48) (50) (50) (52) (52) sts.

Leave remaining sts on a st holder.

Left front

With 4mm needles, cast on 58 (64) (68) (69) (74) (78) (86) (88) sts.

1st row (right side): P1 (4) (1) (1) (4) (1) (1) (1), [c6, p4] to last 7 (10) (7) (8) (10) (7) (5) (7) sts, c6 (c6) (c6) (c6) (c6) (c6) (c3rt) (c6), p1 (4) (1) (2) (4) (1) (2) (1).

2nd row: K1 (4) (1) (2) (4) (1) (2) (1), p6 (6) (6) (6) (6) (3) (6), [k4, p6] to last 1 (4) (1) (1) (4) (1) (1) (1) st(s), k1 (4) (1) (1) (4) (1) (1) (1).

3rd row: K to end. **4th row:** P to end. These 4 rows form welt pattern.

Repeat these 4 rows, 8 times more.

Now work in main pattern as follows:

1st row: P1, [tw2, p1] nil (1) (nil) (nil) (1) (nil) (nil) (nil) time, [c6, p1, tw2, p1] to last 7 (10) (7) (8) (10) (7) (5) (7) sts, c6 (c6) (c6) (c6) (c6) (c6) (c3rt) (c6), [p1, tw2] nil (1) (nil) (nil) (1) (nil) (nil) (nil) time, p1 (1) (1) (2) (1) (1) (2) (1).

2nd row: K1 (1) (1) (2) (1) (1) (2) (1), [p2, k1] nil (1) (nil) (nil) (1) (nil) (nil) (nil) time, p6 (6) (6) (6) (6) (6) (3) (6), [k1, p2, k1, p6] to last 1 (4) (1) (1) (4) (1) (1) (1) st(s), k1 (4) (1) (1) (4) (1) (1) (1).

3rd row: P1, [tw2, p1] nil (1) (nil) (nil) (1) (nil) (nil) (nil) time, [k6, p1, tw2, p1] to last 7 (10) (7) (8) (10) (7) (5) (7) sts, k6 (6) (6) (6) (6) (3) (6), [p1, tw2] nil (1) (nil) (nil) (1) (nil) (nil) (nil) time, p1 (1) (1) (2) (1) (1) (2) (1).

4th row: As 2nd row.

The last 4 rows form main pattern.

Continue in main pattern until front measures same as back to armhole shaping, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape armhole: Cast off 4 (5) (5) (6) (7) (7) (8) (9) sts at beginning of next row. Pattern 1 row.

Dec 1 st at armhole edge on next 3 (3) (3) (3) (5) (5) (7) (7) rows and 3 (4) (4) (7) (6) (6) (7) (8) following alternate rows – 48 (52) (56) (53) (56) (60) (64) (64) sts.

Continue straight until armhole measures 27 rows less than back to shoulder shaping, ending at neck edge.

Shape neck: Cast off 7 (7) (7) (7) (9) (9) (13) (13) sts at beginning of next row. Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 20 (23) (26) (22) (23) (25) (25) (22) rows – 21 (22) (23) (24) (24) (26) (26) (29) sts.

Pattern 6 (3) (nil) (4) (3) (1) (1) (4) row(s) straight.

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

Pattern 1 row. Cast off.

Place markers along front edge for 7 buttons avoiding cable rows: first one approximately 11.5cm up from cast-on edge and last one 2cm down from beginning of neck shaping and remaining 5 evenly spaced between.

Right front

With 4mm needles, cast on 58 (64) (68) (69) (74) (78) (86) (88) sts.

1st row: P1 (4) (1) (2) (4) (1) (2) (1), c6 (c6) (c6) (c6) (c6) (c6) (c3lt) (c6), [p4, c6] to last 1 (4) (1) (1) (4) (1) (1) (1) st(s), p1 (4) (1) (1) (4) (1) (1) (1).

2nd row: K1 (4) (1) (1) (4) (1) (1) (1), p6, [k4, p6] to last 1 (4) (1) (2) (4) (1) (9) (1) st(s), k1 (4) (1) (2) (4) (1) (4) (1), [p3, k2] nil (nil) (nil) (nil) (nil) (1) (nil) time.

3rd row: K to end. **4th row:** P to end.

These 4 rows form welt pattern.

Repeat these 4 rows, 8 times more.

Now work in main pattern as follows:



Sleeves

(both alike)

With 4mm needles, cast on 68 (70) (72) (74) (76) (78) (80) (82) sts.

1st row (right side): P1 (2) (3) (4) (5) (1) (2) (3), [c6, p4] to last 7 (8) (9) (10) (11) (7) (8) (9) sts, c6, p1 (2) (3) (4) (5) (1) (2) (3).

2nd row: K1 (2) (3) (4) (5) (1) (2) (3), [p6, k4] to last 7 (8) (9) (10) (11) (7) (8) (9) sts, p6, k1 (2) (3) (4) (5) (1) (2) (3).

3rd row: K to end. **4th row:** P to end.

These 4 rows form cuff pattern.

Repeat these 4 rows, 4 times more.

Now work in main pattern as follows:

1st row (right side): P1 (2) (3) (4) (5) (1) (2) (3), [c6, p1, tw2, p1] to last 7 (8) (9) (10) (11) (7) (8) (9) sts, c6, p1 (2) (3) (4) (5) (1) (2) (3).

2nd row: K1 (2) (3) (4) (5) (1) (2) (3), [p6, k1, p2, k1] to last 7 (8) (9) (10) (11) (7) (8) (9) sts, p6, k1 (2) (3) (4) (5) (1) (2) (3).

3rd row: P1 (2) (3) (4) (5) (1) (2) (3), [k6, p1, tw2, p1] to last 7 (8) (9) (10) (11) (7) (8) (9) sts, k6, p1 (2) (3) (4) (5) (1) (2) (3).

4th row: As 2nd row.

The last 4 rows form main pattern.

Taking extra sts into main pattern as they occur, inc 1st at each end of next row and 7 (8) (10) (11) (13) (15) (16) (18) following 16th (14th) (12th) (12th) (10th) (8th) (8th) (8th) rows – 84 (88) (94) (98) (104) (110) (114) (120) sts.

Continue straight until sleeve measures 45 (45) (46) (46) (47) (47) (48) (48) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape top: Cast off 4 (5) (5) (6) (7) (7) (8) (9) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 (3) (3) (3) (5) (5) (7) (7) rows – 70 (72) (78) (80) (80) (86) (84) (88) sts. Pattern 1 row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 17 (20) (21) (24) (26) (27) (26) (28) following alternate rows – 34 (30) (34) (30) (26) (30) (30) (30) sts.

Pattern 1 row.

Dec 1st at each end of next 4 (2) (4) (2) (nil) (2) (2) (2) rows – 26 sts.

Pattern 1 row. Cast off.

Neck edging

Join shoulder seams. With right side facing and using 4mm needles, pick up and k30 (30) (30) (30) (32) (32) (32) (32) sts up right front neck, k46 (46) (48) (48) (50) (50) (52) (52) sts at back neck, then pick up and k30 (30) (30) (30) (32) (32) (32) (32) sts down left front neck – 106 (106) (108) (108) (114) (114) (116) (116) sts. K 3 rows. Cast off.

To make up

Set sleeves into armholes. Join side and sleeve seams. Sew on buttons.

1st row: P1 (1) (1) (2) (1) (1) (2) (1), [tw2, p1] nil (1) (nil) (nil) (1) (nil) (nil) (nil) time, c6 (c6) (c6) (c6) (c6) (c6) (c3lt) (c6), [p1, tw2, p1, c6] to last 1 (4) (1) (1) (4) (1) (1) (1) st(s), [p1, tw2] nil (1) (nil) (nil) (1) (nil) (nil) (nil) time, p1.

2nd row: K1, [p2, k1] nil (1) (nil) (nil) (1) (nil) (nil) (nil) time, [p6, k1, p2, k1] to last 7 (10) (7) (8) (10) (7) (5) (7) sts, p6 (6) (6) (6) (6) (3) (6), [k1, p2] nil (1) (nil) (nil) (1) (nil) (nil) (nil) time, k1 (1) (1) (2) (1) (1) (2) (1).

3rd row: P1 (1) (1) (2) (1) (1) (2) (1), [tw2, p1] nil (1) (nil) (nil) (1) (nil) (nil) (nil) time, k6 (6) (6) (6) (6) (6) (3) (6), [p1, tw2, p1, k6] to last 1 (4) (1) (1) (4) (1) (1) (1) st(s), [p1, tw2] nil (1) (nil) (nil) (1) (nil) (nil) (nil) time, p1.

4th row: As 2nd row.

The last 4 rows form main pattern.

Pattern 6 rows.

Buttonhole row: P1 (1) (1) (2) (1) (1) (2) (1), k2, yf, k2tog, pattern to end. Continue in main pattern, making buttonholes to match markers on left

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

Shape armhole: Cast off 4 (5) (5) (6) (7) (7) (8) (9) sts at beginning of next row.

Dec 1 st at armhole edge on next 3 (3) (3) (3) (5) (5) (7) (7) rows and 3 (4) (4) (7) (6) (6) (7) (8) following alternate rows – 48 (52) (56) (53) (56) (60) (64) (64) sts.

Continue straight until armhole measures 27 rows less than back to shoulder shaping, ending at neck edge.

Shape neck: Cast off 7 (7) (7) (7) (9) (9) (13) (13) sts at beginning of next row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 20 (23) (26) (22) (23) (25) (25) (22) rows – 21 (22) (23) (24) (24) (26) (26) (29) sts.

Pattern 6 (3) (nil) (4) (3) (1) (1) (4) row(s) straight.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 7 (7) (8) (8) (8) (9) (9) (10) sts at beginning of next row and following alternate row – 7 (8) (7)

(8) (8) (8) (8) (9) sts.

Pattern 1 row. Cast off.

Do The Twist

Our '60s vintage sweater with twisted rib detail will see him through winter in style

Measurements

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

Actual measurements 92 (100) (110) (119) (128) cm/36¼ (39½) (43¼) (46¾) (50½) in.

Side seam All sizes 38cm/15in.

Length to back neck 61 (63.5) (66) (68) (70) cm/24 (25) (26) (26¾) (27½) in.

Sleeve seam 46 (47) (48) (49) cm/18 (18½) (19) (19¼) in.

Materials

10 (10) (11) (12) (12) 100g (110m) balls of Rowan Purelife British Sheep Breeds Chunky Undyed in Steel Grey Suffolk (954)*. Pair of 6mm (No. 4) and 7mm (No. 2) knitting needles.

Tension

13 stitches and 18 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 7mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **k2togb** or **p2togb**, k2tog or p2tog through back of sts; **nil**, meaning nothing is worked here for this size; **tw2lt**, k into back of second st on left needle, then k into front of first st, dropping both sts off needle; **tw2rt**, p into front of second st on left needle, then p into front of first st, dropping both sts off needle; **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and work into the back of it.

Note

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. Instructions are given for small sizes. Where they vary, work figures in round brackets for larger sizes. Instructions in square brackets

Increase row: Rib 5 (2) (6) (3) (7), up1, [rib 4 (5) (5) (6) (6), up1] 14 times, rib to end – 82 (90) (98) (106) (114) sts.

Change to 7mm needles.

1st row: K2, [p1, tw2lt, tw2lt, p1, k2] to end.

2nd row: P2, [k1, tw2rt, tw2rt, k1, p2] to end.

These 2 rows form pattern.

Pattern another 52 rows.

Shape raglan armholes: Keeping pattern correct, cast off 4 sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

1st row: K1, tw2lt, p1, k2togb, pattern to last 6 sts, k2tog, p1, tw2lt, k1.

2nd row: K1, tw2rt, k1, p2tog, pattern to last 6 sts, p2togb, k1, tw2rt, k1.

3rd and 4th rows: As 1st and 2nd rows.

5th row: As 1st row.

6th row: K1, tw2rt, k1, p1, pattern to last 5 sts, p1, k1, tw2rt, k1.

Repeat 1st to 6th rows, nil (1) (1) (2) (2) time(s) more – 64 (62) (70) (68) (76) sts.

Next 2 rows: As 1st and 2nd rows.

Next row: As 1st row.

Next row: As 6th row.

Repeat last 4 rows, 2 (1) (3) (2) (3) time(s) more – 46 (50) (46) (50) (52) sts.

Next row: As 1st row.

Next row: As 6th row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 10 (11) (9) (10) (10) times more – 24 (26) (26) (28) (30) sts.

Leave these sts on a stitch holder.

Front

With 6mm needles, cast on 67 (75) (83) (91) (99) sts.

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

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

Work another 11 rows in rib.

Increase row: Rib 5 (2) (6) (3) (7), up1, [rib 4 (5) (5) (6) (6), up1] 14 times, rib to end – 82 (90) (98) (106) (114) sts.

Change to 7mm needles.

1st row: K2, [p1, tw2lt, tw2lt, p1, k2] to end.

2nd row: P2, [k1, tw2rt, tw2rt, k1, p2] to end.

These 2 rows form pattern.

Pattern another 52 rows.

Shape raglan armholes: Keeping pattern correct, cast off 4 sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

1st row: K1, tw2lt, p1, k2togb, pattern to last 6 sts, k2tog, p1, tw2lt, k1.

2nd row: K1, tw2rt, k1, p2tog, pattern to last 6 sts, p2togb, k1, tw2rt, k1.

3rd and 4th rows: As 1st and 2nd rows.

5th row: As 1st row.

6th row: K1, tw2rt, k1, p1, pattern to last 5 sts, p1, k1, tw2rt, k1.

Repeat 1st to 6th rows, nil (1) (1) (2) (2) time(s) more – 64 (62) (70) (68) (76) sts.

Next 2 rows: As 1st and 2nd rows.

Next row: As 1st row.

Next row: As 6th row.

Repeat last 4 rows, 2 (1) (3) (2) (3) time(s) more – 46 (50) (46) (50) (52) sts.

Next row: As 1st row.

Next row: As 6th row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 4 (5) (3) (4) (4) times more – 36 (38) (38) (40) (42) sts.

Shape neck: **Next row:** K1, tw2lt, p1,

k2togb, pattern 3, work 2tog, turn and work on these 9 sts for left half neck.

Left half neck: 1st row: Work 2tog, pattern 2, p1, k1, tw2rt, k1.

2nd row: K1, tw2lt, p1, k2togb, work 2tog.

3rd row: P2, k1, tw2rt, k1.

4th row: K1, tw2lt, p1, k2togb.

5th row: P1, k1, tw2rt, k1.

6th row: K1, tw2lt, p2tog.

7th row: K1, tw2rt, k1.

8th row: K1, insert needle into back of second st then into third st on left needle, k them tog, k first st, dropping sts off left needle.

9th row: Tw2rt, k1.

10th row: K1, k2tog – 2 sts.

11th row: P1, k1. Cast off.

Right half neck: With right side facing, slip centre 14 (16) (16) (18) (20) sts on a stitch holder, rejoin yarn to remaining sts, work 2tog, pattern 3, k2tog, p1, tw2lt, k1 – 9 sts.

1st row: K1, tw2rt, k1, p1, pattern 2, work 2tog.

2nd row: Work 2tog, k2tog, p1, tw2lt, k1.

3rd row: K1, tw2rt, k1, p2.

4th row: K2tog, p1, tw2lt, k1.

5th row: K1, tw2rt, k1, p1.

6th row: P2tog, tw2lt, k1.

7th row: K1, tw2rt, k1.

8th row: Slip 1, k into back of second st on left needle, then pass slip st over, k first st, dropping sts off left needle, k1.

9th row: K1, tw2rt.

10th row: K2tog, k1 – 2 sts.

11th row: K1, p1. Cast off.

Back

With 6mm needles, cast on 67 (75) (83) (91) (99) sts.

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

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

Work another 11 rows in rib.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 6mm needles, cast on 27 (27) (29) (29) (31) sts.

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

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

Work another 11 rows in rib.

Next row: Rib 1 (1) (2) (2) (5), up1, [rib 4 (4) (2) (2) (2), up1] to last 2 (2) (3) (3) (6) sts, rib to end – 34 (34) (42) (42) (42) sts.

Change to 7mm needles.

Work 2 rows in pattern as on back.

Working extra sts into pattern as they occur, inc 1 st at each end of next row and 6 (3) (11) (2) (5) following 4th (2nd) (4th) (2nd) (2nd) rows, then on 7 (12) (2) (13) (12) following 4th (4th) (6th) (4th) (4th) rows – 62 (66) (70) (74) (78) sts.

Work straight until sleeve measures 46 (47) (48) (48) (49) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape raglan top: Keeping pattern correct, cast off 4 sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

1st row: K2, k2tog, pattern to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2.

2nd row: K1, p2, pattern to last 3 sts, p2, k1.

3rd row: K3, pattern to last 3 sts, k3.

4th row: K1, p2, pattern to last 3 sts, p2, k1 – 52 (56) (60) (64) (68) sts.

Repeat 1st and 2nd rows, 17 (19) (21) (23) (25) times more, then work 1st row again – 16 sts.

Next row: K1, (p2tog) 7 times, k1 – 9 sts.

Leave these sts on a stitch holder.

Neckband

Join both front and right back raglan seams.

With right side facing and using 6mm needles, k9 sts of left sleeve top, pick up and k9 sts down left front neck, k14 (16) (16) (18) (20) sts at centre front, pick up and k9 sts up right front neck, k9 sts of right sleeve top, finally k24 (26) (26) (28) (30) sts of back neck – 74 (78) (78) (82) (86) sts.

Work 10 rows in k1, p1 rib.

Cast off loosely in rib.

To make up

Join left back raglan seam and neckband.

Join side and sleeve seams.



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Bear With Us

From now on, no cuddly toy collection will be complete without our wonderful *Woman's Weekly* Bear!

Measurements

Approximately 36cm/14in high.

Materials

2 x 50g (100m) balls of Sublime Natural Aran (100% wool) in Minky (455)*. Small amount of Aran yarn in Black. Oddment of DK yarn in Pink for embroidery. Pair of 3¾mm (No. 9) knitting needles; washable toy stuffing; 60cm length of 2.5cm-wide pink satin ribbon.

Tension

24 stitches and 32 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 3¾mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **sl**, slip; **p1b**, p1 through back of st; **tog**, together; **skpo**, sl1, k1, pass sl st over; **p2togb**, p2tog through back of sts; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease (by taking 2 sts tog); **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **yf**, yarn forward to make a st; **wrap1**, slip next st onto right hand needle, take yarn between needles to opposite side of work (to front after k st and to back after p st), place the slipped st back onto left hand needle.

Note

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

Legs

Left leg: With 3¾mm needles and Minky, cast on 36 sts for base of foot.

Beginning with a k row, ss 8 rows.

Shape instep: 1st dec row: K16, skpo, k2tog, k16 – 34 sts.

2nd dec row: P15, p2tog, p2togb, p15 – 32 sts.

Next row: K12, cast off next 8 sts, k to end – 24 sts. Ss 7 rows.

1st inc row: K5, inc in next st, k11, inc in next st, k6 – 26 sts. Ss 7 rows.

2nd inc row: K6, inc in next st, k12, inc in next st, k6 – 28 sts. **

Ss 2 rows.

Shape top: Next 2 rows: P6, wrap1, turn, k6.

Next 2 rows: P4, wrap1, turn, k4.

Next row: P28.

Next 2 rows: K20, wrap1, turn, p20.

Next row: K18, wrap1, turn.

Next row: P15, wrap1, turn.

Next 2 rows: K11, wrap1, turn, p14. K 1 row. Cast off pwise.

Right leg: Work as left leg to **. Ss 3 rows.

Shape top: Next 2 rows: K6, wrap1, turn, p6.

Next 2 rows: K4, wrap1, turn, p4.

Next row: K28.

Next 2 rows: P20, wrap1, turn, k20.

Next row: P18, wrap1, turn.

Next row: K15, wrap1, turn.

Next 2 rows: P11, wrap1, turn, k14. Cast off pwise.

Sole (both alike): With wrong side facing and using 3¾mm needles, miss first 3 sts on cast-on edge of foot, join in length of Minky and pick up and k30 sts along cast-on edge, ending 3 sts away from side edge.

1st row: With right side facing, slip first 14 sts onto 3¾mm needle, rejoin Minky

and k2, wrap1, turn.

2nd row: K3, wrap1, turn.

3rd row: K4, wrap1, turn.

4th row: K5, wrap1, turn.

5th row: K6, wrap1, turn.

6th row: K7, wrap1, turn.

7th row: K8, wrap1, turn.

8th row: Sl1, k6, k2tog, turn.

9th row: Sl1, k6, skpo, turn.

Repeat 8th and 9th rows, twice more, then work 8th row again.

15th row: Sl1, k2tog, k2, [skpo] twice, turn.

16th row: Sl1, k4, k2tog, turn.

17th row: Sl1, k4, skpo, turn.

Repeat 16th and 17th rows, twice more, then work 16th row again.

23rd row: Sl1, k2tog, [skpo] twice, turn.

24th row: Sl1, k2, k2tog, turn.

25th row: Sl1, k2, skpo, turn.

Repeat 24th and 25th rows, once more, then work 24th row again – 5 sts.

Cast off, working skpo at end.

Join row-ends and instep seam on each foot. Sew cast-off edge of soles to wrong side of remaining sts on cast-on edge of foot. Join leg seam. Stuff each foot firmly and leg lightly, then with seam at centre back, oversew cast-off edge.

Using Pink and chain stitch, embroider WW initials (or your own) on sole of right foot.

Arms

(make 2)

With 3¾mm needles and Minky, cast on 24 sts.

1st row: K9, wrap1, turn.

2nd row: P5, wrap1, turn.

3rd row: K6, wrap1, turn.

4th row: P7, wrap1, turn.

5th row: K8, wrap1, turn.

6th row: P9, wrap1, turn.



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7th row: K18, wrap1, turn.

Work 2nd to 6th rows again.

Next row: K to end.

Beginning with a p row, ss 9 rows.

1st inc row: K5, inc in next st, k11, inc in next st, k6 – 26 sts. Ss 7 rows.

2nd inc row: K6, inc in next st, k12, inc in next st, k6 – 28 sts. Ss 22 rows.

Dec row: P8, [p2tog] 6 times, p8 – 22 sts. Cast off.

Fold each arm in half and join cast-on sts together, then join side seam. Stuff base of each arm firmly thinning stuffing out towards top. With seam at centre back, oversee cast-off edge.

Body

With 3¾mm needles and Minky, cast on 8 sts for centre of base. P 1 row.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Next row: K14, place top of left leg in front of next 13 sts, [inserting needle through all layers at top of leg and next st, k1] 13 times, k2, place top of right leg in

front of next 13 sts, [inserting needle through all layers at top of leg and next st, k1] 13 times, k14. P 1 row.

7th inc row: [Inc in next st, k6] to end – 64 sts. Ss 13 rows.

1st dec row: [K2tog, k6] to end – 56 sts. Ss 7 rows.

2nd dec row: [K2tog, k5] to end – 48 sts. Ss 5 rows.

3rd dec row: [K2tog, k4] to end – 40 sts. Ss 3 rows.

4th dec row: [K2tog, k3] to end – 32 sts. P 1 row. Cast off for neck edge.

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

Head

With 3¾mm needles and Minky, cast on 8 sts for centre of back. P 1 row.

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

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

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

4th inc row: [Inc in next st, k3] to end – 40 sts. Ss 3 rows.

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

6th inc row: [Inc in next st, k5] to end – 56 sts. Ss 13 rows.

1st dec row: [K2tog, k5] to end – 48 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: [K2tog, k4] to end – 40 sts.

P 1 row.

3rd dec row: [K2tog, k3] to end – 32 sts. Cast off pwise, but do not break off the yarn. With right side facing, pick up and k32 sts along cast-off row. P 1 row.

4th dec row: [K2tog, k2] to end – 24 sts. Ss 7 rows, dec 1 st at each end of 2nd and 5th of these rows – 20 sts.

5th dec row: K2tog, k1, [k2tog, k2] 3 times, k2tog, k1, k2tog – 14 sts. P 1 row.

6th dec row: K2tog, [k1, k2tog] 4 times – 9 sts.

7th dec row: P1, [p2tog] 4 times – 5 sts. Cast off.

Fold cast-off edge in half and join, then join row-ends together to 2nd dec row, leave next 19 row-ends open, join remainder of row-ends. Gather cast-on edge, pull up tightly and secure. Stuff head firmly and sew open edge to neck edge of body.

Ears

(make 4)

With 3¾mm needles and Minky, cast on 7 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows.

1st (inc) row: K2, [yf, k1] 3 times, yf, k2 – 11 sts.

2nd (inc) row: P2, [p1b, p1] 3 times, p1b, p2.

3rd (inc) row: K4, [yf, k1] 3 times, yf, k4 – 15 sts.

4th row: P4, [p1b, p1] 3 times, p1b, p4.

5th (inc) row: K5, [yf, k1] 5 times, yf, k5 – 21 sts.

6th row: P5, [p1b, p1] 5 times, p1b, p5. Ss another 3 rows. Cast off.

Fold cast-on edge of each piece and join. Place paired ear pieces together and join along cast-off edge. Oversee bottom edge and sew this edge on top of head.

Nose

With 3¾mm needles and Black, cast on 6 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows.

1st dec row: K1, skpo, k2tog, k1 – 4 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: Skpo, k2tog – 2 sts. P2tog and fasten off.

Sew nose in position securely, then with Black, embroider inverted Y for mouth.

Eyes

Mark position of eyes on front of head. Attach length of Minky at neck edge under arm, take it through head to first eye position and make a small stitch, return to the point of entry, pull up yarn to indent for eye socket and secure in position. Indent second socket in same way. At each eye position work a tiny circle of 6 chain stitches in Black. Wrap ribbon around neck and tie in a bow.



Christmas Is Coming

...so now's the perfect time to grab those needles or hooks and conjure up our fun festive makes



Tree-oh!

A modern-look threesome for your mantelpiece or Christmas table

Crochet

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Bauble Bowls

Fill with shiny decs for a subtle
Christmassy touch

Crochet

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Easy Peasy



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Tricky**



Hard-ish



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Challenge



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First Class

Send someone you love an extra special winter-woolly card

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Who's Who?

Snowman, Santa or Rudolph – which festive figure will your little one want to be?

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Festive Faves

Every one of our cute knitted decs shouts Christmas!

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A Bit More Tricky



Hard-ish



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Christmas Is Coming Patterns

Set of Christmas Trees

Measurements

Each complete tree measures approximately 21cm/8¼in tall.

Materials

For the set: 1 x 100g (280m) ball of Petra 3 (100% cotton) in each of Teal Green (53814), Light Green (5907), Dark Green (5500) and Pink (53805)*. Size 3.00 crochet hook. An unwanted CD for base of tree, assorted buttons for button tree and assorted beads for beaded tree; toy stuffing.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **slst**, slip stitch; **tr**, treble; **dc**, double crochet; **tr2tog**, work 2 treble tog thus: yarn round hook, insert hook in next st, yarn round hook and draw loop through, yarn round hook and draw through first 2 loops on hook, yarn round hook, insert hook in next st, yarn round hook and draw loop through, yarn round hook and draw through first 2 loops on hook, yarn round hook and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Note

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Button tree

With 3.00 hook and Teal Green, make 3ch.

Base: **1st round:** 9tr in 3rd of 3ch, slst in ch at beginning – 9 sts.

2nd round: 3ch (counts as 1tr throughout), [2tr in next st] 9 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 19 sts.

3rd round: 3ch, [1tr in next st, 2tr in next st] 9 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 28 sts.

4th round: 3ch, [1tr in each of next 2 sts, 2tr in next st] 9 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 37 sts.

5th round: 3ch, [1tr in each of next 2 sts, 2tr in next st] 12 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 49 sts.

6th round: 3ch, [1tr in each of next 3 sts,



2tr in next st] 12 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 61 sts.

7th round: 3ch, [1tr in each of next 4 sts, 2tr in next st] 12 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 73 sts.

8th round: 3ch, [working in back loop only, work 1tr in each of next 5 sts, 2tr in next st] 12 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 84 sts.

9th and 10th rounds: 3ch, [1tr in next st] 84 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch.

11th round: 3ch, [1tr in each of next 4 sts, tr2tog] 14 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 71 sts. Insert CD to keep the base flat.

12th and 13th rounds: 3ch, [1tr in next st] 70 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch.

14th round: 3ch, [1tr in each of next 3 sts, tr2tog] 14 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 57 sts.

15th and 16th rounds: 3ch, [1tr in next st] 56 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch.

17th round: 3ch, [1tr in each of next 2 sts, tr2tog] 14 times – 43 sts.

18th and 19th rounds: 3ch, [1tr in next st] 42 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch.

20th round: 3ch, [1tr in next st, tr2tog] 14 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 29 sts.

21st and 22nd rounds: 3ch, [1tr in next st] 28 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch.

23rd round: 3ch, [tr2tog] 14 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 15 sts. Stuff tree firmly.

24th and 25th rounds: 3ch, [1tr in next st] 14 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch.

26th round: 3ch, [tr2tog] 7 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 8 sts.

27th round: 3ch, [1tr in next st] 7 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch.

Run a gathering thread along top of last round, pull up tightly and secure.

Embellish tree with assorted buttons, placing one large button on top of tree.

Ruffle tree

Using Dark Green, work as Button tree.

Ruffle: With 3.00 hook and Dark Green, make 401ch.

1st row: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, [1dc in next ch] to end, turn – 400 sts.

2nd row: 3ch, [5tr in next st] to end, turn. Join in Pink.

3rd row: [3ch, miss next st, 1dc in next st] to end. Fasten off.

Straighten ruffle and sew chain edge around cone in a spiral, ending on top of tree.

Beaded tree

Using Light Green, work as Button tree.

First bound of leaves: With 3.00 hook and Light Green, make 90ch and taking care not to twist length of ch, join with a slst in first ch.

1st round: 3ch, [1tr in next ch] to end, join with slst in 3rd of 3ch – 90 sts.

2nd round: Working from left to right, [miss 2tr, work 5tr from top to bottom around post of next tr, turn work and work 5tr from bottom to top around post of next tr, miss next tr, slst in next tr] to end – 15 leaves. Fasten off.

Make 13 more bands of leaves, decreasing size as follows: 84ch – 14 leaves, 78ch – 13 leaves, 72ch – 12 leaves, 66ch – 11 leaves, 60ch – 10 leaves, 54ch – 9 leaves, 48ch – 8 leaves, 42ch – 7 leaves, 36ch – 6 leaves, 30ch – 5 leaves, 24ch – 4 leaves, 18ch – 3 leaves and 12ch – 2 leaves.

Slip leaves onto tree in size order and sew in place. Embellish leaves with assorted beads, placing one bead on top of tree.

Festive Bowls

Measurements

Each bowl is approximately 10cm/4in in diameter and 3.5cm/1½in deep.

Materials

1 x 50g (155m) ball of DMC Natura Just Cotton (100% cotton) in Purple (Glicine N30), Pink (Geranium N52) and Turquoise (N49)*. Size 3.00 crochet hook; 247 small beads.

Tension

28 stitches and 28 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over double crochet, using 3.00 hook.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **st**, stitch, **dc**, double crochet; **slst**, slip stitch; **B1**, bead 1 (with yarn at the back, push the bead close to the last st worked and keeping it at the back, insert hook in next st, yarn round hook and pull through, yarn round hook and pull through 2 loops on hook tightly to fix bead firmly in position).

Note

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

Purple bowl

Thread 52 beads on to Purple yarn.

1st round: With 3.00 hook, wind Purple round index finger of left hand to form a ring, insert hook into ring, yarn over

hook and pull through, 1ch (does not count as a st), work 6dc into ring, slst in first st, pull up end of yarn tightly to close ring – 6 sts.

2nd round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 2dc in same place as slst, [2dc in next st] 5 times, slst in first st – 12 sts.

3rd round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as slst, 2dc in next st, [1dc in next st, 2dc in next st] 5 times, slst in first st – 18 sts.

4th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as slst, 1dc in next st, 2dc in next st, [1dc in each of next 2 sts, 2dc in next st] 5 times, slst in first st – 24 sts.

5th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as slst, 1dc in each of next 2 sts, 2dc in next st, [1dc in each of next 3 sts, 2dc in next st] 5 times, slst in first st – 30 sts.

6th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as slst, [1dc in next st] 29 times, slst in first st.

7th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as slst, 2dc in next st, [1dc in next st, 2dc in next st] 14 times, slst in first st – 45 sts.

8th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as slst, [1dc in next st] 44 times, slst in first st.

9th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as slst, 2dc in next st, [1dc in next st, 2dc in next st] 21 times, 1dc in last st, slst in first st – 67 sts.

10th and 11th rounds: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as slst, [1dc in next st] 66 times, slst in first st.

12th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as slst, [1dc in each of next 5 sts, 2dc in next st] 11 times, slst in first st – 78 sts.

13th to 17th rounds: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as slst, [1dc in next st] 77 times, slst in first st. Turn at end of last round. **

18th round (wrong side): 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in each of next 4 sts, B1, [1dc in each of next 5 sts, B1] 12 times, 1dc in last st, slst in first st, turn.

19th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in next st] 78 times, slst in first st, turn.

20th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in each of next 3 sts, B1, 1dc in next st, B1] 13 times, slst in first st, turn.

21st round: As 19th round.

22nd round: As 18th round.

23rd round: As 19th round.

Fasten off and neaten ends.

Pink bowl

Thread 117 beads on to Pink yarn. Using Pink, work as given for Purple bowl to **.

18th round (wrong side): 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in next st, B1] 39 times, slst in first st, turn.

19th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in next st] 78 times, slst in first st, turn.

20th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), [B1, 1dc in next st] 39 times, slst in first st, turn.

21st round: As 19th round.

22nd round: As 18th round.

23rd round: As 19th round.

Fasten off and neaten ends.

Turquoise bowl

Thread 78 beads on to Turquoise yarn. Using Turquoise, work as given for Purple bowl to **.

18th round (wrong side): 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in next st, [B1] twice, * 1dc in each of next 4 sts, [B1] twice, repeat from * 11 times, 1dc in each of last 3 sts, slst in first st, turn.

19th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in next st] 78 times, slst in first st, turn.

20th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), * 1dc in each of next 4 sts, [B1] twice, repeat from * 12 times, slst in first st, turn.

21st round: As 19th round.

22nd round: As 18th round.

23rd round: As 19th round.

Fasten off and neaten ends.



Set Of Christmas Cards

Measurements

Christmas stocking: Approx 11cm/4¼in high, excluding loop.

Hat: Approx 6.5cm/2½in high including pompom.

Mittens: Approx 5.5cm/2¼in high.

Materials

For the set: 1 x 50g (125m) ball of DMC Woolly Merino DK (100% wool) in each of Deep Red (052), White (01), Light Green (081) and Turquoise (074)*. Pair of 3¼mm (No. 10) knitting needles. 1 small striped button for Christmas stocking; 1 striped button and 2 smaller star-shaped buttons for mittens; glue; 3 plain greetings cards, approximately 15 x 10cm/6 x 4in.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **sl**, slip; **tog**, together; **dec**, decrease; **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 k into back of it.

Note

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Christmas stocking card

With 3¼mm needles and Deep Red, cast on 23 sts.

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

Moss st one more row.

Join in White and beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows.

1st row: K1 Deep Red, [1 White, 1 Deep Red] to end.

2nd row: P1 White, [1 Deep Red, 1 White] to end.

3rd and 4th rows: Ss 2 rows White. Using separate ball for each coloured area, twisting yarns together on wrong side at joins to avoid making holes, continue thus:

5th row: K3 White, [2 Light Green, 3 White] 4 times.

6th row: P3 White, [3 Light Green, 1 White, 3 Light Green, 3 White] twice.

7th row: K4 White, 2 Light Green, 1 White, 2 Light Green, 5 White, 2 Light Green, 1 White, 2 Light Green, 4 White.

8th row: P6 White, 1 Deep Red, 9 White,

1 Deep Red, 6 White.

9th and 10th rows: Ss 2 rows White.

11th row: K1 White, [1 Deep Red, 1 White] to end.

12th row: P1 Deep Red, [1 White, 1 Deep Red] to end.

Ss 4 rows Deep Red. Break off yarn.

Right side heel: Change to White.

1st row: K6, turn. **2nd row:** Sl1, p5.

Repeat last 2 rows, twice more.

Next row: K1, skpo, k1, turn.

Next row: Sl1, p2.

Next row: K2, skpo, k1, turn.

Next row: Sl1, p3. Break off yarn and sl these 4 sts onto same right hand needle, then sl next 11 sts onto right hand needle, rejoin White and k last 6 sts – 21 sts.

Left side heel: 1st row: P6, turn.

2nd row: Sl1, k to end.

Repeat last 2 rows, twice more.

Next row: P1, p2tog, p1, turn.

Next row: Sl1, k2.

Next row: P2, p2tog, p1.

Break off yarn and sl next 15 sts back onto right hand needle, turn – 19 sts.

Foot: 1st row: With right side facing, rejoin Deep Red and k4 right heel sts, pick up and k5 sts along row-ends of right heel, k11 sts, pick up and k5 sts along row-ends of left heel, then k last 4 sts – 29 sts.

P 1 row.

1st dec row: K6, [k2tog] twice, k9, [skpo] twice, k6 – 25 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K4, [k2tog] twice, k9, [skpo] twice, k4 – 21 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: K4, k2tog, k9, skpo, k4 – 19 sts. Ss 5 rows.

Join in White and ss 2 rows.

4th dec row: K3, skpo, k2, skpo, k1, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k3 – 15 sts. P 1 row.

5th dec row: K2, [skpo, k1] twice, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k2 – 11 sts. P 1 row. Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Join sole and centre back seam.

Thread a 15cm length of Deep Red through button. With button in centre and leaving 2cm at either side of hanging loop, secure ends to top of seam on wrong side. Glue button to centre of card, 1cm down from top, then glue stocking in place.

Hat card

With 3¼mm needles and Turquoise, cast on 15 sts.

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

Moss st another 2 rows.

Join in White.

Beginning with a p row, ss 2 rows.

Use separate small ball for each coloured



area and twisting yarns together on wrong side at joins to avoid making holes, work snow flake motif thus:

1st row: P7 White, 1 Turquoise, 7 White.

2nd row: K5 White, 1 Turquoise, [1 White, 1 Turquoise] twice, 5 White.

3rd row: P6 White, 3 Turquoise, 6 White.

4th row: K4 White, 3 Turquoise, 1 White, 3 Turquoise, 4 White.

5th row: As 3rd row.

6th row: With White, k1, skpo, k2, k1 Turquoise, [1 White, 1 Turquoise] twice, with White, k2, k2tog, k1 – 13 sts.

7th row: P6 White, 1 Turquoise, 6 White. Continue in White only.

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

Repeat last 2 rows, once



more – 9 sts.

2nd dec row: [K2tog, k1] 3 times – 6 sts. Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. With Turquoise, make a small pompom and attach to top of hat. Dab glue spots randomly to wrong side of hat and attach to centre of card.

Mittens card

With 3¼mm needles and Deep Red, cast on 17 sts.

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

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

Rib another 2 rows.

Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows.

Shape for thumb: Next row: K8, up1, k1, up1, k8 – 19 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K8, up1, k to last 8 sts, up1, k8. P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, once more – 23 sts.

Thumb: Next row: K15, turn.

Next row: Cast on 1 st, p8, turn and cast on 1 st – 9 sts. Ss 2 rows on these 9 sts.

Next row: [K2tog] to last st, k1 – 5 sts. Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Join thumb seam.

With right side facing, rejoin yarn to base of thumb, pick up and k2 sts from base of thumb, k to end – 18 sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 5 rows.

Next row: [K1, k2tog] to end – 12 sts.

Next row: [P2tog] to end – 6 sts.

Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Join side seam of mitten.

Sew star button to top of mitten.

Make another mitten in the same way, sewing button on opposite side.

Take a 15cm length of Deep Red for cord and attach one end to inside of one mitten, thread through striped button, then leaving 7cm for

hanging cord, attach

end to inside of other mitten. Dab spots of glue randomly across back of mittens and on back of button, then glue to card, varying length of hanging cord as shown.

Snowman Hat

Measurements

To fit average head size for 2-3 (4-5) (5-6) year old.

Materials

1 x 50g (85m) ball of Patons Wool Aran (100% wool) in each of Beach Blue (265), Natural (202), Black (299) and Cherry (231)*; small amounts of Orange and Mocha for embroidery. Pair of 3¼mm (No. 9) and 4½mm (No. 7) knitting needles. 1 faux-fur pompom in White.

Tension

18 stitches and 25 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 4½mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side).

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

To make

With 3¼mm needles and Natural, cast on 75 (81) (87) sts.

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

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

Repeat last 2 rows, 3 times more.

Change to 4½mm needles.

Using small separate balls of yarn for each coloured area and twisting yarns together at joins to avoid making holes, work snowman motifs thus:

1st row: K3 (4) (5) Beach Blue, [9 Natural, 6 (7) (8) Beach Blue] to last 12 (13) (14) sts, 9 Natural, 3 (4) (5) Beach Blue.

2nd row: P3 (4) (5) Beach Blue, [9 Natural, 6 (7) (8) Beach Blue] to last 12 (13) (14) sts, 9 Natural, 3 (4) (5) Beach Blue.

3rd to 8th rows: Repeat 1st and 2nd rows, 3 times.

9th row: K4 (5) (6) Beach Blue, [7 Natural, 8 (9) (10) Beach Blue] to last 11 (12) (13) sts, 7 Natural, 4 (5) (6) Beach Blue.

10th row: P4 (5) (6) Beach Blue, [7 Natural, 8 (9) (10) Beach Blue] to last 11 (12) (13) sts, 7 Natural, 4 (5) (6) Beach Blue.

11th row: K5 (6) (7) Beach Blue, [5 Natural, 10 (11) (12) Beach Blue] to last 10 (11) (12) sts, 5 Natural, 5 (6) (7) Beach Blue.

12th row: P6 (7) (8) Beach Blue, [3 Natural, 12 (13) (14) Beach Blue] to last 9 (10) (11) sts, 3 Natural, 6 (7) (8) Beach Blue.

13th row: As 11th row.

14th row: P5 (6) (7) Beach Blue, [5 Natural, 10 (11) (12) Beach Blue] to last 10 (11) (12) sts, 5 Natural, 5 (6) (7) Beach Blue.

15th and 16th rows: As 13th and 14th rows.

17th row: K4 (5) (6) Beach Blue, [7 Black, 8 (9) (10) Beach Blue] to last 11 (12) (13) sts, 7 Black, 4 (5) (6) Beach Blue.

18th row: P5 (6) (7) Beach Blue, [5 Black, 10 (11) (12) Beach Blue] to last 10 (11) (12) sts, 5 Black, 5 (6) (7) Beach Blue.

19th row: K6 (7) (8) Beach Blue, [3 Black, 12 (13) (14) Beach Blue] to last 9 (10) (11) sts, 3 Black, 6 (7) (8) Beach Blue.

Continue in Beach Blue, ss another 11 (15) (17) rows.

Shape crown: 3rd size only: Next row: K8, [k2tog, k12] to last 9 sts, k2tog, k7 – 81 sts. P 1 row.

All sizes: 1st row: K3 (1) (1), [k2tog, k16 (6) (6)] to end – 71 sts.

2nd and every following alternate row: P to end.

3rd row: K1, [k2tog, k5] to end – 61 sts.

5th row: K1, [k2tog, k4] to end – 51 sts.

7th row: K1, [k2tog, k3] to end – 41 sts.

9th row: K1, [k2tog, k2] to end – 31 sts.

11th row: K1, [k2tog, k1] to end – 21 sts.

13th row: K1, [k2tog] to end – 11 sts.

14th row: P to end.

Break off yarn, leaving a long end.

Thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure.

Scarves

(make 5)

With 3¼mm needles and Cherry, cast on 20 sts. Cast off.

To make up

With Mocha, starting from 9th pattern row, Swiss darn 3 diagonal stitches at shoulders of each snowman for arms. With Orange, embroider nose at centre of face. Using Black, work 2 French knots on face for eyes and 2 at centre of body for buttons. Finally, thread scarf around 3 neck stitches, bringing ends out to right side of work. Knot scarf ends and secure knot, leaving ends free as shown in photo. Join centre back seam of hat. Attach pompom to top of hat.

*Yarn subject to availability



Santa Hat

Measurements

To fit average head size for 2-3 (4-5) year old.

Materials

2 x 50g (85m) balls of Patons Wool Aran (100% wool) in Natural (202) and 1 ball in Cherry (231)*. Pair of 3¼mm (No. 9) and 4½mm (No. 7) knitting needles; 2 buttons.

Tension

18 stitches and 25 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 4½mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **loop1**, make loop thus: k next st but do not slip this st off needle, bring yarn to front of work between needles, take it clockwise round left thumb and back between needles, then with loop still around thumb, k same st on left needle again and slip off needle in the usual way, now insert left needle into front of 2 new sts on right needle and k them tog through back of loop); **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and k into back of it; **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 bracket for larger size. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

To make

With 3¼mm needles and Natural, cast on 61 (68) sts for brim. K 2 rows. Continue in loop pattern, thus:

1st row: K1, [loop1] to last st, k1.

2nd row: K to end.

These 2 rows form loop pattern. Pattern another 7 rows.

Increase row: K3 (4), [up1, k5] to last 3 (4) sts, up1, k3 (4) – 73 (81) sts.

Change to 4½mm needles.

Join in Cherry and beginning with a k row, ss 20 (24) rows.

Shape top: 1st dec row: K1, [k2tog, k6] to end – 64 (71) sts. Ss 5 rows.

2nd dec row: K1, [k2tog, k5] to end –

55 (61) sts. Ss 5 rows.

3rd dec row: K1, [k2tog, k4] to end – 46 (51) sts. Ss 5 rows.

4th dec row: K1, [k2tog, k3] to end – 37 (41) sts. Ss 5 rows.

5th dec row: K5, [k2tog, k6] 3 (4) times, k2tog, k6 (2) – 33 (36) sts. Ss 5 rows.

6th dec row: [K5, k2tog] 4 (5) times, k5 (1) – 29 (31) sts. Ss 3 rows.

7th dec row: K5, [k2tog, k4] 3 times, k2tog, k4 (6) – 25 (27) sts. Ss 3 rows.

8th dec row: K5, [k2tog, k3] 3 times, k2tog, k3 (5) – 21 (23) sts. Ss 3 rows.

9th dec row: K5, [k2tog, k2] 3 times, k2tog, k2 (4) – 17 (19) sts. Ss 3 rows.

10th dec row: K2, [k2tog, k1] 4 times, k2tog, k1 (3) – 12 (14) sts. Ss 3 rows.

11th dec row: [K2tog] to end – 6 (7) sts. P 1 row.

12th dec row: K nil (1), [k2tog] 3 times – 3 (4) sts. P 1 row.

13th dec row: K1 (nil), [k2tog] 1 (2) time(s) – 2 sts. P2tog and fasten off.

Beard

With 3¼mm needles and Natural, cast on 15 (17) sts. K 2 rows.

Work in loop pattern as on brim, at the same time, cast on 2 sts at beginning of next 10 rows – 35 (37) sts. Pattern 1 row.

Shape for mouth opening: Next row (wrong side): K12 (13) and leave these sts for right side mouth, cast off next 11 sts, k to end. Work on last set of 12 (13) sts for left side mouth.

Left side mouth: Pattern 3 rows.

Break off yarn and leave these stitches on a st holder.

Right side mouth: With right side facing, rejoin yarn to first set of 12 (13) sts and pattern to end. Pattern another 3 rows.

Joining row: K12 (13) sts of right side mouth, cast on 11 sts, then k12 (13) sts of left side mouth – 35 (37) sts.

Pattern 1 row.

Divide for face opening: Next row: K8

(9) and leave these sts for right side

face, cast off next 19 sts, k to end. Work on last set of 8 (9) sts for left side face.

Left side face: Dec 1 st at inside edge on next 3 rows – 5 (6) sts.

Pattern a further 2 rows straight – adjust length here if required.

Cast off, leaving a length of yarn long enough to make a button loop.

Right side face: With right side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining set of 8 (9) sts, Dec 1 st at inside edge on next 3 rows – 5 (6) sts.

Pattern a further 2 rows straight – adjust length here if required.



Cast off, leaving a length of yarn long enough to make a button loop.

To make up

Join centre back seam on hat. With Natural, make a pompom and sew to tip of hat. With loose end of yarn at cast-off edges of beard, make a button loop at each side. Sew button to underside of brim on hat. Attach beard to hat.



Reindeer Hat

Measurements

To fit average head size for 2-3 (4-5) year old.

Materials

1 x 50g (85m) ball of Patons Wool Aran (100% wool) in each of Camel (205) and Mocca (212) and small amount of Cherry (231) for nose*. Pair of 3¾mm (No. 9) and 4½mm (No. 7) knitting needles. 2 faux-fur pompoms in a contrasting shade; scrap of white felt for eyes and a small amount of toy stuffing for nose.

Tension

18 stitches and 25 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 4½mm needles.

Abbreviations

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

Note

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

Ear flaps

(make 2)

With 3¾mm needles and Camel, cast on 3 (4) sts. K 6 rows.

Next row: K1, up1, k1 (2), up1, k1 – 5 (6) sts. K 5 rows.

Next row: K2, up1, k1 (2), up1, k2 – 7 (8) sts. K 5 rows.

Next row: K2, up1, k to last 2 sts, up1, k2. Repeat last 6 rows, 6 times more – 21 (22) sts.

Continue straight until work measures 18 (19) cm from beginning, ending with an even-numbered row.

Break off yarn and leave sts on a st holder.

Main part

Joining row: With 3¾mm needles and Camel, cast on 6 (7) sts, with right side facing, k across 21 (22) sts of one ear flap, cast on 19 (21) sts for face edge, k across 21 (22) sts of other ear flap, and finally, cast on 6 (7) sts – 73 (79) sts. K 5 rows.

Change to 4½mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, work in ss until hat measures 12 (13) cm from face edge, ending with a p row.

Shape crown: 1st dec row: K1, [k2tog, k4] to end – 61 (66) sts. Ss 5 rows.

2nd dec row: K1, [k2tog, k3] to end – 49 (53) sts. Ss 5 rows.

3rd dec row: K1, [k2tog, k2] to end – 37 (40) sts. Ss 3 rows.

4th dec row: K1, [k2tog, k1] to end – 25 (27) sts. P 1 row.

5th dec row: K1, [k2tog] to end – 13 (14) sts. P 1 row.

Break off yarn, leaving a long end.

Thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Join centre back seam.

Nose

With 3¾mm needles and Cherry, cast on 4 sts. K 1 row.

Continue working in gst and inc 1 st at each end of next 3 rows – 10 sts.

Gst 12 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows – 4 sts. K 1 row. Cast off.

Run a gathering thread around outer edge and pull up slightly. Stuff nose, then pull up and sew to centre of hat above face edge as shown in photo.

Ears

(make 2)

With 3¾mm needles and Camel, cast on 20 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 10 rows.

1st dec row: K1, [skpo, k5, k2tog] twice, k1 – 16 sts. Ss 3 rows.

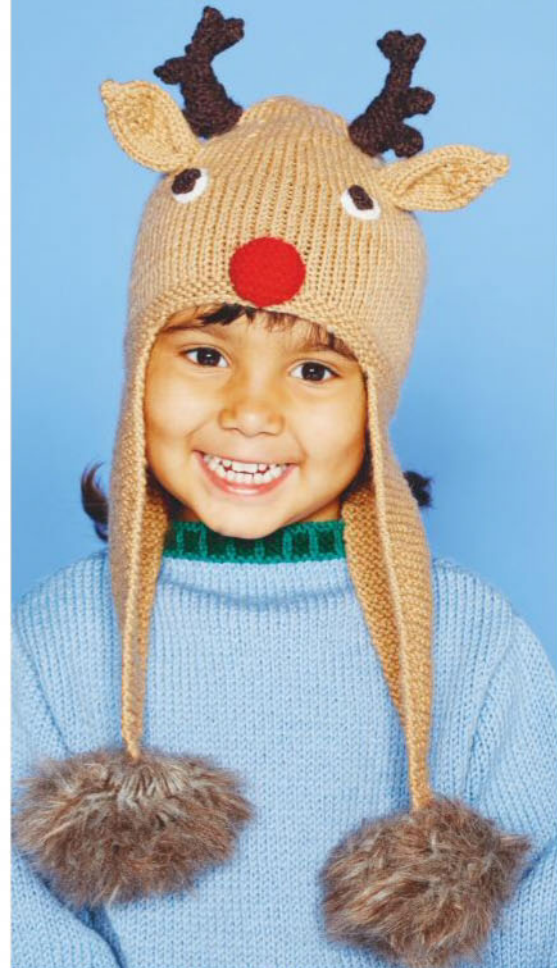
2nd dec row: K1, [skpo, k3, k2tog] twice, k1 – 12 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: K1, [skpo, k1, k2tog] twice, k1 – 8 sts. P 1 row.

4th dec row: K1, [sl1, k2tog, psso] twice, k1 – 4 sts.

5th dec row: [P2tog] twice – 2 sts. K2tog and fasten off.

Fold ears in half with edges meeting at centre front and join seam. With seam at centre, fold cast-on edge of ears in half and catch edges together. Sew ears in position approx 3cm in from side edges and level with 1st dec row.



Antlers

(make 2)

With 3¾mm needles and Mocca, cast on 8 sts. K 8 rows.

Continue in gst, casting on 6 sts at beginning of next 2 rows, then cast off 7 sts at beginning of following 2 rows – 6 sts.

K 4 rows.

Cast on 4 sts at beginning of next 2 rows, then cast off 5 sts at beginning of following 2 rows – 4 sts. K 8 rows.

Cast on 3 sts at beginning of next 2 rows, then cast off 3 sts at beginning of following 2 rows – 4 sts. K 6 rows.

Next row: [K2tog] twice – 2 sts.

K2tog and fasten off.

Fold antler in half lengthwise and sew outer edge, stuffing firmly as you sew and pulling sewing thread up tightly in places to give a distorted shape. Sew antlers to top of head, about 3cm above ears.

Eyes

(make 2)

Eye white: Cut 2 oval shapes from white felt, approximately 3 x 2cm.

Pupil: With 3¾mm needles and Mocca, cast on 2 sts. K 1 row.

Next row: Inc wise in each st – 4 sts.

Next row: [K2tog] twice – 2 sts.

K 1 row. Cast off.

Sew pupil to centre of each eye white. Sew eyes to hat.

To complete

Sew pompom to end of each ear flap.

Christmas Tree Decorations

Materials

For the set: 1 x 100g (280m) ball of Petra No. 3 (100% cotton) in each of Dark Brown (5938), Red (5321), White (B5200), Light Brown (5434), Blue (5798), and Dark Green (5500)*. Size 3.00 crochet hook. Oddments of Orange and Dark Grey yarn for embroidery; 5 red beads for Christmas pudding; pair of safety eyes for reindeer; assorted coloured beads for Christmas tree; washable toy stuffing.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **htr**, half treble; **tr**, treble; **dtr**, double treble; **dc**, double crochet; **slst**, slip stitch; **dc2tog**, work 2dc together thus: [insert hook in next st, yarn round hook and pull through] twice, yarn round hook and pull through all 3 loops on hook; **htr2tog**, work 2htr together thus: [yarn round hook, insert hook in next st, yarn round hook and pull through] twice, yarn round hook and pull through all 5 loops on hook; **loop1**, make loop thus: insert hook in next st, take yarn over index finger of left hand, catch it at back with hook and pull through, keeping the loop on finger and at back of work, yarn round hook and pull through 2 loops on hook.

Note

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Robin

Body: 1st round: With 3.00 hook and Dark Brown, wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form a ring, insert hook into ring, yarn round hook and pull through, 2ch (counts as 1tr throughout), 8htr in ring, slst in 2nd of 2ch, pull end up tightly to close ring – 9 sts.

2nd round: 2ch, [2htr in next st] 8 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 17 sts.

3rd round: 2ch, [1htr in next st, 2htr in next st] 8 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 25 sts.

4th round: 2ch, [1htr in each of next 2 sts, 2htr in next st] 8 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 33 sts.

5th to 9th rounds: 2ch, [1htr in next st]



32 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

10th round: 2ch, [1htr in each of next 2 sts, htr2tog] 8 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 25 sts.

11th round: 2ch, [1htr in next st, htr2tog] 8 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 17 sts. Stuff body.

12th round: 2ch, [htr2tog] 8 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 9 sts.

Run gathering thread along top of last round, pull up tightly and secure.

Red breast: With 3.00 hook and Red, work 1st to 3rd rounds of body. Fasten off and sew to centre front of body. Embroider eyes with Blue and work an Orange triangle for beak.

Hanging loop: Join Dark Brown to top of body and with 3.00 hook make 25ch, slst in first ch. Fasten off.

Father Christmas

Body: With 3.00 hook and Red, work 1st to 4th rounds of Robin body – 33 sts.

5th to 8th rounds: 2ch, [1htr in next st]

32 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

9th round: 2ch, 1htr in each of next 10 sts, join in White and work 1htr in each of next 12 sts for face, rejoin Red and work 1htr in each of last 10 sts, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 33 sts.

Hat: Continue in Red.

1st round: 2ch, [1htr in each of next 6 sts, htr2tog] 4 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 29 sts.

2nd round: 2ch, [1htr in next st] 28 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

3rd round: 2ch, [1htr in each of next 5 sts, htr2tog] 4 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 25 sts.

4th round: 2ch, [1htr in next st] 24 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

5th round: 2ch, [1htr in each of next 4 sts, htr2tog] 4 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 21 sts.

6th round: 2ch, [1htr in each of next 3 sts, htr2tog] 4 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 17 sts.

7th round: 2ch, [1htr in

each of next 2 sts, htr2tog] 4 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 13 sts. Stuff body and hat.

8th round: 2ch, [1htr in next st] 12 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

9th round: 2ch, [1htr in next st, htr2tog] 4 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 8 sts.

Run gathering thread along top of last round, pull up tightly and secure.

Hat bobble: **1st round:** With 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, 2ch, work 8htr in ring, slst in 2nd of 2ch, pull end up tightly to close ring – 9 sts.

2nd round: 2ch, [1htr in next st] 8 times.

Run a gathering thread along top of 2nd round, pull up tightly and sew to tip of hat.

Hat trim: With 3.00 hook and White, make a length of ch long enough to fit around 1st round of hat.

Next row: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end. Fasten off.

Sew trim to 1st round of hat.

Beard: With 3.00 hook and White, make 14ch.

1st row: Loop1 in 2nd ch from hook, [loop1 in next st] to end, turn – 13 sts.

2nd row: 1ch, dc2tog, 1dc in each st to last 2 sts, dc2tog, turn.

3rd row: 1ch, [loop1] to end.

Repeat last 2 rows, twice more – 7 sts. Fasten off.

Sew chain edge of beard to face so that beard curves under base of White section on 9th round.

Embroider eyes in Blue at centre of face.

Hanging loop: Join White to base of hat bobble and with 3.00 hook, make 25ch, slst in first ch. Fasten off.

Christmas pudding

Body: Work as Robin.

Icing: With 3.00 hook and White, work 1st to 4th rounds of Robin body.

5th round: 2ch, 1htr in each of next 9 sts, 2htr in next st, [1htr in each of next 10 sts, 2htr in next st] twice, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 36 sts.

6th round: 1ch (counts as 1dc), miss next st, [5dtr in next st, miss 1 st, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, miss next st] 5 times, 5dtr in next st, miss next st, 1dc in each last 2 sts, slst in 1ch. Fasten off.

Sew icing to top of pudding.

Hanging loop: Join White to centre of icing and with 3.00 hook, make 25ch, slst in first ch. Fasten off.

Holly: With 3.00 hook and Dark Green, make 2ch.

1st row: In 2nd ch from hook, work [1dc, 1htr, 1tr, 1dtr, 2ch, slst in 2nd ch

from hook, 1dtr, 1tr, 1htr, 1dc in same place as before to complete first leaf, [1dc, 1htr, 1tr, 1dtr, 2ch, 1dtr, 1tr, 1htr and 1dc] 3 times, slst in first dc – 3 leaves. Fasten off.

Sew holly to top of pudding around hanging loop. Sew five red beads to centre of holly.

Reindeer

Antlers (make 2): With 3.00 hook and Dark Brown, make 10ch for base.

1st row: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc in each of next 2ch, [4ch, 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc in each of next 2ch, 1dc into next ch on base] twice, 1dc in each of last 4ch on base. Fasten off.

Head: With 3.00 hook and Light Brown, work 1st to 10th rounds of Robin body. Fold in half widthwise and insert safety eyes at centre front of 7th round. Stuff head. Insert an antler at either side of centre 2 sts and close opening, pinching corners together to form ears.

Hanging loop: Join Light Brown to centre between antlers and with 3.00 hook, make 25ch, slst in first ch. Fasten off.

Nose: With 3.00 hook and Red, work bobble as given for Father Christmas hat bobble and sew to centre, just below eyes.

Snowman

Body: With 3.00 hook and White, work 1st to 12th rounds as Robin body – 9 sts.

Head: **13th round:** 2ch, [2htr in next st] 8 times – 17 sts.

14th round: 2ch, [1htr in next st, 2htr in next st] 8 times – 25 sts.

Start stuffing body and head as you go.

15th to 17th rounds: 2ch, [1htr in next st] 24 times.

18th round: 2ch, [1htr in next st, htr2tog] 8 times – 17 sts. Stuff body and head.

19th round: 2ch, [htr2tog] 8 times – 9 sts. Fasten off.

Run gathering thread along top of last round, pull up tightly and secure.

Hat: **1st round:** With 3.00 hook and Blue, wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form a ring, insert hook into ring, yarn round hook and pull through, for hanging loop, make 25ch, slst into ring, 2ch, 9htr in ring, slst in 2nd of 2ch, pull end tightly to close ring – 10 sts.

2nd round: 2ch, [2htr in next st] 9 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 19 sts.

3rd round: Working into back loop only, 2ch, [1htr in next st] 18 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

4th and 5th rounds: 2ch, [1htr in next st] 18 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

6th brim round: 2ch, [2htr in next st] 18 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 37 sts.

Fasten off.

Stuff hat and sew hat to top of head.

Scarf: With 3.00 hook and Blue, make 40ch.

1st row: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, [1dc in next st] to end, turn – 39 sts.

2nd row: 1ch, [1dc in next st] to end. Fasten off.

Place scarf around Snowman's neck and tie secure at front. Embroider eyes and mouth in Dark Grey and work an Orange triangle for nose.

Christmas tree

With 3.00 hook and Dark Brown, wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form a ring, insert hook into ring, yarn round hook and pull through, 2ch, 8htr in ring, slst in 2nd of 2ch, pull end tightly to close ring – 9 sts.

2nd round: 2ch, [2htr in next st] 8 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 17 sts.

3rd round: Working in back loops only, 2ch, [1htr in next st] 16 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

4th and 5th rounds: 2ch, [1htr in next st] 16 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

Join in Dark Green.

6th round: 2ch, [2htr in next st] 16 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 33 sts.

7th round: 2ch, [1htr in next st] 32 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

8th round: Working in back loops only, 2ch, [1htr in next st] 32 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

9th round: 2ch, [1htr in each of next 6 sts, htr2tog] 4 times – 29 sts.

10th round: 2ch, [1htr in next st] 28 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

11th round: 2ch, [1htr in each of next 5 sts, htr2tog] 4 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 25 sts.

12th round: 2ch, [1htr in next st] 24 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

13th round: 2ch, [1htr in each of next 4 sts, htr2tog] 4 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 21 sts.

14th round: 2ch, [1htr in next st] 20 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

15th round: 2ch, [1htr in each of next 3 sts, htr2tog] 4 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 17 sts. Stuff tree.

16th round: 2ch, [1htr in each of next 2 sts, htr2tog] 4 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 13 sts.

17th round: 2ch, [1htr in next st, htr2tog] 4 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 9 sts.

Hanging loop: Make 25ch, slst in first ch. Fasten off.

Run a gathering thread along top of last round, pull up tightly and secure.

With Dark Green yarn, sew on beads randomly around Dark Green section of tree.

Collect & Create

PART 10

Knit this colourful patchwork blanket and create a stunning project by the end of the year with our 'Knit-A-Long'. This month's pattern has a dancing figures theme

Welcome to the tenth pattern in our Collect & Create series. Each month we'll give you a different Fair Isle-design square to make, together with a repeat of a plain coloured square that will enable you to knit this beautiful blanket. Why not join in with us on our 'Knit-A-Long' – it'll give you the opportunity to share your progress, get advice and enjoy a great social experience. For more details on how to get involved, visit womansweekly.com/knitalong



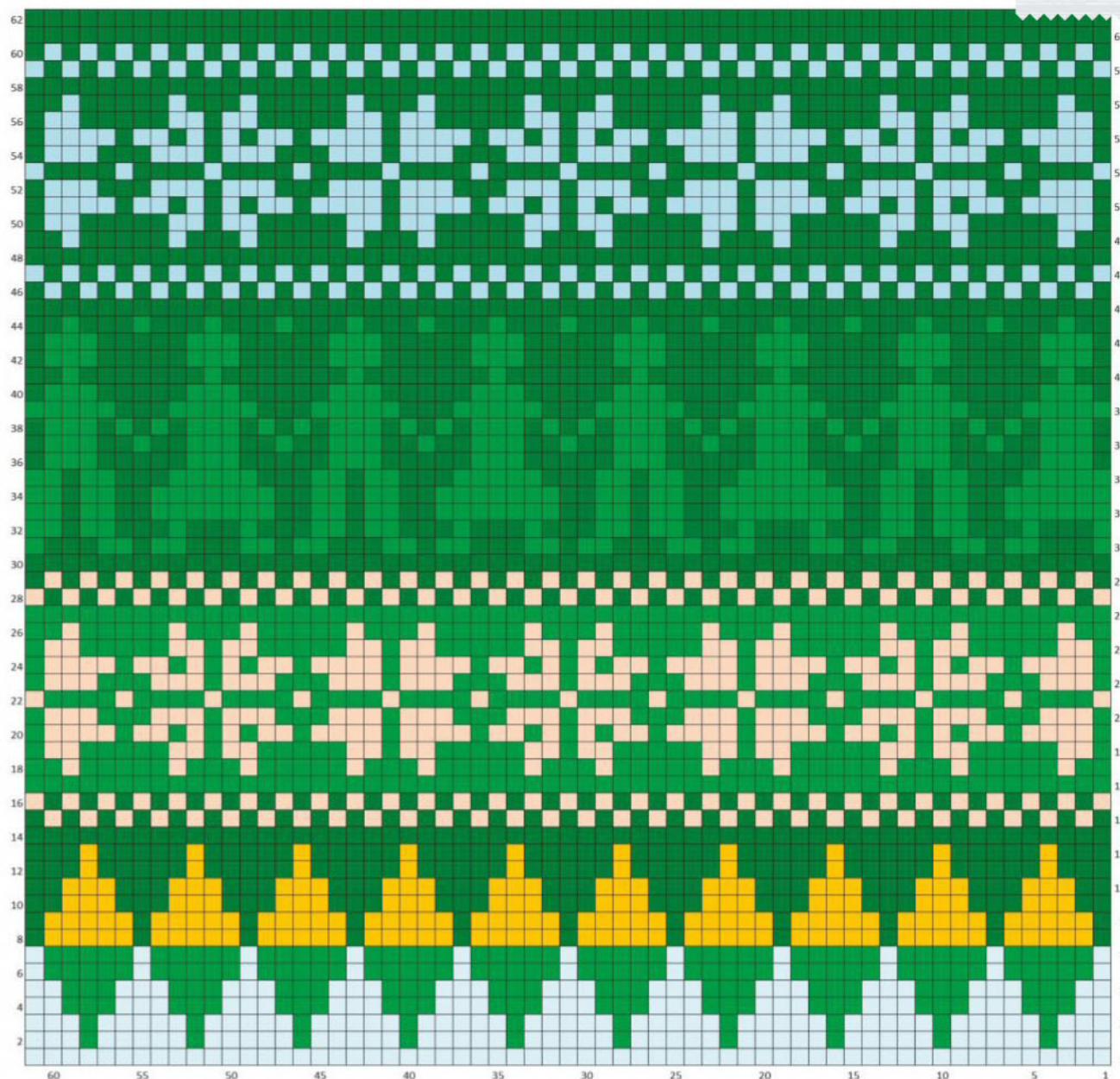
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November

With the run-up to Christmas just around the corner, the tenth pattern in our Collect & Create series has a festive paper-chain theme

Photos: Sussie Bell. Designer: Lynne Rowe. *Yarn subject to availability



Key for chart

Light Blue Light Green Light Yellow Green Peach

Measurements

Each square measures approx 25 x 25cm/9¾ x 9¾in.

When complete, the blanket will measure approximately 130 x 130cm/51 x 51in, including edging.

Materials

For complete blanket: 15 x 50g (85m) balls of Rico Design Creative Cotton Aran (100% cotton) in Vanilla (62); 2 balls in each of Cardinal (011), Green (049), Dark Blue (038), Light Green (040), Light Blue (032) and Peach (61); 1 ball in each of Orange (074), Light Yellow (063), Rose (000), Candy Pink (064) and Sky Blue (37)*. Pair of 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles.

Tension

21 stitches and 27.5 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 4mm needles.
25 stitches and 25.5 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over Fair Isle pattern, using 4mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side).

Note

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. The entire blanket will require 13 plain squares and 12 Fair Isle squares.

Plain square

With 4mm needles and Vanilla, cast on 51 sts. Beginning with a k row, ss 68 rows. Cast off.

November Fair Isle square

With 4mm needles and Light Blue, cast on 61 sts.

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

1st row: K61 sts of 1st row of chart.

2nd row: P61 sts of 2nd row of chart. Continue working in ss and pattern from chart until 62nd row of chart has been worked. Cast off.

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Best-Friend Ben

As Princess Holly's closest pal, young elf Ben shares many of her adventures in *Ben & Holly's Little Kingdom*

Measurements

Approximately 30cm/11¾in high.

Materials

1 x 100g (280m) ball of Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic) in each of Flesh Tone (963), Royal (979) and Fox (779); 1 x 50g (140m) ball of Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic) in Navy (971); small amount in each of Neon (884) and Emerald (916)*; length of DK yarn in each of Peach, Dark Green, White, Black and Red. Pair of 3mm (No. 11) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles; washable toy stuffing; tweezers.

Tension

26 stitches and 36 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 3mm needles. 22 stitches and 28 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 4mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **k2togb** or **p2togb**, k2tog or 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).

Note

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

Head

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

1st inc row: [Inc in next st kwise] to end – 32 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: [Inc in next st, k1] to end – 48 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd inc row: [Inc in next st, k5] to end – 56 sts. Ss 19 rows.

1st dec row: [K5, k2tog] to end – 48 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: [K1, k2tog] to end – 32 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: [K2tog] to end – 16 sts.

P 1 row.

Break off yarn, thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Gather cast-on edge, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends together, leaving an opening. Stuff firmly and close opening.

Body

Base: With 3mm needles and Royal, cast on 10 sts. P 1 row.

1st inc row: [Inc in next st kwise] to end – 20 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: [Inc in next st, k1] to end – 30 sts. P 1 row.

3rd inc row: [Inc in next st, k2] to end – 40 sts. P 1 row.

P 1 row for fold line.

Body: Beginning with a p row, ss 26 rows. Cast off pwise.

Gather cast-on edge, pull up tightly and secure, then join row-ends together and stuff firmly. Place head on top of body matching back seam and sew in position.

Shoes (make 2)

With 3mm needles and Navy, cast on 18 sts. Ss 4 rows. Cast off.

Fold each shoe in half lengthwise and join cast-on edge for sole and cast-off edge for instep. Stuff firmly and join row-ends for back heel.

Legs (make 2)

With 3mm needles and Flesh Tone, cast on 8 sts. Ss 20 rows. Cast off.

Join row-ends on each leg and stuff firmly. Place cast-on edge on shoe instep, lining up back of leg to heel and sew in position. Sew other end to base of body, leaving small gap between legs.

Shorts legs (make 2)

With 3mm needles and Navy, cast on 20 sts. K 1 row.

Beginning with a k row, ss 10 rows. Cast off.

Join row-ends on each leg. Insert Ben's legs through shorts legs and sew cast-off edge to base of body.

Arms (make 2)

Hand: ** First finger: With 3mm needles and Flesh Tone, cast on 3 sts. Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows.

Leave these sts.

Second finger: With 3mm needles and Flesh Tone, cast on 3 sts onto needle holding sts. Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows on these 3 sts only. Leave these sts.

Third finger: With 3mm needles and Flesh Tone, cast on 3 sts onto needle holding sts. Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows on these 3 sts only. Leave these sts.

Fourth finger: With 3mm needles and Flesh Tone, cast on 3 sts onto needle holding sts. Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows on these 3 sts only.

Joining row: K2, k2tog last st of fourth finger and first st of third finger, k1, k2tog last st of third finger and first st of second finger, k1, k2tog last st of second finger and first st of first finger, k2 – 9 sts.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows – 5 sts. **

Leave these sts on st holder.

Work from ** to **.

Sleeve: Change to Royal.

Joining row: P4, p2tog last st with first st on holder, p4 – 9 sts.

P 1 row for cuff.

Beginning with a p row, ss 13 rows.

Cast off.

Fold each arm in half lengthwise and join seam round all fingers, then join sleeve seam. Using tweezers, stuff fingers then sleeves firmly. Sew top of arms to sides of body at shoulder position.

Nose

With 3mm needles and Flesh Tone, cast on 3 sts.

Inc row: Inc kwise in each of first 2 sts, k1 – 5 sts. P 1 row.

1st dec row: K2togb, k1, k2tog – 3 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: K1, k2tog – 2 sts.

Work 2tog and fasten off.

Place nose on front of head, with point at top, and sew in position adding a little stuffing.

Ears (make 2)

With 3mm needles and Flesh Tone, cast on 4 sts.

P 1 row.

Inc row: Inc in each st kwise to end – 8 sts. Ss 5 rows.

1st dec row: [K2tog] to end – 4 sts. P 1 row.

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2nd dec row: [K2tog] twice – 2 sts.
Work 2tog and fasten off.
Fold each ear in half lengthwise and oversew row-ends. Sew cast-on edge of ears to sides of head. With length of Peach, work single chain stitch at base of each ear.

Hair

Back hair: With 4mm needles and Fox, cast on 19 sts.

1st row (wrong side): P3, [k1, p3] to end.

2nd row: Inc in first st, k2, [p1, inc in next st, k2] to end – 24 sts.

3rd row: P4, [k1, p4] to end.

4th row: K4, [p1, k4] to end.

5th to 11th rows: Repeat 3rd and 4th rows 3 times, then work 3rd row again.

Shape sideburns: 12th row: Cast on 3 sts, cast off 2 sts (1 st on right needle), k2tog, k2, [p1, k2tog, k2] to end – 20 sts.

13th row: Cast on 3 sts, cast off 2 sts (1 st on right needle), [p3, k1] to last 4 sts, p4 – 21 sts.

14th row: K2, k2tog, [p1, k2tog, k1] to last 5 sts, p1, k2tog, k2 – 16 sts.

15th row: P3, k1, [p2, k1] to last 3 sts, p3.

16th row: K1, k2tog, [p1, k2tog] to last st, k1 – 11 sts. Cast off.

Fringe: With 4mm needles and Fox, cast on 5 sts, [cast off 2 sts, slip st used in casting-off back onto left needle and cast on 4 sts] 3 times, cast off all sts. Placing cast-on edge of main part level with base of ears and sideburns above ears, sew hair to back of head. With cast-off edge of fringe lining up with cast-off edge of main part, sew fringe to front of head.

Hat

With 3mm needles and Royal, cast on 40 sts. Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows.

1st dec row: [K8, k2tog] 4 times – 36 sts.
P 1 row.

2nd dec row: [K7, k2tog] 4 times – 32 sts.
Change to Neon and p 1 row.
Change to Royal.

3rd dec row: [K6, k2tog] 4 times – 28 sts.
P 1 row.

4th dec row: [K5, k2tog] 4 times – 24 sts.
P 1 row.

5th dec row: [K4, k2tog] 4 times – 20 sts.
P 1 row.

6th dec row: [K3, k2tog] 4 times – 16 sts.
P 1 row.

7th dec row: [K2, k2tog] 4 times – 12 sts.
P 1 row.

8th dec row: [K1, k2tog] 4 times – 8 sts.
P 1 row.

9th dec row: [K2tog] 4 times – 4 sts.
P 1 row.

Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends together. Stuff hat firmly and place it on top of head, covering cast-off edges of hair and secure in position.

Leaf

With 3mm needles and Emerald, cast on 2 sts.

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

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

1st dec row: P2tog, p1, p2togb – 3 sts.
Work 2nd inc row. P 1 row and k 1 row.
Work 1st dec row, then 2nd inc row.

P 1 row and k 1 row. Work 1st dec row.

2nd dec row: K1, k2tog – 2 sts.

Work 2tog and fasten off.

With Dark Green, embroider veins on top of leaf. Sew base of leaf to left side of hat.

Face features

Mark eye positions on head. Out of length of Peach, pull one strand and use it to embroider a circle for outer edge of eye at each marker. Fill each circle with White, then embroider pupil at centre with Black. Using length of Fox, work single straight stitch above each eye for eyebrow. Embroider curvy line for mouth with Red and slip stitch. With one strand of Peach, embroider cheeks.

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Our experts will help you look and feel your absolute best – both inside and out. Nutrition coaches Ann and Ceri will advise you on the foods that will make the biggest difference to your wellbeing. While fashion and beauty editor Anne and make-up artist Sarah-Jane will show you how to achieve a wonderfully healthy complexion and an overall youthful look with clever fashion styling tips. Pick up new ideas and techniques, which you can put into practice straight away. The day is informal so ask lots of questions, so come along and join in the fun.

ITINERARY

10am Meet and greet, with tea and coffee
10.30am Key steps to healthy living: how to age well; getting the most from your food and maximising energy; and protecting your body and skin with antioxidants
11.30am Coffee break
12pm Maintaining health and holding back the years. Reducing risk of common conditions (diabetes, heart health, bones); caring for your skin from the inside out for a youthful appearance

1pm Lunch

2pm Essential skincare and the best-value products available

2.30pm Make-up demonstration: how to achieve a healthy, natural look. Includes anti-ageing tips; Q&A and fun product testing

3.15pm Coffee break

3.45pm Dressing to flatter your shape; key pieces to update your look

4.30pm Workshop ends

Intermediate Christmas Crochet

2 October, £69pp



Start making your Christmas gifts early and crochet beautiful decorations. This workshop is for you if you know the basic stitches in crochet and want to learn more exciting skills and will be hosted by our knitting expert Freddie.

ITINERARY

10am Meet and greet, with tea and coffee

10.30am Introduction

10.45am How to work in the round and make circular decorations

11.30am Tea/coffee break

11.45am Finish off your circular decorations and how to stiffen them

1pm Lunch

2pm Choose from a selection of projects and learn how to follow a pattern

3pm Tea/coffee break

4pm Q&A session

4.30pm Workshop ends

Short Story Workshops

5 October and
9 November, £75pp

ITINERARY

10am Meet and greet, with tea and coffee

10.30am Talk: Writing for the Woman's Weekly audience, with Gaynor

11am Exercise: Writing an attention-grabbing opening paragraph

11.30am Tea/coffee break

11.45am Exercise: Share your opening lines

12.30pm Talk Ideas, plot and developing characters, with Della



With Fiction Editor Gaynor Davies (far left) and author/tutor Della Galton

1pm Lunch

2pm Exercise: Complete a chart for your main character

3pm Tea/coffee break

3.15pm Exercise: Finding your voice, with Gaynor

4.15pm Talk: Common reasons for rejection, with Della

4.30pm Workshop ends

Serial Writing

9 October, £75pp

ITINERARY

10am Meet and greet, with tea and coffee

10.30am Talk: Writing for the audience, with Gaynor

11.30am Tea and coffee

11.45am Talk Introduction to serial writing, with Suzanne

12.30pm Exercise: Getting started

With Gaynor and author Suzanne Ahern (far right)

1pm Lunch

2pm Exercise: Creating the characters in the serial

2.30pm Exercise: Planning the plot and creating cliff-hangers

3pm Tea/coffee break

3.15pm Bringing it all together

4.15pm Problem solving

4.30pm Workshop ends



Inspiring Workshops

To book your place, please call **0800 024 1212***

Needle-felting A Christmas Penguin

26 October, £69pp

Have fun needle-felting this cute little penguin (he's 15cm high). Judy and Roz (pictured) will show you how to create the basic figure and how to add his cute hat and hot-water bottle.



ITINERARY

- 10am** Meet and greet, with tea and coffee
- 10.30am** Introduction and a short demonstration on needle-felting technique
- 10.45am** Start needle-felting body parts
- 11.30am** Tea/coffee break
- 11.45am** Continue needle-felting the body
- 1pm** Lunch
- 2pm** Assemble the figure and needle-felt the embellishments
- 3pm** Tea/coffee break
- 3.15pm** Finish and add the embellishments
- 4.15pm** Q&A session
- 4.30pm** Workshop ends



Needle-felting Festive Needle-Felties & Baubles

17 November, £69pp

Needle-felt up to four baubles with Judy and Roz. Using colourful wools and sparkling embellishments, you'll be shown how to create the different designs, including a needle-felted selfie (bring a photo of yourself, one of your family or a friend).

ITINERARY

- 10am** Meet and greet, with tea and coffee
- 10.30am** Introduction and a short demo on the needle-felting technique
- 10.45am** Start needle-felting the baubles
- 11.30am** Tea/coffee break
- 11.45am** Continue needle-felting baubles and adding embellishments
- 1pm** Lunch
- 2pm** Start needle-felting a selfie
- 3pm** Tea/coffee break
- 3.15pm** Add embellishments/hanging loops
- 4.15pm** Q&A session
- 4.30pm** Workshop ends



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- ❖ They will be held at *Woman's Weekly* HQ, Blue Fin Building, 110 Southwark Street, London SE1 0SU. The office is within walking distance of London Bridge, Waterloo, Waterloo East, Blackfriars and Southwark stations.
- ❖ Do bring your own notebook and pen or tablet.
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Learn To Crochet

7 October, £69pp

This workshop is for you if you've never held a crochet hook or simply want to improve your technique. Hosted by our knitting expert Freddie and her chosen experts, you'll soon be able to follow our crochet patterns.

ITINERARY

- 10am** Meet and greet, with tea and coffee
- 10.30am** Introduction
- 10.45am** Holding your hook and yarn, and how to chain and double-crochet stitch
- 11.30am** Tea/coffee break
- 11.45am** Half-trebles, trebles and double-treble stitches
- 1pm** Lunch
- 2pm** Start on your first crochet project of your choosing
- 3pm** Tea/coffee break
- 4pm** Q&A session
- 4.30pm** Workshop ends



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29/09/15

Top Layer

Going out for a sunny-day stroll? Pop your little ones in this chunky cardi to keep them cosy

Measurements

To fit chest sizes 56-61 (66-71) (76-81) cm/22-24 (26-28) (30-32) in.

Actual measurements 76 (89) (102) cm/30 (35) (40) in.

Side seam 19 (22) (26) cm/7½ (8¾) (10¼) in.

Length to shoulder 38 (43.5) (50) cm/15 (17¼) (19½) in.

Sleeve seam 24 (32) (37) cm/9½ (12½) (14½) in.

Materials

1 (2) (2) 400g (800m) ball(s) of Wendy Aran with wool (75% acrylic, 25% wool) in Denim (687)*. Pair of 4mm (No. 8) and 5mm (No. 6) knitting needles; a cable needle; 5 (6) (7) buttons.

Tension

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

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **sl**, slip; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease (by

working 2 sts tog); **yf**, yarn forward to make a st; **k2togb** or **k3togb**, k2tog or k3tog through back of sts; **tw2lt**, twist 2 left (p into back of 2nd st on left hand needle, then k first st and sl both sts off needle tog); **tw2rt**, twist 2 right (k into front of 2nd st on left hand needle, then p first st and sl both sts off needle tog); **cr3rt**, cross 3 right (sl next st onto cable needle and leave at back, k2, then k st from cable needle); **cr3lt**, cross 3 left (sl next 2 sts onto cable needle and leave at front, k1, then k2 from cable needle); **mb**, make bobble thus: work k1, p1 and k1 in each of next 2 sts, turn, p6, turn, k6, turn, p6, turn, [k3tog] twice); **ytb**, yarn to back; **ytf**, yarn to front.

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.

sl1] 8 (11) (14) times, work k1, yf and k1 in next st, k1.

12th row: K1, k3togb, [ytf, sl1, ytb, k3togb] 8 (11) (14) times, k5, p2, k5, p2, k4, p2, k5, p2, k5, [k3togb, ytf, sl1, ytb] 8 (11) (14) times, k3togb, k1.

These 12 rows form side edge pattern and cable panels.

Continue in pattern until back measures approx 19 (22) (26) cm from beginning, ending with a 6th or 12th pattern row.

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

1st row: K2, k2togb, pattern to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2.

2nd row: K1, p2, pattern to last 3 sts, p2, k1.

3rd row: K3, pattern to last 3 sts, k3.

4th row: K1, p2, pattern to last 3 sts, p2, k1. Repeat last 4 rows, 3 (2) (1) time (s) more – 54 (68) (82) sts.

Repeat 1st and 2nd rows, 14 (19) (24) times more – 26 (30) (34) sts.

Leave these sts on a st holder.

Left front

With 4mm needles, cast on 30 (38) (42) sts.

1st rib row: K3, [p2, k2] to last 7 sts, for front band, k7.

2nd rib row: For front band, k7, [p2, k2] to last 3 sts, p2, k1.

For boys: Buttonhole row: K3, [p2, k2] to last 7 sts, k2, k2togb, yf, k3.

Work 2nd rib row.

Repeat 1st and 2nd rib rows, 5 (5) (6) times more, then work 1st rib row again.

For girls: Repeat 1st and 2nd rib rows, 6 (6) (7) times more, then work 1st row again.

For both: Inc row: K7 and leave these sts on a safety pin, rib 2 (3) (2), inc in next st, [rib 2 (5) (4), inc in next st] 6 (4) (6) times, rib to end – 30 (36) (42) sts.

Change to 5mm needles.

1st row: K18 (24) (30), p1, k1, p8, k1, p1,

k8, p1, k1, p8, k1, p1, k18 (24) (30).

2nd row: K18 (24) (30), k1, p1, k8, p1, k1, p8, k1, p1, k8, p1, k1, p18 (24) (30).

3rd row: K18 (24) (30), p1, tw2lt, p6, tw2rt, p2, cr3lt, p5, tw2lt, tw2rt, p4, k18 (24) (30).

4th row: K2, p1, k6, p1, k2, p18 (24) (30).

5th row: K1, work k1, yf and k1 in next st, [sl1, work k1, yf and k1 in next st] 8 (11) (14) times, p2, tw2lt, p4, tw2rt, p2.

6th row: K3, p1, k4, p1, k3, [k3togb, ytf, sl1, ytb] 8 (11) (14) times, k3togb, k1.

Back

With 4mm needles, cast on 52 (60) (72) sts.

1st rib row: K3, [p2, k2] to last 5 sts, p2, k3.

2nd rib row: K1, [p2, k2] to last 3 sts, p2, k1.

Repeat these 2 rows, 6 (6) (7) times more, then work 1st rib row again.

Inc row: Rib 3 (1) (7) [inc in next st, rib 2] 15 (19) (19) times, inc in next st, rib 3 (1) (7) – 68 (80) (92) sts.

Change to 5mm needles.

1st row: K18 (24) (30), p1, k1, p8, k1, p1, k8, p1, k1, p8, k1, p1, k18 (24) (30).

2nd row: P18 (24) (30), k1, p1, k8, p1, k1, p8, k1, p1, k8, p1, k1, p18 (24) (30).

3rd row: K18 (24) (30), p1, tw2lt, p6, tw2rt, p2, cr3rt, cr3lt, p2, tw2lt, p6, tw2rt, p1, k18 (24) (30).

4th row: P18 (24) (30), k2, p1, k6, p1, k3, p2, k2, p2, k3, p1, k6, p1, k2, p18 (24) (30).

5th row: K1, work k1, yf and k1 in next st,

[sl1, work k1, yf and k1 in next st] 8 (11) (14) times, p2, tw2lt, p4, tw2rt, p2, cr3rt, p2, cr3lt, p2, tw2lt, p4, tw2rt, p2, [work k1, yf and k1 in next st, sl1] 8 (11) (14) times, work k1, yf and k1 in next st, k1.

6th row: K1, k3togb, [ytf, sl1, ytb, k3togb] 8 (11) (14) times, k3, p1, k4, p1, k3, p2, k4, p2, k3, p1, k4, p1, k3, [k3togb, ytf, sl1, ytb] 8 (11) (14) times, k3togb, k1.

7th row: K18 (24) (30), p3, tw2lt, p2, tw2rt, p3, k8, p3, tw2lt, p2, tw2rt, p3, k18 (24) (30).

8th row: P18 (24) (30), k4, p1, k2, p1, k4, p8, k4, p1, k2, p1, k4, p18 (24) (30).

9th row: K18 (24) (30), p4, tw2lt, tw2rt, p5, cr3rt, cr3lt, p5, tw2lt, tw2rt, p4, k18 (24) (30).

10th row: P18 (24) (30), k5, p2, k6, p2, k2, p2, k6, p2, k5, p18 (24) (30).

11th row: K1, work k1, yf and k1 in next st, [sl1, work k1, yf and k1 in next st] 8 (11) (14) times, p5, mb, p5, cr3rt, p2, cr3lt, p5, mb, p5, [work k1, yf and k1 in next st,



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



The last 6 rows form side edge pattern and set position of cable panel. Continue in pattern working cable panel to match back until left front measures the same as back to armhole shaping, ending at armhole edge.

Shape raglan armhole: Cast off 3 sts at beginning of next row. Pattern 1 row.

1st row: K2, k2togb, pattern to end.

2nd row: Pattern to last 3 sts, p2, k1.

3rd row: K3, pattern to end.

4th row: Pattern to last 3 sts, p2, k1.

Repeat last 4 rows, 3 (2) (1) time(s) more – 23 (30) (37) sts.

Repeat 1st and 2nd rows, 8 (12) (16) times more, then work 1st row again – 14 (17) (20) sts.

Shape neck: Next row: Pattern 4 (6) (8) and sl these sts onto safty pin, pattern to last 3 sts, p2, k1 – 10 (11) (12) sts..

Continue dec 1 st at armhole edge as before on next row and 4 (5) (6) following alternate rows, at the same time, dec 1 st at neck edge on first 3 of these rows – 2 sts. P2tog and fasten off.

Right front

With 4mm needles, cast on 30 (38) (42) sts.

1st rib row: For front band, k7, [k2, p2] to last 3 sts, k3.

2nd rib row: K1, p2, [k2, p2] to last 7 sts, for front band, k7.

For girls: Buttonhole row: K3, yf, k2tog, k4, [p2, k2] to last 5 sts, p2, k3.

Work 2nd rib row.

Repeat 1st and 2nd rib rows, 5 (5) (6) times more, then work 1st rib row again.

For boys: Repeat 1st and 2nd rib rows, 6 (6) (7) times more, then work 1st rib row again.

For both: Inc row: Rib 2 (3) (2), [inc in next st, rib 2 (5) (4)] 6 (4) (6) times, inc in next st, rib 2 (3) (2), turn and leave last 7 sts on a safety pin – 30 (36) (42) sts. Change to 5mm needles.

1st row: P1, k1, p8, k1, p1, k18 (24) (30).

2nd row: P18 (24) (30), k1, p1, k8, p1, k1.

3rd row: P1, tw2lt, p6, tw2rt, p1, k18 (24) (30).

4th row: P18 (24) (30), k2, p1, k6, p1, k2.

5th row: P2, tw2lt, p4, tw2rt, p2, [work k1, yf and k1 in next st, sl1] 8 (11) (14) times, work k1, yf and k1 in next st, k1.

6th row: K1, k3togb, [ytf, sl1, ytb, k3togb] 8 (11) (14) times, k3, p1, k4, p1, k3.

The last 6 rows form side edge pattern and set position of cable panel.

Continue in pattern working cable panel to match back until right front measures the same as back to armhole shaping, ending at armhole edge.

Shape raglan armhole: Cast off 3 sts at beginning of next row.

1st row: Pattern to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2.

2nd row: K1, p2, pattern to end.

3rd row: Pattern to last 3 sts, k3.

4th row: K1, p2, pattern to end.

Repeat last 4 rows, 3 (2) (1) time(s) more – 23 (30) (37) sts.

Repeat 1st and 2nd rows, 9 (13) (17) times more – 14 (17) (20) sts.

Shape neck: Next row: Pattern 4 (6) (8) and sl these sts onto safty pin, pattern to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2. **Next row:** K1, p2, pattern to last 2 sts, work 2tog.

Continue dec 1 st at armhole edge as before on next row and 3 (4) (5) following alternate rows, at the same time, dec 1 st at neck edge on first 2 of these rows – 2 sts. P2tog and fasten off.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 4mm needles, cast on 28 (32) (36) sts. Work 13 (15) (17) rows in rib as given on back.

Inc row: Rib 2 (4) (1), inc in next st, [rib 1 (1) (2), inc in next st] 11 times, rib 3 (5) (1) – 40 (44) (48) sts.

Change to 5mm needles.

1st row: K14 (16) (18), p1, k1, p8, k1, p1, k14 (16) (18).

2nd row: P14 (16) (18), k1, p1, k8, p1, k1, p14 (16) (18).

3rd row: Inc in first st, k13 (15) (17), p1, tw2lt, p6, tw2rt, p1, k13 (15) (17), inc in last st – 42 (46) (50) sts.

4th row: P15 (17) (19), k2, p1, k6, p1, k2, p15 (17) (19).

5th row: K2, work k1, yf and k1 in next st, [sl1, work k1, yf and k1 in next st] 6 (7) (8) times p2, tw2lt, p4, tw2rt, p2, [work k1, yf and k1 in next st, sl1] 6 (7) (8) times, work k1, yf and k1 in next st, k2.

6th row: K1, p1, k3togb, [ytf, sl1, ytb, k3togb] 6 (7) (8) times, k3, p1, k4, p1, k3, [k3togb, ytf, sl1, ytb] 6 (7) (8) times, k3togb, p1, k1.

These 6 rows set position of side pattern and cable panel.

Continue in pattern to match back, inc 1 st at each end of next row and 10 (12) (14) following 3rd (4th) (4th) rows – 64 (72) (80) sts.

Continue straight until sleeve measures approx 24 (32) (37) cm from beginning, ending with a 6th or 12th row.

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

1st row: K2, k2togb, pattern to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2.

2nd row: K1, p2, pattern to last 3 sts p2, k1.

Repeat last 2 rows, 16 (18) (20) times more, then work 1st row again – 22 (26) (30) sts.

Next row: K1, p1, p2tog, pattern to last 4 sts, p2togb, p1, k1.

Next row: K2, k2togb, pattern to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2.

Repeat last 2 rows, 3 (4) (5) times more



– 6 sts.

Work 1 row. Leave sts on a safety pin.

Neckband

Join all raglan seams. With right side facing and using 4mm needles, sl 4 (6) (8) sts from right front safety pin onto needle, join in yarn, pick up and k11 (13) (15) sts up right front neck, k6 sts from right sleeve, k26 (30) (34) sts at back neck, k6 sts from left sleeve, pick up and k11 (13) (15) sts down left front neck, and finally, k4 (6) (8) sts from left front safety pin – 68 (80) (92) sts.

Beginning with a 2nd row, work 12 (14) (16) rows in rib as given on back.

Cast off in rib.

Button band

Rejoin yarn at inside edge to 7 sts on safety pin at left front for girls or right front for boys and with 4mm needles, k to end.

Continue in gst until band, when slightly stretched, fits up front to cast-off edge of neckband, ending with a right side row.

Cast off kwise.

Mark position of 5 (6) (7) buttons on band, first one 3 rows up from cast-on edge, the last one 1cm down from top edge and remaining 3 (4) (5) evenly spaced between.

Buttonhole band

Work as button band, making buttonholes as before to match marked positions.

To make up

Join side and sleeve seams. Sew on front bands and buttons.



Tina's Tips & Tricks

Get the little things right and your knitting will be beautiful

We want your knitting to be the best it can possibly be. So it's a good job we have Tina. A true knitting professional, Tina's been Technical Knitting Editor at *Woman's Weekly* for 16 years. And now she's here to help you! Every month, Tina answers the most common questions you've sent in and resolves some of the issues we face as knitters. Together, we'll make your knitting beautiful!

Tackling textured yarns

Q I've been knitting for years, but I can't get the hang of textured yarns. Bouclé, slub, chenille, I love the woven-look fabric created by these yarns. But when I knit with them, the end result is always loose-looking and invariably has loops hanging off it. What am I doing wrong?

A There are so many yarns on the market like the ones you mention. And they make a fabric that's quite uncharacteristic for knitting. There's not a particular technique for knitting with textured yarns, but the loops you're getting in your work would suggest to me that you're not pulling the yarn through each stitch as tightly as you would when you're knitting with a smooth yarn. And I imagine that's because of all the lumpy bits you get on these thin and thick yarns! These thicker bits can be pulled through the stitch, and they will slip into a suitable position as the knitting progresses. Knitting with chenille is another kettle of fish. Here, the problem isn't lumpy bits, it's the fluff. Fluffy yarns can make you think you've pulled enough yarn through for each stitch, whereas you could tighten it more.

Crochet abbreviations

Q Sometimes I forget what the abbreviations in crochet instructions mean! In my latest project, the instructions mention popcorn stitch and puff stitch... and I just can't remember what the difference is between them. Help!

A In a pattern, there's usually an explanation of the abbreviations somewhere. Both a popcorn stitch and a puff stitch have a bobble-like appearance. And they're both formed by a multiple of stitches being worked into one stitch. The stitches used to make a puff stitch are left incomplete and are bound together into one stitch only at the final stage, when the last multiple stitch is worked. The end result is a densely filled, flat, oval shape. When you're doing a popcorn stitch, each of the multiple stitches are completed as you go, and the first and last stitches are joined together at the end, creating a raised effect. A popcorn stitch should look like a hollow triangle with the top corners joined.

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What to do with leftovers?

Q I love knitting. But like every other knitter I know, I have bag upon bag of leftover bits of yarn. There's not enough of one colour to make anything meaningful out of it, but it seems wasteful to throw it away. Do you have any idea how I could combine all these odd bits so they could be used for something?

A I laughed when I read your letter, because you and I have exactly the same problem! Honestly, I sometimes feel if I tied my leftover bits together they'd reach around the equator. Twice. But then, a while ago, one of our readers sent in a little idea. A little idea I thought was a stroke of genius. It is now my honour to pass this idea on to you. It's simple. First separate yarns into same weight – ie, 4 ply, DK – then cut your bits of leftover yarns into short lengths. Next, arranging the colours any way you like (but I reckon the more haphazard the better), tie the lengths of yarn together, leaving about 2cm fringes at each end. Now, wind the tied-together lengths into a ball. And knit! Just make sure when you're knitting with your newly created yarn that all the shaggy ends you've made are on the right side. You'll create a shaggy-

effect fabric of many colours that you could use as a mat, a cushion cover... anything you like. It's a great fun thing to do. So have a go and let us know how you get on. And big thanks again to the reader who came up with this – you've got us all knitting shaggy-chic!

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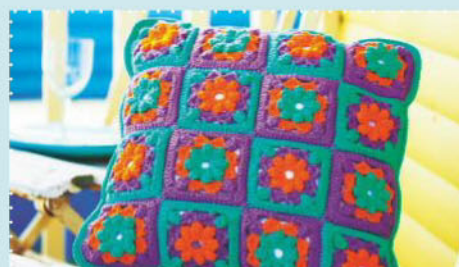
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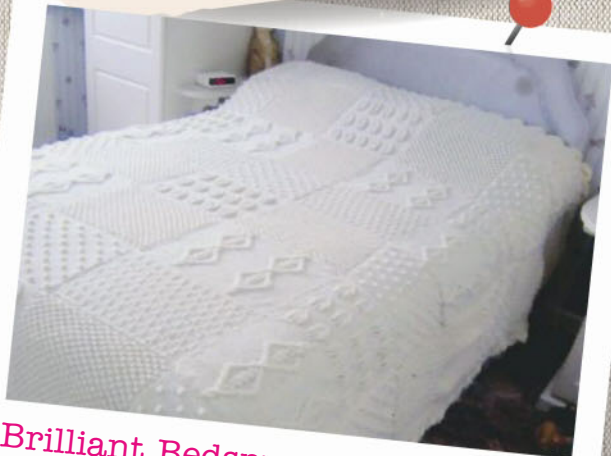
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Brilliant Bedspread

It took me five months. But every day, hour and minute of those five months I spent knitting this bedspread were worth it. I'm just so proud of it! I've been an avid reader of *Woman's Weekly* for a good while, so I used a pattern from one of the old *WW* patterns books. And I am so glad I did. I loved the challenge, I love the end result, and I've loved showing it to my friends and family. They're all really impressed! That's why I wanted to share it with you. Every month I turn to this page to see the fantastic projects readers have made. Now it's my time to shine!

Patricia Bedwell, Basildon, Essex



Boxing Boots For A Tiny Fighter

When my friend told me she was expecting a boy, I crocheted this pair of gorgeous, red boxing boots for him. And then, the little mite was seven weeks early. Even though he was only 4lb 5oz when he was born, baby Henry showed fighting spirit from the off. He put on weight and got stronger every day. Now, he weighs a healthier 6lb 4oz. We all love him so much. Our little champion. It's hard to imagine a stronger fighter has ever pulled on a pair of boxing boots.

Annie Windley, north London



Goodbye, Friends

For the last few years I've been working hard behind the scenes at *Woman's Weekly*. I made some great friends along the way. When I started, I didn't know one end of a knitting needle from the other. But I learnt how to knit at the *Woman's Weekly* office knit club. And I learnt from the best. My little duck was the last project I finished at the club before I left *WW* for pastures new. Thanks for everything, dear friends.

Lynsey Hall, London



A British Classic

Nothing says summer quite like the gleam of cricket whites. And nothing says gentleman quite like cricket whites, either. Which is why I knitted a pair of cricket sweaters for my two great-grandsons, Joshua and Jacob. Here they are sporting the sweaters for this photo, and I think you'll agree they look very handsome. A cricket sweater is a British fashion classic. And the pattern came from another British classic – *Woman's Weekly* magazine.

Doris Watson, Sunderland

Made something you're proud of?

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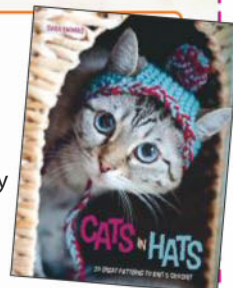
By Lucy Hopping
(CICO Books, £12.99)

Technology has become a part of us, just like the clothes we wear. But unlike the clothes we wear, one iPhone looks just like any other. Until now. Lucy Hopping's new book shows you how to make your gadgets and gismos an expression of who you are. Your earphones, chargers, cases and covers needn't be merely functional. They can be *fabulous*. As well as many ideas for displaying your technology with bling, the book is crammed full of fun ideas for storing your gadgets and protecting them. The patterns would make great gifts or stocking fillers, from the knitted mouse computer cover, to the crochet camera case and the touchscreen knitted gloves.

Cats In Hats: 30 great patterns to knit and crochet

By Sara Thomas
(Hamlyn, £9.99)

For the fashion-forward feline and moggy à la mode comes the brand new book from US-based designer, Sara Thomas. Her patterns *cat-er* for all tastes, from super trendy to super cute. And on each page of this book, there's a different cat modelling each of the designs. Because of their small size, the hats make for easy, accessible projects for an evening or weekend, and are a great way for knitters and crocheters with a bit of experience to practice and expand upon their skills. As a cat lover herself, Sara understands that comfort and safety are the most important thing. But she also understands how to unleash your puss's inner punk rocker, your kitty's inner cowboy or your bobcat's inner bunny. There's pretty much a hat for *efurryingthing*.



Knit Scarves And Shawls Now: More than 40 scarves and shawls from 21 top designers

(Search Press, £10.99)

There are scarves of every style you can imagine in this new collection of patterns. Lace scarves, chunky, braided and looped scarves, summer shawls and snoods. But what's important here is the word 'Now' in the book's title. These are scarves for today, for the modern woman who likes to look good and feel good. All the patterns here are in bright, warm, inviting colours. And they'd make great projects for new and old knitters alike. The instructions are clearly laid out and there's a guide to all the techniques needed, from the very basic ones to the more complicated. The photos in the book also provide ideas for how to wear your newly-knitted design.

Junior Colour Knits: A colourful collection of hand knit designs from 3 months to 5 years

By Erika Knight
(Quail Publishing, £9.95)

Erika Knight knows about fashion – she's designed for labels like Whistles, M&S and Nicole Farhi. And during her busy career, she's published 20 books of knitting patterns – all with simplicity at heart. Her patterns are easy to follow, her instructions are thorough and they're accessible. Erika also knows about kids. She knows they like jumping in puddles and climbing trees. And she knows they like growing. As such, the patterns in *Junior Colour Knits* are hard-wearing; clothes to endure spills, tumbles and growth spurts. And yet, because of her designer's eye, they're clothes you'll love seeing little ones wearing, too.



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Knitting Library

These square blocks aren't knitted with two needles, they're examples of knitting in the round



Plain square



Floral square

Photos: Nicki Dowey

Knitting in the round involves using a set of double-pointed needles. It needs a little practice, but with the right side always facing, you can knit perfect squares.

Materials

Rowan Cotton Glacé, using a set of five 3¾mm (No. 9) double-pointed knitting needles. Knitter's sewing needle.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **yo**, yarn over needle or yarn forward and round needle to make a stitch; **s2kpo**, slip 2 sts as if to k2tog, k1, pass slipped sts over; **ssk**, slip each of next 2 sts knitwise,

insert the left-hand needle through front loops of these 2 sts and knit them together.

Note

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

Plain square



Increases radiate from the centre to create the four corners of this block.

Leaving a fairly long end, cast on 8 sts on one double-pointed needle. Without twisting the stitches, transfer 2 sts to each of the remaining 3 needles,

making 2 sts on each of 4 needles. Place short length of coloured thread on needle after last st to mark end of round and move this marker up at end of every round.

After the work is completed, use the yarn end to gather the stitches of the cast-on.

1st and alternate rounds: K.

2nd round: [K1, yo, k1] 4 times – 12 sts.

4th round: [K1, yo, k1, yo, k1] 4 times – 20 sts.

6th round: [K1, yo, k3, yo, k1] 4 times – 28 sts.

8th round: [K1, yo, k5, yo, k1] 4 times – 36 sts.

10th round: [K1, yo, k7, yo, k1] 4 times – 44 sts.

12th round: [K1, yo, k9, yo, k1] 4 times – 52 sts.

14th round: [K1, yo, k11, yo, k1] 4 times – 60 sts.

16th round: [K1, yo, k13, yo, k1] 4 times – 68 sts.

Next round: Turn and, wrong side facing, cast off knitwise.

Alternatively, right side facing, cast off knitwise for a smooth chain edge.

Fasten off by breaking the yarn, threading it on to a knitter's sewing needle and taking it around the first cast-off stitch before darning it in.

Floral square



This block is unusual as it is worked from the outside to the centre. In addition it has a raised flower motif.

Colours A and B.

Leaving a fairly long end, with A, cast on 23 sts on each of 4 double-pointed needles – 92 sts. After the work is completed, use the yarn end to join the first and last stitches of

the cast-on.

1st round: P.

2nd round: [P2tog, p19, p2tog] 4 times – 84 sts.

3rd round: P.

4th round: [P2tog, p8, yo, p2tog, p7, p2tog] 4 times – 76 sts.

5th round: [P9, k1, p9] 4 times.

6th round: [P2tog, p7, yo, k1, yo, p7, p2tog] 4 times.

7th round: [P8, k3, p8] 4 times.

8th round: [P2tog, p6, yo, k3, yo, p6, p2tog] 4 times.

9th round: [P7, k5, p7] 4 times.

10th round: [P2tog, p5, yo, k5, yo, p5, p2tog] 4 times.

11th round: [P6, k7, p6] 4 times.

12th round: [P2tog, p4, yo, k7, yo, p4, p2tog] 4 times.

13th round: [P5, k9, p5] 4 times.

14th round: [P2tog, p3, ssk, k5, k2tog, p3, p2tog] 4 times – 60 sts.

15th round: [P4, k7, p4] 4 times.

16th round: [P2tog, p2, ssk, k3, k2tog, p2, p2tog] 4 times – 44 sts.

17th round: [P3, k5, p3] 4 times.

18th round: [P2tog, p1, ssk, k1, k2tog, p1, p2tog] 4 times – 28 sts.

19th round: [P2, k3, p2] 4 times.

20th round: [P2tog, s2kpo, p2tog] 4 times – 12 sts.

Join in B.

21st, 22nd and 23rd rounds: P.

Break yarn, thread end on to a knitter's sewing needle, take it through the remaining stitches and pull tight.

Fasten off securely.

Knitting in the round



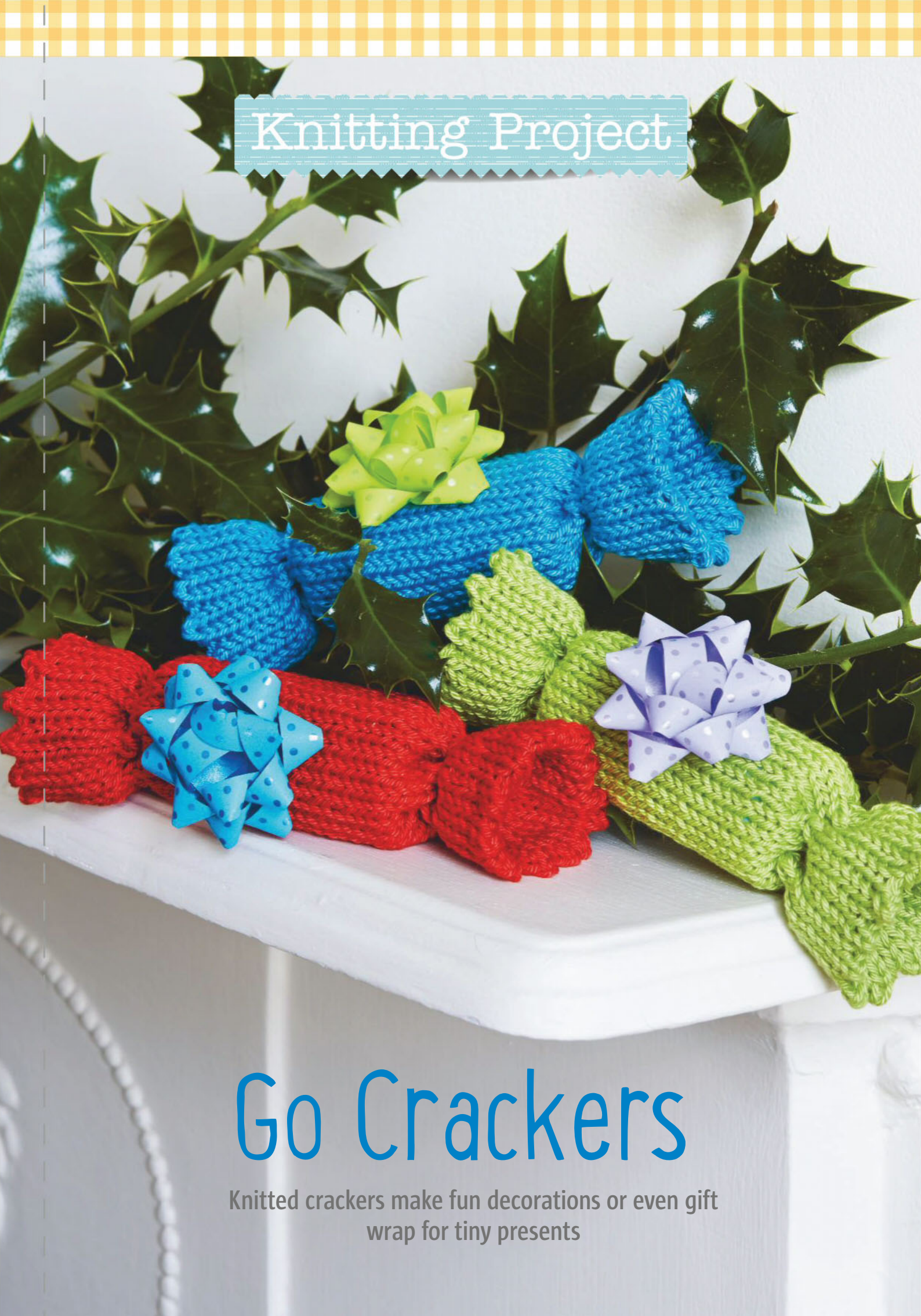
1 The right side of the knitting is always towards you and the stitches are worked off the left-hand needle and on to the free (working) needle, with the last needle of the round becoming the free needle in the next round.

2 The yarn must be taken firmly between needles or a ladder will develop. To make the first stitch on each needle, cross the two needles in

a way that makes the shortest distance for the yarn to travel.

3 Mark the end of the second round with coloured thread and move this marker up at the end of every round.

4 The method of holding the needles and yarn is up to the individual. You may find that using lightweight bamboo needles will help to avoid needles slipping out of stitches.



Knitting Project

Go Crackers

Knitted crackers make fun decorations or even gift wrap for tiny presents

In order to be seamless the crackers are worked in the round – but as they are tubular, they're just about the simplest example of this kind of knitting



Measurement

Approximately 15cm/6in long.

Materials

1 x 100g (212m) ball of Sirdar Cotton DK (100% cotton) in each of Turquoise (0515), Lime (0529) and Red (0510)*. Set of four or five of 4mm (No. 8) double-pointed knitting needles. Knitter's sewing needle, lightweight card, sticky tape, ribbon (optional) and stick-on paper pompon (optional).

Tension

22 stitches and 28 rounds, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch (every round knit), using 4mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **yo**, yarn forward and over needle to make a stitch.

Note

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To make

Cast on 24 sts on one needle. Without twisting the stitches and leaving one needle free, distribute the stitches evenly around the remaining needles (8 sts on each of 3 needles or 6 sts on each of 4 needles). Place short length of coloured thread on needle after last st on 2nd round to mark end of round and move this marker up at end of every round.

Right side facing and making the first stitch on each needle very firmly so as not to create a ladder between needles, work in rounds. (For more information on working in the round, see page 62).

1st to 7th rounds: K.

8th round (fold line of picot hem): [Yo, k2tog] to end.

9th to 18th rounds: K.

19th round (eyelet round): [Yo, k2tog] to end.

K 30 rounds.

50th round (second eyelet round): [Yo, k2tog] to end.

51st to 60th rounds: K.

61st round (fold line of second picot hem): [Yo, k2tog] to end.

62nd to 68th rounds: K.
Cast off.

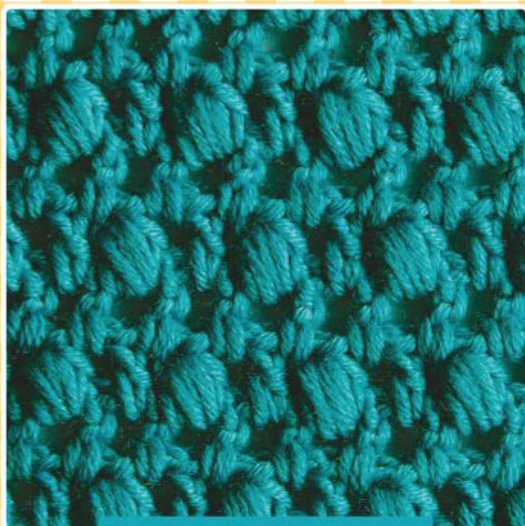
To make up

Turn inside out. Fold each end along the picot fold line and stitch each hem close to the eyelet round. Turn to the right side.

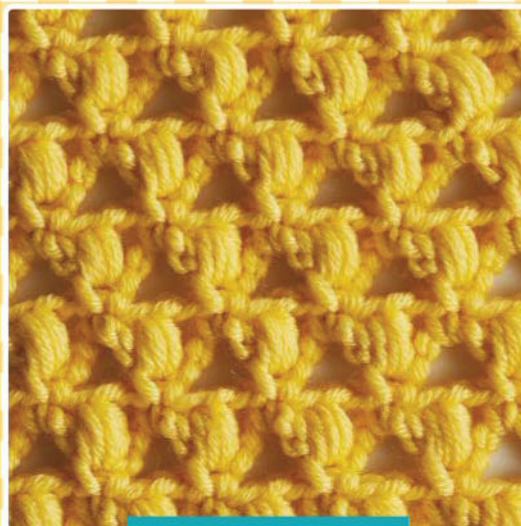
Cut a rectangle of card approximately 10 x 7cm (check that 10cm is the circumference of the cracker and adjust this measurement if necessary). Roll the card and stick shorter sides together with sticky tape. Insert the tube in the cracker, enclosing a small present, if using as gift wrap. Close the ends by threading doubled yarn or ribbon through the remaining eyelets and gathering up. If using yarn, lose the ends to the inside of the cracker. Tie the ribbon in bows and add optional paper (or yarn) pompons.

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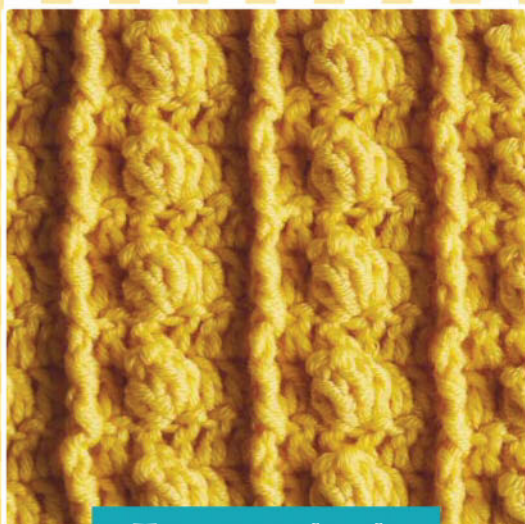
This is an assortment of richly textured stitch patterns with all kinds of uses



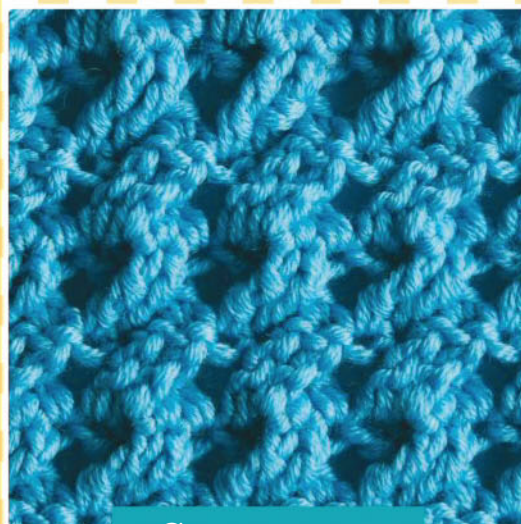
Puff mesh



Triangles



Textured rib



Crisscross

Photos: Nicki Dowey

The raised stitches used in here are the puff, the popcorn and cross double trebles

Yarn

Patons Merino Extrafine DK. Size 4.00
crochet hook.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **chsp**, chain space; **dc**, double
crochet; **tr**, treble; **dtr**, double treble;
popcorn, 4tr in one stitch, remove hook
leaving loop, insert hook in top of first
treble then in loop of last treble, pull

loop of this treble through top of first
treble; **puff**, in one st work [yarn round
hook, insert hook, yarn round hook and
pull through to treble height] 4 times,
yarn round hook again and pull it
through all loops on hook.

Note

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worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

Triangles

Puffs provide the texture in
this simple stitch pattern.

Multiple of 8ch plus 2.

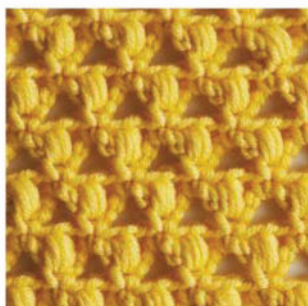
Foundation row: 1dc in 2nd
ch from hook, [5ch, miss 3ch,
1dc in next ch] to end.

1st row (right side): 4ch,
* 1dc in 5-ch arch, 1ch, 1 puff
in next dc, 1ch, 1dc in next 5-ch arch; repeat from *, ending
1ch, 1tr in dc.

2nd row: * 5ch, 1dc in dc; repeat from *, ending 1dc in last
dc, 2ch, 1tr in 3rd of 4ch.

3rd row: 1ch, 1dc in tr, * 1ch, 1 puff in 1dc, 1ch, 1dc in 5-ch
arch; repeat from *, ending 1 puff in last dc, 1ch, 1dc in 3rd
of 5ch.

4th row: 1ch, 1dc in dc, [5ch, 1dc in next dc] to end.
Repeat 1st to 4th rows.



Puff mesh

This is another clever
combination of puffs
and openwork.

Multiple of 4ch plus 6.

Foundation row: 1tr in 6th
ch from hook, [1ch, miss 1ch,
1tr in next ch] to end.

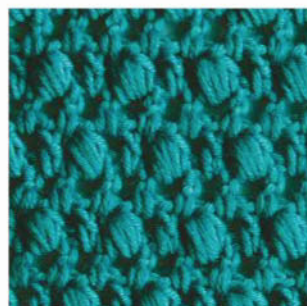
1st row (wrong side): 2ch,
1tr in chsp, * 1ch, miss 1tr, 1 puff in next chsp, 1ch, miss 1tr,
1tr in next chsp; repeat from *, ending 1ch, 2tr in chsp.

2nd row: 3ch, miss 2tr, * 1tr in next chsp, 1ch, miss 1 puff,
1tr in next chsp, 1ch, miss 1tr; repeat from *, ending 1tr in
2nd of 2ch.

3rd row: 2ch, 1 puff in chsp, * 1ch, miss 1tr, 1tr in next chsp,
1ch, miss 1tr, 1 puff in next chsp; repeat from *, ending
1 puff and 1tr in 3-chsp.

4th row: 3ch, miss 1 puff, * 1tr in chsp, 1ch, miss 1tr, 1tr in
next chsp, 1ch, miss 1 puff; repeat from *, ending 1tr in
2nd of 2ch.

Repeat 1st to 4th rows.



Crisscross

Crossed double trebles
create a very heavily
embossed fabric that's
the same on both sides.

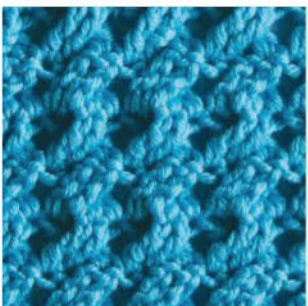
Multiple of 4ch plus 6.

Foundation row: 1tr in 4th
ch from hook (counts as 2tr),
* cross 4 dtr (in next 4ch

work 1dtr in 3rd ch, 1dtr in 4th ch, take hook behind to
work 1dtr in 1st ch, 1dtr in 2nd ch); repeat from * to last
2ch, 1tr in each ch.

Pattern row: 3ch, 1tr in next tr, * working in dtr instead of
ch, cross 4dtr as for foundation row; repeat from * to last 2
sts, 1tr in tr, 1tr in 3rd of 3ch.

Repeat pattern row.



Textured rib

Popcorns are used to stud
this firm rib stitch.

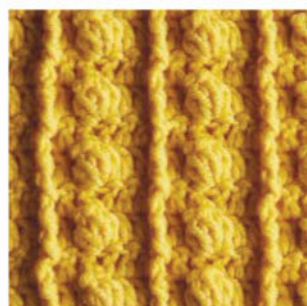
Multiple of 6ch plus 7.

Foundation row: 1tr in 4th
ch from hook (counts as 2tr),
[1tr in each ch] to end.

1st row (right side): 3ch,
1tr in next tr, * 1 popcorn in
next tr, 1tr in each of next 2tr, from the front work 1dtr
around the stem of next st, 1tr in each of next 2tr; repeat
from *, to last 3 sts, 1 popcorn in next tr, 1tr in next tr, 1tr in
3rd of 3ch.

2nd row: 3ch, 1tr in next tr, * 1tr in popcorn, 1tr in each of
next 2tr, from the back work 1dtr around the stem of next
dtr, 1tr in each of next 2tr; repeat from *, to last 3 sts, 1tr in
popcorn, 1tr in next tr, 1tr in 3rd of 3ch.

Repeat 1st and 2nd rows.





Crochet Project

Festive Fun

Bright woollen baubles make an unusual wreath that could hang on a child's bedroom door, or anywhere in the house



The only special stitch used here is the puff, which has a fat, firm, cushion-like quality



Measurements

Ring 22cm/8¾in in diameter, excluding decorations.

Materials

1 x 50g (120m) ball of Patons Merino Extrafine DK (100% wool) in each of Pine (00177), Scarlet (00130), Violet (00147) and Lemon (00175)*. Size 4.00 crochet hook. Polystyrene balls: 2 x 4cm and 3 x 5cm or small amount of toy filling; 6 silver-coloured bells; 22cm diameter embroidery ring frame; knitter's sewing needle.

Tension

18 double crochet measure 10cm across, using 4.00 hook.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **dc**, double crochet; **dc2tog**, [insert hook in next stitch, yarn round hook, pull loop through] twice, yarn round hook and pull it through all 3 loops on hook; **puff**, in one stitch work [yarn round hook, insert hook, yarn round hook and pull yarn through to treble height] 4 times, yarn round hook again and pull it through all loops on hook; **htr**, half treble; **tr**, treble; **slst**, slip stitch; **st**, stitch; **yrh**, yarn round hook.

Note

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

Larger baubles

Make one in each of Scarlet, Violet and Lemon.

1st round: With 4.00 hook, make 4ch, work 11tr in first ch, slst in last of 4ch – 12 sts.

2nd round: 1ch (counts as 1dc), 2dc in next tr, [1dc in next tr, 2dc in next tr] 5 times, slst in 1ch – 18 sts.

3rd round: 1ch, 2dc in next dc, [1dc in each of next 2dc, 2dc in next dc] 5 times, 1dc in last dc, slst in 1ch – 24 sts.

4th round: 1ch, 2dc in next dc, [1dc in each of next 3dc, 2dc in next dc] 5 times, 1dc in each of last 2dc, slst in 1ch – 30 sts.

5th round: 1ch, 1dc in each of next 29 sts, slst in 1ch.

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

8th round: 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1 puff in next dc, [1htr in next dc, 1 puff in next dc] 14 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 15 puffs.

9th, 10th and 11th rounds: As 5th round.

12th round: 1ch (counts as 1dc), dc2tog, [1dc in each of 3 sts, dc2tog] 5 times, 1dc in each of last 2 sts, slst in 1ch – 24 sts. Insert polystyrene ball.

13th round: 1ch, dc2tog, [1dc in each of next 2 sts, dc2tog] 5 times, 1dc in last st, slst in 1ch – 18 sts.

14th round: 1ch, dc2tog, [1dc in next st, dc2tog] 5 times, slst in 1ch – 12 sts. If using toy filling insert it at this stage.

15th round: [Dc2tog] 6 times, slst in first st. Fasten off, leaving a fairly long end. Thread this on to a knitter's sewing needle and gather the remaining sts and secure. Do not break yarn.

Smaller baubles

Make one in each of Violet and Lemon.

1st, 2nd and 3rd rounds: As larger bauble – 24 sts.

4th and 5th rounds: 1ch (counts as 1dc), 1dc in each of 23 sts, slst in 1ch.

6th round: 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1 puff in next dc, [1htr in next dc, 1 puff in next dc] 11 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 12 puffs.

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

Insert polystyrene ball.

9th round: 1ch, dc2tog, [1dc in each of next 2dc, dc2tog] 5 times, 1dc in last dc, slst in 1ch – 18 sts.

10th round: 1ch, dc2tog, [1dc in next st, dc2tog] 5 times, slst in 1ch – 12 sts. If using toy filling insert it at this stage.

11th round: [Dc2tog] 6 times, slst in first st. Fasten off, leaving a fairly long end. Thread this on to a knitter's sewing needle and use it to gather the remaining sts and secure. Do not break yarn.

Ring

Using Pine, tie yarn to the left of the screw fastening of the embroidery frame, screw at the top. Work in dc around the ring: yarn at the back, insert hook in ring, yrh and pull to front, yrh and pull yarn through loop, * insert hook in ring, yrh and pull to front, yrh and pull yarn through 2 loops; repeat from *, closing up sts as you go. Cover the screw by binding with Pine yarn and fasten off. Use yarn ends to attach baubles around screw area and fill the spaces between with bells.

Glossary

Tension

Practically every knitting instruction will state a tension, with a few exceptions, like toys or small accessories.

Tension is the number of stitches and rows that an average knitter will achieve to stated measurements, using specific yarn, pattern and needles. It is used to translate measurements into the number of stitches and rows to be worked.

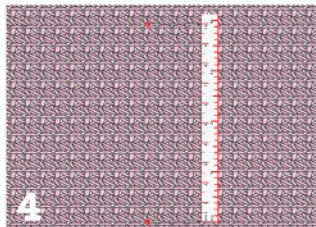
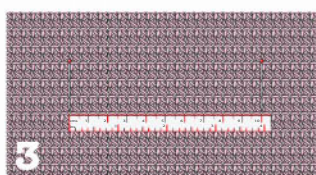
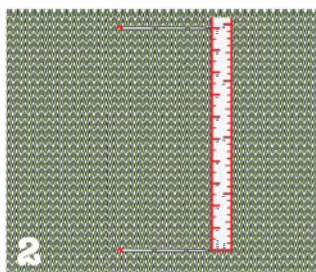
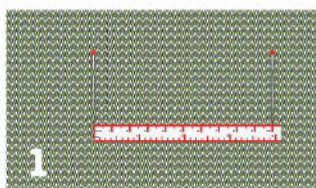
Before commencing a specific project, check your tension by working a swatch about 13cm square in pattern, yarn and needles or crochet hooks as stated. Stretch swatch in each direction and allow to rest. Mark 10cm horizontally in the middle of the test piece (diag. 1 and 3) and count stitches between markers. Mark 10cm vertically in the middle of test piece (diag. 2 and 4) and count the rows between markers. If the number of stitches and rows is less than quoted, knit another swatch, using smaller needles or hooks. If the number of stitches and rows is greater, use larger needles or hooks.

You may need to knit or crochet samples a few times until the stated tension is achieved.

It is more important to obtain the right number of stitches than rows.

Diagrams 1 and 2 show stitching and rows of stocking stitch of standard double knitting tension.

Diagrams 3 and 4 show stitches and rows of double crochet of average double knitting tension.



Knitting needles conversion

Metric	Imperial
2	14
2.25	13
2.5	-
2.75	12
3	11
3.25	10
3.5	-
3.75	9
4	8
4.5	7
5	6
5.5	5
6	4
6.5	3
7	2
7.5	1
8	0
9	00
10	000
12	-
15	-
20	-
25	-

Crochet hook conversion

Metric	Imperial
2	14
2.25	13
2.5	12
3	11
3.25	10
3.5	9
3.75	8
4	7
5	6
5.5	5
6	4
6.5	3
7	2
8	0
9	00
10	000
12	-
15	-
20	-
25	-

Substituting yarns

If you are intending to use yarns other than specified, look for a type of yarn that has the same texture and fibre content: wool for wool, cotton for cotton, with same or similar standard tension and same thickness as original yarn.

The best indicators of the thickness of the yarn are the tension and size of needles or hooks used. A standard crochet tension is not usually available.

Here, we list the standard knitting tension of classic yarns, although these may vary:

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

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

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

Chunky yarn is 14 stitches and 19 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 6½mm needles.

For example: If the pattern states 30 stitches and 38 rows over stocking

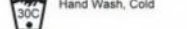
stitch, you may be able to use 4 ply yarn for this, but using 3mm needles instead of 3¼mm.

In both knitting and crochet, yarn amounts may differ when using substituted yarn, so check the ball band for weight and length informations. If the length is different, work out your amounts by multiplying the length of original yarn by the amount of balls quoted, divide this figure by the number of metres stated on the substituted yarn and that will give you the number of balls needed in the yarn you intend to use.

Making toys

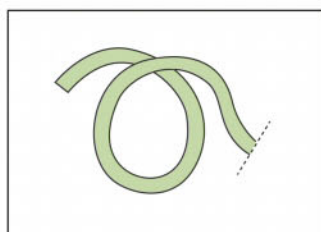
If the toy is intended for under-3s, ensure all the parts are sewn on securely and embellishments used for features (beads, button, plastic nose) are substituted with embroidery. Toy fabric needs to be dense so that the stuffing doesn't show through. Use washable toy stuffing that conforms to safety standards. Make sure toys aren't over- or under-stuffed: under-stuffing can make the toy too floppy; over-stuffing will stretch the fabric.

Care symbols

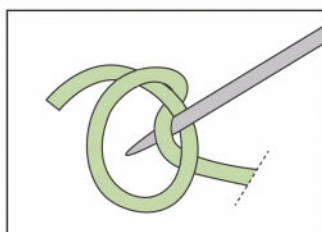


Knitting Class

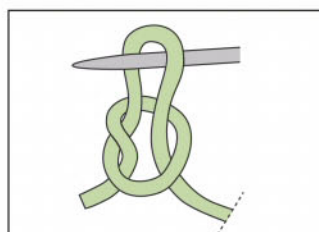
Slip knot



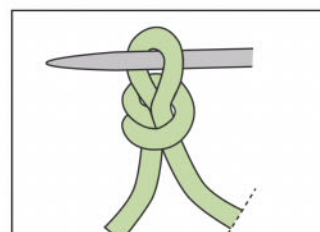
1 Loop the yarn with the ball end on top (the ball end is shown with a broken line).



2 Dip the needle into the loop, catch the ball end and pull it through the loop.



3 Pull both ends to tighten the knot.



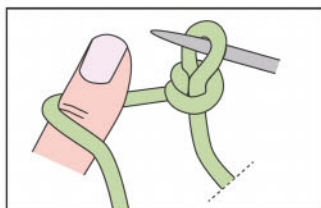
4 Pull the ball end to bring the knot up to the needle.

Holding the yarn and needles

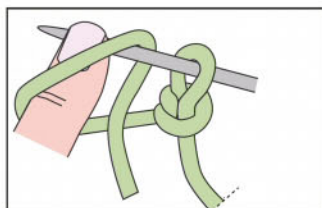
To make even stitches, control the yarn by taking it over the first finger of the right hand, under the second, over the third and under the fourth, or even around the fourth if necessary. Your

right hand also holds the needle that makes the new stitches. Hold this like a knife or a pencil – whichever is more comfortable. Your left hand holds the needle with the stitches already made.

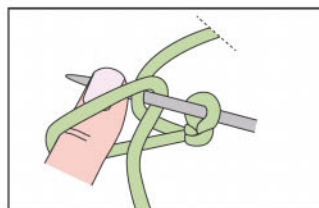
Casting on by thumb method



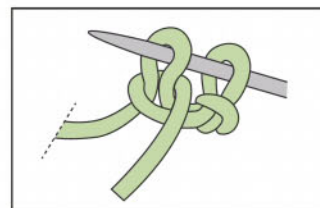
1 Leaving a long end, hold the yarn in the left hand and take the left thumb under the yarn and upwards.



2 Insert the needle in the loop just made on the thumb.

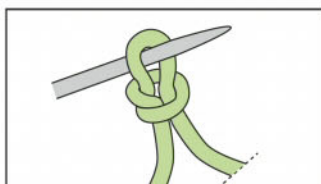


3 Take the ball end of the yarn around the needle and bring it through the loop, slipping the loop off the thumb.

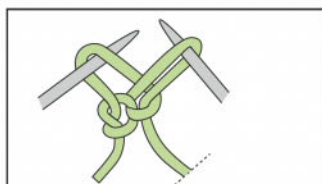


4 Pull the yarn end to close the stitch up to the needle. Continue to cast on stitches as steps 1-4.

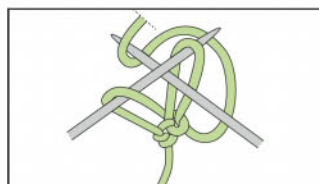
Casting on by cable method



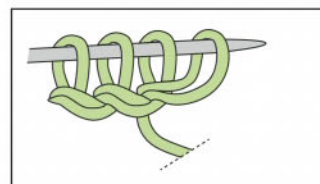
1 Make a slip knot, then hold the needle in your left hand.



2 Knit one without slipping the stitch off.

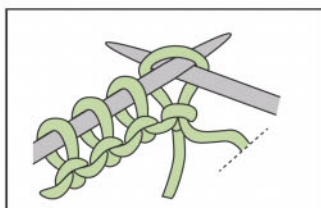


3 Insert the right-hand needles between the last 2 stitches just made, yarn round needle and pull the loop through, thus making new stitch. Slip the new stitch onto left needle.

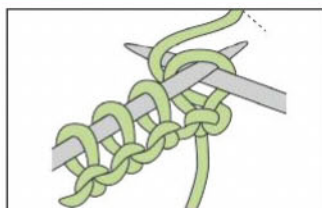


4 Continue making stitches as step 3, until you have the number of stitches you need.

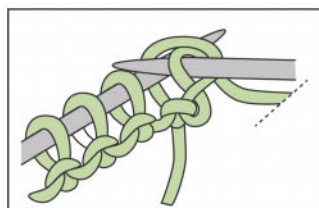
Knit stitch (k)



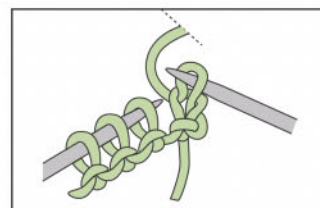
1 Turn the cast-on so that it's in the left hand and insert the right-hand needle from left to right in the front of the first stitch.



2 Take the yarn from behind to bring it under, up and over the right-hand needle.

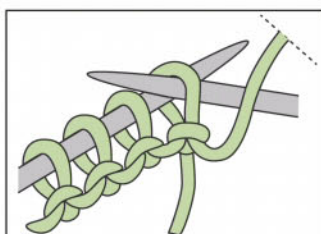


3 Use the tip of the right-hand needle to pull the yarn through.

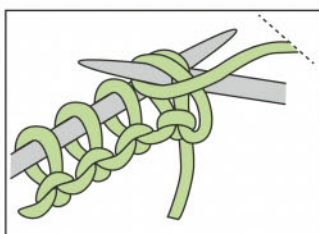


4 Slip the stitch off the left-hand needle to complete the new stitch on the right-hand needle. Continue to make knit stitches as steps 1-4.

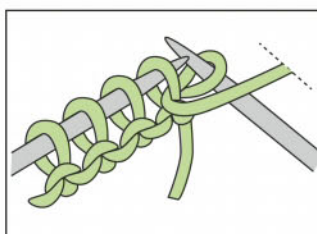
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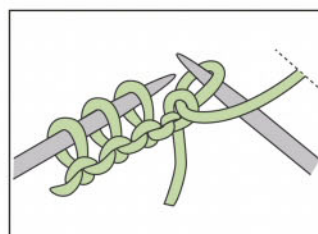
1 With the yarn to the front, insert the right-hand needle from right to left in the front of the first stitch.



2 Take the yarn up and around the right-hand needle.



3 Use the tip of the right-hand needle to pull the yarn through.



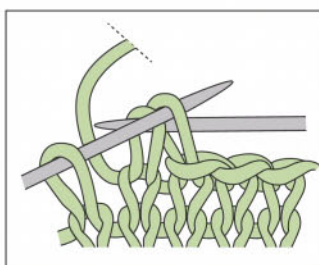
4 Slip the stitch off the left-hand needle to complete the new stitch on the right-hand needle.

Casting off

Knit two stitches, then * use the left-hand needle to lift the first stitch over the second.

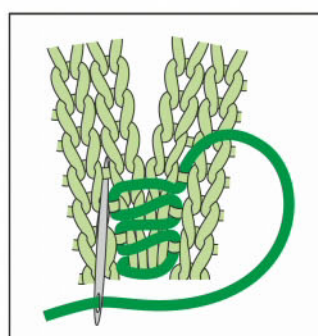
Knit the next stitch, then repeat from * until one stitch is left.

Break the yarn, take it through this stitch and draw up.

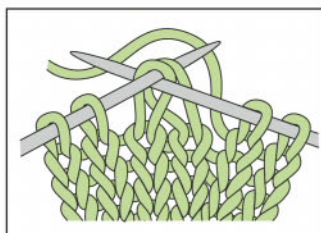


Invisible seaming

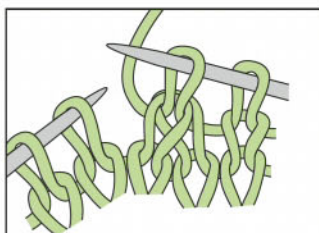
Sometimes called ladder or mattress stitch, this method of sewing up gives the neatest seams. Place the two edges together, right sides upwards and starting at the cast-on edge, take the yarn underneath the strand beside the edge stitch at one side and then the other. After a few stitches pull up the yarn to tension the seam.



Decrease by knitting two stitches together (k2tog)

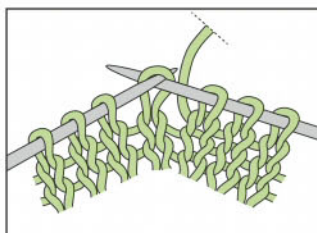


1 Insert the needle in the next two stitches knitwise (that is, through the front of the loops).

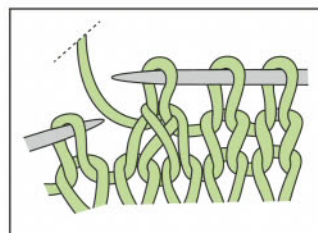


2 Yarn round needle, pull through both stitches and slip these stitches off together. The resulting decrease has the top stitch slanting to the right.

Decrease by slipping one stitch over the next (skpo)

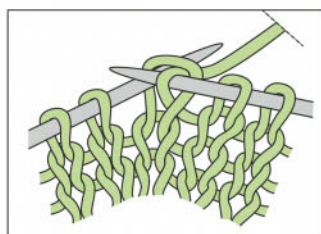


1 Insert the needle in the next stitch knitwise (through the front of the loop) to slip it on to the right-hand needle.

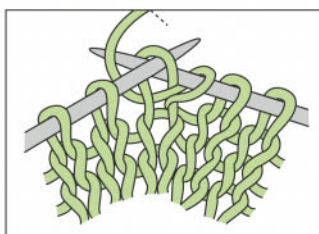


2 Knit the next stitch, then use the left-hand needle to lift the slipped stitch over the knitted one. The resulting decrease has the top stitch slanting to the left.

Increase by knitting in the front and then the back of one stitch (kfb)

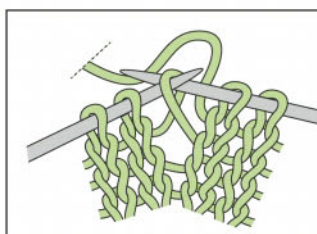


1 Knit the stitch in the usual way, but without slipping it off.

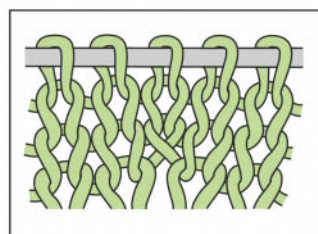


2 Take the right-hand needle to the back and knit the stitch again.

Increase by working into the strand between needles (up1)



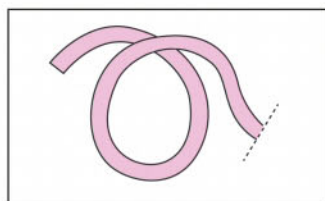
1 Pick up the strand lying between needles and knit in the back of it.



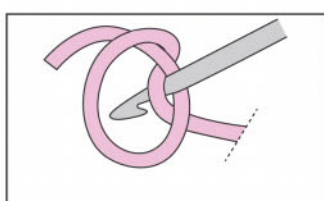
2 This makes a new stitch that fits closely between existing stitches

Crochet Class

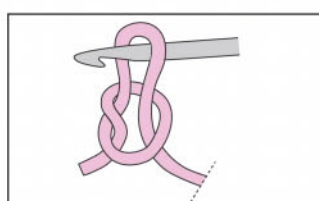
Slip knot



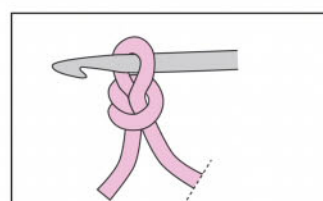
1 Loop the yarn with the ball end on top (the ball end is shown with a broken line).



2 Dip the hook into the loop, catch the ball end and pull it through the loop.



3 Pull both ends to tighten the knot.



4 Pull the ball end to bring the knot up to the hook.

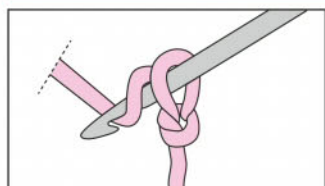
Holding the yarn and hook

Both crochet and yarn are held in the left hand, with the right hand holding the hook preferably like a pencil, but like a knife if you prefer. The work is held between thumb and first finger, with the ball end of

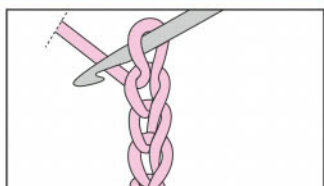
the yarn taken over the first three fingers and under the fourth, or around the fourth if necessary.

Extending the second finger holds the yarn taut for hooking.

Chain (ch)

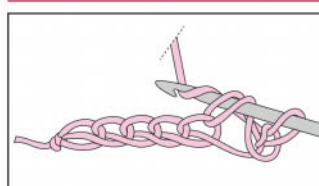


1 Twist the hook under and over the yarn – yarn round hook (yrh). Pull the yarn through the loop on hook and drop it off to make first chain.

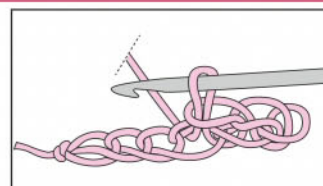


2 Continue to make chain in this way.
Each chain is made up of three strands, with the V shape the 'right side'. When counting chain don't count the loop on the hook.
At the start of a row chain will stand for the first stitch.

Slip stitch (slst)

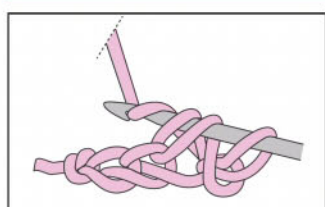


1 Make a length of chain. Insert the hook under two strands of second chain from hook and yarn round hook.

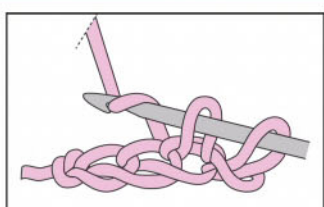


2 Pull the yarn through the chain and loop on the hook. This stitch has virtually no height.

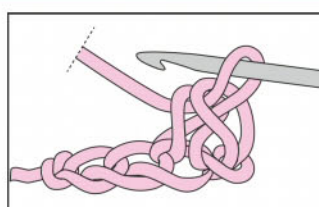
Double crochet (dc)



1 Insert the hook under the top two strands of the second chain from the hook. Yarn round hook.



2 Pull the yarn through to make loops on the hook. Yarn round hook again.

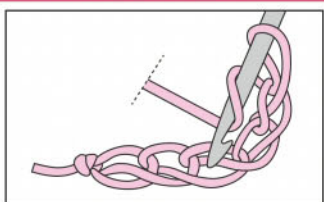


3 Pull the yarn through both loops on the hook to make one double crochet. Insert the hook in the next chain and repeat steps 1-2.

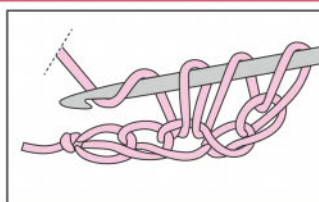
Remember not to take the yarn round hook before inserting the hook. When working into stitches always insert the hook under the top two strands of yarn unless instructed otherwise.

Half treble (htr)

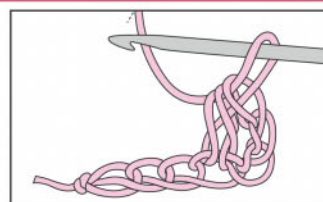
In height the half treble is halfway between a double crochet and a treble and is frequently used as a transitional stitch between the two.



1 Yarn round hook and insert the hook in the third chain from the hook.



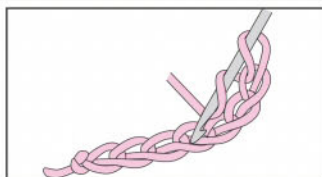
2 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through to make a loop on the hook, then yarn round hook again.



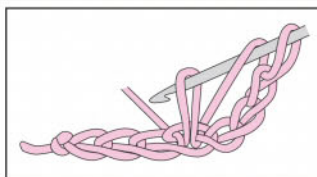
3 Pull the yarn through all three loops on the hook to complete the stitch.

Treble (tr)

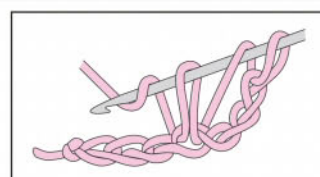
Treble stitch is twice the height of double crochet, because it has an initial yarn round hook, which requires additional steps (wraps) to complete the stitch. The height of stitches is dictated by the number of wraps worked.



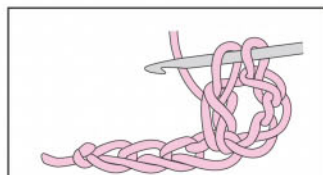
1 Yarn round hook before inserting the hook under two strands of the fourth chain from the hook.



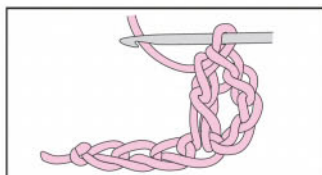
2 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through to make three loops on the hook.



3 Yarn round hook again.



4 Pull the yarn through first two loops on hook, making two loops on the hook.



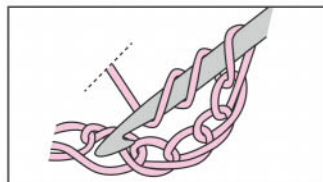
5 Yarn round hook for the last time and pull it through the remaining two loops to complete the stitch.

6 To continue making treble, yarn round hook and insert the hook in the next chain, then repeat steps 2-5. At the beginning of a row three chain usually stand in for the first treble.

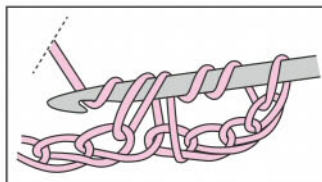
On the next row make sure that the treble following the chain is made in the second

stitch of the previous row, because if it's made in the stitch immediately below you will have made an extra stitch. The last treble of the row will be made in the top chain that started the previous row. Understanding row-end stitches will keep the edges under control.

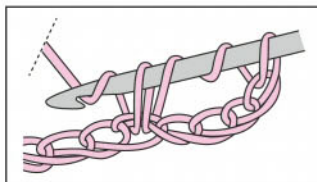
Double treble (dtr)



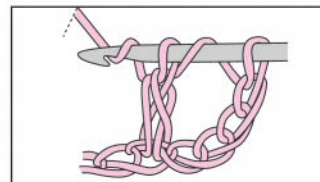
1 Yarn round the hook twice before inserting the hook under the top two strands of the fifth chain from the hook.



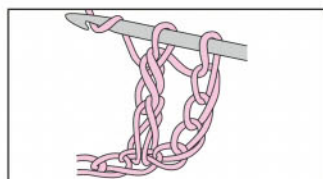
2 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through to make four loops on the hook.



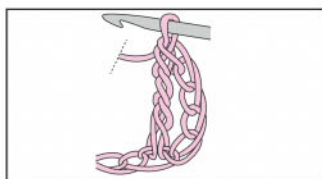
3 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through the first two loops on the hook to make three loops on the hook.



4 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through the next two loops on the hook to make two loops on the hook.



5 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through the remaining two loops on the hook.



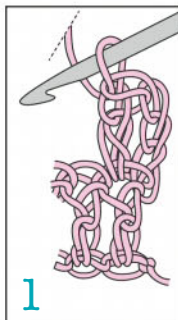
6 The finished double treble. To continue making double treble, yarn round hook twice and insert the hook in the next chain or stitch, then repeat steps 2-5.

Fastening off

Simply break the yarn, take it through the last loop and draw it up.

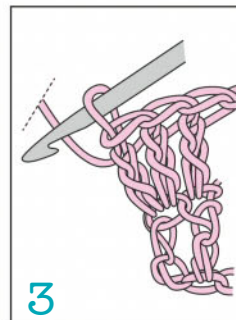
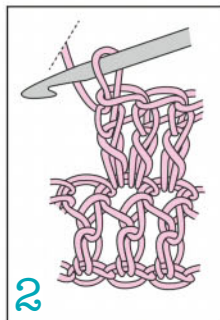
Increases

For clarity these are shown as single increases worked in treble, etc. but the principle is the same in double crochet, double treble, etc.



1 At the beginning of a row, instead of working into the next stitch after the chain that counts as the first stitch, work into the stitch below. This increases one stitch.

2 Mid row simply work the additional stitch, or

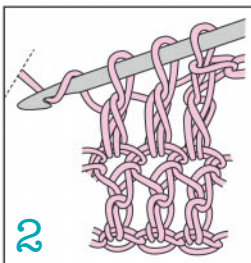
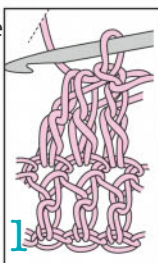


3 At the end of a row, work two stitches in the top chain that formed the first stitch of the previous row. This increases one stitch.

Decreases

Decreases are part stitches worked into a stated number of stitches and then joined into one in the last stage of the stitch. Decreasing one treble stitch is shown, but the principle is the same in all stitches and for any number of decreases.

1 Without making the last wrap of each make a treble in each of the next two stitches: * yarn round hook, insert hook in next stitch, yarn round hook, pull through, yarn round hook, pull it through two loops; repeat from * once, leaving three loops on the hook.



2 Yarn round hook and pull it through all three loops on the hook.

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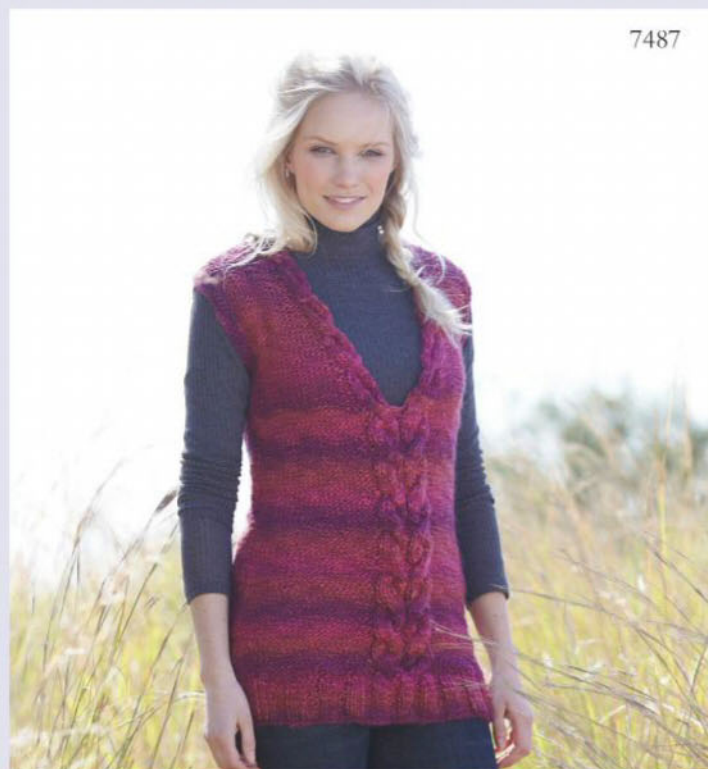




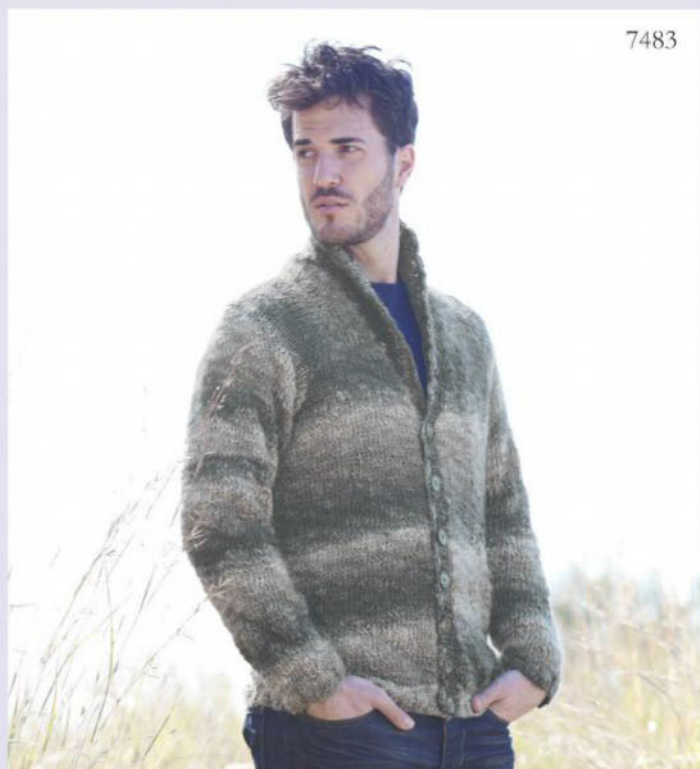
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