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Hello and welcome...

...to the third issue of *Knitting & Crochet* magazine.

We can't thank you enough for your overwhelming response to our brand-new magazine: since our first issue went on sale many of you have contacted us to say how much you like it. It's wonderful to hear that you're loving the projects we've featured so far.

So, we hope you'll be just as thrilled by the contents of this issue. And with Easter as the inspiration for our seasonal collection (p28) – three adorable bunnies to knit or crochet, a basket of pretty crocheted eggs, a novelty knitted hen and her chicks, a pot of gorgeous knitted flowers and a handy, rainbow-bright crocheted shopper – we think you'll be delighted!

As a bit of a contrast to all things bright and beautiful, take a look at our 'Knitting The Blues' feature (p6) and its classic collection of denim-style knits in my favourite cable patterns. It's a look that never goes out of fashion.

Do send us pics of anything you create; we love to see what you've all been knitting and crocheting – and it doesn't need to have been made from a pattern we've featured in our magazines. Any that really catch our eye will be featured on 'We made these!' (p71).

See you next month!

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

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Knitting The Blues

From indigo to sky to denim, blue really is the colour
with our lovely cable knits for family and home



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...plus matching cushion (p19)



His and hers sweaters
and hat (p8)



Unisex Sweater

Measurements

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

Actual measurements 101 (105) (112) (117) (121) (128) cm/39½ (41½) (44) (46) (47½) (50½) in.

Side seam 45 (45) (44) (44) (44) (43) cm/17¾ (17¾) (17¼) (17¼) (17¼) (17) in.

Length to back neck 70 (71) (71.5) (72) (73) (73.5) cm/27½ (28) (28¼) (28½) (28¾) (29) in.

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

Hat: Width around head: 56 (61) cm/22 (24) in.

Materials

Sweater: 14 (14) (15) (16) (16) (16) 50g (93m) balls of Sirdar Simply Recycled Aran (51% cotton, 49% acrylic) in Pacific (041) or Indigo (040).

Hat: 2 x 50g (93m) balls of Sirdar Simply Recycled Aran (51% cotton, 49% acrylic) in Pacific (041). A 3cm wide strip of wadding for brim – optional.

For all items: Pair of 4mm (No. 8) and 5mm (No. 6) knitting needles; cable needle. **You can buy the yarn online from womansweeklyshop.co.uk.** For other yarn stockists, call Sirdar Spinning Ltd on 01924 371501.

Tension

Sweater: 18 stitches and 26 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over side pattern and 40 stitches of centre cable panel measures 15cm across, using 5mm needles.

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

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **sl**, slip; **tog**, together; **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **p2togb**, p2tog through back of sts; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **up1k**, pick up loop lying between needles and k into the back of it; **up1p**, pick up loop lying between needles and p into the back of it; **nil**, meaning nothing is worked here for this size; **psso**, pass sl st over; **skpo**, sl1, k1, psso; **tw2rt**, twist 2 right (k into front of 2nd st then in front of first st, slipping both sts off left needle tog); **tw2lt**, twist 2 left (k into back of 2nd st then in front of first st, slipping both sts off left needle tog); **cr3lt**, cross 3 left (sl next 2 sts onto cable needle and leave at front, p1, then k2 from cable needle); **cr3rt**, cross 3 right (sl next st onto cable needle and leave at back, k2, then p st from cable needle); **c4b**, cable 4 back (sl next 2 sts onto cable needle and leave at back, k2, then k2 from cable needle); **c4f**, cable 4 front (sl next 2 sts onto cable needle and leave at front, k2, then k2 from cable needle); **c6b**, cable 6 back (sl next 3 sts onto cable needle and leave at back, k3, then k3 from cable needle).

Note

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

2 (2) (2) (3) (3) (3) times, for side cable panel p1, k4, c4b, c4f, k4, p1, for side pattern [k2, p2] 2 (2) (3) (3) (3) (4) times, k2 (2) (2) (1) (2) (2), p nil (2) (1) (nil) (1) (nil).

2nd row: For side pattern k nil (2) (1) (nil) (1) (nil), p2 (2) (2) (1) (2) (2), [k2, p2] 2 (2) (3) (3) (3) (4) times, for side cable panel k1, p16, k1, for side pattern p2, [k2, p2] 2 (2) (2) (3) (3) (3) times, for centre cable panel k1, p4, k2, p2, k4, p2, k3, p4, k3, p2, k4, p2, k2, p4, k1, for side pattern p2, [k2, p2] 2 (2) (2) (3) (3) (3) times, for side cable panel k1, p16, k1, for side pattern [p2, k2] 2 (2) (3) (3) (3) (4) times, p2 (2) (2) (1) (2) (2), k nil (2) (1) (nil) (1) (nil).

3rd row: For side pattern k nil (2) (1) (nil) (1) (nil), p2 (2) (2) (1) (2) (2), [k2, p2] 2 (2) (3) (3) (3) (4) times, for side cable panel p1, k2, c4b, k4, c4f, k2, p1, for side pattern p2, [k2, p2] 2 (2) (2) (3) (3) (3) times, for centre cable panel p1, k4, p2, tw2rt, p4, cr3lt, p2, c4b, p2, cr3rt, p4, tw2lt, p2, k4, p1, for side pattern p2, [k2, p2] 2 (2) (2) (3) (3) (3) times, for side cable panel p1, k2, c4b, k4, c4f, k2, p1, for side pattern [p2, k2] 2 (2) (3) (3) (3) (4) times, p2 (2) (2) (1) (2) (2), k nil (2) (1) (nil) (1) (nil).

4th row: For side pattern p nil (2) (1) (nil) (1) (nil), k2 (2) (2) (1) (2) (2), [p2, k2] 2 (2) (3) (3) (3) (4) times, for side cable panel k1, p16, k1, for side pattern k2, [p2, k2] 2 (2) (2) (3) (3) (3) times, for centre cable panel k1, p4, k2, p2, k5, p2, k2, p4, k2, p2, k5, p2, k2, p4, k1, for side pattern k2, [p2, k2] 2 (2) (2) (3) (3) (3) times, for side cable panel k1, p16, k1, for side pattern [k2, p2] 2 (2) (3) (3) (3) (4) times, k2 (2) (2) (1) (2) (2), p nil (2) (1) (nil) (1) (nil).

These 4 rows form side pattern.

5th row: Side pattern 10 (12) (15) (13) (15) (18), for side cable panel p1, c4b, k8, c4f, p1, side pattern 10 (10) (10) (14) (14) (14), for centre cable panel p1, c4b, p2, tw2rt, p5, [cr3lt, cr3rt] twice, p5, tw2lt, p2, c4f, p1, side pattern 10 (10) (10) (14) (14) (14), for side cable panel p1, c4b, k8, c4f, p1, side pattern to end.

6th row: Side pattern 10 (12) (15) (13) (15) (18), for side cable panel k1, p16, k1, side pattern 10 (10) (10) (14) (14) (14), for centre cable panel k1, p4, k2, p2, k6, p4, k2, p4, k6, p2, k2, p4, k1, side pattern 10 (10) (10) (14) (14) (14), for side cable panel k1, p16, k1, side pattern to end. These 6 rows form pattern for side cable panels.

7th row: Side pattern 10 (12) (15) (13) (15) (18), cable panel 18, side pattern 10 (10) (10) (14) (14) (14), for centre cable

SWEATER

Back

With 4mm needles, cast on 102 (106) (112) (116) (120) (126) sts.

1st rib row: P nil (2) (1) (nil) (1) (nil), k2 (2) (2) (1) (2) (2), p2, [k2, p2] to last 2 (4) (3) (1) (3) (2) st(s), k2 (2) (2) (1) (2) (2), p nil (2) (1) (nil) (1) (nil).

2nd rib row: K nil (2) (1) (nil) (1) (nil), p2 (2) (2) (1) (2) (2), k2, [p2, k2] to last 2 (4) (3) (1) (3) (2) st(s), p2 (2) (2) (1) (2) (2), k nil (2) (1) (nil) (1) (nil).

Continue in rib until welt measures 5 (5) (5) (6) (6) (6) cm, ending with a 1st row.

Increase row: Rib 13 (15) (18) (16) (18)

(21), * up1p, rib 3, up1p, rib 2, up1p, rib 3, up1p *, rib 15 (15) (15) (19) (19) (19), up1p, rib 7, up1k, rib 3, up1k, rib 10, up1k, rib 3, up1k, rib 7, up1p, rib 15 (15) (15) (19) (19) (19), work from * to *, rib to end – 116 (120) (126) (130) (134) (140) sts.

Change to 5mm needles.

1st row: For side pattern p nil (2) (1) (nil) (1) (nil), k2 (2) (2) (1) (2) (2), [p2, k2] 2 (2) (3) (3) (3) (4) times, for side cable panel p1, k4, c4b, c4f, k4, p1, for side pattern k2, [p2, k2] 2 (2) (2) (3) (3) (3) times, for centre cable panel p1, c4b, p2, tw2rt, p3, cr3lt, p2, cr3lt, cr3rt, p2, cr3rt, p3, tw2lt, p2, c4f, p1, for side pattern k2, [p2, k2]



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panel p1, k4, p2, tw2rt, p6, c4f, p2, c4f, p6, tw2lt, p2, k4, p1, side pattern 10 (10) (10) (14) (14) (14), cable panel 18, side pattern to end.

8th row: Side pattern 10 (12) (15) (13) (15) (18), cable panel 18, side pattern 10 (10) (10) (14) (14) (14), for centre cable panel k1, p4, k2, p2, k6, p4, k2, p4, k6, p2, k2, p4, k1, side pattern 10 (10) (10) (14) (14) (14), cable panel 18, side pattern to end.

9th row: Pattern 38 (40) (43) (45) (47) (50), for centre cable panel p1, c4b, p2, tw2rt, p5, [cr3rt, cr3lt] twice, p5, tw2lt, p2, c4f, p1, pattern to end.

10th row: Pattern 38 (40) (43) (45) (47) (50), for centre cable panel k1, p4, k2, p2, k5, p2, k2, p4, k2, p2, k5, p2, k2, p4, k1, pattern to end.

11th row: Pattern 38 (40) (43) (45) (47) (50), p1, k4, p2, tw2rt, p4, cr3rt, p2, c4b, p2, cr3lt, p4, tw2lt, p2, k4, p1, pattern to end.

12th row: Pattern 38 (40) (43) (45) (47) (50), for centre cable panel k1, p4, k2, p2, k4, p2, k3, p4, k3, p2, k4, p2, k2, p4, k1, pattern to end.

13th row: Pattern 38 (40) (43) (45) (47) (50), p1, c4b, p2, tw2rt, p3, cr3rt, p2, cr3rt, cr3lt, p2, cr3lt, p3, tw2lt, p2, c4f, p1, pattern to end.

14th row: Pattern 38 (40) (43) (45) (47) (50), k1, p4, k2, p2, [k3, p2] twice, k2, [p2, k3] twice, p2, k2, p4, k1, pattern to end.

15th row: Pattern 38 (40) (43) (45) (47) (50), p1, k4, p2, tw2rt, p2, [cr3rt, p2] twice, [cr3lt, p2] twice, tw2lt, p2, k4, p1, pattern to end.

16th row: Pattern 38 (40) (43) (45) (47) (50), k1, p4, [k2, p2] twice, k3, p2, k4, p2, k3, [p2, k2] twice, p4, k1, pattern to end.

17th row: Pattern 38 (40) (43) (45) (47) (50), p1, c4b, p2, tw2rt, p1, cr3rt, p2, cr3rt, p4, cr3lt, p2, cr3lt, p1, tw2lt, p2, c4f, p1, pattern to end.

18th row: Pattern 38 (40) (43) (45) (47) (50), k1, p4, k2, p2, k1, p2, k3, p2, k6, p2, k3, p2, k1, p2, k2, p4, k1, pattern to end.

19th row: Pattern 38 (40) (43) (45) (47) (50), p1, k4, p2, tw2rt, p1, k2, p3, k2, p6, k2, p3, k2, p1, tw2lt, p2, k4, p1, pattern to end.

20th row: As 18th row.

21st row: Pattern 38 (40) (43) (45) (47) (50), p1, c4b, p2, tw2rt, p1, cr3lt, p2, cr3lt, p4, cr3rt, p2, cr3rt, p1, tw2lt, p2, c4f, p1, pattern to end.

22nd row: As 16th row.

23rd row: Pattern 38 (40) (43) (45) (47) (50), p1, k4, p2, tw2rt, p2, [cr3lt, p2] twice, [cr3rt, p2] twice, tw2lt, p2, k4, p1, pattern to end.

24th row: Pattern 38 (40) (43) (45) (47) (50), k1, p4, k2, p2, [k3, p2] twice, k2, [p2, k3] twice, p2, k2, p4, k1, pattern to end.

These 24 rows form pattern for centre cable panel.

Continue in pattern until back measures 45 (45) (44) (44) (44) (43) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

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

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

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

Repeat last 2 rows, 5 (5) (5) (6) (6) (6) times more – 88 (92) (98) (98) (102) (108) sts.

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

Next row: P2, pattern to last 2 sts, p2. **

Repeat last 2 rows, 25 (26) (28) (28) (29) (31) times more – 36 (38) (40) (40) (42) (44) sts. Leave these sts on a st holder.

Front

Work as back to **.

Repeat last 2 rows, 19 (20) (22) (21) (22) (24) times more – 48 (50) (52) (54) (56) (58) sts.

Shape neck: Next row: K1, skpo, pattern 8 (8) (8) (9) (10) (10) sts, work 2tog, turn and work on these 11 (11) (11) (12) (13) (13) sts for left side.

Left side: Work 1 row, decreasing 1 st at beginning on 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th sizes only – 10 (10) (10) (12) (12) (12) sts.

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

Next row: Pattern to last 2 sts, p2.

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

Next dec row: K1, sl1, k2tog, pssso – 2 sts. Pattern 1 row. Work 2tog and fasten off.

Right side: With right side facing, slip centre 22 (24) (26) (26) (26) (28) sts onto st holder, rejoin yarn to remaining sts and work 2tog, pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 11 (11) (11) (12) (13) (13) sts.

Work 1 row, decreasing 1 st at end on 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th sizes only – 10 (10) (10) (12) (12) (12) sts.

Next dec row: Work 2tog, pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Next row: P2, pattern to end.

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

Next dec row: Sl1, k2tog, pssso, k1 – 2 sts. Pattern 1 row. Work 2tog and fasten off.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 4mm needles, cast on 50 (50) (52) (52) (54) (54) sts.

1st rib row: K nil (nil) (1) (1) (2) (2), [p2, k2] to last 2 (2) (3) (3) (4) (4) sts, p2, k nil (nil) (1) (1) (2) (2).

2nd rib row: P nil (nil) (1) (1) (2) (2), [k2, p2] to last 2 (2) (3) (3) (4) (4) sts, k2, p nil (nil) (1) (1) (2) (2).

Continue in rib until welt measures 5cm, ending with a 1st row.

Increase row: [Rib 3, up1p] 1 (1) (2) (2) (3) (3) time(s), rib 7 (7) (5) (5) (3) (3), up1p, rib 7, up1k, rib 3, up1k, rib 10, up1k, rib 3, up1k, rib 7, up1p, rib 7 (7) (5) (5) (3) (3), [up1p, rib 3] 1 (1) (2) (2) (3) (3) time(s) – 58 (58) (62) (62) (66) (66) sts.

Change to 5mm needles.

1st row: For side pattern p nil (nil) (1) (1) (nil) (nil), k1 (1) (2) (2) (1) (1), [p2, k2] 2 (2) (2) (3) (3) times, for centre cable panel p1, c4b, p2, tw2rt, p3, cr3lt, p2, cr3lt, cr3rt, p2, cr3rt, p3, tw2lt, p2, c4f, p1, for side pattern [k2, p2] 2 (2) (2) (2) (3) (3) times, k1 (1) (2) (2) (1) (1), p nil (nil) (1) (1) (nil) (nil).

2nd row: For side pattern k nil (nil) (1) (1) (nil) (nil), p1 (1) (2) (2) (1) (1), [k2, p2] 2 (2) (2) (3) (3) times, for centre cable panel k1, p4, k2, p2, k4, p2, k3, p4, k3, p2, k4, p2, k2, p4, k1, for side pattern [p2, k2] 2 (2) (2) (2) (3) (3) times, p1 (1) (2) (2) (1) (1), k nil (nil) (1) (1) (nil) (nil).

3rd row: For side pattern k nil (nil) (1) (1) (nil) (nil), p1 (1) (2) (2) (1) (1), [k2, p2] 2 (2) (2) (3) (3) times, for centre cable panel p1, k4, p2, tw2rt, p4, cr3lt, p2, c4b, p2, cr3rt, p4, tw2lt, p2, k4, p1, for side pattern [p2, k2] 2 (2) (2) (2) (3) (3) times, p1 (1) (2) (2) (1) (1), k nil (nil) (1) (1) (nil) (nil).

4th row: For side pattern p nil (nil) (1) (1) (nil) (nil), k1 (1) (2) (2) (1) (1), [p2, k2] 2 (2) (2) (3) (3) times, for centre cable panel k1, p4, k2, p2, k5, p2, k2, p4, k2, p2, k5, p2, k2, p4, k1, for side pattern [k2, p2] 2 (2) (2) (2) (3) (3) times, k1 (1) (2) (2) (1) (1), p nil (nil) (1) (1) (nil) (nil).

These 4 rows form side pattern and set position for centre cable panel.

Working extra sts into side pattern as they occur, inc 1 st at each end of next row and 16 (18) (18) (19) (19) (21) following 4th rows – 92 (96) (100) (102) (106) (110) sts.

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

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

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

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

Repeat last 2 rows, 2 (3) (2) (2) (2) (2) times more – 76 (76) (84) (86) (90) (94) sts.

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

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

Repeat last 2 rows, 28 (28) (31) (32) (33) (35) times more – 18 (18) (20) (20) (22) (22) sts. Leave

these sts on a st holder.



Round neck border

Join both front and right back raglan seams.

With right side facing and using 4mm needles, k nil (nil) (1) (1) (nil) (nil), k2tog, [k2, k2tog] 4 (4) (4) (4) (5) (5) times, k nil (nil) (1) (1) (nil) (nil) across sts of left sleeve top, pick up and k12 (12) (12) (14) (14) (14) sts down left front neck, k nil (1) (2) (2) (2) (3), k2tog, [k3, k2tog] 4 times, k nil (1) (2) (2) (2) (3) across sts of front neck, pick up and k12 (12) (12) (14) (14) (14) sts up right front neck, k nil (nil) (1) (1) (nil) (nil), k2tog, [k2, k2tog] 4 (4) (4) (4) (5) (5) times, k nil (nil) (1) (1) (nil) (nil) across sts of right sleeve top, k1 (2) (3) (3) (nil) (1), k2tog, [k2 (2) (2) (2) (3) (3), k2tog] 8 times, k1 (2) (3) (3) (nil) (1) across sts of back neck – 94 (98) (106) (110) (114) (118) sts.

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

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

Continue in rib until neck border measures 8cm, ending with a 1st rib row. Cast off in rib.

Polo neck border

Join both front and right back raglan seams.

With right side facing and using 4mm needles, k nil (1) (1) (1) (nil) (1), k2tog, [k3 (5) (2) (6) (3) (4), k2tog] 3 (2) (4) (2) (4) (3) times, k1 (1) (1) (1) (nil) (1) across sts of left sleeve top, pick up and k12 (12) (12) (13) (13) (14) sts down left front neck, k1 (nil) (2) (2) (2) (1), k2tog, [k4 (9) (3) (3) (3) (4), k2tog] 3 (2) (4) (4) (4) (4) times, k1 (nil) (2) (2) (2) (1) across sts of front neck, pick up and k12 (12) (12) (13) (13) (14) sts up right front neck, k1 (1) (1) (1) (nil) (1), k2tog, [k3 (5) (2) (6) (3) (4), k2tog] 3 (2) (4) (2) (4) (3) times, k nil (1) (1) (1) (nil) (1) across sts of right sleeve top, k3 (nil) (3) (1) (nil) (1), k2tog, [k2 (4) (2) (4) (3) (3), k2tog] 7 (6) (8) (6) (8) (8) times, k3 (nil) (3) (1) (nil) (1) across sts of back neck – 98 (106) (106) (114) (114) (122) sts.

1st rib row: K2, [p2, tw2rt, p2, k2] to end.

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

Continue in rib until neck border measures 18cm, ending with a 2nd rib row. Cast off loosely in rib.

To make up

Join left back raglan and neck border seam, reversing seam half way up on polo neck border. Fold round neck border in half to wrong side and slip stitch in position. Fold polo neck border in half to right side. Join side and sleeve seams.

HAT

With 4mm needles, cast on 101 (111) sts.

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

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

Continue in rib until work measures 8cm from beginning, ending with a 1st row.

Increase row: Rib 1, up1p, rib 3, * [up1p, rib 1] twice, [up1p, rib 4] twice, repeat from * 8 (9) times more, [up1p, rib 1] twice, up1p, rib 4, up1p, rib 1 – 142 (156) sts. Change to 5mm needles.

1st row: K3, p2, k6, p2, [k4, p2, k6, p2] to last 3 sts, k3.

2nd row: P3, k2, p6, k2, [p4, k2, p6, k2] to last 3 sts, p3.

3rd row: K3, p2, c6b, p2, [k4, p2, c6b, p2] to last 3 sts, k3.

4th row: P3, k2, p6, k2, [p4, k2, p6, k2] to last 3 sts, p3.

These 4 rows form pattern.

Continue in pattern until hat measures 20 (22) cm from beginning, ending with 4th pattern row.

Shape crown: 1st row: K1, [k2tog, p2, k6, p2, skpo] to last st, k1 – 122 (134) sts.

2nd row: P2, [k2, p6, k2, p2] to end.

3rd row: K2, [p2tog, c6b, p2tog, k2] to

end – 102 (112) sts.

4th row: P2, [k1, p6, k1, p2] to end.

5th row: K2, [p1, skpo, k2, k2tog, p1, k2] to end – 82 (90) sts.

6th row: P2, [k1, p4, k1, p2] to end.

7th row: K2, [p1, skpo, k2tog, p1, k2] to end – 62 (68) sts.

8th row: P2, [k1, p2] to end.

9th row: K2tog, [p1, k2tog] to end – 41 (45) sts.

10th row: P1, [k1, p1] to end.

11th row: K1, [k2tog] to end – 21 (23) sts. Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

Join back seam, reversing seam on ribbed section. Fold back ribbed section or if desired, place wadding strip on right side of upper half of ribbed section. Fold remainder of ribbed section over wadding and slip stitch in place.



Girl's Sweater

Measurements

To fit sizes 56 (61) (66) (71) (76) (81) cm/22 (24) (26) (28) (30) (32) in.

Actual measurements 68 (72) (79) (83) (88) (94) cm/26³/₄ (28¹/₄) (31) (32³/₄) (34³/₄) (37) in.

Side seam 22 (24) (27) (30) (32) (33) cm/8¹/₂ (9¹/₂) (10¹/₂) (11³/₄) (12¹/₂) (13) in.

Length to back neck 38 (42) (46) (51) (54) (56) cm/15 (16¹/₂) (18) (20) (21¹/₄) (22) in.

Sleeve seams 25 (29) (33) (37) (39) (41) cm/10 (11¹/₂) (13) (14¹/₂) (15¹/₂) (16) in.

Materials

6 (6) (8) (8) (10) (10) 50g (93m) balls of Sirdar Simply Recycled Aran (51% cotton, 49% acrylic) in Pacific (041). A pair of 4mm (No. 8) and 5mm (No. 6) knitting needles; a cable needle.

You can buy the yarn online at womansweeklyshop.co.uk. For other yarn stockists, call Sirdar Spinning Ltd on 01924 371501.

Tension

18 stitches and 24 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch and 61-stitch cable panel to measure 24cm, using 5mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **sl**, slip; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **ss**, stocking stitch (k on right side and p on wrong side); **skpo**, sl1, k1, pass sl st over; **p2togb**, p2tog through back of sts; **tw5**, twist 5 (sl next 3 sts onto cable needle and leave at back, k2, then p1, k2 from cable needle); **cr3rt**, cross 3 right (sl next st onto a cable needle and leave at back, k2, p st from cable needle; **cr3lt**, cross 3 left (sl next 2 sts onto cable needle and leave at front, p1, then k2 from cable needle; **mb**, make bobble (k into front, back and front of next st, turn, p3, turn, k3, turn, p2tog, p1, turn, skpo); **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and work into back of it; **ytb**, yarn to back.

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 61 (65) (71) (75) (79) (85) sts.

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

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

Repeat these 2 rows until rib measures 4 (4) (4) (5) (5) (5) cm from beginning, ending with a right side row.

Increase row: Rib 5 (7) (10) (12) (14) (17), [up1, rib 3] 17 times, up1, rib 5 (7) (10) (12) (14) (17) – 79 (83) (89) (93) (97) (103) sts.

Change to 5mm needles.

1st row: K9 (11) (14) (16) (18) (21), [p2, ytb, sl1] twice, p4, tw5, p4, * ytb, sl1, p2, ytb, sl1, p5, tw5, p5, ytb, sl1, p2, ytb, sl1 *, p4, tw5, p4, [ytb, sl1, p2] twice, k to end.

2nd row: P9 (11) (14) (16) (18) (21), [k2, p1] twice, k4, p2, k1, p2, k4, * p1, k2, p1, k5, p2, k1, p2, k5, p1, k2, p1 *, k4, p2, k1, p2, k4, [p1, k2] twice, p to end.

3rd row: K9 (11) (14) (16) (18) (21), [p2, ytb, sl1] twice, p3, cr3rt, p1, cr3lt, p3, * ytb, sl1, p2, ytb, sl1, p4, cr3rt, k1, cr3lt, p4, ytb, sl1, p2, ytb, sl1 *, p3, cr3rt, p1,

cr3lt, p3, [ytb, sl1, p2] twice, k to end.

4th row: P9 (11) (14) (16) (18) (21), [k2, p1] twice, k3, [p2, k3] twice, * p1, k2, p1, k4, p2, k1, p1, k1, p2, k4, p1, k2, p1 *, k3, [p2, k3] twice, [p1, k2] twice, p to end.

5th row: K9 (11) (14) (16) (18) (21), [p2, ytb, sl1] twice, p2, cr3rt, p3, cr3lt, p2, * ytb, sl1, p2, ytb, sl1, p3, cr3rt, k1, p1, k1, cr3lt, p3, ytb, sl1, p2, ytb, sl1 *, p2, cr3rt, p3, cr3lt, p2, [ytb, sl1, p2] twice, k to end.

6th row: P9 (11) (14) (16) (18) (21), [k2, p1] twice, k2, p2, k5, p2, k2, * p1, k2, p1, k3, p2, k1, [p1, k1] twice, p2, k3, p1, k2, p1 *, k2, p2, k5, p2, k2, [p1, k2] twice, p to end.

7th row: K9 (11) (14) (16) (18) (21), [p2, ytb, sl1] twice, p2, k2, p2, mb, p2, k2, p2, * [ytb, sl1, p2] twice, cr3rt, k1, [p1, k1] twice, cr3lt, [p2, ytb, sl1] twice *, p2, k2, p2, mb, p2, k2, p2, [ytb, sl1, p2] twice, k to end.

8th row: P9 (11) (14) (16) (18) (21), [k2, p1] twice, k2, p2, k5, p2, k2, * [p1, k2] twice, p2, k1, [p1, k1] 3 times, p2, [k2, p1] twice *, k2, p2, k5, p2, k2, [p1, k2] twice, p to end.

9th row: K9 (11) (14) (16) (18) (21), [p2, ytb, sl1] twice, p2, cr3lt, p3, cr3rt, p2, * [ytb, sl1, p2] twice, k3, p1, [k1, p1] twice, k3, [p2, ytb, sl1] twice *, p2, cr3lt, p3, cr3rt, p2, [ytb, sl1, p2] twice, k to end.

10th row: P9 (11) (14) (16) (18) (21), [k2, p1] twice, k3, [p2, k3] twice, * [p1, k2] twice, p3, k1, [p1, k1] twice, p3, [k2, p1] twice *, k3, [p2, k3] twice, [p1, k2] twice, p to end.

11th row: K9 (11) (14) (16) (18) (21), [p2, ytb, sl1] twice, p3, cr3lt, p1, cr3rt, p3, * [ytb, sl1, p2] twice, cr3lt, k1, [p1, k1] twice, cr3rt, [p2, ytb, sl1] twice *, p3, cr3lt, p1, cr3rt, p3, [ytb, sl1, p2] twice, k to end.

12th row: P9 (11) (14) (16) (18) (21), [k2, p1] twice, k4, p2, k1, p2, k4, * p1, k2, p1, k3, p3, k1, p1, k1, p3, k3, p1, k2, p1 *, k4, p2, k1, p2, k4, [p1, k2] twice, p to end.

13th row: K9 (11) (14) (16) (18) (21), [p2, ytb, sl1] twice, p4, tw5, p4, * ytb, sl1, p2, ytb, sl1, p3, cr3lt, k1, p1, k1, cr3rt, p3, ytb, sl1, p2, ytb, sl1 *, p4, tw5, p4, [ytb, sl1, p2] twice, k to end.

14th row: P9 (11) (14) (16) (18) (21), [k2, p1] twice, k4, p2, k1, p2, k4, * p1, k2, p1, k4, p3, k1, p3, k4, p1, k2, p1 *, k4, p2, k1, p2, k4, [p1, k2] twice, p to end.

15th row: K9 (11) (14) (16) (18) (21), [p2, ytb, sl1] twice, p3, cr3rt, p1, cr3lt, p3, * ytb, sl1, p2, ytb, sl1,





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p4, cr3lt, k1, cr3rt, p4, ytb, sl1, p2, ytb, sl1 *, p3, cr3rt, p1, cr3lt, p3, [ytb, sl1, p2] twice, k to end.

16th row: P9 (11) (14) (16) (18) (21), [k2, p1] twice, k3, [p2, k3] twice, * p1, k2, p1, k5, p5, k5, p1, k2, p1 *, k3, [p2, k3] twice, [p1, k2] twice, p to end.

17th row: K9 (11) (14) (16) (18) (21), [p2, ytb, sl1] twice, p2, cr3rt, p3, cr3lt, p2, * ytb, sl1, p2, ytb, sl1, p5, tw5, p5, ytb, sl1, p2, ytb, sl1 *, p2, cr3rt, p3, cr3lt, p2, [ytb, sl1, p2] twice, k to end.

18th row: P9 (11) (14) (16) (18) (21), [k2, p1] twice, k2, p2, k5, p2, k2, * p1, k2, p1, k5, p2, k1, p2, k5, p1, k2, p1 *, k2, p2, k5, p2, k2, [p1, k2] twice, p to end.

19th row: K9 (11) (14) (16) (18) (21), [p2, ytb, sl1] twice, p2, k2, p2, mb, p2, k2, * ytb, sl1, p2, ytb, sl1, p4, cr3rt, p1, cr3lt, p4, ytb, sl1, p2, ytb, sl1 *, p2, k2, p2, mb, p2, k2, p2, [ytb, sl1, p2] twice, k to end.

20th row: P9 (11) (14) (16) (18) (21), [k2, p1] twice, k2, p2, k5, p2, k2, * p1, k2, p1, k4, p2, k3, p2, k4, p1, k2, p1 *, k2, p2, k5, p2, k2, [p1, k2] twice, p to end.

21st row: K9 (11) (14) (16) (18) (21), [p2, ytb, sl1] twice, p2, cr3lt, p3, cr3rt, p2, * ytb, sl1, p2, ytb, sl1, p4, k2, p1, mb, p1, k2, p4, ytb, sl1, p2, ytb, sl1 *, p2, cr3lt, p3, cr3rt, p2, [ytb, sl1, p2] twice, k to end.

22nd row: P9 (11) (14) (16) (18) (21), [k2, p1] twice, k3, [p2, k3] twice, * p1, k2, p1, k4, p2, k3, p2, k4, p1, k2, p1 *, k3, [p2, k3] twice, [p1, k2] twice, p to end.

23rd row: K9 (11) (14) (16) (18) (21), [p2, ytb, sl1] twice, p3, cr3lt, p1, cr3rt, p3, * ytb, sl1, p2, ytb, sl1, p4, cr3lt, p1, cr3rt, p4, yb, sl1, p2, ytb, sl1 *, p3, cr3lt, p1, cr3rt, p3, [ytb, sl1, p2] twice, k to end.

24th row: P9 (11) (14) (16) (18) (21), [k2, p1] twice, k4, p2, k1, p2, k4, * p1, k2, p1, k5, p2, k1, p2, k5, p1, k2, p1 *, k4, p2, k1, p2, k4, [p1, k2] twice, p to end.

These 24 rows form the pattern.

Continue in pattern until back measures 22 (24) (27) (30) (32) (33) cm, from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

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

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

2nd row: P2, pattern to last 2 sts, p2. ** Repeat last 2 rows, 13 (15) (17) (19) (20) (22) times more – 45 (45) (47) (47) (49) (49) sts.

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

Next row: P1, p2tog, pattern to last 3 sts, p2togb, p1.

Repeat last 2 rows, 3 times more – 29 (29) (31) (31) (33) (33) sts.

Leave remaining sts on a st holder.

Front

Work as back to **.

Repeat last 2 rows, 11 (13) (15) (17) (17) (19) times more – 49 (49) (51) (51) (55) (55) sts.

Divide for neck: Next row: K1, skpo, pattern14 (14) (14) (14) (17) (17), turn and work on these 16 (16) (16) (16) (19) (19) sts for left side neck.

Left side neck: Next row: Dec, pattern to end.

Next row: K1, skpo, pattern to last 2 sts, dec.

Repeat last 2 rows, 1 (1) (1) (1) (2) (2) time(s) – 10 sts.

Next row: Pattern to last 3 sts, p2togb, p1.

Next row: K1, skpo, pattern to last 2 sts, dec.

Repeat last 2 rows, once more – 4 sts.

Next row: P1, p2togb, p1.

Next row: k1, skpo – 2 sts.

P2tog and fasten off.

Right side neck: With right side facing, sl centre 15 (15) (17) (17) (15) (15) sts onto a st holder, rejoin yarn to remaining 17 (17) (17) (17) (20) (20) sts, pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Next row: Pattern to last 2 sts, dec.

Next row: Dec, pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Repeat last 2 rows, 1 (1) (1) (1) (2) (2) time(s) more – 10 sts.

Next row: P1, p2tog, pattern to end.

Next row: Dec, pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Repeat last 2 rows, once more – 4 sts.

Next row: P1, p2tog, p1.

Next row: K2tog, k1 – 2 sts.

P2tog and fasten off.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 4mm needles, cast on 35 (37) (37) (39) (39) (41) sts.

Work 4 (4) (4) (5) (5) (5) cm in rib as given on back, ending with a right side row.

Increase row: Rib 1 (2) (5) (6) (4) (5), [up1, rib 3 (3) (2) (2) (2) (2)] 11 (11) (13) (13) (15) (15) times, up1, rib 1 (2) (6) (7) (5) (6) – 47 (49) (51) (53) (55) (57) sts.

Change to 5mm needles.

1st row: K10 (11) (12) (13) (14) (15), p2, work from * to * on 1st pattern row of back, p2, k to end.

2nd row: P10 (11) (12) (13) (14) (15), k2, work from * to * on 2nd pattern row of back, k2, p to end.

The last 2 rows set position of cable pattern at centre with ss sides.

Continue as set, working cable pattern as back and taking extra sts into ss, inc 1 st at each end of next row and 5 (6) (8) (9) (10) (11) following 6th rows – 59 (63) (69) (73) (77) (81) sts.

Continue without further shaping until sleeve measures 25

(29) (33) (37) (39) (41) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

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

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

2nd row: P2, pattern to last 2 sts, p2. Repeat last 2 rows, 13 (15) (16) (18) (18) (21) times – 25 (25) (29) (29) (33) (29) sts.

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

Next row: P1, p2tog, pattern to last 3 sts, p2togb, p1.

Repeat last 2 rows, 3 (3) (4) (4) (5) (4) times more – 9 sts. Leave these sts on a safety-pin.

Neckband

Join raglan seams, leaving left back raglan open.

With right side facing and using 4mm needles, k1, [k2tog, k2] twice across 9 sts of left sleeve, pick up and k11 (11) (11) (11) (13) (13) sts down left front neck, k2 (2) (3) (3) (5) (5), [k2tog, k1] 3 (3) (3) (3) (1) (1) time(s), k2tog, k2 (2) (3) (3) (5) (5) across centre front sts, pick up and k11 (11) (11) (11) (12) (12) sts up right front neck, k1, [k2tog, k2] twice across 9 sts of right sleeve, k1 (1) (2) (2) (3) (3), [k2tog, k2] 6 times, k2tog, k2 (2) (3) (3) (4) (4) times across back neck sts – 69 (69) (73) (73) (79) (79) sts.

Beginning with the 2nd row, work 6cm in rib as on back, ending with a wrong side row.

Cast off loosely in rib.

To make up

Join left back raglan and neckband seam. Join side and sleeve seams.

Fold neckband in half to wrong side and catch down.





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Throw and cushion
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Throw & Cushion Cover

Measurements

Throw: Approx 99 x 125cm/39 x 49in.

Cushion: Approx 44 x 44cm/17¼ x 17¼in.

Materials

Throw: 16 x 50g (93m) balls of Sirdar Simply Recycled Aran (51% cotton, 49% acrylic) in Pacific (041).

Cushion cover: 4 x 50g (93m) balls of Sirdar Simply Recycled Aran (51% cotton, 49% acrylic) in Pacific (041). A 45 x 45cm/18 x 18in square cushion pad.

For both items: A pair of 5mm (No. 6) knitting needles. **You can buy the yarn online at womansweeklyshop.co.uk.** For other yarn stockists, call Sirdar Spinning Ltd on 01924 371501.

Tension

18 stitches and 24 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over double moss stitch and 49-stitch cable panel to measure 20cm, using 5mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **sl**, slip; **tog**, together; **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **tw2**, twist 2 (sl next st onto cable needle and leave at back, k1, then k st from cable needle); **cr2rt**, cross 2 right (sl next st onto cable needle and leave at back, k2, then p st from cable needle); **cr3lt**, cross 3 left (sl next 2 sts onto cable needle and leave at front, p1, then k2 from cable needle); **cr4rt**, cross 4 right (sl next 2 sts onto cable needle and leave at back k2, then p1, k1 from cable needle); **cr4lt**, cross 4 left (sl next 2 sts onto cable needle and leave at front, k1, p1, then k2 from cable needle); **c4b**, cable 4 back (sl next 2 sts onto cable needle leave at back, k2, then k2 from cable needle); **c4f**, cable 4 front (as c4b but leave cable needle at front); **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and k or p into back of it; **dmst**, double moss st.

Note

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

THROW

Right side panel

With 5mm needles, cast on 91 sts.

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

2nd and 3rd rows: P1, [k1, p1] to end.

4th row: K1, [p1, k1] to end.

These 4 rows form dmst. Work 1st to 3rd rows again.

Increase row: Dmst 5, [up1, dmst 3] 11 times, up1, dmst 11, [up1, dmst 3] 11 times, up1, dmst 9 – 115 sts.

1st row: [K1, p1] 4 times, * c4b, c4f, p3, tw2, p6, cr4rt, p1, cr4lt, p6, tw2, p3, c4b, c4f *, p1, [k1, p1] 4 times, work from * to * once, [p1, k1] twice.

2nd row: [P1, k1] twice, * p8, k3, p2, k6, p2, k1, [p1, k1] twice, p2, k6, p2, k3, p8 *, k1, [p1, k1] 4 times, work from * to * once, [k1, p1] 4 times.

3rd row: [P1, k1] 3 times, p2, * k8, p3, tw2, p5, cr3rt, k1, [p1, k1] twice, cr3lt, p5, tw2, p3, k8 *, p2, k1, [p1, k1] twice, p2, work from * to * once, p2, k1, p1.

4th row: K1, p1, k2, * p8, k3, p2, k5, p2, k1, [p1, k1] 3 times, p2, k5, p2, k3, p8 *, k2, p1, [k1, p1] twice, k2, work from * to * once, k2, [p1, k1] 3 times.

5th row: [K1, p1] 4 times, * c4b, c4f, p3, tw2, p4, cr3rt, k1, [p1, k1] 3 times, cr3lt, p4, tw2, p3, c4b, c4f *, p1, [k1, p1] 4 times, work from * to * once more, [p1, k1] twice.

6th row: [P1, k1] twice, * p8, k3, p2, k4, p2, k1, [p1, k1] 4 times, p2, k4, p2, k3, p8 *, k1, [p1, k1] 4 times, work from * to * once, [k1, p1] 4 times.

7th row: [P1, k1] 3 times, p2, * k8, p3, tw2, p3, cr3rt, k1, [p1, k1] 4 times, cr3lt, p3, tw2, p3, k8 *, p2, k1, [p1, k1] twice, p2, work from * to * once, p2, k1, p1.

8th row: K1, p1, k2, * p8, [k3, p2] twice, k1, [p1, k1] 5 times, [p2, k3] twice, p8 *, k2, p1, [k1, p1] twice, k2, work from * to * once, k2, [p1, k1] 3 times.

9th row: [K1, p1] 4 times, * c4b, c4f, p3, tw2, p2, cr3rt, k1, [p1, k1] 5 times, cr3lt, p2, tw2, p3, c4b, c4f *, p1, [k1, p1] 4 times, work from * to * once, [p1, k1] twice.

10th row: [P1, k1] twice, * p8, k3, p2, k2, p2, k1, [p1, k1] 6 times, p2, k2, p2, k3, p8 *, k1, [p1, k1] 4 times, work from * to * once, [k1, p1] 4 times.

11th row: [P1, k1] 3 times, p2, * k8, p3, tw2, p2, cr3lt, p1, [k1, p1] 5 times, cr3rt, p2, tw2, p3, k8 *, p2, k1, [p1, k1] twice, p2, work from * to * once, p2, k1, p1.

12th row: As 8th row.

13th row: [K1, p1] 4 times, * c4b, c4f, p3, tw2, p3, cr3lt, p1, [k1, p1] 4 times, cr3rt, p3, tw2, p3, c4b, c4f *, p1, [k1, p1] 4 times, work from * to * once, [p1, k1] twice.

14th row: As 6th row.

15th row: [P1, k1] 3 times, p2, * k8, p3, tw2, p4, cr3lt, p1, [k1, p1] 3 times, cr3rt, p4, tw2, p3, k8 *, p2, k1, [p1, k1] twice, p2, work from * to * once, p2, k1, p1.

16th row: As 4th row.

17th row: [K1, p1] 4 times, * c4b, c4f, p3, tw2, p5, cr3lt, p1, [k1, p1] twice, cr3rt, p5, tw2, p3, c4b, c4f *, p1, [k1, p1] 4 times, work from * to * once, [p1, k1] twice.

18th row: As 2nd row.

19th row: [P1, k1] 3 times, p2, * k8, p3, tw2, p6, cr3lt, p1, k1, p1, cr3rt, p6, tw2, p3, k8 *, p2, k1, [p1, k1] twice, p2, work from * to * once, p2, k1, p1.

20th row: K1, p1, k2, * p8, k3, p2, k6, p9, k6, p2, k3, p8 *, k2, p1, [k1, p1] twice, k2, work from * to * once, k2, [p1, k1] 3 times.

21st row: [K1, p1] 4 times, * c4b, c4f, p3, tw2, p6, c4b, p1, c4f, p6, tw2, p3, c4b, c4f *, p1, [k1, p1] 4 times, work from * to * once, [p1, k1] twice.

22nd row: [P1, k1] twice, * p8, k3, p2, k6, p4, k1, p4, k6, p2, k3, p8 *, k1, [p1, k1] 4 times, work from * to * once, [k1, p1] 4 times.

23rd row: [P1, k1] 3 times, p2, * k8, p3, tw2, p6, k4, p1, k4, p6, tw2, p3, k8 *, p2, k1, [p1, k1] twice, p2, work from * to * once, p2, k1, p1.

24th row: K1, p1, k2, * p8, k3, p2, k6, p4, k1, p4, k6, p2, k3, p8 *, k2, p1, [k1, p1] twice, k2, work from * to * once, k2, [p1, k1] 3 times.

25th to 28th rows: As 21st to 24th rows. These 28 rows form the pattern.

Repeat them eight times more, then work 1st to 22nd rows again.

Dec row: Pattern 5, [work 2tog, pattern 2] 11 times, work 2tog pattern 9, [work 2tog, pattern 2] 11 times, work 2tog pattern 9 – 91 sts.

Dmst 8 rows. Cast off in dmst.

Left side panel

With 5mm needles, cast on 93 sts.

Dmst 7 rows as on right side panel.

Increase row: Dmst 9, [up1, dmst 3] 11 times, up1, dmst 11, [up1, dmst 3] 11 times, up1, dmst 7 – 117 sts.

1st row: [K1, p1] 3 times, work from * to * on 1st row of right side panel, p1, [k1, p1] 4 times, work from * to * on 1st row of right side panel, [p1, k1] 4 times.

2nd row: [P1, k1] 4 times, work from * to * on 2nd row of right side panel, k1, [p1, k1] 4 times, work from * to * on 2nd row of right side panel, [k1, p1] 3 times.

3rd row: [P1, k1] twice, p2, work from * to * on 3rd row of right side panel, p2, k1 [p1, k1] twice, p2, work from * to * on 3rd row of right side panel, p2, [k1, p1] 3 times.

4th row: [K1, p1] 3 times, k2, work from * to * on 4th row of right side panel, k2, p1, [k1, p1] twice, k2, work from * to * on 4th row of right side panel, k2, [p1, k1] twice.

The last 4 rows form dmst and set position of cable panels.

Continue until you have worked 28 rows as on right side panel.

Repeat these 28 rows, 8 times more, then work 1st to 22nd rows again.

Dec row: Pattern 9, [work 2tog, pattern 2] 11 times, work 2tog, pattern 9, [work 2tog, pattern 2] 11 times, work 2tog, pattern 7 – 93 sts.

Dmst 8 rows. Cast off in dmst.

To make up

Join right and left panels together. Make 4 large tassels and attach one in each corner as shown in photograph.

CUSHION

Front

With 5mm needles, cast on 105 sts.

1st row: P1, work from * to * on 1st row of right side panel of throw, p1, [k1, p1] 4 times, work from * to * on 1st row of right side panel of throw, p1.

2nd row: K1, work from * to * on 2nd row of right side panel of throw, k1, [p1, k1] 4 times, work from * to * on 2nd row of right side panel of throw, k1.

3rd row: P1, work from * to * on 3rd row of right side panel of throw, p2, k1, [p1, k1] twice, p2, work from * to * on 3rd row of right side panel of throw, p1.

4th row: K1, work from * to * on 4th row of right side panel of throw, k2, p1, [k1, p1] twice, k2, work from * to * on 4th row on right side panel of throw, k1.

The last 4 rows form dmst and set position of cable panels. Continue until you have worked 28 rows.

Repeat these 28 rows twice more, then work 1st to 24th rows again.

Cast off firmly in pattern.

Back

With 5mm needles, cast on 81 sts.

Work in dmst as given on right side panel of throw, until back measures the same as front, ending with a right side row. Cast off in dmst.



To make up

Join seams leaving an opening. Insert cushion pad and join opening.

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With its classic, clean lines, Marion Foale's stylish jacket will never go out of fashion



Knitted history

Marion Foale studied fashion design at the Royal College of Art. On attaining her degree in 1961, she launched one of Carnaby Street's trendiest boutiques, Foale and Tuffin, with fellow art student Sally Tuffin.

During the Sixties, they designed clothes for films such as *Kaleidoscope*, starring Susannah York and Warren Beatty, and *Two for the Road* with Audrey Hepburn and Albert Finney.

At the beginning of the 1970s, Marion settled into family life on the Warwickshire borders. Realising that there was a market for quality knitwear, she set about producing her own collection, from home, using her fashion background to design a new style of tailored structured shapes with an imaginative use of traditional stitches.

Forty years on, Marion runs an international fashion business, selling her exclusive range to customers all over the world. The collection is available from many special stockists throughout the UK, as well as stores across the United States and Japan.



Attention to detail is a key part of Marion's design style – her pieces are elegant and flattering, with exquisite tailoring. You can buy this pink jacket pattern at womansweeklyshop.co.uk/knits



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Instructions
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BUST 34

Measurements

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

Actual measurements 97 (101.5)
(106.5) (111) cm/38¼ (40) (42) (43¾) in.

Side seam All sizes 44cm/17½in.

Length to shoulder 61 (62) (63) (65)
cm/24 (24½) (25) (25½) in.

Sleeve seam 43 (43) (44) (44) cm/
17 (17) (17½) (17½) in.

Materials

16 (17) (19) (20) 50g (220m) balls of
Marion Foale's 3 ply Wool (100% wool).
Pair of 3mm (No. 11) and 3¾mm
(No. 9) knitting needles; 3 buttons.
Yarn is available in a few colours and
costs £5.50 per 50g ball including p&p
in UK. For further information, call
01827 720333 (Monday to Thursday,
9am-4pm), or email foale.@talk21.com

Tension

25 stitches and 34 rows, to 10 x 10cm,
over stocking stitch, using two strands
of yarn together and 3¾mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together;
dec, decrease (by working 2 sts tog);
inc, increase (by working twice into
same st); **ss**, stocking st (k on right side
and p on wrong side); **k2togb**, k2tog
through back of sts; **gst**, garter st
(every row k or every row p); **nil**,
meaning nothing is worked here for
this size; **wrap 1**, slip next st onto right
hand needle, take yarn between
needles to opposite side of work, place
the slipped st back onto left hand
needle, bring yarn back.

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.

Shape armhole: Cast off 6 sts at
beginning of next row.

Dec row: K to last 5 sts, k2tog, k3. P 1 row.
Repeat last 2 rows, 7 (8) (9) (9) times
more, then work dec row again – 32
(34) (36) (39) sts.

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

Shape neck: Dec row: K3, k2togb, k
to end.

P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 3 (4) (4) (5) times
more, then work dec row again – 27 (28)
(30) (32) sts.

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

Shape shoulder: Next row: K to last
7 sts, wrap1, turn. P 1 row.

Next row: K to last 14 sts, wrap1, turn.
P 1 row.

Next row: K to last 21 sts, wrap1, turn.
P 1 row.

Leave these sts on a spare needle.

Back

With 3mm needles and using two
strands of yarn together, cast on 159
(165) (171) (177) sts.

K 44 rows.

Change to 3¾mm needles.

1st row: K65 (68) (71) (74), p29, k65 (68)
(71) (74).

2nd row: P.

These 2 rows set position of gst panel
at centre.

Repeat last 2 rows, twice more.

1st dec row: K3, k2togb, k59 (62) (65)
(68), k2togb, p27, k2tog, k59 (62) (65)
(68), k2tog, k3 – 155 (161) (167) (173) sts.
Working 2 sts less in gst at centre and
remainder in ss, work another 9 rows.

2nd dec row: K63 (66) (69) (72), k2togb,
p25, k2tog, k63 (66) (69) (72) – 153 (159)
(165) (171) sts.

Working 2 sts less in gst at centre, work
another 9 rows.

Continue in this way, dec 1 st at side
edges on next row and 4 following 20th
rows, at the same time, dec 1 st at each
side of gst centre panel on next row and
9 following 10th rows (5 sts remaining in
gst panel) – 123 (129) (135) (141) sts.
Work 1 row.

Shape armholes: Cast off 6 sts at
beginning of next 2 rows.

Next dec row: K3, k2togb, work to last
5 sts, k2tog, k3. P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, twice more – 105
(111) (117) (123) sts.

Next dec row: K3, k2togb, k44 (47) (50)
(53), k2togb, p3, k2tog, k to last 5 sts,
k2tog, k3 – 101 (107) (113) (119) sts.
P 1 row.

Next dec row: K3, k2togb, work to last
5 sts, k2tog, k3. P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 3 times more – 93 (99)
(105) (111) sts.

Pocket linings

(make 2)

With 3¾mm needles and using two
strands of yarn together, cast on 37 (38)
(39) (40) sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 32 rows.

Leave these sts on a st holder.

Left front

With 3mm needles and using two
strands of yarn together, cast on 73 (76)
(79) (82) sts.

K 43 rows.

Next row: K20 and slip these 20 sts onto
st holder, k to end – 53 (56) (59) (62) sts.

Change to 3¾mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, work 6 rows in ss.

Dec row: K3, k2togb, k to end. Ss 19 rows.
Work dec row again – 51 (54) (57) (60) sts.
Ss 7 rows.

Pocket placing row: K7 (8) (9) (10), slip
next 37 (38) (39) (40) sts onto st holder, k
across sts of one pocket lining, k to end.
Ss 11 rows.

Work dec row. Ss 19 rows.

Repeat last 20 rows, twice more, then
work dec row again – 47 (50) (53) (56) sts.
Ss 11 rows.

Shape armhole: Cast off 6 sts at
beginning of next row. P 1 row.

Dec row: K3, k2togb, k to end. P 1 row.
Repeat last 2 rows, 7 (8) (9) (9) times
more, then work dec row again – 32
(34) (36) (39) sts.

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

Shape neck: Dec row: K to last 5 sts,

k2tog, k3. P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 3 (4) (4) (5) times
more, then work dec row again – 27
(28) (30) (32) sts.

Ss another 22 (20) (22) (22) rows.

Shape shoulder: Next row: P to last
7 sts, wrap1, turn. K 1 row.

Next row: P to last 14 sts, wrap1, turn.
K 1 row.

Next row: P to last 21 sts, wrap1 and slip
the last 21 sts onto right needle.
Break off yarn and leave these sts on a
spare needle.

Right front

With 3mm needles and using two
strands of yarn together, cast on 73 (76)
(79) (82) sts.

K 43 rows.

Next row: K to last 20 sts and slip
these 20 sts onto st holder – 53 (56)
(59) (62) sts.

Change to 3¾mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, work 6 rows in ss.

Dec row: K to last 5 sts, k2tog, k3.

Ss 19 rows.

Work dec row again – 51 (54) (57) (60) sts.
Ss 7 rows.

Pocket placing row: K7 (8) (9) (10), slip
next 37 (38) (39) (40) sts onto st holder, k
across sts of one pocket lining, k to end.
Ss 11 rows.

Work dec row. Ss 19 rows.

Repeat last 20 rows, twice more, then
work dec row again – 47 (50) (53) (56) sts.
Ss 12 rows.



Next dec row: K3, k2togb, k39 (42) (45) (48), k2togb, p1, k2tog, k to last 5 sts, k2tog, k3 – 89 (95) (101) (107) sts.

Keeping the 1 st at centre in gst and remainder in ss, dec 1 st at each end as before on nil (1) (2) (2) following alternate rows – 89 (93) (97) (103) sts. Work another 41 (41) (43) (47) rows.

Shape shoulders: Next 2 rows: Work to last 7 sts, wrap1, turn.

Next 2 rows: Work to last 14 sts, wrap1, turn.

Next 2 rows: Work to last 21 sts, wrap1, turn.

Next row: K to last 27 (28) (30) (32) sts, wrap1, turn.

Next row: P to last 27 (28) (30) (32) sts, wrap1 and break off yarn, then slip the last 27 (28) (30) (32) sts onto right needle.

Join shoulders: With point of needle holding right front shoulder sts at armhole edge, place wrong side of right front on wrong side of back.

With right side of back facing, using 3¾mm needles, two strands of yarn together, and taking 1 st from back and 1 st from front and working them tog, cast off right shoulder sts, cast off next 35 (37) (37) (39) sts at centre back. Slip st on right needle back onto left needle. With point of needle holding left front shoulder sts at neck edge, place wrong side of left front on wrong side of back and cast off left shoulder sts in same way as right shoulder.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 3mm needles and using two strands of yarn together, cast on 64 (67) (71) (75) sts.

K 44 rows.

Change to 3¾mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 4 (4) (8) (8) rows.

Inc row: K2, inc in next st, k to last 4 sts, inc in next st, k3. Ss 11 rows.

Repeat last 12 rows, 7 times more, then work inc row again – 82 (85) (89) (93) sts. Ss another 15 rows.

Shape top: Cast off 6 sts at beginning of next 2 rows. Ss 2 rows.

Dec 1 st each end of next row and 2 following 3rd rows – 64 (67) (71) (75) sts. P 1 row.

Dec 1 st each end of next row and 15 following alternate rows then on next 7 (9) (11) (13) rows – 18 (17) (17) (17) sts. Cast off.

Button band

Using two strands of yarn together, rejoin yarn to inner edge of 20 sts on left

front safety-pin and with 3mm needles, k to end.

Continue in gst until band when slightly stretched, fits left front to beginning of neck shaping, ending with a wrong side row. Leave these sts on st holder.

Sew band in position. Mark band to indicate buttons, first one 20cm up from cast-on edge, last one 42 rows down from top and remaining one evenly spaced between.

Buttonhole band

Work to match button band, making buttonholes at marked positions, thus:

Buttonhole row (right side): K6, cast off 3, k to end.

Next row: K to last 6 sts, yarn round needle twice, k to end.

Next row: K6, then k1, p1, k1 all into yarn round needle twice of previous row, k to end.

Do not break off yarn. Sew band in position.

Collar

With right side facing, using 3mm needles and attached yarn, k20 sts from buttonhole band, pick up and k28 (28) (30) (31) sts up right front neck, 35 (37) (37) (39) sts across back neck, pick up and k28 (28) (30) (31) sts down left front neck, then k20 sts from button band – 131 (133) (137) (141) sts.

K 48 (48) (50) (52) rows.

Cast off in k1, p1 rib.

Pocket tops

(both alike)

With right side facing, using 3mm needles and two strands of yarn together, k across sts of one pocket top. K 10 rows. Cast off.

To make up

Catch down pocket linings and sides of pocket tops. Set in sleeves. Join side and sleeve seams. Sew on buttons.

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Bygone Baby

A smart retro jacket for special outings (and those stylish days at home, too)



We're really lucky to have such a rich back catalogue of fantastic Woman's Weekly knitting and crochet patterns. This neat jacket originally featured in the 23 February 1963 issue.



- Easy Peasy
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Measurements

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

Actual measurements 48 (52) (56) (60) cm/19 (20½) (22) (23½) in.

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

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

Sleeve seam 15 (17) (19) (22) cm/6 (6¾) (7½) (8½) in.

Materials

3 (3) (4) (4) 50g (170m) balls of Sublime Baby Cashmere Merino Silk 4 ply (75% merino, 20% silk, 5% cashmere) in Paddle (100). A pair of 3mm (No. 11) and 3¼mm (No. 10) knitting needles; 6 buttons. **You can buy the yarn online at womansweeklyshop.co.uk.** For other yarn stockists, call Sublime on 01924 369666.

Tension

30 stitches and 36 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over pattern, using 3¼mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **yrn**, yarn round needle to make a st; **gst**, garter st (every row p); **wrap1**, slip next st onto right-hand needle, take yarn between needles to opposite side of work, place the slipped st back onto left-hand needle, turn, bring yarn back.

Note

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at beginning of next row – 8 (9) (10) (11) sts.

Work 1 row. Cast off.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 3mm needles, cast on 39 (43) (47) (51) sts.

Work 12 (14) (14) (16) rows in pattern as given on back.

Change to 3¼mm needles.

Taking extra sts into pattern as they occur, inc 1 st at each end of next row and 7 (8) (9) (10) following 6th rows – 55 (61) (67) (73) sts.

Continue in pattern for a few more rows until sleeve measures 15 (17) (19) (22) cm from beginning, ending with a 2nd row.

Mark each end of last row.

Work a further 6 rows. Cast off.

Collar

Join shoulder seams. With right side facing and using 3¼mm needles, slip 24 (26) (28) (30) sts from right front st holder onto needle, rejoin yarn, pick up and k14 (14) (16) (16) sts up right front neck, work across 31 (33) (35) (37) sts at back neck thus, k2 (3) (4) (3), k2tog, [k3 (3) (3) (4), k2tog] 5 times, k2 (3) (4) (2), pick up and k14 (14) (16) (16) sts down left front neck, then pattern across 24 (26) (28) (30) sts on left front st holder – 101 (107) (117) (123) sts.

Change to 3mm needles.

Next 2 rows: P to last 38 (40) (44) (46) sts, wrap1, turn.

Next 2 rows: P to last 34 (36) (40) (42) sts, wrap1, turn.

Next 2 rows: P to last 30 (32) (36) (38) sts, wrap1, turn.

Next 2 rows: P to last 26 (28) (32) (34) sts, wrap1, turn.

Next 2 rows: P to last 22 (24) (28) (30) sts, wrap1, turn.

Next row: P to end. P 1 row across all sts.

Next 2 rows: Cast off 14 (15) (16) (17) sts pwise, p to end – 73 (77) (85) (89) sts.

Change to 3¼mm needles.

Next row: P to end.

Next row: P3, k1, [p1, k1] to last 3 sts, p3. Repeat last 2 rows, 7 (8) (8) (9) times.

P 2 rows. Cast off pwise.

To make up

Sew cast-off edge of sleeves to armholes, sewing rows above markers to cast-off stitches at underarms. Join side and sleeve seams. Sew on buttons.

Back

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 73 (79) (85) (91) sts.

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

2nd row: P to end.

These 2 rows form the broken rib pattern. Continue in pattern until back measures 12 (14) (15) (16) cm from beginning, ending with a 2nd row.

Shape armholes: Cast off 5 sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 63 (69) (75) (81) sts.

Continue straight until armhole measures 9 (10) (11) (12) cm, ending with a 2nd row.

Shape shoulders: Cast off 8 (9) (10) (11) sts at beginning of next 4 rows – 31 (33) (35) (37) sts. Leave these sts on a spare needle.

Left front

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 52 (56) (60) (64) sts.

1st row: K1, [p1, k1] to last 3 sts, p3.

2nd row: P to end.

These 2 rows form the broken rib pattern and gst band.

Continue in pattern until front measures 12 (14) (15) (16) cm from beginning, ending with a 2nd row.

Shape armhole: Cast off 5 sts at beginning of next row – 47 (51) (55) (59) sts.

Continue straight until armhole measures 5 (6) (6) (7) cm, ending with a 2nd row.

Shape neck: **Next row:** Pattern 23 (25) (27) (29) and turn, leaving remaining 24 (26) (28) (30) sts on a st holder.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on each of the next 7 rows – 16 (18) (20) (22) sts.

Continue until front measures the same as

back to shoulder shaping, ending with a 2nd row.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 8 (9) (10) (11) sts at beginning of next row – 8 (9) (10) (11) sts. Work 1 row. Cast off.

Right front

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 52 (56) (60) (64) sts.

1st row: P3, k1, [p1, k1] to end.

2nd row: P to end.

These 2 rows form the broken rib pattern and gst band.

Continue in pattern until front measures 7 (8) (9) (9) cm from beginning, ending with a 2nd row.

Buttonholes row: P2, p2tog, yrn, pattern 27 (29) (31) (33), yrn, p2tog, pattern 19 (21) (23) (25).

Continue until front measures 12 (14) (15) (16) cm from beginning, ending with a 2nd row.

Work buttonholes row again.

Shape armhole: Cast off 5 sts at beginning of next row – 47 (51) (55) (59) sts.

Continue straight until armhole measures 5 (6) (6) (7) cm, ending with a 2nd row.

Shape neck: **Next row:** P2, p2tog, yrn, pattern 20 (22) (24) (26) and leave these 24 (26) (28) (30) sts on a st holder, pattern 7, yrn, p2tog, pattern 14 (16) (18) (20).

Dec 1 st at neck edge on each of the next 7 rows – 16 (18) (20) (22) sts.

Continue until front measures the same as back to shoulder shaping, ending with a 1st row.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 8 (9) (10) (11) sts

Happy Easter!

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Egg-cellent Decs

What a cracking idea for an Easter-themed display

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Instructions on p35



Easy Peasy



A Bit More Tricky



Hard-ish



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Bunny Girl

Not many lady rabbits are this well turned out!

Knitting

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White Rabbit

Make this cute fellow and watch him hop into your little one's heart

Crochet

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Blooming Lovely

A gorgeous pot of flowers to brighten up a dull corner

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Happy Shopper

Perfect to keep handy for shopping trips
and to take on holiday, too

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Chicken Fun

Pop our plumpious family on an Easter table or kitchen dresser

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Instructions on p40

Hoppy Birth-day

His soft body, floppy ears and embroidered features mean this little bunny's the ideal gift for a newborn

Knitting

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Happy Easter... Patterns

Egg-cellent Decs

Materials

Small amount of DK yarn. Size 3.00 crochet hook. Small amount of toy stuffing. Narrow ribbon for decoration.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **dc**, double crochet; **st**, stitch; **slst**, slip st; **dc2tog**, work 2dc together [insert hook in next st, yarn over hook and pull through] twice, yarn over hook and pull through 3 loops on hook.

Note

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place as slst, [2dc in next st] to end, slst in first st – 12 sts.

3rd round: 1ch (counts as 1 st), 1dc in same place as slst, 1dc in next st, [2dc in next st, 1dc in next st] to end, slst in first st – 18 sts.

4th round: 1ch (counts as 1 st), 1dc in same place as slst, 1dc in each of next 2 sts, [2dc in next st, 1dc in each of next 2 sts] to end, slst in first st – 24 sts.

5th round: 1ch (counts as 1 st), 1dc in same place as slst, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, [2dc in next st, 1dc in each of next 3 sts] to end, slst in first st – 30 sts.

6th round: 1ch (counts as 1 st), 1dc in same place as slst, 1dc in each of next 4 sts, [2dc in next st, 1dc in each of next 4 sts] to end, slst

in first st – 36 sts.

7th round: 1ch (counts as 1 st), [1dc in next st] to end, slst in first st.

Repeat 7th round, 8 times more.

16th round: 1ch (counts as 1 st), [dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 5 sts] to end, slst in first st – 31 sts.

17th round: 1ch (counts as 1 st), [dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 4 sts] to end, slst in first st – 26 sts.

18th round: 1ch (counts as 1 st), [dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 3 sts] to end, slst in first st – 21 sts.

19th round: 1ch (counts as 1 st), [dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 2 sts] to end, slst in first st – 16 sts.

20th round: 1ch (counts as 1 st), [dc2tog, 1dc in next st] to end, slst in first st – 11 sts. Stuff egg firmly.

21st round: 1ch (counts as 1 st), [dc2tog] to end, slst in first st – 6 sts.

Fasten off.

Add more stuffing if needed.

Gather fastened-off edge, pull up tightly and secure. Place ribbon around centre of egg and secure in position.

To make

With 3.00 hook, make 1ch.

1st round: 6dc in ch, slst in first st.

2nd round: 1ch (counts as 1 st), 1dc in same

Bunny Girl



BUNNY

Left leg

Foot: With 2¾mm needles and Fern, cast on 5 sts. P 1 row.

1st increase row: K1, [up1, k1] to end – 9 sts. P 1 row.

2nd increase row: K1, [up1, k3, up1, k1] twice – 13 sts. P 1 row.

3rd increase row: K1, up1, k4, up1, k3, up1, k4, up1, k1 – 17 sts. Ss 8 rows.

Shape heel: 1st row: P16, wrap1, turn.

2nd and 3rd rows: K8, wrap1, turn, p7, wrap1, turn.

4th and 5th rows: K6, wrap1, turn, p5, wrap1, turn.

6th and 7th rows: K4, wrap1, turn, p3, wrap1, turn.

8th and 9th rows: K4, wrap1, turn, p5, wrap1, turn.

10th and 11th rows: K6, wrap1, turn, p7, wrap1, turn.

12th and 13th rows: K8, wrap1, turn, p to end.

Leg: Continue straight in ss for another 36 rows.

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

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 2 following alternate rows, then on next 2 rows – 3 sts. Cast off.

Right leg

Foot: With 2¾mm needles and Fern, cast on 5 sts. P 1 row.

1st increase row: K1, [up1, k1] to end – 9 sts. P 1 row.

2nd increase row: K1, [up1, k3, up1, k1] twice – 13 sts. P 1 row.

3rd increase row: K1, up1, k4, up1, k3, up1, k4, up1, k1 – 17 sts. Ss 9 rows.

Shape heel: 1st row: K16, wrap1, turn.

2nd and 3rd rows: P8, wrap1, turn, k7, wrap1, turn.

4th and 5th rows: P6, wrap1, turn, k5, wrap1, turn.

Measurements

Approximately 37cm/14½in tall.

Materials

1 x 100g (450m) ball of Stylecraft Life 4 ply (75% acrylic, 25% wool) in each of Fern (2311), Cream (2305) and Mint (2342). Small amount of DK yarn in Black and Grey for embroidery. Pair of 2¾mm (No. 12) and 3mm (No. 11) knitting needles. Washable toy stuffing; 6 bendy rollers; 2 press studs. **You can buy the yarn from womansweeklyshop.co.uk.** For other yarn stockists, call 01535 609798.

Tension

34 stitches and 42 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 2¾mm needles. 31 stitches and 39 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 3mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **skpo**, slip 1, k1, pass slip st over; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **gst**, garter st (every row k); **yf**, yarn forward to make a st; **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and work into the back of it; **wrap1**, slip next st onto right hand needle, take yarn between needles to opposite side of work, place the slipped st back onto left hand needle, bring yarn back.

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6th and 7th rows: P4, wrap1, turn, k3, wrap1, turn.

8th and 9th rows: P4, wrap1, turn, k5, wrap1, turn.

10th and 11th rows: P6, wrap1, turn, k7, wrap1, turn.

12th and 13th rows: P8, wrap1, turn, k to end.

Leg: Continue straight in ss for another 35 rows.

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

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 2 following alternate rows, then on next 2 rows – 3 sts. Cast off.

Arms (make 2)

Hand: With 2¾mm needles and Cream, cast on 5 sts. P 1 row.

1st increase row: K1, [up1, k1] to end. P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, once more – 17 sts.

2nd increase row: K2, [up1, k3] to end – 22 sts. Ss 5 rows.

Dec row: K2, [k2tog, k2] to end – 17 sts.

Arm: Continue straight in ss for another 29 rows.

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

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 2 following alternate rows, then on next 2 rows – 3 sts. Cast off.

Body

Lower part: With 2¾mm needles and Fern, cast on 25 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 18 rows.

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

Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows and 3 following alternate rows – 9 sts.

Ss 4 rows straight.

Inc 1 st at each end of next row and 3 following alternate rows then on following row – 19 sts.

Cast on 3 sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 25 sts. Ss another 18 rows. Cast off.

Upper part: With 2¾mm needles and Cream, cast on 25 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 18 rows.

Shape armholes: Cast off 2 sts at beginning of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows – 17 sts. Ss 5 rows straight.

Shape neck: Next row: P7, cast off 3, p to end. Work on last set of 7 sts only for left side. Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 2 rows – 5 sts. K 1 row.

Break off yarn and rejoin yarn at inside edge of right side sts.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 2 rows – 5 sts. K 1 row.

Joining row: P5, cast on 7 sts, then p5 sts of left side – 17 sts. Ss 6 rows.

Inc 1 st at each end of next 2 rows.

Cast on 2 sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 25 sts. Ss another 18 rows. Cast off.

Head

With 2¾mm needles and Cream, cast on 10 sts for centre back. P 1 row.

1st increase row: K1, [up1, k1] to end. P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, once more – 37 sts.

2nd increase row: K1, [up1, k3] to end – 49 sts. P 1 row.

3rd increase row: K1, [up1, k4] to end – 61 sts. Ss 3 rows.

4th increase row: K1, [up1, k5] to end – 73 sts. Ss 17 rows.

Shape front: 1st dec row: K11, [k2tog, k5] 7 times, k2tog, k11 – 65 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: K10, [k2tog, k1] 4 times, [k2tog, k4] 3 times, [k2tog, k1] 4 times, k2tog, k11 – 53 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd dec row: K8, k2tog, k1, [k2tog] 3 times, k1, [k2tog, k3] 3 times, k2tog, k1, [k2tog] 3 times, k1, k2tog, k8 – 41 sts. P 1 row.

4th dec row: K5, [k2tog, k2] 3 times, k2tog, k3, k2tog, [k2, k2tog] 3 times, k5 – 33 sts. P 1 row.

5th dec row: K5, [k2tog, k1] 7 times, k2tog, k5 – 25 sts. P 1 row.

6th dec row: K1, [k2tog] to end – 13 sts.

7th dec row: P1, [p2tog] to end – 7 sts.

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

Ears (make 2)

With 2¾mm needles and Cream, cast on 26 sts. Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows.

1st increase row: K6, up1, k2, up1, k10, up1, k2, up1, k6 – 30 sts. Ss 5 rows.

2nd increase row: K7, up1, k2, up1, k12, up1, k2, up1, k7 – 34 sts. Ss 15 rows.

Shape top: 1st dec row: K6, k2tog, k2, skpo, k10, k2tog, k2, skpo, k6 – 30 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: K5, k2tog, k2, skpo, k8, k2tog, k2, skpo, k5 – 26 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd dec row: K4, k2tog, k2, skpo, k6, k2tog, k2, skpo, k4 – 22 sts. P 1 row.

4th dec row: K3, k2tog, k2, skpo, k4, k2tog, k2, skpo, k3 – 18 sts. P 1 row.

5th dec row: K2, [k2tog, k2, skpo, k2] twice – 14 sts. P 1 row.

6th dec row: K1, [k2tog, k2, skpo] twice, k1 – 10 sts. P 1 row. Cast off.

To make up

From bendy rollers, make a skeleton thus: Take length of yarn and wind around top of one roller for leg and tie. Take these ends around end of next roller, but with long end of roller pointing at opposite direction (spine), wind the ends around spine roller twice, pull up tightly and tie. Finally wind the ends twice around the end of next roller for second leg, pull up tightly and secure. Next, take 2 rollers for arms and overlap ends. These ends should be long enough to allow for spine roller to be enclosed at shoulder position. Tie overlapped ends firmly. Make a ring with remaining roller for head, bringing ends to top of spine roller and tie

securely in position.

Join row-ends on legs and arms. Fold lower and upper body pieces in half and join side seams. Sew in tops of legs to lower body piece and top of arms to upper body. Insert small amount of stuffing to end of arms and feet. Now dress skeleton, pushing arms and legs in position. Bend legs for feet. Stuff body around skeleton and join at centre. Join row ends of head, leaving opening at centre big enough to insert the skeleton head through. Stuff head around roller and sew to body. Join row-ends on each ear and with this seam at centre front, sew ears to top of head. With Black embroider eyes and with Grey, embroider nose and mouth.

DRESS

Skirt and bodice

With 2¾mm needles and Mint, cast on 99 sts. K 1 row.

Change to 3mm needles.

K 1 row, increasing 4 sts evenly – 103 sts.

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

1st row: P2 Mint, [2 Fern, 3 Mint, 2 Fern, 3 Mint, 1 Fern, 6 Mint] 5 times, [2 Fern, 3 Mint] twice, 1 Fern, 5 Mint.

2nd row: [K5 Mint, 1 Fern, 2 Mint, 4 Fern, 1 Mint, 4 Fern] 6 times, 1 Mint.

3rd row: P1 Mint, [4 Fern, 1 Mint, 4 Fern, 2 Mint, 1 Fern, 5 Mint] 6 times.

4th row: K5 Mint, [1 Fern, 3 Mint, 3 Fern, 1 Mint, 3 Fern, 6 Mint] 5 times, 1 Fern, 3 Mint, 3 Fern, 1 Mint, 3 Fern, 2 Mint.

5th row: P5 Mint, [1 Fern, 6 Mint, 2 Fern, 8 Mint] 5 times, 1 Fern, 6 Mint, 2 Fern, 4 Mint.

6th row: K3 Mint, [1 Fern, 1 Mint, 1 Fern, 5 Mint, 1 Fern, 1 Mint, 3 Fern, 4 Mint] 5 times, 1 Fern, 1 Mint, 1 Fern, 5 Mint, 1 Fern, 1 Mint, 3 Fern, 2 Mint.

7th row: P1 Mint, [4 Fern, 1 Mint, 1 Fern, 5 Mint, 1 Fern, 1 Mint, 2 Fern, 2 Mint] 6 times.

8th row: K1 Mint, [3 Fern, 1 Mint, 3 Fern, 2 Mint, 2 Fern, 1 Mint, 4 Fern, 1 Mint] 6 times.

9th row: P2 Mint, [2 Fern, 3 Mint, 4 Fern, 3 Mint, 3 Fern, 2 Mint] 5 times, 2 Fern, 3 Mint, 4 Fern, 3 Mint, 3 Fern, 1 Mint.

10th row: K1 Mint, [3 Fern, 2 Mint, 1 Fern, 2 Mint, 1 Fern, 8 Mint] 6 times.

11th row: [P5 Mint, 4 Fern, 3 Mint, 1 Fern, 2 Mint, 2 Fern] 6 times, 1 Mint.

12th row: K1 Mint, [1 Fern, 3 Mint, 2 Fern, 3 Mint, 4 Fern, 4 Mint] 6 times.

13th row: P3 Mint, [4 Fern, 3 Mint, 3 Fern, 7 Mint] 5 times, 4 Fern, 3 Mint, 3 Fern, 5 Mint.

14th row: K5 Mint, [3 Fern, 14 Mint] 5 times, 3 Fern, 10 Mint.

15th row: P10 Mint, [3 Fern, 14 Mint] 5 times, 3 Fern, 5 Mint.

16th row: K6 Mint, [2 Fern, 15 Mint] 5 times, 2 Fern, 10 Mint.

17th row: P10 Mint, [1 Fern, with Mint, p7, p2tog, p7] 5 times, 1 Fern, 7 Mint – 98 sts. Continue in Mint only, ss 10 rows.

Next row: Cast on 2, k to end.

Next row: Cast on 2, k3, p to last 3 sts, k3 – 102 sts. K 1 row.

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

Next row: K5, k2tog, [k1, k2tog] to last 5 sts, k5 – 71 sts.

Keeping the 3 sts at each end in gst and remainder in ss, continue thus: work 5 rows.

Dividing row: K17, cast off 2, k32 sts more for front, cast off 2, k to end. Work on last set of 17 sts only for right half back.

Right half back: Shape raglan armhole:

1st row: K3, p to end.

2nd row: K1, k2tog, k to end.

Repeat last 2 rows, 6 times more – 10 sts.

Next row: K3, p7.

Leave these sts on a st holder.

Front: With wrong side facing, rejoin yarn to 33 front sts.

Shape raglan armholes: P 1 row.

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

Repeat last 2 rows, 4 times more – 23 sts.

P 1 row.

Shape neck: Next row: K1, k2tog, k2, k2tog, turn and work on these 5 sts for left front neck.

Left front neck: Next row: P2tog, p3.

Next row: K1, k3tog – 2 sts.

P2tog and fasten off.

Right front neck: With right side facing slip 9 sts at centre front onto st holder, rejoin yarn to remaining sts, k2tog, k2, skpo, k1 – 5 sts.

Next row: P3, p2tog.

Next row: K3tog, k1 – 2 sts.

P2tog and fasten off.

Left half back: With wrong side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 17 sts.

Shape raglan armhole: 1st row: P to last 3 sts, k3. **2nd row:** K to last 3 sts, skpo, k1.

Repeat last 2 rows, 6 times more – 10 sts.

Next row: P7, k3.

Leave these sts on a st holder, do not break off the yarn, but wind off several metres of yarn for neckband.

Sleeves (both alike)

With 2¾mm needles and Mint, cast on 21 sts.

K 1 row.

Change to 3mm needles.

K 1 row, inc 2 sts evenly – 23 sts. P 1 row.

Shape raglan top: Continue in ss and cast off 2 sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

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

P 1 row.

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

Leave these sts on a st holder.

Neckband

Join all raglan seams. With right side facing and using 2¾mm needles and attached yarn, k9 sts from left half back, k last st tog with first st on left sleeve top, k remaining 4 sts of left sleeve top, pick up and k4 sts down left front neck, k9 sts from centre front, pick up and k4 sts up right front neck, k4 sts of right sleeve top, k last st tog with first st on right half back, k remaining 9 sts of right half back – 45 sts. K 2 rows.

Cast off kwise.

To make up

Join tiny sleeve seams. Join back seam of skirt to garter st borders. Lap left border over right and catch down at base. Sew 2 press studs along back opening.

SHOES (make 2)

With 2¾mm needles and Mint, cast on 21 sts.

1st row: K1, [yf, k9, yf, k1] twice.

2nd row and following alternate row: K to end working into back loop of every yf of previous row.

3rd row: K1, [yf, k11, yf, k1] twice.

5th row: K1, yf, k12, [yf, k1] 3 times, yf, k12, yf, k1. **6th row:** As 2nd row – 35 sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows.

Shape instep: Next row: K19, skpo, turn.

Next row: Sl1, p3, p2tog, turn.

Next row: Sl1, k3, skpo, turn.

Repeat last 2 rows, once more.

Next row: Sl1, p3, p2tog, turn.

Next row: Sl1, k3, skpo, k to end.

Next row: K6, cast off 8, k2tog, pass st used in casting off over last st, cast off until 6 sts remain on left side including st used in casting off, k to end – 12 sts.

Ankle strap row: K6, cast on 11 sts, k6 – 23 sts. K 2 rows. Cast off.

Join back and sole seam. With Black, work a French knot on outside of ankle strap for button.

White Rabbit

Measurements

Approximately 30.5cm/12in tall, including ears.

Materials

1 x 50g (170m) ball of Sublime Baby Cashmere Merino Silk 4ply (75% merino, 20% silk, 5% cashmere) in each of Water Lily (005) and Cuddle (002). Size 2.50 crochet hook; 2 safety eyes; washable toy stuffing. **You can buy the yarn online at womansweeklyshop.co.uk.** For other yarn stockists, call Sublime on 01924 369666.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **st**, stitch; **htr**, half treble; **slst**, slip st; **htr2tog**, [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.

Note

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



Head and body

Head: With 2.50 hook and Water Lily, make 3ch.

1st round: 6htr in 3rd ch from hook, slst in 2nd of 2ch at beginning – 7 sts.

2nd round: 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, [2htr in next htr] 6 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 14 sts.

3rd round: 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in next htr, [2htr in next htr, 1htr in next htr] 6 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 21 sts.

4th round: 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 2 htr, [2htr in next htr, 1htr in each of next 2 htr] 6 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 28 sts.

5th round: 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 3htr, [2htr in next htr, 1htr in each of next 3htr] 6 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 35 sts.

6th round: 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 4htr, [2htr in next htr, 1htr in each of next 4htr] 6 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 42 sts.

7th round: 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 5htr, [2htr in next htr, 1htr in each of next 5htr] 6 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 49 sts.

8th to 15th rounds: 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next htr] 48 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch. Join in Cuddle.

Body: 16th round: 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next htr] 48 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

17th to 25th rounds: 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next htr] 48 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch. Join in Water Lily.

26th round: 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next htr] 48 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

27th round: 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next htr, htr2tog] 16 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 33 sts. Fasten off.

Collar: With 2.50 hook, rejoin Cuddle at centre front of 16th round of body and working in base of each st, make 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next htr] to centre front, turn.

1st and 2nd rows: 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next htr] to end, turn. Fasten off.

Jumper hem: With 2.50 hook, rejoin Cuddle at side



edge of 25th round of body and working in base of each st, make 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next htr] to end, slst in 2nd of 2ch. Fasten off.

Insert safety eyes between 11th and 12th rounds of head, placing eyes 6 stitches apart. Stuff body and head lightly and leave.

Ears (make 2)

With 2.50 hook and Water Lily, make 3ch for top edge.

1st round: Work 6htr in 3rd ch from hook, slst in 2nd of 2ch at beginning – 7 sts.

2nd round: 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, [2htr in next htr] 6 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 14 sts.

3rd round: 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in next htr, [2htr in next htr, 1htr in next htr] 6 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 21 sts.

4th to 14th rounds: 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next htr] 20 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch. Fasten off.

Flatten ears, then fold lower edge in half to meet in centre, catch first two rounds together and fasten off securely. Sew ears to top of head.

Legs (make 2)

Beginning at lower edge, work 1st to 12th rounds as given for ears.

Stuff legs lightly and join opening. Insert legs into opening at lower edge of body and join opening, securing legs as you go.

Arms (make 2)

With 2.50 hook and Water Lily, make 3ch for lower edge.

1st round: Work 6htr in 3rd ch from hook, slst in 2nd of 2ch at beginning – 7 sts.

2nd round: 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in base of 2ch, [2htr in next htr] 6 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 14 sts.

3rd to 5th rounds: 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next htr] 13 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

Join in Cuddle.

6th to 10th rounds: Work as given for 3rd to 5th rounds. Fasten off.

Cuffs: Turn arm upside down.

With 2.50 hook, rejoin in Cuddle to 6th round of arm and working in base of each st, make 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next htr] 13 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch. Fasten off.

Stuff arms lightly. Fold top of arms in half and sew arms to sides of body under collar.

Tail

With 2.50 hook and Water Lily, make 3ch.

1st round: Work 6htr in 3rd ch from hook, slst in 2nd of 2ch at beginning – 7 htr.

2nd to 4th rounds: 2ch (counts as 1htr), [1htr in next htr] 6 times, slst in 2nd of 2ch.

5th round: 2ch (counts as 1 htr), [1htr in next htr, htr2tog] twice, slst in 2nd of 2ch – 5 sts. Fasten off leaving a long end. Run end around outer edge and pull up slightly, stuff tail firmly, then pull up tightly and fasten off securely. Sew tail between legs at lower edge of back.

Blooming Lovely



Measurements

19cm/7½in high.

Materials

1 x 50g (85m) ball of Rico Design Creative Cotton Aran (100% cotton) in each of Royal (39), Pistachio (41), Red (05), Orange (74), Light Yellow (63), Fuchsia (13), Tangerine (76), Light Blue (32), Rose (00) and Turquoise (36). Pair of 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles. Washable toy stuffing. **You can buy this yarn online from womansweeklyshop.co.uk.**

Tension

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

Abbreviations

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

Note

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FLOWERPOT

With 4mm needles and Royal, cast on 12 sts. P 1 row.

1st inc row: Inc kwise in each st – 24 sts.

P 1 row.

2nd inc row: [Inc in next st, k1] to end – 36 sts. P 1 row.

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

48 sts. P 1 row.

4th inc row: [Inc in next st, k3] to end – 60 sts. P 1 row.

P 1 row for base edge.

Beginning with a p row, ss 5 rows.

5th inc row: [Inc in next st, k9] to end – 66 sts. Ss 11 rows.

6th inc row: [Inc in next st, k10] to end – 72 sts. Ss 5 rows.

Beginning with a p row, rss 8 rows.

Change to Pistachio and k 2 rows.

1st dec row: [K10, k2tog] to end – 66 sts. K 3 rows.

2nd dec row: [K9, k2tog] to end – 60 sts. K 3 rows.

3rd dec row: [K8, k2tog] to end – 54 sts. K 1 row.

4th dec row: [K7, k2tog] to end – 48 sts. K 1 row.

5th dec row: [K6, k2tog] to end – 42 sts. K 1 row.

6th dec row: [K5, k2tog] to end – 36 sts. K 1 row.

7th dec row: [K2, k2tog] to end – 27 sts. K 1 row.

8th dec row: [K1, k2tog] to end – 18 sts. K 1 row. **9th dec row:** [K2tog] to end – 9 sts.

Break off yarn, thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Gather cast-on edge, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends together leaving an opening. Stuff firmly and close opening.

DAISY

Petals: With 4mm needles and Turquoise, cast on 4 sts.

1st row: Inc kwise in first st, k2, turn.

2nd row: Sl1, p3.

3rd row: K2, turn.

4th row: Sl1, p1.

5th row: Cast off 4 sts, sl st used in casting-off back onto left-hand needle, cast on 3 sts.

Repeat 1st to 5th rows, 3 times more, then work 1st to 4th rows again. Cast off.

Make 1 more petals in Light Blue.

Gather straight edge of each piece, pull up tightly and secure. Place Light Blue petals on Turquoise petals, making sure that petals of top layer are between petals of lower layer and secure in position. With Turquoise, work double cross-stitch at centre of each daisy.

Make three more daisies.

Using Orange instead of Turquoise and Tangerine instead of Light Blue, make four more daisies.

LARGE ROSE

With 4mm needles and Light Yellow, cast on 7 sts.

1st row: Inc kwise in first st, k5, turn.

2nd row: P7.

3rd row: K6, turn.

4th row: Sl1, p5.

5th row: K. **6th row:** P.

7th row: K4, turn.

8th row: Sl1, p3.

Repeat 3rd to 8th rows, 4 times more, then work 3rd to 5th rows again.

Cast off.

With purl side on the outside, begin at cast-on edge and roll piece into rose shape. Catch down cast-off edge.

Make another large rose in Light Yellow and 2 in each of Red, Rose and Fuchsia.

SMALL ROSE

With 4mm needles and Fuchsia, cast on 4 sts.

1st row: Inc kwise in first st, k2, turn.

2nd row: P4.

3rd row: K3, turn.

4th row: Sl1, p2. **5th row:** K.

6th row: P. **7th row:** K4, turn.

8th row: Sl1, p3.

Repeat 3rd to 8th rows, twice more, then work 3rd to 5th rows again. Cast off.

With purl side on the outside, begin at cast-on edge and roll piece into rose shape. Catch down cast-off edge.

Make 2 more small roses in each of Red, Rose and Light Yellow.

To complete

Arrange flowers on top of pot and sew them in place.

Happy Shopper

Measurements

33.5cm/13in wide above base and 26.5cm/10½in high, excluding base.

Materials

1 x 50g (184m) ball of Stylecraft Classique Cotton DK (100% cotton) in each of Navy (Nocturne 3669), Orange (Saville 3670), Lime (Soft Lime 3663) and Pink (Hot Pink 3668). Size 4.00 crochet hook. **You can buy this yarn online from womansweeklyshop.co.uk.** For other yarn stockists, call Stylecraft on 01535 609798.

Tension

18 stitches and 14 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over pattern, using 4.00 hook.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **dc**, double crochet; **st**, stitch; **tr**, treble; **slst**, slip stitch; **dc2tog**, [insert hook in next st, yarn over hook and draw loop through] twice, yarn over hook and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Note

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



next 40dc, 2dc in last dc, slst in first dc – 90 sts.

3rd increase round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as last slst, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 42dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 42dc, 2dc in last dc, slst in first dc – 94 sts.

4th increase round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as last slst, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 44dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 44dc, 2dc in last dc, slst in first dc – 98 sts.

5th increase round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as last slst, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 46dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 46dc, 2dc in last dc, slst in first dc – 102 sts.

6th increase round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as last slst, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 48dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 48dc, 2dc in last dc, slst in first dc – 106 sts.

7th increase round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as last slst, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 50dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 50dc, 2dc in last dc, slst in first dc – 110 sts.

8th increase round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as last slst, 2dc in next dc, [1dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc] twice, 1dc in each of next 44dc, [2dc in next dc, 1dc in next dc] 5 times, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 44dc, [2dc in next dc, 1dc in next dc] twice, 2dc in last dc, slst in first dc – 122 sts.

Next round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as last slst, 1dc in each of next 121dc, slst in first dc.

Change to Orange.

Main part: Next round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as last slst, 1dc in each of next 121dc, slst in first dc, turn.

Change to Lime.

1st round (wrong side): 3ch (counts as first tr), miss st at base of 3ch, 1tr in each st to end, slst in top of 3ch, turn.

Change to Orange.

2nd round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as last slst, 1dc in each st to end, slst in first dc, turn.

These 2 rounds form pattern.

Pattern 1 round in each of Pink, Lime and Orange.

1st decrease round: With Lime, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as last slst, 1dc in each of next 14 sts, dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 28 sts, dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 28 sts, dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 14 sts, slst in first dc, turn – 118 sts.

Pattern 1 round in each of Pink, Orange, Lime, Pink, Orange, Pink, Lime, Orange and Pink.

2nd decrease round: With Lime 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as last slst, 1dc in each of next 13 sts, dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 28 sts, dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 28 sts, dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 13 sts, slst in first dc, turn – 114 sts.

Pattern 1 round in each of Pink, Orange, Lime, Pink, Orange, Lime and Pink.

3rd decrease round: With Lime, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as last slst, 1dc in each of next 12 sts, dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 28 sts, dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 25 sts, dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 28 sts, dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 12 sts, slst in first dc, turn – 110 sts.

Pattern 1 round in each of Orange, Pink



To make

Base: With 4.00 hook and Navy, make 43ch.

1st increase round: 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, 2dc in next ch, 1dc in each of next 38ch, 2dc in next ch, 1dc in last ch, then work along other side of ch thus: 2dc in next ch, 1dc in each of next 38ch, 2dc in last ch, slst in first dc – 86 sts.

Mark end of last round and move this marker up at end of every round.

2nd increase round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as last slst, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 40dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of

and Lime.

4th decrease round: With Pink, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as last slst, 1dc in each of next 11 sts, dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 28 sts, dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 23 sts, dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 28 sts, dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 11 sts, slst in first dc, turn – 106 sts.

Pattern 1 round in Orange.

Next round: With Pink, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as last slst, 1dc in each of next 105 sts, slst in first dc, turn.

Repeat last round, once more.

5th decrease round: With Pink, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as last slst, 1dc in each of next 7 sts, dc2tog, [1dc in each of next 16 sts, dc2tog] twice, 1dc in each of next 15 sts, dc2tog, [1dc in each of next 16 sts, dc2tog] twice, 1dc in each of last 7 sts, slst in first dc, turn – 100 sts.

Next round: With Orange, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as last slst, 1dc in each of next 99 sts, ss in first dc, turn. Repeat last round, twice more.

With Lime, repeat last round 3 times.

With Navy, repeat last round 3 times.

Fasten off

Straps

(make 2)

With 4.00 hook and Navy, make 79ch.

1st increase round: 1dc into 2nd ch from hook, 2dc in next ch, 1dc in each of next 74ch, 2dc in next ch, 1dc in last ch, then work along other side of ch, thus: 2dc in next ch, 1dc in each of next 74ch, 2dc in last ch, slst in first dc – 158 sts.

Mark end of last round and move this marker up at end of every round.

2nd increase round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as last slst, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 76dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 76dc, 2dc in last dc, slst in first dc – 162 sts.

3rd increase round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as last slst, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 78dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 78dc, 2dc in last dc, slst in first dc – 166 sts.

4th increase round: With Pink, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in same place as last slst, 1dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 78dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 3dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 78dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in last dc, slst in first dc – 170 sts. Fasten off.

To make up

Pin straps in place to front and back of bag, positioning the outer edges approximately 4cm from each side edge of bag. Sew straps in place securely. Starting approximately 5cm up from top edge of bag, fold each strap in half with wrong side inside and sew

Chicken Fun



Measurements

Mother hen: 17cm/6½in high and 15cm/6in long.

Chick: 7cm/2¾in high.

Materials

For the set: 1 x 50g (00m) ball of Rico Essential Cotton DK (100% cotton) in each of Banana (63), Pistachio (86) and Azalea (68). Small amounts of Black DK yarn for embroidery. Pair of 3mm (No. 11) and 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles. Small amount of washable toy stuffing.

You can buy the yarn online from womansweeklyshop.co.uk.

Tension

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

Abbreviations

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

Note

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

MOTHER HEN Body

With 3mm needles and Banana, cast on 10 sts for tail end. P 1 row.

1st inc row: Inc kwise in each st – 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. Ss 3 rows.

4th inc row: [Inc in next st, k3] to end – 50 sts. Ss 5 rows.

5th inc row: [Inc in next st, k4] to end – 60 sts. Ss 7 rows.

6th inc row: [Inc in next st, k5] to end – 70 sts. Ss 15 rows.

1st dec row: [K5, k2tog] to end – 60 sts. Ss 5 rows.

2nd dec row: [K4, k2tog] to end – 50 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd dec row: [K3, k2tog] to end – 40 sts. P 1 row.

4th dec row: [K2, k2tog] to end – 30 sts. P 1 row.

5th dec row: [K2tog] to end – 15 sts.

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

Gather cast-on edge, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends together leaving an opening. Stuff firmly and close opening.

Head

With 3mm needles and Banana, cast on 10 sts. P 1 row.

1st inc row: Inc kwise in each st – 20 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: [Inc in next st, k1] to end – 30 sts. Ss 17 rows.

3rd inc row: [Inc in next st, k2] to end – 40 sts. P 1 row. Cast off.

Gather cast-on edge, pull up tightly and secure.

Join row-ends together. Stuff head firmly. With seam at back, place head at front end on top of body and sew in position.

Neck trim

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

Pattern row: Cast off 2 sts, place st used in casting off back on to left-hand needle and cast on 2 sts – 4 sts.

Repeat pattern row, 14 times more.

Cast off all sts, thus forming a ring.

Place trim ring over head and sew inner edge along cast-off edge of head.

Beak

With 3mm needles and Azalea, cast on 2 sts. P 1 row.

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

2nd inc row: Inc in each of first 2 sts, k1 – 5 sts. P 1 row.

3rd inc row: Inc in first st, k2, inc in next st, k1 – 7 sts. Ss 3 rows.

1st dec row: K1, k2tog, k2, k2tog – 5 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: K1, [k2tog] twice – 3 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: K1, k2tog – 2 sts. P2tog and fasten off.

Fold beak in half widthways and join row-ends together. Pin folded edge vertically to centre front of head and sew in position. With Black yarn, embroider eyes either side of beak.

Comb

With 3mm needles and Pistachio, cast on 8 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows.

Divide for points: * **Next row:** Cast off 5 sts, k to end – 3 sts.

P 1 row.

Next row: Cast on 5 sts, k to end – 8 sts.

P 1 row. *

Repeat from * to *, once more.

Next row: Cast off 5 sts, place st used in casting off back on to left-hand needle and cast on 5 sts, k to end.

P 1 row.

Repeat from * to *, twice more.

Cast off all sts.

Fold comb in half, matching points and over-sew around all edges. With folded end of comb at back, sew straight edge to top of head.

Wattle

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

1st inc row: Inc kwise in each of first 2 sts, k1 – 5 sts. Ss 7 rows.

Dec 1 st at beginning of next row and 2 following alternate rows – 2 sts.

P 1 row.

Inc 1 st at beginning of next row and 2 following alternate rows – 5 sts.

Ss 7 rows.

Dec row: K1, [k2tog] twice – 3 sts. Cast off.

Fold wattle in half and join around all sides. Place short shaped edge vertically to centre front of head between beak and neck trim, then sew in position.

Wings

(make 2)

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

Inc row: Inc kwise in first st, k to last 2 sts, inc in next st, k1.

Repeat last 2 rows, 3 times more – 16 sts.

Ss 5 rows.

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

P 1 row. K2tog and fasten off.

Position wings at sides of body and sew in place.

Feet

(make 2)

With 3mm needles and Azalea, cast on 8 sts.

Divide for digits: **Next row:** Cast off 6 sts, k to end – 2 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: Cast on 6 sts, cast off 6 sts, k to end. P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 3 times more.

Cast on 6 sts, then cast off all sts.

Fold foot in half, matching digits and over-sew around all edges. Place feet at front end of underside of body, and sew back end to body.

Tail

With 4mm needles and Banana, cast on 16 sts for feather.

Change to 3mm needles and cast off tightly. Make two more, one in each of Banana and Pistachio.

Place Pistachio feather between two Banana feathers and catch together at one short end. Place this end to back on body and sew in place.

YELLOW CHICK

Body

With 3mm needles and Banana, cast on 10 sts for lower edge.

P 1 row.

1st inc row: Inc kwise in each st – 20 sts.

P 1 row.

2nd inc row: [Inc in next st, k1] to end – 30 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd inc row: [Inc in next st, k2] to end – 40 sts. Ss 11 rows.

1st dec row: [K2, k2tog] to end – 30 sts. Ss 5 rows.

2nd dec row: [K1, k2tog] to end – 20 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: [K2tog] to end – 10 sts.

Break off yarn, thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Gather cast-on edge, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends together, leaving an opening. Stuff firmly and close opening.

Beak

With 3mm needles and Azalea, cast on 2 sts.

P 1 row.

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

Dec row: K1, k2tog – 2 sts.

P2tog and fasten off.

Fold beak in half widthways and join tiny row-ends together.

Pin folded edge vertically to centre front of head just below 1st dec row and sew in position.

With Black yarn, embroider eyes either side of beak.

Wings

(make 2)

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

1st inc row: Inc kwise in first st, k to last 2 sts, inc kwise in next st, k1.

P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, once more – 8 sts.

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

P 1 row. K2tog and fasten off.

Position wings at sides of body and sew in place.

GREEN CHICK

Work as Yellow Chick using Pistachio instead of Banana and vice versa.

Hoppy Birth-day



Measurements

20cm/8in high.

Materials

2 x 50g (116m) balls of Sublime Extra Fine Merino Wool DK in Cream (Alabaster 03). Oddments of Light Brown for embroidery. Pair of 3mm (No. 11) knitting needles; washable toy stuffing; 40cm of gingham ribbon.

You can buy the yarn online from womansweeklyshop.co.uk. For other yarn stockists, call Sublime on 01924 369666.

Tension

28 stitches and 38 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 3mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **p2togb**, p2tog through back of sts; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease (by taking 2 sts tog); **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **skpo**, slip 1, k1, pass slip st over; **wrap1**, slip next st on to right-hand needle, take yarn between needles to opposite side of work, place the slipped st back on to left-hand needle, bring yarn back; **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and work into back of it.

Note

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

Legs

(make 2)

Sole: With 3mm needles and Cream, cast on 5 sts. K 1 row.

Continue in ss and inc 1 st at each end of next 3 rows – 11 sts.

Ss 10 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row and following 4th row, then on 2 following alternate rows – 3 sts. Cast off.

Foot and leg: With 3mm needles and Cream, cast on 40 sts. K 1 row.

Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.

1st dec row: K17, skpo, k2, k2tog, k17 – 38 sts. **2nd dec row:** P16, p2tog, p2, p2togb, p16 – 36 sts.

3rd dec row: K15, skpo, k2, k2tog, k15 – 34 sts.

4th dec row: P14, p2tog, p2, p2togb, p14 – 32 sts.

Shape instep: Next row: K10, cast off next 12 sts while decreasing 1 st at each side of centre 2 sts as before, k9 sts more – 20 sts. Ss 5 rows.

1st inc row: K1, [inc in next st, k5] twice, inc in next st, k6 – 23 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd inc row: K1, [inc in next st, k6] twice, inc in next st, k7 – 26 sts. Ss 3 rows. Cast off. Fold foot and leg in half and join cast-off sts on top of instep together. Join back seam. With cast-on edge of sole at centre of back leg seam, sew in sole. Stuff foot firmly and leg lightly. With back seam at centre back, oversew cast-off edge.

Arms

(make 2)

With 3mm needles and Cream, cast on 27 sts.

1st row: K12, wrap 1, turn.

2nd row: P10, wrap 1, turn.

3rd row: K9, wrap 1, turn.

4th row: P8, wrap 1, turn.

5th row: K7, wrap 1, turn.

6th row: P6, wrap 1, turn.

7th row: K5, wrap 1, turn.

8th row: P4, wrap 1, turn.

Next row: K20, wrap 1, turn.

Work 2nd to 8th rows.

Next row: K to end. P 1 row across all sts.

1st dec row: K1, [k2tog, k8, skpo, k1] twice – 23 sts. Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: K9, skpo, k1, k2tog, k9 – 21 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd dec row: K8, skpo, k1, k2tog, k8 – 19 sts. Ss 3 rows.

4th dec row: K7, skpo, k1, k2tog, k7 – 17 sts. Ss 3 rows.

5th dec row: K6, skpo, k1, k2tog, k6 – 15 sts. Ss 3 rows.

6th dec row: K5, skpo, k1, k2tog, k5 – 13 sts. Ss 5 rows. Cast off.

Join row-ends, then cast-on edge together. Stuff lower part of arm firmly and upper part lightly. With row-ends seam at centre back, oversew cast-off edge.

Body and head

With 3mm needles and Cream, cast on 14 sts for base. P 1 row.

1st inc row: K2, [k twice in each of next 4 sts, k2] twice – 22 sts. P 1 row.

2nd inc row: * K3, inc in next st, [k1, inc in next st] 3 times, repeat from * once more, k2 – 30 sts. P 1 row.

3rd inc row: K4, inc in next st, [k1, inc in next st] 3 times, k7, inc in next st, [k1, inc in next st] 3 times, k5 – 38 sts. P 1 row.

4th inc row: K5, inc in next st, [k2, inc in next st] 3 times, k8, inc in next st, [k2, inc in next st] 3 times, k5 – 46 sts. P 1 row.

5th inc row: K7, inc in next st, [k2, inc in next st] 3 times, k12, inc in next st, [k2, inc in next st] 3 times, k7 – 54 sts. P 1 row.

6th inc row: K7, inc in next st, [k3, inc in next st] 3 times, k13, inc in next st, [k3, inc in next st] 3 times, k8 – 62 sts. P 1 row.

7th inc row: K9, inc in next st, [k3, inc in next st] 3 times, k17, inc in next st, [k3, inc in next st] 3 times, k10 – 70 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K22, place top of one leg in front of next 12 sts, [inserting needle through top of leg and next st, k1] 12 times, k2, place top of second leg in front of next 12 sts, [inserting needle through top of leg and next st, k1] 12 times, k22. Ss 3 rows.

1st dec row: K1, k2tog, [k9, k3tog, k9, k2tog] twice, k9, k2tog, k10 – 62 sts. Ss 5 rows.

2nd dec row: K1, k2tog, [k8, k2tog] 5 times, k9 – 56 sts. Ss 5 rows.

3rd dec row: K1, k2tog, [k7, k2tog] 5 times, k8 – 50 sts. Ss 5 rows.

4th dec row: K1, k2tog, [k6, k2tog] 5 times, k7 – 44 sts. Ss 5 rows.

5th dec row: K1, k2tog, [k5, k2tog] 5 times, k6 – 38 sts. Ss 3 rows.

6th dec row: K1, k2tog, [k4, k2tog] 5 times, k5 – 32 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: K6, place top of one arm in front of next 6 sts, [inserting needle through top of arm and next st, k1] 6 times, k8, place top of second arm in front of next 6 sts, [inserting needle through top of arm and next st, k1] 6 times, k6. P 1 row.

7th dec row: K1, k2tog, [k3, k2tog] 5 times, k4 – 26 sts. Cast off pwise.

Head: With right side facing, using 3mm needles and Cream, pick up and k26 sts along cast-off edge of body. P 1 row.

1st increase row: K1, up1, [k3, up1] 7 times, k4 – 34 sts. P 1 row.

2nd increase row: K1, up1, [k4, up1] 7 times, k5 – 42 sts. P 1 row.

3rd increase row: K1, up1, [k5, up1] 7 times, k6 – 50 sts. P 1 row.

4th increase row: K1, up1, [k6, up1] 7 times, k7 – 58 sts. P 1 row.

5th increase row: K22, up1, k4, up1, [k3, up1] twice, k4, up1, k22 – 63 sts. Ss 7 rows.

1st dec row: K30, sl1, k2tog, psso, k30 – 61 sts. **2nd dec row:** P28, p2togb, p1, p2tog, p28 – 59 sts.

3rd dec row: K26, skpo, k3, k2tog, k26 – 57 sts. **4th dec row:** P24, p2togb, p5, p2tog, p24 – 55 sts. **5th dec row:** K22, skpo, k7, k2tog, k22 – 53 sts. P 1 row.

6th dec row: K20, skpo, k9, k2tog, k20 – 51 sts. P 1 row.

7th dec row: K18, skpo, k11, k2tog, k18 – 49 sts. Ss 3 rows.

8th dec row: K1, k2tog, [k3, k2tog] 3 times, k13, [k2tog, k3] 3 times, k2tog, k1 – 41 sts. P 1 row.

9th dec row: K2tog, [k2, k2tog] 3 times, k13, [k2tog, k2] 3 times, k2tog – 33 sts. P 1 row.

10th dec row: [K1, k2tog] 11 times – 22 sts. P 1 row.

11th dec row: [K2tog] 11 times – 11 sts. Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Fold cast-off edge on top of head in half and join together, then join back seam of body and base, leaving an opening. Stuff the head and body firmly and close up the opening.

Ears

(make 4)

With 3mm needles and Cream, cast on 7 sts for base edge.

Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.

Inc 1 st at each end of next row and 3 following 4th rows – 15 sts.

Ss 17 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 2 following 4th rows, then on 3 following alternate rows – 3 sts. P 1 row. Cast off. Join paired ear pieces together. Position and sew ears on top of head.

Tail

With 3mm needles and Cream, cast on 12 sts. P 1 row.

1st increase row: K1, [up1, k2] 5 times, up1, k1 – 18 sts. P 1 row.

2nd increase row: K1, [up1, k3] 5 times, up1, k2 – 24 sts. Ss 5 rows.

1st dec row: K1, [k2tog, k2] 5 times, k2tog, k1 – 18 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: [K1, k2tog] 6 times – 12 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: [K2tog] 6 times – 6 sts.

Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Join row-ends together. Stuff tail and sew cast-on edge to lower edge of body at back.

To complete

Mark position of the eyes. Take length of Cream from seam at back of neck through head to the first eye position and make a small stitch, then take it straight through to second eye position and make another small stitch. Return to the back neck seam, pull ends to indent for eye sockets and secure ends. With Light Brown, embroider eyes in each socket, then mouth and nose. Tie ribbon around neck.



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

Abstract Beauty

The simplicity of this patchwork design makes it really striking – use it to create our throw and cushion, or even a bedspread

Materials

Oddments of DK yarn in colours as desired (minimum of 5 colours is required). Our throw took approx. 1100g. Pair of 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles. 45 x 45cm/18 x 18in square cushion pad for cushion cover.

Tension and measurements

Worked at such a tension that each square measures 15 x 15cm/ 6 x 6in, the throw will measure approximately 117 x 147cm/46 x 58in, including borders and cushion will measure 45 x 45cm/18 x 18in.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **k1b**, k through back of st.

Note

The basic square is knitted in garter stitch from corner to corner, changing colours as you go, and the borders are knitted in garter-stitch strips. The matching cushion consists of small squares on the front, and one big square on the back.

THROW Squares

(make 48)

With 4mm needles and 1st colour, cast on 1 st.

1st increase row (wrong side): K into front, back and front again of 1st st – 3 sts.

2nd inc row: Inc, k2 – 4 sts.

3rd inc row: Inc, k to end.

Repeat 3rd inc row, 16 times more – 21 sts.

Break off 1st colour and join in 2nd colour.

Repeat 3rd inc row, 4 times – 25 sts. Break

off 2nd colour and join in 3rd colour.

Repeat 3rd inc row, 18 times – 43 sts.

Dec row: K2tog, k to end. Repeat dec row, 17 times more – 25 sts.

Break off 3rd colour and join in 4th

colour. Repeat dec row, 4 times – 21 sts.

Break off 4th colour and join in 5th

colour. Repeat dec row, 18 times – 3 sts.

Next row: K3tog and fasten off.

Borders

Short lengths

(make 2)

With 4mm needles and desired colour, cast on 1 st.

To shape for mitre: 1st increase row (right side): K into front, back and front again of 1st st – 3 sts.

2nd row: K1b for outer edge, k to end.

3rd row: Inc, k to end.

Breaking off and joining in colours at shaped (inside) edge as desired, repeat 2nd and 3rd rows, 23 times more – 27sts. Breaking off and joining in colours at same edge as before, work thus:

Next row: K1b for outer edge, k to end.

Next row: All k.

Repeat last 2 rows, 150 times more – for long lengths, read 210 times more here.

Next row: K1b for outer edge, k to end.

To shape for mitre: Next row: K2tog, k to end.

Next row: K1b for outer edge, k to end.

Repeat last 2 rows, 23 times more – 3 sts.

Next row: K3tog and fasten off.

Long lengths

(make 2)

Work as short lengths, noting variation.

To make up

Draw 15cm square on fabric and pin this to ironing board to act as a guide. Lightly press each square to marked measurements. Arrange squares in 8 rows of 6 squares each and sew them together. Sew straight edges of inner end of short lengths of borders, along 6 square edges, and long lengths along 8 square edges, joining mitred corners.

CUSHION

Front

Make 9 squares, as for Throw.

Back

With 4mm needles and 1st colour, cast on 1 st.

1st increase row (wrong side): K into front, back and front again of 1st st – 3 sts.

2nd inc row: Inc, k2 – 4 sts.

3rd inc row: Inc, k to end.

Breaking off and joining in colours at beginning of right side rows as desired, repeat 3rd inc row, 118 times more – 123 sts.

Dec row: K2tog, k to end.

Repeat dec row, 119 times more.

Next row: K3tog and fasten off.

To make up

Draw 15cm square on fabric and pin this to ironing board to act as a guide. Lightly press each front square to marked measurements. Arrange front squares in 3 rows of 3 squares each and sew them together. Join back and front together around sides, leaving an opening at one side. Insert cushion pad and close opening.

Tips & ideas

These designs were created to use up oddments of yarn. Make sure that yarns are of the same quality and fibre – ie, all wool or all synthetic and DK or 4-ply – to avoid any washing problems. We used a mix of bright and dark colours, but you could use pastels or naturals, or shades of one colour. The square on which our featured designs are based measures 15cm square. Make 4 squares for small cushion cover, adjusting instructions of back to fit smaller front; 24 squares makes a cot blanket, joined in 6 rows of 4 squares and finished off with adjusted lengths of border pieces, or carry on knitting squares until you've enough to make a bedspread.



Designer: Lesley Stanfield

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Big Softy

Treat him to a sweater made with super soft merino yarn
for that extra luxe appeal

Measurements

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

Actual measurements 110 (114.5) (120) (124) (129.5) cm/43¼ (45) (47¼) (48¾) (51) in.

Side seam 46 (47) (47) (47) (47) cm/18 (18½) (18½) (18½) (18½) in.

Length to back neck 70 (72) (73) (74) (75) cm/27½ (28¼) (28¾) (29¼) (29½) in.

Sleeve seam 48 (48) (49) (50) (51) cm/19 (19) (19¼) (19¾) (20) in.

Materials

12 (12) (13) (14) (15) 50g (100m) balls of Rico Essentials Soft Merino Aran (100% wool) in Mouse Grey (095). Pair of 3¾mm (No. 9), 4mm (No. 8) and 5mm (No. 6) knitting needles; cable needle; 1 button. The yarn can be purchased from Wool Warehouse at woolwarehouse.co.uk or by calling 0800 505 3300.

Tension

18 stitches and 25 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, 17-stitch diamond panel measures 7cm across and 14-stitch cable panel measures 5.5cm across, using 5mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **ss**, stocking stitch (k on right side and p on wrong side); **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and work into the back of it; **c6f**, cable 6 front (slip next 3 sts onto cable needle and leave at front, k3, then k3 from cable needle); **cr5lt**, cross 5 left (slip next 2 sts onto cable needle and leave at front, k2, p1, then k2 from cable needle); **cr3lt**, cross 3 left (slip next 2 sts onto cable needle and leave at front, p1, then k2 from cable needle); **cr3rt**, cross 3 right (slip next st onto cable needle and leave at back, k2, then p st 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.

Back

With 4mm needles, cast on 106 (110) (114) (118) (122) sts.

1st rib row: K nil (2) (nil) (2) (nil), [p2, k2] to last 2 (nil) (2) (nil) (2) sts, p2 (nil) (2) (nil) (2).

2nd rib row: K2 (nil) (2) (nil) (2), [p2, k2] to last nil (2) (nil) (2) (nil) sts, p nil (2) (nil) (2) (nil).

Rib another 9 rows.

Dec row: Rib 10 (12) (14) (16) (15), work 2tog, [rib 10 (10) (15) (15) (16), work 2tog] 7 (7) (5) (5) (5) times, rib to end – 98 (102) (108) (112) (116) sts.

Change to 5mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, work in ss until back measures 46 (47) (47) (47) (47) cm from beginning, ending with a p row.

Shape armholes: Dec 1 st at each end of next 4 (4) (5) (6) (6) rows – 90 (94) (98) (100) (104) sts.

Continue straight until armholes measure 24 (25) (26) (27) (28) cm, ending with a p row.

Shape shoulders: Cast off 30 (30) (32) (32) (34) sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 30 (34) (34) (36) (36) sts.

Leave these sts on a st holder.

Front

With 4mm needles, cast on 122 (126) (130) (134) (138) sts.

1st rib row: K nil (2) (nil) (2) (nil), [p2, k2] to last 2 (nil) (2) (nil) (2) sts, p2 (nil) (2) (nil) (2).

2nd rib row: K2 (nil) (2) (nil) (2), [p2, k2] to last nil (2) (nil) (2) (nil) sts, p nil (2) (nil) (2) (nil).

Rib another 9 rows.

Next row: [Rib 2 (3) (4) (5) (4), up1] 1 (1) (1) (1) (2) time(s), rib 22 (23) (24) (25) (24), [up1, rib 1] twice, up1, rib 26, [up1, rib 1] twice, up1, rib 10, [up1, rib 1] twice, up1, rib 26, [up1, rib 1] twice, up1, rib 26 (27) (28) (29) (28), [up1, rib 2 (3) (4) (5) (4)] 1 (1) (1) (1) (2) time(s) – 136 (140) (144) (148) (154) sts.

Change to 5mm needles.

1st row: K5 (7) (9) (11) (14), p2, * k2, p2, c6f, p2, k2, p6, cr5lt, p6, k2, p2, c6f, p2, k2 *, p6, cr5lt, p10, cr5lt, p6, work from * to *, p2, k5 (7) (9) (11) (14).

2nd row: P5 (7) (9) (11) (14), k2, * p2, k2, p6, k2, p2, k6, p2, k1, p2, k6, p2, k2, p6, k2, p2 *, k6, p2, k1, p2, k10, p2, k1, p2, k6, work from * to *, k2, p5 (7) (9) (11) (14).

3rd row: K5 (7) (9) (11) (14), p2, * k2, p2, k6, p2, k2, p5, cr3rt, p1, cr3lt, p5, k2, p2, k6, p2, k2 *, p5, cr3rt, p1, cr3lt, p8, cr3rt, p1, cr3lt, p5, work from * to *, p2, k5 (7) (9) (11) (14).

4th row: P5 (7) (9) (11) (14), k2, * p2, k2, p6, k2, p2, k5, p2, k3, p2, k5, p2, k2, p6, k2, p2 *, k5, p2, k3, p2, k8, p2, k3, p2, k5, work from * to *, k2, p5 (7) (9) (11) (14).

5th row: K5 (7) (9) (11) (14), p2, * k2, p2, k6, p2, k2, p4, cr3rt, p3, cr3lt, p4, k2, p2, k6, p2, k2 *, p4, cr3rt, p3, cr3lt, p6, cr3rt, p3, cr3lt, p4, work from * to *, p2, k5 (7) (9) (11) (14).

6th row: P5 (7) (9) (11) (14), k2, * p2, k2, p6, k2, p2, k4, p2, k5, p2, k4, p2, k2, p6, k2, p2 *, k4, p2, k5, p2, k6, p2, k5, p2, k4, work from * to *, k2, p5 (7) (9) (11) (14).

7th row: K5 (7) (9) (11) (14), p2, * k2, p2, c6f, p2, k2, p3, cr3rt, p5, cr3lt, p3, k2, p2, c6f, p2, k2 *, p3, cr3rt, p5, cr3lt, p4, cr3rt, p5, cr3lt, p3, work from * to *, p2, k5 (7) (9) (11) (14).

8th row: P5 (7) (9) (11) (14), k2, * p2, k2, p6, k2, p2, k3, p2, k7, p2, k3, p2, k2, p6, k2, p2 *, k3, p2, k7, p2, k4, p2, k7, p2, k3, work from * to *, k2, p5 (7) (9) (11) (14).

9th row: K5 (7) (9) (11) (14), p2, * k2, p2, k6, p2, k2, p2, cr3rt, p7, cr3lt, p2, k2, p2, k6, p2, k2 *, p2, cr3rt, p7, cr3lt, p2, cr3rt, p7, cr3lt, p2, work from * to *, p2, k5 (7) (9) (11) (14).

10th row: P5 (7) (9) (11) (14), k2, * p2, k2, p6, [k2, p2] twice, k9, [p2, k2] twice, p6, k2, p2 *, k2, p2, k9, p2, k2, p2, k9, p2, k2, work from * to *, k2, p5 (7) (9) (11) (14).

11th row: K5 (7) (9) (11) (14), p2, * k2, p2,



k6, p2, k2, p2, cr3lt, p7, cr3rt, p2, k2, p2, k6, p2, k2 *, p2, cr3lt, p7, cr3rt, p2, cr3lt, p7, cr3rt, p2, work from * to *, p2, k5 (7) (9) (11) (14). **12th row:** As 8th row.

13th row: K5 (7) (9) (11) (14), p2, * k2, p2, c6f, p2, k2, p3, cr3lt, p5, cr3rt, p3, k2, p2, c6f, p2, k2 *, p3, cr3lt, p5, cr3rt, p4, cr3lt, p5, cr3rt, p3, work from * to *, p2, k5 (7) (9) (11) (14). **14th row:** As 6th row.

15th row: K5 (7) (9) (11) (14), p2, * k2, p2, k6, p2, k2, p4, cr3lt, p3, cr3rt, p4, k2, p2, k6, p2, k2 *, p4, cr3lt, p3, cr3rt, p6, cr3lt, p3, cr3rt, p4, work from * to *, p2, k5 (7) (9) (11) (14). **16th row:** As 4th row.

17th row: K5 (7) (9) (11) (14), p2, * k2, p2, k6, p2, k2, p5, cr3lt, p1, cr3rt, p5, k2, p2, k6, p2, k2 *, p5, cr3lt, p1, cr3rt, p8, cr3lt, p1, cr3rt, p5, work from * to *, p2, k5 (7) (9) (11) (14). **18th row:** As 2nd row.

These 18 rows form pattern.

Continue in pattern until front measures 46 (47) (47) (47) (47) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape armholes: Keeping pattern correct, dec 1 st at each end of next 4 (4) (5) (6) (6) rows – 128 (132) (134) (136) (142) sts.

Continue straight until armholes measure 14 (15) (16) (17) (18) cm, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape neck: Next row: Pattern 53 (53) (54) (54) (57), turn and work on these sts only for left side.

Left side: Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 6 rows and 5 following alternate rows – 42 (42) (43) (43) (46) sts.

Continue straight until armhole measures 24 (25) (26) (27) (28) cm, ending with a right side row.

Next row: Pattern 3 (3) (nil) (nil) (nil), [work 2tog, pattern 1 (1) (2) (2) (2)] 11 (11) (10) (10) (11) times, work 2tog, pattern 4 (4) (1) (1) (nil) – 30 (30) (32) (32) (34) sts. Cast off.

Right side: With right side facing, slip centre 22 (26) (26) (28) (28) sts onto st holder, rejoin yarn to remaining sts and pattern to end – 53 (53) (54) (54) (57) sts. Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 6 rows and 5 following alternate rows – 42 (42) (43) (43) (46) sts.

Continue straight until armhole measures 24 (25) (26) (27) (28) cm, ending with a wrong side row.

Next row: Pattern 4 (4) (1) (1) (nil), [work 2tog, pattern 1 (1) (2) (2) (2)] 11 (11) (10) (10) (11) times, work 2tog, pattern 3 (3) (nil) (nil) (nil) – 30 (30) (32) (32) (34) sts. Cast off.

Sleeves (both alike)

With 4mm needles, cast on 50 (54) (54) (58) (58) sts.

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

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

Rib another 9 rows.

Dec row: Rib 4 (2) (2) (1) (1), work 2tog, [rib 6 (5) (5) (4) (4), work 2tog] 5 (7) (7) (9) (9) times, rib to end – 44 (46) (46) (48) (48) sts.

Change to 5mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, work 4 rows in ss.

Inc 1 st at each end of next row and 13 (14) (16) (16) (18) following 6th (6th) (6th) (6th) (5th) rows – 72 (76) (80) (82) (86) sts.

Continue straight until sleeve measures 48 (48) (49) (50) (51) cm from beginning, ending with a p row.

Shape top: Dec 1 st at each end of next 4 (4) (6) (6) (6) rows – 64 (68) (68) (70) (74) sts.

Cast off 3 sts at beginning of next 10 (6) (6) (4) (8) rows and 4 sts at beginning of following 6 (10) (10) (12) (10) rows – 10 sts. Cast off.

Neckband

Join right shoulder seams. With right side facing and using 4mm needles, pick up and k23 sts down left front neck, work across front neck sts thus: k2 (4) (4) (5) (5), [k2tog, k3] 3 times, k2tog, k3 (5) (5) (6) (6) sts, pick up and k23 sts up right front neck, k across 30 (34) (34) (36) (36) sts of back neck – 94 (102) (102) (106) (106) sts.

Beginning with a 2nd row, work 10 rows in rib as on sleeves. Cast off in rib.

Sleeve tab

With 3¾mm needles, cast on 11 sts.

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

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

Continue in rib until tab measures 10cm from beginning, ending with a 2nd row. Cast off in rib.

To make up

Join left shoulder and neckband seam. Sew in sleeves, then join side and sleeve seams. Position tab on right sleeve as shown in photograph and sew short right end in position. Secure other end to sleeve with a button. Pin out garment to the measurements given. Cover with damp cloths and leave until dry.

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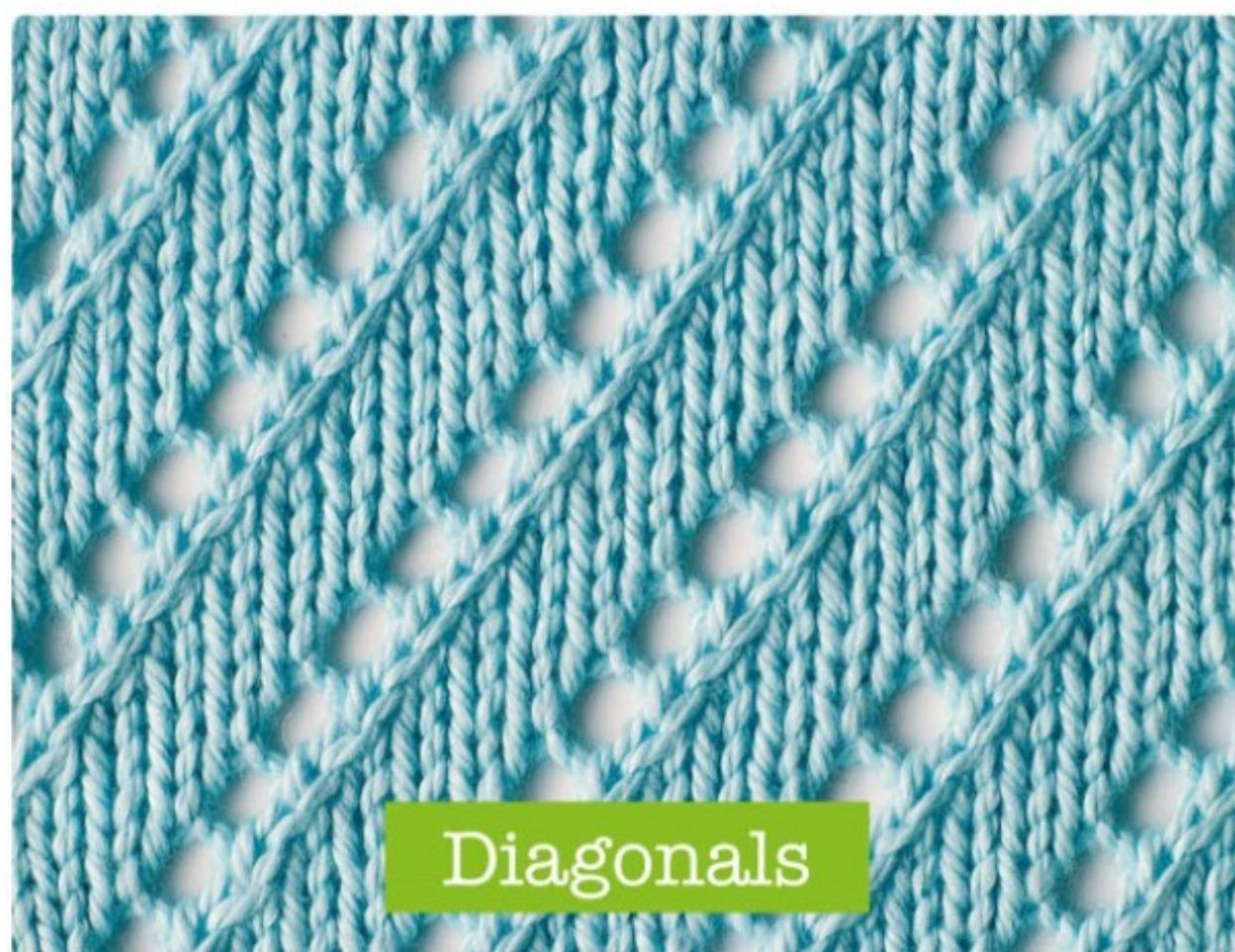
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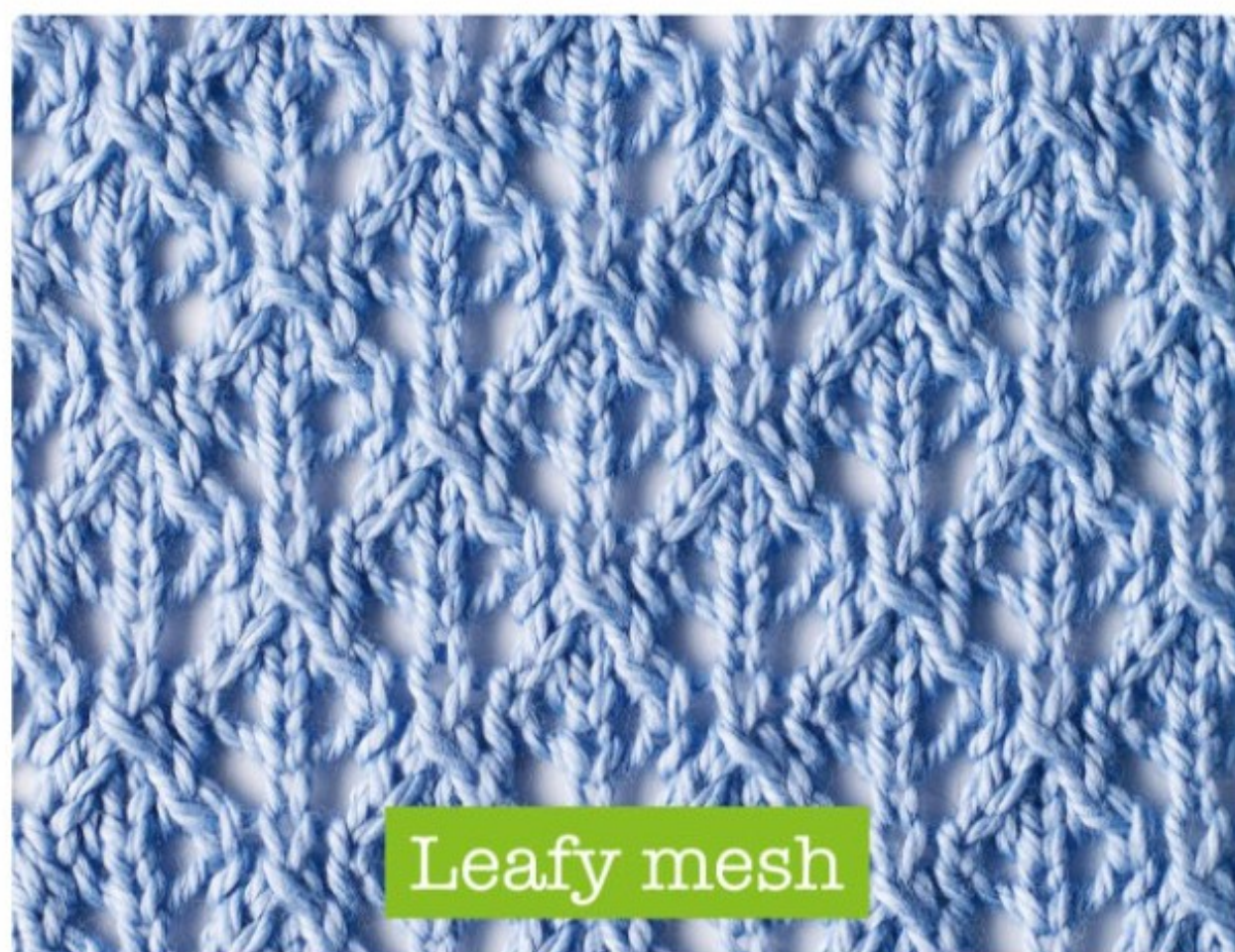
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Diagonals



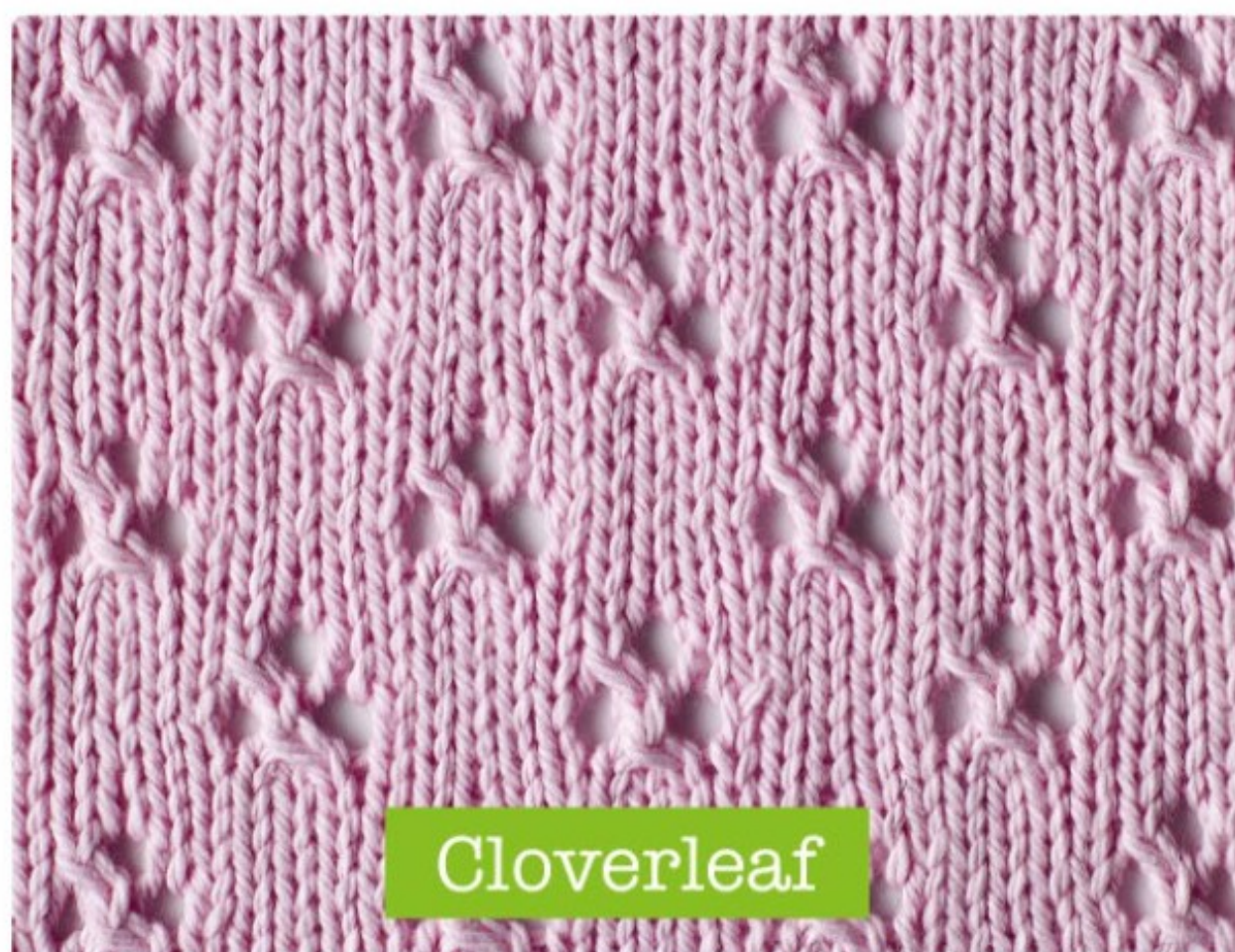
Ribbon eyelet



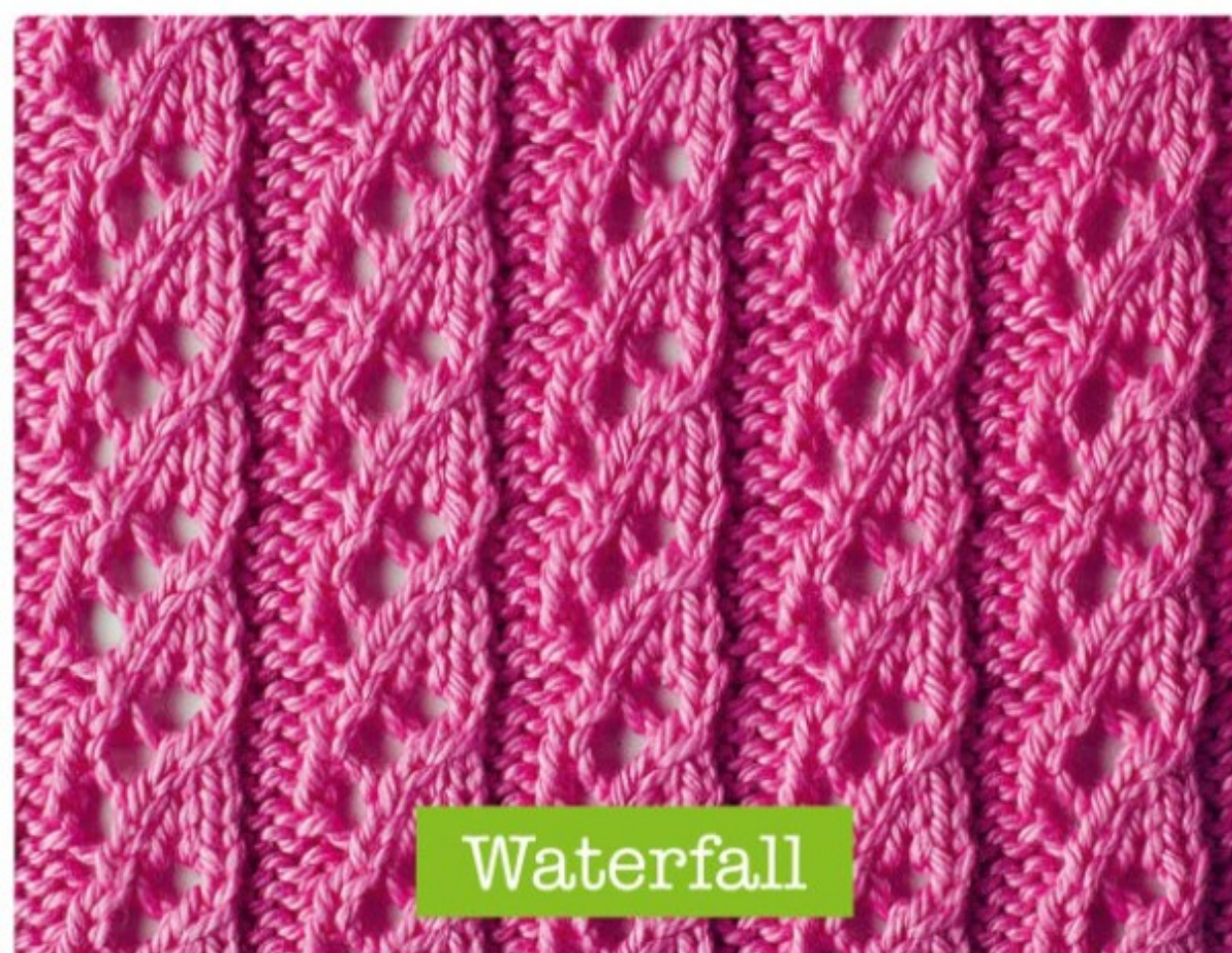
Leafy mesh



Ploughed acre



Cloverleaf



Waterfall

A yarn-over increase makes a hole in the fabric and when it's balanced by a decrease any number of lacy stitch patterns can be made. Here are a few you can achieve.

Yarn

King Cole Cottonsoft DK.

Note

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

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **skpo**, slip 1 stitch knitwise, k1, pass slipped st over; **sk2po**, slip 1 stitch knitwise, k2tog, pass slipped stitch over; **yo**, yarn forward and over needle to make a stitch.



Ribbon eyelet

This simple textured lacy stitch can be used as a repeat pattern as here, or a single band of the fourth to sixth rows can be slotted with ribbon.

Multiple of 2 sts plus 1.

1st row (right side): K.

2nd row: P.

3rd and 4th rows: K.

5th row: [K2tog, yo] to last st, k1.

6th row: K.

Repeat 1st to 6th rows.



Diagonals

A combination of made stitches and decreases is moved along one stitch on each right-side row to produce a simple, clear diagonal design.

Multiple of 5 sts plus 1.

1st and alternate rows (wrong side): P.

2nd row: [K3, k2tog, yo] to last st, k1.

4th row: [K2, k2tog, yo, k1] to last st, k1.

6th row: [K1, k2tog, yo, k2] to last st, k1.

8th row: [K2tog, yo, k3] to last st, k1.

10th row: K4, [k2tog, yo, k3] to last 2 sts, k2.

Repeat 1st to 10th rows.



Ploughed acre

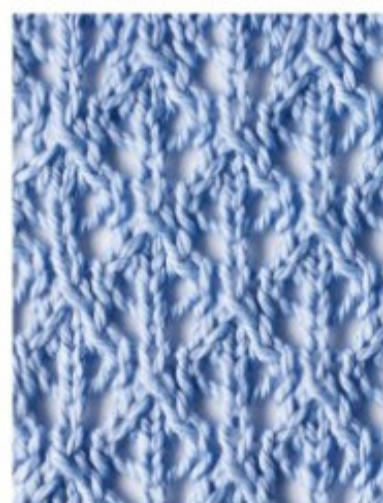
The decreases that sit either side of the open increases are chosen so that they disappear into the stocking stitch fabric to make a very linear design.

Multiple of 7 sts plus 2.

1st row (wrong side): P.

2nd row: K2, [skpo, yo, k1, yo, k2tog, k2] to end.

Repeat 1st and 2nd rows.



Leafy mesh

Although it looks complex, this lacy stitch is actually just a four-row leaf pattern alternating to make an eight row repeat.

Multiple of 6 sts plus 1.

1st and alternate rows (wrong side): P.

2nd row: K1, [yo, skpo, k1, k2tog, yo, k1] to end.

4th row: K1, [yo, k1, sk2po, k1, yo, k1] to end.

6th row: K1, [k2tog, yo, k1, yo, skpo, k1] to end.

8th row: K2tog, * k1, [yo, k1] twice, sk2po; repeat from * to last 5 sts, k1, [yo, k1] twice, skpo.

Repeat 1st to 8th rows.



Waterfall

Except that stitches are made and lost on some different rows, altering the stitch count, this is a fairly simple but very effective stitch pattern.

Multiple of 6 sts plus 3.

1st row (wrong side): K3, [p3, k3] to end.

2nd row: P3, [k3, yo, p3] to end.

3rd row: K3, [p4, k3] to end.

4th row: P3, [k1, k2tog, yo, k1, p3] to end.

5th row: K3, [p2, p2tog, k3] to end.

6th row: P3, [k1, yo, k2tog, p3] to end.

Repeat 1st to 6th rows.



Cloverleaf

This very dainty spot pattern is made with groups of three yarn-over increases, the first two are held close together by a double decrease.

Multiple of 8 sts plus 7.

1st row (right side): K.

2nd and alternate rows: P.

3rd row: K2, yo, sk2po, yo, [k5, yo, sk2po, yo] to last 2 sts, k2.

5th row: K3, yo, skpo, [k6, yo, skpo] to last 2 sts, k2.

7th row: K.

9th row: K6, [yo, sk2po, yo, k5] to last st, k1.

11th row: K7, [yo, skpo, k6] to end.

12th row: P.

Repeat 1st to 12th rows.

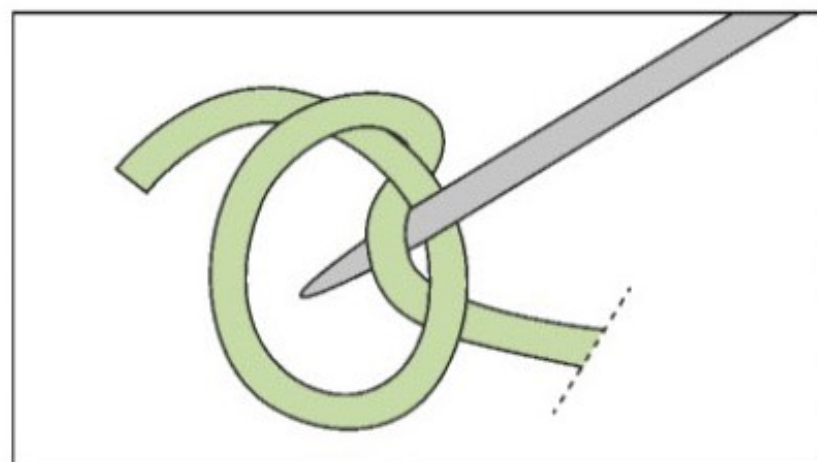
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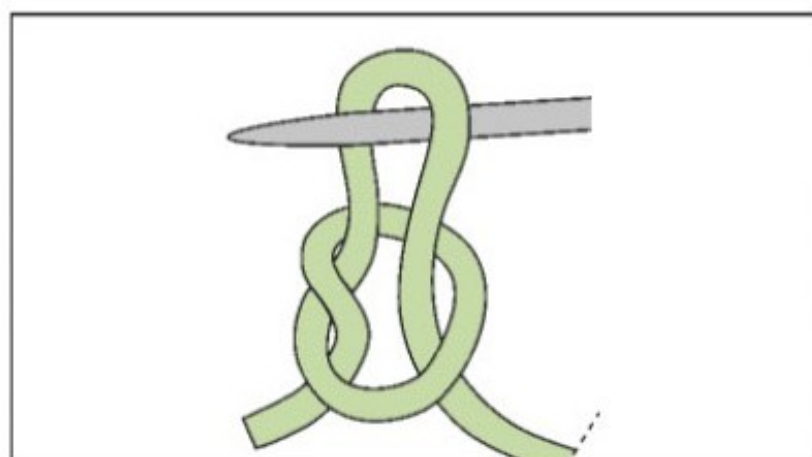
Choose the cast-on method that suits you best

The increases and decreases will extend your knitting vocabulary.

Slip knot



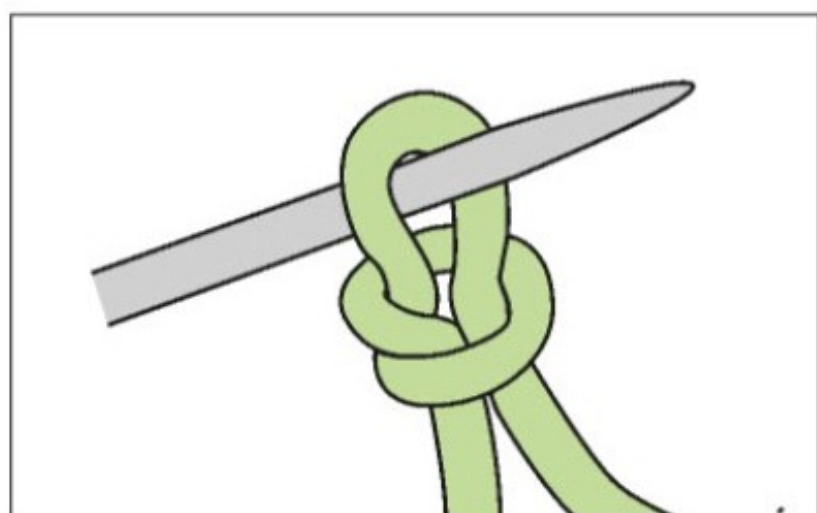
1 Make a slip knot by looping the yarn, ball end on top. Dip the needle into the loop, catch the ball end and pull it through the loop.



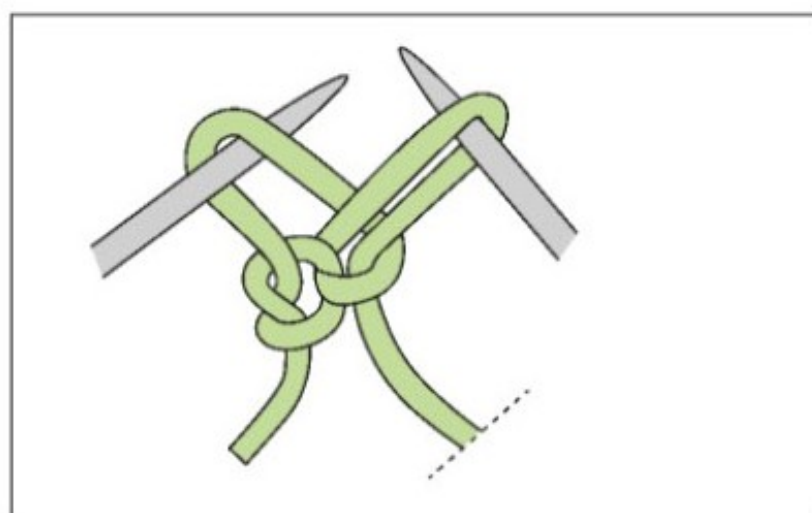
2 Pull both yarn ends to tighten the knot, then pull the ball end to bring the knot up to the needle to make the first stitch.

Casting on by knitting on

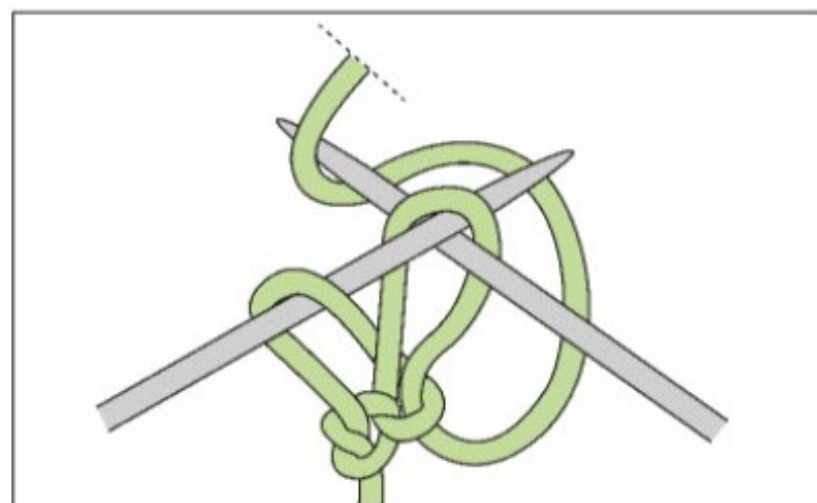
This is a method which, using two needles, gives a soft, slightly flimsy edge that can be gathered or used for hems.



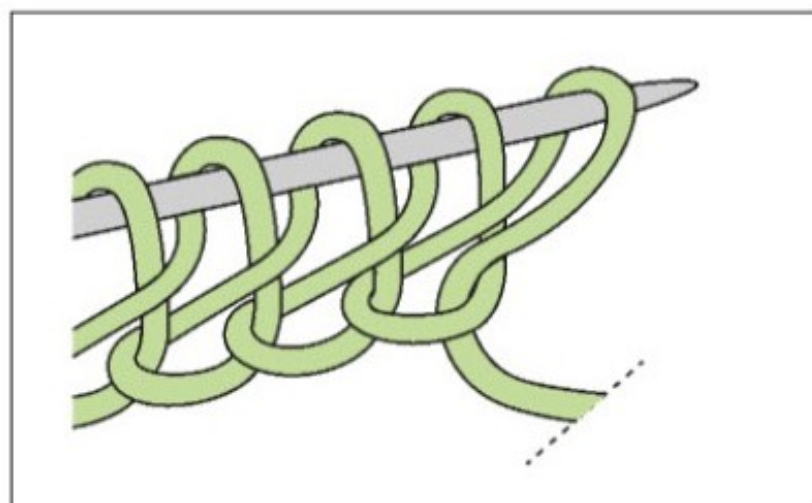
1 Make a slip knot, then hold the needle in your left hand.



2 Knit one without slipping the stitch off.



3 Slip the new stitch on to the left-hand needle making sure the yarn is in position ready to knit the next stitch.



4 Continue making stitches as steps 2 and 3 until you have the number of stitches you need.

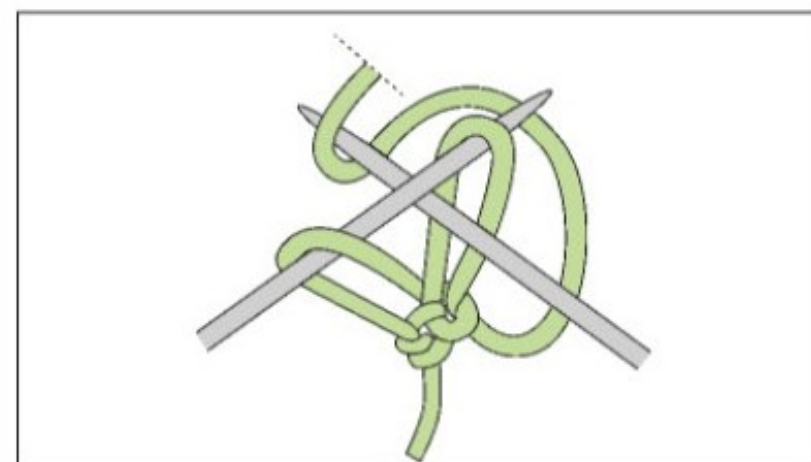


Cable cast on

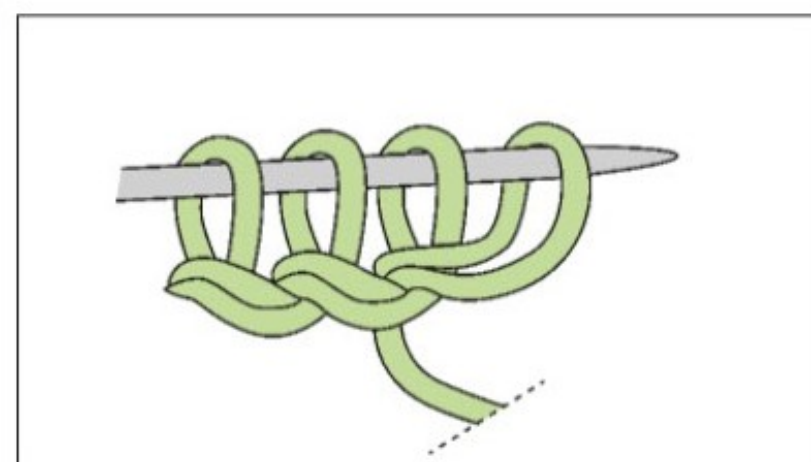
This is a cable method which is similar to the knitting-on method but gives a substantial edge with a rope-like appearance.

1 Make a slip knot, then hold the needle in your left hand, as step 1 shown left.

2 Knit one without slipping the stitch off, as step 2 shown left, and slip the new stitch on to the left-hand needle.



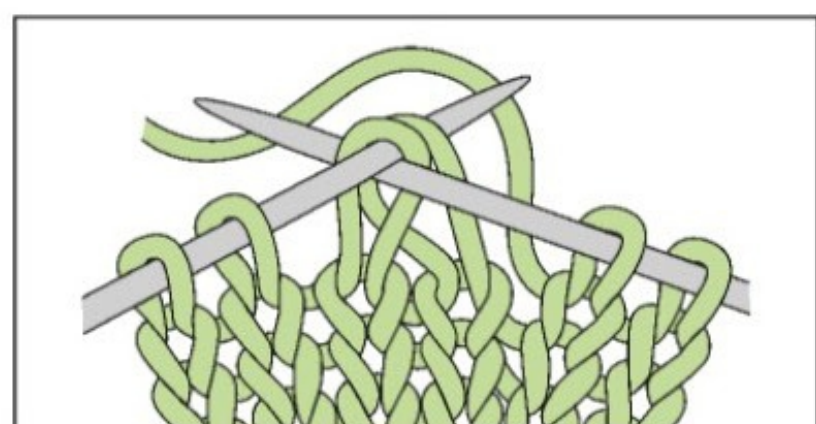
3 Insert the right-hand needle BETWEEN the last 2 stitches just made, yarn round needle and pull the loop through, thus making new stitch. Slip the new stitch onto left-needle.



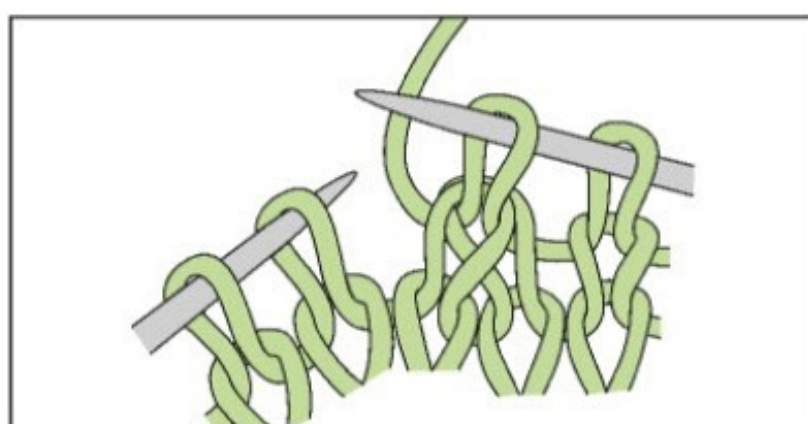
4 Continue making stitches as steps 3 above, until you have the number of stitches you need.

Single decrease (k2tog)

Losing a stitch by knitting two together (k2tog) gives a decrease that slants to the right.



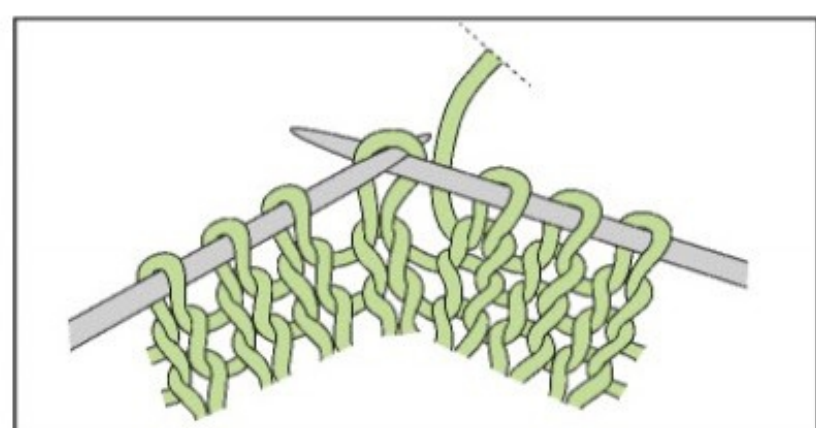
1 Insert the needle in the next two stitches knitwise (that is, through the front of the loops).



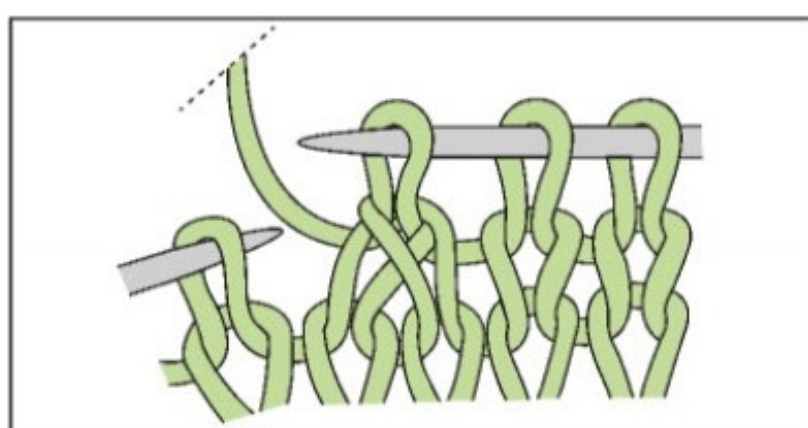
2 Yarn round needle, pull through both stitches and slip these stitches off together. The resulting decrease has the top stitch slanting to the right.

Single decrease (skpo)

Losing a stitch by slipping one stitch over the next (skpo) gives a decrease that slants to the left.



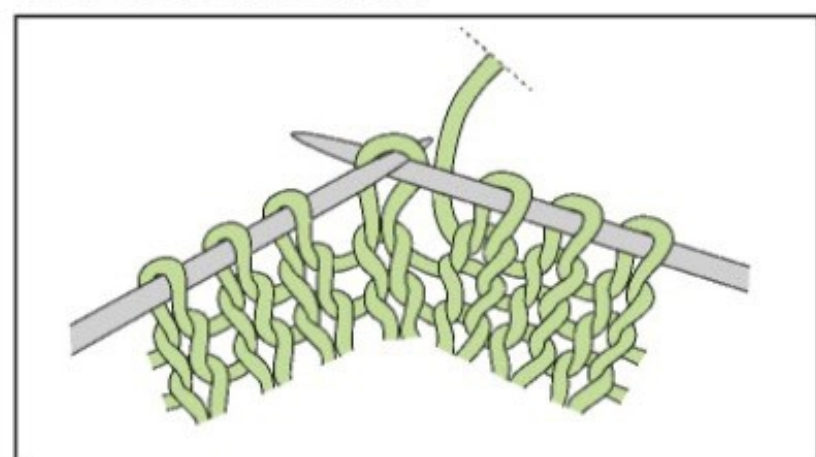
1 Insert the needle in the next stitch knitwise (through the front of the loop) to slip it on to the right-hand needle.



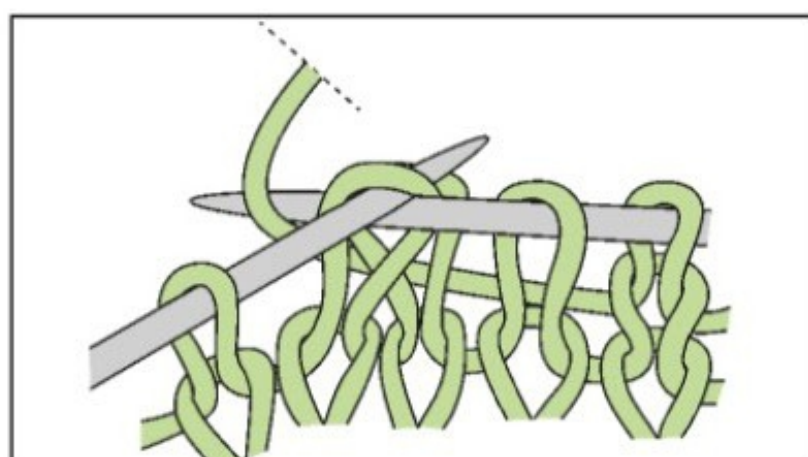
2 Knit the next stitch, then use the left-hand needle to lift the slipped stitch over the knitted one. The resulting decrease has the top stitch slanting to the left.

Double decrease (sk2po)

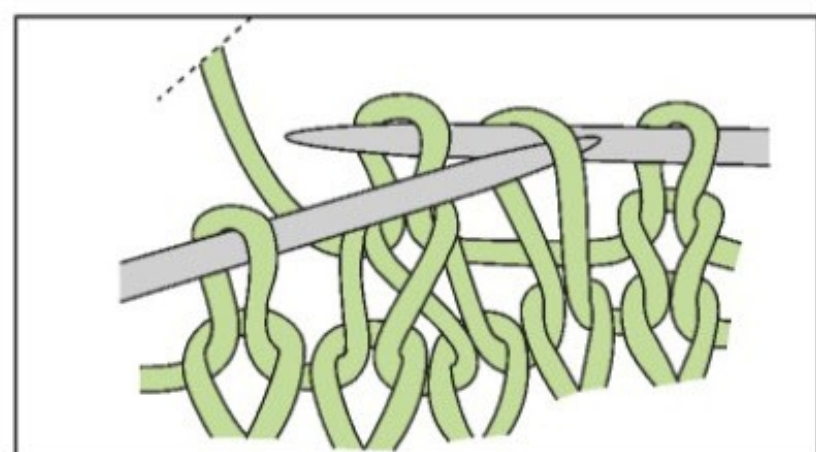
The most usual way to lose two stitches is to slip one, knit the next two together then pass the slipped stitch over (sk2po). Don't confuse it with skpo, which only decreases one stitch.



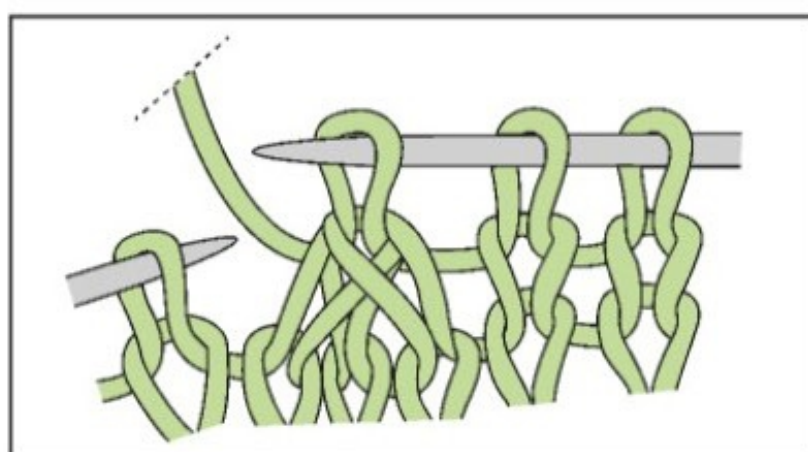
1 Slip one stitch knitwise, as for skpo above.



2 Take the yarn behind to knit two together.



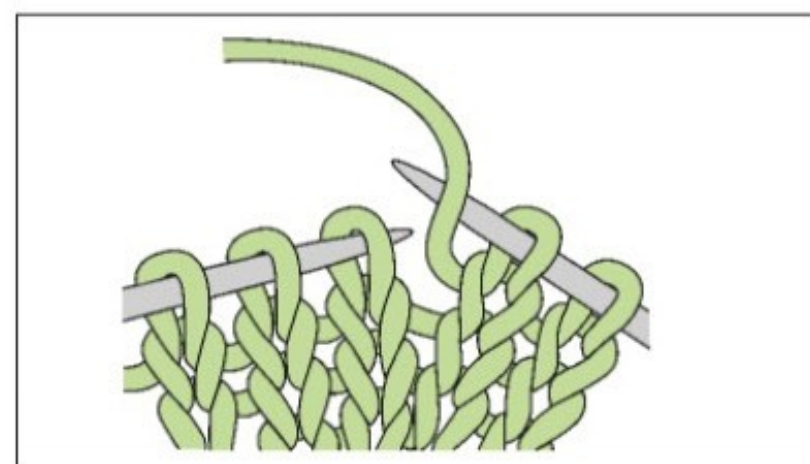
3 Use the left-hand needle to lift the slipped stitch over the two stitches knitted together.



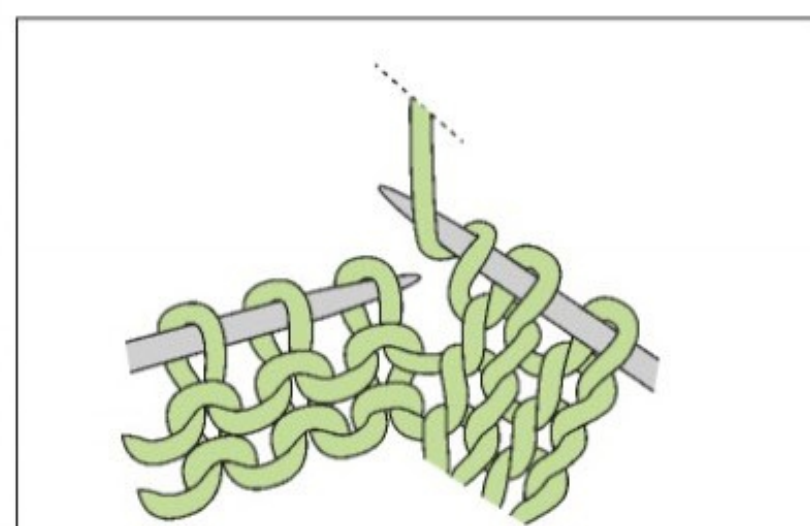
4 The resulting double decrease has the top stitch slanting to the left.

Open increases

Taking the yarn over the needle between stitches (yo) adds a stitch and leaves a hole. The method of doing this depends on the stitches either side. In many stitch patterns this increase is balanced by a decrease, but the principle is the same.



1 Between knit stitches bring the yarn forward, then over the needle to be at the back ready to make the next stitch.



2 Between knit and purl stitches bring the yarn forward and around the needle to be at the front ready to make the next stitch.

3 Between purl and knit stitches simply take the yarn over the needle from front to back ready to make the next stitch.

4 Between purl and purl the yarn needs to go over and around the needle to be at the front ready to make the next stitch.

Knitting Project



Heads Up

Use your new stitch pattern skills to make
a neat little hat

As this little hat is made from the top using only increases, it can be adapted to any size and can be worn with the edge rolled up or pulled down

Measurements

To fit an average head.

Materials

1 x 100g (210m) ball of King Cole Cottonsoft DK (100% cotton) in Rose (712). Pair of 4mm (No. 8) knitting needles; knitter's sewing needle.

You can buy the yarn online from womansweeklyshop.co.uk. For other yarn stockists, call King Cole on 01535 650230.

Tension

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

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st** stitch; **yo**, yarn forward and over needle to make a stitch.

Note

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



Hat

With 4mm needles, cast on 8 sts by the knitting-on method (see page 51).

1st row: K1, [yo, k1] 7 times – 15 sts.

2nd and alternate rows: P.

3rd row: K1, [yo, k2] 7 times – 22 sts.

5th row: K1, [yo, k3] 7 times – 29 sts.

7th row: K1, [yo, k4] 7 times – 36 sts.

9th row: K1, [yo, k5] 7 times – 43 sts.

11th row: K1, [yo, k6] 7 times – 50 sts.

Continue to increase in this way until k1,

[yo, k15] 7 times has been completed – 113 sts.

Beginning with a p row, continue in stocking stitch for 20 rows, or required depth, so ending with a k row.

K 2 rows. Cast off loosely knitwise.

Lightly gather the cast-on stitches, then, taking in half a stitch from each edge, join the back seam, reversing it for the last few rows if the hat is to be worn with the brim rolled up.

CROCHET WORKSHOP

Learn about the basic stitches with our easy-to-follow guide, then turn to page 59 for a lovely project to show off your new skills

Crochet Stitch Library



Granny hexagon



Granny variation



Diagonal star



Spider's web

OPEN STITCHES

This familiar style of crochet has many names. It's probably best known as granny squares and consists of groupings of three treble stitches worked in rounds.

Yarn

King Cole Merino Blend DK.

Abbreviations

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

Note

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



Granny variation

This is similar to the granny square used for the phone cosy on page 59, except that it is more open and because there is only one colour change there aren't so many ends to fasten off.

Colours A and B.

With A, make 5ch, join with a slst into a ring.

1st round (right side): 3ch (counts as 1tr), 2tr in ring, 3ch, [3tr in ring, 3ch] 3 times, slst in top of 3ch - 4 groups of 3tr made.

2nd round: Slst in each of next 2tr, slst in chsp, 3ch, work 2tr, 3ch and 3tr in same chsp, [3ch, work 3tr, 3ch and 3tr in next chsp] 3 times, 3ch, slst in top of 3ch.

3rd round: Slst in each of next 2tr, slst in chsp, 3ch, work 2tr, 3ch and 3tr in same chsp, [3ch, 3tr in next chsp, 3ch, work 3tr, 3ch and 3tr in corner chsp] 3 times, 3ch, 3tr in next chsp, 3ch, slst in top of 3ch. Fasten off.

4th round: Join B in next corner chsp, 3ch, work 2tr, 3ch and 3tr in same chsp, * [3ch, 3tr in next chsp] twice, 3ch, work 3tr, 3ch and 3tr in next chsp; repeat from * twice more, [3ch, 3tr in next chsp] twice, 3ch, slst in top of 3ch. Fasten off.



Granny hexagon

Hexagons are a traditional patchwork shape and make a nice alternative to squares.

Colours A, B and C.

With A, make 7ch, join with a slst into a ring.

1st round (right side): 3ch (counts as 1tr), 2tr in ring, 2ch, [3tr in ring, 2ch] 5 times, slst in top of 3ch. Fasten off.

2nd round: Join B in any chsp, 3ch, work 2tr, 2ch and 3tr in same chsp, [work 3tr, 2ch and 3tr in next chsp] 5 times, slst in top of 3ch. Fasten off.

3rd round: Join C in any corner chsp, 3ch, work 2tr, 2ch and 3tr in same chsp, [3tr in space between tr groups, work 3tr, 2ch and 3tr in next chsp] 5 times, 3tr in next space between tr groups, slst in top of 3ch. Fasten off.



Spider's web

A web makes the open centre of this motif. Otherwise, it has all the characteristics of the treble group type of granny square.

Colours A and B.

With A, make 5ch, join with a slst into a ring.

1st round (right side): 5ch (counts as 1tr and 2ch), [1tr in ring, 2ch] 7 times, slst in 3rd of 5ch.

2nd round: Slst in next sp, 3ch (counts as 1tr), 2tr in same chsp, [3ch, 3tr in next chsp] 7 times, 2ch, slst in top of 3ch. Fasten off.

3rd round: Join B in any chsp, 3ch, work 2tr, 1ch and 3tr in same chsp, * 3ch, [work 3tr, 1ch and 3tr in next chsp] twice, repeat from * twice more, 3ch, work 3tr, 1ch and 3tr in last chsp, slst in top of 3ch.

4th round: 3ch (counts as 1dc and 2ch), [1dc in 1-chsp, 2ch, work 3tr, 3ch and 3tr in 3-chsp, 2ch, 1dc in 1-chsp, 2ch, 1dc between tr groups, 2ch] 3 times, 1dc in 1-chsp, 2ch, work 3tr, 3ch and 3tr in 3-chsp, 2ch, 1dc in 1-chsp, 2ch, slst in first of 3ch. Fasten off.



Diagonal star

The strong diagonals in this design make it highly effective in a single colour.

Make 9ch, join with a slst into a ring.

1st round (right side): 3ch (counts as 1st tr), 2tr in ring, [4ch, 3tr in ring, 2ch, 3tr in ring] 3 times, 4ch, 3tr in ring, 2ch, slst in top of 3ch.

2nd round: Slst in each of next 2tr, slst next 4-chsp, 3ch, work 2tr, 2ch and 3tr in same 4-chsp, [2ch, 3tr in 2-chsp, 2ch, work 3tr, 2ch and 3tr in next 4-chsp] 3 times, 2ch, 3tr in 2-chsp, 2ch, slst in top of 3ch.

3rd round: Slst in next 2tr, slst in next 2-chsp, 3ch, work 2tr, 2ch and 3tr in same 2-chsp, [2ch, 2tr in 2-chsp, 1tr in each of next 3tr, 2tr in 2-chsp, 2ch, work 3tr, 2ch and 3tr in corner chsp] 3 times, 2ch, 2tr in 2-chsp, 1tr in each of 3tr, 2tr in 2-chsp, 2ch, slst in top of 3ch.

4th round: Slst in next 2tr, slst in next chsp, 3ch, work 2tr, 2ch and 3tr in same chsp, [2ch, 2tr in 2-chsp, 1tr in each of next 7tr, 2tr in 2-chsp, 2ch, work 3tr, 2ch and 3tr in corner chsp] 3 times, 2ch, 2tr in 2-chsp, 1tr in each of next 7tr, 2tr in 2-chsp, 1ch, slst in top of 3ch. Fasten off.

Crochet Class

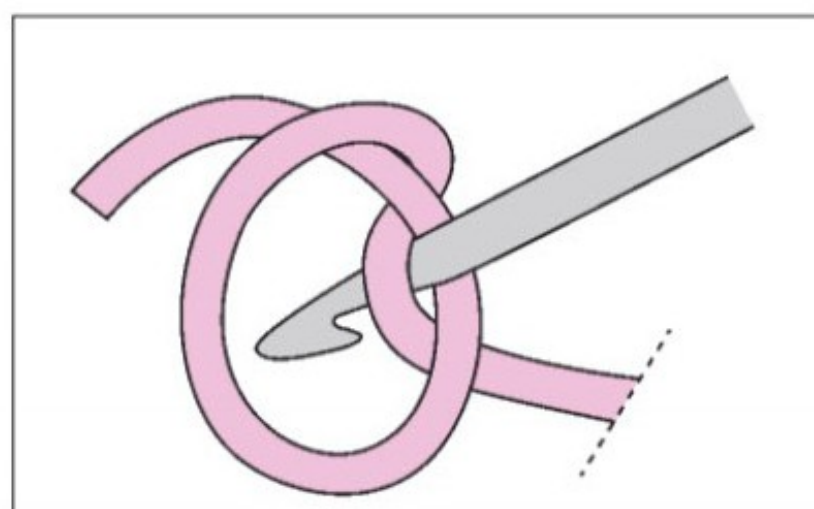
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Crochet in the round

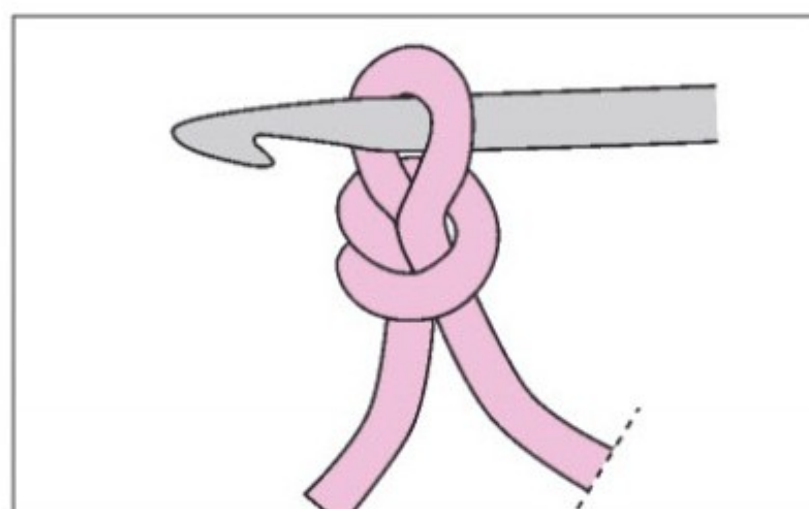
This is slightly different from working in rows, but just as easy. The stitches are the same and the right side is always towards you unless otherwise stated.

Slip knot

The slip knot is the most usual way to put the first loop on the hook.



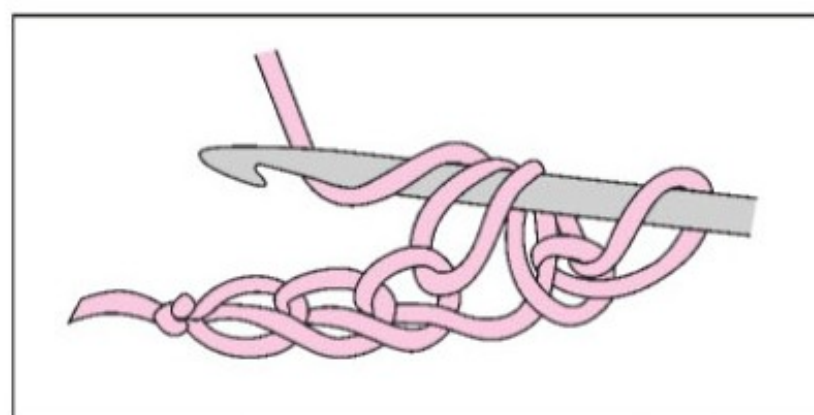
1 Loop the yarn, ball end on top, and dip the hook into the loop to catch the ball end and pull it through.



2 Pull both ends to tighten the knot, then pull the ball end to bring the knot up to the hook.

Slip stitch

This is quite unrelated to the slip knot. It's a stitch with no height and is a useful means of joining, moving from one stitch to another.



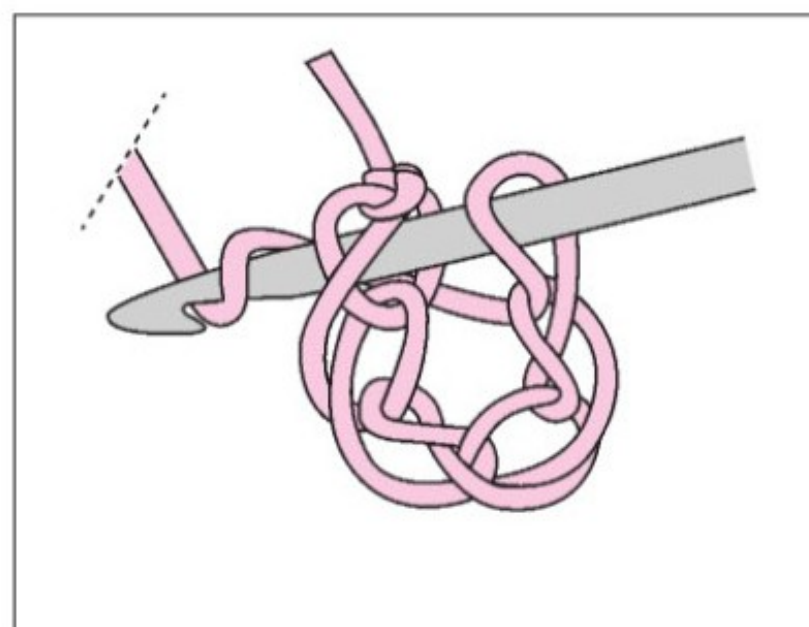
To make a slip stitch into a length of chain insert the hook under two strands in the second chain from the hook. Yarn round hook and pull it through both the chain and the loop on the hook.

Chain

Chain usually forms the starting point for rounds as well as rows.

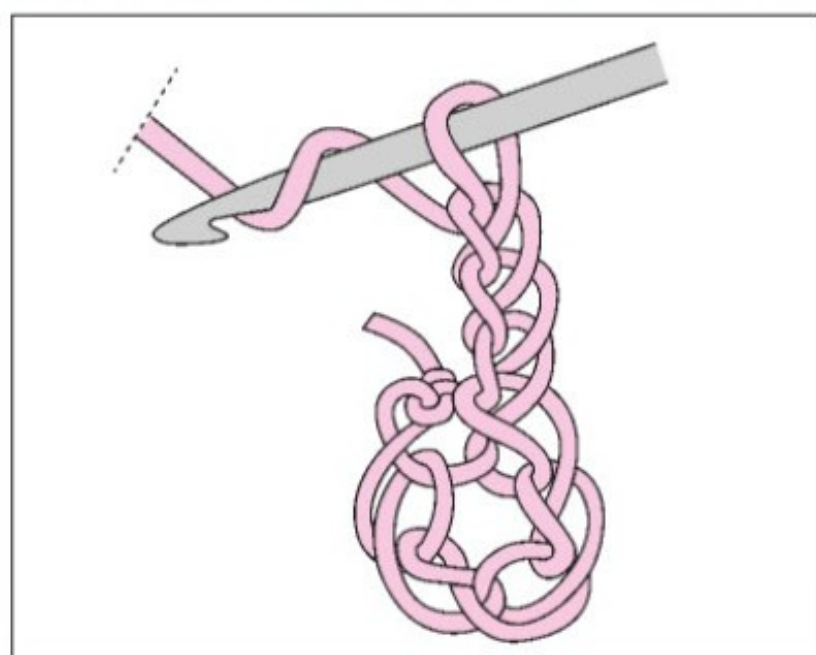
Chain ring

After making a slip knot, * yarn round hook and pull it through the loop on the hook; repeat from * until you have the required number of chain. Make this into a ring with a slip stitch. Simply curve the chain, loop still on the hook, until the hook can be inserted under two strands of the furthest chain from the hook. Yarn round the hook and pull it through the chain and the loop on the hook.



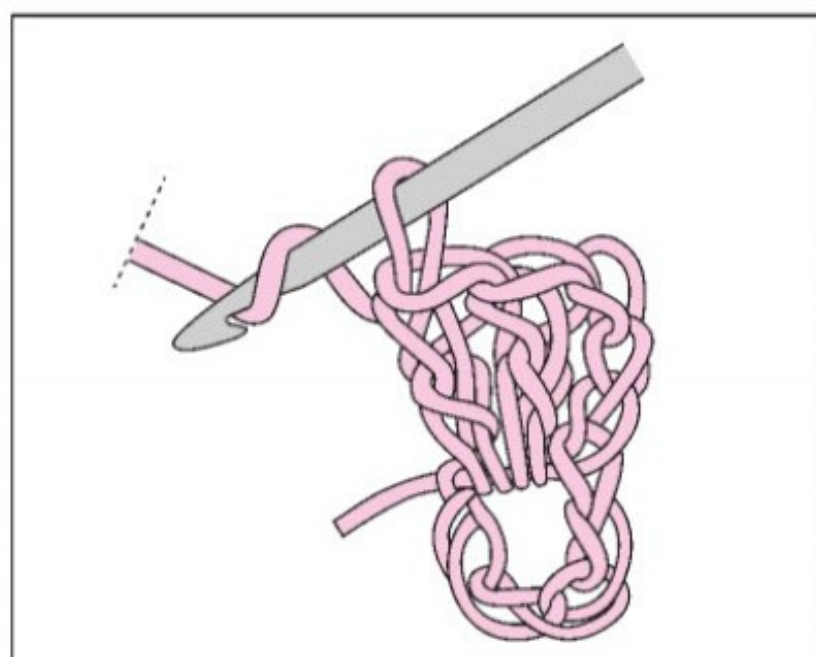
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The first stitch of the round



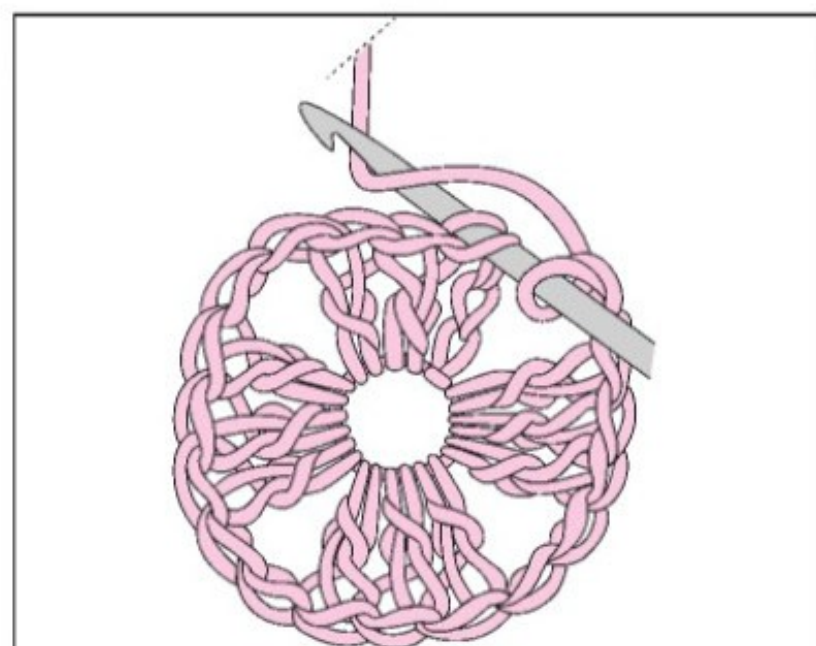
As at the beginning of a row, chain must be made to bring the hook up to the height needed for the following stitches. The chain counts as the first stitch. In this case there are three chain to count as one treble and the yarn is round the hook ready to make the first treble.

Enclosing the yarn end

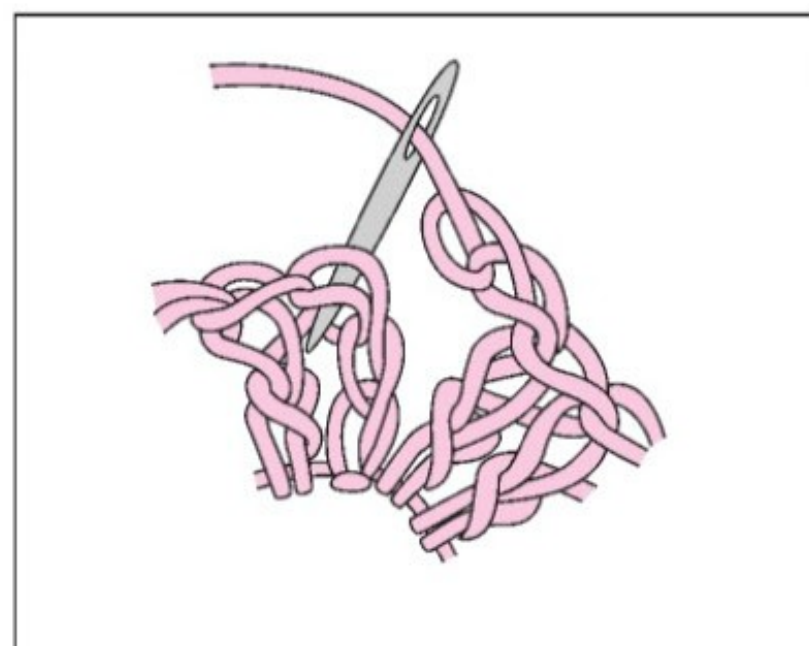


Working from right to left and making the stitches around the chain and not into the chain stitches, hold the yarn end behind and work over this as well. This will pad the ring and make one end less to darn in afterwards.

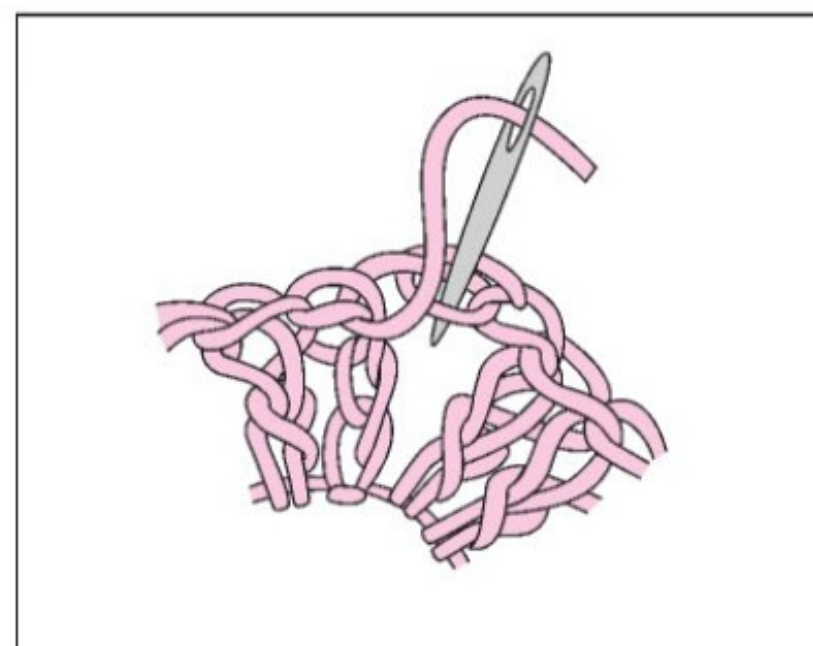
Fastening off



At the end of the round make a slip stitch in the top of the three chain that formed the first stitch. Then take the yarn round the hook and pull it through for a firm fasten off.

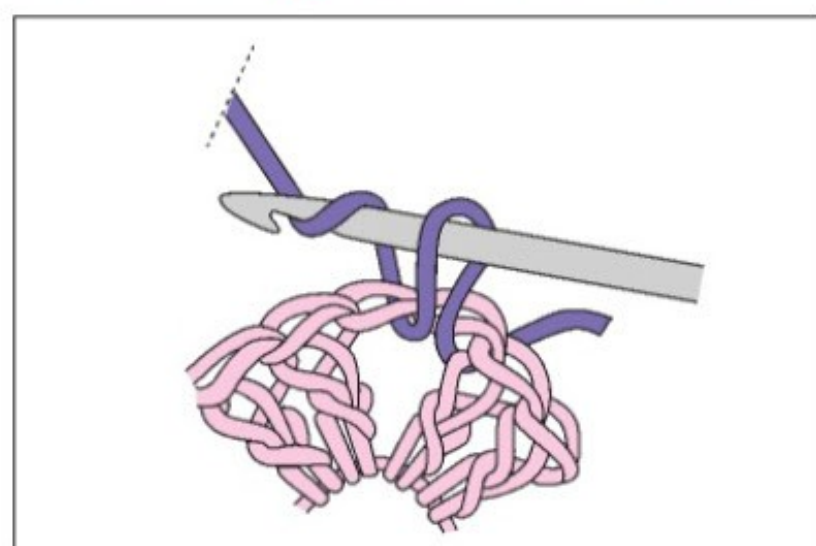


A more invisible, but less substantial, fastening off can be made with the use of a knitter's sewing needle. Break the yarn and pull it through the last stitch or chain, thread it on the needle then take it under the top two strands of the first stitch or chain.



Take the yarn back into the stitch it came from. The yarn end will need darning in to be secure.

Joining a new colour



In most granny squares a new colour is joined in a chain space after fastening off the previous colour. Rather than simply knotting the new colour to the chain, start by holding the yarn behind the work, insert the hook in the chain space and pull a loop through, yarn round hook above the chain and pull it through the loop to make a stitch

around the chain. This will leave a loose end to darn in later but it will make the base of the three chain that form the first stitch match more closely the rest of the stitches.

Crochet Project



Square Deal

Make a fun smartphone cosy and matching key cover from colourful granny squares

Crocheting the squares can be quite addictive! They can be adjusted in size and varied to suit any colour scheme



Measurements

One square measures 6 x 6cm/2¼ x 2¼in.

Materials

1 x 50g (112m) ball of King Cole Merino Blend DK (100% wool) in each of A (Raspberry 907), B (Kingfisher 771) and C (Turquoise 18). A 3.50 crochet hook; small button; split ring (from hardware shop or key-cutter), large bead and 50cm of necklace thonging. **You can buy this yarn from womansweeklyshop.co.uk.** For other yarn stockists, call King Cole on 01535 650230.

Abbreviations

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

Note

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

Square

(make 4 for phone cosy, 2 for key cover)

With 3.50 hook and A, make 5ch and join into a ring with a slst.

1st round (right side): 3ch (counts as 1tr), 2tr in ring, [2ch, 3tr in ring] 3 times, 2ch, slst in top of 3ch – 4 groups of 3tr made. Fasten off.

2nd round: With B, join yarn by inserting hook in next chsp, taking yarn round hook and pulling a loop through, 3ch (counts as 1tr), work 2tr, 2ch and 3tr in same chsp, [work 3tr, 2ch and 3tr in next chsp] 3 times, slst in top of 3ch. Fasten off.

3rd round: Join C in next chsp, 3ch, work 2tr, 2ch and 3tr in same chsp, miss 3tr, [3tr in space between last missed tr and next tr, work 3tr, 2ch and 3tr in next chsp] 3 times, miss 3tr, 3tr in last space between last missed tr and 3ch at beginning, slst in top of 3ch. Fasten off.

To make up

Phone cosy: With 3.50 hook, C and wrong sides together, join 2 pairs of squares for back and front by working each pair of sts thus: 2dc in first corner

chsp, 1dc in each tr along edge, 2dc in second corner chsp, fasten off.

With 3.50 hook and C, work 2dc in top right corner chsp of front, 1dc in each tr to next corner chsp, 2dc in second corner chsp, do not fasten off.

Wrong sides together and front facing, join pairs of back and front squares along first side with 2dc in same chsp at corner, 1dc in each st, 2dc in corner sp, 1dc in each st across base, 2dc in corner chsp, 1dc in each st along remaining side, 2dc in corner chsp, then work along top back only, 2dc in same corner chsp, 1dc in each st, 2dc in last corner chsp. Fasten off.

Sew button to top front.

With 3.50 hook and C, make 7ch and sew this on top back to form a loop.

Key cover: With 3.50 hook, C and wrong sides together, join front and back with dc, leaving open opposite corners. Loop thonging around split ring, thread it through cover and bead, then knot securely.

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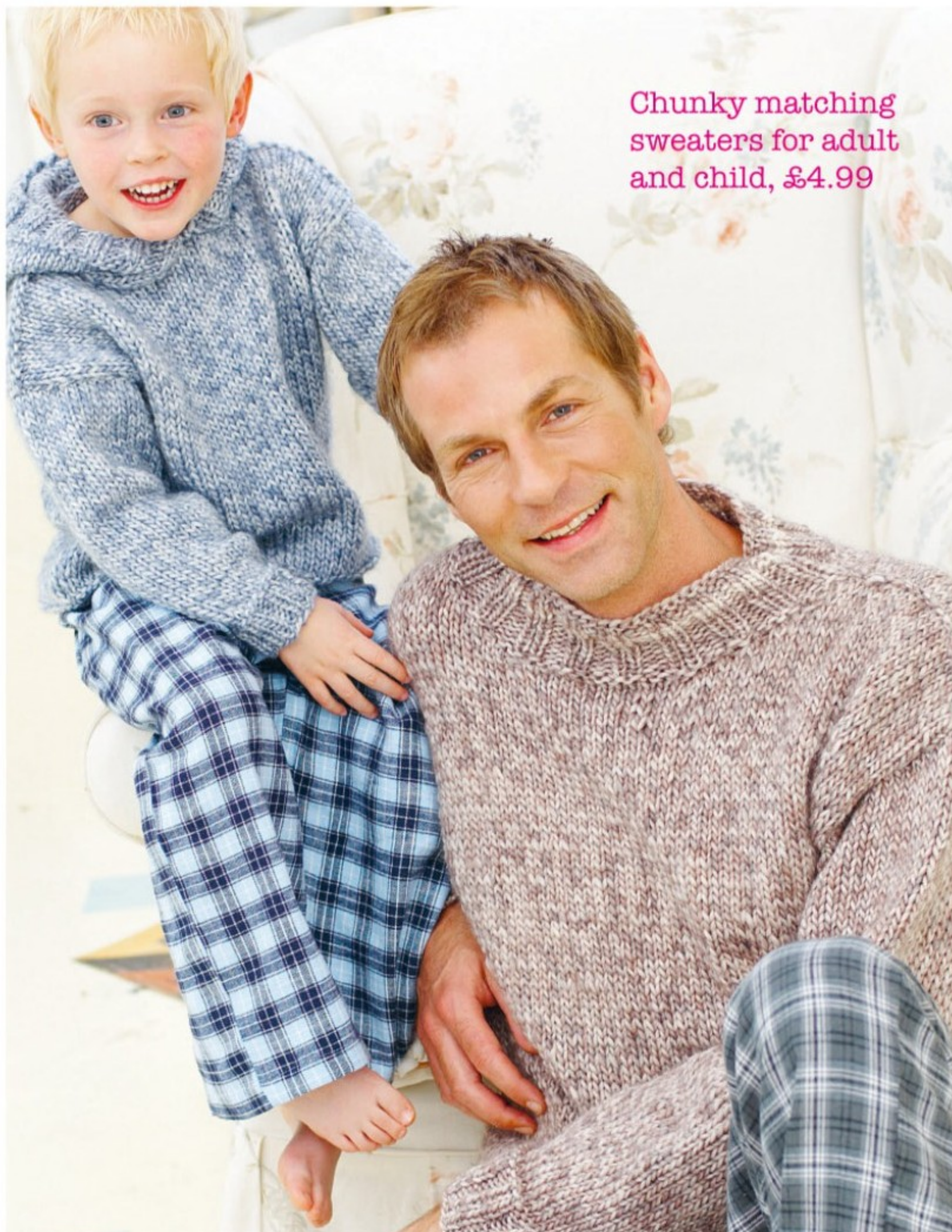
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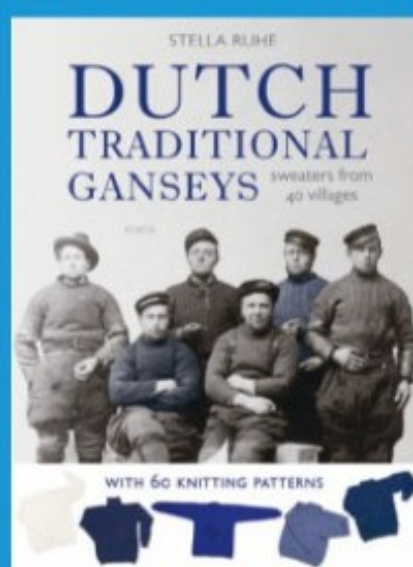


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This cosy project is taken from *Crochet Workshop*
by Erika Knight



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Bedtime For Furrries

Crochet the comfiest bed for those doggy dozes or cat naps

Measurements

The bed is approximately 50cm/19¾in in diameter and 22cm/8¾in tall.

Materials

Allow 2m of fabrics in natural linen, black-and-white gingham, black-and-white striped ticking and 1m in calico. Size 10mm and 9mm crochet hooks. A 50cm-diameter round cushion pad.

Tension

Approximately 7 stitches and 8 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over double crochet, using 10mm hook and 1.5cm-wide fabric strips.

Abbreviations

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

Note

Fabric allowance is based on average requirements and is therefore approximate. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket. To help crocheting, wash the fabric pieces first to make them more supple.

To make

Cut a 53cm-diameter circle from fabric for cushion front. For cushion back, cut 2 semicircles to fit front, allowing 10cm extra along straight edges for overlapping. Cut remaining fabric pieces into 1.5cm-wide strips, working along straight grain.

Bed

Base: Start with any strip and use different strips randomly, joining them together with a knot. With 10mm hook, make 6ch and join with a slst to form a ring.

1st inc round: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 11tr in ring, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 12 sts.

2nd inc round: 3ch, 1tr in base of 3ch, [2tr in next tr] to end, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 24 sts.

3rd inc round: 3ch, 1tr in base of 3ch, 1tr in next tr, [2tr in next tr, 1tr in next tr] to end, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 36 sts.

4th inc round: 3ch, 1tr in base of 3ch, 1tr in each of next 2tr, [2tr in next tr, 1tr in each of next 2tr] to end, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 48 sts.

5th inc round: 3ch, 1tr in base of 3ch, 1tr in each of next 3tr, [2tr in next tr, 1tr in



each of next 3tr] to end, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 60 sts.

6th inc round: 3ch, 1tr in base of 3ch, 1tr in each of next 4tr, [2tr in next tr, 1tr in each of next 4tr] to end, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 72 sts.

7th inc round: 3ch, 1tr in base of 3ch, 1tr in each of next 5tr, [2tr in next tr, 1tr in each of next 5tr] to end, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 84 sts.

8th inc round: 3ch, 1tr in base of 3ch, 1tr in each of next 6tr, [2tr in next tr, 1tr in each of next 6tr] to end, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 96 sts.

9th inc round: 3ch, 1tr in base of 3ch, 1tr in each of next 7tr, [2tr in next tr, 1tr in each of next 7tr] to end, slst in 3rd of 3ch – 108 sts.

Sides: 10th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in base of 1ch, [1dc in next tr] to end, slst in 1st dc.

11th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in base of 1ch, [1dc in next dc] to end, slst in 1st dc.

Repeat the last round until side measures 12.5cm, turn.

Shape sides: Next row: 1ch, slst in each of first 16dc, 1ch (does not count as a st) and mark this ch, [1dc in next dc] 92 times, turn – 92 dc.

Next row: 1ch, slst in each of first 2dc, 1ch (does not count as a st) and mark this ch, [1dc in next dc] to marker, turn. Repeat last row, 5 times more – 80dc. Fasten off.

Edging: Join strip to any st at top edge of bed and with 9mm hook, work 1ch, 1dc in base of 1ch, [1dc in next

st] around edge, slst in 1st dc. Fasten off and neaten ends.

Cushion cover

Fold 1.5cm down on straight edges of back semicircles and stitch. With right sides together, place back pieces on front, overlapping straight edges at centre and pin together. Taking 1.5cm into seam, stitch around outer edges. Turn right side out, insert cushion pad.



Buy the book

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Easter Makes Craft Day

24TH MARCH

If you're new to crafts or you have been crafting for years, we'd love you to join us at our Easter Craft Workshop. Come along and meet Lifestyle Editor, Jayne Marsden, and Home Editor, Emily Dawe, who will be demonstrating how to make beautiful paper flowers you can then use to make your very own Easter gifts. They include making a posy and pretty container, a stylish wreath, plus a basket of daffodils, and an Easter card – all to take home with you at the end of the day. And we will show you how to use the flowers to decorate gifts, napkins and more. Once you've mastered these makes you will be



Meet Lifestyle Editor Jayne (left) and Home Editor Emily (right)

able to adapt them to be used in other ways, plus you will be able to help others make these very pretty makes.



About the day

Itinerary for Easter Makes Craft Day

- 10.00 Tea, coffee and meet and greet
- 10.30 How to make Easter flowers out of paper
- 11.30 Coffee
- 11.45 Using your flowers to decorate gifts
- 12.00 Making an Easter posy and container/create a basket of flowers
- 1.00 Lunch
- 2.00 Making your Easter wreath
- 3.00 Tea
- 3.15 Your wreath continued
- 4.30 Finish

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11TH
APRIL

Learn With The WW Experts

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About the day

Itinerary for Learn to Knit Workshop with *Woman's Weekly*

- 10.00** Welcome with tea and coffee.
- 10.30** How to cast on, knit and purl stitches and how to cast off.
- 11.30** Break for tea and coffee
- 11.45** Knitting in stripes and colour blocks, how to join in a new colour. How to increase and decrease. Basic making up skills.
- 1.00** Lunch
- 2.00** Simple project to make and take home
- 3.30** Tea with designer Lesley Stanfield
- 4.15** Any questions
- 4.30** Finish

Learn To Crochet With Our Experts

16TH
MAY

If you've been inspired by the crochet patterns in the magazine or just interested and have never had the opportunity to learn, then here's your chance to have a go.

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About the day

Itinerary for Learn to Crochet Workshops with *Woman's Weekly*

- 10.00** Welcome with tea and coffee.
- 10.30** How to make a slipknot stitch, chain, double crochet and treble
- 11.30** Break for tea and coffee
- 11.45** How to increase and decrease, introducing a new colour. Crocheting in rounds
- 1.00** Lunch
- 2.00** Simple project to make and take home (mug hug, tealight cover or flower)
- 3.30** Tea with a designer (TBC)
- 4.15** Any questions
- 4.30** Finish

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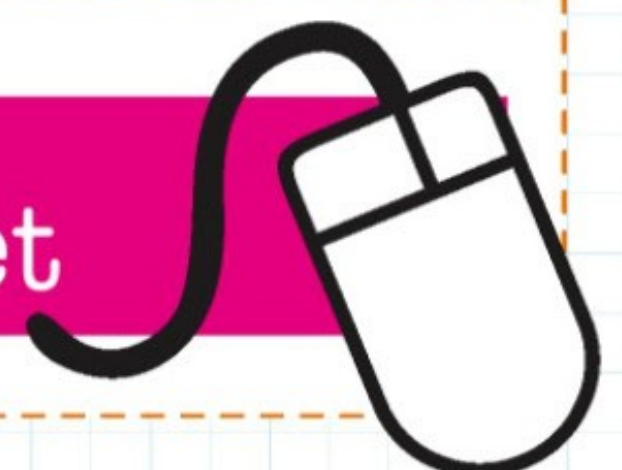
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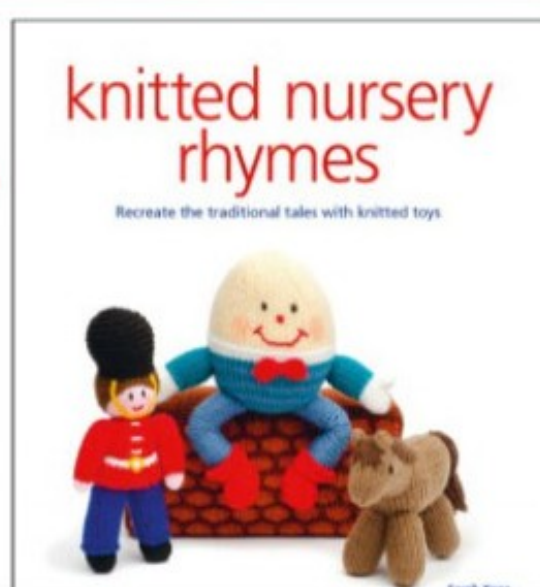
Bookshelf

This month, learn how to crochet in style, keep your baby's tootsies warm, revisit nursery rhymes from your childhood and embrace your inner English rose

Knitted Nursery Rhymes: Recreate the traditional tales with knitted toys

By Sarah Keen (GMC Publications, £14.99)

The first part of this title is much like a child's favourite picture book. The words of 15 nursery rhymes appear in full – everything from *Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary* to *Humpty Dumpty* is included. And alongside each are colourful, humorous photos of the rhymes' characters and scenes, as imagined and knitted by Sarah Keen. The book's second part shows how you can knit your own Jack or Jill or Old Mother Hubbard, or even your own barrel of five little monkeys. It's a great way to introduce your children or grandchildren to the rhymes and ditties that have been sung through the generations.



The New Crochet: A beginner's guide, with 38 modern projects

By Marion Madel (Potter Craft, £12.99)

The 38 modern and stylish projects featured in French designer Marion Madel's book would be a welcome addition to any wardrobe.

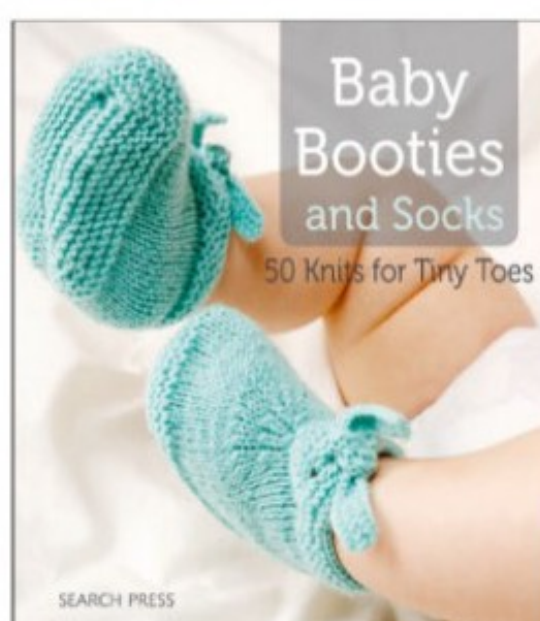


From kimono cardigans to sand stitch slippers, these are glamorous and on-trend designs. But as well as trendy garments, this book is also about opening up the world of crochet to those who've never picked up a hook before, or are in need of a refresher course. It's divided into a series of 25 lessons, each one focusing on a single skill or technique. Simple instructions make them manageable for those who are new to crochet.

Baby Booties and Socks: 50 knits for tiny toes

By Frederique Alexandre (Search Press, £12.99)

It's the littlest toes that need to be kept warmest. And in Frederique Alexandre's book, mums, grans, aunts and friends will find 50 bright, colourful and good-fun ways to keep a new arrival's tootsies toasty. Full of gorgeous ideas to keep your little one warm and on-trend, there's a section dedicated to special-occasion booties, and ideas for the cutest baby ballet pumps, espadrilles and moccasins and even booties shaped like tiny fluffy mice. The patterns use both knitting and crochet, are clearly laid-out, easy-to-follow and come in multiple sizes from birth to two years.



Knits From An English Rose: 25 modern-vintage accessories

By Louisa Harding (Sixth&Spring, £17.99)

Louisa Harding's patterns are creative and show how colour and texture can be used to great effect in knitwear. In the intro to this



book, she suggests we all have an 'inner girl' and that she is 'feminine, individual and creative'. The same might be said for the designs she's included in the book, each one soft and ladylike in rich purples and pinks. And while some of the patterns may challenge a beginner, the instructions are set out with precision and clarity. Harding shows us that being a 'girl' or an 'English Rose' isn't about age or the way you look, it's a state of mind.



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Tina's Tips & Tricks

Get the little things right and your knitting will be beautiful

We want your knitting to be the best it can possibly be. So it's a good job we have Tina. A true knitting professional, Tina's been Technical Knitting Editor at Woman's Weekly for the last 14 years. And now she's here to help you! Every month, Tina will be answering the most common questions you've sent in and resolving some of the issues we all face as knitters. Together, we'll make your knitting beautiful!

Yarn shortage

Q For my latest project I found a lovely top to knit. The pattern recommended using a DK wool and acrylic blend, but I decided to knit it with a DK cotton instead. The tension was the same, so it seemed like an easy enough switch to make. But as I was knitting my top, I found I needed more yarn than the pattern had suggested. Why should this be?

A When substituting one yarn for another, it's important to remember that yarns are balled according to weight. As cotton is heavier than a wool-acrylic mix, there'll be fewer metres of it per ball. And that's what has happened in this case. Fewer metres per ball means less yarn to knit with, and the yarn's been used up more quickly by the pattern. There are many reasons why you might want to use a different yarn from the one specified. You might have found a pattern you like and the yarn for it isn't available any more. Maybe you want to make a garment more appropriate for a particular season, or perhaps you're hoping to use up a few balls you have spare. To help you work out how much of a substituted yarn you'll need for your project, we've put a guide on our website (womansweekly.co.uk/knitting). Sometimes, getting your knitting right comes down to a bit of number crunching!

More crocheted clothes!

Q There are so many crocheted garments in the shops these days. But so far, not so many in *Woman's Weekly* – they tend to be crocheted toys, or ornaments or home makes. I'd love to see some patterns included for crocheted clothes.

A You're right, crochet is back! And because the demand for crocheted garments is growing, I've no doubt that we'll be bringing you some stylish patterns before long. But that said, we've got a delicate balance to strike between crocheted garments and knitted ones. Both crafts have a place here, and I hope the way they are represented reflects the level of interest in them.

In the meantime, have you checked out the crochet patterns available from our online shop? Visit womansweeklyshop.co.uk/knitting.

All sewn up

Q I've been knitting a sweater with set-in sleeves. It was going well until I got to the sewing-up bit. The sleeve heads wouldn't fit into the armholes because they didn't have the same number of rows!

A There are several ways to shape armholes and the sleeve heads are shaped accordingly. If your sweater has raglan shaping, you'd have found the same amount of rows on the sleeve head and the armhole. And that makes them easy to sew up. Set-in sleeves are a different matter. The sleeve head will always have fewer rows than the armhole. Had the sleeve head and the armhole the same number of rows, you'd find the sweater looked wrong and your movement would be restricted. In knitted garments this isn't a huge problem because knitting fabric has so much give. But you'd run into problems if you were using other textiles. Basically, you need extra width at the top of the sleeve and this is created by its curvy shape and calculated according to the depth of the armhole and the width of the sleeve. Even a slight deviation from the instructions or the slightest difference in tension can throw everything off kilter.

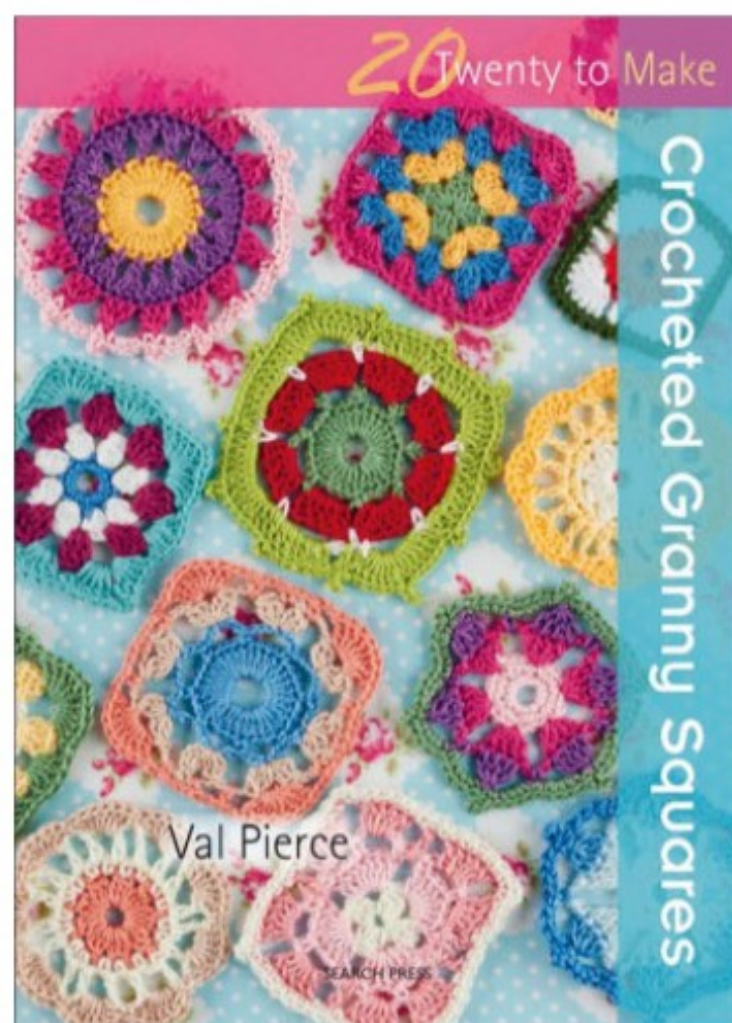
But what if you can't sew the sleeve head to the armhole row for row? Turn the garment inside out. Insert the sleeve head into the armhole from *inside*. Place the centre of the top part of the sleeve against the shoulder seam. Match the cast-off stitches at the base of the sleeve top to the cast-off stitches of the armhole and fit the remainder into the armhole, then pin them into position. With back or front facing, work in back stitch around the edge of both layers, working one stitch away from the straight part of armhole edge where possible. From time to time, check the right side to ensure the seam is being maintained properly and it's neat and even.



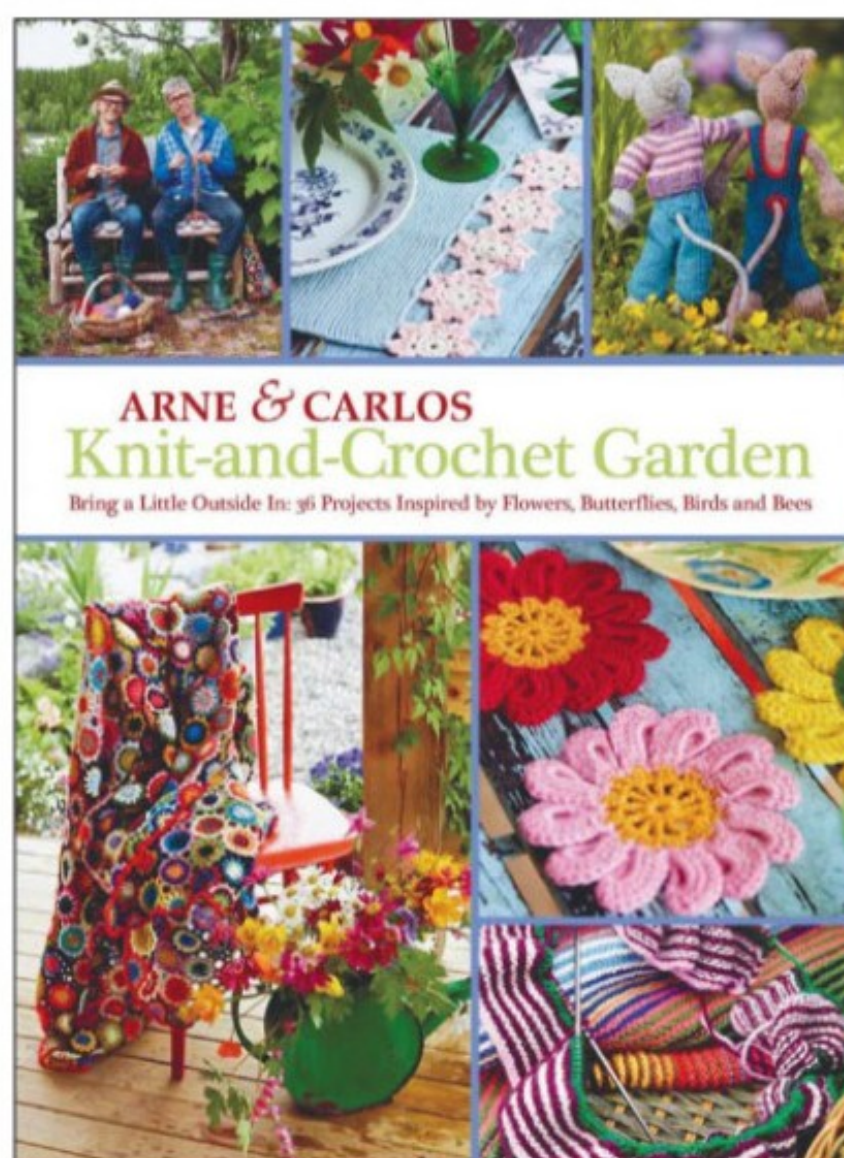
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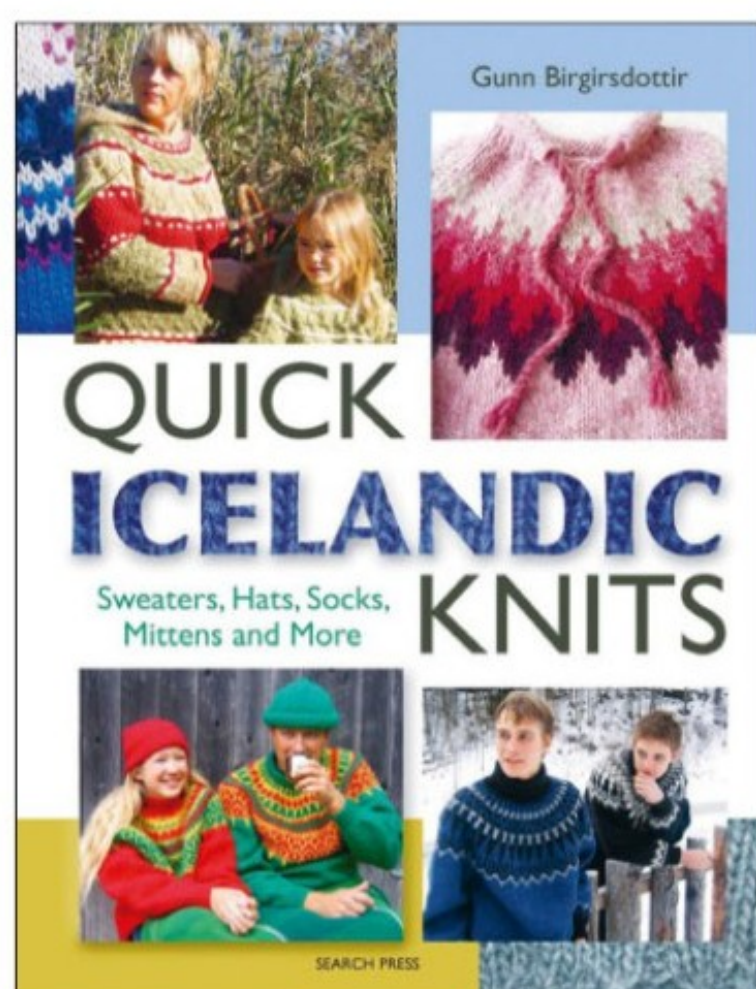
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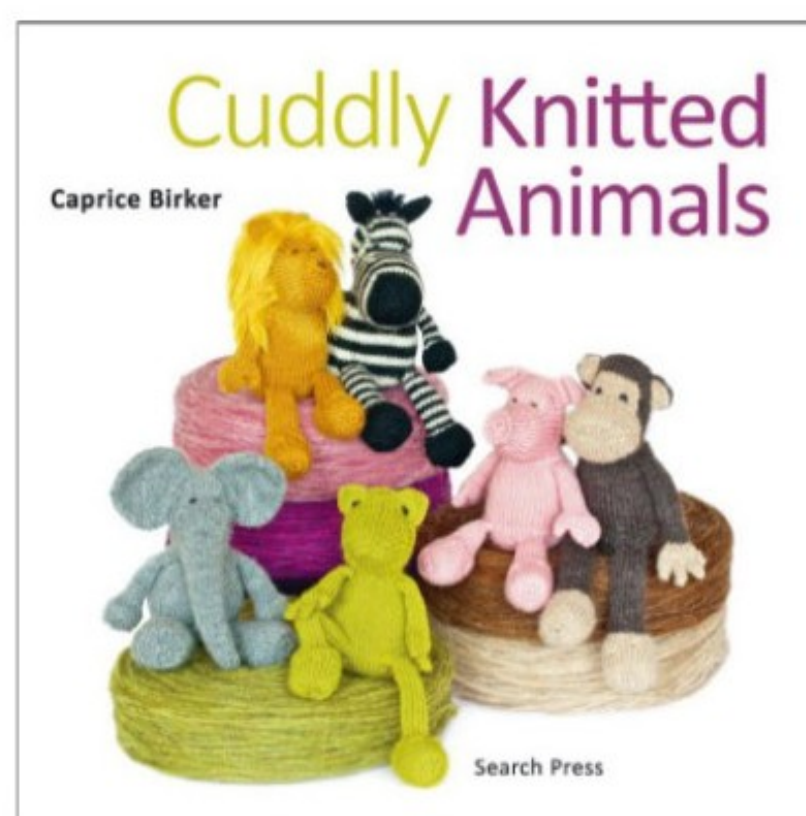
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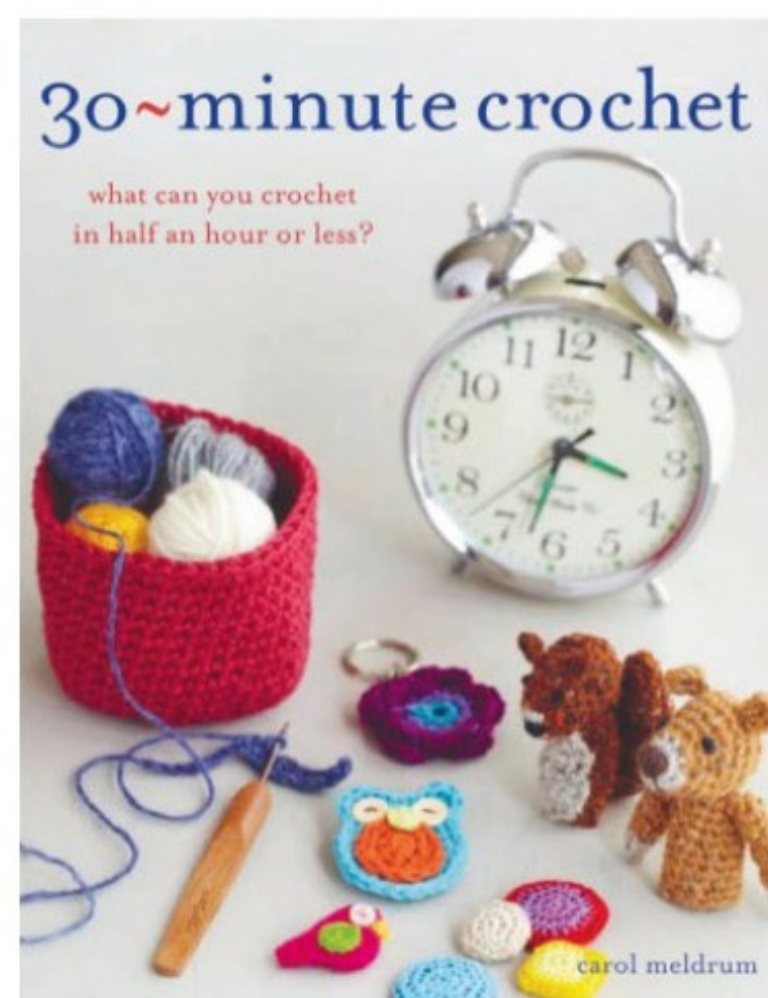
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That fruity feeling

It started when I knitted a cactus for a relative staying on a hospital ward that wouldn't allow flowers. Then my sister bought me a book of patterns for knitted flowers, and knitted fruit and veg. Since then, I've made beetroot, mushrooms, bananas, satsumas, chillies... Last autumn, I gave them to my church to add to their Harvest Festival display. Somehow, they ended up in a bag of knits donated to a charity in Moldova. I hope they've been a hit there, too!

Rosemary Romano, Langton Green, Kent



Chequered children

When I had my first daughter, Iris, back in 2012, I knitted a blanket to keep her snug in her cot. So when my second, Connie, came along last September, I had to knit one for her, too. This time I went for a striking chequerboard design. I still have some of the things my mum knitted for me many years ago. Now I have daughters of my own, I hope they'll keep their blankets forever. A memento of their mum who loves them very much.

Eva Brooks, Warrington, Cheshire



Little teddies for little souls

If you're as keen a knitter as I am, you'll know all about the odds and ends of yarn you end up with when you've finished working on a project. I wanted to do something with them, so I decided to knit little teddies to send to children living in hospitals and orphanages in war-torn countries. Because of the different yarns I use, each teddy is an individual, just like the little person he's sent to cheer up. I hope my teddies can show those children the world's not always a bad place.

Marion Moore, Northampton



Back to it!

When I saw the adorable pattern for a Hello Kitty toy in *Woman's Weekly*, I made a big decision to pick up my needles and get knitting again! It had been ages since I'd last knitted anything, but I got back into it straight away. Once I'd finished Kitty, I started work on this Nativity scene from a pattern by designer Jane Greenhowe. It turned out really well and I'm so pleased with it. Yes, it might be March right now, but every day's Christmas Day once you've got your knitting mojo back. And I've Kitty to thank for that!

Muriel Fletcher, Ulveston, Cumbria

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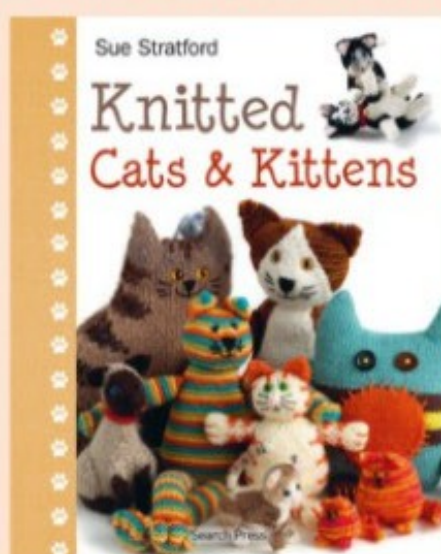
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This adorable toy was taken from *Knitted Cats & Kittens* by Sue Stratford (£9.99).

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Measurements

Approximately 19cm/7¾in high.

Materials

50g of DK yarn in each of Cream and Orange. Small amount of 4-ply yarn in Pink; oddment of Black embroidery thread. Pair of 2¾mm (No. 12) and 3¼mm (No. 10) knitting needles; washable toy stuffing and a pair of safety eyes.

Tension

24 stitches and 32 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using DK yarn and 3¼mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **k2togb** or **p2togb**, k2tog or p2tog through back of sts; **dec**, decrease; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **inc**, increase; **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and k or p into the back of it; **skpo**, slip 1, k1, pass slip st over; **A**, Cream; **B**, Orange.

Note

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

Feet

(make 2)

With 3¼mm needles and A, cast on 6 sts.

1st inc row: P1, up1, p4, up1, p1 – 8 sts.

2nd inc row: K1, up1, k6, up1, k1 – 10 sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 5 rows.

1st dec row: K1, k2tog, k4, skpo, k1 – 8 sts.

P 1 row. Work 2nd increase row. Ss 5 rows.

Work 1st dec row.

2nd dec row: P1, p2togb, p2, p2tog, p1 – 6 sts. K 1 row. Cast off.

Fold feet in half and join row-ends together. Stuff firmly, then join cast-on and cast-off edges. With B, work two straight sts across folded edge of each foot for claws.

Legs

(make 2)

With 3¼mm needles and A, cast on 14 sts. K 1 row and p 1 row.

Using separate small balls of yarn for each coloured area and twisting yarns together on wrong side at joins to avoid holes, work stripes thus: **1st row:** K2B, 4A, 2B, 4A, 2B.

2nd row: P3B, 2A, 4B, 2A, 3B. **3rd row:** As 1st row. **4th row:** With A, p to end.

5th row: With A, k to end. **6th row:** P2B, 4A, 2B, 4A, 2B. **7th row:** K3B, 2A, 4B, 2A, 3B.

8th row: As 6th row. With A, k 1 row and p 1 row. Cast off.

Join row-ends together on each leg for inside seam, then oversew cast-off edge. Stuff legs firmly and sew open edges to back end at top of feet.

Arms

(make 2)

With 3¼mm needles and A, cast on 12 sts. K 1 row.

Work stripes. **1st row:** P2B, 3A, 2B, 3A, 2B.

2nd row: K3B, 1A, 4B, 1A, 3B.

3rd row: As 1st row. With A, p 1 row.

Work 1st to 3rd rows.

Continue in A, only, ss 2 rows.

Inc row: K1, up1, k4, up1, k2, up1, k4, up1, k1 – 16 sts. Ss 3 rows.

Dec row: K1, k2tog, k2, skpo, k2, k2tog, k2, skpo, k1 – 12 sts. Cast off.

Join row-ends together on each arm for underarm seam, then join cast-off edge. Stuff arms firmly and oversew cast-on edges. With B, work 2 straight sts across lower edge of each arm for claws.

Body

Back: With 3¼mm needles and A, cast on 12 sts for base.

Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.

1st dec row: K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, skpo, k1. P 1 row. Work 1st dec row again – 8 sts.

2nd dec row: P1, p2togb, p2, p2tog, p1 – 6 sts. Break off yarn, then with right side facing rejoin yarn to cast on-edge of base, pick up and k5 sts along side of base, k6 sts from needle, then pick up and k5 sts along

other side of base – 16 sts. P 1 row.

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

2nd inc row: P1, up1, p to last st, up1, p1.

Repeat last 2 rows, once more – 24 sts.

Work stripes. **1st row:** K2B, 20A, 2B.

2nd row: P4B, 16A, 4B.

3rd row: K7B, 10A, 7B. **4th row:** As 2nd row.

5th row: As 1st row. **6th row:** P in A. Repeat last 6 rows, once more, then work 1st and 2nd rows again.

3rd dec row: K7B, With A, k1, k2tog, k4, skpo, k1, k7B – 22 sts. **Next row:** P4B, 14A, 4B. **4th dec row:** K2B, with A, k6, k2tog, k2, skpo, k6, k2B – 20 sts.

Continue in A only. P 1 row.

5th dec row: K1, k2tog, k5, k2tog, skpo, k5, skpo, k1 – 16 sts. P 1 row. **6th dec row:** K1, [k2tog, k4] twice, skpo, k1 – 13 sts. P 1 row.

7th dec row: K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, skpo, k1. P 1 row. Repeat last 2 rows, once more – 9 sts. Cast off.

Front: With 3¼mm needles and A, cast on 8 sts for lower edge. P 1 row.

1st inc row: K1, up1, [k2, up1] 3 times, k1 – 12 sts. P 1 row. **2nd inc row:** K1, up1, k3, up1, k4, up1, k3, up1, k1 – 16 sts. P 1 row.

3rd inc row: K1, up1, k4, up1, k6, up1, k4, up1, k1 – 20 sts. P 1 row.

4th inc row: K1, up1, k5, up1, k8, up1, k5, up1, k1 – 24 sts. P 1 row.

5th inc row: K1, up1, k6, up1, k10, up1, k6, up1, k1 – 28 sts.

Work stripes. **1st row:** P2B, 24A, 2B.

2nd row: K4B, 20A, 4B. **3rd row:** P7B, 14A, 7B.

4th row: As 2nd row. **5th row:** As 1st row.

6th row: K in A. Repeat last 6 rows, once more, then work 1st row again.

1st dec row: K4B, With A, k4, k2tog, k8, skpo, k4, k4B – 26 sts. **Next row:** P6B, 14A, 6B.

2nd dec row: K4B, with A, k4, k2tog, k6, skpo, k4, k4B – 24 sts. **Next row:** P2B, 20A, 2B.

Continue in A only.

3rd dec row: K8, k2tog, k4, skpo, k8 – 22 sts. P 1 row.

4th dec row: K1, k2tog, k5, k2tog, k2, skpo, k5, skpo, k1 – 18 sts. P 1 row.

5th dec row: K1, k2tog, k4, k2tog, skpo, k4, skpo, k1 – 14 sts.

6th dec row: P1, p2togb, p to last 3 sts, p2tog, p1 – 12 sts.

7th dec row: K1, [k2tog, k2] twice, skpo, k4, k1 – 9 sts. Work 6th dec row – 7 sts. Cast off.

Leaving cast-off edge free, join back and front of body together, inserting tops of arms and legs in position. Stuff body firmly.

Head

Front: With 3¼mm needles and A, cast on 9 sts for neck edge. K 1 row.

1st inc row: P1, up1, p7, up1, p1 – 11 sts.

Work stripes. **2nd inc row:** K1B, with A, up1, k9, up1, k1B – 13 sts.

3rd inc row: With B, p1, up1, p3, with A, p1, up1, p3, up1, p1, with B, p3, up1, p1 – 17 sts.

4th inc row: K3B, with A, k4, up1, k3, up1, k4, k3B – 19 sts. **5th inc row:** With A, p8, up1, p3, up1, p8 – 21 sts.

6th inc row: K2B, with A, k7,

up1, k3, up1, k7, k2B – 23 sts. **Next**

row: P3B, 17A, 3B. **Next row:** K2B, 19A, 2B. P 1 row in A.

Shape top: 1st dec row: K2B, with A, k7, k2tog, k1, skpo, k7, k2B – 21 sts. **2nd dec**

row: P4B, with A, p4, p2togb, p1, p2tog, p4, p4B – 19 sts. **3rd dec row:** K2B, with A, k5,

k2tog, k1, skpo, k5, k2B – 17 sts. P 1 row in A. **4th dec row:** With A, k1, k2tog, k3, k1B, 3A,

1B, with A, k3, skpo, k1 – 15 sts. **5th dec row:** With A, p1, p2togb, p2, p1B, 3A, 1B, with A,

p2, p2tog, p1 – 13 sts. **6th dec row:** With A, k1, k2tog, k3B, 1A, 3B, with A, skpo, k1 – 11

sts. **Next row:** P2A, 3B, 1A, 3B, 2A.

Back: 7th inc row: With A, k1, up1, k1, k3B, 1A, 3B, with A, k1, up1, k1 – 13 sts.

8th inc row: With A, p1, up1, p3, p1B, 3A, 1B, with A, p3, up1, p1 – 15 sts.

Next row: K2B, 3A, 1B, 3A, 1B, 3A, 2B.

Next row: P4B, 7A, 4B. **Next row:** K2B, 11A, 2B. P 1 row in A. **Next row:** K2B, 11A, 2B.

Next row: P3B, 9A, 3B. **Next row:** K2B, 11A, 2B. P 1 row in A.

Next row: K3B, 9A, 3B. **Next row:** P4B, 7A, 4B.

7th dec row: With B, k1, k2tog, k9A, with B, skpo, k1 – 13 sts.

8th dec row: With B, p1, p2togb, p7A, with B, p2tog, p1 – 11 sts.

With A, k 1 row and p 1 row. Cast off.

Fold head in half and join sides, leaving cast-on and cast-off edges free. Attach eyes to front of head. Stuff head firmly and sew to body.

Ears

(make 4)

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

Dec row: K2tog, k to last 3 sts, skpo. P 1 row. Repeat last 2 rows, once more. **Next row:**

Slip 1, k2tog, pass slip st over. Fasten off.

Join paired ear pieces together and sew to top of head.

Nose

With 2¾mm needles and Pink, cast on 5 sts. K 1 row and p 1 row.

1st dec row: K2tog, k1, skpo. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: Slip 1, k2tog, pass slip st over.

Fasten off. Position and sew nose to front of head. With Black, embroider mouth and whiskers as shown in photo on page 73.

Tail

With 3¼mm needles and A, cast on 12 sts. Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.

Work stripes. **1st row:** K2B, [3A, 2B] twice.

2nd row: P3B, 1A, 4B, 1A, 3B. **3rd row:** As 1st row. **4th to 6th rows:** With A, ss 3 rows.

Repeat last 6 rows, twice more.

Continue in A only.

1st dec row: [K1, k2tog] 4 times – 8 sts. P 1

row. **2nd dec row:** [K2tog] 4 times – 4 sts.

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

Join row-ends, stuff firmly and sew in place.

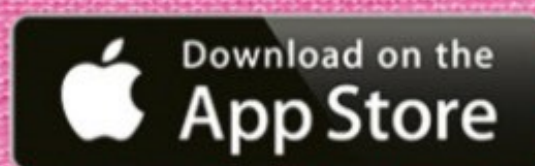
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