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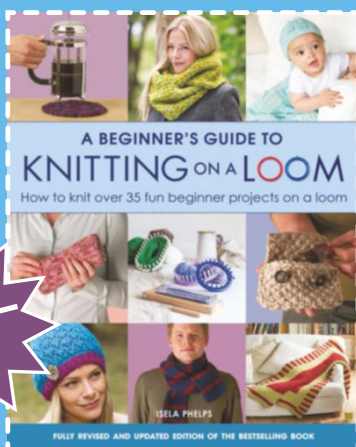
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Hello and welcome...



...to the January 2017 issue of *Knitting & Crochet*. It's that time of year when we spend much of our time in our homes – when comfort and feeling snug is key. Our Inside Story (p6) – a luxury knitwear collection that includes patterns up to size 26 – ticks that box, and knits in soft luxurious yarns will keep you and your man looking pretty stylish too.

Next up is my Ed's Choice (p20) – this month I'm taking a look at our love for Nordic patterns and their timeless appeal that never seems to go out of fashion whatever time of the year.

Our archive pattern (p27) – a traditional jacket and matching hat for babies – will have you all reaching for your needles. It first appeared in *Woman's Weekly* in 1973 and I'm sure you'll agree that it wouldn't look too out of place in a high-end baby boutique.

Now, turning our thoughts to Christmas that's still a few weeks away, it's time to rustle up a little seasonal giving so if you're looking for a last-minute gift idea for a little one or you simply want to have something on stand-by for a Secret Santa surprise, then we've a few little treats in the Seasonal Collection (p31) this month. Five super-cute toys, ideal for pre-school boys and girls, that will sit perfectly under the Christmas tree.

Plus, we visit the Orkney Islands with the Book of the Month (p42) with a striking hat and scarf set by Scottish designer, Hilary Grant.

Lastly, don't miss the final part in our Collect & Create Bed Topper (p60), we hope you've enjoyed making this gorgeous bedroom set – don't forget we love to see what you've made via any of the addresses below.

Wishing you all a very happy knitting and crocheting new year!

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Kandy Regis EDITOR



This fantastic Kitazine is on sale 2 December at all good retailers and costs just £9.99. It contains the yarn and crochet hook plus patterns to create the whole family and would make a fab last-minute gift idea for Christmas.



Whether you're a seasoned *Woman's Weekly* reader or picking up our fabulous *Knitting & Crochet* magazine for the first time, we're aware that, while of course you'll love to knit and/or crochet, you'll also have different skills at different levels. So we've signposted each project in the magazine with a 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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Twisted Rib Gilet

Measurements

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

Actual measurements 101 (106) (115) (120) (125) (130) cm/39¾ (41¾) (45¼) (47¼) (49¼) (51¼) in.

Side seam 35 (36.5) (37.5) (39) (40) (41) cm/13¾ (14¼) (14¾) (15¼) (15¾) (16¼) in.

Length to centre back neck 55 (59) (63.5) (67) (71.5) (75) cm/21½ (23¼) (25) (26¼) (28) (29½) in.

Materials

7 (8) (8) (9) (10) 50g (90m) balls of Rico Creative Melange Chunky (53% wool, 47% acrylic) in Grey (007)*. Pair of 7mm (No. 2) knitting needles.

Tension

16 stitches and 17 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over twisted rib, using 7mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **sl**, slip; **dec**, decrease; **dec2toglt**, decrease 2 sts tog left (keeping yarn at back of work, sl1 pwise, k2tog, then pass slst over); **dec2togrt**, dec 2 sts tog right (keeping yarn at back of work, k2tog through back of loops, insert right needle into back of next st to twist it and sl it onto right-hand needle, sl this and next st on right needle back onto left needle, pass first sl st over second sl st and pass remaining sl st back onto right needle); **k1b** or **p1b**, k1 or p1 through back of st; **nil**, meaning nothing is worked here for this size.

Note

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

Back

With 7mm needles, cast on 91 (95) (101) (105) (109) (113) sts.

1st rib row: P1, [k1b, p1] to end.

2nd rib row: K1, [p1b, k1] to end.

Repeat these 2 rows, 6 (6) (7) (7) (8) (8) times more.

Dec row: Rib 15, dec2toglt, rib to last 18 sts, dec2togrt, rib 15. Rib 15 rows.

Repeat last 16 rows, once more, then work dec row again – 79 (83) (89) (93) (97) (101) sts.

Rib 13 (15) (15) (17) (17) (19) rows straight.

Shape armholes: Cast off 6 (6) (8) (8) (8) (10) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Dec row: Rib 3, dec2toglt, rib to last 6 sts, dec2togrt, rib 3. Rib 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 4 (4) (4) (4) (5) (5) times more – 47 (51) (53) (57) (57) (57) sts.

Rib 22 (24) (28) (30) (32) (34) rows straight.

Shape neck: Next row: Rib 9 (9) (11) (11) (11) (11), dec2togrt, rib 3, turn and work on these 13 (13) (15) (15) (15) (15) sts for right back neck.

Right back neck: Rib 1 row.

Next row: Rib 7 (7) (9) (9) (9) (9), dec2togrt, rib 3 – 11 (11) (13) (13) (13) (13) sts. Rib 1 row. Cast off in rib.

Left back neck: With right side facing, sl centre 17 (21) (19) (23) (23) (23) sts onto a st holder, rejoin yarn to remaining sts, rib 3, dec2toglt, rib to end – 13 (13) (15) (15) (15) (15) sts.

Rib 1 row.

Next row: Rib 3, dec2toglt, rib to end – 11 (11) (13) (13) (13) (13) sts.

Rib 1 row. Cast off in rib.

Left front

With 7mm needles, cast on 41 (43) (47) (49) (51) (53) sts.

1st rib row: P1, [k1b, p1] to end.

2nd rib row: K1, [p1b, k1] to end.

Repeat these 2 rows, 6 (6) (7) (7) (8) (8) times more.

Dec row: Rib 15, dec2toglt, rib to end. Rib 15 rows.

Repeat last 16 rows, once more, then work dec row again – 35 (37) (41) (43) (45) (47) sts.

Rib 13 (15) (15) (17) (17) (19) rows straight.

Shape armhole: Next row: Cast off 6 (6) (8) (8) (8) (10) sts, rib to end.

Rib 1 row.

Dec row: Rib 3, dec2toglt, rib to end. Rib 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 4 (4) (4) (4) (5) (5) times more – 19 (21) (23) (25) (25) (25) sts.

Rib 14 (16) (18) (20) (20) (22) rows straight.

Shape neck: Next row: Rib 9 (9) (11) (11) (11) (11), dec2togrt, rib 3, turn, leaving remaining 4 (6) (6) (8) (8) (8) sts on a safety pin – 13 (13) (15) (15) (15) (15) sts. Rib 1 row.

Next row: Rib 7 (7) (9) (9) (9) (9), dec2togrt, rib 3 – 11 (11) (13) (13) (13) (13) sts.

Rib 9 (9) (11) (11) (13) (13) rows straight. Cast off in rib.

Right front

With 7mm needles, cast on 41 (43) (47) (49) (51) (53) sts.

1st rib row: P1, [k1b, p1] to end.

2nd rib row: K1, [p1b, k1] to end.

Repeat these 2 rows, 6 (6) (7) (7) (8) (8) times more.

Dec row: Rib to last 18 sts, dec2togrt, rib 15. Rib 15 rows.

Repeat last 16 rows, once more, then work dec row again – 35 (37) (41) (43) (45) (47) sts.

Rib 14 (16) (16) (18) (18) (20) rows straight.

Shape armhole: Next row: Cast off 6 (6) (8) (8) (8) (10) sts, rib to end.

Dec row: Rib to last 6 sts, dec2togrt, rib 3. Rib 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 4 (4) (4) (4) (5) (5) times more – 19 (21) (23) (25) (25) (25) sts.

Rib 14 (16) (18) (20) (20) (22) rows straight.

Shape neck: Next row: Break off yarn and sl first 4 (6) (6) (8) (8) (8) sts onto a safety pin, rejoin yarn to remaining sts and rib 3, dec2toglt, rib to end – 13 (13) (15) (15) (15) (15) sts. Rib 1 row.

Next row: Rib 3, dec2toglt, rib to end – 11 (11) (13) (13) (13) (13) sts.

Rib 9 (9) (11) (11) (13) (13) rows straight. Cast off in rib.

Right front band

Join shoulder seams. With right side facing and using 7mm needles, pick up and k69 (73) (77) (81) (85) (89) sts evenly along row-ends of front edge of right front.

1st rib row: K1, [p1b, k1] to end.

2nd rib row: K1, [k1b, p1] to last 2 sts, k1b, k1.

Repeat these 2 rows, 5 times more, then

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work 1st row again. Cast off kwise.

Left front band

With right side facing and using 7mm needles, pick up and k69 (73) (77) (81) (85) (89) sts evenly along row-ends of front edge of left front.

Work as given for right front band.

Neckband

Omit first half of right front band and with right side facing, using 7mm needles, pick up and k6 sts along remaining row-ends of right front band, pattern 4 (6) (6) (8) (8) (8) sts from right front safety pin, pick up and k9 (9) (11) (11) (13) (13) sts up right front neck, 4 sts down right back neck, pattern 17 (21) (19) (23) (23) (23) sts from back neck, pick up and k4 sts up left back neck, 9 (9) (11) (11) (13) (13) sts down left front neck, pattern 4 (6) (6) (8) (8) (8) sts from left front safety pin, and finally, pick up and k6 sts along row-ends of first half of left front band, leaving other half free – 63 (71) (73) (81) (85) (85) sts.

1st size only: Next row: K1, [p1b, k1] to end.

2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th sizes only:

Next row: [K1, p1b] 11 (12) (13) (14) (14) times, k3tog, p1b, [k1, p1b] 4 (9) (5) (5) (5) times, [k3tog, p1b] once (nil) (once) (once) (once), [k1, p1b] 4 (nil) (4) (4) (4) times, k3tog, [p1b, k1] 11 (12) (13) (14) (14) times – 65 (69) (75) (79) (79) sts.

All sizes: Beginning with 2nd row, work 12 rows in rib as given for front bands. Cast off in rib.

Armbands

(both alike)

With right side facing and using 7mm needles, pick up and k73 (77) (85) (89) (93) (97) sts evenly around armhole edge.

Beginning with the 2nd round, work 13 rows in rib as given on back.

Cast off in rib.

To make up

Join side seams, including row-ends of armbands. Fold front bands, neckband and armbands in half and catch down on the inside.

Crochet Shawl

Measurements

Approximately 152 x 50cm/59¾ x 19½in.

Materials

10 x 50g (115m) balls of Sublime Evie (94% cotton, 6% nylon) in Marisol (511)*. Size 6.00 crochet hook.

Tension

2 pattern repeats and 8 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over pattern, using 6.00 hook.

Abbreviations

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

Note

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

To make

With 6.00 hook, make 82ch.

1st foundation row (wrong side): 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, [1dc in next ch] 80 times, turn – 81dc.

2nd foundation row: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in base of ch, [miss next 3dc, 9tr in next dc - shell made, miss next 3dc, 1dc in next dc] to end, turn – 10 shells.

1st row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in base of 3ch, 5ch, miss next 9tr, [work 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in next dc, 5ch, miss next 9tr] to last dc, 2tr in last dc, turn.

2nd row: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 4tr in base of 3ch, working over 5ch work 1dc in centre tr of shell 2 rows below, enclosing 5ch, [9tr in next 1-chsp, working over 5ch work 1dc in centre tr of shell 2 rows below, enclosing 5ch] to last 2 sts, 5tr in top of 3ch, turn.

3rd row: 3ch, miss first 5tr, work 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in next dc, [5ch, miss next 9tr, work 1tr, 1ch and 1tr all in next dc] to last 5 sts, 2ch, slst in top of 3ch, turn.

4th row: 1ch (counts as 1dc), 9tr in 1-chsp, [working over 5ch work 1dc in centre tr of shell 2 rows below, enclosing 5ch, 9tr in 1-chsp] to last 3ch, 1dc in base of 3ch, turn.

The last 4 rows form pattern.

Pattern another 116 rows, but do not turn on last row and do not break off yarn.

Edging: With right side facing, using 6.00 hook and yarn attached, work dc evenly along row-end edge to corner, 3dc in corner, 1dc in base of each st along short edge, 3dc in corner, work dc evenly along other row-end edge to corner. Fasten off and neaten ends.

*Yarn subject to availability.



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Chunky Alpaca Sweater

Measurements

To fit chest sizes 91- 97 (102-107) (112-117) (122-127) cm/36-38 (40-42) (44-46) (48-50) in.

Actual measurements 104 (113) (124) (133) cm/41 (44½) (49) (52¼) in.

Side seam 40 (40) (41) (42) cm/15¾ (15¾) (16) (16½) in.

Length to centre back neck 60 (62) (64) (66) cm/23½ (24½) (25¼) (26) in.

Sleeve seam 47 (48) (50) (51) cm/18½ (19) (19½) (20) in.

Materials

9 (9) (10) (10) 50g (90m) balls of Rico Design Essentials Alpaca Blend Chunky (50% acrylic, 30% wool, 20% alpaca) in Aqua (005)*. Pair of 5mm (No. 6) and 6mm (No. 4) knitting needles.

Tension

14 stitches and 19 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 6mm 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); **nil**, meaning nothing is worked here for this size.

Note

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Back

With 5mm needles, cast on 73 (79) (87) (93) sts.

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

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

Repeat last 2 rows, once more.

Change to 6mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, work in ss until back measures 40 (40) (41) (42) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

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

Dec 1 st at each end of next 9 (9) (13) (15) rows and 13 (15) (14) (14) following alternate rows – 23 (25) (27) (29) sts.

Work 1 row.

Leave remaining sts on a spare needle.

Front

With 5mm needles, cast on 73 (79) (87) (93) sts.

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

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

Repeat last 2 rows, once more.

Change to 6mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, work in ss until front measures 40 (40) (41) (42) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

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

Dec 1 st at each end of next 9 (9) (13) (15) rows and 9 (10) (9) (9) following alternate rows – 31 (35) (37) (39) sts.

Work 1 row.

Shape neck: Next row: K2tog, k9 (11) (11) (11), turn and work on these 10 (12) (12) (12) sts for left side neck.

Left side neck: Dec 1 st at beginning of next row.

Dec 1 st at armhole edge on next row and 2 (3) (3) (3) following alternate rows, at the same time, dec 1 st at neck edge on first 3 of these rows and on 1 (2) (2) (2) following alternate row(s) – 2 sts.

P 1 row.

K2tog and fasten off.

Right side neck: With right side facing, slip centre 9 (9) (11) (13) sts onto as st holder, rejoin yarn to remaining sts, k to last 2 sts, k2tog – 10 (12) (12) (12) sts.

Dec 1 st at end of next row.

Dec 1 st at armhole edge on next row and 2 (3) (3) (3) following alternate rows, at the same time, dec 1 st at neck edge on first 3 of these rows and 1 (2) (2) (2) following alternate row(s) – 2 sts.

P 1 row.

K2tog and fasten off.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 5mm needles, cast on 32 (34) (36) (38) sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.

Change to 6mm needles.

Ss another 4 (4) (4) (2) rows.

Inc 1 st at each end of next row and 8 (7) (13) (14) following 6th rows, then on 3 (4) (nil) (nil) following 8th rows – 56 (58) (64) (68) sts.

Continue straight until sleeve measures 47 (48) (50) (51) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

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

Dec 1 st at each end of next 1 (1) (3) (5) row(s) and nil (1) (nil) (nil) following 4th row, then at each end of next 17 (17) (19) (19) alternate rows – 14 sts. Work 1 row. Leave sts on a st holder.

Neckband

Join raglan seams, leaving left back raglan open. With right side facing and using 5mm needles, k14 sts of left sleeve, pick up and k6 (8) (8) (8) sts down left side neck, k9 (9) (11) (13) sts at centre front, pick up and k6 (8) (8) (8) sts up right side neck, k14 sts of right sleeve, and finally, k across 23 (25) (27) (29) sts at centre back neck – 72 (78) (82) (86) sts.

Beginning with a p row, ss 3 rows.

1st dec row: K5 (5) (5) (4), k2tog, [k10 (11) (12) (13), k2tog] 5 times, k5 (6) (5) (5) – 66 (72) (76) (80) sts.

Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: K4 (5) (4) (4), k2tog, [k9 (10) (11) (12), k2tog] 5 times, k5 (5) (5) (4) – 60 (66) (70) (74) sts.

Continue in ss until neckband measures 5cm from pick up row, ending with a wrong side row. Cast off loosely.

To make up

Join left back raglan and neckband seam. Join side and sleeve seams. Pin out sweater to measurements given. Cover with clean, damp cloths and leave to dry.



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Moonstone Jacket

Measurements

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

Actual measurements 104 (116) (126) (136) cm/41 (45½) (49½) (53½) in.

Side seam 25 (25) (27) (29) cm/9¾ (9¾) (10½) (11¼) in.

Length to centre back neck 60 (62) (66) (69) cm/23½ (24½) (26) (27¼) in.

Sleeve seam 42 (42) (43) (44) cm/16½ (16½) (17) (17¼) in.

Materials

10 (11) (11) (12) (13) 50g (100m) balls of Sirdar Moonstone (70% acrylic, 30% glass beads) in Twilight (202)*. Pair of 5½mm (No. 5) and 6mm (No. 4) knitting needles.

Tension

16 stitches and 22 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 6mm needles.

Abbreviations

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

Note

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

Back

With 5½mm needles, cast on 83 (93) (101) (109) sts.

Change to 6mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, work in ss until back measures 50 (52) (56) (59) cm from beginning, ending with a p row.

Mark each end of last row.

Shape shoulders: Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 2 following 4th rows – 77 (87) (95) (103) sts. Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and following alternate row – 73 (83) (91) (99) sts. Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows – 69 (79) (87) (95) sts.

Cast off 8 (9) (11) (12) sts at beginning of next 4 rows and 8 (10) (10) (11) sts at beginning of following 2 rows – 21 (23) (23) (25) sts. Cast off.

Left front

With 5½mm needles, cast on 48 (53) (57) (61) sts.

Change to 6mm needles.

1st row: K to end.

2nd row: K1, p to end.

These 2 rows form ss with gst front edge st.

Repeat these 2 rows until front measures 50 (52) (56) (59) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row. Mark end of last row.

Shape shoulder: Dec 1 st at beginning of next row and 2 following 4th rows – 45 (50) (54) (58) sts. Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at beginning of next row and following alternate row – 43 (48) (52) (56) sts. Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at beginning of next row and at end of following row – 41 (46) (50) (54) sts.

Cast off 8 (9) (11) (12) sts at beginning of next row and following alternate row and 8 (10) (10) (11) sts at beginning of following alternate row – 17 (18) (18) (19) sts.

Work 1 row, casting on 1 st at end of row – 18 (19) (19) (20) sts.

Continue straight on these sts for 6.5 (7) (7) (8) cm when slightly stretched for back neckband, ending with a wrong side row. Cast off.

Right front

With 5½mm needles, cast on 48 (53) (57) (61) sts.

Change to 6mm needles.

1st row: K to end.

2nd row: P to last st, k1.

These 2 rows form ss with gst front edge st.

Repeat these 2 rows until front measures 50 (52) (56) (59) cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row. Mark beginning of last row.

Shape shoulder: Dec 1 st end of next row and 2 following 4th rows – 45 (50) (54) (58) sts. Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at end of next row and following alternate row – 43 (48) (52) (56) sts.

Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at end of next row and beginning of following row – 41 (46) (50) (54) sts. Work 1 row.

Cast off 8 (9) (11) (12) sts at beginning of next row and following alternate row and 8 (10) (10) (11) sts at beginning of next row – 17 (18) (18) (19) sts.

Cast on 1 st at beginning of next row – 18 (19) (19) (20) sts.

Continue straight on these sts for 6.5 (7) (7) (8) cm when slightly stretched for back neckband, ending with a wrong side row. Cast off.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 5½mm needles, cast on 39 (41) (41) (43) sts.

Change to 6mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, ss 4 rows.

Inc 1 st at each end of next row and 15 (12) (17) (13) following 4th rows – 71 (67) (77) (71) sts. Ss 5 rows.

Inc 1 st at each end of next row and 2 (4) (1) (4) following 6th row(s) – 77 (77) (81) (81) sts.

Continue straight until sleeve measures 42 (42) (43) (44) cm from beginning, ending with p row.

Shape top: Cast off 8 (8) (9) (9) sts at beginning of next 4 rows and 9 sts at beginning of following 4 rows – 9 sts. Cast off.

To make up

Beginning at markers, join shoulder seams. Join cast-off edges of back neckband together and sew row-ends across back neck. Mark 25 (27) (29) (30) cm down from shoulder seam at side edges of back and fronts. Sew sleeve top between markers on back and fronts. Join side and sleeve seams. Pin out jacket to measurements given. Cover with clean, damp cloths and leave to dry.



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Silver Shrug

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Measurements

To fit bust sizes 81-91 (97-107) (112-122) cm/32-36 (38-42) (44-48) in.

All round at widest part, edge to edge 132 (143) (157) cm/52 (56¼) (62) in.

Side seam All sizes 8cm/3in.

Length to back neck, including edging 58.5 (62.5) (68) cm/23 (24½) (26¾) in.

Materials

5 (6) (7) 50g (145m) balls of Rico Design Fashion Metallised Aran (58% acrylic, 42% wool) in Silver (002)*. Pair of 5mm (No. 6) and 6mm (No. 4) knitting needles.

Tension

17 stitches and 22 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 6mm needles.

Abbreviations

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

Note

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Back

With 5mm needles, cast on 150 (162) (174) sts.

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

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

Repeat these 2 rows, 6 times more, then work 1st row again.

Dec row: P6 (8) (14), p2tog, [p2, p2tog] 34 (36) (36) times, p6 (8) (14) – 115 (125) (137) sts.

Change to 6mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, work in ss until back measures 8cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Mark each end of last row for side seams. Continue in ss for a further 18 (20) (22) cm, ending with a wrong side row. Cast off for base of yoke.

Left front

With 5mm needles, cast on 74 (82) (86) sts.

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

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

Repeat these 2 rows, 6 times more, then work 1st row again.

Dec row: [P2, k2] 5 times, p4, p2tog, [p3 (2) (3), p2tog] 9 (13) (11) times, p3 (4) (5) – 64 (68) (74) sts.

Change to 6mm needles.

Work in ss with ribbed front border thus:

1st row: K44 (48) (54), [p2, k2] 5 times.

2nd row: [P2, k2] 5 times, p44 (48) (54).

These 2 rows form ss with ribbed front border.

Repeat these 2 rows until front measures 8cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Mark end of last row for side seam.

Continue as before for a further 18 (20) (22) cm, ending with a wrong side row.

Place a second marker at end of last row for end of armhole.

Continue for another 34 (37) (40) cm for back yoke, ending with a wrong side row.

Cast off in pattern.

Right front

With 5mm needles, cast on 74 (82) (86) sts.

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

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

Repeat these 2 rows, 6 times more, then work 1st row again.

Dec row: P3 (4) (5), p2tog, [p3 (2) (3), p2tog] 9 (13) (11) times, p4, [k2, p2] 5 times – 64 (68) (74) sts.

Change to 6mm needles.

Work in ss with ribbed front border thus:

1st row: [K2, p2] 5 times, k44 (48) (54).

2nd row: P44 (48) (54), [k2, p2] 5 times.

These 2 rows form ss with ribbed front border.

Repeat these 2 rows until front measures 8cm from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Mark beginning of last row for side seam.

Continue as before for a further 18 (20) (22) cm, ending with a wrong side row.

Place a second marker at beginning of last row for end of armhole.

Continue for another 34 (37) (40) cm for back yoke, ending with a wrong side row.

Cast off in pattern.

Armhole borders

(both alike)

First, join cast-off edges of left and right fronts together for centre back yoke seam. Sew ss row-ends between second markers evenly across cast-off sts of back. With right side facing, using 5mm needles, pick up and k78 (86) (94) sts evenly between first markers on back and fronts.

Beginning with a 2nd row, work 9 rows in rib as given for back. Cast off in rib.

To make up

Join side seams, including armhole borders. Pin out garment to measurements given. Cover with clean, damp cloths and leave to dry.



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ED'S CHOICE

For my Ed's Choice this month, I'm taking a look at our love for Nordic patterns with their timeless appeal that have pretty much played a part in knitwear design for generations. They never seem to be out of fashion and inspire designers of both the catwalks and high street stores every winter. So what makes a Nordic pattern?

The history of Nordic knitting is very old. It began with the wives of fishermen and farmers in the northern European and Atlantic countries. The most renowned design is the Icelandic Lopapeysa-style design with its circular yoke pattern that enjoyed popularity in the late 1960s and early '70s

Historically, different patterns were designed for each village and were used to identify the fishermen who were drowned at sea. Looking towards the Scandinavian countries – the Norwegian design, with its finer 'V' stitch patterning and metal fasteners, has gained as much popularity more recently with their striking contrasting colours.

So, as with all designing, the Nordic pattern evolves with the imagination of the creator and with each generation enjoying the style and owning the trend.

Our two knits embrace the look and style for today's fashion with a classic sweater, based on Norwegian designs, and a neat shoulder cape, taking inspiration from the classic Icelandic Lopapeysa style.

Scandi Chic

Keep cosy this winter in these lovely Nordic knits – perfect for the festive season





NORDIC CAPE

Measurements

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

Actual measurements All round lower edge 133 (146.5) (160) (173) cm/52¼ (57½) (63) (68) in.

Length 43 (45.5) (48) (50.5) cm/17 (17¾) (19) (19¾) in.

Materials

9 (11) (13) (15) 50g (85m) balls of Patons Merino Extrafine Aran (100% wool) in Navy (250); 2 (2) (3) (3) balls in Cream (202); 1 ball in Cherry (231)*. A 4½mm (No.7) and 5mm (No. 6) circular knitting needles.

Tension

18 stitches and 25 rounds, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch (every round knit), using 5mm circular needle.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl, **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **skpo**, slip 1, k1, pass slip st over; **dec**, decrease; **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and p into the back of it.

Note

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To make

With 4½mm circular needle and Navy cast on 240 (264) (288) (312) sts.

Work in rounds.

P 1 round making sure that the cast on edge is not twisted.

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

K 1 round. P 1 round.

Change to 5mm circular needle.

K 4 rounds.

Stranding yarn not in use loosely across wrong side over no more than 4 sts at a time and reading chart from right to left, work in pattern from chart thus:

1st round: [K across 8 sts of 1st round] 30 (33) (36) (39) times.

Continue working from chart as set until 10th round of chart has been worked.

Continue in Navy.

K 4 rounds.

1st dec round: [Skpo, k36 (40) (44) (48), k2tog] 6 times - 228 (252) (276) (300) sts. K 11 (13) (15) (17) rounds.

2nd dec round: [Skpo, k34 (38) (42) (46), k2tog] 6 times - 216 (240) (264) (288) sts. K 11 (13) (15) (17) rounds.

3rd dec round: [Skpo, k32 (36) (40) (44), k2tog] 6 times - 204 (228) (252) (276) sts. K 11 (13) (15) (17) rounds.

4th dec round: [Skpo, k30 (34) (38) (42), k2tog] 6 times - 192 (216) (240) (264) sts. K 3 rounds.

Next round: [K across 8 sts of 1st round of chart] 24 (27) (30) (33) times. Continue working from chart as set until 19th round of chart has been worked.

With Navy, k 1 round.

5th dec round: With Navy, * k2tog, k6 (6) (2), [k2tog, k6] 11 (13) (14) (16) times, repeat from * once more - 168 (188) (210) (230) sts.

With Navy, k 1 round.

Next round: [K1 Navy, 1 Cream] to end.

Next round: [K1 Red, 1 Navy] to end.

Next round: [K1 Navy, 1 Cream] to end. With Navy, k 1 round.

6th dec round: With Navy, * [k2tog, k5] 3 times, k2tog, k5 (6) (5) (6), repeat from * 4 (5) (6) (6) times more, [k2tog, k5] 3 (1) (1) (3) time(s), k2tog, k5 (5) (5) (4) - 144 (162) (180) (198) sts.

Next round: K6 Navy, [1 Red, 5 Navy, 1 Red, 11 Navy] 7 (8) (9) (10) times, 1 Red, 5 Navy, 1 Red, 5 Navy.

Next round: K6 Navy, [2 Red, 3 Navy, 2 Red, 11 Navy] 7 (8) (9) (10) times, 2 Red, 3 Navy, 2 Red, 5 Navy.

7th dec round: With Navy, k1, k2tog, k3, [with Red k3, with Navy, k1, with Red, k3, with Navy, k2, skpo, k2, k2tog, k3] 7 (8) (9) (10) times, with Red, k3, with Navy, k1, with Red, k3, with Navy, k2, skpo, k1 - 128 (144) (160) (176) sts.

Next round: K2 Navy, [3 Cream, 1 Navy, 2 Cream, 1 Navy, 2 Cream, 1 Navy, 3 Cream, 3 Navy] 7 (8) (9) (10) times, 3 Cream, 1 Navy, [2 Cream, 1 Navy] twice, 3 Cream, 1 Navy.

Next round: K3 Navy, [3 Cream, 1 Navy, 1 Cream, 1 Navy, 1 Cream, 1 Navy, 3 Cream, 5 Navy] 7 (8) (9) (10) times, 3 Cream, 1 Navy, [1 Cream, 1 Navy] twice, 3 Cream, 2 Navy.

With Red, k 1 round.

Next round: K3 Navy, [3 Cream, 1 Navy, 1 Cream, 1 Navy, 1 Cream, 1 Navy, 3 Cream, 5 Navy] 7 (8) (9) (10) times, 3 Cream, 1 Navy, [1 Cream, 1 Navy] twice, 3 Cream, 2 Navy.

Next round: K2 Navy, [3 Cream, 1 Navy, 2 Cream, 1 Navy, 2 Cream, 1 Navy, 3

Cream, 3 Navy] 7 (8) (9) (10) times, 3

Cream, 1 Navy, [2 Cream, 1 Navy] twice, 3 Cream, 1 Navy.

8th dec round: [With Navy, k1, k2tog, k2, with Red, k3, with Navy, k1, with Red, k3, with Navy, k2, skpo] 8 (9) (10) (11) times - 112 (126) (140) (154) sts.

Next round: K4 Navy, [2 Red, 3 Navy, 2 Red, 7 Navy] 7 (8) (9) (10) times, [2 Red, 3 Navy] twice.

Next round: K4 Navy, [1 Red, 5 Navy, 1 Red, 7 Navy] 7 (8) (9) (10) times, 1 Red, 5 Navy, 1 Red, 3 Navy.

Next round: [K1 Cream, 6 Navy] 16 (18) (20) (22) times.

Next round: K2 Cream, [4 Navy, 3 Cream] 15 (17) (19) (21) times, 4 Navy, 1 Cream.

Next round: [K1 Cream, 6 Navy] 16 (18) (20) (22) times.

Continue in Navy only. K 2 rounds.

9th dec round: [K2tog, k5 (4) (4) (3), k2tog, k5 (4) (3) (2)] 7 (10) (12) (16) times, [k2tog, k5 (4) (2) (3)] 2 (1) (2) (2) time(s) - 96 (105) (114) (120) sts. K 4 rounds.

Change to 4½mm circular needle.

Rib round: [K2, p1] to end.

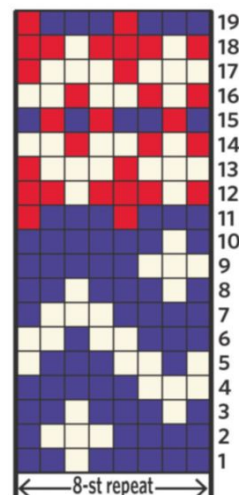
Rib another 23 rounds.

Increase round: [K2, p1, up1] to end - 128 (140) (152) (160) sts.

Double rib round: [K2, p2] to end.

Repeat double rib round, 7 times more. Change to 5mm circular needle.

Work another 24 rounds in double rib. Cast off in rib.



Key for chart

■ Navy ■ Cream
■ Cherry



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NORDIC JUMPER

Measurements

To fit bust sizes 71-76 (81-86) (91-97) (102-107) (112-117) (122-127) cm / 28-30 (32-34) (36-38) (40-42) (44-46) (48-50) in.

Actual measurements 88 (99) (108) (119) (126) (132) cm / 34½ (39) (42½) (46¾) (49½) (52) in.

Side seam 36 (37) (38) (38.5) (39) (39) cm / 14 (14½) (15) (15¼) (15½) (15½) in.

Length to shoulder 55 (57) (59) (61) (63) (64) cm / 21½ (22¼) (23¼) (24) (24¾) (25¼) in.

Sleeve seam All sizes 45cm / 17¾in.

Materials

9 (10) (10) (11) (11) (12) 50g (120m) balls of Patons Merino Extrafine DK (100% wool) in Navy (150).
2 (2) (2) (2) (3) (3) balls in Ecru (102) *.
Pair of 3¾mm (No.9), 4mm (No.8) and 4½mm (No.7) knitting needles.

Tension

22 stitches and 30 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 4mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts together); **ss**, stocking stitch (k on right side and p on wrong side); **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and k into the back of it; **nil**, meaning nothing is worked here for this size.

Note

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

*Yarn subject to availability.



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Back

With 3¾mm needles and Navy, cast on 94 (106) (118) (130) (138) (142) sts.

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

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

Rib another 18 rows, inc 3 (3) (1) (1) (1) (3) st(s) evenly across last row – 97 (109) (119) (131) (139) (145) sts.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, work 60 (64) (68) (72) (76) (78) rows in ss.

Change to 4½mm needles.

Stranding yarn not in use loosely across wrong side over no more than 4 sts at a time and reading chart from right to left on right side (k) rows and from left to right on wrong side (p) rows, work in pattern from chart thus:

1st row: K nil (2) (3) (1) (1) (nil) edge st(s) of 1st row of chart, [k across 8-st repeat] 12 (13) (14) (16) (17) (18) times, k1 (3) (4) (2) (2) (1) edge st(s).

2nd row: P1 (3) (4) (2) (2) (1) edge st(s) of 2nd row of chart, [p across 8-st repeat] 12 (13) (14) (16) (17) (18) times, p nil (2) (3) (1) (1) (nil) edge st(s).

Continue working in pattern from chart as set until 68th row of chart has been worked.

Change to 4mm needles.

Continue in Navy only. **

Ss 8 (10) (12) (12) (14) (14) rows.

Shape neck: Next row: K33 (37) (41) (47) (50) (53), turn and work on these sts only for right side neck.

Right side neck: P 1 row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next row and 2 (2) (2) (3) (3) (3) following alternate rows – 30 (34) (38) (43) (46) (49) sts.

P 1 row.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 10 (11) (13) (14) (15) (16) sts at beginning of next row and following alternate row – 10 (12) (12) (15) (16) (17) sts. P 1 row.

Cast off.

Left side neck: With right side facing, slip centre 31 (35) (37) (37) (39) (39) sts onto a st holder, rejoin yarn to remaining sts and k to end – 33 (37) (41) (47) (50) (53) sts. P 1 row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next row and 2 (2) (2) (3) (3) (3) following alternate rows – 30 (34) (38) (43) (46) (49) sts. Ss 2 rows.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 10 (11) (13) (14) (15) (16) sts at beginning of next row and following alternate row – 10 (12) (12) (15) (16) (17) sts. K 1 row.

Cast off.

Front

Work as given for back to **.

Ss nil (2) (2) (4) (4) (4) rows.

Shape neck: Next row: K37 (41) (45) (51) (54) (57), turn and work on these sts only for left side neck.

Left side neck: P 1 row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next row and 6 (6) (6) (7) (7) (7) following alternate rows – 30 (34) (38) (43) (46) (49) sts.

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

Shape shoulder: Cast off 10 (11) (13) (14) (15) (16) sts at beginning of next row and following alternate row – 10 (12) (12) (15) (16) (17) sts. P 1 row.

Cast off.

Right side neck: With right side facing, slip centre 23 (27) (29) (29) (31) (31) sts onto a st holder, rejoin yarn to remaining sts and k to end – 37 (41) (45) (51) (54) (57) sts. P 1 row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next row and 6 (6) (6) (7) (7) (7) following alternate rows – 30 (34) (38) (43) (46) (49) sts.

Ss 2 (2) (4) (2) (4) (4) rows.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 10 (11) (13) (14) (15) (16) sts at beginning of next row and following alternate row – 10 (12) (12) (15) (16) (17) sts. K 1 row.

Cast off.

Sleeves (both alike)

With 3¾mm needles and Navy, cast on 50 (54) (54) (58) (58) (62) sts.

Work 20 rows in rib as on back.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beginning with a k row, work 4 rows in ss.

Increase row: K4, up1, k to last 4 sts, up1, k4. Ss 3 rows.

Increase 1 st at each end as before on next row and nil (nil) (9) (12) (21) (21) following 4th rows, then on 15 (15) (9) (7) (1) (1) following 6th row(s) – 84 (88) (94) (100) (106) (110) sts.

Continue straight until sleeve measures 45cm from beginning, ending with a p row. Cast off.

Neckband

Join right shoulder seam.

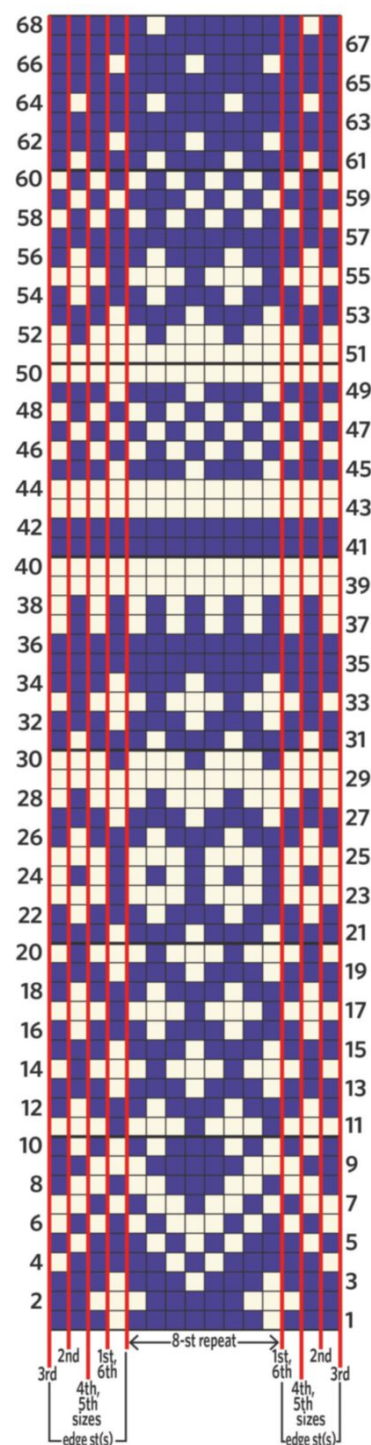
With right side facing, using 3¾mm needles and Navy, pick up and k17 (19) (19) (20) (20) (20) sts down left front neck, k23 (27) (29) (29) (31) (31) sts at centre front, pick up and k17 (19) (19) (20) (20) (20) sts up right front neck, 11 (11) (11) (12) (12) (12) sts down right back neck, k31 (35) (37) (37) (39) (39) sts at centre back, pick up and k11 (11) (11) (12) (12) (12) sts up left back neck – 110 (122) (126) (130) (134) (134) sts.

Rib 11 rows as on back. Cast off in rib.

To make up

Join left shoulder seam and neckband.

Mark depth of armholes 19 (20) (21) (22.5) (24) (25) cm down from shoulder seams at sides of back and front. Sew on sleeves between markers. Join side and sleeve seams.



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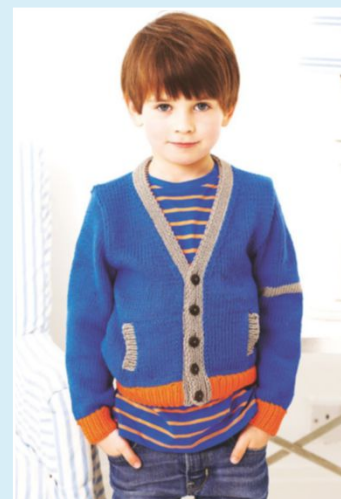
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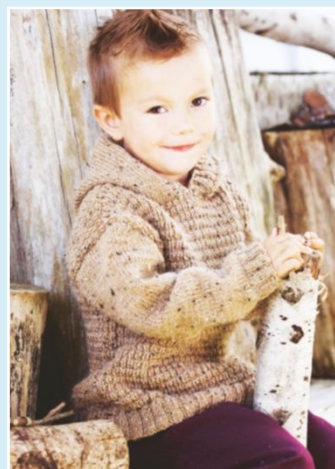
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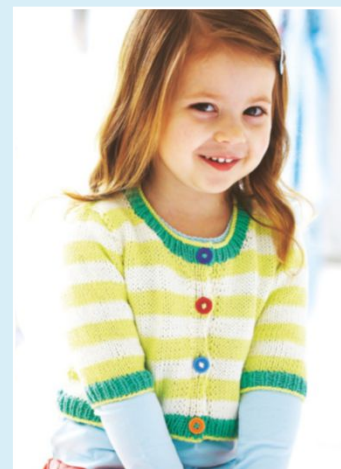
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BABY JACKET AND BONNET

Measurements

To fit ages 0-6 (6-12) (12-18) months.

Actual measurements 46 (49) (52) cm/18 (19¼) (20½) in.

Side seam 19 (20) (23.5) cm/7½ (8) (9¼) in.

Length at centre back 30 (32) (36) cm/11¾ (12½) (14¼) in.

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

Materials

Jacket: 3 (3) (4) 50g (165m) balls of Rico Design Baby Classic DK (50% acrylic, 50% polyamide) in Azure (048) *. 4 buttons and 1 press stud.

Bonnet: 1 x 50g (165m) ball of Rico Design Baby Classic DK (50% acrylic, 50% polyamide) in Azure (048) *.

Both items: Pair of 3mm (No.11) and 3¾mm (No.9) knitting needles.

Tension

28 stitches and 32 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over pattern, using 3¾mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **k2togb** or **p2togb**, k2tog or p2tog through back of loops; **sl**, slip; **inc**, increase (by working twice into same st); **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **nil**, meaning nothing is worked here for this size; **yf**, yarn forward to make a st.

4th row: K1, p1, pattern to last 2 sts, p1, k1.
Repeat 1st to 4th rows, once more - 49 (51) (55) sts.
Repeat 3rd and 4th rows, 13 (14) (15) times - 23 (23) (25) sts. Cast off.

Left front

With 3¾mm needles, cast on 41 (43) (45) sts. K 3 rows.

Work 4 (4) (6) rows in pattern as on back. Keeping pattern correct, dec 1 st at side edge on next row and 5 following 10th (10th) (12th) rows - 35 (37) (39) sts. Pattern another 3 (7) (5) rows.

Shape raglan armhole: Cast off 2 (3) (3) sts at beginning of next row.

Work 1 row.

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

2nd row: Pattern to last 3 sts, p2togb, k1.

3rd row: K1, k2togb, pattern to end.

4th row: Pattern to last 2 sts, p1, k1.
Repeat 1st to 4th rows, once more - 27 (28) (30) sts.

Repeat 3rd and 4th rows, 7 (8) (8) times, then work 3rd row again - 19 (19) (21) sts.

Shape neck: Next row: Cast off 6 (6) (7) sts, pattern to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

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

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

Repeat last 2 rows, twice more - 4 (4) (5) sts.

Keeping neck edge straight, continue to dec 1 st at raglan edge as before on next row and 1 (1) (2) following alternate row(s) - 2 sts.

Work 1 row. K2tog and fasten off.

Right front

With 3¾mm needles, cast on 41 (43) (45) sts. K 3 rows.

Work 4 (4) (6) rows in pattern as on back. Keeping pattern correct, dec 1 st at side edge on next row and 3 following 10th (10th) (12th) rows - 37 (39) (41) sts. Pattern 9 (9) (11) rows.

Buttonhole row: Pattern 2, k2tog, yf, pattern to last 2 sts, work 2tog.

Pattern 9 (9) (11) rows.

Dec 1 st at side edge on next row - 35 (37) (39) sts.

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

Work buttonhole as before on next row. Pattern another 2 (4) (4) rows.

Shape raglan armhole: Cast off 2 (3) (3) sts at beginning of next row.

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

2nd row: K1, p2tog, pattern to end.

3rd row: Pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

4th row: K1, p1, pattern to end.

Repeat 1st to 4th rows, once more - 27

(28) (30) sts.

Next row: Pattern 2, k2tog, yf, pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Next row: K1, p1, pattern to end.

Repeat 3rd and 4th rows, 5 (6) (6) times - 21 (21) (23) sts.

Next row: Pattern 2, k2tog, yf, pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Next row: K1, p1, pattern to end.

Repeat 3rd and 4th rows, once - 19 (19) (21) sts.

Shape neck: Next row: Cast off 6 (6) (7) sts, pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Next row: K1, p1, pattern to last 2 sts, work 2tog.

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

Repeat last 2 rows, twice more - 3 (3) (4) sts.

Keeping neck edge straight, continue to dec 1 st at raglan edge as before on 1 (1) (2) following alternate row(s) - 2 sts.

Work 1 row. K2tog and fasten off.

Sleeves

(both alike)

With 3¾mm needles, cast on 39 (41) (43) sts. K 3 rows.

Work 4 rows in pattern as on back.

Working extra sts into pattern as they occur, inc 1 st at each end of next row and 3 following 6th (4th) (4th) rows, then on 2 (4) (5) following 6th rows - 51 (57) (61) sts.

Continue straight until sleeve measures 15 (17) (19) cm from beginning, ending with same row of pattern as on back before shaping raglan armhole.

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

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

2nd row: K1, p2tog, pattern to last 3 sts, p2togb, k1.

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

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

Repeat 1st to 4th rows, 1 (2) (3) time(s) more - 35 (33) (31) sts.

Repeat 3rd and 4th rows, 13 (12) (11) times - 9 sts. Cast off.

Collar

With 3mm needles, cast on 71 (71) (77) sts. K 3 rows.

Work 14 (16) (18) rows in pattern as back.

Shape collar: 1st row: Pattern to last 6 sts, turn.

2nd row: Sl1, pattern to last 6 sts, turn.

3rd and 4th rows: Sl1, pattern to last 12 sts, turn.

5th and 6th rows: Sl1, pattern to last

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Back

With 3¾mm needles, cast on 77 (81) (85) sts.
K 3 rows.

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

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

3rd and 4th rows: K.

These 4 rows form pattern.

Pattern another nil (nil) (2) rows.

Keeping pattern correct, dec 1 st at each end of next row and 5 following 10th (10th) (12th) rows - 65 (69) (73) sts.

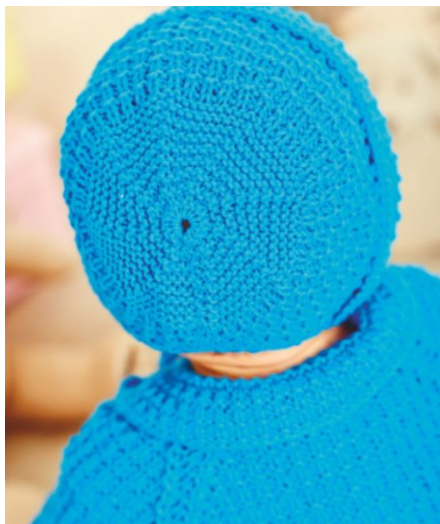
Pattern another 3 (7) (5) rows.

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

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

2nd row: K1, p2tog, pattern to last 3 sts, p2togb, k1.

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



16 sts, turn.

7th row: S11, pattern to end.

Pattern 1 row across all sts. Cast off.

Front borders

With right side facing and using 3mm needles, pick up and k66 (69) (75) sts evenly along front edge of one front. K 2 rows. Cast off kwise.

To make up

Join all raglan seams. Beginning and ending 2-3 sts in from front borders, sew cast-off edge of collar to neck edge. Sew on buttons. Sew press stud, half to corner of right front neck edge and the under half to corresponding point on left front.

BONNET

With 3mm needles, cast on 79 (83) (87) sts. K 3 rows.

Change to 3¾mm needles.

Work 14 (14) (18) rows in pattern as on back, then work 1st row again.

Beginning with 3rd row, thus reversing pattern, work another 36 (40) (44) rows in pattern.

Change to 3mm needles.

K 1 row, dec 6 (2) (6) sts evenly across - 73 (81) (81) sts. K 1 row.

Shape crown: 1st dec row: [K7 (8) (8), k2tog] 8 times, k1 - 65 (73) (73) sts. K 1 row.

2nd dec row: [K6 (7) (7), k2tog] 8 times, k1 - 57 (65) (65) sts. K 1 row.

3rd dec row: [K5 (6) (6), k2tog] 8 times, k1 - 49 (57) (57) sts. K 1 row.

Continue in this way, dec 8 sts on next row and 3 (4) (4) following alternate rows - 17 sts. K 1 row.

Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Join seam of crown and a further 12-14 rows of pattern section. Fold brim to right side and join the double edges. Make 2 twisted cords and attach one to each corner of bonnet.



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Crochet Doll

Measurements

Approx 24cm/9½in tall.

Materials

1 x 50g (115m) ball of Rico Design Creative Cotton DK (100% cotton) in each of Natural (02), Orange (07) and Pistachio (16) *; a small amount of Red and Blue for embroidery. Size 5.00 crochet hook; 1m narrow ribbon; tapestry needle; a small button; stiff card; sharp scissors; washable toy stuffing.

Abbreviations

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

Note

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

Head and body

Beginning at top of head, with 5.00 hook and Natural, make 2ch.

1st round: 8dc in 2nd ch from hook, slst in 1ch – 8dc.

2nd round: 1ch, [2dc in next dc] 8 times, slst in 1ch – 16dc.

3rd round: 1ch (does not count as a st throughout), [2dc in next dc, 1dc in next dc] 8 times, slst in 1ch – 24dc.

4th round: 1ch, [2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 2dc] 8 times, slst in 1ch – 32dc.

5th round: 1ch, [2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 3dc] 8 times, slst in 1ch – 40dc.

6th to 15th rounds: 1ch, [1dc in next dc] 40 times, slst in 1ch.

16th round: 1ch, [dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 3dc] 8 times, slst in 1ch – 32 sts.

17th round: 1ch, [dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 2dc] 8 times, slst in 1ch – 24 sts.

Start stuffing as you work.

18th round: 1ch, [dc2tog, 1dc in next dc] 8 times, slst in 1ch – 16 sts.

19th round: 1ch, [dc2tog] 8 times, slst in 1ch – 8 sts, completing head.

20th round: 1ch, [2dc in next dc] 8 times, slst in 1ch – 16dc.

21st round: 1ch, [2dc in next dc, 1dc in next dc] 8 times, slst in 1ch – 24dc.

22nd round: 1ch, [1dc in next dc] 24 times, slst in 1ch.

23rd round: 1ch, [2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 2dc] 8 times, slst in 1ch – 32dc.

24th to 38th rounds: 1ch, [1dc in next dc] 32 times, slst in 1ch.

39th round: 1ch, [dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 2dc] 8 times, slst in 1ch – 24 sts.

Fasten off.

Add extra stuffing if needed and leave.

Arms (make 2)

With 5.00 hook and Natural, make 2ch.

1st round: 6dc in 2nd ch from hook, slst in 1ch – 6dc.

2nd round: 1ch, [2dc in next dc, 1dc in next dc] 3 times, slst in 1ch – 9dc.

3rd to 16th rounds: 1ch, [1dc in next st] 9 times, slst in 1ch. Fasten off.

Stuff arms and join top. Sew arms in position.

Legs (make 2)

With 5.00 hook and Pistachio, make 2ch.

1st round: 6dc in 2nd ch from hook, slst in 1ch – 6dc.

2nd round: 1ch, [2dc in next dc] 6 times, slst in 1ch – 12dc.

3rd to 6th rounds: 1ch, [1dc in next dc] 12 times, slst in 1ch. Break off Green.

Join in Natural.

7th to 19th rounds: 1ch, [1dc in next dc] 12 times, slst in 1ch. Fasten off.

Stuff legs and join top. Insert tops of legs into lower edge of body and close opening securing legs in position.

Dress

Beginning at neck edge, with 5.00 hook and Pistachio, make 21ch.

1st row: 1tr in 3rd ch from hook (counts as 2 sts), [1tr in next ch] 18 times, turn – 20 sts.

2nd row: 3ch (counts as 1tr throughout), 1tr in base of 3ch, [2tr in next tr] to end, turn – 40 sts.

3rd row: 3ch, 1tr in base of 3ch, 1tr in next tr, [2tr in next tr, 1tr in next tr] to end, turn – 60 sts.

4th row: 3ch, 1tr in base of 3ch, 1tr in each of next 2tr, [2tr in next tr, 1tr in each of next 2tr] to end, turn – 80 sts.

5th row: 3ch, 1tr in base of 3ch, 1tr in each of next 9tr, for armhole, miss next 20tr, 1tr in each of next 20tr, for armhole, miss next



20tr, 1tr in each of next 9tr, 2tr in last st, slst in first st – 42 sts.

6th round: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in base of ch, miss next 2tr, 7tr in next tr – a shell made, miss next 2tr, [1dc in next tr, miss next 2tr, 7tr in next tr, miss next 2tr] 6 times, slst in first dc – 7 shells.

7th round: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 6tr in base of 3ch, 1dc in centre tr of next shell, [7tr in next dc, 1dc in centre tr of next shell] 6 times, slst in 3rd of 3ch.

8th round: Slst to centre tr of next shell, 1ch, 1dc in base of ch, 7tr in next dc, [1dc in centre tr of next shell, 7tr in next dc] 6 times, slst in first dc.

9th and 10th rounds: As 7th and 8th rounds. Fasten off.

Sew button to end of first row and use gap between 2 stitches at beginning of row for buttonhole. Place dress on doll.

Cut a length of ribbon and tie in a bow around waist.

Hair

Cut a length of stiff card about 20cm wide. Wind Orange yarn around centre of card, 84 times. With sharp scissors, cut yarn through all thicknesses on one side of card and lay strands flat. Make a slip knot, place loop on crochet hook and working over 4 strands at a time, work a line of chain stitches along centre of strands to bind them together and fasten off securely.

Turn strands over so that chain stitches are at the underside. Sew hair to centre of head along chain line. Trim ends to neaten. Cut remaining length of ribbon in half and tie hair in two bunches at sides of head. Embroider mouth with Red and eyes in Blue.



Monkey Toy

Measurements

Approximately 23cm/9in tall.

Materials

1 x 50g (115m) ball of Rico Design Creative Cotton DK (100% cotton) in each of Red (008), Light Yellow (003), Royal Blue (012) and Sky Blue (014) *. Pair of 3mm (No. 11) knitting needles; washable toy stuffing.

Tension

26 stitches and 32 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 3mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); **dec**, decrease (by working 2 sts tog); **skpo**, slip 1, k1, pass sl st over; **up1**, pick up loop lying between needles and working into the 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.

Body and head

Body: With 3mm needles and Red, cast on 10 sts. P 1 row.

1st increase row: K1, [up1, k1] to end – 19 sts. P 1 row.

2nd increase row: K1, [up1, k2] to end – 28 sts. P 1 row.

3rd increase row: K1, [up1, k3] to end – 37 sts. P 1 row.

4th increase row: K1, [up1, k4] to end – 46 sts. Ss 3 rows.

5th increase row: K1, [up1, k5] to end – 55 sts. Ss 3 rows.

6th increase row: K1, [up1, k6] to end – 64 sts. Ss 5 rows.

7th increase row: K1, [up1, k7] to end – 73 sts. Ss 5 rows.

8th increase row: K1, [up1, k8] to end – 82 sts. P 1 row.

Work stripes as follows:

1st row: With Light Yellow, [k1, p1] to end.

2nd row: With Light Yellow, p to end.

3rd row: With Red, k to end.

4th row: With Red, p to end.

Repeat last 4 rows, 4 times more.

Shape arms: Change to Royal Blue.

Next increase row: K20, up1, k1, up1, k40, up1, k1, up1, k20 – 86 sts.

P 1 row.

Next increase row: K21, up1, k1, up1,

k42, up1, k1, up1, k21 – 90 sts.

P 1 row.

Next increase row: K22, up1, k1, up1, k44, up1, k1, up1, k22 – 94 sts.

P 1 row.

Shape top of body: 1st dec row: K4, k2tog, k8, k2tog, k15, skpo, k8, skpo, [k8, k2tog] twice, k15, skpo, k8, skpo, k4 – 86 sts. Ss 5 rows.

2nd dec row: K3, k2tog, k7, k2tog, k15, skpo, k7, skpo, k6, k2tog, k7, k2tog, k15, skpo, k7, skpo, k3 – 78 sts. Ss 3 rows.

3rd dec row: K2, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k15, skpo, k6, skpo, k4, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k15, skpo, k6, skpo, k2 – 70 sts. Ss 3 rows.

4th dec row: K1, k2tog, k5, k2tog, k15, skpo, k5, skpo, k2, k2tog, k5, k2tog, k15, skpo, k5, skpo, k1 – 62 sts. P 1 row.

5th dec row: K2tog, k4, k2tog, k15, skpo, k4, skpo, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k15, skpo, k4, skpo – 54 sts. P 1 row.

6th dec row: K4, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k7, skpo, k2, skpo, k8, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k7, skpo, k2, skpo, k4 – 46 sts.

P 1 row.

7th dec row: K3, k2tog, k1, k2tog, skpo, k3, k2tog, skpo, k1, skpo, k6, k2tog, k1, k2tog, skpo, k3, k2tog, skpo, k1, skpo, k3 – 34 sts. P 1 row.

8th dec row: K2, [k2tog] twice, skpo, k1, k2tog, [skpo] twice, k4, [k2tog] twice, skpo, k1, k2tog, [skpo] twice, k2 – 22 sts. Cast off, but do not break off the yarn.

Head: With right side facing and Royal Blue, pick up and k22 sts from the cast off edge. P 1 row.

1st increase row: K1, [up1, k2] to last st, up1, k1 – 33 sts. P 1 row.

2nd increase row: K1, [up1, k3] to last 2 sts, up1, k2 – 44 sts. P 1 row.

3rd increase row: K7, [up1, k2] 5 times, up1, k11, [up1, k2] 5 times, up1, k6 – 56 sts. Ss 3 rows.

4th increase row: K2, [up1, k4] to last 2 sts, up1, k2 – 70 sts.

Ss 11 rows.

1st dec row: K1, [k2tog, k3] to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 – 56 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: K3, [k2tog, k2] to last 5 sts, k2tog, k3 – 43 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: K1, [k2tog, k1] to end – 29 sts. P 1 row.

4th dec row: K1, [k2tog] to end – 15 sts.

5th dec row: [P2tog] to last st, p1 – 8 sts.

Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Gather cast-on edge. Join back seam, leaving an opening. Stuff firmly and join opening. Pinch 6 arm stitches at each side of body and beginning on first row of Royal Blue, work stab-stitch with Royal Blue through both layers over next 24 rows to define arms.



Muzzle

With 3mm needles and Sky Blue, cast on 9 sts. P 1 row.

Increase row: [K1, up1] twice, k to last 2 sts, [up1, k1] twice.

Repeat last 2 rows, twice more – 21 sts. Ss 7 rows.

Dec row: K1, [k2tog] twice, k to last 5 sts, [skpo] twice, k1. P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, once more, then work dec row again – 9 sts. Cast off.

Sew muzzle to front of head, stuffing it as you sew. Using photo as a guide, embroider eyes and eyebrows on head with Light Yellow and mouth on muzzle with Red.

Ears (make 2)

With 3mm and Sky Blue, cast on 5 sts. P 1 row.

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

2nd increase row: [K2, up1] to last st, k1 – 13 sts. Ss 5 rows.

1st dec row: K1, [k2tog, k1] to end – 9 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: [K2tog] twice, k1, [k2tog] twice – 5 sts. Cast off.

Fold ears in half, matching cast-on and cast-off edges and oversew open edges. Curve this edge and sew to sides of head.

Feet

With 3mm needles and Light Yellow, cast on 8 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 2 rows.

1st increase row: K1, [up1, k2] to last st, up1, k1 – 12 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd increase row: K1, up1, k2, up1, k6, up1, k2, up1, k1 – 16 sts.

Ss 15 rows.

1st dec row: [K1, skpo] twice, k4, [k2tog, k1] twice – 12 sts. Ss 3 rows.

2nd dec row: [K1, k2tog] to end – 8 sts. P 1 row. Cast off.

Fold each foot in half, matching cast-on and cast-off edges and oversew open edges, stuffing lightly as you sew. Position feet at base of body with oversewn edge at back, making sure that the toy can stand on its own. Sew feet in place.

Crochet Dinosaur

Measurements

Approximately 15cm/6in tall and 32cm/12½in long.

Materials

1 x 50g (125m) ball of DMC Woolly Merino DK (100% wool) in each of Green (081) and Red (051)*. Size 3.00 crochet hook; small amount of Black for embroidery; washable toy stuffing.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **st**, stitch; **dc**, double crochet; **tr**, treble; **dtr**, double treble; **htr**, half treble; **slst**, slip st; **htr2tog**, work 2htr together thus: [yarn round hook, insert hook in next st, yarn round hook and pull through] twice, yarn round hook and pull through all 5 loops on hook.

Note

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

*Yarn subject to availability.

To make

Beginning at tip of nose, with 3.00 hook and Green, make 2ch.

1st round: 6htr in 2nd ch from hook, slst in 1ch – 6htr.

2nd round: 2ch (does not count as a st throughout), [2htr in next htr] 6 times, slst in top of 2ch – 12htr.

3rd round: 2ch, [2htr in next htr, 1htr in next htr] 6 times, slst in top of 2ch – 18htr.

4th round: 2ch, [2htr in next htr, 1htr in each of next 2htr] 6 times, slst in top of 2ch – 24 htr.

5th to 7th rounds: 2ch, [1htr in next htr] 24 times, slst in top of 2ch.

8th round: 2ch, 1htr in each of next 8htr, [2htr in next htr] 8 times, 1htr in each of last 8htr, slst in top of 2ch – 32htr.

9th to 12th rounds: 2ch, [1htr in next htr] 32 times, slst in top of 2ch.

13th round: 2ch, 1htr in each of next 8htr, [htr2tog] 8 times, 1htr in each of last 8htr, slst in top of 2ch – 24 sts.

14th round: 2ch, [1htr in next st] 24 times, slst in top of 2ch.

15th round: 2ch, 1htr in each of next 10htr, [htr2tog] twice, 1htr in each of last 10htr, slst in top of 2ch – 22 sts.

16th round: 2ch, 2htr in each of next 2htr, 1htr in each of next 18 sts, 2htr in each of last 2htr, slst in top of 2ch – 26htr.

17th round: 2ch, 1htr in each of next 11htr, [htr2tog] twice, 1htr in each of last 11htr, slst in top of 2ch – 24 sts.

18th round: 2ch, 2htr in each of next 2htr, 1htr in each of next 20 sts, 2htr in each of last 2htr, slst in top of 2ch, turn – 28htr.

19th round: 2ch, 1htr in each of next 12htr, [htr2tog] twice, 1htr in each of last 12htr, slst in top of 2ch – 26 sts.

20th round: 2ch, 2htr in each of next 2htr, 1htr in each of next 22 sts, 2htr in each of last 2htr, slst in top of 2ch – 30htr.

21st round: 2ch, [1htr in next htr] 30 times, slst in top of 2ch.

22nd round: 2ch, 2htr in next htr, [1htr in next htr, 2htr in next htr] twice, 1htr in each of next 20htr, 2htr in next htr, [1htr in next htr, 2htr in next htr] twice, slst in top of 2ch – 36htr.

Start stuffing and continue stuffing as you work.

23rd and 24th rounds: 2ch, [1htr in next htr] 36 times, slst in top of 2ch.

25th round: 2ch, [1htr in each of next 5htr, 2htr in next htr] 6 times, slst in top of 2ch – 42htr.

26th and 27th rounds: 2ch, [1htr in next htr] 42 times, slst in top of 2ch.

28th round: 2ch, [1htr in each of next 6htr, 2htr in next htr] 6 times, slst in to of 2ch – 48htr.

29th to 35th rounds: 2ch, [1htr in next htr] 48 times, slst in top of 2ch.

36th round: 2ch, [1htr in each of next 6htr, htr2tog] 6 times, slst in top of 2ch – 42 sts.

37th and 38th rounds: 2ch, [1htr in next st] 42 times, slst in top of 2ch.

39th round: 2ch, [1htr in each of next 5htr, htr2tog] 6 times, slst in top of 2ch – 36 sts.

40th and 41st round: 2ch, [1htr in next st] 36 times, slst in top of 2ch.

42nd round: 2ch, [1htr in each of next 4htr, htr2tog] 6 times, slst in top of 2ch – 30 sts.

43rd and 44th round: 2ch, [1htr in next st] 30 times, slst in top of 2ch.

45th round: 2ch, [1htr in each of next 3htr, htr2tog] 6 times, slst in top of 2ch – 24 sts.

46th and 47th rounds: 2ch, [1htr in next st] 24 times, slst in top of 2ch.

48th round: 2ch, [1htr in each of next 2htr, htr2tog] 6 times, slst in top of 2ch – 18 sts.

49th round: 2ch, [1htr in next st] 18 times, slst in top of 2ch.

50th round: 2ch, [1htr in next htr, htr2tog] 6 times, slst in top of 2ch – 12 sts.

51st round: 2ch, [htr2tog] 6 times, slst in



top of 2ch – 6 sts.

Add extra stuffing if needed. Break off yarn leaving a long end. Thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off securely.

Front legs

(make 2)

With 3.00 hook and Green, make 2ch.

1st round: 6htr in 2nd ch from hook, slst in 1ch – 6htr.

2nd round: 2ch (does not count as a st throughout), [2htr in next htr] 6 times, slst in top of 2ch – 12htr.

3rd round: 2ch, [2htr in next htr, 1htr in next htr] 6 times, slst in top of 2ch – 18htr.

4th round: Working in back loop only, work 2ch, [1htr in next htr] 18 times, slst in top of 2ch.

5th round: 2ch, [1htr in next htr] 18 times, slst in top of 2ch.

Repeat last round, 5 times more – read twice more here for back legs. Fasten off. Stuff legs. Using picture as guide, sew legs in place.

Back legs

(make 2)

Work as given for front legs, noting variation.

Spine

Foundation row: Beginning at tip of tail, with 3.00 hook and Red, work a row of 66dc evenly along centre back to top of 10th round, turn.

Next row: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1dc in next dc] 66 times, turn.

Next row: 1ch (does not count as a st), [1htr in next dc, 1tr in next dc, 2dtr in next dc, 1tr in next dc, 1htr in next dc, slst in next dc] to end. Fasten off.

To complete

Embroider eyes, nostril and mouth in Black.



Crochet Rocket

Measurements

Approximately 24cm/9½in high.

Materials

1 x 50g (85m) ball of Rico Design Creative Cotton Aran (100% cotton) in each of Cherry (65) and White (80)*; small amount of Pearl Grey (52). Size 4.00 crochet hook; washable toy stuffing.

Abbreviations

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

Note

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*Yarn subject to availability.

Body

Beginning at tail end, with 4.00 hook and White, make 2ch.

1st round: 6dc in 2nd ch from hook, slst in 1ch – 6dc.

2nd round: 1ch (does not count as a st throughout), [2dc in next dc] 6 times, slst in 1ch – 12dc.

3rd round: 1ch, [2dc in next dc, 1dc in next dc] 6 times, slst in 1ch – 18dc.

4th round: 1ch, [2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 2dc] 6 times, slst in 1ch – 24dc.

5th round: 1ch, [2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 3dc] 6 times, slst in 1ch – 30dc.

6th round: Working in back loops only, work 1ch, [2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 4dc] 6 times, slst in 1ch – 36dc.

7th and 8th rounds: 1ch, [1dc in next dc] 36 times, slst in 1ch.

9th round: 1ch, [2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 5dc] 6 times, slst in 1ch – 42dc.

10th to 12th rounds: 1ch, [1dc in next dc] 42 times, slst in 1ch.

13th round: 1ch, [2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 6dc] 6 times, slst in 1ch – 48dc.

14th to 16th rounds: 1ch, [1dc in next dc] 48 times, slst in 1ch.

17th round: 1ch, [2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 7dc] 6 times, slst in 1ch – 54dc.

18th and 19th rounds: 1ch, [1dc in next dc] 54 times, slst in 1ch. Break off

White. Join in Cherry.

20th to 29th rounds: 1ch, [1dc in next dc] 54 times, slst in 1ch.

30th round: 1ch, [1dc in each of next 7dc, dc2tog] 6 times, slst in 1ch – 48 sts.

31st to 33rd rounds: 1ch, [1dc in next dc] 48 times, slst in 1ch.

34th round: 1ch, [1dc in each of next 6dc, dc2tog] 6 times, slst in 1ch – 42 sts.

35th round: 1ch, [1dc in next dc] 42 times, slst in 1ch. Break off Cherry.

Join in White.

Start stuffing rocket body and continue stuffing as you work.

36th round: 1ch, [1dc in next dc] 42 times, slst in 1ch.

37th round: 1ch, [1dc in each of next 5dc, dc2tog] 6 times, slst in 1ch – 36 sts.

38th and 39th rounds: 1ch, [1dc in next dc] 36 times, slst in 1ch.

40th round: 1ch, [1dc in each of next 4dc, dc2tog] 6 times, slst in 1ch – 30 sts.

41st and 42nd rounds: 1ch, [1dc in next dc] 30 times, slst in 1ch.

43rd round: 1ch, [1dc in each of next 3dc, dc2tog] 6 times, slst in 1ch – 24 sts.

44th round: 1ch, [1dc in next dc] 24 times, slst in 1ch.

45th round: 1ch, [1dc in each of next 2dc, dc2tog] 6 times, slst in 1ch – 18 sts.

46th round: 1ch, [1dc in next dc] 18 times, slst in 1ch.

47th round: 1ch, [1dc in next dc, dc2tog] 6 times, slst in 1ch – 12 sts.

48th round: 1ch, [1dc in next dc] 12 times, slst in 1ch.

49th round: 1ch, [dc2tog] 6 times, slst in 1ch – 6 sts. Add extra stuffing here if needed. Break off yarn and run end through last 6 sts, pull up tightly and fasten off securely.

Fins (make 3)

1st round: With 4.00 hook and Cherry, make 9ch, 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc in each of next 6ch, 2dc in last ch, now work along opposite side of chain thus: 1dc in each of next 7ch, slst in 1ch – 16dc.

2nd round: 1ch, [1dc in next st] 16 times, slst in 1ch.

Start stuffing fin as you work.

3rd to 13th rounds: 1ch, dc2tog, [1dc in next st] to end, slst in 1ch – 5 sts.

Fasten off.

With shaped edge of fin on the outside, sew fins in position, evenly spaced around White section at lower edge of body.

Porthole door

Work 1st to 4th rounds as given for rocket body. Break off White.

Join in Pearl Grey and work a round of reverse dc evenly around last round.

Fasten off. Sew porthole door in position.

Materials

2 x 50g (145m) balls of Rico Design Baby Teddy Aran (75% polyester, 25% polyamide) in Azure (020)*; length of DK yarn in Black for embroidery and Blue. Pair of 3mm (No.11) and 3¼mm (No.10) knitting needles; washable toy stuffing; narrow pleather belt cut to size for dog's collar.

Abbreviations

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

Tension

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

Note

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

*Yarn subject to availability.

Legs and body

Right leg: With 3¼mm needles and Azure, cast on 18 sts.

Next row: K8, wrap1, turn.

Next row: P6, wrap1, turn.

Next row: K5, wrap1, turn.

Next row: P4, wrap1, turn.

Next row: K13, wrap1, turn.

Next row: P6, wrap1, turn.

Next row: K5, wrap1, turn.

Next row: P4, wrap1, turn.

Next row: K to end.

Increase row: P5, up1, p8, up1, p5 – 20 sts.

Next row: K1, k2tog, k6, up1, k2, up1, k6, skpo, k1. P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows, 3 times more.

Beginning with a k row, ss 5 rows.

Inc 1 st at each end of next row and 2 following alternate rows – 26 sts.

Ss 2 rows. ** Leave these sts on a st holder.

Left leg: Work as right leg to **.

Body: Joining row: Cast on 4 sts, k to end of left leg sts, cast on 6 sts, then k26 sts of right leg, turn and cast on 4 sts – 66 sts.

Shape back base: **Next row:** P15, wrap1, turn.

Next row: [K5, up1] twice, k5.

Next row: P15, wrap1, turn.

Next row: K to end.



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Next row: P13, wrap1, turn.
Next row: K4, up1, k5, up1, k4.
Next row: P13, wrap1, turn.
Next row: K to end.
Next row: P11, wrap1, turn.
Next row: K3, up1, k5, up1, k3.
Next row: P11, wrap1, turn.
Next row: K to end.
 P 1 row across all sts – 72 sts.
Next 2 rows: [K5, up1] twice, k5, wrap1, turn, p to end.
Next 2 rows: K15, wrap1, turn, p to end.
Next 2 rows: K4, up1, k5, up1, k4, wrap1, turn, p to end.
Next 2 rows: K13, wrap1, turn, p to end.
Next 2 rows: K3, up1, k5, up1, k3, wrap1, turn, p to end.
Next 2 rows: K11, wrap1, turn, p to end.
 K 1 row across all 78 sts.
 Ss another 3 rows.
1st dec row: K20, k2tog, k2, skpo, k26, k2tog, k2, skpo, k20 – 74 sts. Ss 3 rows.
2nd dec row: K1, skpo, k16, k2tog, k2, skpo, k24, k2tog, k2, skpo, k16, k2tog, k1 – 68 sts. Ss 3 rows.
3rd dec row: K1, skpo, k14, k2tog, k2, skpo, k22, k2tog, k2, skpo, k14, k2tog, k1 – 62 sts. Ss 3 rows.
4th dec row: K1, skpo, k56, k2tog, k1 – 60 sts. P 1 row.
5th dec row: K14, k2tog, k2, skpo, k20, k2tog, k2, skpo, k14 – 56 sts. P 1 row.
6th dec row: K1, skpo, k50, k2tog, k1 – 54 sts. Ss 3 rows.
7th dec row: K1, skpo, k9, k2tog, k2, skpo, k18, k2tog, k2, skpo, k9, k2tog, k1 – 48 sts. Ss 3 rows.
8th dec row: K1, skpo, k42, k2tog, k1 – 46 sts. P 1 row.
9th dec row: K9, k2tog, k2, skpo, k16, k2tog, k2, skpo, k9 – 42 sts. Ss 5 rows.
10th dec row: K8, k2tog, k2, skpo, k14, k2tog, k2, skpo, k8 – 38 sts. Ss 7 rows.
11th dec row: K7, k2tog, k2, skpo, k12, k2tog, k2, skpo, k7 – 34 sts. Ss 5 rows.
12th dec row: K6, k2tog, k2, skpo, k10, k2tog, k2, skpo, k6 – 30 sts. P 1 row.
 Cast off. Join cast-on edge on each leg, then row-ends for leg seams. Join back seam of body, then sew cast-on sts above legs together. Stuff body firmly.

Arms (make 2)

With 3¼mm needles and Azure, cast on 16 sts.
Next row: K7, wrap1, turn.
Next row: P5, wrap1, turn.
Next row: K4, wrap1, turn.
Next row: P3, wrap1, turn.
Next row: K11, wrap1, turn.
Next row: P5, wrap1, turn.
Next row: K4, wrap1, turn.
Next row: P3, wrap1, turn.
Next row: K to end.

Next row: P5, up1, p7, up1, p4 – 18 sts. Beginning with a k row, ss 6 rows.
Next row: K1, up1, k5, k2tog, k2, skpo, k5, up1, k1. P 1 row.
 Repeat last 2 rows, 3 times more.
Next row: K6, k2tog, k2, skpo, k6 – 16 sts. P 1 row.
Next row: K1, up1, k4, k2tog, k2, skpo, k4, up1, k1.
 P 1 row.
 Repeat last 2 rows, 3 times more.
Next row: K5, k2tog, k2, skpo, k5 – 14 sts. P 1 row.
Next row: K1, up1, k3, k2tog, k2, skpo, k3, up1, k1.
 P 1 row.
 Repeat last 2 rows, 3 times more.
Next row: K4, k2tog, k2, skpo, k4 – 12 sts. P 1 row.
Next row: K1, up1, k2, k2tog, k2, skpo, k2, up1, k1. P 1 row.
 Repeat last 2 rows, twice more.
Next row: K1, skpo, k2tog, k2, skpo, k2tog, k1 – 8 sts. P 1 row. Cast off.
 Join row-ends, then cast-on edge on each arm and stuff. Flatten top edge with seam at back and sew this edge to neck edge at each side of body.

Head

With 3¼mm needles and Azure, cast on 9 sts for back edge. P 1 row.
1st increase row: K1, [up1, k1] 8 times – 17 sts. P 1 row.
2nd increase row: K1, [up1, k2] 8 times – 25 sts. P 1 row.
3rd increase row: K1, [up1, k3] 8 times – 33 sts. P 1 row.
4th increase row: K1, [up1, k4] 8 times – 41 sts. P 1 row.
5th increase row: K1, [up1, k5] – 49 sts.
 Ss 3 rows. Mark each end of last row.
 Ss 12 rows.
1st dec row: K15, skpo, k3, skpo, k5, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k15 – 45 sts. P 1 row.
 Mark each end of last row.
2nd dec row: K15, skpo, k2, skpo, k3, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k15 – 41 sts. Ss 3 rows.
3rd dec row: K1, [k2tog, k3] 8 times – 33 sts.



Ss 3 rows.
4th dec row: K1, [k2tog, k2] 8 times – 25 sts. Ss 3 rows.
5th dec row: K1, [k2tog, k1] 8 times – 17 sts. Ss 3 rows.
6th dec row: K1, [k2tog] 8 times – 9 sts.
 Break off yarn, thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends, leaving row-ends between markers open. Stuff head firmly and sew open edge to neck edge of body. Place collar round neck.

Nose

With 3mm needles and Black, cast on 20 sts. Beginning with a p row, ss 5 rows.
Next row: K2tog, [k1, k2tog] 6 times – 13 sts. P 1 row.
Next row: K1, [k2tog] 6 times – 7 sts.
 Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure. Join row-ends and stuff. Gather cast-on edge and pull up slightly, then sew this edge to point at front of head.

Eyes

Mark position of eyes. Attach length of Blue to neck edge under arms and take the yarn through head to marked eye position, make a small stitch and return to point of entry. Pull up to indent for eye socket and secure. Indent other eye socket in same way. With Black, work a circle of chain stitches at each eye position, then embroider mouth with straight stitch.

Ears (make 4)

With 3¼mm needles and Azure, cast on 9 sts. P 1 row.
Next row: K1, up1, k7, up1, k1 – 11 sts.
Next row: P1, up1, p9, up1, p1 – 13 sts.
Next row: K1, up1, k11, up1, k1 – 15 sts. Ss 27 rows.
Dec row: K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. Ss 3 rows.
 Work dec row. P 1 row.
 Repeat last 2 rows, 3 times more – 5 sts. Ss 2 rows.
Next row: K1, [k2tog] twice – 3 sts.
 Cast off.
 Join two ear pieces along sides and cast-on edge. Over sew cast-off edge and sew to top of head.

Tail

With 3¼mm needles and Azure, cast on 12 sts.
 Ss 8 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row and following 6th row, then on following 8th row – 6 sts.
 Ss 5 rows. Cast off.
 Join row-ends and cast-off edge, then stuff slightly. Attach cast-on end to back of body.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

This great project is taken from *Knitting From The North*
by Hilary Grant



Northern Highlights

Knit up this gorgeous hat and snood from Scottish designer Hilary Grant, who lives on Orkney

HAT AND SNOOD

Measurements

Hat: Fits average woman's head.

Snood: All round 120cm/47in and 19cm/7½in wide.

Materials

Hat: 1 x 25g (105m) ball of Jamieson's of Shetland Spindrift (100% wool) in each of Cornfield (410) and Natural White (104)*.

Pair of 2¼mm (No.13) and 2¾mm (No.12) knitting needles.

Snood: 2 x 25g (105m) balls of Jamieson's of Shetland Spindrift (100% wool) in each of Cornfield (410) and Natural White (104)*.

Pair of 3mm (No.11) knitting needles.

Tension

34 stitches and 38 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over pattern, using 2¾mm needles.

29 stitches and 30 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over pattern, 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); **skpo**, slip 1, k1, pass slip st over; **Cd**, Cornfield; **Nw**, Natural White.

Note

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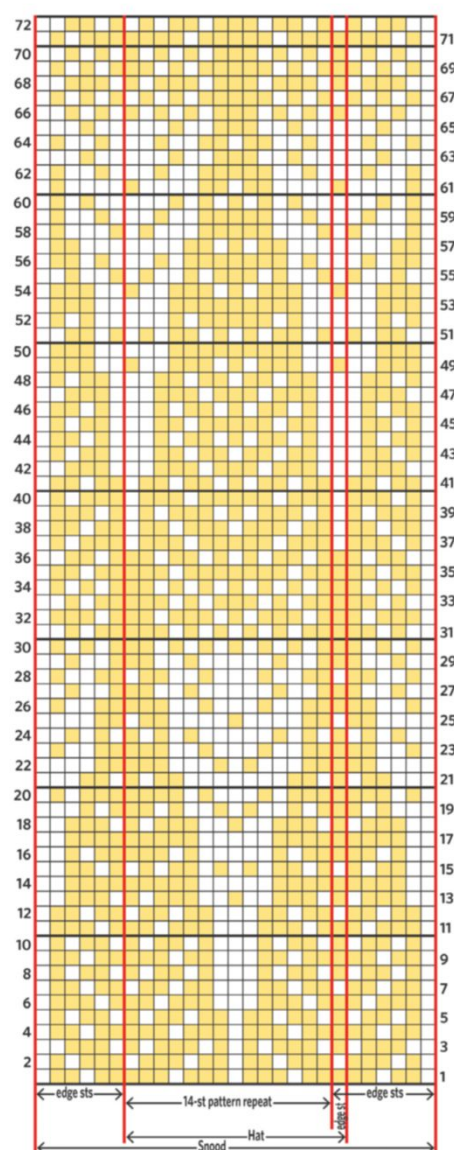


Hard-ish



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Key for chart

- Cornfield
- Natural white

HAT

With 2¼mm needles and Cd, cast on 150 sts.

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

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

Rib another 7 rows.

Next row: Rib 14, [inc in next st, rib 29] 4 times, inc in next st, rib 15 – 155 sts.

Change to 2¾mm needles.

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

1st row: K edge st of 1st row of chart, [k across 14-st pattern] 11 times.

2nd row: [P across 14-st pattern] 11 times, p edge st.

3rd to 36th rows: Repeat 1st and 2nd rows, 17 times more, but working 3rd to 36th rows of chart.

Shape top: 1st row: K1 Cd, [with Cd, skpo, k2, with Nw, k1, with Cd, k5, with Nw, k1, with Cd, k3] 11 times – 144 sts.

2nd row: P2 Cd, [1 Nw, 3 Cd, 1 Nw, 3 Cd, 1 Nw, 4 Cd] 10 times, [1 Nw, 3 Cd] 3 times.

3rd row: K2 Cd, [1 Nw, 3 Cd, 1 Nw, 1 Cd, 1 Nw, 3 Cd, 1 Nw, 2 Cd] 10 times, [1 Nw, 3 Cd, 1 Nw, 1 Cd] twice.

4th row: P3 Cd, [1 Nw, 5 Cd, 1 Nw, 6 Cd] 10 times, 1 Nw, 5 Cd, 1 Nw, 4 Cd.

5th row: K3 Cd, [1 Nw, 2 Cd, 1 Nw, 1 Cd, 1 Nw, 2 Cd, 1 Nw, 4 Cd] 10 times, 1 Nw, 2 Cd, 1 Nw, 1 Cd, [1 Nw, 2 Cd] twice.

6th row: [With Cd, p2tog, p2, with Nw, p1, with Cd, p3, with Nw, p1, with Cd, p2, p2togb] 11 times, with Cd, p1 – 122 sts.

7th row: K3 Cd, [1 Nw, 2 Cd, 1 Nw, 2 Cd, 1 Nw, 4 Cd] 10 times, [1 Nw, 2 Cd] 3 times.

8th row: P1 Cd, [1 Nw, 2 Cd, 1 Nw, 1 Cd, 1 Nw, 2 Cd, 1 Nw, 2 Cd] 11 times.

9th row: K3 Cd, [1 Nw, 5 Cd, 1 Nw, 4 Cd] 10 times, 1 Nw, 5 Cd, 1 Nw, 2 Cd.

10th row: As 8th row.

11th row: K4 Cd, [1 Nw, 3 Cd, 1 Nw, 6 Cd] 10 times, [1 Nw, 3 Cd] twice.

12th row: P2 Cd, [1 Nw, 2 Cd, 1 Nw, 2 Cd, 1 Nw, 4 Cd] 10 times, [1 Nw, 2 Cd] twice, 1 Nw, 3 Cd.

13th row: K1 Cd, [with Cd, skpo, k2, with

Nw, k1, with Cd, k1, with Nw, k1, with Cd, k2, k2tog] 11 times – 100 sts.

14th row: With Cd, p.

15th row: K3 Cd, [1 Nw, 1 Cd, 1 Nw, 1 Cd, 1 Nw, 4 Cd] 10 times, [1 Nw, 1 Cd] twice, 1 Nw, 2 Cd.

16th row: P1 Cd, [1 Nw, 5 Cd, 1 Nw, 2 Cd] 11 times.

17th row: With Cd, k.

18th row: [With Cd, p2tog, p1, with Nw, p1, with Cd, p1, with Nw, p1, with Cd, p1, p2togb] 11 times, with Cd, p1 – 78 sts.

19th row: K2 Cd, [1 Nw, 3 Cd, 1 Nw, 2 Cd] 10 times, 1 Nw, 3 Cd, 1 Nw, 1 Cd.

20th row: With Cd, p.

21st row: K3 Cd, [1 Nw, 1 Cd, 1 Nw, 4 Cd] 10 times, 1 Nw, 1 Cd, 1 Nw, 2 Cd.

22nd row: With Cd, [p2tog, p3, p2togb] 11 times, p1 – 56 sts.

23rd row: With Cd, k.

24th row: P1 Cd, [1 Nw, 1 Cd, 1 Nw, 2 Cd] 11 times.

25th row: K3 Cd, [1 Nw, 4 Cd] 10 times, 1 Nw, 2 Cd.

26th row: With Cd, p.

27th row: With Cd, k1, [skpo, k1, k2tog] 11 times – 34 sts.

28th row: P1 Cd, [1 Nw, 2 Cd] 11 times.

29th row: With Cd, k.

30th row: With Cd, [p3tog] 11 times, p1 – 12 sts.

31st row: With Cd, k.

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

SNOOD

With 3mm needles and Cd, cast on 55 sts.

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

1st row: K first 7 edge sts of 1st row of chart, [k across 14-st pattern] 3 times, k last 6 edge sts.

2nd row: P first 6 edge sts of 2nd row of chart, [p across 14-st pattern] 3 times, p last 7 edge sts.

3rd to 72nd rows: Repeat 1st and 2nd rows, 35 times more, but working 3rd to 72nd rows of chart.

Repeat 1st to 72nd rows, 4 times more.

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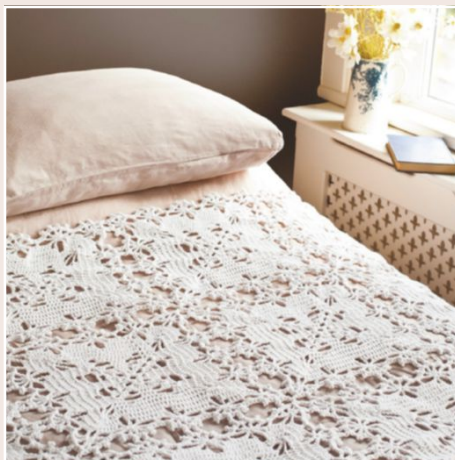
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To fit bust sizes 81 (86) (91) (97) (102) (107) cm/32 (34) (36) (38) (40) (42) in.

Actual measurements 91 (98) (104) (110) (116) (123) cm/36 (38½) (41) (43¼) (45½) (48½) in.

Side seam 43 (44) (44) (45) (45) (46) cm/17 (17¼) (17¼) (17¾) (17¾) (18) in.

Length 64 (66.5) (67.5) (70) (70.5) (73) cm/25¼ (26¼) (26½) (27½) (27¾) (28¾) in.

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

Materials

3 (4) (4) (4) (5) (5) 100g (350m) balls of Wendy Fleur DK (44% cotton, 28% tencel, 28% acrylic) in Alium (3356) *. Pair of 5mm (No.6) knitting needles; a cable needle.

Tension

19 stitches and 25 rows, to 10 x 10 cm, over pattern, using 5mm 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); **psso**, pass sl st over; **skpo**, (sl1, k1, psso); **yf**, yarn forward to make a st; **c5f**, cable 5 front (sl next 2 sts on to cable needle and leave at front, k3, then k2 from cable needle); **ds**, drop next st off left-hand 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 5mm needles, cast on loosely 87 (93) (99) (105) (111) (117) sts.

P 1 row.

1st row: K4, [yf, skpo, k4] to last 5 sts, yf, skpo, k3.

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

3rd row: K2, [k2tog, yf, k1, yf, skpo, k1] to last 7 sts, k2tog, yf, k1, yf, skpo, k2.

5th row: K1, k2tog, yf, k3, [yf, sl1, k2tog, psso, yf, k3] to last 3 sts, yf, skpo, k1.

7th row: K2, [yf, skpo, k1, k2tog, yf, k1] to last 7 sts, yf, skpo, k1, k2tog, yf, k2.

9th row: As 7th row.

10th row: P to end.

These 10 rows form pattern.

Pattern another 72 (76) (76) (78) (78) (80) rows.

Shape armholes: Keeping pattern correct, cast off loosely 5 (6) (6) (7) (7) (8) sts at beginning of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next 5 rows and 3 (3) (4) (4) (5) (5) following alternate rows – 61 (65) (69) (73) (77) (81) sts. Pattern another 35 (37) (37) (41) (41) (43) rows.

Shape shoulders: Cast off loosely 5 (6) (6) (7) (7) (8) sts at beginning of next 4 rows and 6 (5) (7) (6) (8) (7) sts at beginning of following 2 rows – 29 (31) (31) (33) (33) (35) sts. Cast off.

Left front

With 5mm needles, cast on 27 (27) (33) (33) (39) (39) sts.

P 1 row. Pattern 1 row as on back.

Shape lower edge: Working extra sts into pattern as they occur, inc 1 st at beginning (front edge) of next row and at same edge on next 9 rows and 5 (9) (5) (9) (5) (9) following alternate rows, then on 3 (2) (3) (2) (3) (2) following 4th rows – 45 (48) (51) (54) (57) (60) sts. Pattern another 19 (19) (23) (21) (25) (23) rows.

(23) rows.

Shape front: Dec 1 st at front edge on next row and 4 following 6th rows – 40 (43) (46) (49) (52) (55) sts.

Pattern another 5 rows.

Shape armhole: Next row: Cast off 5 (6) (6) (7) (7) (8) sts, pattern to last 2 sts, dec. Pattern 1 row.

****** Dec 1 st at armhole edge on next 5 rows and 3 (3) (4) (4) (5) (5) following alternate rows, at the same time, dec 1 st at front edge on 5th row and following 6th row – 24 (26) (28) (30) (32) (34) sts.

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

Dec 1 st at front edge of next row and 7 (8) (8) (9) (9) (10) following 4th rows – 16 (17) (19) (20) (22) (23) sts.

Pattern another 3 (1) (3) (3) (3) (1) row(s) – read 4 (2) (4) (4) (4) (2) rows here on right front.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 5 (6) (6) (7) (7) (8) sts at beginning of next row and following alternate row – 6 (5) (7) (6) (8) (7) sts. Pattern 1 row. Cast off.

Right front

With 5mm needles, cast on 27 (27) (33) (33) (39) (39) sts.

P 1 row. Pattern 1 row as on back.

Shape lower edge: Working extra sts into pattern as they occur, inc 1 st at end (front edge) of next row and at same edge on next 9 rows and 5 (9) (5) (9) (5) (9) following alternate rows, then on 3 (2) (3) (2) (3) (2) following 4th rows – 45 (48) (51) (54) (57) (60) sts. Pattern another 19 (19) (23) (21) (25) (23) rows.

Shape front: Dec 1 st at front edge on next row and 5 following 6th rows – 39 (42) (45) (48) (51) (54) sts.

Shape armhole: Cast off 5 (6) (6) (7) (7) (8) sts at beginning of next row. Work as given left front from ** to end, noting variation.



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Tricky



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Sleeves

(both alike)

With 5mm needles, cast on 45 (45) (51) (51) (57) (57) sts.

P 1 row. Pattern 6 rows as on back.

Taking extra sts into pattern as they occur, inc 1 st at each end of next row and 11 (12) (10) (11) (9) (10) following 6th (6th) (7th) (6th) (8th) (7th) rows – 69 (71) (73) (75) (77) (79) sts. Pattern another 15 (9) (13) (17) (13) (15) rows.

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

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 3 (4) (4) (5) (5) (6) following 4th rows and 7 (6) (5) (4) (5) (4) following alternate rows, then at each end of next 5 (5) (7) (7) (7) (7) rows – 27 sts.

Cast off 3 sts at beginning of next 4 rows – 15 sts. Cast off.

Front edging

Join shoulder seams.

With 5mm needles, cast on 18 sts.

K 1 row.

Foundation row: K5, k2tog, k2, yf, k1, k2tog, yf, k2tog, k1, yf, k3.

1st row: Sl1, k2, yf, sl1 pwise, k2, inc, k3, c5f, yf, k2tog, k1.

2nd row: Cast on 2 sts, cast off 2 sts, k 6 sts more, k2tog, yf, k2tog, k4, work k1 and p1 into loops of next 2 sts tog, k3.

3rd row: Sl1, k1, k2tog, yf, k2tog, k10, yf, k2tog, k1.

4th row: K5, [yf, k1] twice, k2tog, yf, k2tog, k3, yf, ds, k3.

5th row: Sl1, k2, work k1 and p1 in next st, k7, inc, k1, inc, k2, yf, k2tog, k1.

6th row: Cast on 2 sts, cast off 2 sts, k4 sts more, yf, k2, yf, k2tog, k1, yf, [k1, k2tog, yf, k2tog] twice, k2.

7th row: Sl1, k2, yf, ds, k6, [yf, k2tog, k1] 4 times.

8th row: K5, [yf, k2tog, k1] 3 times, yf, k2tog, k2, work k1 and p1 in next st, k3.

9th row: Sl1, k1, k2tog, yf, k2tog, k5, [yf, k2tog, k1] 4 times.

10th row: Cast on 2 sts, cast off 2 sts, k4 sts more, [yf, k2tog, k1] 3 times, yf, k2tog, k2, yf, ds, k3.

11th row: Sl1, k2, work k1 and p1 in next st, k6, [yf, k2tog, k1] 4 times.

12th row: K5, [yf, k2tog, k1] 4 times, k2tog, yf, k2tog, k2.

13th row: As 7th row.

14th row: Cast on 2 sts, cast off 2 sts, k4 sts more, [yf, k2tog, k1] 3 times, yf, k2tog, k2, work k1 and p1 in next st, k3.

15th row: As 9th row.

16th row: K5, [yf, k2tog, k1] 3 times, yf, k2tog, k2, yf, ds, k3.

17th row: Sl1, k2, work k1 and p1 in next st, k6, yf, [k2tog, k1] twice, [yf, k2tog, k1] twice.

18th row: Cast on 2 sts, cast off 2 sts, k4

sts more, yf, k2tog, k1, k2tog, yf, k2tog, k1, yf, k3, k2tog, yf, k2tog, k2.

19th row: Sl1, k2, yf, ds, k7, yf, k2tog, k2, [yf, k2tog, k1] twice.

20th row: K5, yf, [k2tog] twice, yf, k2tog, k1, yf, k5, work k1 and p1 in next st, k3.

21st row: Sl1, k1, k2tog, yf, k2tog, k7, [k2tog, k1] twice, yf, k2tog, k1.

22nd row: K5, k2tog, k2, yf, k1, k2tog, yf, k2tog, k1, yf, ds, k3.

These 22 rows form pattern.

Continue in pattern until straight edge of edging fits from centre back neck, along right front edge, lower edge of back and left front edge to centre back neck, ending with 22nd row. Cast off.



Cuffs

(both alike)

With 5mm needles, cast on 18 sts.

K 1 row.

Work as front edging until straight edge of edging fits along lower edge of sleeve. Cast off.

To make up

Sew straight edge of cuffs to cast-on edge of sleeves. Set in sleeves. Join side and sleeve seams. Sew front edging in place, then join cast-on and cast-off edges together at centre back.

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for a child's Christmas or winter
birthday present



PENGUIN DADDY

Measurements

Approximately 23cm/9in tall.

Materials

35g (100m) of DK yarn in Black; 25g (70m) in White; 15g (40m) in Dark Orange; 10g (30m) in Light Orange; 5g (15m) in each of Dark Yellow, Light Yellow and Grey. Sizes 3.00 crochet hook; washable toy stuffing; pair of 12mm safety eyes.

Abbreviations

Ch, chain; **dc**, double crochet; **htr**, half treble; **st**, stitch; **dc2tog**, work 2dc together thus [insert hook in next st, yarn round hook and pull through] twice, yarn round hook and pull through all 3 loops on hook; **slst**, slip stitch; **dec**, decrease.

Note

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Body and legs

Body: 1st round: With 3.00 hook and Dark Orange, make a slip ring as follows: wind yarn round index finger of left hand to form ring, insert hook into ring, yarn round hook and pull through, 1ch (does not count as a st), work 6dc in ring, slst in first dc, then pull end of yarn tightly to close ring.

2nd round: 1ch (does not count as a st), [2dc in next dc] 6 times – 12dc.

3rd round: [1dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc] 6 times – 18dc.

4th round: [1dc in each of next 2dc, 2dc in next dc] 6 times – 24dc.

5th round: [1dc in each of next 3dc, 2dc in next dc] 6 times – 30dc.

6th to 15th rounds: 1dc in each of 30dc. Change to Light Orange.

16th to 18th rounds: 1dc in each of 30dc. Change to Dark Yellow.

19th round: [1dc in each of next 4dc, 2dc in next dc] 6 times – 36dc.

20th and 21st rounds: 1dc in each of 36dc.

Change to Light Yellow.

22nd round: 1dc in each of 36dc.

23rd round: [1dc in each of next 5dc, 2dc in next dc] 6 times – 42dc.

24th round: 1dc in each of 42dc. Change to White.

25th to 47th rounds: 1dc in each of 42dc.

Stuff body firmly.

Dividing round: 1dc in each of first 21dc.

Work on these sts only for first leg.

First leg: * Next round: 1dc in each of 21dc.

1st dec round: [1dc in each of next 5dc, dc2tog] 3 times – 18 sts.

2nd dec round: [1dc in each of next 4dc, dc2tog] 3 times – 15 sts.

3rd dec round: [1dc in each of next 3dc, dc2tog] 3 times – 12 sts. Stuff leg firmly.

4th dec round: [Dc2tog] 6 times – 6 sts. Fasten off. Run end through top of stitches of last round, pull up tightly and secure. *

Second leg: Rejoin White to end of dividing round, 1ch, 1dc in each of next 21dc.

Work from * to * as on first leg.

Feet

(make 2)

1st round: With 3.00 hook and Grey, make a slip ring as on body, 1ch (does not count as a st), work 6dc in ring, slst in first dc, then pull end of yarn tightly to close ring.

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

3rd round: [1dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc] 3 times – 9dc.

4th and 5th rounds: 1dc in each of 9dc.

6th round: [1dc in each of next 2dc, 2dc in next st] 3 times – 12dc.

7th round: 1dc in each of 12dc.

Toe round: [Slst in next dc, 4ch, slst in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc in next ch, 1htr in next ch, slst in next dc] 6 times.

Fasten off.

Stuff foot firmly. Oversee edges of toes together in pairs.

Sew ends of legs to top of feet at back.

Tail

1st round: With 3.00 hook and Black, make a slip ring as on body, 1ch (does not count as a st), work 6dc in ring, slst in first dc, then pull end of yarn tightly to close ring.

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

3rd round: [1dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc] 3 times – 9dc.

4th round: [1dc in each of next 2dc, 2dc in next dc] 3 times – 12dc.

5th round: 1dc in each of 12dc.

6th round: [1dc in each of next 3dc, 2dc in next dc] 3 times – 15dc.

7th round: [1dc in each of next 4dc, 2dc in next dc] 3 times – 18dc.

8th round: [1dc in each of next 5dc, 2dc in next dc] 3 times – 21dc.

9th to 11th rounds: 1dc in each of 21dc. Fasten off.

Stuff tail firmly, then flatten fastened-off edge and oversee top edge. With end of tail level with feet, sew top edge to back of body.

Beak, head and back panel

Beak: 1st round: With 3.00 hook and Light Orange, make a slip ring as on body, 1ch (does not count as a st), work 3dc in ring, slst in first dc, then pull end of yarn tightly to close ring.

2nd round: 2dc in each of 3dc – 6dc.

3rd round: 1dc in each of 6dc.

4th round: 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 5dc – 7dc.

5th round: 1dc in each of next 3dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 3dc – 8dc.

6th round: 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 7dc – 9dc.

7th round: 1dc in each of 9dc.

8th round: [1dc in each of next 2dc, 2dc in next dc] 3 times – 12dc.

9th round: 1dc in each of 12dc.

10th round: [1dc in each of next 3dc, 2dc in next dc] 3 times – 15dc.

Head: Change to Black.

11th round: [1dc in each of next 4dc, 2dc in next dc] 3 times – 18dc.

12th round: [1dc in each of next 2dc, 2dc in next dc] 6 times – 24dc.

13th round: [1dc in each of next 3dc, 2dc in next dc] 6 times – 30dc.

14th and 15th rounds: 1dc each of 30dc.

16th round: [1dc in each of next 4dc, 2dc in next dc] 6 times – 36dc.

17th to 19th rounds: 1dc each of 36dc.

Back panel: 1st to 5th rows: Slst in each of first 2 sts, 1dc in each of next 14dc, slst in each of next 2 sts, turn – 18 sts.

6th row: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in first st, 2dc in next st, 1dc in each of next 5 sts, [dc2tog] twice, 1dc in each of next 5 sts, 2dc in next st, 1dc in last st, turn.

7th row: As 6th row.

8th row: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in each of 18 sts, turn.

9th row: As 6th row.

10th row: As 8th row.

11th row: As 6th row.

12th to 15th rows: As 8th row.

16th row: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in first st, 2dc in next st, 1dc in each of next 6 sts, 2dc in each of next 2 sts, 1dc in each of next 6 sts, 2dc in next st, 1dc in last st, turn – 22dc.

17th to 40th rows: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in each of 22dc, turn.

41st row: 1ch (does not count as a st),

miss first st, 1dc in each of next 19 sts, miss 1 st, 1dc in last st, turn – 20dc.

42nd to 49th rows: 1ch (does not count as a st), miss first st, [1dc in next st] to last 2 sts, miss 1 st, 1dc in last st, turn – 4dc.

50th row: 1ch (does not count as a st), miss first st, 1dc in next st, miss 1 st, 1dc in last st, turn – 2dc.

51st row: 1ch (does not count as a st), miss first st, 1dc in last st. Fasten off.

Fix safety eyes between 13th and 14th rounds of head and 9 stitches apart.

Stuff beak and head firmly.

Pin head to front of body with back panel over back of body and tail and sew in place.

Wings

(make 2)

1st round: With 3.00 hook and Black, make a slip ring as on body, 1ch (does not count as a st), work 6dc in ring, slt in first dc, then pull end of yarn tightly to close ring.

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

3rd round: [1dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc] 3 times – 9dc.

4th to 7th rounds: 1dc in each of 9dc.

8th round: 1dc in each of first 4dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of last 4dc – 10dc.

9th round: 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of next 9dc – 11dc.

10th round: 1dc in each of first 5dc, 2dc in next dc, 1dc in each of last 5dc – 12dc.

11th to 13th rounds: 1dc in each of 12dc.

14th round: [1dc in each of next 3dc, 2dc in next dc] 3 times – 15dc.

15th to 17th rounds: 1dc in each of 15dc.

18th round: [1dc in each of next 3dc, dc2tog] 3 times – 12 sts.

19th to 23rd rounds: 1dc in each of 12 sts.

24th round: [Dc2tog] 6 times – 6 sts. Fasten off.

Run end through top of stitches of last round, pull up and secure. Place this edge at side of back panel and level with first round of Light Orange on body and sew in position.

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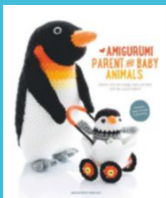
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Beautifully soft and lightweight, this mercerised cotton yarn is perfect for home furnishings



YARN OF THE MONTH

Rowan Cotton Glace (100% cotton) is this month's choice. With a mercerised quality that is spun with a high twist creating a smooth soft handle yarn, together with a sheen finish, it is obvious to see why it's been a mainstay in the Rowan range for some time.

With our passion for home-styling, this retro set is sure to turn heads – we chose a modern colour combination to set off the spot and striped patterning to perfection. If, however, your preference is less eye-popping, then there are plenty in its excellent range for you to choose from – deep muted darker shades for a hint of the exotic to a clear, fresh, more contemporary, palette for a brighter home – oh, how to decide!





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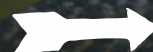
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CUSHION AND THROW

Measurements

Cushion: 41 x 41cm / 16 x 16in.

Throw: 102 x 102cm / 40 x 40in.

Materials

Cushion: 2 x 50g (115m) balls of Rowan Cotton Glace (100% cotton) in Ecu (725); 1 ball in each of Ivy (812), Greengage (864) and Rose (861) *. Pair of 3¼mm (No.10) knitting needles. 40 x 40cm cushion pad.

Throw: 8 x 50g (115m) balls of Rowan Cotton Glace (100% cotton) in Ecu (725); 2 balls in each of Ivy (812), Greengage (864) and Rose (861) *. Pair of 3¼mm (No.10) knitting needles.

Tension

24 stitches and 33 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 3¼mm needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **ss**, stocking stitch (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.

Spot square

With 3¼mm needles and Ecu, cast on 97 sts.

Beginning with a k row, ss 6 rows. Using separate small balls for each coloured area and twisting yarns together on wrong side when changing colour to avoid holes, continue in pattern thus:

1st row: K15 Ecu, 5 Ivy, 26 Ecu, 5 Greengage, 26 Ecu, 5 Rose, 15 Ecu.
2nd row: P12 Ecu, 11 Rose, 20 Ecu, 11 Greengage, 20 Ecu, 11 Ivy, 12 Ecu.
3rd row: K11 Ecu, 13 Ivy, 18 Ecu, 13 Greengage, 18 Ecu, 13 Rose, 11 Ecu.
4th row: P10 Ecu, 15 Rose, 16 Ecu, 15 Greengage, 16 Ecu, 15 Ivy, 10 Ecu.
5th row: K9 Ecu, 17 Ivy, 14 Ecu, 17 Greengage, 14 Ecu, 17 Rose, 9 Ecu.
6th row: P8 Ecu, 19 Rose, 12 Ecu, 19 Greengage, 12 Ecu, 19 Ivy, 8 Ecu.
7th row: K7 Ecu, 21 Ivy, 10 Ecu, 21 Greengage, 10 Ecu, 21 Rose, 7 Ecu.
8th row: P7 Ecu, 21 Rose, 10 Ecu, 21 Greengage, 10 Ecu, 21 Ivy, 7 Ecu.

9th row: K6 Ecu, 23 Ivy, 8 Ecu, 23 Greengage, 8 Ecu, 23 Rose, 6 Ecu.
10th row: P6 Ecu, 23 Rose, 8 Ecu, 23 Greengage, 8 Ecu, 23 Ivy, 6 Ecu.
11th row: K5 Ecu, 25 Ivy, 6 Ecu, 25 Greengage, 6 Ecu, 25 Rose, 5 Ecu.
12th row: P5 Ecu, 25 Rose, 6 Ecu, 25 Greengage, 6 Ecu, 25 Ivy, 5 Ecu.
13th and 14th rows: As 11th and 12th rows.
15th row: K4 Ecu, 27 Ivy, 4 Ecu, 27 Greengage, 4 Ecu, 27 Rose, 4 Ecu.
16th row: P4 Ecu, 27 Rose, 4 Ecu, 27 Greengage, 4 Ecu, 27 Ivy, 4 Ecu.
17th to 23rd rows: Repeat 15th and 16th rows, 3 times, then work 15th row again.
24th row: As 12th row.
25th and 26th rows: As 11th and 12th rows.
27th row: As 11th row.
28th row: As 10th row.
29th row: As 9th row.
30th row: As 8th row.
31st row: As 7th row.
32nd row: As 6th row.
33rd row: As 5th row.
34th row: As 4th row.
35th row: As 3rd row.
36th row: As 2nd row.
37th row: As 1st row.
38th to 43rd rows: With Ecu, ss 6 rows.
44th row: P15 Ecu, 5 Greengage, 26 Ecu, 5 Ivy, 26 Ecu, 5 Rose 15 Ecu.
45th row: K12 Ecu, 11 Rose, 20 Ecu, 11 Ivy, 20 Ecu, 11 Greengage, 12 Ecu.
46th row: P11 Ecu, 13 Greengage, 18 Ecu, 13 Ivy, 18 Ecu, 13 Rose, 11 Ecu.
47th row: K10 Ecu, 15 Rose, 16 Ecu, 15 Ivy, 16 Ecu, 15 Greengage, 10 Ecu.
48th row: P9 Ecu, 17 Greengage, 14 Ecu, 17 Ivy, 14 Ecu, 17 Rose, 9 Ecu.
49th row: K8 Ecu, 19 Rose, 12 Ecu, 19 Ivy, 12 Ecu, 19 Greengage, 8 Ecu.
50th row: P7 Ecu, 21 Greengage, 10 Ecu, 21 Ivy, 10 Ecu, 21 Rose, 7 Ecu.
51st row: K7 Ecu, 21 Rose, 10 Ecu, 21 Ivy, 10 Ecu, 21 Greengage, 7 Ecu.
52nd row: P6 Ecu, 23 Greengage, 8 Ecu, 23 Ivy, 8 Ecu, 23 Rose, 6 Ecu.
53rd row: K6 Ecu, 23 Rose, 8 Ecu, 23 Ivy, 8 Ecu, 23 Greengage, 6 Ecu.
54th row: P5 Ecu, 25 Greengage, 6 Ecu, 25 Ivy, 6 Ecu, 25 Rose, 5 Ecu.
55th row: K5 Ecu, 25 Rose, 6 Ecu, 25 Ivy, 6 Ecu, 25 Greengage, 5 Ecu.
56th and 57th rows: As 54th and 55th rows.
58th row: P4 Ecu, 27 Greengage, 4 Ecu, 27 Ivy, 4 Ecu, 27 Rose, 4 Ecu.
59th row: K4 Ecu, 27 Rose, 4 Ecu, 27 Ivy, 4 Ecu, 27 Greengage, 4 Ecu.

60th to 66th rows: Repeat 58th and 59th rows, 3 times, then work 58th row again.

67th row: As 55th row.

68th and 69th rows: As 54th and 55th rows.

70th row: As 54th row.

71st row: As 53rd row.

72nd row: As 52nd row.

73rd row: As 51st row.

74th row: As 50th row.

75th row: As 49th row.

76th row: As 48th row.

77th row: As 47th row.

78th row: As 46th row.

79th row: As 45th row.

80th row: As 44th row.

81st to 86th rows: With Ecu, ss 6 rows. Work 1st to 37th rows again. With Ecu, ss 6 rows. Cast off.

Striped square

With 3¼mm needles and Rose, cast on 97 sts.

Beginning with a k row, work in ss and stripes as follows: 5 rows Rose, 3 rows Ecu, 8 rows Ivy, 4 rows Ecu, 3 rows Greengage, 4 rows Ecu, 5 rows Rose, 2 rows Ecu, 3 rows Greengage, 1 row Ecu, 2 rows Ivy, 2 rows Ecu, 3 rows Greengage, 1 row Ecu, 2 rows Rose, 2 rows Ecu, 3 rows Ivy, 1 row Ecu, 4 rows Rose, 3 rows Ecu, 2 rows Greengage, 1 row Ecu, 2 rows Ivy, 2 rows Ecu, 2 rows Greengage, 3 rows Ecu, 2 rows Rose, 1 row Ecu, 4 rows Ivy, 2 rows Ecu, 2 rows Rose, 1 row Ecu, 3 rows Greengage, 3 rows Ecu, 4 rows Rose, 2 rows Ecu, 4 rows Ivy, 3 rows Ecu, 4 rows Greengage, 3 rows Ecu, 7 rows Rose, 4 rows Ecu, 6 rows Greengage, 3 rows Ecu, 4 rows Ivy. Cast off.

Cushion

Make 1 spot square and 1 striped square. Join squares together along three sides. Insert cushion pad and join remaining side.

Throw

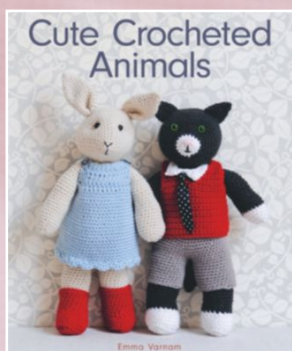
Make 2 spot squares and 2 striped squares.

Edging (make 4): With 3¼mm needles and Ecu, cast on 25 sts. K 270 rows. Mark beginning of last row. K another 36 rows. Cast off.

To make up: Arrange squares alternately in 2 rows of 2 squares each for centre. Sew on edging pieces, sewing rows between cast-on edge and marker to side of centre and rows above marker to cast-on edge of next edging piece.

Bookshelf

This month, make yourself a warm woolly hat ready for the cold snap, knit with your arms, make a chunky knit with big needles and crochet an outfit for a cuddly animal



KNITTED HATS AND BEANIES

by Jenny Occleshaw

(New Holland Publishers, £12.99)

If you haven't made yourself a brand new woolly hat this winter, it's not too late. And if you follow one of the patterns in Jenny Occleshaw's new book, you'll have one knitted in no time. Her collection of hats has been prepared with the novice knitter very much in mind. And if you haven't knitted on a set of four needles before, you shouldn't be put off. The book talks you through how to do it, and each of the patterns benefits hugely from the seamless finish you get from knitting in the round.

ARM KNITTING: 30 no-needle projects for you and your home

(DK, £9.99)

If you want to arm knit, there are two things you don't need. The first is needles. The second is experience. It's a pretty straightforward idea. Instead of needles, you use your arms. And the large scale you're working on means you'll pick up new skills quickly – first, knit-stitch, and then purl, cable and yarn-over stitches. Everything is hands-on, physical and fun. Which makes this an ideal way to get children into knitting. Or you might want to get your friends and family into it at a party or over a glass of wine. The more arms, the merrier!

BIG NEEDLES CHUNKY KNITS

by Helgrid van Impelen (DK, £9.99)

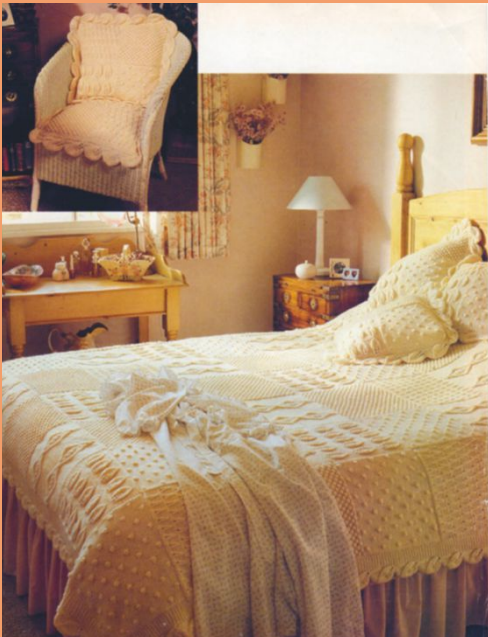
Big needles mean fast results. But fast results shouldn't mean compromising on quality or style. The step-by-step projects in designer Helgrid van Impelen's new book are divided into three sections. In the first, you'll find chic knits for wintry days in the city. There are jumpers with striking blocks of colours, cardigans with stripes and a smart-looking coat with a tie-belt. The book's second section is full of ideas for stylish things to wear in the country. In the last section, Helgrid concentrates on comfy items for snuggling up at home, leg warmers, fluffy jumpers and wrap-over cardies.

CUTE CROCHETED ANIMALS

by Emma Varnam (Guild of Master Craftsman Publications Ltd, £12.99)

Dressing well is a way of life in towns and cities. But dressing well is also a way of life in rabbit warrens and burrows, in fox dens, mouseholes and even in the mossy caves where bears sleep. Emma Varnam's new book showcases forest fashion at its finest. The bodies and limbs of her cute crocheted animals are the same size. And so are the clothes you can make for them. The animals and their interchangeable wardrobes will be a firm favourite with youngsters. If you go down to the woods today, you're in for a sartorial surprise!





Our gorgeous co-ordinating bedroom set has been updated from a pattern originally featured in *Woman's Weekly* in 1988. Doesn't it look fantastic?



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FINAL PART

Bed Topper & Cushion

Create this stunning patchwork bedroom set with our latest 'Knit-A-Long'. The final pattern in this eight-part series is for how to make up the topper and cushion

Welcome to the final pattern in our knitting Collect & Create series, to make a gorgeous quilted bed set. We've already given you the different pattern squares to create the topper and cushion, the back panels or piece, plus the edging; and now it's time to put all your hard work together and so, in this issue, we're giving you the making up instructions. Making a project as big as this is a real achievement, so why not share your efforts with us using the addresses at the front of the magazine on the ed's letter page?

Measurements

Bed topper: Each square measures approximately 25 x 25cm/10 x 10in. When completed the beadtopper will measure approximately 168 x 193cm/66 x 76in, including edging.

Cushion: Each square measures approximately 20 x 20cm/8 x 8in. Cushion cover measures approximately 40 x 40cm/15¾ x 15¾in.

Materials

For complete bed topper: 36 x 100g (200m) balls of Sirdar Cotton Rich Aran (60% cotton, 40% acrylic) in Fresh Cream (0001)*; a cable needle; 30 buttons.

Cushion: 3 x 100g (200m) balls of Sirdar Cotton Rich Aran (60% cotton, 40% acrylic) in Fresh Cream (0001)*. 40 x 40cm cushion pad.

Both items: Pair of 4mm (No. 8) and 4½mm (No. 7) knitting needles.

Note

Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. The entire bed topper will require 9 diamond pattern squares, 9 blackberry stitch squares, 8 Eiffel Tower squares, 8 leaf pattern squares, 8 bobble stitch squares, 3 panels for back and edging.

The cushion will require 1 blackberry stitch square, 1 Eiffel Tower square, 1 leaf pattern square, 1 bobble stitch square, 1 back square and edging.



To make up

Topper: Arrange squares in 7 rows of 6 squares each as follows:

First and sixth rows: Blackberry stitch square, diamond pattern square, Eiffel Tower square, leaf pattern square, bobble stitch square and blackberry stitch square.

Second and seventh rows: Diamond pattern square, Eiffel Tower square, leaf pattern square, bobble stitch square, blackberry stitch square and diamond pattern square.

Third row: Eiffel Tower square, leaf pattern square, bobble stitch square, blackberry stitch square, diamond pattern square and Eiffel Tower square.

Fourth row: Leaf pattern square, bobble stitch square, blackberry stitch square, diamond pattern square, Eiffel Tower square and leaf pattern square.

Fifth row: Bobble stitch square,

blackberry stitch square, diamond pattern square, Eiffel Tower square, leaf pattern square and bobble stitch square. Taking 1 st into the seam from each edge, join all squares together. Join back panels together and sew back to front. Catch down two layers together on each four-corner join on front and centre of cross over of pattern bands on back and sew button to each. Sew straight edge of edging all round outer edge of topper, then join cast-on and cast-off edges together.

Cushion: Arrange 4 squares into larger square as shown on photo for front and taking 1 st into the seam from each edge, sew them together. Join back and front together along three sides. Sew straight edge of edging all round outer edge, sewing to front only along open edge. Join cast-on and cast-off edges. Insert cushion pad, then join opening.

Beginners, Please

Knitting Project



Head First

Top marks for this winter's must-have accessory



Finish your hat with a super-sized pompom – a key fashion trend. For fun we used the contrasting colour to co-ordinate with the stripe but it would look just as cool plain.



Measurements

To fit average ladies head.

Materials

1 x 50g (112m) ball of Wendy Ramsdale DK (100% wool) in each of Settle (3306) and Bedale (3303)*. Pair of 3¼mm (No.10) and 4mm (No.8) knitting needles.

Tension

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

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **dec**, decrease; **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.

To make

With 3¼mm needles and Settle, cast on 121 sts.

1st rib row: K1, [p2, k2] to end.

2nd rib row: [P2, k2] to last st, p1.

Rib another 8 rows.

Change to 4mm needles and Bedale.

1st row: K19, [k2tog, k38] twice, k2tog, k20 – 118 sts.

With Bedale, p 1 row.

Change to Settle and ss 2 rows.

Change to Bedale and ss 2 rows.

Repeat last 4 rows, once more.

Continue in Settle only and work another 28 rows in ss.

Shape crown: 1st dec row: [K15, k2tog] 3 times, k31, k2tog, [k15, k2tog] twice – 112 sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec row: [K6, k2tog] 14 times – 98 sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec row: [K5, k2tog] 14 times – 84 sts. P 1 row.

4th dec row: [K4, k2tog] 14 times – 70 sts. P 1 row.

5th dec row: [K3, k2tog] 14 times – 56 sts. P 1 row.

6th dec row: [K2, k2tog] 14 times – 42 sts. P 1 row.

7th dec row: [K1, k2tog] 14 times – 28 sts. P 1 row.

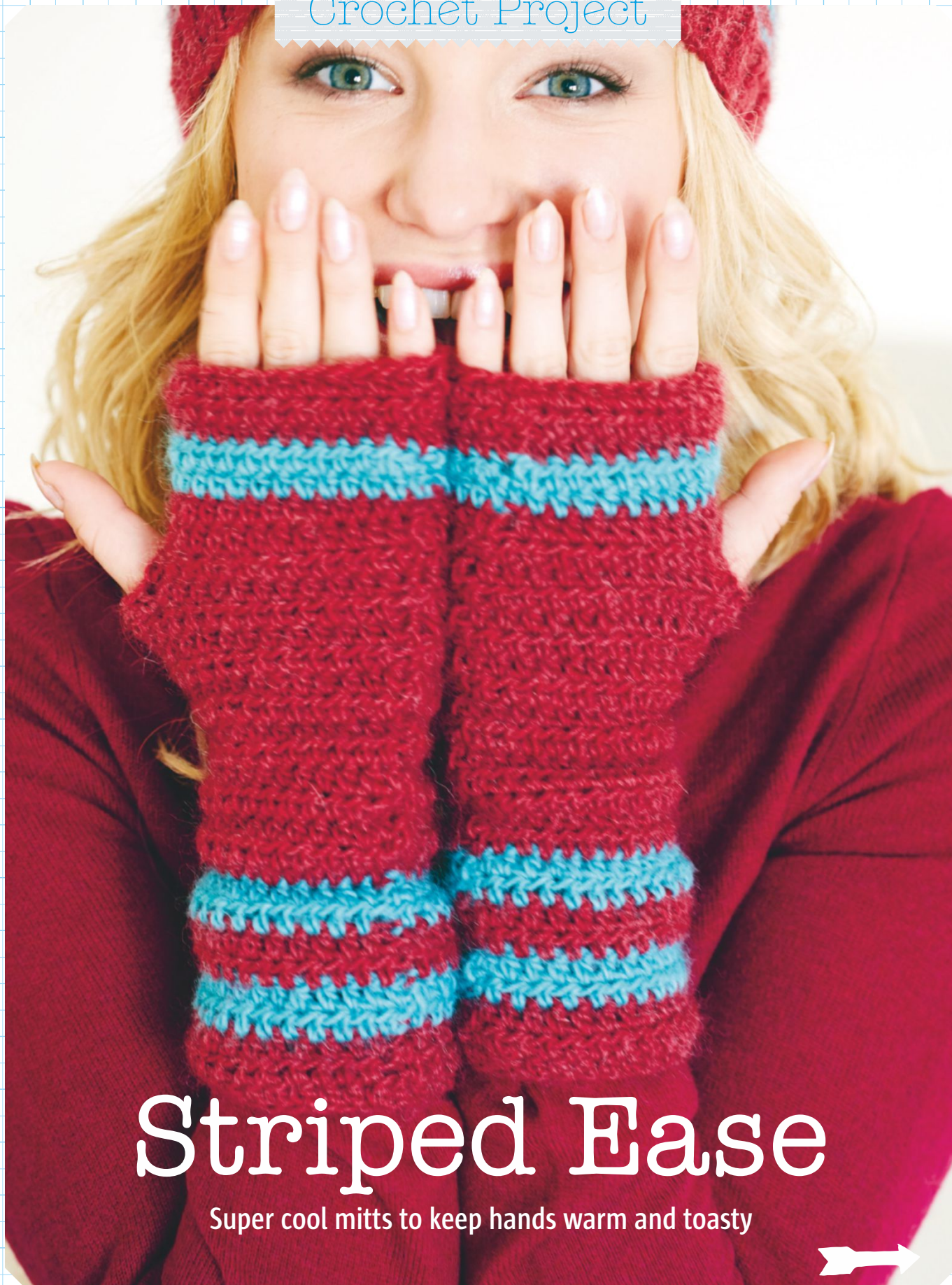
8th dec row: [K2tog] 14 times – 14 sts. Break off yarn and thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and secure.

Join seam.

With Bedale, make a large pompom and attach to top of hat.

Beginners, Please

Crochet Project



Striped Ease

Super cool mitts to keep hands warm and toasty



These cosy mitts have no seam as they are worked in rounds with just the contrast shade ends to weave in at the end – turning after each round keeps the side seam straight.



Measurements

To fit average ladies' hand.

Materials

1 x 50g (112m) ball of Wendy Ramsdale DK (100% wool) in each of Settle (3306) and Bedale (3303)*. Sizes 4.00 and 4.50 crochet hooks.

Tension

16 stitches and 12 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over half treble pattern, using 4.00 hook.

Abbreviations

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

Note

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

To make

With 4.50 hook and Settle, make 28ch, slst in first ch to form ring. Change to 4.00 hook.

1st round: 2ch (does not count as a st), 1htr in base of 2ch, [1htr in next ch] to end, slst in first htr, turn – 28htr.

2nd round: 2ch (does not count as a st), 1htr in base of 2ch, [1htr in next htr] to end, slst in first htr, turn.

3rd round: 2ch (does not count as a st), 1htr in base of 2ch, [1htr in next htr] to end, change to Bedale and slst in first htr, turn.

4th round: 2ch (does not count as a st), 1htr in base of 2ch, [1htr in next htr] to end, slst in first htr, turn.

5th round: 2ch (does not count as a st), 1htr in base of 2ch, [1htr in next htr] to end, change to Settle and slst in first htr, turns.

Repeat 2nd to 5th rows, once more.

Continue in Settle only.

Next 12 rounds: 2ch (does not count as a st), 1htr in base of 2ch, [1htr in next htr] to end, slst in first htr, turn.

Shape thumb opening: Next round: 2ch (does not count as a st), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 10htr, 6ch, miss next 6htr, 1htr in each of last 11htr, slst in first htr, turn.

Next round: 2ch (does not count as a st), 1htr in base of 2ch, 1htr in each of next 10htr, 1htr in each of next 6ch, 1htr in each of last 11htr, slst in first htr, turn. Work 2nd to 5th rounds again, then repeat 2nd round, 3 times. Fasten off.

Thumb opening edging: With right side facing and using 4.00 hook, join Settle to any st, 1ch, work 14dc evenly around opening, slst in first dc. Fasten off.



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 be. So it's a good job we have Tina. A true knitting professional, Tina's been the Technical Knitting Editor at *Woman's Weekly* for 17 years. And now she's here to help you! Every month, Tina answers the most common questions you've sent in and resolves some of the issues we face as knitters. Together, we'll make your knitting beautiful!

Not thrilled with the frill

Q I wanted to knit a tunic with a frilled-neck edging, which was recently featured in your magazine. The instructions were given for quite a few sizes, but the sizes were in pairs. As the pattern was plain stocking stitch I was wondering why they have not been given separately for each size. I am truly disappointed.

A I am sorry that you are disappointed with our pattern. There are lots of reasons why the designer decided to do this, but for this project, it was the unusual ruffle at the neck that was difficult to grade for each size. However, before you dismiss this pattern as of no use to you, it is worth noting that the "to fit" sizes quoted are only a recommendation. It's the actual measurements that you need to look at, as this is what your tunic will measure when you make it up. Better still, compare the measurements of either sizes nearest to your required size with your favourite sweater and you will find that one of them is not that far off. Let us know what you decided to do in the end and whether your frilled-neck tunic was a success.

Going round in circles

Q Circular knitting seems to be the trend at the moment. Lots of instructions are given for knitting with a circular needle or double-pointed needles. As I haven't been able to get on well with either of them, please print patterns that can be done on pair of needles.

A We are aware of this trend and indeed, now and again, we do publish patterns for circular knitting for the enthusiast of the technique or for those of you who would like to learn. However, it is lot easier to adapt a pattern from flat knitting to circular knitting than the other way round, so we usually opt for the flat knitting. Sadly, we cannot accommodate both versions. Having said that, the pompom hat pattern in this issue (see page 63) is given as flat knitting, but the original instructions taken from the book are for circular knitting. Why not get a friend to help you with this technique, or go on a course? Have another try and you may get on better with it this time.

Charting success

Q For years I have been knitting colour patterns that have all the instructions written out row for row. Nowadays, the pattern, more often than not, includes charts to work from. I really do not like working from charts, so is there a way that I can obtain the written instructions?

A The use of charts is on the increase not only for colour work but also for cables, lace and textured patterns. Some patterns will have written out instructions as well as charts, but that will not include colour work. Patterns presented in this way can be used worldwide as there is no language barrier and therefore eliminates the need for translation. Having charts in the instructions makes it very obvious how the pattern goes at a glance and also reduces the chance of making mistakes when writing it all out. Charts are very helpful when there are lots of sizes in the pattern.

Unfortunately, once the instructions are printed in that way, it is not possible to have them written out in rows. This is not to say that it cannot be done, but it will be you that has to do it. At first, you may find it tedious to do this, but you will soon get into swing of it and might even enjoy it! Why not set yourself it as a challenge? Simply place a ruler under the row as you are writing and dot down colours as they are on the chart for your specific size, row by row, then follow your own instructions to knit up your garment. Good luck!



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Abbreviations

Practically all knitting and crochet patterns use some sort of abbreviations to make the instructions concise and easy to follow. Each pattern will have its own brief description of the most common abbreviations (**k**, knit or **ch**, chain) with a more detailed description of specific abbreviations, like how to work cable or cluster. Also, the most regularly used words are either shortened (**fol** – following) or letters are used to describe what is needed to be done next (**tbl** – through back of stitches).

Some widely used abbreviations have more or less the same meaning, but there could be exceptions. Listed below in alphabetical order are the most commonly used abbreviations, with an extended description of their meanings.

alt, alternate – worked on every other row or stitch.

beg, begin or beginning – to start as specified or position to be worked at or from, measured from or marked edges.

ch, chain (see page 72).

cont, continue – carry on working.

dc, double crochet (see page 72).

dc2tog, work 2 double crochet together – [insert hook from front to back under two strands of next stitch, yarn round hook and pull through] twice, yarn round hook and pull through all 3 loops on hook.

dc3tog, work 3 double crochet together – [insert hook from front to back under two strands of next stitch, yarn round hook and pull through] 3 times, yarn round hook and pull through all 4 loops on hook.

dec, decrease or decreasing – by working 2 or more stitches together.

In crochet, decreases are made by working specified number of stitches to last stage of each stitch, then joined into one at final stage. In knitting, if no specific instructions are given, here is how to decrease:

dec 1 st – the right-hand needle is inserted knitwise or purlwise in next 2 stitches on left-hand needle at the same time and complete as if knitting or purling 1 stitch.

dec 2 sts – the right-hand needle is inserted knitwise or purlwise in next 3 stitches on left-hand needle at the same time and complete as if knitting or purling 1 stitch.

dtr, double treble (see page 73).

fol, following.

gst, garter stitch – knit or purl every stitch on every row. Also refers to texture of fabric produced by knitting or purling every stitch.

htr, half treble (see page 72).

inc, increase or increasing – by working twice or

more times into same stitch.

In crochet, the instruction will specify how to increase. Usually 1, 2 or more stitches are worked into base of starting chain at beginning of row and 2, 3 or more stitches are worked in last stitch.

In knitting, if no specific instructions are given, here is how to increase:

inc 1 st – knit or purl in next stitch, but do not drop this stitch off left-hand needle, work into back of it again, then drop this stitch off left-hand needle.

inc 2 or more sts – keep working into front and back of stitch until required number of stitches are increased (the number of times worked into a stitch would be the number of stitches increased, plus first original stitch).

k, knit (see page 70).

k row or rows, knit every stitch across each row(s).

k1tbl or k1b, knit 1 stitch through back loop (with yarn at back, insert right-hand needle from right to left in back of stitch on left-hand needle, bring yarn under and over the right-hand needle, draw loop through and drop the stitch off left-hand needle).

k2tog, knit 2 stitches together (see page 71).

k2tog tbl or k2togb, knit 2 stitches together through back of loops – insert right-hand needle from right to left in back loop of next 2 stitches, bring yarn under and over right-hand needle and pull through, dropping the 2 stitches of left-hand needle.

k3tog or more stitches, work as k2tog, but inserting needle through 3 or more stitches.

m1 or up1, make one or pick up 1 (see page 71).

p, purl (see page 71).

p row or rows, purl every stitch across each row.

patt, pattern – texture of fabric created by stitches as set out on stated rows. Also means continue working or maintain working stitches as set out before.

psso, pass slipped stitch over – insert left-hand needle into front of slipped stitch (second stitch) on right-hand needle, lift this stitch and place over first stitch.

p1tbl or p1b, purl next stitch through back loop (with yarn at front, insert right-hand needle from left to right in back of stitch on left-hand needle, bring yarn over and under right-hand needle, draw loop through and drop the stitch off left-hand needle).

p2sso, pass 2 slipped stitches over – insert left-hand needle into front of second and third slipped stitches on right-hand needle, lift these stitches and place over first stitch.

p2tog, purl 2 stitches together (see page 71).

p2tog tbl or p2togb, purl 2 stitches together through back of loops (insert right-hand needle in from left to right in back loops

of second then first stitches, bring yarn over and under right-hand needle and pull through, dropping the 2 stitches off left-hand needle).

p3tog or more stitches, work as p2tog, but inserting needle through 3 or more stitches.

rem, remain or remaining.

rep, repeat.

RS, right side.

skpo, slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped stitch over (see page 71).

sl, slip.

sl1, insert right-hand needle in front of next stitch on left-hand needle knitwise (from left to right) or purlwise from (right to left) and slip this stitch off left-hand needle without working into it.

slst or ss, slip stitch.

st(s), stitch or stitches.

stst or ss, stocking stitch – knit stitches on right side rows and purl stitches on wrong side rows. Also means the texture of fabric that is created by knitting and purling alternately to produce smooth surface on knit (right) side and ridged surface on purl (wrong) side.

tbl, through back of loop (see k1tbl, p1tbl).

tog, together – work 2 or more stitches together at the same time.

tr, treble (see page 73).

tr2tog, work 2 treble together – [yarn round hook, insert hook from front to back under two strands of next stitch, yarn round hook and pull through, yarn round hook and pull through first 2 loops on hook] twice, yarn round hook and pull through all 3 loops on hook.

tr3tog, work 3 treble together – [yarn round hook, insert hook from front to back under two strands of next stitch, yarn round hook and pull through, yarn round hook and pull through first 2 loops on hook, 3 times, yarn round hook and pull through all 4 loops on hook.

ws, wrong side.

yf or yfwd, yarn forward – is usually worked between 2 knit stitches; bring yarn from back to front between needles, then over right-hand needle to make a st.

yo, yarn over (see yarn forward, yarn round needle and yarn over needle).

yon, yarn over needle – is usually worked between purl and knit stitches; take yarn from front to back over right-hand needle to make a st.

yrh or yoh, yarn round hook or yarn over hook; take yarn from back over and under hook to back again.

ym, yarn round needle.

worked between 2 purl stitches, take yarn from front over and under right-hand needle, bringing it to front again to make a stitch.

worked between knit and purl stitches, take yarn from back to front between needles, then over and under right-hand needle, bringing it to front again to make a stitch.

Glossary

Tension

Practically every knitting instruction will state a tension, with a few exceptions, like toys or small accessories.

Tension is the number of stitches and rows that an average knitter will achieve to stated measurements, using specific yarn, pattern and needles. It is used to translate measurements into the number of stitches and rows to be worked.

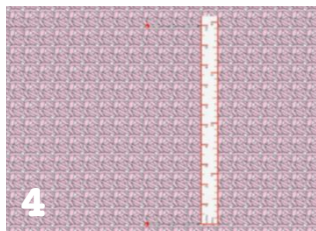
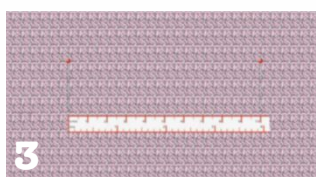
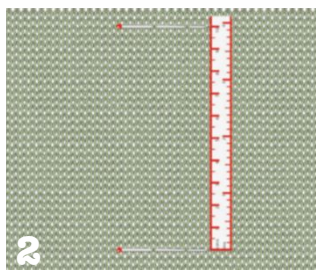
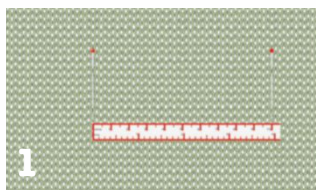
Before commencing a specific project, check your tension by working a swatch about 13cm square in pattern, yarn and needles or crochet hooks as stated. Stretch swatch in each direction and allow to rest. Mark 10cm horizontally in the middle of the test piece (diag. 1 and 3) and count stitches between markers. Mark 10cm vertically in the middle of test piece (diag. 2 and 4) and count the rows between markers. If the number of stitches and rows is less than quoted, knit another swatch, using smaller needles or hooks. If the number of stitches and rows is greater, use larger needles or hooks.

You may need to knit or crochet samples a few times until the stated tension is achieved.

It is more important to obtain the right number of stitches than rows.

Diagrams 1 and 2 show stitching and rows of stocking stitch of standard double knitting tension.

Diagrams 3 and 4 show stitches and rows of double crochet of average double knitting tension.



Knitting needles conversion

Metric	Imperial
2	14
2.25	13
2.5	-
2.75	12
3	11
3.25	10
3.5	-
3.75	9
4	8
4.5	7
5	6
5.5	5
6	4
6.5	3
7	2
7.5	1
8	0
9	00
10	000
12	-
15	-
20	-
25	-

Crochet hook conversion

Metric	Imperial
2	14
2.25	13
2.5	12
3	11
3.25	10
3.5	9
3.75	8
4	7
5	6
5.5	5
6	4
6.5	3
7	2
8	0
9	00
10	000
12	-
15	-
20	-
25	-

Substituting yarns

If you are intending to use yarns other than specified, look for a type of yarn that has the same texture and fibre content: wool for wool, cotton for cotton, with same or similar standard tension and same thickness as original yarn.

The best indicators of the thickness of the yarn are the tension and size of needles or hooks used. A standard crochet tension is not usually available.

Here, we list the standard knitting tension of classic yarns, although these may vary:

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

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

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

Chunky yarn is 14 stitches and 19 rows, to 10 x 10cm, over stocking stitch, using 6½mm needles.

For example: If the pattern states 30 stitches and 38 rows over stocking

stitch, you may be able to use 4 ply yarn for this, but using 3mm needles instead of 3¼mm.

In both knitting and crochet, yarn amounts may differ when using substituted yarn, so check the ball band for weight and length informations. If the length is different, work out your amounts by multiplying the length of original yarn by the amount of balls quoted, divide this figure by the number of metres stated on the substituted yarn and that will give you the number of balls needed in the yarn you intend to use.

Care symbols



Machine Wash, Normal



Machine Wash, Cold



Machine Wash, Warm



Machine Wash, Wool Cycle



Machine Wash, Synthetic



Machine Wash, Gentle or Delicate



Hand Wash



Hand Wash, Cold



Hand Wash, Warm



Do Not Wash



Dryclean



Dryclean, Any Solvent



May Be Dryclean



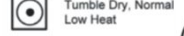
Do Not Dryclean



Do Not Bleach



Tumble Dry, Normal



Tumble Dry, Normal Low Heat



Do Not Tumble Dry



Dry Flat



Dry In Shade



Do Not Wring



Iron, Steam or Dry



Iron, Low



Iron, Medium



Do Not Steam

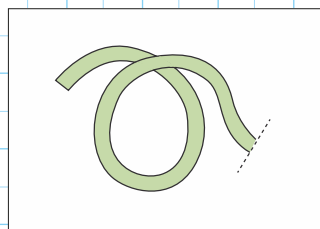


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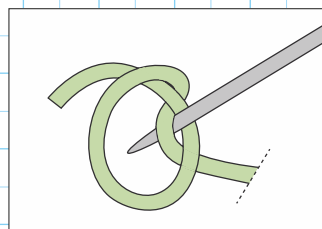


Knitting Class

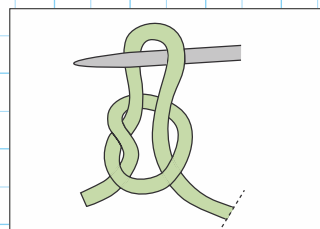
Slip knot



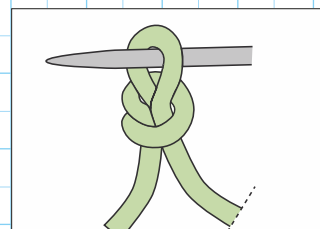
1 Loop the yarn with the ball end on top (the ball end is shown with a broken line).



2 Dip the needle into the loop, catch the ball end and pull it through the loop.



3 Pull both ends to tighten the knot.



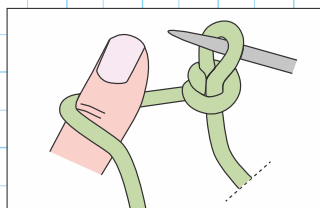
4 Pull the ball end to bring the knot up to the needle.

Holding the yarn and needles

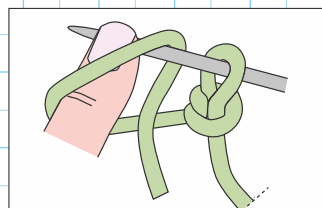
To make even stitches, control the yarn by taking it over the first finger of the right hand, under the second, over the third and under the fourth, or even around the fourth if necessary. Your

right hand also holds the needle that makes the new stitches. Hold this like a knife or a pencil – whichever is more comfortable. Your left hand holds the needle with the stitches already made.

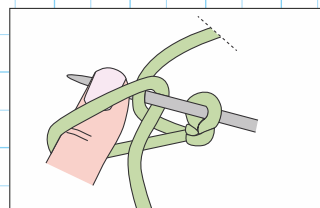
Casting on by thumb method



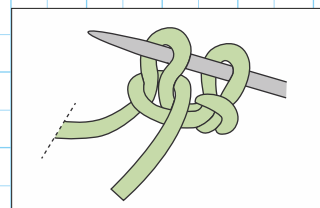
1 Leaving a long end, hold the yarn in the left hand and take the left thumb under the yarn and upwards.



2 Insert the needle in the loop just made on the thumb.

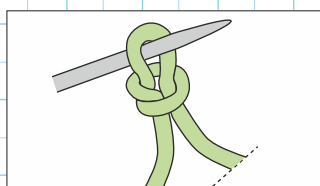


3 Take the ball end of the yarn around the needle and bring it through the loop, slipping the loop off the thumb.

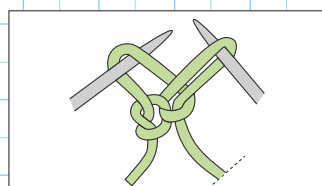


4 Pull the yarn end to close the stitch up to the needle. Continue to cast on stitches as steps 1-4.

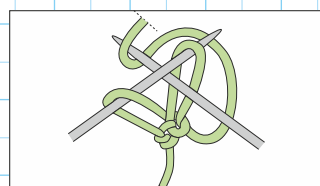
Casting on by cable method



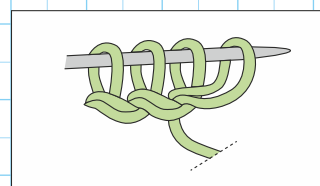
1 Make a slip knot, then hold the needle in your left hand.



2 Knit one without slipping the stitch off.

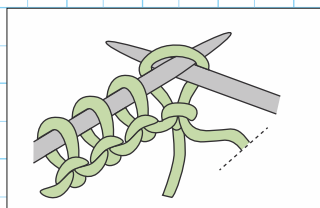


3 Insert the right-hand needles between the last 2 stitches just made, yarn round needle and pull the loop through, thus making new stitch. Slip the new stitch onto left needle.

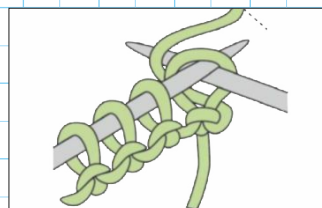


4 Continue making stitches as step 3, until you have the number of stitches you need.

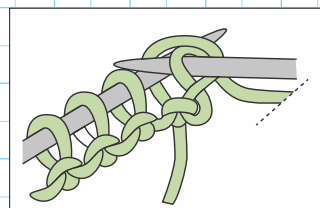
Knit stitch (k)



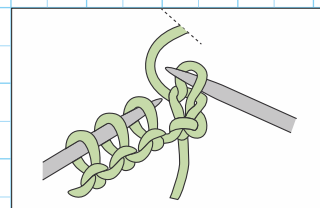
1 Turn the cast-on so that it's in the left hand and insert the right-hand needle from left to right in the front of the first stitch.



2 Take the yarn from behind to bring it under, up and over the right-hand needle.

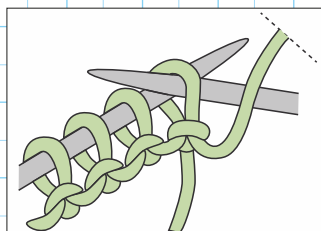


3 Use the tip of the right-hand needle to pull the yarn through.

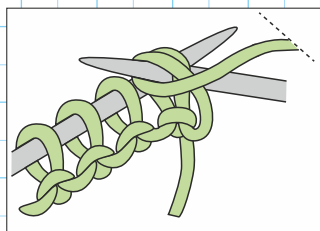


4 Slip the stitch off the left-hand needle to complete the new stitch on the right-hand needle. Continue to make knit stitches as steps 1-4.

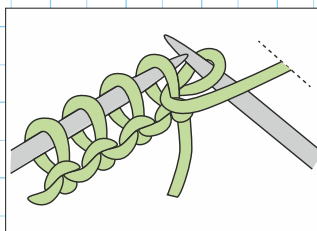
Purl stitch (p)



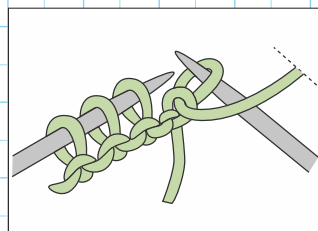
1 With the yarn to the front, insert the right-hand needle from right to left in the front of the first stitch.



2 Take the yarn up and around the right-hand needle.



3 Use the tip of the right-hand needle to pull the yarn through.



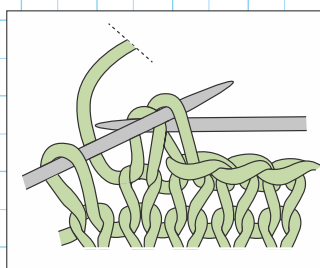
4 Slip the stitch off the left-hand needle to complete the new stitch on the right-hand needle.

Casting off

Knit two stitches, then * use the left-hand needle to lift the first stitch over the second.

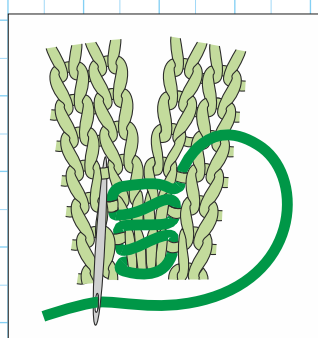
Knit the next stitch, then repeat from * until one stitch is left.

Break the yarn, take it through this stitch and draw up.

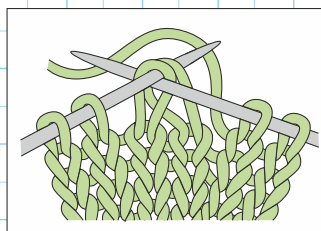


Invisible seaming

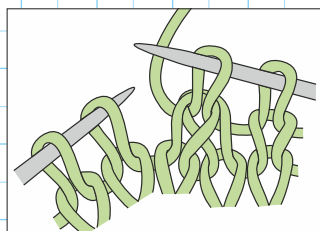
Sometimes called ladder or mattress stitch, this method of sewing up gives the neatest seams. Place the two edges together, right sides upwards and starting at the cast-on edge, take the yarn underneath the strand beside the edge stitch at one side and then the other. After a few stitches pull up the yarn to tension the seam.



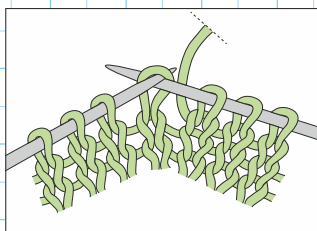
Decrease by knitting two stitches together (k2tog)



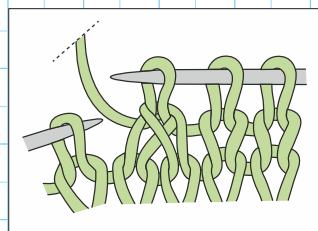
1 Insert the needle in the next two stitches knitwise (that is, through the front of the loops).



2 Yarn round needle, pull through both stitches and slip these stitches off together. The resulting decrease has the top stitch slanting to the right.

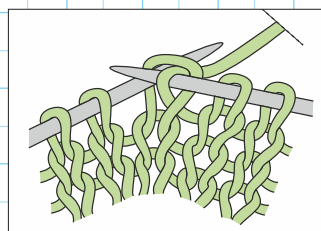


1 Insert the needle in the next stitch knitwise (through the front of the loop) to slip it on to the right-hand needle.

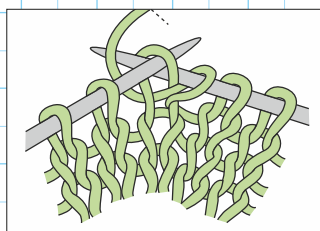


2 Knit the next stitch, then use the left-hand needle to lift the slipped stitch over the knitted one. The resulting decrease has the top stitch slanting to the left.

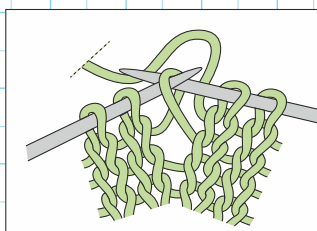
Increase by knitting in the front and then the back of one stitch (kfb)



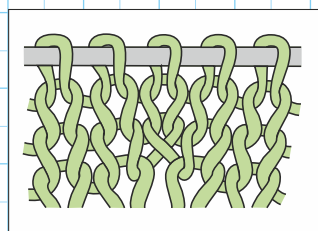
1 Knit the stitch in the usual way, but without slipping it off.



2 Take the right-hand needle to the back and knit the stitch again.



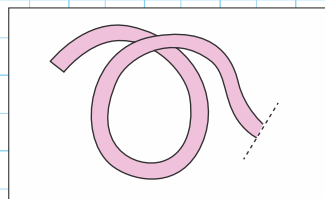
1 Pick up the strand lying between needles and knit in the back of it.



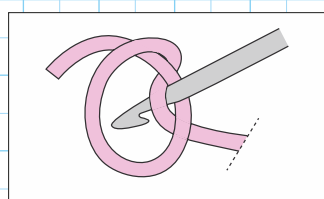
2 This makes a new stitch that fits closely between existing stitches.

Crochet Class

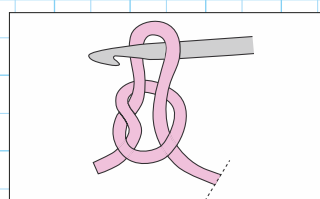
Slip knot



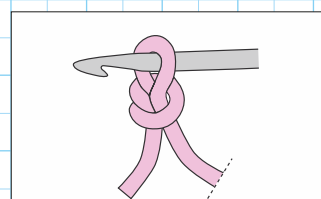
1 Loop the yarn with the ball end on top (the ball end is shown with a broken line).



2 Dip the hook into the loop, catch the ball end and pull it through the loop.



3 Pull both ends to tighten the knot.



4 Pull the ball end to bring the knot up to the hook.

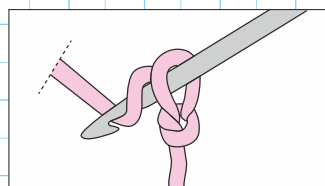
Holding the yarn and hook

Both crochet and yarn are held in the left hand, with the right hand holding the hook preferably like a pencil, but like a knife if you prefer. The work is held between thumb and first finger, with the ball end of

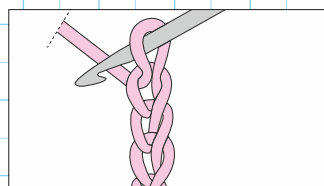
the yarn taken over the first three fingers and under the fourth, or around the fourth if necessary.

Extending the second finger holds the yarn taut for hooking.

Chain (ch)

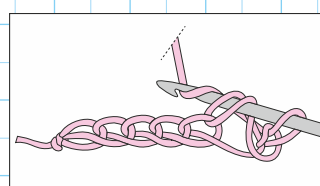


1 Twist the hook under and over the yarn – yarn round hook (yrh). Pull the yarn through the loop on hook and drop it off to make first chain.

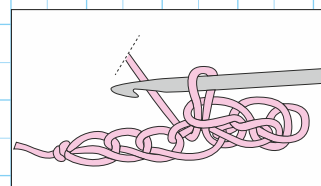


2 Continue to make chain in this way.
Each chain is made up of three strands, with the V shape the 'right side'. When counting chain don't count the loop on the hook.
At the start of a row chain will stand for the first stitch.

Slip stitch (slst)

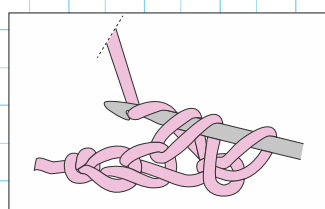


1 Make a length of chain. Insert the hook under two strands of second chain from hook and yarn round hook.

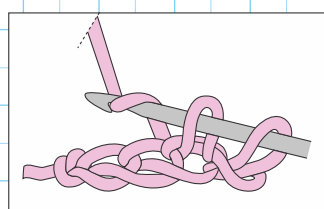


2 Pull the yarn through the chain and loop on the hook. This stitch has virtually no height.

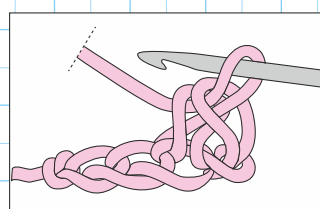
Double crochet (dc)



1 Insert the hook under the top two strands of the second chain from the hook. Yarn round hook.



2 Pull the yarn through to make loops on the hook. Yarn round hook again.

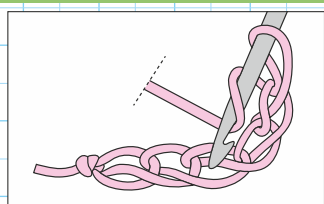


3 Pull the yarn through both loops on the hook to make one double crochet. Insert the hook in the next chain and repeat steps 1-2.

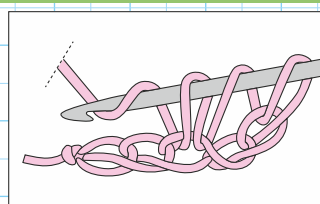
Remember not to take the yarn round hook before inserting the hook. When working into stitches always insert the hook under the top two strands of yarn unless instructed otherwise.

Half treble (htr)

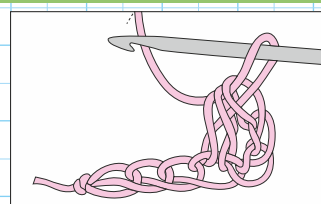
In height the half treble is halfway between a double crochet and a treble and is frequently used as a transitional stitch between the two.



1 Yarn round hook and insert the hook in the third chain from the hook.



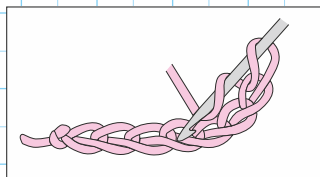
2 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through to make a loop on the hook, then yarn round hook again.



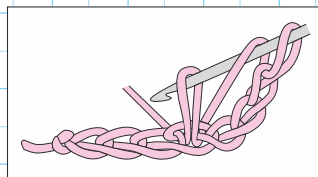
3 Pull the yarn through all three loops on the hook to complete the stitch.

Treble (tr)

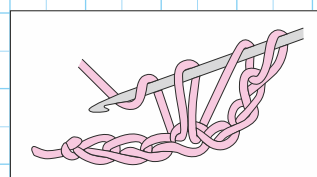
Treble stitch is twice the height of double crochet, because it has an initial yarn round hook, which requires additional steps (wraps) to complete the stitch. The height of stitches is dictated by the number of wraps worked.



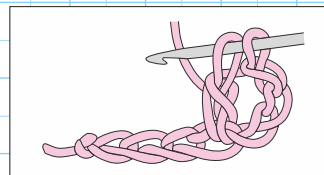
1 Yarn round hook before inserting the hook under two strands of the fourth chain from the hook.



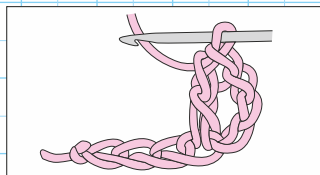
2 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through to make three loops on the hook.



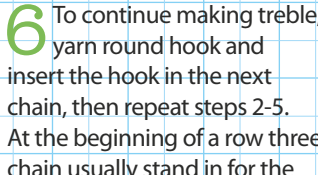
3 Yarn round hook again.



4 Pull the yarn through first two loops on hook, making two loops on the hook.



5 Yarn round hook for the last time and pull it through the remaining two loops to complete the stitch.

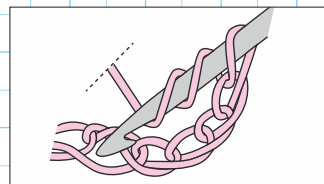


6 To continue making treble, yarn round hook and insert the hook in the next chain, then repeat steps 2-5. At the beginning of a row three chain usually stand in for the first treble.

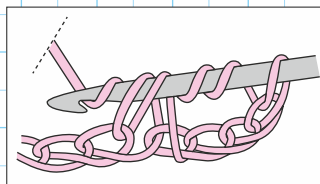
On the next row make sure that the treble following the chain is made in the second

stitch of the previous row, because if it's made in the stitch immediately below you will have made an extra stitch. The last treble of the row will be made in the top chain that started the previous row. Understanding row-end stitches will keep the edges under control.

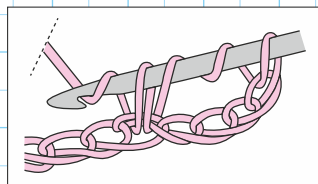
Double treble (dtr)



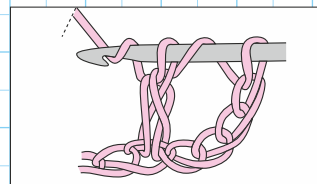
1 Yarn round the hook twice before inserting the hook under the top two strands of the fifth chain from the hook.



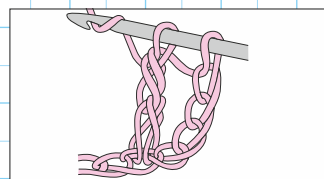
2 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through to make four loops on the hook.



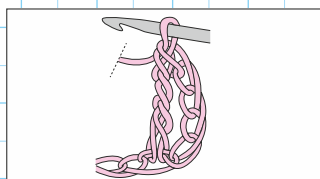
3 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through the first two loops on the hook to make three loops on the hook.



4 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through the next two loops on the hook to make two loops on the hook.



5 Yarn round hook and pull the yarn through the remaining two loops on the hook.



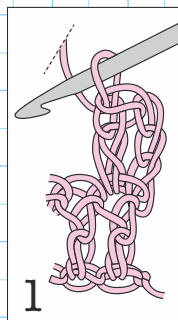
6 The finished double treble. To continue making double treble, yarn round hook twice and insert the hook in the next chain or stitch, then repeat steps 2-5.

Fastening off

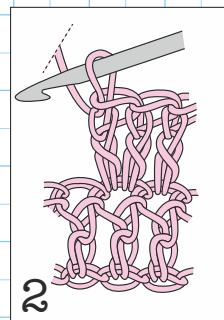
Simply break the yarn, take it through the last loop and draw it up.

Increases

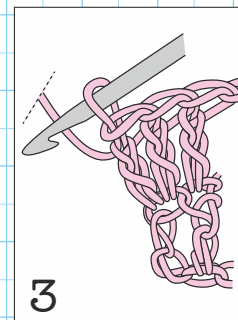
For clarity these are shown as single increases worked in treble, but the principle is the same in double crochet, double treble, etc.



1 At the beginning of a row, instead of working into the next stitch after the chain that counts as the first stitch, work into the stitch below. This increases one stitch.



2 Mid row simply work the two additional stitch, or



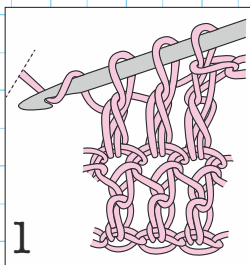
3 At the end of a row, work two stitches in the top chain that formed the first stitch of the previous row. This increases one stitch.

Decreases

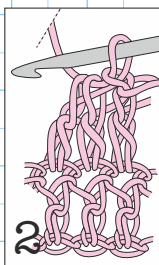
Decreases are part stitches worked into a stated number of stitches and then joined into one in the last stage of the stitch.

Decreasing one treble stitch is shown, but the principle is the same in all stitches and for any number of decreases.

1 Without making the last wrap of each make a treble in each of the next two stitches: * yarn round hook, insert hook in next stitch, yarn round hook, pull through, yarn round hook, pull it through two loops; repeat from * once, leaving three loops on the hook.



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2 Yarn round hook and pull it through all three loops on the hook.

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