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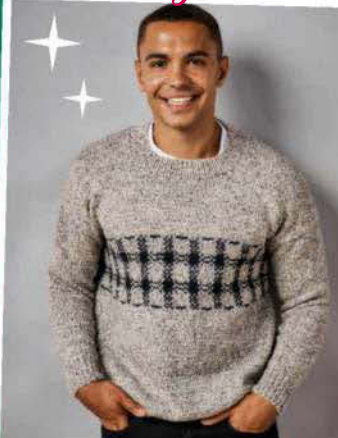
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We've seasonal stitches,
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plenty to keep you cosy!

As the days grow colder and the nights draw in, it's the perfect time to pick up your needles and enjoy the comfort of a new project, perhaps even a Christmas one. Inside this issue you'll find Lucy George's **colour block jumper** and Sarah Hatton's **adorable baby dress and cardigan set**, plus quick makes like **lavender bags** and a classic **fox scarf**. Our festive options include an **elf teddy**, **star tree topper** and a cheerful **snowman jumper** – perfect for seasonal gifting or simply adding a touch of fun to your knitting.

We also bring you our usual mix of **reader letters**, **expert Q&As**, **yarn and book reviews**, and **puzzles** to keep you entertained between projects. Here's to cosy nights, cups of cocoa and knitting legendary Christmas jumpers!

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Christmas Decos & Festive Gifts pattern books

This issue we've gifted you not one, but two seasonal pattern books, just in time for your Christmas knitting! 'Christmas Decorations' is bursting with charming embellishments, including a Christmas tree wreath, cute angel and four woodland animal ornaments – perfect for gifting or tree trimming. 'Festive Gifts' is packed with bigger, cosier makes, from Christmas plushies and an ice skate stocking to elf buddies, a cuddly penguin – plus snug knits like a men's hat and scarf, kids' jumpers and a showstopping Christmas tree sweater – there's something for everyone!

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This year's exclusive calendar is packed with brand new knitted animal patterns for you to make and treasure. Each month reveals a new countryside companion. Knit your way through 2026 with joyful makes for yourself, or gifts for someone special.



Next issue we continue with our Christmas theme, including this gorgeous gang of sweet-beaked birds. Super simple to knit and lots of fun to customise, they'll make a fabulous gift for your kids, siblings, friends and more. They will be waiting for your needles in Issue 270!



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King Cole 'Halloween Knits Book 3'

Step into Carol Connelly's spooky, cheeky world of knitted pumpkins, witches and graveyards. With fun patterns and magical charm, it's the ultimate treat for Halloween-loving crafters. £5.75, www.kingcole.com for stockists

What I'm loving

From spooky Halloween knits and squishy jumbo yarn to hand-dyed Merino, speckled alpaca and clever thimbles, these crafty must-haves spark fun, warmth and creativity



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Sew with ease

Yarnsmiths Merino Sock Hand Dyed 4ply

Say hello to Yarnsmiths Merino Sock Hand Dye! Each soft, hand-dyed skein is bursting with unique colour, perfect for standout socks, baby knits, or cosy accessories. Soft, breathable and sustainable Merino wool never looked (or felt) so good! £15, www.woolwarehouse.co.uk



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designs. And crochet amigurumi fans – rejoice! PicaPau brings a charming cast of winter characters straight out of a storybook, full of fantasy and festive magic. Each calendar includes four exclusive projects one for every Advent Sunday. Whether you're a curious maker or a cosy crafter, there's something enchanting waiting for you within every sack.

Be first to know when they go live here: <https://advent-2025-uk.kickoffpages.com>



Make holiday magic

Tube sock sensations!

Discover heel-free, fuss-free sock knitting with cosy tube sock patterns for every foot and skill level!



Knitted TUBE SOCKS

31 Delightful No-Heel Sock Designs

'Knitted Tube Socks' launched this August and we think you'll love it! Dive into the world of heel-free sock knitting with 31 cosy patterns for kids and adults alike. Perfect for beginners, this book features clever techniques like spiral and banana socks – all knitted in a continuous tube. No shaping, just soothing stitches and stylish results. A must-have for every sock-lover!

£16.55, Stackpole Books

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£4.95 for 100g, www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk



BOOST YOUR BEGINNER KNOW-HOW

Learn to knit the fun, easy way with chunky yarn, colourful projects and plenty of laughs

New to knitting? 'How to Start Knitting' book by Brenda Lam is your perfect beginner's guide! For just £12.99, dive into easy-to-follow tips, tricks and techniques – from casting on to casting off. With 10 chunky, colourful projects like scrappy mittens and cosy sweater vests, you'll build confidence stitch by stitch. Brenda's friendly, fun style makes learning simple and enjoyable, plus a handy troubleshooting section helps when things go sideways. Knit fast with chunky yarn and join a new crafting adventure today!

£12.99, Search Press





Snuggle up the toastie way

Get ready for the ultimate in cosy knitting with King Cole Jumbo Toastie! This supersized addition to the beloved King Cole Toastie range comes in 400g balls of ultra-soft, 100% polyester yarn that's perfect for blankets, oversized scarves and snuggly homewares. With 120 metres of plush goodness per ball, it's ideal for beginners and pros alike. Available in 12 dreamy shades, from Baby Pink to Crimson, it's softness on a grand scale. Look out for the adorable snuggly animal patterns, they make the best Christmas gifts!
Yarn £9.99 for 400g,
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Luxurious touch

Soft, vibrant and versatile, Yarnsmiths Chenille Chunky delivers colour and comfort



Yarnsmiths has released Chenille Chunky, a soft, velvety yarn available in 50 shades – from bold brights to gentle pastels. Perfect for blankets, toys and more, it encourages creative colour mixes. All shades meet EN71-3 and Oeko-Tex standards.
£5 for 100g, www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

TAKE TWO!

Fall in love all over again with 'Kidsilk Haze Reimagined' – a beautifully curated collection of eight timeless designs from the archive, now refreshed in modern, dreamy colour palettes. Featuring beloved designers like Lisa Richardson, Kim Hargreaves and Sarah Hatton, this collection brings new life to classic favourites, all in the ethereal glow of Kidsilk Haze. Whether you're revisiting an old favourite or discovering these designs for the first time, it's the perfect excuse to cast on something truly special.

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Bold colours and simple shapes make this a fun, satisfying jumper you'll reach for all season. By **Lucy George**



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TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ King Cole Luxury Merino DK (100% Merino superwash wool, 50g/140m)

For yarn quantities and measurements see size table

- ☐ A pair of 3.75mm needles
- ☐ A crochet hook in matching size
- ☐ Stitch holders
- ☐ Stitch markers
- ☐ A darning needle

TENSION

22 sts and 28 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 3.75mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77

WHERE TO BUY

- ☐ For yarn stockists contact King Cole on 01756 703670 or visit www.kingcole.com

OR YOU COULD TRY...

- ☐ Wool Warehouse
0800 505 3300
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk
- ☐ Laughing Hens
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TOP TIP

Try twisting yarns one stitch in from the colour-change edge for smoother vertical lines and even tension, preventing edge distortion. It's great for high-contrast colours.



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COLOUR BLOCK JUMPER STITCH PATTERNS

2X2 RIB

Row 1 P2, *K2, P2; rep from * to end.

Row 2 K2, *P2, K2; rep from * to end.

These two rows form the pattern and are repeated.

TWO-COLOUR RIB

Note When working the patt below, strand the yarn colour not in use across the WS of the work.

Row 1 (WS) *K2B, P2A; rep from * to last 2 sts, K2B.

Row 2 *P2B, K2A; rep from * to last 2 sts, P2B.

These two rows form the two-colour rib pattern and are repeated.

BACK

Cast on 98 (106: 118: 126: 134: 142) sts using 3.75mm needles and Yarn D.

Work in 2x2 rib for 4 rows.

Next row (RS) *P2E, K2D; rep from * to last 2 sts, P2E.

Next row K2E, P2D; rep from * to last 2 sts, K2E.

Rep last 2 rows another 5 times.

Break Yarn D and cont in Yarn E only.

Knit 2 rows.

Purl 1 row.

Knit 1 row.**

Now work in intarsia pattern as follows, twisting colours together where they meet, to prevent holes being created.

Row 1 (RS) K50 (53: 58: 61: 64: 67)A, P15 (17: 18: 21: 23: 25)E, K33 (36: 42: 44: 47: 50)D.

Row 2 P33 (36: 42: 44: 47: 50)D, K15 (17: 18: 21: 23: 25)E, P50 (53: 58: 61: 64: 67)A.

Rows 3 to 12 Rep last 2 rows another 5 times.

Break Yarn A and join Yarn C.

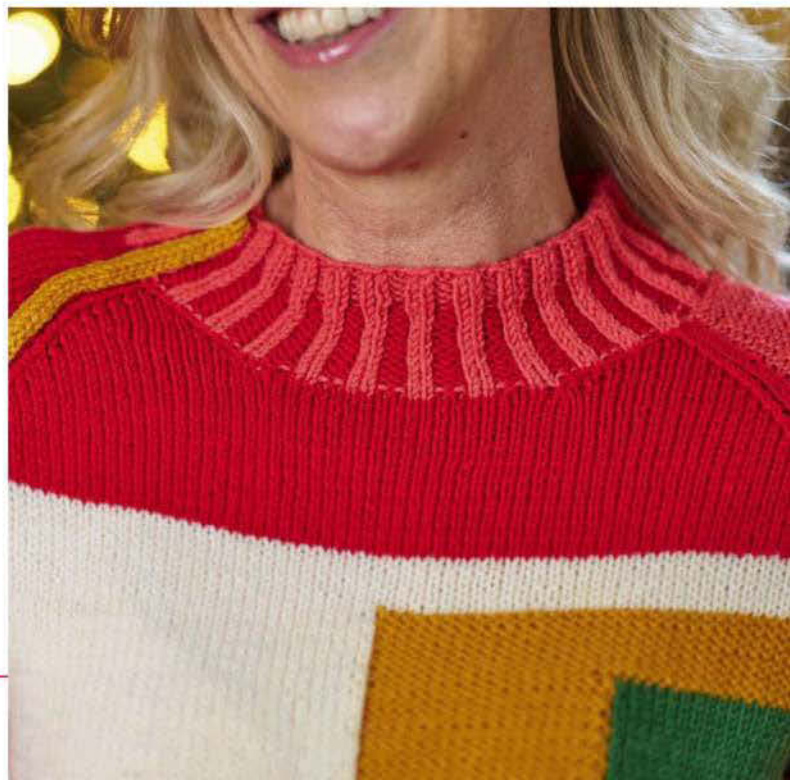
Row 13 K50 (53: 58: 61: 64: 67)C, P15 (17: 18: 21: 23: 25)E, K33 (36: 42: 44: 47: 50)D.

Row 14 P33 (36: 42: 44: 47: 50)D, K15 (17: 18: 21: 23: 25)E, P50 (53: 58: 61: 64: 67)C.

Rep last 2 rows until work measures 32cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row, and placing a SM between each colour change on the final row.

SHAPE RAGLAN

Note Keep colours aligned vertically as set throughout shaping unless a colour change is specified in the instructions.



FIND YOUR SIZE

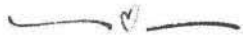
SIZE		XS	S	M	L	1XL	2XL
TO FIT BUST	cm	71-80	81-90	91-100	101-110	111-120	121-127
	in	28-31½	32-35½	35¾-39¼	39¾-43¾	43¾-47¾	47¾-50
ACTUAL BUST	cm	87	94.5	105.5	112.5	120	127
	in	34¾	37¾	41½	44¾	47¾	50
LENGTH TO TOP OF RAGLAN SHAPING	cm	53.5	54	57	57.5	59	60.5
	in	21	21¼	22½	22¾	23¾	23¾
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	47	47	47	47	47	47
	in	18½	18½	18½	18½	18½	18½
YARN		King Cole Luxury Merino DK (50g/140m)					
Yarn A Watermelon (3393)		2	2	3	3	3	4
Yarn B Candy Apple (2613)		2	3	3	3	4	4
Yarn C White (2610)		2	3	3	3	4	4
Yarn D Leaf (3388)		2	2	2	2	3	3
Yarn E Mustard (2624)		1	1	2	2	2	2

SIZING COLOUR KEY So you can re-use this pattern, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions. Simply follow our colour-coded measurements and you're off



"The Merino yarn in this jumper creates a beautifully smooth finish for your garments, keeping you looking smart for all your festive celebrations this season."

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



Cast off 3 (4: 5: 6: 7: 8) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

[92 (98: 108: 114: 120: 126) sts]

Row 1 (RS) K2, ssk, patt to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2. [2 sts dec'd]

Row 2 Patt to end.

Rep these two rows a further 2 (3: 4: 5: 6: 7) times.

[86 (90: 98: 102: 106: 110) sts]

Next row (RS) K2, ssk, K to first marker, slSM, P using E to next SM, remove SM, K using E to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2.

[84 (88: 96: 100: 104: 108) sts]

Next row Using E, K to SM, slSM, P to end using C.

Next row Using C, K2, ssk, K to SM, slSM, P using E to last 4 sts, p2tog, P2. [2 sts dec'd]

Rep last 2 rows a further 4 (4: 5: 5: 5: 5) times.

[74 (78: 84: 88: 92: 96) sts]

Next row (WS) Using C, P to end.

Cont in st st, work another 6 rows in C and then the rem 34 (34: 38: 38: 40: 42) rows in B, and AT THE SAME TIME, dec at each end of the next row and then every foll alt row another 19 (19: 21: 21: 22: 23) times. [34 (38: 40: 44: 46: 48) sts]

Work 1 row straight.

Leave these sts on a stitch holder for Back neck.

FRONT

Work as given for Back to **. [98 (106: 118: 126: 134: 142) sts]

Now work in intarsia pattern as follows:

Row 1 (RS) K33 (36: 42: 44: 47: 50)D, P15 (17: 18: 21: 23: 25)E, K50 (53: 58: 61: 64: 67)A.

Row 2 P50 (53: 58: 61: 64: 67)A, K15 (17: 18: 21: 23: 25)E, P33 (36: 42: 44: 47: 50)D.

Rows 3 to 12 Rep last 2 rows another 5 times.

Break Yarn A and join Yarn C.

Row 13 K33 (36: 42: 44: 47: 50)D, P15 (17: 18: 21: 23: 25)E, K50 (53: 58: 61: 64: 67)C.

Row 14 P50 (53: 58: 61: 64: 67)C, K15 (17: 18: 21: 23: 25)E, P33 (36: 42: 44: 47: 50)D.

Rep last 2 rows until work measures 32cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row, and placing a marker between each colour change on the final row.

SHAPE RAGLAN

Note Keep colours aligned vertically as set throughout shaping unless a colour change is specified in the instructions.

Cast off 3 (4: 5: 6: 7: 8) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

[92 (98: 108: 114: 120: 126) sts]

Row 1 (RS) K2, ssk, patt to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2. [2 sts dec'd]

Row 2 Patt to end.

Rep these two rows a further 2 (3: 4: 5: 6: 7) times.

[86 (90: 98: 102: 106: 110) sts]

Next row (RS) Using E, K2, ssk, K to first SM, remove SM, P using E to next SM, slSM, K using C to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2.

[84 (88: 96: 100: 104: 108) sts]

Next row Using C, P to SM, slSM, K to end using E.

Next row Using E, P2, p2tog tbl, P to SM, slSM, K using C to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2. [2 sts dec'd]



Rep last 2 rows a further 4 (4: 5: 5: 5) times.
[74 (78: 84: 88: 92: 96) sts]
Next row (WS) Using C, P to end.

Cont in st st, work another 6 rows in C and then the rem 18 (18: 22: 22: 24: 26) rows in B, and AT THE SAME TIME, dec at each end of the next row and then every foll alt row another 11 (11: 13: 13: 14: 15) times. [50 (54: 56: 60: 62: 64) sts]
Work 1 row straight.

SHAPE LEFT FRONT NECK

Row 1 (RS) K2, ssk, K11, k2tog, turn and work on these last 15 sts, leaving rem 33 (37: 39: 43: 45: 47) sts on a holder for centre front and second side of neck.

Next and all foll alt rows P to end.

Row 3 K2, ssk, K9, k2tog. [13 sts]

Row 5 K2, ssk, K7, k2tog. [11 sts]

Row 7 K2, ssk, K5, k2tog. [9 sts]

Row 9 K2, ssk, K3, k2tog. [7 sts]

Row 11 K2, ssk, K1, k2tog. [5 sts]

Row 13 K2, sk2po. [3 sts]

Row 15 Sk2po. [1 st]

Break yarn but do not fasten off stitch. Leave on a safety pin or locking stitch marker.

Slip 16 (20: 22: 26: 28: 30) sts onto a stitch holder for Front Neck. Rejoin yarn to rem 17 sts.

Row 1 Ssk, K11, k2tog, K2. [15 sts]

Next and foll alt rows P to end.

Row 3 Ssk, K9, k2tog, K2. [13 sts]

Row 5 Ssk, K7, k2tog, K2. [11 sts]

Row 7 Ssk, K5, k2tog, K2. [9 sts]

Row 9 Ssk, K3, k2tog, K2. [7 sts]

Row 11 Ssk, K1, k2tog, K2. [5 sts]

Row 13 Sk2po, K2. [3 sts]

Row 15 Sk2po. [1 st]

Break yarn but do not fasten off stitch. Leave on a safety pin or locking stitch marker.

SLEEVES

LEFT CUFF

Cast on 46 (46: 50: 50: 54: 54) sts using 3.75mm needles and Yarn C. Work in 2x2 rib for 4 rows.

Join in Yarn A.

Next row (RS) *P2A, K2C: rep from * to last 2 sts, P2A.

Next row *K2A, P2C: rep from * to last 2 sts, K2A.

Break Yarn C and join in Yarn B.

Next row *P2A, K2B: rep from * to last 2 sts, P2A.

Next row *K2A, P2B: rep from * to last 2 sts, K2A.

Rep last 2 rows once more.***

Break Yarn A.

Work in 2x2 rib for another 8 rows.

Break Yarn B and join in Yarn E.

Knit 2 rows.

Break Yarn E and join in Yarn A.

Cont in A only, work 2 rows in rev st st.

****SHAPE SLEEVE

Using A, and working in rev st st, inc 1 st at each end of next row and then at each end of every foll 10th (10th: 8th: 8th: 8th: 6th) row another 9 (10: 10: 12: 12: 14) times. [66 (68: 72: 76: 80: 84) sts]
Cont without further shaping until work measures 47cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE TOP SLEEVE

Cast off 3 (4: 5: 6: 7: 8) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

[60 (60: 62: 64: 66: 68) sts]

Row 1 (RS) P to end.

Row 2 K2, ssk, K to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2. [2 sts dec'd]

Rep last 2 rows a further 14 (13: 9: 6: 6) times.

[30 (32: 42: 50: 52: 54) sts]

Row 1 (RS) P to end.

Row 2 K2, ssk, K to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2. [2 sts dec'd]

Row 3 P to end.

Row 4 K to end.

Rep last 4 rows a further 6 (7: 11: 13: 14: 15) times.

[16 (16: 18: 22: 22: 22) sts]

Leave rem 16 (16: 18: 22: 22: 22) sts on a stitch holder.

RIGHT CUFF

Work as given for Left Cuff to ***. [46 (46: 50: 50: 54: 54) sts]

Break Yarn B.

Work in 2x2 rib for another 8 rows.

Break Yarn A and join in Yarn E.

Knit 2 rows.

Break Yarn E and join in Yarn B.

Cont in B only, work 2 rows in rev st st.

Using Yarn B, work as for Left Sleeve from **** to end.

NECK EDGING

With RS facing using 3.75mm needles and Yarn A, K across 34 (38: 40: 44: 46: 48) sts for Back neck, K across 16 (16: 18: 22: 22: 22) sts for left Sleeve, K1 st of Front left side neck, pick up and K11 sts down left Front neck shaping, K across 16 (20: 22: 26: 28: 30) sts for Front neck, pick up and K11 sts up right Front neck shaping, K1 st of Front right side of neck, K across 16 (16: 18: 22: 22: 22) sts for right Sleeve. [106 (114: 122: 138: 142: 146) sts]

Join in Yarn B and work in Two-Colour Rib for a total of 12 rows.

SIZES XS, S AND M ONLY

Break Yarn B.

Work in 2x2 rib for 3 rows.

Cast off in rib.

SIZES L, 1XL AND 2XL ONLY

Break Yarn B.

Next row *P2tog, K2; rep from * to last 2 sts, p2tog.

[- (: : 103: 106: 109) sts]

Next row *K1, P2; rep from * to last st, K1.

Next row *P1, K2; rep from * to last st, P1.

Cast off in rib loosely.

MAKING UP

Join raglan seams, neck trim, side seams and underarm seams with mattress stitch.

Weave in all ends and trim.

RAGLAN TRIM (OPTIONAL)

Using D and a crochet hook, chain stitch along the stitch at the side of the seam of right Front raglan seam and continue up the neck trim. With D starting at the beginning of the chain stitch detail pick up a stitch through both loops of each chain stitch all along.

Cast on 3 sts more. Work an i-cord trim along these picked up sts until 3 sts rem. Sk2po, fasten off.

Repeat i-cord trim on Right back raglan seam.

Block to dimensions given in schematic. 

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Kirstie McLeod,
Editor

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Dawn's Moomintroll is her Finnish souvenir

★STAR LETTER★

LEST WE FORGET

Thanks for your great magazine and inspiration. I live in Australia and was looking through *Simply Knitting* Issue 242 and found your Lest We Forget remembrance soldiers. I have knitted your pattern three times, the last one adapted as a boy scout. The yarn I used was from my stash, just an acrylic. I knitted them for fun and may give them to a charity. My daughter and I now volunteer at a local school and we have been assisting children with some new knitting skills. The children thought the dolls were lovely and wanted to make them too.

Pamela Green

We're not surprised the children were inspired by your knits, Pamela – they are wonderful!



Pamela adapted this pattern from Issue 242 three ways!

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Our star letter writer wins a fantastic gift voucher worth £50 from The Little Wool Company!

*Prizes subject to change

TRAVELLING KNITTER

This is my Moomintroll. I like to knit myself souvenirs from local wool when travelling. I was recently in Helsinki, Finland – so knitting a Moomin in the home of the Moomins seemed appropriate. The pattern was a lovely design by Monica Fuertes, and a quick knit. I have also made an Alan Dart lumberjack beaver to celebrate a many-times delayed trip to Canada after Covid, which is probably my favourite knit of all!

Dawn Prowse

What a fantastic way to remember your travels, Dawn. We love Monica Fuertes' interpretation of Tove Janssen's Moomintroll – it really is such a special design for Moomin fans. Keep knitting those souvenirs, we think it's a great idea!



Alan Dart's lumberjack beaver celebrated a trip to Canada

READER TIP OF THE MONTH

This issue's top tip is from Sarah Nehrig. Got a crafty idea? Send it our way!

CHOPPY SOLUTION

When I block lace or anything with straight edges that need structure, I grab wooden chopsticks from my kitchen drawer. I weave them through the edge stitches and stick the chopsticks in place instead of the fabric. It keeps everything straight and even. They're especially great for narrow pieces like scarves or button bands. And they're eco-friendly and reusable too!

Sarah Nehrig

What a resourceful person you are, Sarah! Most people have a pair or two of chopsticks in their kitchen drawer, and this is a great way to use them for something other than eating. Their smooth, straight edges are perfectly suited to blocking knitted fabrics, especially delicate lacework and anything where a super-straight finished edge is the key.



Sarah's nifty idea is to use chopsticks when she blocks her knitting!

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■ **Sharon Cane**

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PENNY THE DEER

Here is Penny the Deer which I knitted back in 2024. I really enjoyed knitting her – she took around two weeks to complete using yarn from my stash. The only problem was when I got to the jacket as something was missing from the pattern but I had a rough idea how to shape the top of the arm. I think I did a wonderful job even if I say so myself! It must be all those jumpers I've knitted over the years. She will appear with my other reindeer this Christmas.

■ **Alison Goode**

Delighted that all the practice you've had over the years helped with this Susie Johns' pattern. If you need any more reindeer inspiration, check out *Simply Knitting* Issue 257!



Alison is adding this deer to her festive line-up

 Calling all yarn shops!

We'd love to feature you on our letters page in a new Yarn Shop of the Month feature, celebrating the vital work and community support yarn shops bring to knitters everywhere. If you would like to be featured email simplyknitting@ourmedia.co.uk with 100 words about what makes your yarn shop unique and a selection of photos that show off your shop front or Aladdin's cave inside, a picture of you too would be great! We can't wait to hear from you.

★ **TOP KNITTER** ★**LACE FOR LITTLES**

I have just finished the Lacy Blooms jumper from the July issue. It was a big challenge as I only started knitting in October last year. I'm really happy with the finished result and hoping my little granddaughter Evie loves it too. Thanks for a lovely pattern.

■ **Lucy Lee**

Wow, what an achievement, Lucy! Despite only starting to knit last year, you clearly have excellent knitting skills as this was quite a tricky pattern – even for someone with a lot of experience. With its classic shape and pretty lace detail, I'm sure your little granddaughter Evie will love wearing it.

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Knit a stylish and sturdy satchel with classic seed stitch texture. It's perfect for everyday adventures and essentials. By **Ella Burch**



* SEED STITCH SATCHEL



EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ King Cole Fashion Aran
(aran weight, 30% wool,
70% acrylic, 100g/200m)
2 balls of Flint (3505)
- ☐ A pair of 4.5mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles

TENSION

19 sts and 28 rows to measure
10x10cm (4x4in) over seed stitch
using 4.5mm needles

SIZE

18cm (7¼in) long
28cm (11in) wide
4cm (1½in) deep not including strap

ABBREVIATIONS

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WHERE TO BUY

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SEED STITCH SATCHEL

Note The bag is made in two pieces (one for the main body and one for the strap) and stitched together. Add magnetic closures or buttons for a more secure fastening.

BAG

Cast on 57 sts using 4.5mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 (WS) *P1, K1; rep from * to last st, P1.

Row 3 Knit.

Row 4 P1, *P1, K1; rep from * to last 2 sts, P2.

Rows 1 to 4 form stitch pattern.

Repeat Rows 1 to 4 and work until piece meas 18cm, ending on a WS row.

This creates the front of the bag.

Keeping stitch pattern correct, **cast off** 5 sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows. [47 sts]

Continue working in stitch pattern for 4cm, ending on a WS row.
(This creates the gusset of the bag.)

Using the knitted cast on, **cast on** 5 sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows. [57 sts]

Continue working stitch pattern for another 18cm, ending on a WS



row. This creates the back of the bag.

Next row (RS) K1, ssk twice, knit to last 5 sts, k2tog twice, K1. [53 sts]

Next row Work required stitch pattern.

Next row K1, ssk twice, knit to last 5 sts, k2tog twice, K1. [49 sts]

Next row Work required stitch pattern.

Keeping stitch pattern correct, work a further 17cm from decreases, ending on a WS row. This creates the bag flap.

Cast off all sts, break and secure yarn.

STRAP

Cast on 10 sts using 4mm needles.

Row 1 *K1, P1; rep from * to last 2 sts, K1, sl1.

Repeat Row 1 until strap measures 95cm.

Cast off all sts, break and secure yarn.

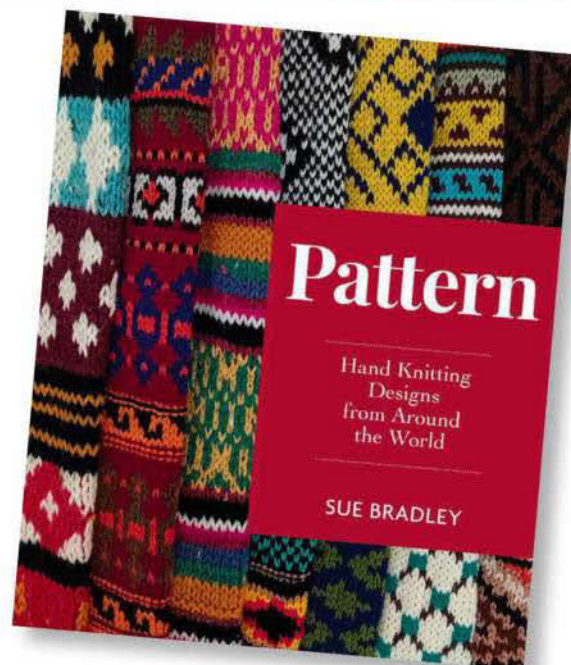
MAKING UP

Weave in ends and block pieces gently to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band.

Join the sides of the front and back, stitch the bottom edge to the gusset. Join the strap to the inside of the bag on either side.



Book *of the* month



Enjoy a journey through global textile traditions, reimagined for today's knitters

Celebrating Creativity

Sue Bradley's 'Pattern' is a joyous celebration of colour, culture and creativity – an essential for any knitter drawn to global textile traditions. Far more than a typical pattern collection, this beautifully produced book combines lush photography, rich historical context and accessible instructions. It's an inspiring blend of artistry and education that invites knitters to explore the visual language and meaning behind motifs from around the world.

Knitting Without Borders

Featuring 28 garment and accessory patterns, 'Pattern' takes readers on a cultural tour through thoughtfully curated chapters, each spotlighting the textile heritage of a different country. From the bold geometry of Middle Eastern design to the intricate detail of Scandinavian knits, the book celebrates diversity through stitches. Designs are kept intentionally simple to let colours and motifs shine making them perfect for intermediate knitters seeking high-impact results without complex construction.

Inspirational Freedom

What sets 'Pattern' apart is its encouragement of creative play. Each chapter includes a Pattern Library, allowing knitters to reinterpret motifs with alternative colours or mix elements across cultures. With over 250 full-colour charts and vibrant photography, the book is as visually engaging as it is practical. Whether you're dreaming of a statement scarf or a subtle, culturally inspired sweater, 'Pattern' offers both inspiration and instruction which is sure to spark your imagination and your next knitting project.

Title: 'Pattern: Hand Knitting Designs from Around the World'

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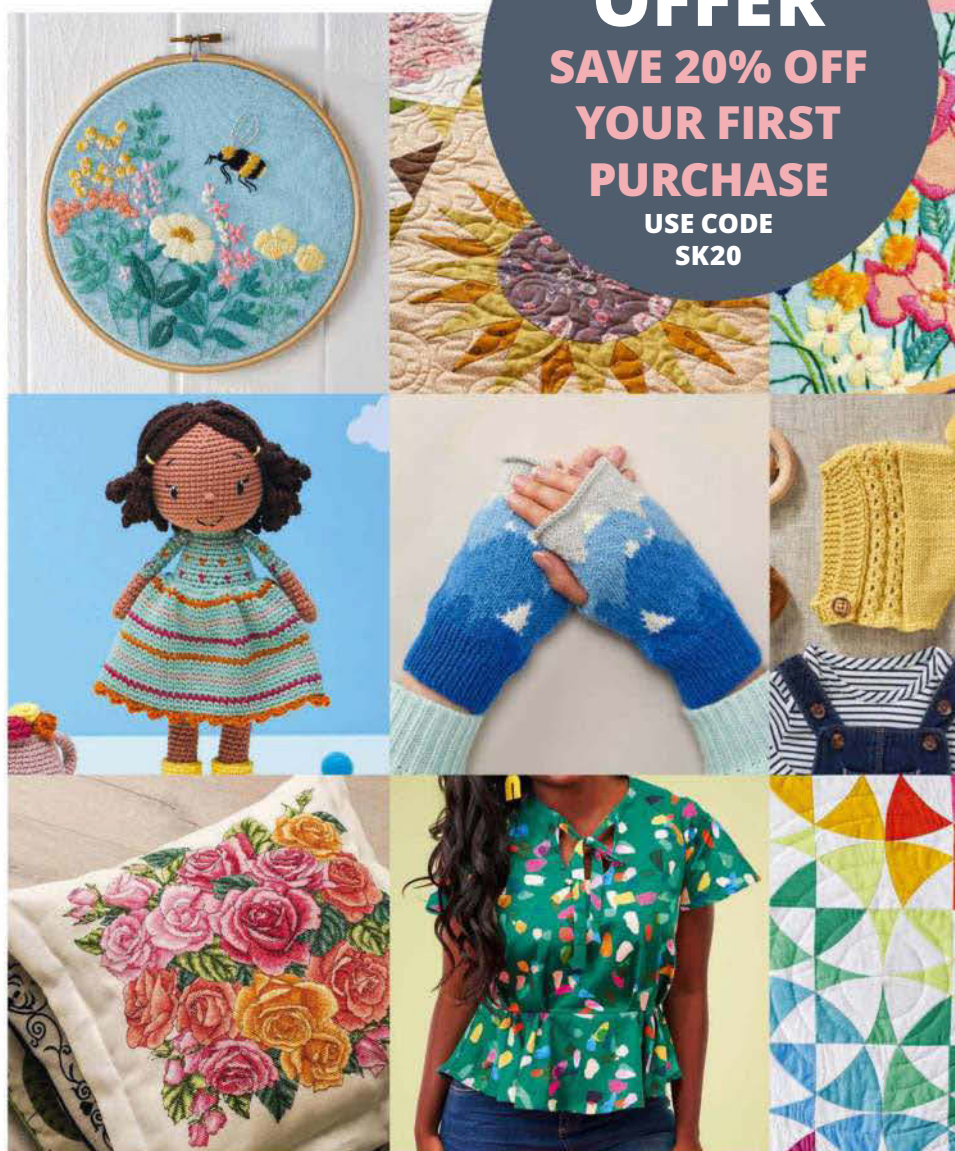
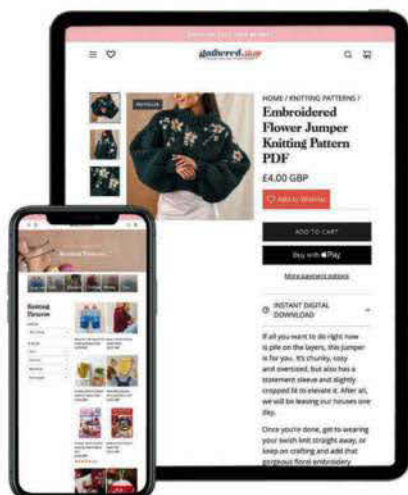
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SUNDAY BEST

Create a timeless lace set with delicate details perfect for special occasions or everyday cuteness. By **Sarah Hatton**



TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ West Yorkshire Spinners Pure DK (100% Falklands wool, 112m/50g)

For yarn quantities and measurements see size table

- ☐ A pair of 3.25mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ A set of 3.25mm double-pointed needles (DPNs) for dress neckband
- ☐ Stitch holders
- ☐ 5 (5: 5: 6) buttons for Cardigan
- ☐ 2 buttons for Dress

TENSION

22 sts and 28 rows to measure 10x10cm over st st on 4mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77

HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

Start at the bottom right-hand corner. Read right-side rows from right to left and wrong-side rows from left to right. A row of squares represents a row of knitting

WHERE TO BUY

- ☐ For yarn stockists contact West Yorkshire Spinners on 01535 664500 or www.wyspinners.com

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- ☐ Black Sheep Wools 01925 764231, www.blacksheepwools.com
- ☐ Wild and Woolly www.wildandwoollyshop.co.uk

KEY

- ☐ K on RS; P on WS
- ☐ Yo
- ☐ K2tog
- ☐ Skpo
- ☐ Sk2po
- ☐ Repeat

CHART A

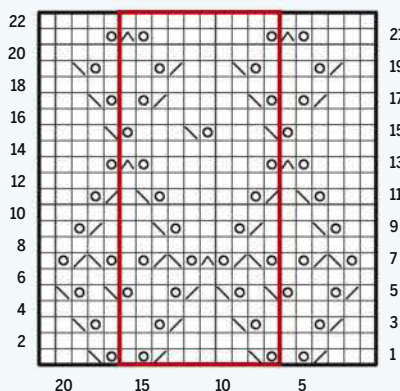
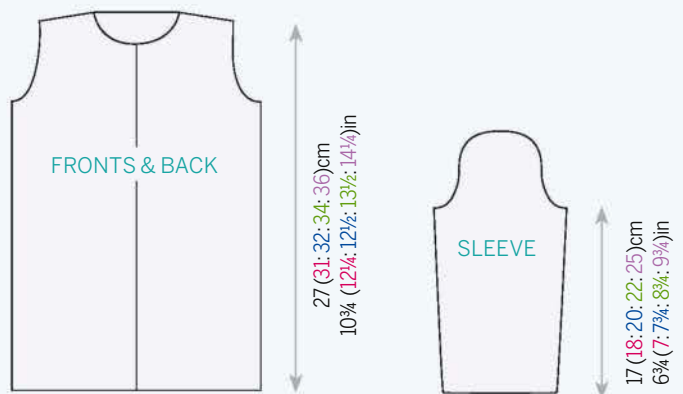
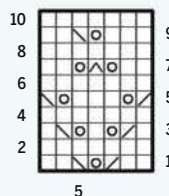


CHART B



27 (29: 30.5: 31.5: 32.5)cm
10¾ (11½: 12: 12½: 12¾)in

27 (31: 32: 34: 36)cm
10¾ (12¼: 12½: 13½: 14¼)in

17 (18: 20: 22: 25)cm
6¾ (7: 7¼: 8¾: 9¾)in



24 (26: 28: 29: 29.5)cm
9½ (10¼: 11: 11½: 11¾)in

35 (37: 41: 43: 45)cm
13¾ (14½: 16¼: 17: 17¾)in

BABY SET

CHART A (WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS)

Row 1 (RS) K3, k2tog, yo, K1, (yo, skpo, K5, k2tog, yo, K1) to last 5 sts, yo, skpo, K3.

Row 2 and all WS rows Purl.

Row 3 K2, k2tog, yo, K2, (K1, yo, skpo, K3, k2tog, yo, K2) to last 5 sts, K1, yo, skpo, K2.

Row 5 K1, k2tog, yo, K2, yo, (skpo, K1, yo, skpo, K1, k2tog, yo, K2, yo) to last 6 sts, skpo, K1, yo, skpo, K1.

Row 7 K1, yo, skpo, k2tog, yo, K1, (yo, skpo, k2tog, yo, sk2po, yo, skpo, k2tog, yo, K1) to last 5 sts, yo, skpo, k2tog, yo, K1.

Row 9 K2, yo, skpo, K2, (K1, k2tog, yo, K3, yo, skpo, K2) to last 5 sts, K1, k2tog, yo, K2.

Row 11 K3, yo, skpo, K1, (k2tog, yo, K5, yo, skpo, K1) to last 5 sts, k2tog, yo, K3.

Row 13 K4, yo, sk2po, (yo, K7, yo, sk2po) to last 4 sts, yo, K4.

Row 15 K5, yo, (skpo, K3, yo) to last 6 sts, skpo, K4.

Row 17 K3, k2tog, yo, K1, (yo, skpo, K5, k2tog, yo, K1) to last 5 sts, yo, skpo, K3.

Row 19 K2, k2tog, yo, K2, (K1, yo, skpo, K3, k2tog, yo, K2) to last 5 sts, K1, yo, skpo, K2.

Row 21 K4, yo, sk2po, (yo, K7, yo, sk2po) to last 4 sts, yo, K4.

Row 22 Purl.

CHART B (WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS)

Row 1 (RS) K2, k2tog, yo, skpo, K2. (7 sts)

Row 2 and all WS rows Purl.

Row 3 K1, k2tog, yo, K1, yo, skpo, K1.

Row 5 K2tog, yo, K3, yo, skpo.

Row 7 K2, yo, sk2po, yo, K2.

Row 9 K3, yo, skpo, K2.

Row 10 Purl.

CARDIGAN

BACK

Cast on 55 (59: 63: 65: 67) sts using 3.25mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) K1, *P1, K1; rep from * to end.

This row sets moss stitch.

Work 5 rows more in moss st as set.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beg with a K row, work 2 rows in st st.

Next row K2 (4: 1: 2: 3), work Row 1 as set on Chart A, working 10-st rep 4 (4: 5: 5: 5) times, K2 (4: 1: 2: 3).

Next row P2 (4: 1: 2: 3), work Row 2 as set on Chart A, working 10-st rep 4 (4: 5: 5: 5) times, P2 (4: 1: 2: 3).

These 2 rows set Chart A placement.

Work Rows 3 to 22 as set on Chart A once, Rows 15 to 22, 1 (2: 2: 2: 2) times more then Rows 15 and 16 once more.

Once patt is completed, beg with a K row cont in st st until work meas 15 (18: 19: 20: 21)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		3-6m	6-9m	9-12m	12-18m	18-24m
TO FIT CHEST	cm	40.5-43	43-44	44-45.5	45.5-48	48-53
	in	16-17	17-17.5	17.5-18	18-19	19-21
CARDIGAN ACTUAL CHEST	cm	54	57.5	61	63	64.5
	in	21¼	22¾	24	24¾	25½
CARDIGAN LENGTH	cm	27	31	32	34	36
	in	10¾	12¾	12½	13½	14¾
CARDIGAN SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	17	18	20	22	25
	in	6¾	7	7¾	8¾	9¾
DRESS ACTUAL CHEST	cm	48	52	55.5	57.5	59
	in	19	20½	21¾	22¾	23¾
DRESS FULL LENGTH	cm	35	37	41	43	45
	in	13¾	14½	16¼	17	17¾
YARN						
West Yorkshire Spinners Pure DK (50g/112m)						
Cardigan Duck Egg		3	4	4	5	5
Dress Duck Egg		3	3	4	4	4

SIZING COLOUR KEY So you can re-use this pattern, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions. Simply follow our colour-coded measurements and you're off

"This is a combination made in heaven – classic style, a gorgeous rich teal shade and lots of lovely delicate lace. It makes the perfect new baby gift."

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Dec 1 st at each end of 3 rows, then 1 (1: 2: 2: 2) foll RS rows.
[47 (51: 53: 55: 57) sts]
Cont without shaping until armhole meas 12 (13: 13: 14: 15)cm,
ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 7 (7: 7: 7: 8) sts at beg of next 2 rows.
[33 (37: 39: 41: 41) sts]
Cast off 7 (8: 8: 8: 8) sts at beg of next 2 rows.
[19 (21: 23: 25: 25) sts]
Cast off rem sts.

LEFT FRONT

Cast on 31 (33: 35: 37: 37) sts using 3.25mm needles.
Work 6 rows in moss st as set on Back, inc 1 (1: 1: 0: 1) st at end of
last row. [32 (34: 36: 37: 38) sts]

Change to 4mm needles.

Beg with a K row, work 2 rows in st st.

Next row K0 (2: 4: 5: 6), work Row 1 as set on Chart A, working 10-st
rep twice, K1.

Next row P1, work Row 2 as set on Chart A, working 10-st rep twice,
P0 (2: 4: 5: 6).

These 2 rows set Chart A placement.

Work Rows 3 to 22 as set on Chart A once, Rows 15 to 22, 1 (2: 2: 2:

2) times more then Rows 15 and 16 once more.

Once patt is completed, beg with a K row cont in st st until work
meas 15 (18: 19: 20: 21)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Dec 1 st at beg of next row and at same edge of next 2 rows, then 1
(1: 2: 2: 2) foll RS rows. [28 (30: 31: 32: 33) sts]
Cont without shaping until armhole meas 6 (6: 6: 7: 8)cm, ending
with WS facing for next row.

SHAPE FRONT NECK

Next row Cast off 8 (8: 9: 9: 9) sts, purl to end.
[20 (22: 22: 23: 24) sts]

Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 3 (3: 5: 5: 5) rows, then on 3 (4: 2: 3: 3)
foll RS rows. [14 (15: 15: 15: 16) sts]

Cont without shaping until armhole matches Back to start of
shoulder shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Next row (RS) Cast off 7 (7: 7: 7: 8) sts, knit to end.
Work 1 row.
Cast off rem 7 (8: 8: 8: 8) sts.

RIGHT FRONT

Cast on 31 (33: 35: 37: 37) sts using 3.25mm needles.
Work 6 rows in moss st as set on Back, inc 1 (1: 1: 0: 1) st at end of
last row. [32 (34: 36: 37: 38) sts]

Change to 4mm needles.

Beg with a K row, work 2 rows in st st.

Next row K1, work Row 1 as set on Chart A, working 10-st rep twice,
K0 (2: 4: 5: 6).

Next row P0 (2: 4: 5: 6), work Row 2 as set on Chart A, working
10-st rep twice, P1.

These 2 rows set Chart A placement.

Work Rows 3 to 22 as set on Chart A once, Rows 15 to 22, 1 (2: 2: 2:



Once patt is completed, beg with a K row cont in st st until work meas 15 (18: 19: 20: 21)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Dec 1 st at end of next row and at same edge of next 2 rows, then 1 (1: 2: 2: 2) foll RS rows. [28 (30: 31: 32: 33) sts]
Cont without shaping until armhole meas 6 (6: 6: 7: 8)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE FRONT NECK

Next row Cast off 8 (8: 9: 9: 9) sts, knit to end.

Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 3 (3: 5: 5: 5) rows, then on 3 (4: 2: 3: 3) foll RS rows. [14 (15: 15: 15: 16) sts]

Cont without shaping until armhole matches Back to start of shoulder shaping, ending with WS facing for next row.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Next row (RS) Cast off 7 (7: 7: 7: 8) sts, purl to end.

Work 1 row.

Cast off rem 7 (8: 8: 8: 8) sts.

SLEEVES (BOTH ALIKE)

Cast on 33 (33: 35: 35: 37) sts using 3.25mm needles.

Work 6 rows in moss st as set on Back, ending with RS facing for next row.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beg with a K row, working in st st throughout, inc 1 st at each end of 3rd and 1 (4: 4: 6: 5) foll 6th rows, then on every foll 8th row to 43 (47: 49: 51: 55) sts.

Cont without shaping until Sleeve meas 17 (18: 20: 22: 25)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE SLEEVE TOP

Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows then on 1 (1: 2: 2: 2) foll RS rows. [35 (39: 39: 41: 45) sts]

Cast off 6 sts at beg of next 4 rows. [11 (15: 15: 17: 21) sts]

Cast off rem sts.



MAKING UP

Block pieces gently, following any instructions on the ball band. Join both shoulder seams.

NECKBAND

With RS facing, using 3.25mm needles pick up and knit 21 (22: 24: 24: 24) sts up right Front neck, 19 (21: 23: 25: 25) sts from Back neck and 21 (22: 24: 24: 24) sts down left Front neck.

[61 (65: 71: 73: 73) sts]

Work 5 rows in moss st as set on Back, ending with RS facing for next row.

Cast off in moss st.

BUTTONHOLE BAND

With RS facing, using 3.25mm needles pick up and knit 55 (59: 65: 69: 75) sts down Left Front edge.

Work 2 rows in moss st as set on Back.

Buttonhole row Patt 2 (3: 3: 3: 4), *patt 2 tog, yo, patt 10 (11: 12: 10: 11); rep from * another 3 (3: 3: 4: 4) times, patt 2 tog, yo, patt to end.

Work 2 rows in moss st.

Cast off in moss st.

BUTTON BAND

With RS facing, using 3.25mm needles pick up and knit 55 (59: 65: 69: 75) sts up Right Front edge.

Work 5 rows in moss st as set on Back.

Cast off in moss st.

MAKING UP

Sew Sleeves in position, easing fabric to fit. Join side and Sleeve seams. Sew on buttons. Pin out to measurements given above, cover with damp cloths and leave until dry.

DRESS

BACK

Cast on 69 (73: 79: 81: 83) sts using 3.25mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) K1, *P1, K1; rep from * to end.

This row sets moss stitch.

Work 5 rows more in moss st as set.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beg with a K row, work 2 rows in st st.

Next row K4 (1: 4: 5: 1), work Row 1 as set on Chart A, working 10-st rep 5 (6: 6: 6: 7) times, K4 (1: 4: 5: 1).

Next row P4 (1: 4: 5: 1), work Row 2 as set on Chart A, working 10-st rep 5 (6: 6: 6: 7) times, P4 (1: 4: 5: 1).

These 2 rows set Chart A placement.

Work Rows 3 to 22 as set on Chart A once, Rows 15 to 22, 1 (2: 2: 2: 2) times more then Rows 15 and 16 once more.

Beg with a K row, cont in st st until work meas 18 (19: 23: 24: 25)cm, ending with WS facing for next row.

Next row P1 (3: 1: 2: 3), (p2tog, P3) 13 (13: 15: 15: 15) times, p2tog, P1 (3: 1: 2: 3). [55 (59: 63: 65: 67) sts]

Change to 3.25mm needles and work 5 rows in moss stitch as set **. Change to 4mm needles and beg with a P row, work 5 rows in st st.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Cast off 4 (5: 6: 6: 6) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

[47 (49: 51: 53: 55) sts]

Dec 1 st at armhole edge of next 3 rows, then on 2 foll RS rows.

[37 (39: 41: 43: 45) sts]

Cont without shaping until armhole meas 8 (9: 9: 10: 11)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.



DIVIDE FOR BACK NECK OPENING

Next row K16 (17: 18: 19: 20), turn, **cast on** 5 sts and leave rem sts on a holder.

Cont on these 21 (22: 23: 24: 25) sts for first side of neck.

Row 1 K1, (P1, K1) twice, P to end.

Row 2 K to last 4 sts, (P1, K1) twice.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 another 6 times then Row 1 once more.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Next row **Cast off** 4 sts, patt to end. [17 (18: 19: 20: 21) sts]

Work 1 row.

Next row **Cast off** 4 sts, patt to end.

Leave rem 13 (14: 15: 16: 17) sts on a holder.

With RS facing, join yarn to rem 21 (22: 23: 24: 25) sts for second side of neck,

Row 1 (K1, P1) twice, K to end.

Row 2 P to last 5 sts, K1, (P1, K1) twice.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 another 3 times.

Buttonhole Row K1, p2tog, yo, P1, K to end.

Work another 6 rows in st st with moss st edging as set.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Next row **Cast off** 4 sts, patt to end. [17 (18: 19: 20: 21) sts]

Work 1 row.

Next row **Cast off** 4 sts, patt to end.

Patt 1 row.

Leave rem 13 (14: 15: 16: 17) sts on a holder.

FRONT

Work as given for Back to **.

Change to 4mm needles.

Next row (WS) Purl.

Next row K24 (26: 28: 29: 30), work next 7 sts as set on Row 1 of Chart B, knit to end.

Next row P24 (26: 28: 29: 30), work next 7 sts as set on Row 2 of Chart B, purl to end.

These 2 rows set Chart B placement.

Work 2 rows more as set.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Working rem 6 rows as set on Chart B and then beg with a K row, cont in st st throughout, work as folls:

Cast off 4 (5: 6: 6: 6) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

[47 (49: 51: 53: 55) sts]

Dec 1 st at armhole edge of next 3 rows, then on 2 foll RS rows.

[37 (39: 41: 43: 45) sts]

Cont without shaping until armhole meas 7 (8: 8: 9: 10)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE FRONT NECK

Next row Patt 13 (13: 13: 13: 13), turn and leave rem sts on a holder.

Cont on these sts only for first side of neck.

Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 3 rows, then on 2 foll RS rows.

[8 (8: 8: 8: 8) sts]

Cont without shaping until armhole matches Back to shoulder shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Next row **Cast off** 4 sts, knit to end.

Work 1 row.

Cast off rem 4 (4: 4: 4: 4) sts.

With RS facing, working on rem sts leave 11 (13: 15: 17: 19) sts on a holder for Front neck, rejoin yarn to rem sts and knit to end.

Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 3 rows, then on 2 foll RS rows.

[8 (8: 8: 8: 8) sts]

Cont without shaping until armhole matches Back to shoulder shaping, ending with WS facing for next row.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Next row (WS) **Cast off** 4 sts, purl to end.

Work 1 row.

Cast off rem 4 (4: 4: 4: 4) sts.

MAKING UP

Block pieces gently, following any instructions on the ball band.

Join shoulder seams.

NECKBAND

With RS facing, using 3.25mm circular needle place 13 (14: 15: 16: 17) sts from holder at left side of Back neck, pick up and knit 12 (13: 14: 14: 14) sts down left side of neck, knit across 11 (13: 15: 17: 19) sts from Front neck holder, pick up and knit 12 (13: 14: 14: 14) sts up right side of neck and patt across 13 (14: 15: 16: 17) sts from holder at right side of back neck. [61 (67: 73: 77: 81) sts]

Row 1 (WS) K1, *P1, K1; rep from * to end.

This row sets moss stitch.

Buttonhole Row K1, p2tog, yo, moss st to end.

Work 3 more rows in moss st as set.

Cast off in moss st.

ARMHOLE BORDERS (BOTH ALIKE)

With RS facing, using 3.25mm needles pick up and knit 65 (71: 73: 77: 81) sts evenly around armhole edge.

Work 5 rows in moss stitch.

Cast off in moss st.

Join side and armhole border seams. Sew on buttons. 



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We spoke to Karen Gurney, Oxfam Volunteer Experience and Development Manager



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Contact details

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Santa hat

Kirstie McLeod's festive headwear makes a great fundraising project

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Chunky yarn
- 1 ball of each
- Yarn A** White
- Yarn B** Red
- ☐ A pair 5mm needles
- ☐ Matching thread

TENSION

18 sts and 23 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 5mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Circumference 51cm (20in)
From cuff to base of pompom
 28.5cm (11¼in)

SANTA HAT CUFF

Cast on 20 sts using 5mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (WS) Knit.

Row 2 (RS) K1, *K1 (keeping st on left-hand needle, bring yarn to front, wrap yarn round left thumb to form a loop, take yarn back, knit st on left-hand needle again, yo right-hand needle and then pass 2 sts back over the yo), K1; rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 3 (WS) Knit.

Row 4 (RS) K1, *K1, K1 (keeping the st on left-hand needle, bring yarn to front, wrap yarn round left thumb to form a loop, take yarn back, knit the st on left-hand needle again, yo right-hand needle and then pass 2 sts back over yo); rep from * to last st, K1.

Rep these 4 rows until work meas 55cm ending with a Row 1 or 3.

Cast off.



HAT

With RS of cuff facing, using 5mm needles and Yarn B, pick up and K46 sts evenly along the side edge of the cuff.

Row 1 (WS) Pfb into every st. [92 sts]

Row 2 Knit.

Row 3 Purl.

Starting with a K row, st st 4 rows.

Next row (K21, k2tog) to end. [88 sts]

Starting with a P row, st st 3 rows.

Next row (K20, k2tog) to end. [84 sts]

Starting with a P row, st st 3 rows.

Dec in this way until 56 sts remain.

Next row (WS) Purl.

Next row (K12, k2tog) to end. [52 sts]

Rep these 2 rows until 4 sts rem.

POMPOM

Change to Yarn A.

Row 1 (WS) Knit.

Row 2 and all alt rows (RS) As Row 2 of cuff.

Row 3 (WS) Kfb into each st. [8 sts]

Row 5 As Row 3. [16 sts]

Row 7 *K1, kfb; rep from * to end of row. [24 sts]

Row 9 Knit.

Row 11 *K1, k2tog; rep from * to end of row. [16 sts]

Row 13 K2tog, to end of row. [8 sts]

Row 15 As Row 13. [4 sts]

Cast off.

MAKING UP

With RS facing each other, start at cuff, sew along seam in matching thread. At pompom turn RS out, stuff with a leftover Yarn A and sew seam closed. Fold cuff over, slip stitch in place. Weave in all loose ends.

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BALL 25g/210m **NEEDLE** 3.5-5mm
CONTENT 75% mohair, 25% silk
CARE Hand wash, dry flat
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BALL 100g/320m **NEEDLE** 5mm
CONTENT 43% acrylic, 41% polyester, 9% nylon, 7% wool **CARE** Machine wash at 30°C, dry flat
www.lionbrand.com



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RRP £6.95 **WEIGHT** DK
BALL 25g/120m **NEEDLE** 3.75mm
CONTENT 57% alpaca, 43% cotton
CARE Hand wash, dry flat
www.knitrowan.com

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BALL 100g/550m **NEEDLE** 4mm
CONTENT 80% acrylic, 20% wool
CARE Machine wash 30°C, dry flat
www.jamesc Brett.co.uk



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RRP £12.99 **WEIGHT** Chunky
BALL 227g/440m **NEEDLE** 6mm
CONTENT 71% acrylic, 18% nylon, 11% polyester **CARE** Machine wash 30°C, tumble dry
www.readicut.co.uk



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RRP £14.99 **WEIGHT** Worsted
BALL 50g/190m **NEEDLE** 4.5-5mm
CONTENT 72% baby alpaca, 16% nylon, 12% wool **CARE** Hand wash, dry flat
www.langyarns.com



MARLBOROUGH

This gorgeous, go-with-anything jumper comes with a smart colourwork design in tweedy grey and black. By **Pat Menchini**

* MEN'S JUMPER



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ West Yorkshire Spinners The Croft Aran (100% Shetland Islands wool, 100g/166m)
For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 5mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 5.5mm needles
- ☐ A set of 4mm double-pointed needles (DPNs)
- ☐ Stitch holders

TENSION

18 sts and 24 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 5mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77

HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

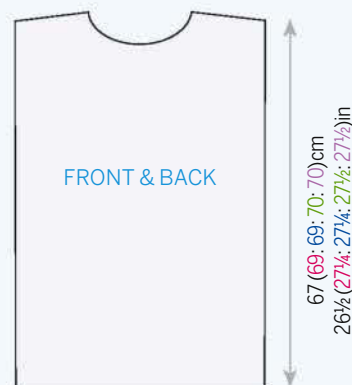
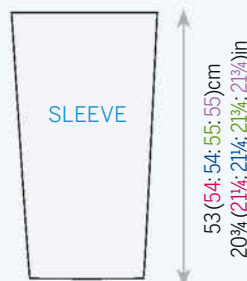
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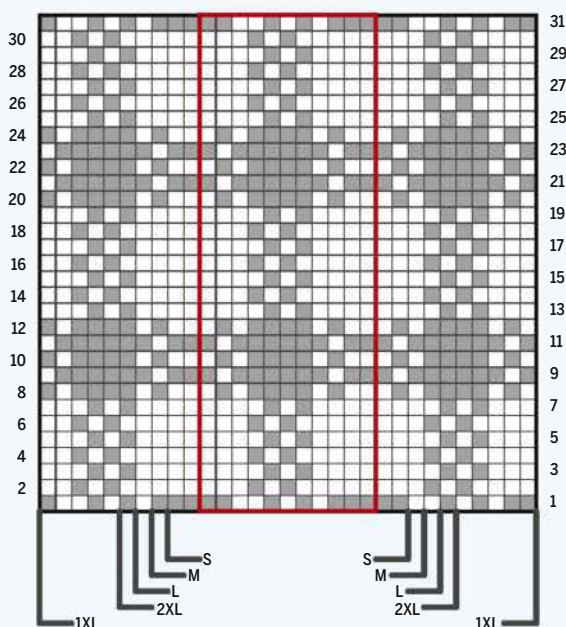
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CHART



KEY

- ☐ Yarn A
- ☐ Yarn B
- ☐ K on RS; P on WS
- ☐ Repeat

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MEN'S JUMPER BACK

Cast on 85 (95: 103: 113: 121) sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) K2, *P1, K1; rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 2 K1, *P1, K1; rep from * to end.

Rep these 2 rib rows until work meas 6cm, ending after a Row 1.

Next row (WS) P10 (7: 6: 7: 6), *M1P, P16 (16: 13: 14: 12); rep from * to last 11 (8: 6: 8: 7) sts, M1P, P to end. [90 (101: 111: 121: 131) sts]

Change to 5mm needles.

Beg with a K row, work in st st until work meas 34cm from cast-on edge, ending after a RS row.

Next row (WS) P20 (13: 13: 8: 10), [M1P, P50 (25: 14: 13: 11)] 1 (3: 6: 8: 10) times, M1P, P20 (13: 14: 9: 11). [92 (105: 118: 130: 142) sts]

CHECKERED BORDER

Change to 5.5mm needles and join in Yarn B.

Note When working from Chart, knit even (RS) rows from right to left and purl odd (WS) rows from left to right.

Carry colour not in use loosely along WS of work, catching yarn if unused for more than 3 sts at a time.

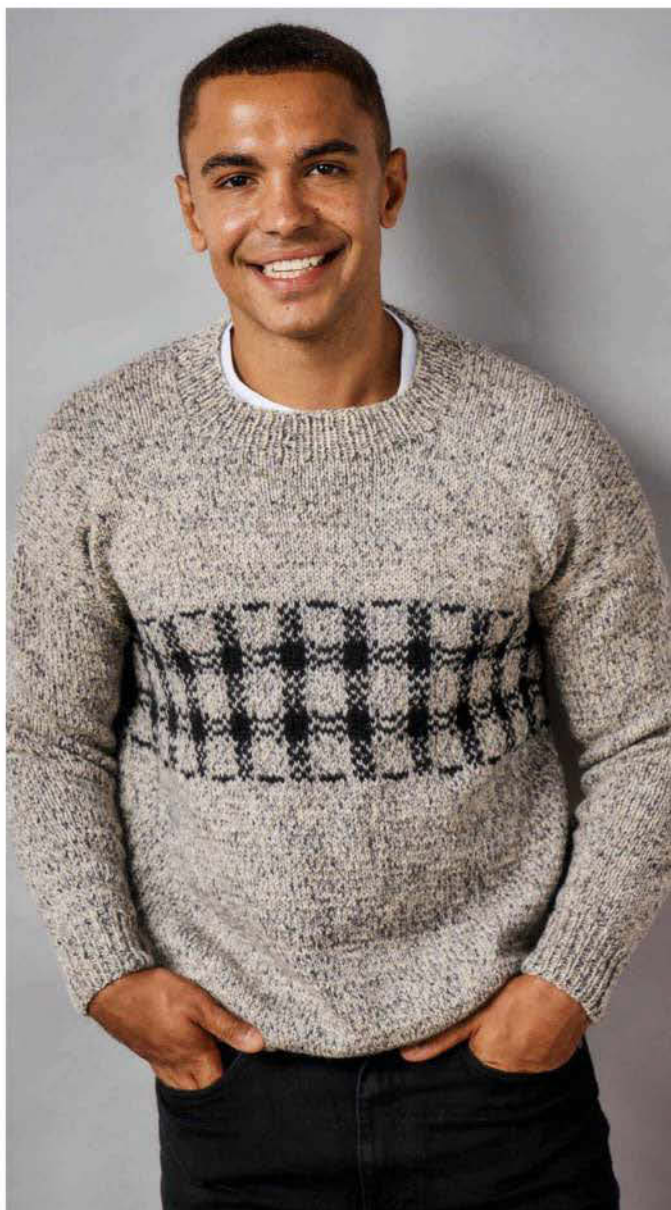
Row 1 (RS) Work from Row 1 of Chart, K2 (3: 4: 10: 5) sts before repeat, work 11-st rep 8 (9: 10: 10: 12) times, K2 (3: 4: 10: 5) sts after repeat.



FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		S	M	1XL	2XL	3XL
TO FIT CHEST	cm	86-91	97-102	107-112	117-122	127-132
	in	34-36	38-40	42-44	46-48	50-52
ACTUAL CHEST	cm	98	110	121	132	143
	in	38½	43¼	47¾	52	56¼
LENGTH	cm	67	69	69	70	70
	in	26½	27	27	27½	27½
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	53	54	54	55	55
	in	20¾	21¼	21¼	21¾	21¾
YARN		West Yorkshire Spinners The Croft Aran (100g/166m)				
Yarn A Lunna (795)		6	7	7	8	8
Yarn B Voxter (099)		1	1	1	1	1

SIZING COLOUR KEY So you can re-use this pattern, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions. Simply follow our colour-coded measurements and you're off



"I love a monochrome knit! No matter who it's for, it'll never date and can be dressed up with a bright shirt collar, or worn casually with a plain white T-shirt."

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR



Row 2 Working from Row 2 of Chart, P2 (3: 4: 10: 5) sts before repeat, work 11-st rep 8 (9: 10: 10: 12) times, P2 (3: 4: 10: 5) sts after repeat.

Rows 3 to 31 Work as Rows 1 and 2, using Rows 3 to 31 of Chart and ending after a RS row.
Break Yarn B.

Change to 5mm needles and cont in Yarn A only.

Next row (WS) Purl, dec 2 (4: 7: 9: 11) sts evenly across.
[90 (101: 111: 121: 131) sts]

Cont in st st until work meas 67 (69: 69: 70: 70)cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 7 (9: 10: 11: 12) sts loosely at beg of next 6 rows, then 9 (8: 9: 11: 12) sts at beg of next 2 rows. [30 (31: 33: 33: 35) sts]
Slip rem 30 (31: 33: 33: 35) sts on a stitch holder for Neckband.

FRONT

Work as for Back until Front meas 20 (22: 22: 24: 26) fewer rows than Back before start of shoulder shaping, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE NECK

Next row (RS) K35 (40: 44: 49: 53), turn and cont on these sts for left Front neck, leaving unworked sts on hold.

****Dec 1 st** at neck edge on next 3 rows, then on 2 foll alt rows.
[30 (35: 39: 44: 48) sts]

Work 12 (14: 14: 16: 18) rows straight in st st, ending at side edge.
(For right Front neck, work 1 more row here.)

* MEN'S JUMPER

SHAPE SHOULDER

Cast off 7 (9: 10: 11: 12) sts loosely at beg of next row and 2 foll alt rows. [9 (8: 9: 11: 12) sts]

Work 1 row straight.

Cast off rem 9 (8: 9: 11: 12) sts.

With RS facing, slip next 20 (21: 23: 23: 25) sts onto stitch holder for Neckband. With RS facing, rejoin Yarn A at neck edge and K to end. Complete to match left half from **.

SLEEVES (BOTH ALIKE)

Cast on 37 (39: 41: 43: 45) sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A. Work in rib as for Back for 7cm, ending after a RS row.

Next row (WS) Purl, working M1P 3 times evenly across. [40 (42: 44: 46: 48) sts]

Change to 5mm needles.

Beg with a K row, work 4 rows in st st.

SHAPE SLEEVE

Cont in st st throughout, inc 1 st at each end of next row, then on every foll 6th (6th: 4th: 4th: 4th) row until there are 48 (64: 52: 62: 76) sts, then on every foll 8th (8th: 6th: 6th: 6th) row until there are 64 (70: 76: 82: 88) sts.

Work straight in st st until Sleeve meas 53 (54: 54: 55: 55)cm from cast-on edge.

Cast off loosely.

MAKING UP

Block gently to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band. Join both shoulder seams using mattress stitch.

NECKBAND

With RS facing, using 4mm DPNs and Yarn A, K30 (31: 33: 33: 35) from Back holder, pick up and knit 21 (22: 22: 24: 25) sts evenly down left front neck, K20 (21: 23: 23: 25) from Front holder, pick up and knit 21 (22: 22: 24: 25) sts up left Front neck.

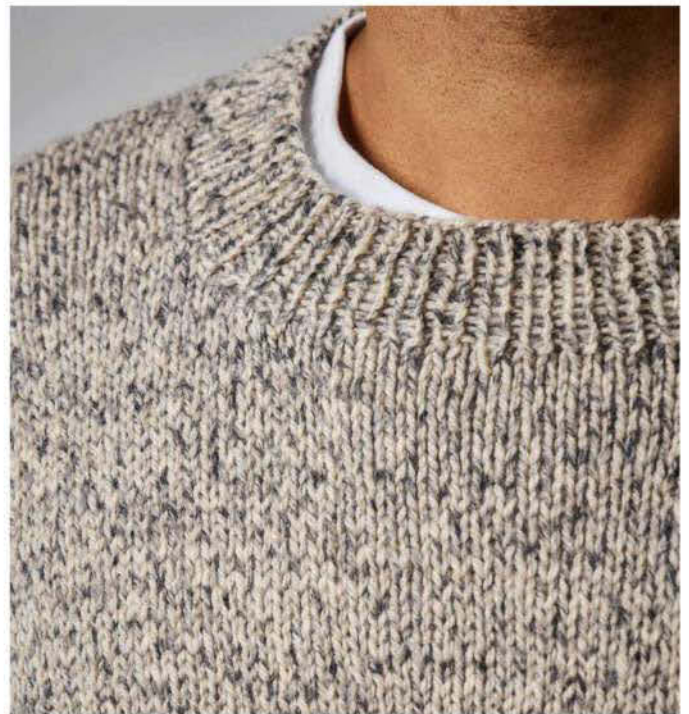
[92 (96: 100: 104: 110) sts]

Work 11 rounds in K1, P1 rib.

Cast off loosely in rib.

FINISHING

Sew cast-off edges of Sleeves to upper side edges of Back and Front. Join side and Sleeve seams. Weave in ends. 🧵



STEP-BY-STEP M1 MAKE 1 INCREASE



1 Insert the point of the right-hand needle under the loop or line of yarn that lies between the two stitches.



2 Next slip the yarn back on to the left-hand needle, ready for knitting.

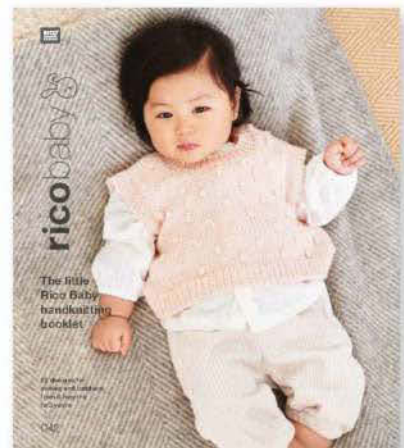


3 Insert the point of the right-hand needle into the back of the stitch as if to knit.



4 Pull the yarn all the way through and you will now have an extra stitch on your right-hand needle.

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YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ King Cole Cuddles Chunky (100% polyester, 50g/125m)
2 balls of **Yarn A** Toffee (3140)
- ☐ King Cole Pricewise DK (100% acrylic, 100g/282m)
1 ball of each
Yarn B Red (009)
Yarn C Shamrock (039)
- ☐ King Cole Dollymix DK (100% acrylic, 25g/73m)
1 ball of each
Yarn D Black (048)
Yarn E White (001)
Yarn F Gold (055)
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ A third 4mm needle (for 3-needle join)
- ☐ A 4mm crochet hook
- ☐ A long stitch holder
- ☐ Locking stitch markers

- ☐ Toy filling
- ☐ Two domed black half shank buttons, 12mm diameter
- ☐ Triangular flocked black toy safety nose, 24mm diameter
- ☐ Star button, 1cm diameter

TENSION

22 sts and 28 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 4mm needles and Pricewise and Dollymix DK Yarns

15 sts and 26 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over garter stitch using 4mm needles and Cuddles Chunky Yarn

MEASUREMENTS

40cm (15¾in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77

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ELF TEDDY

Notes Use a stitch marker or pin a note onto fluffy pieces to identify right sides. Oversew to seam chunky yarn pieces for Bear and use mattress stitch to seam DK yarn pieces for outfit. To mark stitches for making up, use locking stitch markers, or thread a length of waste yarn through stitch to be marked and tie ends tog loosely for easy removal later.

BEAR BODY AND LEGS

Start at sole of foot.

RIGHT LEG

Cast on 11 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 K1, (kfb) 9 times, K1. [20 sts]

Row 3 Knit.

Row 4 K1, (kfb) 18 times, K1. [38 sts]

Rows 5 Knit.

Row 6 K1, (kfb, K5) 6 times, K1. [44 sts]

Rows 7 to 14 Knit.**

Row 15 K3, (k2tog, K1) 10 times, K11. [34 sts]

Row 16 Knit.

Row 17 K3, (k2tog) 10 times, K11. [24 sts]

Rows 18 to 43 Knit.

Break Yarn A and transfer sts onto holder.

LEFT LEG

Work as given for Right Leg as far as **.

Row 15 K11, (K1, k2tog) 10 times, K3. [34 sts]

Row 16 Knit.

Row 17 K11, (k2tog) 10 times, K3. [24 sts]

Rows 18 to 43 Knit.

Break Yarn A. With WS facing, transfer held sts of Right Leg onto same needle as Left Leg and rejoin Yarn A.

Note Right Leg sts should be nearest to needle tip. [48 sts]

"Once you've knitted your elf onesie, make another one without the collar in a single DK yarn colour, creating a teddy bear onesie for year-round play."

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR



BODY

Row 44 K24, **cast on** 3 sts using backward loop, K24. [51 sts]

Row 45 **Cast on** 3 sts, knit to end. [54 sts]

Rows 46 to 86 Knit.

Row 87 K6, (k2tog, K11) 3 times, k2tog, K7. [50 sts]

Rows 88 to 90 Knit.

Row 91 K6, (k2tog, K10) 3 times, k2tog, K6. [46 sts]

Rows 92 to 94 Knit.

Row 95 K6, (k2tog, K9) 3 times, k2tog, K5. [42 sts]

Rows 96 to 98 Knit.

Row 99 K2, (k2tog, K1) 13 times, K1. [29 sts]

HEAD

Row 100 Knit, placing markers in every 4th or 5th st on RS to identify neckline row.

Row 101 K1, (kfb, K1) 14 times. [43 sts]

Row 102 Knit.

Row 103 K1, (kfb, K5) 7 times. [50 sts]

Row 104 to 134 Knit.

Row 135 K1, (k2tog, K4) 8 times, K1. [42 sts]

Row 136 Knit.

Row 137 K1, (k2tog, K3) 8 times, K1. [34 sts]

Row 138 Knit.

Row 139 K1, (k2tog, K2) 8 times, K1. [26 sts]

Row 140 Knit.



Row 141 K1, (k2tog, K1) 8 times, K1. [18 sts]

Row 142 Knit.

Row 143 K1, (k2tog) 8 times, K1. [10 sts]

Cast off.

BEAR MUZZLE

Start at head edge.

Cast on 28 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Rows 1 to 8 Knit.

Row 9 (RS) K1, (k2tog, K1) 9 times. [19 sts]

Rows 10 to 12 Knit.

Row 13 K1, (k2tog) 9 times. [10 sts]

Cast off.

BEAR EARS (MAKE 2)

Start at head edge.

Cast on 9 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Rows 1 to 6 Knit.

Row 7 (RS) K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [2 sts dec'd]

Row 8 Knit.

Rows 9 and 10 Rep Rows 7 and 8. [5 sts]

Row 11 Kfb, knit to last st, kfb. [2 sts inc'd]

Row 12 Knit.

Rows 13 and 14 Rep Rows 11 and 12. [9 sts]

Rows 15 to 20 Knit.

Cast off.

BEAR ARMS (MAKE 2)

Start at paw.

Cast on 6 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (WS) Knit.

Row 2 Kfb, knit to last st, kfb. [2 sts inc'd]

Rows 3 to 12 Rep Rows 1 and 2 five times. [18 sts]

Row 13 Knit.

Row 14 **Cast on** 3 sts, knit to end. [3 sts inc'd]

Row 15 Rep Row 14. [24 sts]

Rows 16 to 51 Knit.

Row 52 *K4, (k2tog) twice, K4; rep from * to end. [20 sts]

Row 53 Knit.

Cast off.

ELF OUTFIT

RIGHT LEG

Cast on 48 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.

Rows 1 to 6 Knit.

Rows 7 to 26 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

CROTCH

Row 27 (RS) **Cast off** 3 sts, knit to end. [45 sts]

Row 28 **Cast off** 3 sts purlwise, purl to end. [42 sts]**

Break working yarn and leave sts on a holder.

LEFT LEG

Work as given for Right Leg and Crotch as far as **. [42 sts]

JOIN LEGS

Row 29 K42 sts of Left Leg, with RS facing K42 sts of Right Leg. [84 sts]

Rows 30 to 42 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Join Yarn B for stranded colourwork.

Row 43 K3C, (K1B, K6C) 11 times, K1B, K3C.

Row 44 P2C, (P3B, P4C) 11 times, P3B, P2C.

Row 45 K1C, (K5B, K2C) 11 times, K5B, K1C.

Break Yarn C and cont in Yarn B.

Rows 46 to 52 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.



Break Yarn B and join Yarn D.

Rows 53 to 57 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Break Yarn D and join Yarn B.

Rows 58 to 63 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

RIGHT BACK

Cont on first 21 sts only for Right Back, leave rem 63 sts on hold for Front and Left Back.

Rows 64 to 77 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 78 Cast on 2 sts, K4, P19. [23 sts]

Row 79 Knit.

Row 80 K4, P19.

Rows 81 to 88 Rep Rows 79 and 80 four times.

Row 89 Cast off 5 sts for shoulder, knit to last 4 sts, **cast off** 4 sts for placket and break yarn, transfer rem 14 sts onto holder for Right Back Collar.

FRONT

With RS facing, rejoin Yarn B to held 63 sts and cont on first 42 sts for Front, leaving rem 21 sts on hold for Left Back.

Rows 64 to 88 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st. [42 sts]

Row 89 Cast off 5 sts for shoulder, knit to last 5 sts, **cast off** 5 sts for shoulder and break yarn, transfer rem 32 sts onto holder for Front Collar.

LEFT BACK

With RS facing, rejoin Yarn B to rem 21 held sts.

Rows 64 to 76 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st. [21 sts]

Row 77 Cast on 2 sts, knit to end. [23 sts]

Row 78 P19, K4.

Row 79 Knit.

Rows 80 to 83 Rep Rows 78 and 79 twice.

Row 84 P19, K4.

Row 85 (buttonhole) K2, yo, k2tog, K19.

Row 86 P19, K4.

Row 87 Knit.

Row 88 P19, K4.

Row 89 Cast off 4 sts for placket, knit to last 5 sts, **cast off** 5 sts for shoulder and break yarn, transfer 14 sts onto holder for Left Back Collar.

With RS facing, transfer held sts onto needle in the order Right Back 14 sts, Front 32 sts and Left Back 14 sts nearest needle tip. Set this needle with 60 sts aside to work a 3-needle join to Collar piece later.

ELF OUTFIT COLLAR

Start at tip of a triangle.

*****Cast on** 2 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.

Row 1 (RS) Kfb, K1. [3 sts]

Row 2 Kfb, K2. [4 sts]

Row 3 [Kfb, K1] twice. [6 sts]

Row 4 K2, purl to last 2 sts, K2.

Row 5 Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [2 sts inc'd]

Rows 6 to 11 Rep Rows 4 and 5 three times. [14 sts]

Row 12 K2, P10, K2.

Break Yarn C and transfer the 14 sts onto holder.

Rep from *** five more times to make 6 triangles. [84 sts]

With RS facing, transfer all sts onto a 4mm needle and rejoin Yarn C.

Row 1 (RS) Knit. [84 sts]

Row 2 K2, P11, (K2, P12) 4 times, K2, P11, K2.

Row 3 Knit.

Row 4 K2, P80, K2.

Rows 5 and 6 Rep Rows 3 and 4.

Row 7 Knit.

Row 8 K2, *(p2tog) twice, P3; rep from * to last 5 sts, p2tog, k2tog, K1. [60 sts]

Work a 3-needle join as follows: with RS of both pieces facing, hold needle with 60 Collar sts in front and needle with 60 Outfit sts at back. With working Yarn C, *insert RH needle from front to back into first st on front needle, then from front to back into first st on back needle, wrap yarn and knit these 2 sts tog, dropping both loops off LH needle; rep from * to end. [60 sts]

Cast off knitwise.

ELF OUTFIT SLEEVES (MAKE 2)

Start at shoulder.

Cast on 42 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn E.

Rows 1 and 2 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Join Yarn C and work in 2-row stripes, carrying unused colour up side of work.

Rows 3 and 4 In Yarn C and starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Rows 5 and 6 In Yarn E and starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Rows 7 to 26 Rep Rows 3 to 6 five times.

Break Yarn C and cont in Yarn E.

Rows 27 to 31 Knit.

Cast off.

ELF OUTFIT BUCKLE

Start at outer edge.

Cast on 42 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn F.

Row 1 (RS) K1, (k2tog, K8, ssk, k2tog, K4, ssk) twice, K1. [34 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 K1, (k2tog, K6, ssk, k2tog, K2, ssk) twice, K1. [26 sts]

Cast off knitwise.

STEP-BY-STEP YO YARN OVER (BETWEEN KNIT STITCHES)



1 Bring the yarn to the front of the needles before you work the next stitch.



2 Insert the right-hand needle into the next stitch, and wrap the yarn around the right-hand needle to knit the stitch.



3 This will bring the yarn between the needles to the front, and you can then pull it through the stitch as normal.



4 Slip the stitch off the needle. You will notice that the yarn over forms an extra loop to the right of the stitch you have just worked.

ELF HAT

Start at brim.

Cast on 72 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn B.

Rows 1 to 5 Knit.

Join Yarn C for stranded colourwork.

Row 6 K4B, (K1C, K6B) 9 times, K1C, K4B.

Row 7 P3B, (P3C, P4B) 9 times, P3C, P3B.

Row 8 K2B, (K5C, K2B) 9 times, K5C, K2B.

Break Yarn B and cont in Yarn C.

Rows 9 to 13 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

EARHOLES

Row 14 K19, **cast off** 9 sts, K until there are 17 sts on RH needle after gap, **cast off** 9 sts, knit to end. [54 sts]

Row 15 (Purl to gap, turn, **cast on** 9 sts using cable method, turn) twice, purl to end. [72 sts]

SHAPE CROWN

Rows 16 to 19 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 20 K1, (k2tog, K12) 5 times, K1. [67 sts]

Row 21 and foll WS rows Purl.

Row 22 K1, (k2tog, K11) 5 times, K1. [62 sts]

Row 24 K1, (k2tog, K10) 5 times, K1. [57 sts]

Row 26 K1, (k2tog, K9) 5 times, K1. [52 sts]

Row 28 K1, (k2tog, K8) 5 times, K1. [47 sts]

Row 30 K1, (k2tog, K7) 5 times, K1. [42 sts]

Row 32 K1, (k2tog, K6) 5 times, K1. [37 sts]

Row 34 K1, (k2tog, K5) 5 times, K1. [32 sts]

Row 36 K1, (k2tog, K4) 5 times, K1. [27 sts]

Row 38 K1, (k2tog, K3) 5 times, K1. [22 sts]

Row 40 K1, (k2tog, K2) 5 times, K1. [17 sts]

Row 42 K1, (k2tog, K1) 5 times, K1. [12 sts]

Row 44 K1, (k2tog) 5 times, K1. [7 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

MAKING UP

Bear Head, Body and Legs Starting at bottom of each foot, gather cast-on sts tog at sole and sew side edges of Leg tog as far as cast-on sts at Rows 44 and 45. Stuff, leaving tops of Legs only lightly stuffed so Legs can bend for sitting. Sew side edges of Body and Head tog, stuffing as you go, and gather cast-off sts tog at top of Head. Sew short cast-on edges from Rows 44 and 45 tog at crotch.

Bear Muzzle Gather cast-off sts tog, and sew side edges tog to make a cup shape. Insert safety nose on top of Muzzle, then embroider a line in Yarn D below nose, tying off yarn securely on WS. Stuff, then sew cast-on edge of Muzzle onto front of face, with bottom edge of Muzzle sitting just above marked sts on neckline, stuff as you go. Sew on domed buttons for eyes above Muzzle.

Bear Ears Fold each Ear in half so cast-on and cast-off edges meet, sew side edges tog and sew cast-on/off edges tog. Sew this seamed edge onto top side of Head, with a 10cm gap between Ears at top of Head.

Bear Arms Fold each cast-on edge in half and sew tog along bottom of paw. Seam side edges of Arm tog from cast-off edge stopping at Row 16. Stuff Arms, only lightly stuffing tops of shoulders. Then sew cast-on edge and open side edges onto sides of Body, with top of each Arm sitting just below marked sts on neckline. Remove neckline markers.

Elf Outfit Starting at bottom of each Leg, sew side edges tog from cast-on edge to short cast-off edge at crotch. Fold up garter stitch turn up at bottom of each Leg and sew top of turn up onto inside Leg seam to keep in position. Sew crotch seams tog from front to back. Sew centre back seam from crotch up to bottom of plackets below Collar. Overlap plackets with buttonhole piece on top and



sew into place at centre back. Sew button on placket to correspond with buttonhole. For each Sleeve, sew side edges tog (seam runs down underarm). Sew cast-on edge of each Sleeve into armhole of outfit. For Buckle, sew side edges tog to make a rectangle shape, and use a running backstitch and Yarn F to sew onto front of the outfit over Yarn D belt stripe.

Hat Using Yarn C and a 4mm crochet hook, work a double crochet border around edges of each earhole. Sew side edges of Hat tog (seam runs down centre back). 🧶

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YOU WILL NEED

- King Cole Merino Blend DK (100% wool, 50g/104m)
For main colour yarn quantities and measurements see size table

- Small amounts of

Yarn C Amber (3398)

Yarn D Cranberry (703)

Yarn E Walnut (3393)

- A pair of 3.25mm needles
- A pair of 3.75mm needles
- A pair of 4mm needles
- Stitch holders
- For larger sizes**
- 3.25, 3.75 and 4mm circular needles, 80–120cm long (For large number of sts it may be easier to use a circular needle and work backwards and forwards)

TENSION

22 sts and 29 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 4mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

K1A/B/C Knit 1 with Yarn A/B/C.
For a full list see page 77

HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

Start at the bottom right-hand corner. Read right-side rows from right to left and wrong-side rows from left to right. A row of squares represents a row of knitting

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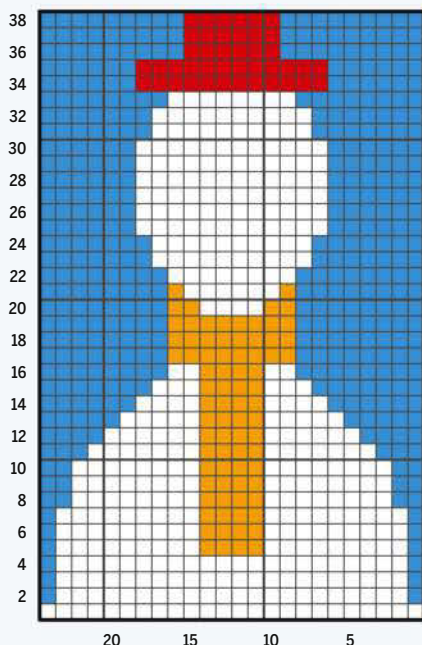
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- Yarn C
- Yarn D
- K on RS; P on WS

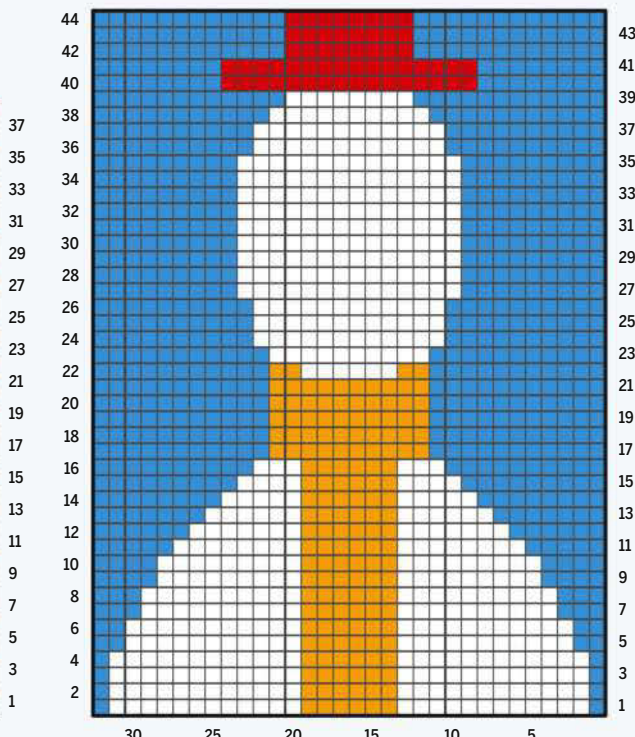
CHART A



49 (54.5: 60: 65.5: 71: 76.5: 82: 87.5) cm
19 1/4 (21 1/2: 23 1/2: 26: 28: 30: 32 1/4: 34 1/2) in



CHART B



SNOWMAN JUMPER

Notes When working from Chart, right-side rows are knit rows and read from right to left, wrong-side rows are purl rows and read from left to right. Use separate balls of yarn for each area of colour and twist yarns on wrong side to avoid a hole.

BACK

Cast on 110 (122: 134: 146: 158: 170: 182: 194) sts using 3.75mm needles and Yarn A.

Rib Row 1 K2, *P2, K2; rep from * to end.

Rib Row 2 P2, *K2, P2; rep from * to end.

Rep last 2 rows another 5 times.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beg with a RS knit row work in st st until Back measures 56 (57: 58:

60: 61: 63: 64: 66) cm from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.

SHAPE SHOULDER AND BACK NECK

Next row Cast off 7 (8: 9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14) sts, patt until there are 32 (36: 40: 44: 48: 52: 56: 60), skpo, turn and work on these 33 (37: 41: 45: 49: 53: 57: 61) sts for first side of neck shaping.

Next row P2togtbl, purl to end. [1 st dec'd]

Next row Cast off 7 (8: 9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14) sts, knit to last 2 sts, skpo. [8 (9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14: 15) sts dec'd]

Rep the last 2 rows once more. [15 (17: 19: 21: 23: 25: 27: 29) sts] Work 1 WS row.

Next row (RS) Cast off 7 (8: 9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14) sts, knit to end. Work 1 WS row.

Cast off rem 8 (9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14: 15) sts.

FIND YOUR SIZE

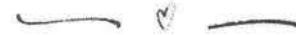
SIZE		6-8	10-12	14-16	18-20	22-24	26-28	30-32	34-36
TO FIT BUST	cm	76-81	86-91	96-102	107-112	117-122	127-132	137-142	147-152
	in	30-32	34-36	38-40	42-44	46-48	50-52	54-56	58-60
ACTUAL BUST	cm	98	109	120	131	142	152.5	163.5	174.5
	in	38½	43	47¼	51½	56	60	64¼	68¾
LENGTH	cm	56	57	58	60	61	63	64	66
	in	22	22½	22¾	23½	24	24¾	25¼	26
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45
	in	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾
YARN		King Cole Merino Blend DK (50g/104m)							
Yarn A Pale Blue (1531)		11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Yarn B White (001)		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

SIZING COLOUR KEY So you can re-use this pattern, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions. Simply follow our colour-coded measurements and you're off



"A Christmas knit like this needs to be quick and easy to create, and this fabulous jumper has no shaping until you reach the armpits, making the back super speedy to knit!"

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



With RS facing, place centre 28 (30: 32: 34: 36: 38: 40: 42) sts on a holder, rejoin yarn to rem sts.

Next row (RS) K2tog, knit to end. [40 (45: 50: 55: 60: 65: 70: 75) sts]

Next row Cast off 7 (8: 9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14) sts, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog. [8 (9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14: 15) sts dec'd]

Next row K2tog, knit to end. [1 st dec'd]

Rep the last 2 rows once more. [22 (25: 28: 31: 34: 37: 40: 43) sts]

Work 1 RS row.

Next row Cast off 7 (8: 9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14) sts, purl to end.

Rep the last 2 rows once more.

Work 1 row.

Cast off rem 8 (9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14: 15) sts.

FRONT

Cast on 110 (122: 134: 146: 158: 170: 182: 194) sts using 3.75mm needles and Yarn A.

Work 12 rows of Rib as for Back.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beg with a RS knit row, work 20 (22: 22: 24: 18: 18: 20: 20) rows in st st.

Row 1 K43 (49: 55: 61: 63: 69: 75: 81)A, K24 (24: 24: 24: 32: 32: 32: 32)B, K43 (49: 55: 61: 63: 69: 75: 81)A.

Row 2 P43 (49: 55: 61: 63: 69: 75: 81)A, P24 (24: 24: 24: 32: 32: 32: 32)B, P43 (49: 55: 61: 63: 69: 75: 81)A.

Rep last 2 rows another 15 (15: 15: 15: 19: 19: 19: 19) times.

Set Charts as foll for your size:

Row 1 K43 (49: 55: 61: 63: 69: 75: 81)A, work Row 1 of Chart A (A: A: A: B: B: B: B), K43 (49: 55: 61: 63: 69: 75: 81)A.

Row 2 P43 (49: 55: 61: 63: 69: 75: 81)A, work Row 2 of Chart A (A: A: A: B: B: B: B), P43 (49: 55: 61: 63: 69: 75: 81)A.



Cont in patt to end of Chart then cont in Yarn A only until 20 rows fewer have been worked than on Back to shoulder shaping.

SHAPE FRONT NECK

Next row K44 (49: 54: 59: 64: 69: 74: 79), skpo, turn and work on these 45 (50: 55: 60: 65: 70: 75: 80) sts for first side of neck shaping.

Next row (WS) P to end.

Next row K to last 2 sts, skpo. [1 st dec'd]

Rep the last 2 rows another 8 times. [36 (41: 46: 51: 56: 61: 66: 71) sts]
Work 1 WS row.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Cast off 7 (8: 9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14) sts at beg of next row and 3 foll RS rows. [8 (9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14: 15) sts]

Work 1 WS row.

Cast off rem sts.

With RS facing place centre 18 (20: 22: 24: 26: 28: 30: 32) sts on a holder, rejoin yarn to rem sts.

Next row K2tog, knit to end. [45 (50: 55: 60: 65: 70: 75: 80) sts]

Next row P to end.

Next row K2tog, patt to end. [1 st dec'd]

Rep the last 2 rows another 8 times.

STEP-BY-STEP SKPO SLIP 1, KNIT 1, PASS SLIPPED STITCH OVER



1 Insert the point of the right-hand needle into the next stitch as if to knit, but instead slip the stitch on to the right-hand needle.



2 Knit the next stitch as normal.



3 Insert the point of the left-hand needle into the slipped stitch on the right-hand needle and lift it over the knitted stitch.



4 Continue knitting as directed in the pattern. This decrease forms a slant that slopes towards the left.



[36 (41: 46: 51: 56: 61: 66: 71) sts]

Work 2 rows straight.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Cast off 7 (8: 9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14) sts at beg of next row and 3 foll WS rows. [8 (9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14: 15) sts]

Work 1 row.

Cast off rem sts.

SLEEVES

Cast on 46 (50: 58: 62: 70: 74: 82: 86) sts using 3.75mm needles and Yarn A.

Work 12 rows in Rib as for Back, inc 1 (3: 1: 3: 1: 3: 1: 3) sts across last row. [47 (53: 59: 65: 71: 77: 83: 89) sts]

Change to 4mm needles.

Beg with a RS knit row work 4 rows in st st.

Working in st st throughout, shape Sleeves as foll:

Inc row K4, M1, K to last 4 sts, M1, K4. [2 sts inc'd]

Work 7 rows.

Rep the last 8 rows 11 more times and then the inc row once again.

[73 (79: 85: 91: 97: 103: 109: 115) sts]

Work straight until Sleeve measures 45cm from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.

SHAPE TOP

Next row Cast off 3 sts, K to end.

[70 (76: 82: 88: 94: 100: 106: 112) sts]

Next row Cast off 3 sts, P to last 2 sts, p2tog. [4 sts dec'd]

Next row Cast off 3 sts, K to last 2 sts, skpo. [4 sts dec'd]

Rep the last 2 rows another 6 (6: 7: 8: 8: 9: 9) times.

[14 (20: 18: 24: 22: 28: 26: 32) sts]

Next row Cast off 3 sts, P to last 2 sts, p2tog.

[10 (16: 14: 20: 18: 24: 22: 28) sts]

Cast off to last 2 sts, skpo. [1 st]

Fasten off.

NECKBAND

Join right shoulder seam.

With right side facing, using 3.75mm needles and Yarn A, pick up and K23 sts down left side of Front neck, K18 (20: 22: 24: 26: 28: 30: 32) sts from Front neck holder, pick up and K23 sts up right side of Front neck, 9 sts down right side of Back neck, K28 (30: 32: 34: 36: 38: 40: 42) sts from Back neck holder, pick up and K9 sts up left side of Back neck. [110 (114: 118: 122: 126: 130: 134: 138) sts]

Work 6 rows in Rib as for Back.

Change to 3.25mm needles.

Work a further 3 rows in Rib as set.

Cast off in rib.

MAKING UP

Join the left shoulder and neckband seam. Sew on the Sleeves.

Join the side and Sleeve seams.

EMBROIDERY

Using Yarn C, embroider a fringe onto the end of the scarf in small straight stitches. Using Yarn E, embroider arms in chain stitch, and hands in small straight stitches. Embroider French knots using Yarn E for eyes and buttons. For the mouth, use a straight stitch using Yarn E caught down at the centre the make the curve. 🧵

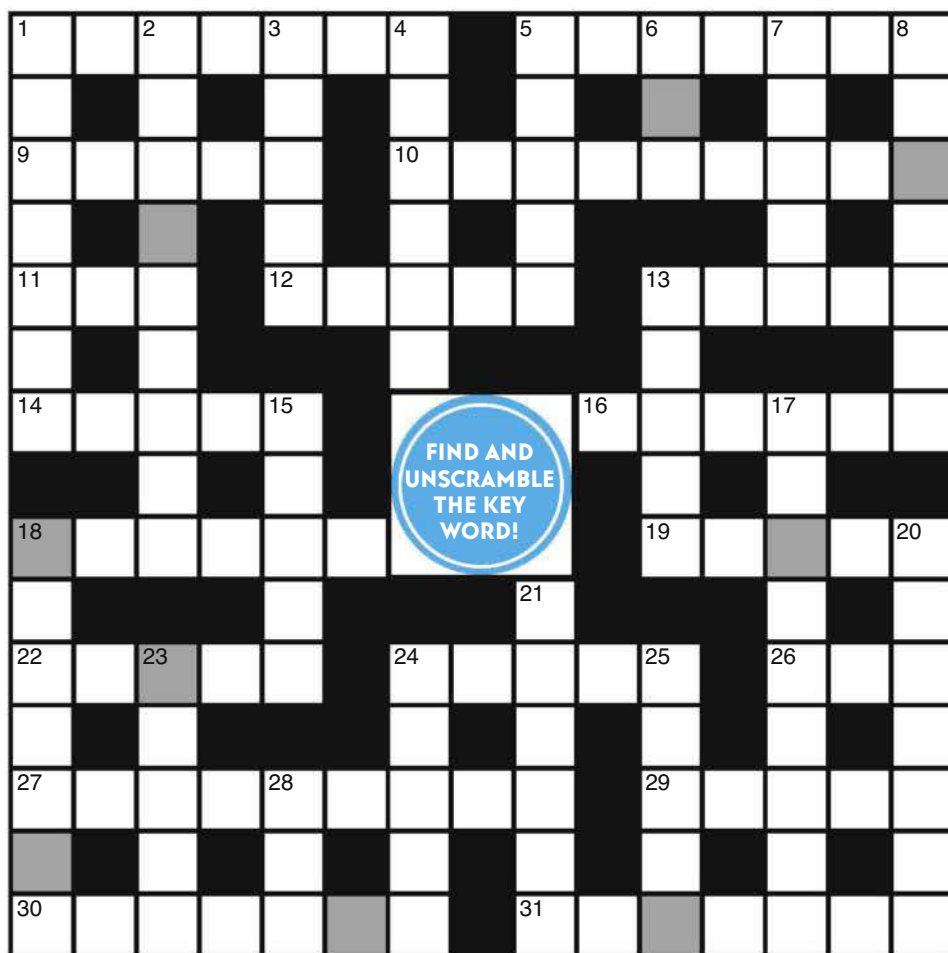


TAKE A BREAK

Pop the kettle on and take a moment to relax with our puzzles this month – it's just for fun!



CHILL OUT WITH A CROSSWORD



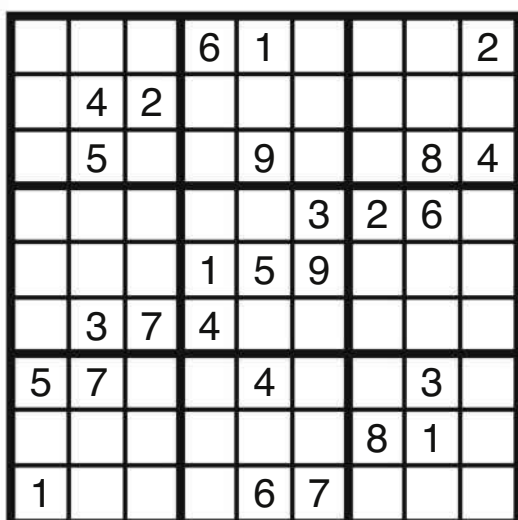
ACROSS:

- 1 Plaited (7)
- 5 --- shears, zigzag scissors to stop fabric fraying (7)
- 9 Person who moves from place to place (5)
- 10 Scooby-Doo's dog breed (5,4)
- 11 Choose (3)
- 12 Planned occasion or happening (5)
- 13 Cold, empty or depressing (5)
- 14 Scandinavian sea inlet between steep cliffs (5)
- 16 Small dark purple fruit, like a plum (6)
- 18 Diamond-patterned knitting design (6)
- 19 Sweet liquid often used on pancakes (5)
- 22 Sticky or in poor taste (5)
- 24 Small, simple shelter or hut (5)
- 26 Small bite or quick pinch (3)
- 27 Driver for hire (9)
- 29 San ---, Californian coastal city (5)
- 30 The other Liverpool football club? (7)
- 31 Soft pillow for comfort (7)

DOWN:

- 1 Skip school without permission (4,3)
- 2 Alexander ---, Pointless presenter (9)
- 3 Quickly avoid something (5)
- 4 University qualification (6)
- 5 Folded fabric detail (5)
- 6 Fishing mesh (3)
- 7 Visual representation or picture (5)
- 8 Small pickled cucumber (7)
- 13 Edible seeds like kidney, baked, or green (5)
- 15 Tool to help shape fabric (5)
- 17 Famous African wildlife plain (9)
- 18 Piece of writing for a newspaper (7)
- 20 Movie snack (7)
- 21 Material used for making clothes (6)
- 23 Short-lived fad or mania (5)
- 24 Length of yarn loosely coiled (5)
- 25 Praise or acclaim (5)
- 28 Oily or greasy substance (3)

IT'S SUDOKU TIME!



Knitting Riddle

I swoop in quietly when loops escape,
With a little lift, a stitch I reshape.
I'm not a needle, but I play my part,
Saving your knits from falling apart.
What am I?

1	9	3	8	8	6	7	4	2	5
2	6	4	9	3	5	8	1	7	6
3	7	8	2	4	1	9	3	6	5
4	3	7	4	2	6	1	5	8	9
5	2	6	1	5	9	7	4	3	8
6	4	5	7	8	3	2	6	9	1
7	5	1	3	9	2	6	8	4	7
8	2	5	7	8	3	9	1	6	4
9	6	4	2	5	7	8	3	9	1

Key word CASSEROLE WHAT AM I? A crochet hook.
24 Skein, 25 Kudos, 28 Fat.
17 Serengeti, 18 Article 20 Popcorn, 21 Fabric, 23 Craze,
5 Pleat, 6 Net, 7 Image, 8 Cherkin, 13 Beans, 15 Dolly,
31 Cushion. **Down** 1 Bunk off, 2 Armstrong, 3 Dodge, 4 Degree,
22 Tacky, 24 Shack, 26 Nip, 27 Chautauque, 29 Diego, 30 Everton,
12 Event, 13 Bleak, 14 Ford, 16 Damsion, 18 Argyle, 19 Syrup,
10 Great Dane, 11 Opt.

ISSUE 269 SOLUTIONS



FESTIVE THREADS

Keep little ones cosy with this seasonal cardigan knitted in 100% wool for warmth and comfort all winter long. By **DROPS**

* KIDS' CARDIGAN



TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ DROPS Karisma
(DK, 100% wool, 50g/100m)
For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- ☐ A 4mm circular needle,
80cm long
- ☐ A 3mm circular needle,
80cm long
- ☐ 1 set of 4mm double-pointed
needles (DPNs)
- ☐ 1 set of 3mm DPNs
- ☐ 5 (6:6:7:8) DROPS wooden
buttons, 15mm diameter
(Cedar 513)
- ☐ 2 stitch holders
- ☐ 2 stitch markers

TENSION

21 sts and 28 rows to measure
10x10cm (4x4in) over st st and
colourwork using 4mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77

KEY

- ☐ K on RS; P on WS
- ☐ Yarn A
- ☐ Yarn B
- ☐ Yarn C
- ☐ Yarn D
- ☐ Yarn E
- ☐ Yarn F

WHERE TO BUY

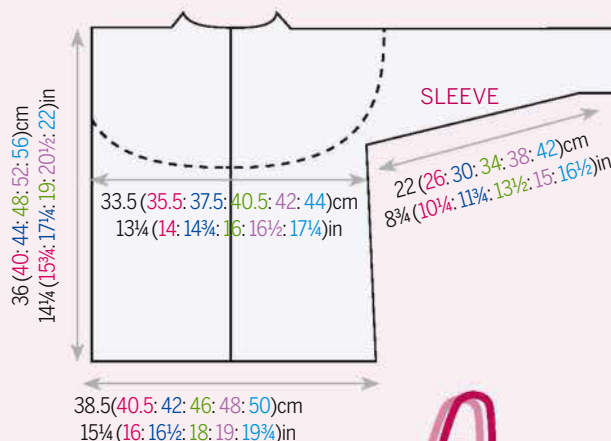
☐ For yarn stockists visit
www.garnstudio.com

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- ☐ Wool Warehouse
0800 505 3300
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk
- ☐ Folklore Yarns
07939 439138
www.folkloreyarns.com

HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

Start at the bottom right-hand corner. Read right side rows from right to left and wrong side rows from left to right. A row of squares represents a row of knitting



SUPPORT YOUR
LOCAL
YARN
SHOP
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CHART A

(9-10y and 11-12y)

CHART A

(2y, 3-4y, 5-6y and 7-8y)

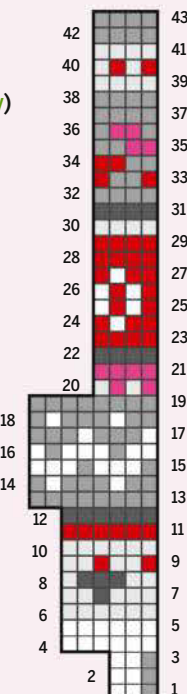
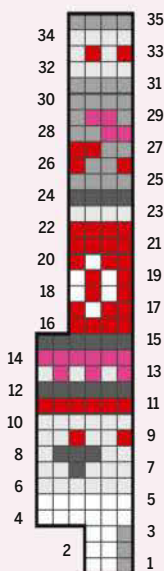


CHART B

(9-10y and 11-12y)

CHART B

(2y, 3-4y, 5-6y and 7-8y)

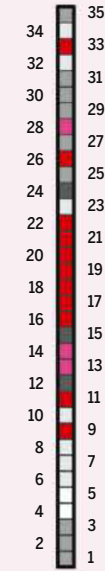
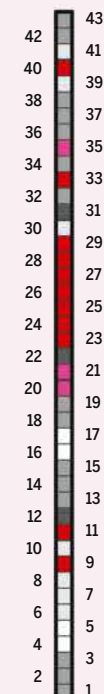


CHART C

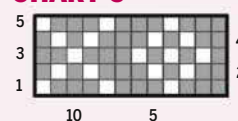
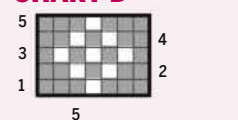


CHART D



KIDS' CARDIGAN

Pattern note Neck, yoke and body are worked back and forth with a circular needle from mid front and top down. The sleeves are worked in the round with DPNs, top down. The pattern is worked in stocking stitch throughout with garter stitch buttonbands.

Chart note As increase rows are worked during Chart A, there will be some rows in which full repeats cannot be worked. This is on stripe and 2-st repeat rows. You will be able to complete a partial repeat for the final repeat of a row. For the larger motifs, full repeats are always able to be worked.

Increase tip To work out how to increase evenly, count the total number of sts on the needle (e.g. 92 sts), minus the bands (e.g. 10 sts) and divide the remaining stitches by the number of increases

to be made (e.g. 3) = 27.3.

In this example, increase by making 1 yo after approx each 27th stitch; on the next row work the yarn overs twisted to avoid holes. Do not increase over buttonbands.

NECK

Cast on 92 (96: 96: 100: 100: 104) sts using a 3mm circular needle and Yarn A.

Row 1 (WS) K5, P to last 5 sts, K to end.

Row 2 K5, *K2, P2; rep from * to last 7 sts, K to end.

Row 3 K5, *P2, K2; rep from * to last 7 sts, P2, K5.

Rep Rows 2 and 3 until work meas 1.5cm.

Next row (RS buttonhole) Patt as set to last 3 sts, yo, k2tog, K1. On the foll row knit the yarn over to leave a hole.

FIND YOUR SIZE

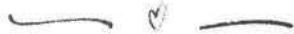
SIZE		2y	3-4y	5-6y	7-8y	9-10y	11-12y
TO FIT CHEST	cm	53	56-59	61-64	65-67	69-71	74-76
	in	21	22-23	24-25	25½-26½	27-28	29-30
ACTUAL CHEST	cm	67.5	71	75	81	84.5	88.5
	in	26½	28	29½	32	33¼	34¾
LENGTH	cm	36	40	44	48	52	56
	in	14¼	15¾	17¼	19	20½	22
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	22	26	30	34	38	42
	in	8¾	10¼	11¾	13½	15	16½
YARN	DROPS Karisma (DK, 50g/100m)						
Yarn A Light grey (44)		4	4	5	6	6	7
Yarn B Wine red (48)		1	1	1	1	1	2
Yarn C Light pearl grey (72)		1	1	1	1	1	2
Yarn D Off white (01)		1	1	1	1	1	1
Yarn E Cerise (13)		1	1	1	1	1	1
Yarn F Dark grey (16)		1	1	1	1	1	1

SIZING COLOUR KEY So you can re-use this pattern, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions. Simply follow our colour-coded measurements and you're off



"This yoke cardigan is festive magic. The soft grey base lets the cream, red, purple and dark grey colourwork stand out beautifully – it's perfect for winter celebrations."

NICOLA LYNN, CREATIVE DESIGN LEAD



Cont rep Rows 2 and 3 until work meas 2 (2: 2: 3: 3)cm ending after a RS row.

Note While working the buttonband below, work another 4 (5: 5: 6: 6: 7) buttonholes as above, with approx 8 (7.5: 8: 7.5: 8: 7.5)cm between each one.

Next row (WS) K5, P to last 5 sts, inc 3 (5: 5: 7: 7: 9) sts evenly across the row, K5. [95 (101: 101: 107: 107: 113) sts]

Change to 4mm circular needle.

BACK NECK SHAPING

Optional wrap and turn short rows are worked to improve the fit, you can chose not to work this section and move straight onto yoke.

Next row (RS) K59 (63: 63: 67: 67: 71), w&t.

Next row P23 (25: 25: 27: 27: 29), w&t.

Next row K34 (37: 37: 40: 40: 43), w&t.

Next row P45 (49: 49: 53: 53: 57), w&t.

Next row K56 (61: 61: 66: 66: 71), w&t.

Next row P to end.

On first row of yoke, resolve final w&t stitch.



YOKE

Work the 5-st buttonband at the start and end of each row in the same colour of striped rows and the background colour of each pattern row. Remember to work buttonholes at the intervals indicated for your size.

Remember Chart note when working some rows, there will not be full repeats of Chart A.

Set Chart placement, following the Chart for your size:

Next row (RS) K5, rep Chart A until last 6 sts, work Chart B, K5. Cont in working pattern in st st and buttonband sts in garter st at each end of the row. Working inc rows as follows:

On Row 3 of Chart A, inc 16 (14: 14: 12: 12: 10) sts evenly across the row in Yarn D. [111 (115: 115: 119: 119: 123) sts]

On Row 5 of Chart A inc 14 (16: 16: 18: 18: 20) sts evenly across the row. [125 (131: 131: 137: 137: 143) sts]

On Row 11 (11: 11: 11: 13: 13) of Chart A, inc 22 (24: 26: 28: 34: 36) sts evenly across the row. [147 (155: 157: 165: 171: 179) sts]

On Row 15 (15: 15: 15: 19: 19) of Chart A, inc 20 (24: 26: 26: 28: 28) sts evenly across the row. [167 (179: 183: 191: 199: 207) sts]

On Row 21 (21: 21: 21: 23: 23) of Chart A, inc 20 (22: 24: 24: 28: 28) sts evenly across the row. [187 (201: 207: 215: 227: 235) sts]

On Row 25 (25: 25: 25: 29: 29) of Chart A, inc 16 (18: 20: 20: 24: 24) sts evenly across the row. [203 (219: 227: 235: 251: 259) sts]

On Row 31 (31: 31: 31: 37: 37) of Chart A, inc 10 (10: 10: 12: 18: 22) sts evenly across the row. [213 (229: 237: 247: 269: 281) sts]

On Row 35 (35: 35: 35: - : -) of Chart A, inc 8 (4: 8: 10: - : -) sts evenly across the row. [221 (233: 245: 257: 269: 281) sts]

When Charts A and B have been completed set new Chart placement as follows:

Next row (WS) K5, work Chart D, rep Chart C 17 (18: 19: 20: 21: 22) times, K5. Cont in working pattern in st st and buttonband sts in garter st at each end of the row.

When Charts C and D have been completed, the piece meas approx 16 (16: 16: 17: 20: 20)cm from the cast-on edge mid front. The rest of the piece is worked in Yarn A only.



Work 0 (0: 1: 2: 0: 0)cm in st st with garter st buttonbands. The piece now meas approx 16 (16: 17: 19: 20: 20)cm.

Next row (RS) K36 (38: 40: 42: 44: 46) front piece, place the next 43 (45: 47: 49: 51: 53) sts on a stitch holder for the sleeve, **cast on** 6 (6: 6: 8: 8: 8) sts, K63 (67: 71: 75: 79: 83) back piece, place the next 43 (45: 47: 49: 51: 53) sts on a stitch holder for the sleeve, **cast on** 6 (6: 6: 8: 8: 8) sts, K36 (38: 40: 42: 44: 46) front piece. [147 (155: 163: 175: 183: 191) sts]

STEP-BY-STEP YO YARN OVER (BETWEEN KNIT STITCHES)



1 Bring the yarn to the front of the needles before you work the next stitch.



2 Insert the right-hand needle into the next stitch, and wrap the yarn around the right-hand needle to knit the stitch.



3 This will bring the yarn between the needles to the front, and you can then pull it through the stitch as normal.



4 Slip the stitch off the needle. You will notice that the yarn over forms an extra loop to the right of the stitch you have just worked.



Body and sleeves are now finished separately and the piece will be measured from this point.

BODY

On the next row, PM in the middle of the cast-on stitch for the underarm on both sides. Cont working st st with 5 buttonband sts in garter st at each end of the row, remembering to work buttonholes.

When the piece measures 4cm from the division ending after a WS row.
Inc row (RS) K to 2 sts before mrk, yo, K4, yo, K to 2 sts before mrk, yo, K4, yo, K to end of row, [4 sts inc'd]
 On the next row purl the yarn overs twisted to avoid holes.

Rep inc row every 2.5 (3: 3.5: 3.5: 4: 4.5)cm a further 4 (4: 4: 5: 5: 5) times. [167 (175: 183: 199: 207: 215) sts]

Cont working until the piece meas 16 (20: 23: 25: 28: 32)cm from the division, or to desired length, ending after a WS row.

Work 1 row inc 37 (41: 45: 49: 53: 53) sts evenly across.
 [204 (216: 228: 248: 260: 268) sts]

Change to 3mm circular needle.

Next row (WS) K5, *P2, K2; rep from * to last 7 sts, P2, K5.

Next row K5, *K2, P2; rep from * to last 7 sts, K to end.
 Rep these 2 rows until rib meas 4cm.

Cast off with garter stitch over garter stitch, knit over knit and purl over purl; make sure that the cast-off edge is not tight. The piece meas approx 36 (40: 44: 48: 52: 56)cm from the shoulder down.

SLEEVES

Place the 43 (45: 47: 49: 51: 53) sts on hold on one side of the piece onto 4mm DPNs, pick up and knit 6 (6: 6: 8: 8) sts in the cast-on edge of the underarm PM in the middle of these sts to mark the BOR. [49 (51: 53: 57: 59: 61) sts]

Work in st st in the round until the piece meas 2 (2: 2: 2: 3: 3)cm from the underarm.

Dec round K1, skpo, K to last 3 sts, k2tog, K2. [2 sts dec'd]
 Rep dec round every 2.5 (3: 3.5: 3.5: 4: 4)cm a further 6 (6: 6: 7: 7: 8) times. [35 (37: 39: 41: 43: 43) sts]

Cont in st st without dec until the sleeve meas 18 (22: 26: 30: 34: 38)cm from the underarm, knit 1 round inc 1 (3: 1: 3: 1: 5) sts evenly. [36 (40: 40: 44: 44: 48) sts]

Change to 3mm DPNs.

Rib Round (K2, P2) to end.

Rep Rib Round until rib meas 4cm.

Cast off with knit over knit and purl over purl; make sure that the cast-off edge is not tight. The sleeve meas approx 22 (26: 30: 34: 38: 42)cm from the underarm.

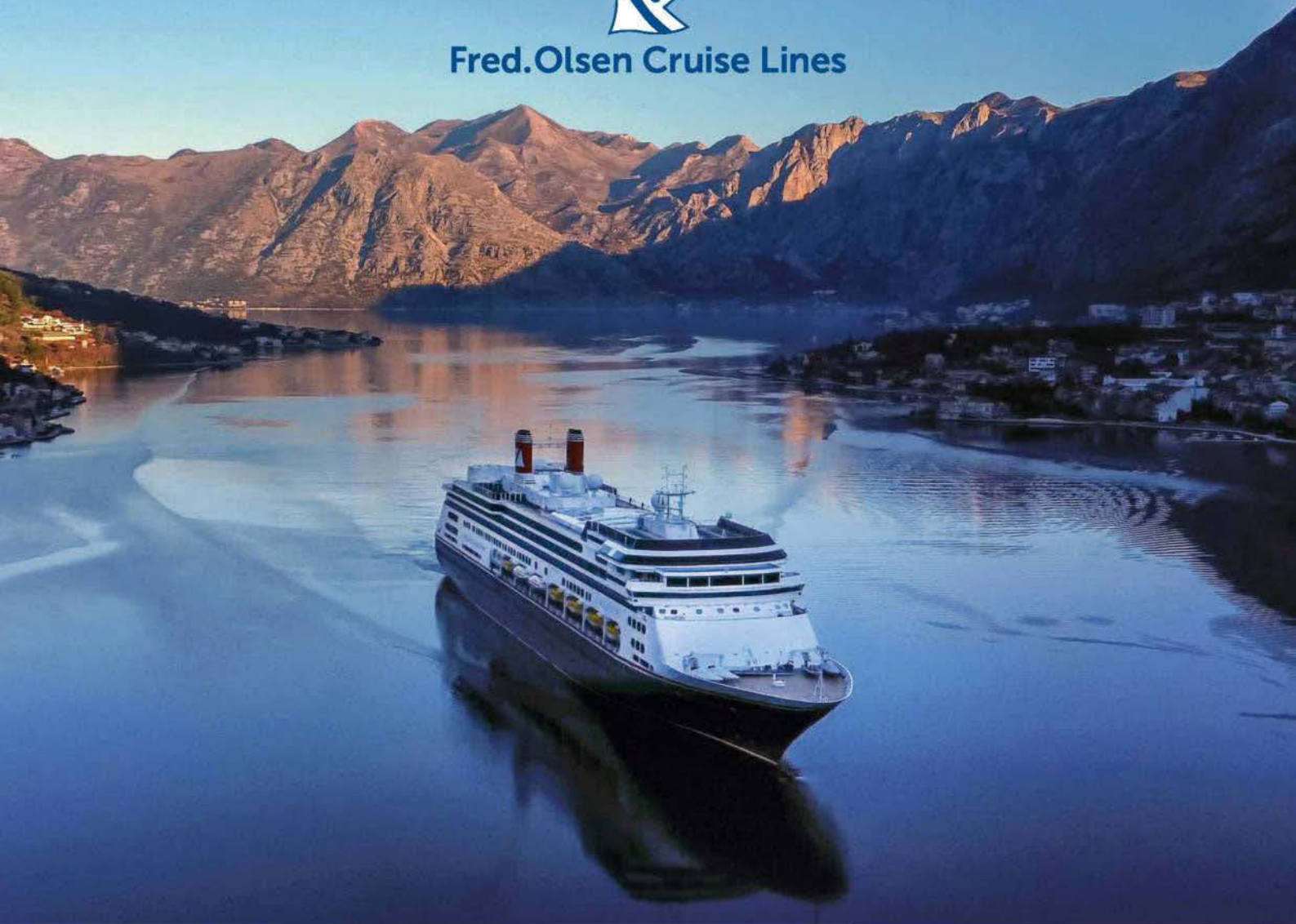
Work the other sleeve in the same way.

MAKING UP

Weave in ends and block gently to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band. Sew buttons onto left buttonband opposite buttonholes. 



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TOASTY TAIL

Wrap up little ones in cosy comfort with this playful fox scarf full of charm, warmth and fun stitches. By **Nicola Valiji**

* FOX SCARF



EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Paintbox Yarns Wool Mix Aran, (50% acrylic, 50% wool, 100g/180m)
3 balls of
Yarn A Blood Orange (819)
- ☐ Paintbox Yarns Simply Aran, (100% acrylic, 100g/184m)
1 ball of each
Yarn B Paper White (200)
Yarn C Pure Black (201)
- ☐ A pair of 4.5mm needles
- ☐ Two toy eyes
- ☐ One animal nose

TENSION

19 sts and 24 rows to measure

10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 4.5mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Length 130cm (51¼in)

Width 14cm (5½in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77

WHERE TO BUY

- ☐ Lovecrafts 01409 404010 or www.lovecrafts.com

Not suitable for children under three years old due to small parts

3 GIFT TIPS

- 1 Add a handwritten note naming your fox and saying he's always ready for snuggles. It transforms a cosy accessory into a much more personal gift.
- 2 Pair the scarf with complementary accessories in bright orange mittens or hat. A themed set creates a wow factor, turning your playful fox scarf into a fully curated, memorable gift.
- 3 Fold the scarf to curl like a sleeping fox in a gift box or basket. The unexpected shape makes unwrapping magical, giving the recipient an extra surprise that enhances your hard work.



"Wrap them up in this knitted fox scarf! Fun to make and irresistibly cosy, it's perfect for knitters of all levels – bringing warmth and magic to their wardrobes."

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



FOX SCARF SCARF FRONT

Beginning at the nose:

Cast on 2 sts using 4.5mm needles using Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS inc) K1, kfb. [3 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 (Inc) K1, kfb, K1. [4 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 (Inc) K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1. [2 sts inc'd]

Rows 6 to 27 Rep Rows 4 and 5 a further 11 times. [28 sts]

Beginning on a WS purl row, work in st st until piece measures 120cm, ending on a WS row.

TAIL SHAPING

Row 1 (Dec) K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [2 sts dec'd]

Row 2 Purl.

Rows 3 and 4 As Rows 1 and 2. [24 sts]

Break Yarn A and join Yarn B.

Row 5 (Dec) K2tog, K until 2 sts rem, k2tog. [2 st dec'd]

Row 6 Purl.

Rows 7 to 24 Rep Rows 5 to 6 a further 9 times. [4 sts]

Row 25 (Dec) (K2tog) twice. [2 sts]

Row 26 (Dec) P2tog. [1 st]

Fasten off.

SCARF BACK

Beginning at the nose:

Cast on 2 sts using 4.5mm needles using Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS Inc) K1, kfb. [3 sts]



Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 (Inc) K1, kfb, K1. [4 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 (Inc) K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1. [2 sts inc'd]

Rows 6 to 27 Rep Rows 4 and 5 a further 11 times. [28 sts]

Break Yarn B and join Yarn A.

Beginning on a WS purl row, work in st st until piece measures 120cm, ending on a WS row.

TAIL SHAPING

Row 1 (Dec) K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [26 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Rows 3 and 4 as Rows 1 and 2. [24 sts]

Break Yarn A and join Yarn B.

Row 5 (Dec) K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [2 sts dec'd]

Row 6 Purl.

Rows 7 to 24 Rep Rows 5 and 6 a further 9 times. [4 sts]

Row 25 (Dec) (K2tog) twice. [2 sts]

Row 26 (Dec) P2tog. [1 st]

Fasten off.

EAR FRONT (MAKE 2)

Cast on 10 sts using 4.5mm needles using Yarn B.

Rows 1 to 6 Beg on a RS knit row work in st st for 6 rows.

Row 7 (Dec) K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [2 sts dec'd]

Row 8 Purl.



Row 9 As Row 7. [6 sts]

Row 10 (Dec) P2tog, p2, p2tog. [4 sts]

Row 11 (Dec) (K2tog) twice. [2 sts]

Cast off.

EAR BACK (MAKE 2)

Follow the pattern for the Front of Ears but using Yarn A.

LEGS (MAKE 4)

Cast on 15 sts using 4.5mm knitting needles and Yarn A.

Rows 1 to 32 Beg with a RS knit row, work in st st for 32 rows.

Break Yarn A and join Yarn C.

Rows 33 to 40 Beg with a RS knit row work in st st for 8 rows.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

Place the eyes and nose onto the top section of the face of the fox. Sew the top and bottom pieces together with RS facing, leaving a gap to turn right side out. Turn the piece right side out and sew up the gap. Sew the Front and Back of the Ears together with RS facing leaving the cast-on edge open, turn right-side out and sew across the cast-on edge. Sew each of the Ears to the head section above the eyes. Make up the four Legs in the same way with RS facing. Turn to the right side and fold each Leg piece in half lengthwise with the seam at the back in the middle, then attach each of the Legs, two near the head and two near the tail. ●

STEP-BY-STEP M1 MAKE 1 INCREASE



1 Insert the point of the right-hand needle under the loop or line of yarn that lies between the two stitches.



2 Next slip the yarn back on to the left-hand needle, ready for knitting.



3 Insert the point of the right-hand needle into the back of the stitch as if to knit.



4 Pull the yarn all the way through and you will now have an extra stitch on your right-hand needle.



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QUESTION OF THE MONTH



YARN OVER TRICKS

Q Why do my yarn overs look twisted or too small?

Carol Henderson

Twisted or tiny yarn overs is a common hiccup, especially when you're just getting comfortable with lace or decorative stitches. Usually, it comes down to how the yarn is wrapped around the needle. If the yarn goes the wrong way, the yarn over might twist or shrink. Try to be mindful of your wrapping direction (it can vary depending on whether you knit continental or English style), and keep the wrap loose and relaxed. A little practice goes a long way – and once it clicks, your yarn overs will look just right! **Jen**



ALL IN A CURL

Q What causes the curling edges in stocking stitch?

Michelle Stockward

If your stockinette stitch is curling, don't worry, you haven't done anything wrong! This stitch naturally wants to roll up because the tension between the knit and purl rows isn't balanced. You'll notice the top and bottom curling toward the knit side, and the sides rolling toward the purl side. It's just what stockinette does. To keep things flat, try adding a border using a stitch that doesn't curl like garter, rib, or seed stitch. That gives your project some structure. Blocking can help too, especially for lace or lightweight yarns. **Kirstie**



LUMPY LACE

Q Why is my lace shawl bunching up instead of laying nice and flat?

Rudy T

If your lace looks scrunched up or messy, don't worry – it probably just needs blocking! Lace stitches create lots of holes and shaping, but they don't show off properly until the piece is stretched and set. Wet blocking (or steam blocking, depending on your yarn) opens everything up and reveals the beautiful pattern underneath. Also, take a moment to check your stitch count. Missing a yarn over or decrease can cause bunching or uneven areas. Lifelines can help here – they offer a new starting point if you go wrong and make fixing mistakes much easier. Lace will always look its best after a little finishing care. **Cory**



PERFECT YARN PICKS

Q What's the best way to choose yarn for a project?

Pat Carroll

Choosing the right yarn can feel overwhelming with so many options available, but focusing on a few key factors helps. First, consider the project's purpose – soft, washable yarns like acrylic or superwash wool work well for baby items, while sturdy, natural fibres like cotton or alpaca are great for accessories and garments. Check the yarn weight (laceweight, DK, chunky) to match your pattern's gauge; using the wrong weight can change the size and drape of your finished piece. Think about fibre content—some fibres are warmer, more breathable, or have better stretch. Colour and texture matter too: variegated or textured yarns add interest but might hide intricate stitch patterns. Lastly, if you can buy a single ball and knit a tension square this will really help. Swatching with your chosen yarn can save frustration later and help with understanding the yarn's drape. **Sophie**



Take your time when choosing yarn for your projects

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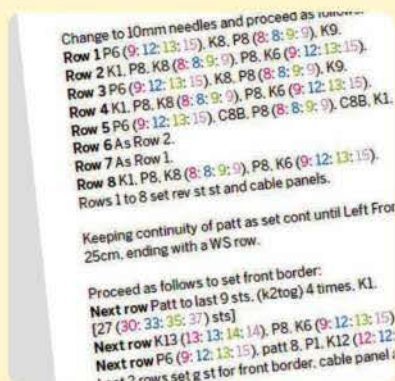
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TRICKY INSTRUCTION

Q What does it mean when the pattern says "work as set" or "work as established"?

Lilly Marshall

If you're a beginner this instruction can seem confusing but it's simple really. "Work as established" is a prompt to continue in the stitch pattern you've already set up. For example, if your previous rows followed a ribbing pattern (like K2, P2), you should maintain that rib across the next rows unless the pattern tells you otherwise. It assumes you've already created the stitch logic and should now continue that rhythm. If in doubt, look back a few rows to identify the stitch pattern and try to follow its structure. This instruction is about maintaining consistency and flow, not introducing something new. A stitch marker or row counter can help track complex repeats while you "work as established"! **Jen**



WAYWARD RIBBING

Q Why does my ribbing flare or look uneven when I knit it?

Sandi Kirk

Ribbing can flare or look uneven due to tension differences between knit and purl stitches. Purl stitches often use slightly more yarn, which can cause ribbing to loosen or spread out over time. To fix this, try tightening your purl stitches slightly or use a smaller needle size for the ribbing section. Yarn choice matters too – fibres like cotton or bamboo don't hold ribbing as well as wool. Blocking can help, but the best results come from balanced tension and careful stitch control. **Kirstie**



10 TIPS FOR LACE KNITTING

Master lace techniques with **Jen Bartlett's** expert advice



1 USE LIFELINES

Thread a spare yarn through a row to save your progress if you have to frog.

2 COUNT OFTEN

Check your stitch count every row to catch mistakes early.

3 USE MARKERS

Place stitch markers between repeats to stay on track.

4 READ THE CHART

Practice reading charts, they are a visual representation of how the lace will look.



5 SWATCH AND BLOCK

Lace changes dramatically after blocking always knit and block a swatch first.

6 CHOOSE SMOOTH YARN

Avoid fuzzy or textured yarns – they hide the intricate stitch detail of your lace.

7 KEEP IT LOOSE

Tight tension can distort lace patterns. Keep your stitches nice and relaxed.

8 PRACTICE YARN OVERS

Consistent yo size and direction will make all the difference to your finished piece.

9 TACKLE ONE REPEAT FIRST

Work and check the first pattern repeat carefully before continuing onto the full pattern – it'll solidify your understanding.

10 BLOCK YOUR PIECE

Lace always looks messy before blocking – trust the process, it'll improve it no end.



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* LACE AND STRIPES JUMPER



TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Rowan Summerlite DK (100% cotton, 50g/130m)
For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- ☐ A pair of 3.25mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 3.75mm needles
- ☐ Stitch holders

TENSION

22 sts and 30 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over striped st st using 3.75mm needles

21 sts and 30 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over patt using 3.75mm needles

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- ☐ Sconch Yarn Shop 01376 743 123 www.sconch.com

ABBREVIATIONS

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46.5 (51.5: 57: 63: 70.5) cm
18 1/2 (20 1/2: 22 1/2: 25: 28) in

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LACE AND STRIPES JUMPER STRIPE SEQUENCE

Rows 1 and 2 Using Yarn B.

Rows 3 and 4 Using Yarn A.

These 4 rows form stripe sequence and are repeated.

BACK

Cast on 102 (114: 126: 138: 154) sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn C.

Row 1 (RS) *K2, P2, rep from * to last 2 sts, K2.

Row 2 *P2, K2, rep from * to last 2 sts, P2.

These 2 rows form rib.

Work in rib for a further 18 rows, dec 0 (1: 0: 0: 0) st at each end of last row and ending with RS facing for next row.

[102 (112: 126: 138: 154) sts]

Change to 3.75mm needles and Yarn B.

Beg with a K row, work in st st in stripe sequence (see above) as folls:

Cont until Back meas 35 (36: 37: 38: 39)cm, ending with Stripe Row 1 and with WS facing for next row.

Next row (WS) P20 (22: 17: 21: 21), p2tog, [P18 (20: 16: 17: 20), p2tog] 3 (3: 5: 5: 5) times, P to end. [98 (108: 120: 132: 148) sts]

Now using Yarn A only, beg and ending rows as indicated, repeating the 8-st patt rep 11 (13: 15: 15: 17) times across each row and repeating the 14-row patt rep throughout, noting that armhole shapings are not shown on Chart, cont in patt from Chart as folls: Work 4 rows.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Keeping patt correct, cast off 7 (8: 9: 10: 11) sts at beg of next 2 rows. [84 (92: 102: 112: 126) sts]

Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 (5: 5: 7: 9) rows, then on foll 2 (2: 4: 4: 5) alt rows, then on foll 4th row. [72 (76: 82: 88: 96) sts]

Cont straight until armhole meas 20 (21: 22: 23: 24)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE SHOULDERS AND BACK NECK

Next row (RS) Cast off 5 (6: 7: 8: 9) sts, patt until there are 15 (16: 17: 19: 21) sts on right needle and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder.

Work each side of neck separately.

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next row and 6 (6: 7: 8: 9) sts at beg of foll row.

Work 1 row, ending with RS facing for next row.

Cast off rem 6 (7: 7: 8: 9) sts.

With RS facing, slip centre 32 (32: 34: 34: 36) sts onto a holder, rejoin yarn to rem sts and patt to end.

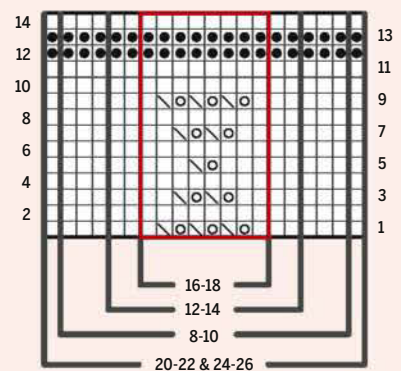
Complete to match first side, reversing shapings.

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		8-10	12-14	16-18	20-22	24-26
TO FIT BUST	cm	81-86	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127
	in	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50
ACTUAL BUST	cm	93	103	114	126	141
	in	37	41	45	50	56
LENGTH	cm	58	60	62	64	66
	in	23	23½	24½	25	26
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	45	46	47	47	47
	in	17½	18	18½	18½	18½
YARN		Rowan Summerlite DK (50g/130m)				
Yarn A White (465)		5	5	6	7	7
Yarn B Sailor Blue (470)		3	4	4	4	5
Yarn C Favourite Denims (469)		1	1	2	2	2

SIZING COLOUR KEY So you can re-use this pattern, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions. Simply follow our colour-coded measurements and you're off

CHART



KEY

- ☐ K on RS; P on WS
- ☒ P on RS; K on WS
- ☒ Skpo
- ☒ Yo
- ☒ Repeat

FRONT

Work as given for Back until 40 (40: 42: 42: 46) rows less have been worked than on Back to beg of shoulder shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE NECK

Next row (RS) Patt 29 (31: 33: 36: 40) and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder.

Work each side of neck separately.

Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 4 rows, then on foll 3 (3: 2: 2: 2) alt rows, then on 3 (3: 4: 4: 5) foll 4th rows, then on 2 foll 6th rows.

[17 (19: 21: 24: 27) sts]

Work 5 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Cast off 5 (6: 7: 8: 9) sts at beg of next row and 6 (6: 7: 8: 9) sts at beg of foll alt row.

Work 1 row, ending with RS facing for next row.

Cast off rem 6 (7: 7: 8: 9) sts.

With RS facing, slip centre 14 (14: 16: 16: 16) sts onto a holder, rejoin yarn to rem sts and patt to end.

Complete to match first side, reversing shapings.

SLEEVES

Cast on 50 (50: 54: 54: 54) sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn C. Work 20 rows in rib as given for Back, dec (inc: dec: dec: inc) 1 st at end of last row and ending with RS facing for next row.

[49 (51: 53: 53: 55) sts]

Change to 3.75mm needles and Yarn B.

Beg with a K row, work in st st in stripe sequence, inc 1 st at each end of 7th (7th: 7th: 5th: 5th) and every foll 8th (8th: 8th: 6th: 6th) row to to 61 (71: 79: 67: 77) sts, then on every foll 10th (10th: 10th: 8th: 8th) row until there are 73 (77: 81: 85: 89) sts.

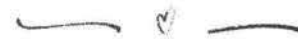
Cont straight until Sleeve meas 45 (46: 47: 47: 47)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE TOP

Keeping stripes correct, **cast off** 7 (8: 9: 10: 11) sts at beg of next 2 rows. [59 (61: 63: 65: 67) sts]

"This charming jumper combines classic stripes with a delicate lace yoke that frames the neckline. It's perfect for adding a touch of elegance to everyday outfits."

KIRSTIE MLEOD, EDITOR



Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows, then on 5 foll 4th rows, then on every foll alt row until 29 sts rem, then on foll 5 rows, ending with RS facing for next row. [19 sts]

Cast off 5 sts at beg of next 2 rows.

Cast off rem 9 sts.

MAKING UP

Block gently following any instructions on the ball band.

Join right shoulder seam using backstitch, or mattress stitch if preferred.

NECKBAND

With RS facing and using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A, pick up and knit 39 (39: 41: 41: 44) sts down left side of front neck, knit across 14 (14: 16: 16: 16) sts on front holder, pick up and knit 39 (39: 41: 41: 44) sts up right side of Front neck, 3 sts down right side of Back neck, knit across 32 (32: 34: 34: 36) sts from Back holder and pick up and knit 3 sts up left side of Back neck.

[130 (130: 138: 138: 146) sts]

Beg with Row 2, work in rib as given for Back for 12 rows, ending with WS facing for next row.

Cast off in rib (on WS).

MAKING UP

Place centre of cast-off edge of Sleeve to shoulder seam. Set in Sleeve, easing sleevehead into armhole. Join side and Sleeve seams. Weave in ends.



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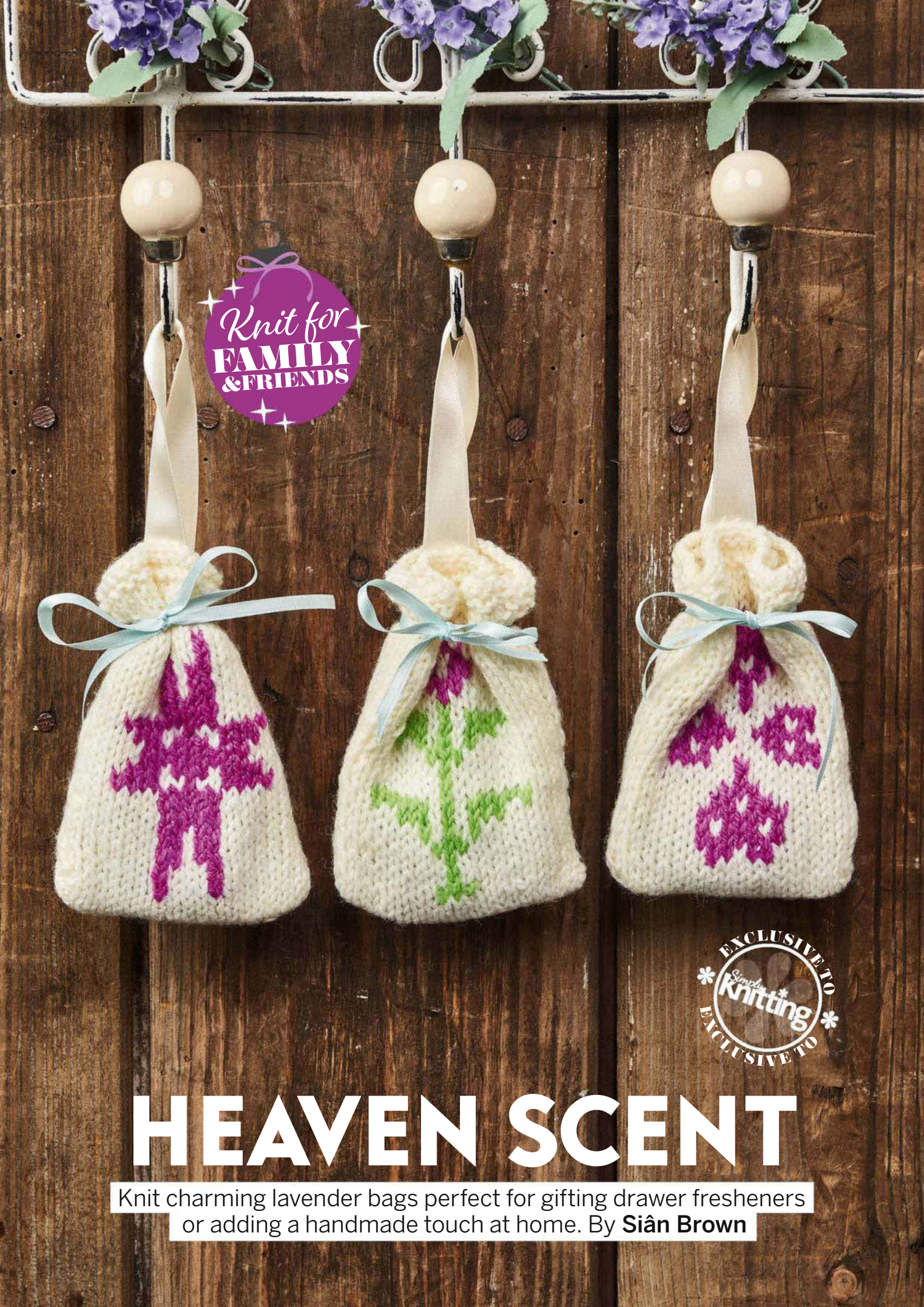
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YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ King Cole Big Value DK (100% acrylic, 50g/145m) 1 ball of each

Yarn A Cream (4021)

Yarn B Orchid (4056)

Yarn C Lime (4049)

- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ Dried lavender
- ☐ Fine weight fabric for lining
- ☐ Thin ribbon, 50cm per bag
- ☐ Wide ribbon, 22cm per bag

TENSION

22 sts and 28 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 4mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

9cm (3½in) wide x 12cm (4¾in) deep

ABBREVIATIONS

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WHERE TO BUY

- ☐ For yarn stockists contact King Cole on 01756 703670 or at www.kingcole.com

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CHART A

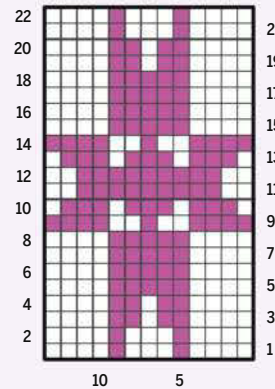
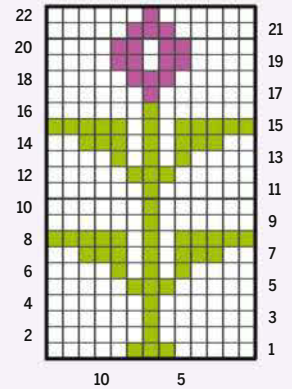


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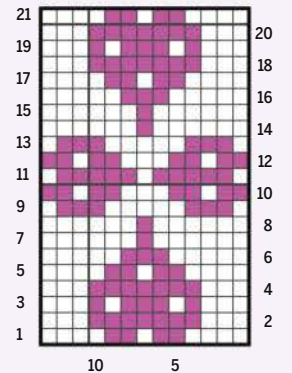
KEY

- ☐ Yarn A
- ☐ Yarn B
- ☐ Yarn C
- ☐ K on RS; P on WS

HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

Start at the bottom right-hand corner. Read right side rows from right to left and wrong side rows from left to right. A row of squares represents a row of knitting

CHART C



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"I love this lavender bag pattern – it's super quick, cute and the bags smell amazing! It's my new go-to gift knit."

CAMILLA OWEN, CREATIVE DESIGNER

LAVENDER BAGS SNOWFLAKE (MAKE 2 PIECES)

Cast on 21 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A. Work in st st for 4 rows, starting with a RS row.

BEGIN CHART

Row 1 (RS) K4 using Yarn A, work from Row 1 of Chart A, K4 using Yarn A.

Row 2 (WS) P4 using Yarn A, work from Row 2 of Chart A, P4 using Yarn A.

Cont in Chart A as set until Chart A is completed.

Continue with Yarn A only.

Work in st st for 4 rows, starting with a RS Row.

Knit 4 rows.

Cast off.

FLOWER (MAKE 2 PIECES)

Cast on 21 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A. Work in st st for 4 rows, starting with a RS Row.

BEGIN CHART

Row 1 (RS) K4 using Yarn A, work from Row 1 of Chart B, K4 using Yarn A.

Row 2 (WS) P4 using Yarn A, work from Row 2 of Chart B, P4 using Yarn A.

Cont in Chart B as set until Chart B is completed.

Continue with Yarn A only.

Work in st st for 4 rows, starting with a RS row.

Knit 4 rows.

Cast off.

HEARTS (MAKE 2 PIECES)

Cast on 21 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Work in st st for 5 rows, starting with a RS row.

BEGIN CHART

Row 1 (WS) P4 using Yarn A, work from Row 1 of Chart C, P4 using Yarn A.

Row 2 (RS) K4 using Yarn A, work from Row 2 of Chart C, K4 using Yarn A.

Cont in Chart C as set until Chart C is completed.

Continue with Yarn A only.

Work in st st for 4 rows, starting with a WS row.

Knit 4 rows.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

1 Weave in ends and block gently to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band. Sew the bottom seams.

Sew the side seams.

2 Cut pieces for the inner lining bag, and sew the side seams.

Fill with dried lavender and sew the top seam.

3 Using the thin ribbon, fold in half and sew on the side of the bag a little way down from the top.

4 Using the wider ribbon, fold in half and fold over each end. Pin onto the inside of the knitted bag and sew in place. Use the thinner ribbon to tie around the bag to secure.

How to knit

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CABLE CAST-ON METHOD Use it for a firm edge, and when adding stitches to your work



1 Make a slip knot. Insert right-hand needle into the stitch as if to knit. Wrap the yarn around the point and pull through, slipping the stitch on to the left-hand needle.



2 Push the point of the right-hand needle between the first and second stitches. Wrap the yarn anti-clockwise around the point of the right-hand needle.



3 Pull the loop out with the right-hand needle, then slip it over the tip of the left-hand needle. Repeat Steps 2 and 3 until you have the number of stitches you require.

THUMB CAST-ON METHOD A great all rounder, use it to cast on stitches quickly and easily



1 Make a slip knot and place it on a needle, leaving a long tail. The tail length depends on the number of stitches you wish to cast on. Try a length about 3 times the width of the project.



2 Hold the tail in your left hand with your thumb sticking up. Make a circle anti-clockwise with your thumb. You should end up with a cross on the front of your thumb.



3 Push the needle tip along the outside of your thumb so it passes through the loop. Wrap the working yarn as if to knit.



4 Draw the yarn through the thumb loop and then between the arms of the cross. Slip your thumb out and pull to tighten the stitch. Repeat from Step 2.

KNIT Follow our simple steps to make the most important stitch you'll learn



1 Hold the needle with the stitches on it in your left hand. Keeping the yarn in your right hand and at the back of your work, insert the point of the right-hand needle up into the front loop of the first stitch, as shown.



2 Now wind the yarn anti-clockwise around the point of the right-hand needle using your index finger. It's important to keep the yarn in your right hand relatively taut to maintain an even tension as you go.



3 Bring the right-hand needle down through the loop, making sure that you catch the yarn you wound around the needle. This creates the stitch. Don't pull the free yarn too tightly, let out some slack.



4 Push the point of the right needle further through the stitch you created, then gently pull the right needle up and to your left, taking the original loop with it. You've created one knit stitch. Repeat Steps 1 to 4 across the row.

PURL To make purl stitches, just reverse the action of plain knit stitches



Holding the needle with all the stitches on in your left hand, and ensuring that the yarn is at the front of your work, insert the right-hand needle up through the front loop of your first stitch as shown.



Wind the yarn around the tip of the right-hand needle from right to left, in an anti-clockwise motion, constantly keeping a slight tension on the yarn.



Now slip the right-hand needle back through the stitch, ensuring that you catch the yarn that you've already wound around the needle. This creates a stitch on your right-hand needle.



Pushing the point of the right-hand needle a little further through the stitch, pull the original loop up and off the left-hand needle. That's your first purl stitch! Repeat Steps 1 to 4 across the row.

CAST OFF Finish off your knitting with this straightforward cast-off technique



Start by knitting the first two stitches of the row as normal, but don't go any further along as you usually would.



Insert the left-hand needle through the first stitch, as shown. Lift this stitch over the other stitch on the right-hand needle and over the needle point.



Knit another stitch so you have two on the right needle. Lift the first stitch over the second, then repeat Steps 1 to 3.



When you get to the last stitch, cut the yarn about 15cm (6in) away, feed it through the loop and pull through firmly to fasten off.

ABBREVIATIONS AND USEFUL INFO

alt alternate
approx approximately
beg beginning
b&t (break and tighten) break off the yarn and thread the end through the st(s) left on the needle. Pull the end of the yarn to tighten the st(s) together
cn cable needle
cont continue
dec decrease(ing) (by working two stitches together)
DK double knitting
DPNs double-pointed needles
fol/s following/follows
g st garter stitch (knit every row)
inc increase (usually knit into same stitch twice)
K/k knit
kbfb knit into the back, front and back of the next st [inc 2 sts]
kfb knit into front and back of stitch
kwise knitwise; by knitting the stitch
k2tog knit the next two stitches together
k(1)tbl knit (1) into back loop
LH left hand
meas measure(s)
M1 make one stitch by knitting into back of loop between two stitches
M1L (left leaning increase) with left needle tip, lift strand between needles from front to back. Knit lifted loop through back of loop (right leaning increase) with left needle tip, lift strand between needles from back to front. Knit lifted loop through front of loop

M1P make one purlwise by purling into back of loop between two stitches (increase 1 stitch)
MB make a bobble
mrk marker
P/p purl
patt(s) pattern(s)
PB place bead
pfb purl into front and back of stitch
PM place marker
P2tog purl 2 stitches together (1 stitch decreased)
P3tog purl 3 stitches together (2 stitches decreased)
prev previous
psso pass slipped stitch(es) over
p(1)tbl purl (1) into back of the loop (purlwise) by purling the stitch
pwise remain/remaining
rem repeat(s)
rev st st reverse stocking stitch
RH right hand
rib2tog either k2tog or p2tog dep on what next stitch in ribbing should be (keeps ribbing looking neat on buttonholes)
rnd(s) round(s) (on a circular needle/DPNs)
RS right side
s2kpo slip 2 stitches, K1, pass both slipped stitches over (2 stitches decreased)
skpo slip 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch, pass slipped stitch over (1 stitch decreased)
sk2po slip 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches together, pass slipped stitch over

sl (2 stitches decreased)
sl st slip
SM slip stitch
SSK slip 2 stitches one at a time, knit 2 slipped stitches together (1 stitch decreased)
ssp slip 2 stitches one at a time, purl 2 slipped stitches together through back loops (1 stitch decreased)
st(s) stitch(es)
st st stocking stitch
tbl through the back of the loop
tog together
w&t (wrap and turn) take the yarn to the opposite side of the work between the needles, slip the next st to the right-hand needle, take the yarn back to the other side of the work between the needles, slip the stitch back to the left-hand needle.
WS wrong side
wyib with yarn in back
wyif with yarn in front
ybk yarn to the back
yfwd yarn forward
yo yarn over
yrn yarn round needle
yon yarn over needle
***** work instructions immediately following *, then repeat as directed

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12	2.75mm	2
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3	6.5mm	10½
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WHAT'S YOUR BIGGEST KNITTING DISASTER?



Kirstie McLeod
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"I scooped up a pile of washing along with a half knitted shawl I'd been making. Shawl and yarn were both felted!"



Jen Bartlett
Technical Editor

"I knitted a jumper in the round using row tension – armholes too big. Frogged, retried, still huge. Lesson? Tension differs in rounds vs rows!"



Sophie Jordan
Deputy Editor

"I've knitted so many disastrous projects because I substituted yarns and couldn't be bothered to swatch!"



Emily Hayles
Production Assistant

"I try to not see mistakes as disasters, but I was sad when my cabled socks felted – they were non-superwash wool. Lesson learned!"

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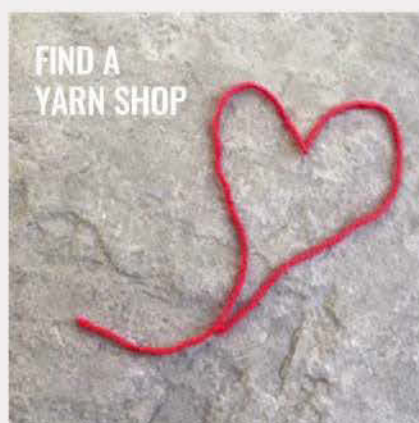
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STARRY NIGHT

Try a little simple origami when you create this gorgeous star decoration by **Becca Parker**



* TREE TOPPER



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Yarnsmiths Create DK Glitter (DK, 100% acrylic, 100g/290m)
- 1 ball in White (G3040)
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles

TENSION

20 sts and 28 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 4mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Each square 14x14cm (5½x5½in)
Star height 28cm (11in)

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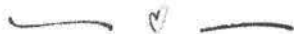
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"I'm a big fan of origami so it's really interesting to see how Becca has used her knowledge of this to create a robust, 3D shape that'll top your tree for years!"

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



TREE TOPPER

Note The Tree Topper is made up of five individual squares. These are knitted flat and then folded and seamed together to create an origami star shape.

GARTER SQUARE (MAKE 2)

Cast on 28 sts using 4mm needles.

Rows 1 to 56 Knit.

Cast off.

STOCKING STITCH SQUARE (MAKE 2)

Cast on 28 sts using 4mm needles.

Rows 1 to 3 Knit.

Row 4 (WS) K2, P24, K2.

Row 5 (RS) Knit.

Repeat Rows 4 and 5 until work measures 13cm in length.

Next row Knit.

Repeat last row twice more.

Cast off.

MOSS STITCH SQUARE (MAKE 1)

Cast on 28 sts using 4mm needles.

Row 1 *K1, P1; rep from * to end.

Row 2 *P1, K1; rep from * to end.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until work measures 14cm in length.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

Fold each square into a star point as follows before assembling.

1 Lay the square WS up and fold it in half on the diagonal, making a crease, and then unfold.

2 Fold two opposite corners towards the centre so the two straight edges meet along the crease.

3 Next, fold the remaining small triangle at the bottom directly upwards, forming one overall triangle shape.

4 Fold the two bottom corners of the triangle in and upwards, aligning with the centre crease from Step 1.

Using a tapestry needle and a length of White yarn, sew the folds into place without flattening the three-dimensional shape. Arrange the star points so that the garter, stocking stitch and moss textures are alternating. Finally, sewing with a tapestry needle or using fabric glue, match and attach one of the small triangle planes at the base of each star point to another until all five are connected, creating the overall star shape.

You may wish to add surface embroidery to your finished star to highlight the centre creases of each star point. 

STEP-BY-STEP MAKING YOUR STAR POINTS



1 Lay the square WS up and fold it in half on the diagonal, making a crease, and then unfold.



2 Fold two opposite corners towards centre so two straight edges meet along the crease.



3 Fold the remaining small triangle at the bottom upwards, forming one overall triangle.



4 Fold bottom corners of the triangle in and upwards, aligning with centre crease from Step 1.

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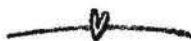


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Joyful makes to brighten your Christmas season

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Fair Isle Set**



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Festive Gifts



Hello!

Discover delightful knits to make Christmas extra special

Welcome to *Festive Gifts*! This jam-packed Christmas collection is filled with joyful knits to make your holiday season truly magical. Inside, you'll find patterns for adorable elves and penguins, cosy hats and scarves, festive garments for the whole family and charming wreath and pudding plushies. If you're thinking of crafting gifts for loved ones or adding handmade touches to your home, these designs are filled with celebratory colours and wonderful detail. So grab your needles, unwind and enjoy making these fabulous projects, they're perfect for sharing love, laughter and a little extra sparkle this Christmas.

Sophie

Sophie Jordan
Deputy Editor

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Let your passion for detail go wild – this top knit's exciting embellishments will seriously impress your family and friends! By **Fran Morgan**

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* CHRISTMAS JUMPER



TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

☐ Cygnet Pure Wool Superwash DK (100% wool, 50g/104m)

For yarn quantities and measurements see size table

- ☐ 1 pair of 3.5mm needles
- ☐ 1 pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ 13 mixed buttons, 1cm diameter
- ☐ 7 mixed buttons, 2.5cm diameter
- ☐ 1 button, 3cm diameter
- ☐ 14 beads, 8mm diameter, to go around the 3cm button
- ☐ 10 pompoms, 2.5cm diameter

TENSION

22 sts and 28 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 4mm needles

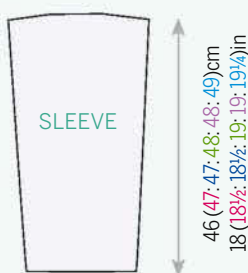
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FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		8-10	12-14	16-18	20-22	24-26	28-30
TO FIT BUST	cm	81-86	92-97	102-107	112-117	122-127	132-137
	in	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50	52-54
ACTUAL BUST	cm	96.5	105.5	114.5	125.5	134.5	145.5
	in	38	41½	45	49½	53	57¼
LENGTH	cm	61.5	63.5	64.5	66.5	65.5	66.5
	in	24¼	25	25½	26¼	25¾	26¼
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	46	47	47	48	48	49
	in	18	18½	18½	19	19	19½
YARN		Cygnet Pure Wool Superwash DK (50g/104m)					
Yarn A Geranium (2185)		8	10	12	13	14	16
Yarn B Rose Pink (2134)		1	1	1	1	1	1
Yarn C Gold (2155)		1	1	1	1	1	1
Yarn D Blueberry (2999)		1	1	1	1	1	1
Yarn E Everglade (2817)		1	1	1	1	1	1
Yarn F Copper (4888)		1	1	1	1	1	1
Yarn G Tartan Green (2150)		1	1	1	1	1	1

SIZING COLOUR KEY So you can re-use this pattern, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions. Simply follow our colour-coded measurements and you're off



WHERE TO BUY

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CHRISTMAS JUMPER

Note Use the intarsia method for colour, twisting yarn colours together where they meet to avoid holes.

BACK

Cast on 106 (116: 126: 138: 148: 160) sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn A.

Rib row (RS) *K1, P1; rep from * to end.

Rep the last row another 13 times.

Change 4mm needles.

Beg with a RS (knit) row, work 4 rows in st st.

Next row (RS) With Yarn A, K5 (10: 15: 21: 26: 32), work Row 1 of Chart A, with Yarn A, K5 (10: 15: 21: 26: 32).

Next row With Yarn A, P5 (10: 15: 21: 26: 32), work Row 2 of Chart A,

with Yarn A, P5 (10: 15: 21: 26: 32).

Work Rows 3 to 26 of Chart A as set, working extra sts each side in Yarn A.**

With Yarn A only cont in st st until Back measures 41 (41: 40: 40: 38: 38)cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Dec 1 st at each end of the next 5 (5: 6: 6: 7: 7) rows.

[96 (106: 114: 126: 134: 146) sts]

Cont without shaping until armholes measure 19 (21: 23: 25: 26: 27) cm from beg of shaping, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 16 (18: 18: 21: 23: 26) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

[64 (70: 78: 84: 88: 94) sts]

CHART A

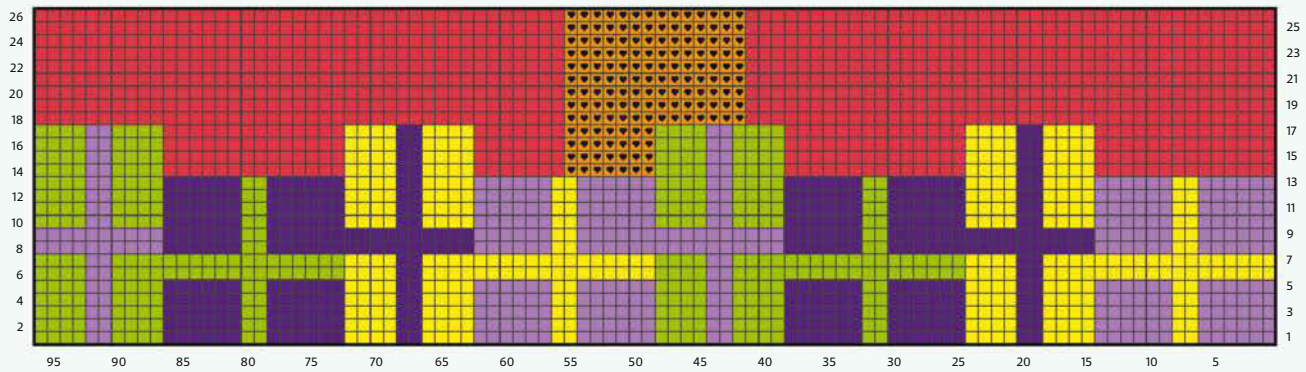


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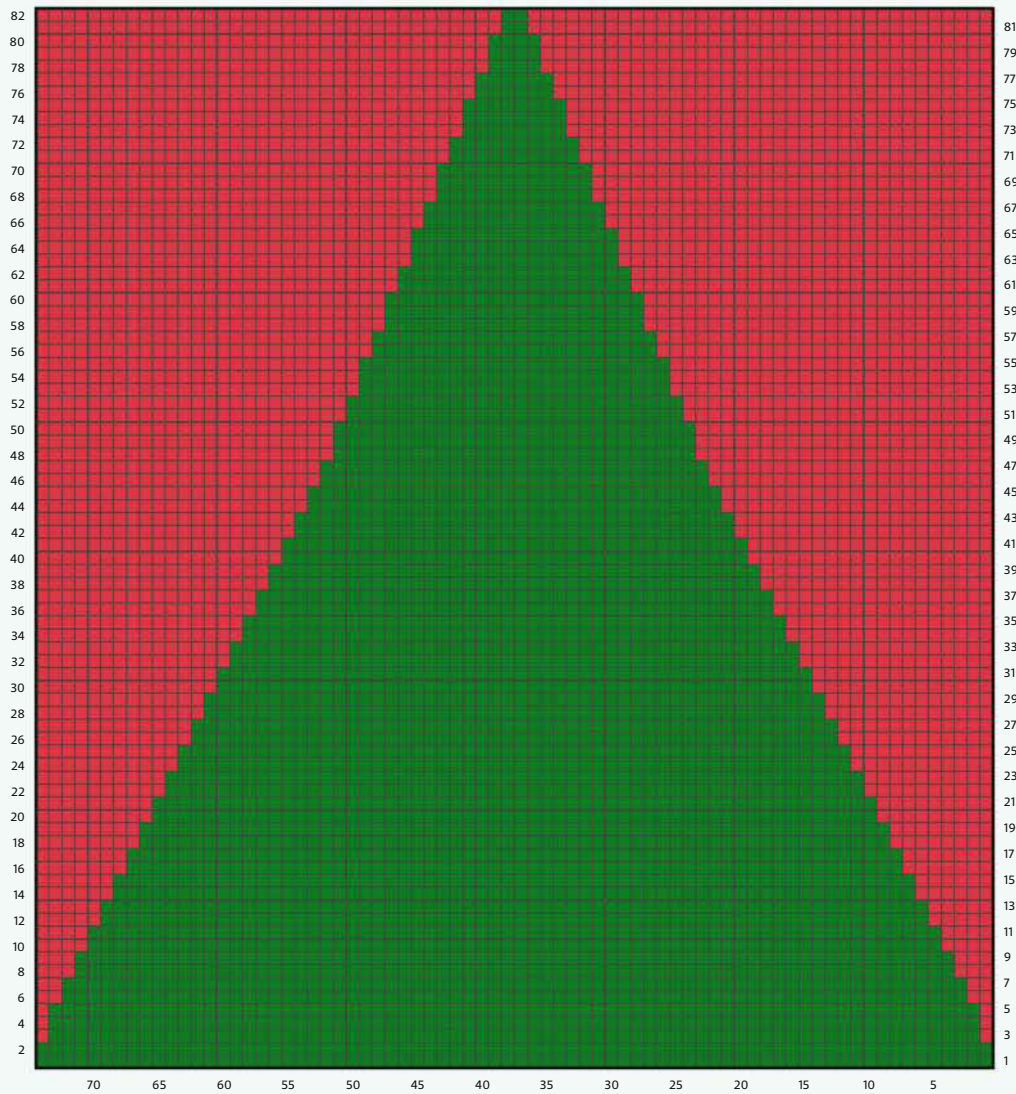
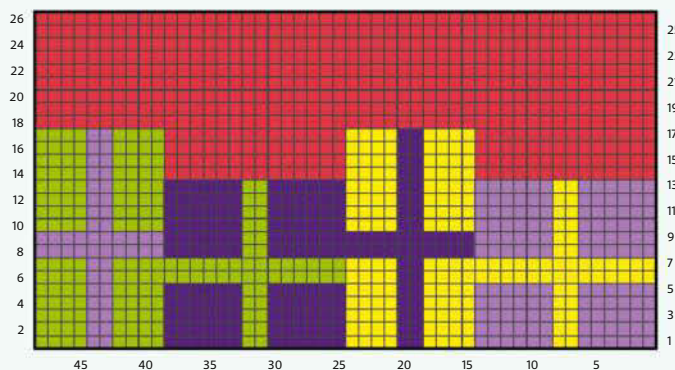


CHART C



HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

Start at the bottom right-hand corner. Read right side rows from right to left and wrong side rows from left to right. A row of squares represents a row of knitting

KEY

	K on RS; P on WS		Yarn E
	Yarn A		Yarn F
	Yarn B		Yarn G
	Yarn C		Work Front only
	Yarn D		



Cast off 17 (18: 20: 22: 23: 26) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

[30 (34: 38: 40: 42: 42) sts]

Cast off rem [30 (34: 38: 40: 42: 42) sts].

FRONT

Work the same as Back to **. [106 (116: 126: 138: 148: 160) sts]

Next row (RS) With Yarn A, K16 (21: 26: 32: 37: 43), work Row 1 of Chart B, with Yarn A K16 (21: 26: 32: 37: 43).

Next row With Yarn A, P16 (21: 26: 32: 37: 43), work Row 2 of Chart B, with Yarn A P16 (21: 26: 32: 37: 43).

Cont from Row 3 of Chart B, working extra sts each side in Yarn A, until Front measures 41 (41: 40: 40: 38: 38)cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Cont working Chart 2, keeping pattern correct, and AT THE SAME TIME, shape armholes as follows:

Dec 1 st at each end of the next 5 (5: 6: 6: 7: 7) rows.

[96 (106: 114: 126: 134: 146) sts]

When Chart 2 is complete, cont straight in A until armholes measure 11 (12: 14: 15: 17: 18)cm from beg of shaping, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE LEFT FRONT NECK

Next row (RS) K42 (46: 49: 54: 57: 63), turn, leave rem sts on a stitch holder.



Next row Purl.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 4 (6: 6: 6: 6: 6) rows.

[38 (40: 43: 48: 51: 57) sts]

Dec 1 st at neck edge of next row and 4 (3: 4: 4: 4: 4) foll alt rows.

[33 (36: 38: 43: 46: 52) sts]

Cont without shaping until armhole measures the same as Back to beg of shoulder shaping, ending at shoulder edge.

SHAPE LEFT SHOULDER

Cast off 16 (18: 18: 21: 23: 26) sts at beg of next row.

[17 (18: 20: 22: 23: 26) sts]

Next row Purl

Cast off rem 17 (18: 20: 22: 23: 26) sts.

SHAPE RIGHT FRONT NECK

With the RS facing slip 12 (14: 16: 18: 20: 20) sts onto a holder, rejoin yarn to rem 42 (46: 49: 54: 57: 63) sts and knit to end.

Next row Purl.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 4 (6: 6: 6: 6: 6) rows.

[38 (40: 43: 48: 51: 57) sts]

Dec 1 st at neck edge of next row and next 4 (3: 4: 4: 4: 4) foll alt rows.

[33 (36: 38: 43: 46: 52) sts]

Cont without shaping until armhole measures the same as Back to shoulder shaping, ending at shoulder edge.

SHAPE RIGHT SHOULDER

Cast off 16 (18: 18: 21: 23: 26) sts at beg of next row.

[17 (18: 20: 22: 23: 26) sts]

Next row Knit

Cast off rem 17 (18: 20: 22: 23: 26) sts.

SLEEVES

Cast on 48 (48: 54: 56: 58: 60) sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn A.

Rib row (RS) *K1, P1; rep from * to end.

Rep the last row another 13 times, ending after a WS row.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beg with a RS (knit) row, work 4 rows in st st.

Next row (RS) K0 (0: 3: 4: 5: 6), work Row 1 of Chart C, K0 (0: 3: 4: 5: 6).

Next row P0 (0: 3: 4: 5: 6), work Row 2 of Chart C, P0 (0: 3: 4: 5: 6).

Cont from Row 3 of Chart C, keeping patt correct, and AT THE SAME TIME shape sides as follows. Cont in Yarn A only when Chart C is complete.

Inc row (RS) K1, M1, patt to last st, M1, K1. [2 sts inc'd]

Patt 7 (5: 5: 3: 3: 3) rows.

Rep Inc row. [2 sts inc'd]

Rep the last 8 (6: 6: 4: 4: 4) rows another 8 (6: 10: 2: 8: 9) times.

[68 (64: 78: 64: 78: 82) sts]

Patt 9 (7: 7: 5: 5: 5) rows.

Rep Inc row. [2 sts inc'd]

Rep the last 10 (8: 8: 6: 6: 6) rows another 2 (7: 4: 15: 11: 11) times.

[74 (80: 88: 96: 102: 106) sts]

Cont without shaping until Sleeve measures 46 (47: 47: 48: 48: 49) cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE SLEEVE TOP

Dec 1 st at each end of the next 5 (5: 6: 6: 7: 7) rows.

[64 (70: 76: 84: 88: 92) sts]

Work 1 (1: 0: 0: 1: 1) row straight.

Cast off 5 (4: 3: 4: 3: 4) sts at the beg of the next 8 (12: 2: 12: 2: 16) rows. [24 (22: 70: 36: 82: 28) sts]

Cast off 6 (5: 4: 5: 4: 5) sts at the beg of the next 2 (2: 14: 4: 16: 2) rows. [12 (12: 14: 16: 18: 18) sts]

Cast off rem 12 (12: 14: 16: 18: 18) sts.

NECKBAND

Join right shoulder seam.

With RS facing, 3.5mm needles and Yarn A, pick up and knit 22 (22: 24: 24: 24: 24) sts down left-front neck, knit across 12 (14: 16: 18: 20: 20) held front neck, pick up and knit 22 (22: 24: 24: 24: 24) up right-front neck, pick up and knit 30 (34: 38: 40: 42: 42) sts across back neck. [86 (92: 102: 106: 110: 110) sts]

Rib row (WS) (K1, P1) to end.

Rep the last row another 6 (6: 8: 8: 8: 8) times.

Cast off loosely in rib.

MAKING UP

Join left shoulder seam and neckband. Join side seams and Sleeve seams. Set in Sleeves. Weave in all ends. Block gently to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band. Using the photo as a guide, sew on the sequin trim and buttons. Only sew the embellishments on with a few stitches to secure as these will need to be removed before washing. 🧵





JOLLY CUDDLIES

Celebrate the season with these adorable Christmas stocking fillers – the perfect pair to knit and gift. By **Jane Burns**



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Yarnsmiths Create DK (100% acrylic, 290m/100g) 1 ball of each
 - Yarn A** Khaki (3206)
 - Yarn B** Anthracite Grey (3002)
 - Yarn C** White (3040)
- ☐ A pair of 3.25mm needles
- ☐ Two 3.25mm double-pointed needles (DPNs)
- ☐ Small amount of toy stuffing
- ☐ Tapestry needle
- ☐ Gold star button
- ☐ 4 safety eyes, 5mm diameter
- ☐ Oddments of DK yarn in gold and red

TENSION

24 sts and 32 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3.25mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Pudding Approx 8cm tall x 8cm wide (3¼x3¼in) without legs

Wreath approx 6cm tall x 6cm wide (2½x2½in) without legs

ABBREVIATIONS

MB Make Bobble (K1, yo, K1, yo, K1) in next st, turn; P1, p1tbl, P1, p1tbl, P1) turn; K5, turn; P5, turn; K5, *pass 2nd stitch on RH needle over first st; rep from * until only 1 of 5 bobble sts remain

For a full list see page 77 in *Simply Knitting* magazine

WHERE TO BUY

☐ Wool Warehouse
0800 505 3300 on
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

Not suitable for children under three years old due to small parts



CHRISTMAS PLUSHIES WREATH

Cast on 35 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (K3, M1) 11 times, K2. [46 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 (K4, M1) 11 times, K2. [57 sts]

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 (eyes) K23, P1, K8, P1, knit to end.

Rows 7 to 11 Beg with a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 12 (K3, k2tog) 11 times, K2. [46 sts]

Row 13 Purl.

Row 14 (K2, k2tog) 11 times, K2. [35 sts]

Row 15 Purl.

Cast off.

LEGS (MAKE TWO)

Cast on 4 sts using 3.25mm DPNs and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) Knit, do not turn, slide sts to other end of needle.

Rows 2 to 5 Rep Row 1 another 4 times.

Row 6 (Kfb) 4 times. [8 sts]

Row 7 (WS) Purl.

Row 8 K2, (K1, M1) 4 times, K2. [12 sts]

Row 9 Purl.

Row 10 Purl.

Change to Yarn B.

Row 11 Purl.

Row 12 (K2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]

Row 13 (P2tog) 3 times. [3 sts]

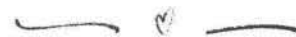
Cut yarn leaving a long tail and thread through rem 3 sts, pull to close bottom of foot, use tail to sew back of foot closed.

MAKING UP

Place safety eyes using the purl sts in Row 6 to help with placement. Sew Wreath side edges together. Sew cast-on and

"This delightful pair are lots of fun to knit and come with a few exciting techniques to try too. Give them a go if you're a confident beginner who wants to stretch their skills."

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR



cast-off sts together, to form the seam on the inside of the Wreath, stuffing as you go. Sew star button to centre top front. Using photo as a guide, make French knot bobbles using Yarn C and red and gold DK. Using red DK embroider a small mouth. Sew on Legs.

PUDDING

Starting at the bottom.

Cast on 6 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 6 times. [12 sts]

Row 2 all WS rows except Rows 20 and 30 Purl.

Row 3 K1, M1, (K2, M1) 5 times, K1. [18 sts]

Row 5 K1, M1, (K3, M1) 5 times, K2. [24 sts]

Row 7 K2, M1, (K4, M1) 5 times, K2. [30 sts]

Row 9 K2, M1, (K5, M1) 5 times, K3. [36 sts]

Row 11 K2, M1, (K6, M1) 5 times, K4. [42 sts]

Row 13 Knit.

Row 15 K3, M1, (K7, M1) 5 times, K4. [48 sts]

Row 17 Knit.

Row 19 K3, k2tog, (K6, k2tog) 5 times, K3. [42 sts]

Row 20 (WS, eyes) P17, K1, P6, K1, purl to end.

Row 21 K2, k2tog, (K5, k2tog) 5 times, K3. [36 sts]

Row 23 Knit.

Row 25 K2, k2tog, (K4, k2tog) 5 times, K2. [30 sts]

Row 27 K1, k2tog, (K3, k2tog) 5 times, K2. [24 sts]

Row 29 K1, k2tog, (K2, k2tog) 5 times, K1. [18 sts]



Row 30 (WS) (P1, p2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]

Row 31 (K2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem 6 sts and pull tight to close bottom of Pudding.

ICING

Cast on 46 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn C.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 K1, (MB, K3) 11 times, K1.

Row 3 P5, p2tog, P10, p2tog, P9, p2tog, P10, p2tog, P4. [42 sts]

Row 4 K3, (k2tog, K5) 5 times, k2tog, K2. [36 sts]

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 K3, (MB, K2) 11 times.

Row 7 Purl.

Row 8 K2, (k2tog, K4) 5 times, k2tog, K2. [30 sts]

Row 9 Purl.

Row 10 K1, (MB, K3) 7 times, K1.

Row 11 P2, (p2tog, P3) 5 times, p2tog, P1. [24 sts]

Row 12 K2, (MB, K2) 7 times, K1.

Row 13 P1, (p2tog, P2) 5 times, p2tog, P1. [18 sts]

Row 14 K1, (MB, K2) 5 times, K2.

Row 15 P1, (p2tog, p1) 5 times, p2tog. [12 sts]

Row 16 (K2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem 6 sts and pull tight to close top of Icing.

LEGS (MAKE TWO)

Work as Wreath legs using Yarn B only.



HOLLY LEAF

Cast on 3 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 K1, M1, K1, M1, K1. [5 sts]

Row 3 Purl

Row 4 K2, M1, K1, M1, K2. [7 sts]

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 Knit.

Row 5 (P2tog) 3 times, P1. [4 sts]

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem 4 sts and pull to form tip of leaf; secure with a stitch.

HOLLY BERRY

Cast on 5 sts using 3.25mm needles and red DK.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

Rows 3 to 4 Rep last 2 rows once more.

Row 5 Knit.

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem 5 sts, and cont to work a running stitch down the side of the piece, across the cast-on edge and up the other side. Pull to form a ball and use yarn tails to stuff. Secure with sts.

MAKING UP

Using purl sts in Row 20 of Pudding as a guide, attach safety eyes. Sew side seam of Pudding closed, stuffing as you work. Use a gathering stitch to close the bottom of the Pudding. Sew the seam of the Icing piece and attach to the top half of Pudding. Using photo as a guide, sew on Leaf and Berry. Wrap Yarn C around the eyes and secure with a stitch. Embroider a small mouth using red DK. Sew on Legs. 

STEP-BY-STEP M1 MAKE 1 INCREASE



1 Insert the point of the right-hand needle under the loop or line of yarn that lies between the two stitches.



2 Next slip the yarn back on to the left-hand needle, ready for knitting.



3 Insert the point of the right-hand needle into the back of the stitch as if to knit.



4 Pull the yarn all the way through and you will now have an extra stitch on your right-hand needle.



FESTIVE FRIENDS

Cast on a double act of Christmas cheer with these fun jumpers. They're perfect for your holiday celebrations! By **Stylecraft**



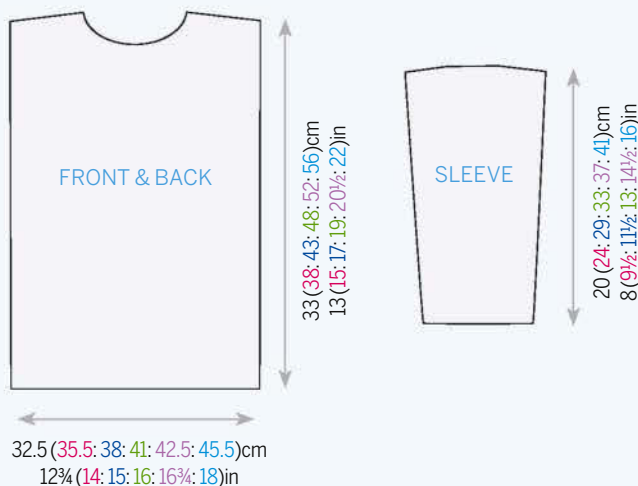
IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Stylecraft Life DK (75% acrylic, 25% wool, 100g/298m)
For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- ☐ Oddments of black yarn for Santa's eyes
- ☐ Oddments of orange yarn for snowman's nose
- ☐ A pair of 3.25mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ Stitch holders

WHERE TO BUY

☐ For yarn stockists call Stylecraft on 01484 848435 or visit www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk



TENSION

22 sts and 30 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 4mm needles

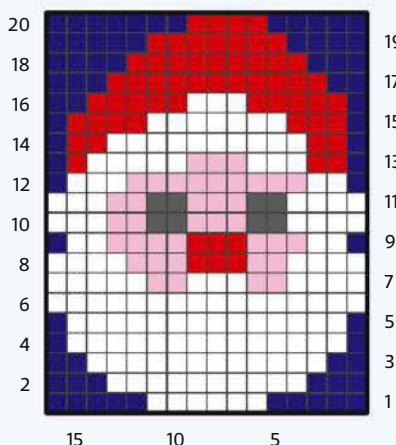
ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77 in *Simply Knitting* magazine

HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

Start at the bottom right-hand corner. Read right-side rows from right to left and wrong-side rows from left to right. A row of squares represents a row of knitting

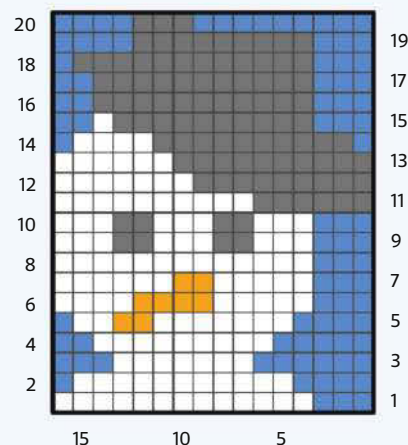
SANTA CHART



KEY

- or Yarn A
- Yarn B
- Yarn C
- Yarn D
- Yarn E
- Yarn F

SNOWMAN CHART



KIDS' JUMPERS PATTERN STITCHES

2X2 RIB

Row 1 (K2, P2) to last 2 sts, K2.

Row 2 P2, (K2, P2) to end.

Rep Rows 1 and 2.

FRONT

Cast on 82 (90: 94: 102: 106: 110) sts using 3.25mm needles, thumb method and Yarn A, and work 9 (13: 13: 15: 15) rows in 2x2 rib.

Next row Rib 4 (5: 5: 6: 8: 9), rib2tog, [rib 6 (5: 7: 6: 6: 8), rib2tog] 9 (11: 9: 11: 11: 9) times, rib 4 (6: 6: 6: 8: 9).

[72 (78: 84: 90: 94: 100) sts]

Change to 4mm needles.

Working in st st (throughout) work 2 (4: 2: 6: 4: 6) rows.

Working from right to left on knit rows and left to right on purl rows.***

PLACE CHART

****Row 1** K6 (9: 12: 4: 6: 9)A, (patt across 16 sts as given for Row 1 of Santa or Snowman Chart, K6A) 2 (2: 2: 3: 3: 3) times, patt across 16 sts as given for Row 1 of Santa or Snowman Chart, K6 (9: 12: 4: 6: 9)A.

Row 2 P6 (9: 12: 4: 6: 9)A, patt across 16 sts as given for Row 2 of



FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		1-2yrs	2-3yrs	4-5yrs	6-7yrs	8-9yrs	10-11yrs
TO FIT CHEST	cm	51	56	61	66	71	76
	in	20	22	24	26	28	30
ACTUAL CHEST	cm	65	71	76	82	85	91
	in	25½	28	30	32¼	33½	36
LENGTH	cm	33	38	43	48	52	56
	in	13	15	17	19	20½	22
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	20	24	29	33	37	41
	in	8	9½	11½	13	14½	16
YARN		Stylecraft Life DK (100g/298m)					
SANTA SWEATER							
Yarn A Navy (2313)		2	2	2	3	3	3
Yarn B White (2300)		1	1	1	1	1	1
Yarn D Clover (2358)		1	1	1	1	1	1
Yarn E Crimson (2411)		1	1	1	1	1	1
SNOWMAN SWEATER							
Yarn A Cascade (2308)		2	2	2	3	3	3
Yarn B White (2300)		1	1	1	1	1	1
Yarn C Black (2307)		1	1	1	1	1	1

SIZING COLOUR KEY So you can re-use this pattern, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions. Simply follow our colour-coded measurements and you're off



"Knitting matching jumpers for your younger family members can be so rewarding. These two retro options make a great gift to start the holiday season off perfectly."

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR



Santa or Snowman Chart, (P6A, patt across 16 sts as given for Row 2 of Santa or Snowman Chart) 2 (2: 2: 3: 3: 3) times, P6 (9: 12: 4: 6: 9)A.

Rows 1 and 2 set position of Santa or Snowman Chart.

Work Rows 3 to 20 working from chosen Chart.

Using Yarn A only work 2 (4: 2: 4: 2: 4) rows more.**

Work from ** to ** 2 (2: 3: 3: 4: 4) times more.

Using Yarn A only (throughout) work 0 (2: 0: 2: 2: 2) rows more.

SHAPE NECK

Next row K31 (34: 36: 39: 40: 43), turn, leave rem 41 (44: 48: 51: 54: 57) sts on a stitch holder.

Working on these 31 (34: 36: 39: 40: 43) sts only proceed as follows:

Next row Purl.

Work 4 rows dec 1 st at neck edge in every row.

[27 (30: 32: 35: 36: 39) sts]

Work 7 rows dec 1 st at neck edge in next and every foll alt row.

[23 (26: 28: 31: 32: 35) sts]

Work 9 (9: 11: 11: 11: 11) rows more without shaping.

Cast off.

With RS facing, working on rem 41 (44: 48: 51: 54: 57) sts, slip 10 (10: 12: 12: 14: 14) sts onto a stitch holder, rejoin yarn to rem 31 (34: 36: 39: 40: 43) sts and knit to end.

Next row Purl.

Work 4 rows dec 1 st at neck edge in every row.

[27 (30: 32: 35: 36: 39) sts]

Work 7 rows dec 1 st at neck edge in next and every foll alt row.

[23 (26: 28: 31: 32: 35) sts]

Work 9 (9: 11: 11: 11: 11) rows more without shaping.

Cast off.

BACK

Note As an alternative, the Back can be worked in one colour only.

Work as given for Front to ***.

Work from ** to ** as given for Front 3 (3: 4: 4: 5: 5) times more. Using Yarn A, work 0 (0: 2: 2: 4: 2) rows more.

Next row Cast off 23 (26: 28: 31: 32: 35) sts, K25 (25: 27: 27: 29: 29), cast off 23 (26: 28: 31: 32: 35) sts.

Leave centre 26 (26: 28: 28: 30: 30) sts on a stitch holder.

SLEEVES (BOTH ALIKE)

Cast on 38 (42: 46: 46: 50: 50) sts using 3.25mm needles, thumb method and Yarn A, and work 9 (13: 13: 15: 15: 15) rows in 2x2 rib.

Next row Rib to end dec 3 (3: 1: 1: 1: 1) sts evenly across row.

[35 (39: 45: 45: 49: 49) sts]

Change to 4mm needles.

Working in st st (throughout) work 37 (45: 68: 75: 85: 89) rows inc 1 st at each end of 5th and every foll 4th (5th: 9th: 7th: 8th: 7th) row. [53 (57: 61: 67: 71: 75) sts]

Cont without shaping until Sleeve measures 20 (24: 29: 33: 37: 41) cm, ending with a WS row.

SHAPE SLEEVE TOP

Cast off 12 (13: 14: 15: 16: 17) sts at beg of next 4 rows.

[5 (5: 5: 7: 7: 7) sts]

Cast off rem 5 (5: 5: 7: 7: 7) sts.

NECKBAND

Join right shoulder seam.

With RS facing, using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A, pick up and knit 22 (22: 24: 24: 24: 24) sts evenly along left side of neck, knit across 10 (10: 12: 12: 14: 14) sts left on a stitch holder at front of neck, 22 (22: 24: 24: 24: 24) sts evenly along right side of neck and knit across 26 (26: 28: 28: 30: 30) sts left on a stitch holder at back of neck. [80 (80: 88: 88: 92: 92) sts]

Next row K3 (3: 4: 4: 5: 5), inc in next st, (K3, inc in next st) 5 times, knit to end. [86 (86: 94: 94: 98: 98) sts]

Commencing with Row 1 of 2x2 rib work 8 rows.

Cast off loosely in rib.

MAKING UP

Place marker threads 13 (14: 15: 16: 17: 18)cm, down from shoulder shapings. Join left shoulder and neckband seams. Fold Sleeves in half lengthways then placing folds to shoulder seams, sew in position to marker threads. Join side and Sleeve seams. See your ball band for pressing and care instructions. 🧵



FIND TOP PATTERNS!

Discover a wealth of wonderful patterns and more at our Gathered Shop. No matter what your favourite craft, there's inspiration galore when you take a browse. Visit www.gatheredshop.com for more.



STEP-BY-STEP HOW TO DO THE THUMB CAST-ON METHOD



1 Make a slip knot and place it on a needle, leaving a long tail. The tail length depends on the number of stitches you wish to cast on. Try a length about 3 times the width of the project.



2 Hold the tail in your left hand with your thumb sticking up. Make a circle anti-clockwise with your thumb. You should end up with a cross on the front of your thumb.



3 Push the needle tip along the outside of your thumb so it passes through the loop. Wrap the working yarn as if to knit.



4 Draw the yarn through the thumb loop and then between the arms of the cross. Slip your thumb out and pull to tighten the stitch. Repeat from Step 2.

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WINTER BUDDY

Stitch a charming cold-weather friend to brighten your Christmas queue, and delight your nearest and dearest. By **Monica Rodrigues Fierres**



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 100g/280m)
- 1 ball of each
- Yarn A** Silver Grey (838)
- Yarn B** White (961)
- Yarn C** Sunflower (978)
- Yarn D** Black (965)
- Yarn E** Ladybird (698)
- ☐ A pair of 3.5mm needles
- ☐ Toy filling
- ☐ Two black safety eyes, 9mm
- ☐ Two mother-of-pearl buttons, 2cm diameter
- ☐ Turquoise felt
- ☐ White felt

- ☐ Oddment of pink DK yarn
- ☐ Tiny pompom maker or fork

TENSION

23 sts and 27 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3.5mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

29cm (11½in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77 in *Simply Knitting* magazine

WHERE TO BUY

- ☐ For yarn stockists contact Sirdar on 01924 371501 or www.sirdar.com

OR YOU COULD TRY...

- ☐ **The Wool Factory**
www.thewoolfactory.co.uk
- ☐ **Shirley Wools**
07377 439233
www.shirleywools.com

Not suitable for children under three years old due to small parts.

MAKING UP YOUR TOY

When making up try not to overstuff. Add filling in small handfuls, shaping as you go. Too much stuffing can stretch stitches or distort shapes. Use a chopstick or pencil to reach tiny limbs and corners. A softly packed toy feels cuddly and holds its form beautifully.



"With easy shaping and adorable details, this little penguin is a joy to knit. Whether perched on a shelf or snuggled in small arms, it's irresistibly huggable."

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



PENGUIN TOY BODY

Start at neck.

Cast on 12 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 (Pfb, P1) 6 times. [18 sts]

Row 3 (Kfb, K1) 9 times. [27 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 (Kfb, K2) 9 times. [36 sts]

Rows 6 and 7 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 8 (Pfb, P3) 9 times. [45 sts]

Rows 9 to 18 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 19 (Kfb, K4) 8 times, K5. [53 sts]

Rows 20 to 39 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 40 P1, pfb, P17, pfb, P6, pfb, P6, pfb, P17, pfb, P1. [58 sts]

Row 41 Knit.

Row 42 P1, pfb, P54, pfb, P1. [60 sts]

Row 43 Knit.

Row 44 P1, pfb, P56, pfb, P1. [62 sts]

Row 45 Knit.

Row 46 P1, pfb, P58, pfb, P1. [64 sts]

Row 47 Knit.

Row 48 P13, (p2tog, P10) 3 times, p2tog, P13. [60 sts]

Row 49 Knit.

Row 50 (P7, p2tog) 6 times, P6. [54 sts]

Row 51 Knit.

Row 52 (P6, p2tog) 6 times, P6. [48 sts]

Row 53 Knit.

Row 54 (P5, p2tog) 6 times, P6. [42 sts]

Row 55 (K2tog, K3) 8 times, k2tog. [33 sts]

Row 56 Purl.

Row 57 (K2tog, K2) 8 times, K1. [25 sts]

Row 58 (P2tog, P1) 8 times, P1. [17 sts]

Cast off.

HEAD

Start at front, use a separate end of yarn for each colour section and cross yarns at colour changes to avoid holes (intarsia method).

Cast on 12 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS) K4B, join Yarn D, K4D, join a second end of Yarn B, K4B. [12 sts]

Row 2 (KfbB) 4 times, P1D, (kfbD) twice, P1D, (kfbB) 4 times. [22 sts]

Row 3 Keeping colours correct, knit.

Row 4 (KfbB) 8 times, P2D, (kfbD) twice, P2D, (kfbB) 8 times. [40 sts]

Row 5 Keeping colours correct, knit.

Row 6 (KfbB, K1B) 8 times, P8D, (kfbB, K1B) 8 times. [56 sts]

Row 7 K24B, (kfbD) 8 times, K24B. [64 sts]

Row 8 P2D, P22B, P16D, P22B, P2D.

Row 9 (KfbD) twice, K1D, K21B, K16D, K21B, K1D, (kfbD) twice. [68 sts]

Row 10 P7D, P18B, P18D, P18B, P7D.
Row 11 K8D, K16B, K20D, K16B, K8D.
Row 12 P9D, P14B, P22D, P14B, P9D.
Row 13 K10D, K12B, K24D, K12B, K10D.
 Break Yarn B and cont in Yarn D.
Rows 14 to 24 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 25 (K2tog, K4) 11 times, k2tog. [56 sts]
Row 26 Purl.
Row 27 (K2tog, K3) 11 times, K1. [45 sts]
Row 28 Purl.
Row 29 (K2tog, K1) 15 times. [30 sts]
Row 30 Purl.
Row 31 (K2tog, K1) 10 times. [20 sts]
Row 32 (P2tog) 10 times. [10 sts]
Row 33 (K2tog) 5 times. [5 sts]
Cast off.

Sew seams of Head and Body and stuff both pieces. Cut two circles of turquoise felt and two of white felt. Using photo as a guide, place each turquoise circle on top of a white circle then insert safety eye. Push stalk of each eye through knitted fabric and attach backing to secure. With pink DK yarn, embroider a cheek blush under each eye using Swiss darning. Join Head to Body.

BEAK

Cast on 2 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn C.
Row 1 (RS) Knit.
Row 2 (Kfb) twice. [4 sts]
Row 3 Knit.
Row 4 (Kfb, K1) twice. [6 sts]
Row 5 Knit.
Row 6 (Kfb, K1) 3 times. [9 sts]
Row 7 Knit.
Cast off.

Stuff Beak and attach to front of Head, just below colour change section between eyes.

FEET AND LEGS (MAKE 2)

Start at foot.
Cast on 13 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn C.
Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 13 times. [26 sts]
Rows 2 to 5 Knit.
Row 6 K6, (sk2po) twice, k2tog, (sk2po) twice, K6. [17 sts]
Row 7 Knit.
Row 8 K6, k2tog, K1, k2tog, K6. [15 sts]
Row 9 K6, sk2po, K6. [13 sts]
Row 10 Knit.
Row 11 K5, sk2po, K5. [11 sts]
Row 12 Knit.
Row 13 K4, sk2po, K4. [9 sts]
Row 14 Knit.
Row 15 K3, sk2po, K3. [7 sts]
Rows 16 to 18 Knit.
Cast off.

FOOT BASE (MAKE 2)

Cast on 4 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn C.
Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 4 times. [8 sts]
Row 2 (Kfb) 8 times. [16 sts]
Rows 3 and 4 Knit.
Cast off.

Join side seam of each Foot/Leg piece and stuff lightly. Attach a Foot Base under each Foot.





RIGHT OUTER WING

Cast on 11 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn A.

Rows 1 to 3 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 4 (WS) Pfb, P9, pfb. [13 sts]

Rows 5 to 18 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 19 P11, p2tog. [12 sts]

Row 20 K2tog, K10. [11 sts]

Row 21 P9, p2tog. [10 sts]

Row 22 K2tog, K8. [9 sts]

Row 23 Purl.

Row 24 K2tog, K7. [8 sts]

Row 25 P6, p2tog. [7 sts]

Row 26 K2tog, K5. [6 sts]

Row 27 P4, p2tog. [5 sts]

Row 28 K2tog, K3. [4 sts]

Cast off.

LEFT OUTER WING

Cast on 11 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn A.

Rows 1 to 3 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 4 Pfb, P9, pfb. [13 sts]

Rows 5 to 18 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 19 P2tog, P11. [12 sts]

Row 20 K10, k2tog. [11 sts]

Row 21 P2tog, P9. [10 sts]

Row 22 K8, k2tog. [9 sts]

Row 23 Purl.

Row 24 K7, k2tog. [8 sts]

Row 25 P2tog, P6. [7 sts]

Row 26 K5, k2tog. [6 sts]

Row 27 P2tog, P4. [5 sts]

Row 28 K3, k2tog. [4 sts]

Cast off.

RIGHT INNER WING

Cast on 11 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn B.

Rows 1 to 3 Knit.

Row 4 Kfb, K9, kfb. [13 sts]

Rows 5 to 18 Knit.

Row 19 K11, k2tog. [12 sts]

Row 20 K2tog, K10. [11 sts]

Row 21 K9, k2tog. [10 sts]

Row 22 K2tog, K8. [9 sts]

Row 23 Knit.

Row 24 K2tog, K7. [8 sts]

Row 25 K6, k2tog. [7 sts]

Row 26 K2tog, K5. [6 sts]

Row 27 K4, k2tog. [5 sts]

Row 28 K2tog, K3. [4 sts]

Cast off.

LEFT INNER WING

Cast on 11 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn B.

Rows 1 to 3 Knit.

Row 4 Kfb, K9, kfb. [13 sts]

Rows 5 to 18 Knit.

Row 19 K2tog, K11. [12 sts]

Row 20 K10, k2tog. [11 sts]

Row 21 K2tog, K9. [10 sts]

Row 22 K8, k2tog. [9 sts]

Row 23 Knit.

Row 24 K7, k2tog. [8 sts]

Row 25 K2tog, K6. [7 sts]

Row 26 K5, k2tog. [6 sts]

Row 27 K2tog, K4. [5 sts]

Row 28 K3, k2tog. [4 sts]

Cast off.

Holding Right Outer and Right Inner Wings tog with WS touching, sew around all sides, stuffing lightly as you go. Repeat for Left Outer and Left Inner Wings. Attach each completed Wing to side of Body using a mother of pearl button.

SCARF

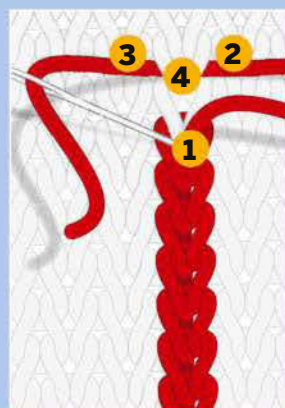
Cast on 3 sts using 3.5mm needles, and Yarn E.

Rows 1 to 148 Knit.

Cast off.

Make 2 tiny pompoms using Yarn E and attach one to each end of Scarf. Knot Scarf around neck and secure with a few stitches. 🧶

STEP-BY-STEP SWISS DARNING



Swiss darning or duplicate stitch is a great way to add small details to your knitting, covering the stitch with an embroidery stitch the same shape as the stitch beneath it.

Work from bottom to top, bringing the needle out at the base of the stitch at **1**. Take the needle behind the top of the 'V', in at **2** and out at **3**. Take the needle down at **1** and bring it up at **4**, at the base of the stitch above. Continue in this way up the line of knitted stitches.

THE PERFECT GIFT

Treat the man in your life to a hat and scarf he'll never want to take off!

Ann Franklin's cosy set is packed with fun-to-knit techniques





IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Stylecraft Life DK
(75% acrylic,
25% wool, 100g/298m)
2 balls of
Yarn A Cream (2305)
1 ball of each
Yarn B Cardinal (2306)
Yarn C Navy (2313)
- ☐ A set of 4mm double-pointed
needles (DPNs) or a 4mm
circular needle, 40cm long
- ☐ A set of 3.75mm DPNs or a
3.75mm circular needle,
40cm long
- ☐ Stitch markers

TENSION

22 sts and 30 rows to measure
10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using
4mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Hat

Actual Circumference

52cm (20½in)

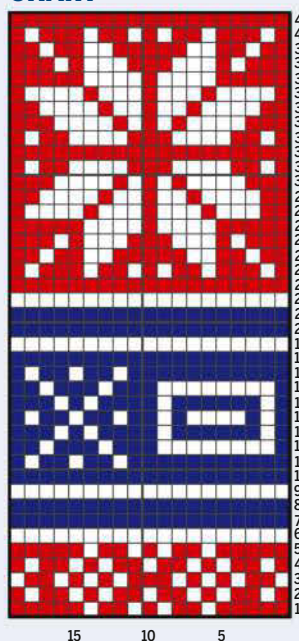
Scarf

13x132cm (5x52in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77 in
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CHART



KEY

- ☐ Yarn A
- ☐ Yarn B
- ☐ Yarn C

HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

Start at the bottom right-hand corner. Read all rows from right to left. A row of squares represents a row of knitting

MEN'S HAT AND SCARF

HAT

Cast on 114 sts using 3.75mm DPNs and Yarn A.

Join to work in the round, taking care not to twist stitches.
PM to mark beg of round.

Round 1 (RS) *K3, P3; rep from * to the end of the round.
Work 11 more rounds in rib as set in Round 1.

Change to 4mm needles.

Round 13 Knit.

As you work the next round, place markers every 19 sts to mark the Chart repeats.

Round 14 Knit.

Begin Chart, working Rounds 1 to 41 once.

When Chart has been completed, cont in Yarn A only.

Round 56 *K17, k2tog; rep from * to the end of the round. [108 sts]
Knit 3 rounds.

Round 60 *K7, k2tog; rep from * to the end of the round. [96 sts]
Knit 3 rounds.

Round 64 *K6, k2tog; rep from * to the end of the round. [84 sts]
Knit 3 rounds.

Round 68 *K5, k2tog; rep from * to the end of the round. [72 sts]
Knit 1 round.

Round 70 *K4, k2tog; rep from * to the end of the round. [60 sts]
Knit 1 round.

Round 72 *K3, k2tog; rep from * to the end of the round. [48 sts]
Knit 1 round.

Round 74 *K2, k2tog; rep from * to the end of the round. [36 sts]
Knit 1 round.

Round 76 *K1, k2tog; rep from * to the end of the round. [24 sts]
Knit 1 round.

Round 78 *K2tog; rep from * to the end of the round. [12 sts]
Break yarn, thread through rem sts and fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends and block gently to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band.

SCARF

Cast on 57 sts using 4mm DPNs and Yarn A.

Join to work in the round, taking care not to twist stitches. PM to mark beg of round.

Round 1 (RS) Knit.

Knit a further 14 rounds.

Begin Chart, working Rounds 1 to 41 once.

When Chart has been completed, work in Yarn A only until work measures 114cm.

Begin Chart at Round 41 working from top to bottom, work Rounds 41 to 1 once.

When Chart is completed, work in Yarn A only.

Knit 15 rounds.

Cast off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. Fold the ends of the scarf so that the beginning and end of the rounds are at the centre back. Sew across the top and bottom open sections. Block gently to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band.



TINSEL & BAUBLES

These simple ragdoll elves are easy to knit and fun to cuddle on Christmas Eve night. By **Sophie Jordan**





IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 100g/280m) 1 ball of each
- Yarn A** White (961)
- Yarn B** Signal Red (977)
- Yarn C** Biscuit (963)
- Yarn D** Lemongrass (699)
- Yarn E** Sunflower (978) (girl elf only)
- Yarn F** Clementine (576) (girl elf only)
- ☐ Small amount of pink DK yarn for mouth and nose
- ☐ Small amount of dark brown DK

yarn for eyes (both) and fringe (boy elf only)

- ☐ A pair of 3.25mm needles
- ☐ A 3mm crochet hook
- ☐ Stitch holder (optional)
- ☐ Pom-pom makers (optional)
- ☐ Soft toy filling
- ☐ Dressmaker's pins
- ☐ Tapestry needle
- ☐ Sewing needle
- ☐ White sewing thread
- ☐ 2 x wooden buttons per doll (2cm diameter)
- ☐ Brass bell per doll (optional)
- 50cm ribbon (girl elf only)

TENSION

24 sts and 32 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3.25mm needles

23 sts and 44 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over garter st using 3.25mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

50cm (19¾in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77 in *Simply Knitting Magazine*

WHERE TO BUY

- ☐ For yarn stockists contact Sirdar on 01924 371501 or www.sirdar.com



BOY ELF FRONT

Starting with the body section **cast on** 22 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) Knit into the back of all the sts.

Row 2 (WS) Kfb, purl to last st, kfb. [2 sts inc'd]

Row 3 Change to Yarn B and K to end.

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 Change to Yarn A. Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [2 sts inc'd]

Row 6 Purl.

Repeat the last 4 rows until there are 34 sts, ending with a P row.

Next row Change to Yarn B and K to end.

Next row Purl.

Next row Change to Yarn A and K to end.

Next row Purl.

Repeat these 4 rows once more.

Dec row Change to Yarn B, k2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [2 sts dec'd]

Next row Purl.

Next row Change to Yarn A and K to end.

Next row Purl.

Repeat the last 4 rows until 22 sts rem, ending with the Dec row.

Next row Purl.

HEAD

Change to Yarn C.

Starting with a K row, work in st st for 4 rows.

Next row Kfb, K to the last st, kfb. [24 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [2 sts inc'd]

Repeat the last 2 rows until there are 36 sts, ending with a K row.

Next row Purl.

Next row Knit.

Next row Purl.

Repeat last 2 rows a further 3 times.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [2 sts dec'd]

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [2 sts dec'd]

Repeat the last 2 rows until there are 26 sts.

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [2 sts dec'd]

Next row P2tog, P to last 2 sts, p2tog. [2 sts dec'd]

Repeat the last 2 rows until there are 14 sts.

Cast off.

LEGS

Picked up and knitted along the cast-on edge of the body.

With RS facing, using 3.25mm needles and Yarn B, pick up and knit 11 sts from right to left (you should have reached the centre of the cast-on edge, make sure you have 11 sts left for the second Leg to pick up later).

****Row 1** Purl. [11 sts]

Row 2 Change to Yarn A, K to end.

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 Change to Yarn B, K to end.

Row 5 Purl.

Repeat the last 4 rows' stripes as set until the Leg measures 16cm ending with the second Yarn A row.

SHOES

Change to Yarn B. Break off Yarn A.

Row 1 Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [13 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [15 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [17 sts]

Starting with a purl row, work in st st for 3 rows.

Row 9 Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [19 sts]

Row 10 Purl.

Row 11 K2tog, K to last st, k2tog. [17 sts]

Starting with a purl row, work in st st for 3 rows.

Row 15 K2tog, K to last st, k2tog. [2 sts dec'd]

Row 16 Purl.

Rep the last 2 rows 3 more times. [9 sts]

Next row K2tog, K to last st, k2tog. [7 sts]

Next row P2tog, K to last 2 sts, p2tog. [5 sts]

Cast off.

Return to the cast-on edge of the body and pick up and knit the remaining 11 stitches as before with the RS facing, beginning at the centre and working to the left, using 3.25mm needles and Yarn B. Repeat from ** on Legs to end of Shoes.

ARM 1

Return to the left side of the Elf's body. With RS facing and using Yarn B, pick up and knit 11 sts down from where the Head starts.

****Next row** Purl.

Change to Yarn A.

Starting with a K row, work in st st and 4-row stripe patt as for Body until the Arms measure 11cm, ending with the second Yarn B row.

Change to Yarn C.

Work in st st for 4 rows, beg with a K row.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [9 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [7 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [5 sts]

Next row Purl.

Cast off.

ARM 2

Return to the right side of the Elf's body. With RS facing and starting from where the Yarn C neck meets the stripy top, count approximately 11 rows down the side of the body making sure the end of the Arms line up on each side, pick up and knit 11 stitches working back up towards the Head.

Repeat from ** on Arm 1 until end.

BACK

Make exactly as the Front.

SHORTS FRONT

Starting with the bib, **cast on** 25 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn D.

Row 1 Knit into the back of all the sts.

Knit 33 rows.

At the beg of next row **cast on** 8 sts.

Knit one row. [33 sts]

At the beg of next row **cast on** 8 sts.

Knit one row. [41 sts]

****Knit** 3 rows across all sts.

Next row Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [43 sts]

Knit 6 rows.

Next row Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [45 sts]

Repeat last 7 rows until there are 49 sts.***

Next row K23, k2tog, turn and work on these sts only. Place the rem sts on a stitch holder if preferred, or you can knit each side separately leaving them on the needles.

***Knit 10 rows.

Cast off.

Reattach the yarn to the centre of the Shorts and work the second Shorts Leg from *** to end.

BACK

Cast on 41 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn D.

Row 1 Knit into the back of all sts.

Repeat from ** on Shorts Front to end.

STRAPS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 57 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn D. Knit 4 rows, knitting into the back of every stitch.

Cast off.

HAT (MAKE 2)

Cast on 46 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (WS) Knit into the back of all sts.

Row 2 (RS) Purl.

Row 3 Knit.

Row 4 Purl.

Repeat the last 2 rows 3 times.

Row 11 Knit.

Row 12 (RS) Change to Yarn D and knit to end.

Row 13 Purl.

Row 14 Knit.

Row 15 Purl.

Row 16 K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [2 sts dec'd]***

Repeat the last 4 rows 21 times, or until 2 sts remain.

Cast off.

POMPOMS

Using Yarn A make a large pompom for the end of the Hat, and two smaller pompoms for the Shoes.

MAKING UP

Place the Front and Back sections of your Elf RS together and pin around the edge using dressmaker's pins. Sew around the edges using Yarn C for the Head and Hands, and Yarn A or B for the body. Leave a 2.5-5cm gap in the seam for turning. Turn the Elf RS out. Stuff your Elf, making sure not to overstuff. The Elf is supposed to have a flat appearance, like a rag doll. Take time stuffing your Elf making sure all the limbs are even and without lumps. When you're happy, sew up the turning gap neatly with colour-matching yarn.

Shorts Lining up the legs, place the Shorts Front and Shorts Back RS together.

Using Yarn D sew the side seams. Sew the inner leg seam. Turn RS out. Sew the short edge of one of the Straps to one side of the front



bib, repeat with the other strap. Using white sewing thread and a sewing needle sew on two wooden buttons, one either side of the bib top. Put the Shorts on the doll and pull them up snugly. Secure at the hips on both sides with a few stitches of Yarn D. Pull the Straps over the shoulders, cross them over at the back and using Yarn D secure to the back of the Shorts on either side, roughly 2cm from each side seam.

Face Measure 7cm down from the top of the head and, below this point, sew eyes in dark brown yarn and a nose and mouth in pink yarn using the photo as a guide.

Hat Placing the two Hat sections RS together, sew around the two long edges using Yarn D for the green section and Yarn A for the white edging. Attach the large pompom to the top. With the Hat RS out, measure 14cm up from the bottom of the hat and insert a dressmaker's pin across the width of the hat. Turn the bottom section up until you reach where you've pinned and using sewing thread (it doesn't matter what colour, it won't be seen from the front) and a sewing needle, sew a seam from side to side at this point (creating an inner seam inside the Hat. You're going to stuff the lower portion of the Hat and this prevents the stuffing from moving up the Hat). Don't sew this seam too tight, you want it to be as invisible as possible from the other side, and not distort the Hat shape. Turn Hat to right side. Fill lightly with stuffing and pull onto the head (make sure the back of the Hat is at the nape of the neck and the front 3.5cm above the eyes). Lining up the seams and pinning in place beforehand, sew Hat to the head working around the White edge of the Hat using Yarn A. Sew a brass bell at tip of the Hat, just under the pompom using white sewing thread (optional).

Shoes Add a small pompom to each shoe using Yarn A.

Hair (Boy Elf only) Cut eight 8cm lengths of brown yarn. Using a 3mm crochet hook and starting from centre of front of forehead,



add the hair: push the crochet hook under the 'V' of the flesh-coloured stitch, fold the dark brown yarn in half, catch the loop with the crochet hook and pull under the 'V' stitch BUT not all the way through. Tuck the ends of the dark brown yarn through loop on the RS side and pull them tight to form two strands of hair. Repeat along the edge of the Hat to form a fringe. Trim the fringe to your preferred length.

GIRL ELF

The Girl and Boy Elf are identical apart from the hair, clothes and embroidered eyes. Knit the body, head, Legs, Arms and Hat as for the Boy Elf, follow the make up instructions for the main components (excluding the above), then follow the instructions below to finish your Girl Elf.

PINAFORE FRONT

Knit as for Shorts Front until ****.

Knit 17 rows.

Cast off.

PINAFORE BACK

Cast on 41 sts using Yarn D and 3.25mm needles.

Knit into the back of all sts.

Knit 3 rows.

Next row Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [43 sts]

Knit 6 rows.

Next row Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [45 sts]

Repeat last 7 rows until there are 49 sts.

Knit 17 rows.

Cast off.

PINAFORE STRAPS

Work as for Shorts Straps.

MAKING UP

Pinafore Place the Pinafore Front and Pinafore Back RS together. Using Yarn D sew the side seams. Turn RS out. Sew the short edge of one of the Straps to one side of the front bib, repeat with the other Strap. Using white sewing thread and a sewing needle sew on two wooden buttons, one either side of the bib top. Put the Pinafore on the doll. Secure at the hips on both sides with a few stitches of Yarn D. Pull the Straps over the shoulders, cross them over at the back and using Yarn D secure to the back of the Pinafore on either side, roughly 2cm from each side seam.

Face Repeat as for Boy Elf, adding eyelashes to the eyeline with short brown stitches if you like.

Hair Cut 80cm lengths of Yarn E and Yarn F. Starting from the centre back of the doll's head, right under the edge of the Hat, insert a crochet hook under the two strands of a single Yarn C stocking stitch, coming back out the other side. Fold one of the hair lengths in half and hook the loop over the crochet hook. Pull the hair length back under the stocking stitch leaving a tail on the other side. Thread the tail through the loop you have pulled under and through the stocking stitch. Pull the tail end tight pulling the loop snug against the head. Repeat along the edge of the Hat to ear height on each side, making sure to alternate between the two hair colours. Repeat this process around the face, using shorter lengths of yarn to create a fringe. Trim carefully to neaten. Plait the hair on either side of the face. Attach ribbons to finish. 🍌



STITCH & GLIDE

Knit up some winter cheer with this festive skate-shaped stocking – perfect for gifting or dressing your mantel. By **Nicola Valiji**



* ICE-SKATE STOCKING



EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Paintbox Yarns Simply Aran (100% acrylic, 100g/184m)
One ball of each
Yarn A Paper White (200)
Yarn B Slate Grey (205)
Yarn C Stormy Grey (204)
- ☐ A pair of 5mm needles
- ☐ Tapestry needle

TENSION

14 sts and 18 rows to measure
10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using
5mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

44x30cm (17¼x11¾in)
excluding blade

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77 in
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WHERE TO BUY

- ☐ For yarn stockists contact
Lovecrafts 01409 404010
or visit www.lovecrafts.com



"My house is decorated in shades of taupe, cream and beige, so I'm going to knit this in a similar colour scheme. It'll look perfect hanging from the mantelpiece."

NICOLA LYNN, CREATIVE DESIGN LEAD

ICE SKATE STOCKING FRONT OF STOCKING

Cast on 38 sts using 5mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS inc) Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [40 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Rows 3 to 6 Rep Rows 1 and 2. [44 sts]

Rows 7 to 28 Beg with an RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 29 (Dec) K2tog, K to end of row. [43 sts]

Row 30 (Dec) P to last 2 sts, p2tog. [42 sts]

Row 31 (Dec) **Cast off** 13 sts, K to end of row. [29 sts]

Rows 32 to 68 Beg on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Break Yarn B and join Yarn A.

Rows 69 to 86 Knit.

Cast off.

BACK OF STOCKING

Cast on 38 sts using 5mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS inc) Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [40 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Rows 3 to 6 Rep Rows 1 and 2. [44 sts]

Rows 7 to 28 Beg with an RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 29 (Dec) K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [43 sts]

Row 30 (Dec) P2tog, P to end of row. [42 sts]

Row 31 (Dec) K to last 13 sts, **cast off** 13 sts and fasten off. [29 sts]

Rows 32 to 68 Re-join yarn, beg on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Break Yarn B and join Yarn A.

Rows 69 to 86 Knit.

Cast off.

HANGING TAG

Cast on 36 sts using 5mm with Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

Cast off.

STEP-BY-STEP KFB INCREASE 1 BY KNITTING INTO FRONT & BACK



1 Insert the tip of the right-hand needle into the front of the stitch and knit as normal, but don't drop it from the left-hand needle.



2 Then take the right-hand needle behind the left-hand one and insert the tip of the needle down through the back of the stitch on the left-hand needle.



3 Wrap the yarn around the tip of the right-hand needle to knit the stitch. Bring the needle through to make the stitch, keeping it on the right-hand needle.



4 Take the stitch off the left-hand needle. You will have increased one stitch by knitting twice into the original stitch, first at the front, then at the back.



SKATE BLADE

Cast on 48 sts using 5mm needles and Yarn C.
Rows 1 to 10 Beg with an RS knit row, work in st st.
Cast off.

PIECES TO JOIN SKATE BLADE

Cast on 8 sts using 5mm needles and Yarn C.
Rows 1 to 5 Beg with an RS knit row, work in st st.
Cast off.

LACES (MAKE 4)

Cast on 22 sts using 5mm needles and Yarn A.
Row 1 Purl.
Cast off.

BOW

Cast on 75 sts using 5mm needles and Yarn A.
Cast off.

MAKING UP

Sew the Back and Front of the Stocking together with RS facing, leaving the top open. Fold the Skate Blade in half and sew the row edges together. Fold the pieces to attach the Skate Blade to the skate in half and sew the row edges together. Sew each of the pieces to each end of the skate and sew the other side to the bottom of the skate. Fold each of the Laces around the skate below the top section down towards the foot piece using image as a guide. Tie the Bow and sew this to the top of the skate above the top Lace. Fold the Hanging Tag in half and sew this to the top of the Stocking. 🧵

TOP TIP

Have your skate stocking ready in time for Christmas. Fill it with little surprises – mini treats, cosy socks, tiny toys or fun gadgets. Wrap it with care and tuck it under the tree. A playful stocking, thoughtfully filled, is guaranteed to delight anyone on Christmas morning.



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CHRISTMAS Decorations

Charming seasonal knits to
decorate your home with love



Knit festive
friends



Deck the
halls



Add a little
cuteness

CHRISTMAS Decorations



Hello!

'Tis the season to
fill your knitting bag
with merry creations

Welcome to *Christmas Decorations*! This collection is filled with patterns to help you deck the halls in handmade style. From Nicola Valiji's tree wreath to Amanda Berry's charming woodland creatures, each design will add a special touch to your holiday décor. With projects from some of your favourite designers, this bonus collection is your chance to prepare for Christmas, get cosy and fill your home with seasonal magic for the most wonderful time of the year.

Happy Christmas knitting everyone!

Sophie

Sophie Jordan
Deputy Editor

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FESTIVE FRIENDS

Add a touch of woodland wonder to your tree with
Amanda Berry's cosy knitted creatures

* ANIMAL DECORATIONS



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Yarnsmiths Merino DK Superwash (100% Merino wool, 50g/110m) 1 ball of each
- Yarn A** Silver (3030)
- Yarn B** White (3040)
- Yarn C** Blush (3062)
- Yarn D** Latte (3069)
- Yarn E** Rust (3074)

- Yarn F** Bright Red (3110)
- Yarn G** Burnt Orange (3120)
- Yarn H** Clover (3215)
- Yarn J** Hydrangea Blue (3266)
- Yarn L** Royal Blue (3300)
- ☐ A pair of 3mm needles
- ☐ Toy filling
- ☐ 2 domed black half shank buttons for eyes per toy, 5mm diameter
- ☐ Black embroidery thread

- ☐ Locking stitch markers
- ☐ Gold embroidery thread

TENSION

23 sts and 31 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

13cm (5¼in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77 in *Simply Knitting* magazine



WHERE TO BUY

- ☐ Wool Warehouse
0800 505 3300
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

ANIMAL DECORATIONS

Notes Unless otherwise specified, use a longtail cast on for all pieces. Use yarn tails and mattress stitch for seaming.

ALL ANIMALS

All the animals use the same pattern for Body, Arms and Legs. For Mouse use Yarn A, Bear Yarn D, Deer Yarn E and Fox Yarn G.

BODY

Start at bottom.

Cast on 20 sts using 3mm needles.

Rows 1 to 18 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 19 (WS) P1, (p2tog, P1) 6 times, P1. [14 sts]

Cast off.

ARMS/LEGS (MAKE 4 PER ANIMAL)

Cast on 8 sts using 3mm needles.

Rows 1 to 12 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st. Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.



FOX HEAD

Start at back.

Cast on 9 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn G.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 K1, (kfb) 7 times, K1. [16 sts]

Row 3 Purl.



Row 4 K1, (kfb) 14 times, K1. [30 sts]

Rows 5 to 11 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 12 K6, ssk, K4, ssk, K2, k2tog, K4, k2tog, K6. [26 sts]

Row 13 Purl.

Row 14 K5, ssk, K3, ssk, K2, k2tog, K3, k2tog, K5. [22 sts]

Row 15 Purl.

Row 16 K4, ssk, K2, ssk, K2, k2tog, K2, k2tog, K4. [18 sts]

Break Yarn G and join Yarn B.

Row 17 Purl.

Row 18 K3, ssk, K1, ssk, K2, k2tog, K1, k2tog, K3. [14 sts]

Row 19 Purl.

Row 20 K1, (ssk) 3 times, (k2tog) 3 times, K1. [8 sts]

Row 21 Purl.

Row 22 (Ssk) twice, (k2tog) twice. [4 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Start at head edge.

Cast on 8 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn G.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 K1, k2tog, K2, ssk, K1. [6 sts]



Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 K1, k2tog, ssk, K1. [4 sts]

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 Sl 1, k3tog, pssso and fasten off.

FOX TAIL

Start at body edge.

Cast on 8 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn G.

Rows 1 to 5 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st. Break Yarn G and join Yarn B.

Rows 6 to 7 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 8 K1, (k2tog) 3 times, K1. [5 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

MOUSE HEAD

Work as given for Fox Head in Yarn A throughout.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Start at outer edge.

Cast on 14 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 K1, (k2tog) 6 times, K1. [8 sts]

Row 3 (P2tog) 4 times. [4 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.



TAIL

Cast on 14 sts using cable method, 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Cast off.

DEER HEAD

Start at back.

Cast on 9 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn E.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 K1, (kfb) 7 times, K1. [16 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 K1, (kfb) 14 times, K1. [30 sts]

Rows 5 to 11 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 12 K6, ssk, K4, ssk, K2, k2tog, K4, k2tog, K6. [26 sts]

Row 13 Purl.

Row 14 K5, ssk, K3, ssk, K2, k2tog, K3, k2tog, K5. [22 sts]

Row 15 Purl.

Row 16 K4, ssk, K2, ssk, K2, k2tog, K2, k2tog, K4. [18 sts]

Row 17 Purl.

Row 18 K3, ssk, K1, ssk, K2, k2tog, K1, k2tog, K3. [14 sts]

Break Yarn E and join Yarn C.



Rows 19 to 22 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 23 (P2tog) 7 times. [7 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

EARS

Work as given for Fox Ears using Yarn E.

HORNS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 5 sts using cable method, 3mm needles and Yarn D.

Cast off.

BEAR HEAD

Work as given for Deer Head using Yarn D throughout.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Start at outer edge.

Cast on 9 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn D.

Row 1 (WS) (P2tog) 4 times, P1. [5 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.



OUTFITS

All the outfits use the same knitting pattern; use photos as a guide to Sweater colours.

TROUSERS (MAKE 1 EACH IN YARNS F, H, J AND L)

Start at waistband.

Cast on 24 sts using 3mm needles.

Rows 1 to 11 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

RIGHT LEG

Row 12 K12, turn, place rem 12 sts on hold.
[12 sts]

Rows 13 to 18 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 19 (WS) Knit.

Cast off.

LEFT LEG

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to held sts. [12 sts]

Rows 1 to 7 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 8 (WS) Knit.

Cast off.

SWEATER FRONT AND BACK (MAKE 2 PER ANIMAL)

Start at hem.



Cast on 15 sts using 3mm needles and MC.

Row 1 (RS) (K1, P1) 7 times, K1.

Row 2 (P1, K1) 7 times, P1.

Row 3 Knit.

Drop MC and join CC, work in 2-row stripes carrying unused yarn up side of work.

Rows 4 to 5 With CC and starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Rows 6 to 7 With MC and starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Rows 8 to 9 With CC and starting on a WS purl row, work in st st. Mark sts at each end of Row 9 for underarms.

Rows 10 to 11 With MC and starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Rows 12 to 13 With CC and starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Break CC and cont in MC.

Rows 14 to 17 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 18 P4, K7, P4.

Cast off knitwise.

Use cast-off tails and sew 5 sts from shoulder edge of Front piece to 5 sts at shoulder of Back piece. Rep for second shoulder, leaving neck opening at centre.



SWEATER SLEEVES (MAKE 2)

With RS of seamed Sweater Front and Back facing, MC and 3mm needles, pick up and knit 15 sts between markers on side edges (7 sts from Front, 1 st at shoulder seam, and 7 sts from Back).

Rows 1 to 3 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 4 (K1, P1) 7 times, K1.

Row 5 (P1, K1) 7 times, P1.

Cast off in rib.

SCARVES (MAKE 1 EACH IN YARNS F, H, J AND L)

Cast on 4 sts using 3mm needles.

Rows 1 to 60 Knit.

Cast off.

MAKING UP ANIMALS

Body Fold cast-on edge in half and sew tog along bottom. Sew side edges tog stuffing as you go (seam runs down side). Leave neck edge open.

Legs and Arms Sew side edges tog to make a tube (these are not stuffed) and sew cast-on edge onto Body; joining Legs to bottom corners of Body and Arms to top sides of Body 2 rows below cast-off at neck.

Heads For each, sew side edges tog, stuffing as

you go and gather cast-on sts tog at back (seam runs down underside). Using photo as a guide, sew on domed buttons for eyes on top of Head. Sew underside of Head onto cast-off edge of Body catching a st of cast-off at neck to a st on Head all the way around.

Noses Follow directions below for each animal to sew nose, then knot yarn ends tog on underside of Head and poke back through into stuffing.

Mouse For nose, use Yarn C to oversew over end of Head in layered vertical stitches. Sew side edges of each Ear onto back sides of Head with RS facing front.

Fox For nose, use black thread to oversew over end of Head in layered vertical stitches. Sew cast-on edge of each Ear onto back sides of Head with RS facing back.

Bear For nose, use black thread to embroider a triangle over end of Head in layered horizontal stitches. Sew side edge of each Ear onto back sides of Head with WS facing back.

Finishing Deer Use cast-on/off tails to sew end of each Horn onto top of Head. Fold cast-on edge of each Ear in half with WS tog and oversew, then sew this folded edge onto side of Head below each Horn, with WS facing front.

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Trousers Sew side edges of each Leg tog, then sew side edges of seat tog up back from crotch to waistband. For Fox and Mouse, leave a gap in back seam for Tail to poke through.

Sweater Sew Sleeve and side seams.

Scarves Weave in yarn tails and tie around animal's neck.

To dress the animals, you may find it easier to pull the Sweater up over the Body, not over the Head. You can use tweezers to pull the animal's limbs through the Trouser Legs/Sweater Sleeves if you find the small pieces to be fiddly.

To hang your Animals, knot a length of gold thread onto the top of the head and knot tog to make a hanging loop. 



DECK
YOUR
DOOR

WELCOME HOME!

Add a handmade twist to tradition with this eye-catching knitted Christmas wreath project. By **Nicola Valiji**

* TREE WREATH



EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 100g/280m) 1 ball of each
- Yarn A** White (961)
- Yarn B** Emerald (916)
- Yarn C** Fern Green (603)
- Yarn D** Grass (825)
- Yarn E** Lime (882)

Yarn F Light Grey mix (814)

Yarn G Fawn (571)

- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ Hot glue and applicator
- ☐ Polystyrene wreath, 25 cm diameter
- ☐ Silver ribbon, 50 cm in length
- ☐ Toy stuffing

TENSION

22 sts and 28 rows to measure 10x 10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 4mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Wreath diameter
25x25cm (10x10in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77 in *Simply Knitting* magazine

WHERE TO BUY

- ☐ For yarn stockists contact Sirdar on 01924 371501 or www.sirdar.com



TREE WREATH WREATH COVER

Cast on 26 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn E.

Rows 1 to 4 Beg on a RS knit row work in st st. Break Yarn E and join Yarn D.

Rows 5 to 8 Beg on a RS knit row work in st st. Break Yarn D and join Yarn B.

Rows 9 to 12 Beg on a RS knit row work in st st. Break Yarn B and join Yarn C.

Rows 13 to 16 Beg on a RS knit row work in st st.

Rows 17 to 160 Rep Rows 1 to 16 another 9 times.

Cast off.

ONE-COLOUR GARTER STITCH TREES

Make 2 sides for each tree in Yarns B, D and E.

Cast on 16 sts using 4mm needles.

Rows 1 to 3 Knit.

Row 4 K2tog, knit until 2 sts rem, k2tog. [2 sts dec'd]

Rows 5 to 24 Rep Rows 1 to 4 another 5 times. [4 sts]

Row 25 Knit.

Row 26 (K2tog) twice. [2 sts]

Cast off.

TWO-COLOUR GARTER STITCH TREE

Make 2 sides alike.

Cast on 16 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn B.

Rows 1 and 2 Knit.

Break Yarn B and join Yarn C.

Row 3 Knit.

Row 4 K2tog, knit until 2 sts rem, k2tog. [2 sts dec'd]

Rows 5 to 24 Rep Rows 1 to 4 another 5 times. [4 sts]

Break Yarn C and join Yarn B.

Row 25 Knit.

Row 26 (K2tog) twice. [2 sts]

Cast off.

FOUR-COLOUR GARTER STITCH TREES

Make 2 sides alike for each tree using yarn colour in brackets for second tree.

Cast on 16 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn B (D).

Rows 1 and 2 Knit.

Break Yarn B (D) and join Yarn C (E).

Row 3 Knit.

Row 4 K2tog, knit until 2 sts rem, k2tog.

[2 sts dec'd]

Break Yarn C (E) and join Yarn E (F).

Rows 5 and 6 Knit.

Break Yarn E (F) and join Yarn A (A).

Row 7 Knit.

Row 8 (dec) K2tog, knit until 2 sts rem, k2tog.

[2 sts dec'd]

Rows 9 to 24 Rep Rows 1 to 8 twice. [4 sts]

Break Yarn A (A) and join Yarn B (D).

Row 25 Knit.

Row 26 (K2tog) twice. [2 sts]

Cast off.

TWO-COLOURED ST ST TREE

Make 2 sides alike.

Cast on 16 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

Break Yarn B and join Yarn A.

Row 3 K2tog, knit until 2 sts rem, k2tog.

[2 sts dec'd]

Row 4 Purl.

Break Yarn A and join Yarn B.

Row 5 Knit.

Row 6 P2tog, purl until 2 sts rem, p2tog.

[2 sts dec'd]

Break Yarn B and join Yarn A.

Rows 7 to 12 Rep Rows 1 to 6, working Yarn B for A and A for B. [8 sts]

Break Yarn A and join Yarn B.

Rows 13 to 18 Rep Row 1 to 6 as written. [4 sts]

Break Yarn B and join Yarn A.

Row 19 Knit.

Row 20 (P2tog) twice. [2 sts]

Cast off.

FOUR-COLOURED ST ST TREE (SMALL STRIPES)

Make 2 sides alike.

Cast on 16 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

Break Yarn B and join Yarn C.

Row 3 K2tog, knit until 2 sts rem, k2tog.

[2 sts dec'd]

Row 4 Purl.



* TREE WREATH

Break Yarn C and join Yarn D.

Row 5 Knit.

Row 6 P2tog, purl until 2 sts rem, p2tog. [2 sts dec'd]

Break Yarn D and join Yarn E.

Row 7 Knit.

Row 8 Purl.

Break Yarn E and join Yarn B.

Rows 9 to 14 Rep Rows 3 to 8, using Yarn B for C, C for D, and D for E. [8 sts]

Break Yarn D and join Yarn E.

Row 15 As Row 3. [6 sts]

Row 16 Purl.

Break Yarn E and join Yarn B.

Row 17 Knit.

Row 18 As Row 6. [4 sts]

Break Yarn B and join Yarn C.

Row 20 (P2tog) twice. [2 sts]

Cast off.

FOUR-COLOURED ST ST TREES (LARGE STRIPES)

1st Tree MC is B; CC1 is C; CC2 is E; CC3 is A.

2nd Tree MC is D; CC1 is E; CC2 is F; CC3 is A.

Make 2 sides per tree.

Cast on 16 sts using 4mm needles and MC yarn.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 K2tog, knit until 2 sts rem, k2tog. [14 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 Knit.

Break MC Yarn and Join CC1.

Row 6 P2tog, purl until 2 sts rem, p2tog. [12 sts]

Row 7 Knit.

Row 8 Purl.

Rows 9 As Row 3. [10 sts]

Row 10 Purl.

Break CC1 and join CC2.

Row 11 Knit.

Row 12 As Row 6. [8 sts]

Row 13 Knit.

Row 14 Purl.

Row 15 As Row 3. [6 sts]

Break CC2 and Join CC3.

Row 16 Purl.

Row 17 Knit.



Row 18 As Row 6. [4 sts]

Row 19 Knit.

Row 20 (P2tog) twice. [2 sts]

Cast off.

TREE TRUNKS (MAKE 10)

Cast on 7 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn G.

Rows 1 to 6 Beg on a RS knit row work in st st.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

Wrap the Cover over the polystyrene wreath and sew the row edges together, keeping the seam to the back. Sew the 2 sides of each Tree together on the WS, leaving the cast-on edges open. Turn right side out and stuff. Sew across the cast-on edges. Fold each Trunk in half joining the row edges, and sew to bottom of each Tree. Hot glue each Tree around the Wreath with the Trunks facing out. Wrap the silver ribbon over the top of the Wreath. Sew to make a hanging loop. 🌿



LITTLE LOVELY

Bring a heavenly touch to your festive makes with this simply adorable knitted angel by **Monica Fuertes**



EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 100g/280m)
1 ball of each
- Yarn A** Biscuit (0963)
- Yarn B** Powder Blue (0960)
- Yarn C** Iced Pink (0958)
- Yarn D** Sunflower (0978)
- Yarn E** White (0961)
- ☐ A pair of 3mm needles
- ☐ 2 black toy eyes, 4mm diameter
- ☐ 5g of non-allergenic toy stuffing
- ☐ Small amount of red thread

- ☐ Narrow white ric-rac, 15cm
- ☐ Thin golden wire for the halo

TENSION

25 sts and 33 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4 in) over st st using 3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

10cm (4in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77 in *Simply Knitting* magazine

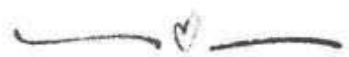
WHERE TO BUY

- ☐ For yarn stockists contact Sirdar on 01924 371501 or www.sirdar.com



"This gorgeous angel is the ultimate stashbuster! Match colours to your Christmas theme."

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR



ANGEL HEAD AND BODY

Cast on 5 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [10 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 (Kfb) to end. [20 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 (Kfb, K3) to end. [25 sts]

Work 7 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 13 (K2tog, K3) to end. [20 sts]

Row 14 Purl.

Row 15 (K2tog) to end. [10 sts]

Row 16 (P2tog) to end. [5 sts]

Change to Yarn B.

Row 17 Knit.

Row 18 (Kfb) to end. [10 sts]

Row 19 (Kfb, K1) to end. [15 sts]

Row 20 Purl.

Row 21 (Kfb, K1) to last st, kfb. [23 sts]

Work 5 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 27 (Kfb, K3) to last 3 sts, kfb, K2. [29 sts]

Work 10 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 38 Knit.

Cast off.

CIRCULAR BASE OF DRESS

Cast on 3 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [6 sts]
Row 2 (Kfb, K1) to end. [9 sts]
Row 3 (Kfb, K1) four times, kfb. [14 sts]
Row 4 (Kfb, K2) four times, kfb, K1. [19 sts]
Row 5 (Kfb, K3) four times, kfb, K2. [24 sts]
Row 7 (Kfb, K4) four times, kfb, K3. [29 sts]
Cast off.

Pull the base into a circular shape and sew up the seam from the centre to the edge of the circle.

Sew back seam of Head and stuff carefully. Attach the eyes into place. Using photo (left) as a guide, embroider cheeks with Yarn C and a mouth with red thread. Seam dress and sew white ric-rac to the hem. Stuff body and join the base to the hemline of the dress, sewing together one stitch of the hemline with one stitch of the circular base, continuing this way (stitch by stitch) until you have worked all the stitches around.

Embroider hair with Yarn D. Cut a long strand and, using long stitches from the crown to the ears and the nape, embroider until you have a good covering of hair. Using the photo for guidance, make two tiny plaits; pass the yarn from one ear to the other, passing yarn through the Head, making loose loops.

HANDS AND ARMS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 2 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A for Hands.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [4 sts]
 Work 3 rows in st st, beg with a P row.
 Change to Yarn B.

Row 5 Kfb, K2, kfb. [6 sts]

Row 6 Knit.

Work 5 rows in st st, begin with a P row.

Row 12 P2tog, P2, p2tog. [4 sts]

Cast off.

Seam Hands and Arms. Loosely stuff Arms and sew them to sides of the Body. Sew the two Hands together.



WINGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 7 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn E.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb, K1) rep to last st, K1. [10 sts]

Row 2 and all WS rows Purl.

Row 3 (Kfb, K1), to end. [15 sts]

Row 5 K3, sk2po, K3, sk2po, K3. [11 sts]

Row 7 K2, sk2po, K1, sk2po, K2. [7 sts]

Row 9 K2, sk2po, K2. [5 sts]

Row 11 K2tog, K1, k2tog. [3 sts]

Row 12 Sk2po. [1 st]

Cast off.

Attach the Wings to the angel's back.

MAKING UP

Make a ring with a thin golden wire and pin at the back of the Head for the Angel's halo. Refer to photograph for placement guidance. 

WOODLAND VIBE

Bring festive spirit to your home with **Sophie Jordan's**
easy and eye-catching Christmas bunting



EASY
CHART
WORK



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ DK yarn (approx amounts)
 - 50g of cream
 - 40g of mid green
 - 40g of dark green
 - 30g of red
 - 20g of dark grey
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ Tapestry needle
- ☐ Rustic string, 3m

TENSION

24 sts and 30 rows
to measure 10x10cm
(4x4in) over st st using
4mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Big Flag

12x9cm (4¾x3½in)

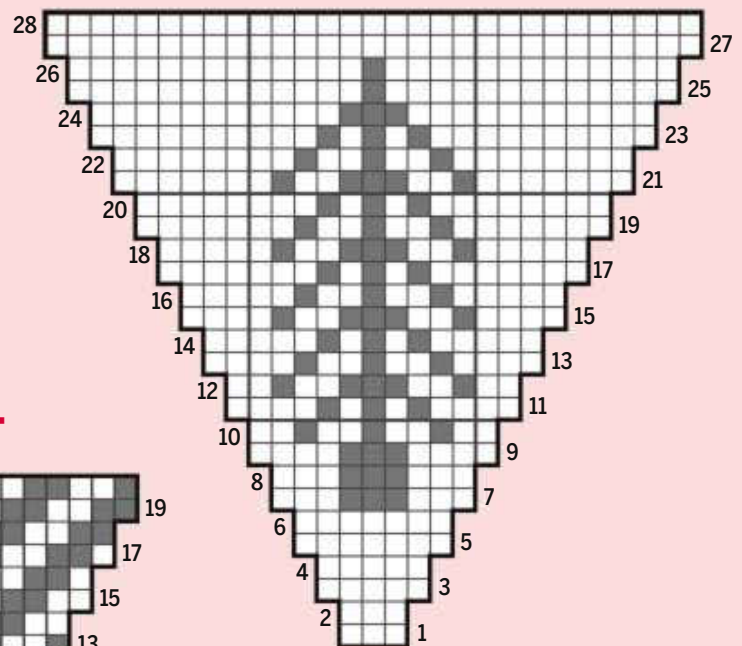
Little Flag

8.5x6.5cm (3¼x2½in)

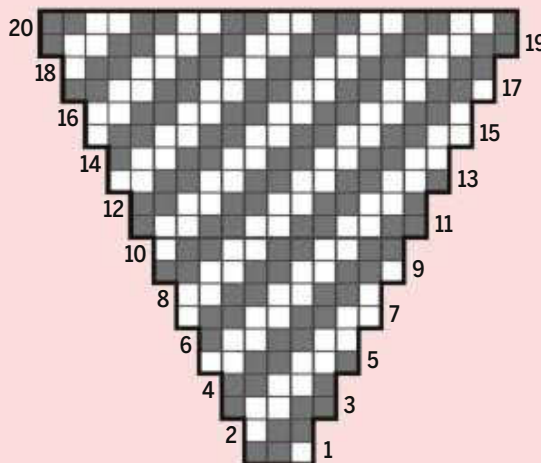
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LARGE FLAG CHART



SMALL FLAG CHART



KEY

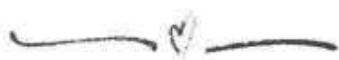
- ☐ Main colour (MC)
- ☒ Contrast colour (CC)

HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

Start at the bottom right-hand corner. Read right side rows from right to left and wrong side rows from left to right. A row of squares represents a row of knitting

"This rustic bunting isn't just for Christmas, it's a celebration of autumn and winter too! Hang it from September to February."

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR

WINTER BUNTING
LARGE TREE FLAG

Note Make one in red (MC) and cream (CC); make two in mid green (MC) and cream (CC); make two in cream (MC) and grey (CC); make two in dark green (MC) and cream (CC).

Cast on 3 sts using MC and 4mm needles.

Begin Large Flag Chart, working incs, as set on Row 3, every RS row as foll:

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 (Kfb) K to last st, kfb. [5 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Cont following Chart as set, joining in CC on Row 7 and working the colourwork pattern until Row 28 has been completed.

Continue in MC only.

Row 29 K2tog, K to last 2 stitches, k2tog.
[2 sts dec'd]

Row 30 Purl.

Rep Rows 29 and 30 until 3 sts remain.

Cast off.

SMALL STRIPED FLAG

Note Make two in red (MC) and cream (CC); make 2 in mid green (MC) and cream (CC); make 2 in dark green (MC) and cream (CC).

Cast on 3 sts using MC and 4mm needles. Add in CC yarn and begin Small Flag Chart working incs, as set on Row 3, every RS row as foll:

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 (Kfb) K to last st, kfb. [5 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

STEP-BY-STEP

KFB INCREASE 1 BY KNITTING INTO FRONT & BACK



1 Insert the tip of the right-hand needle into the front of the stitch and knit as normal, but don't drop it from the left-hand needle.



2 Then take the right-hand needle behind the left-hand one and insert the tip of the needle down through the back of the stitch on the left-hand needle.



3 Wrap the yarn around the tip of the right-hand needle to knit the stitch. Bring the needle through to make the stitch, keeping it on the right-hand needle.



4 Take the stitch off the left-hand needle. You will have increased one stitch by knitting twice into the original stitch, first at the front, then at the back.

Cont following Chart as set, working colourwork pattern until Row 20 has been completed.

Continue in MC only.

Row 21 K2tog, K to last 2 stitches, k2tog.

[2 sts dec'd]

Row 22 Purl.

Rep Rows 21 and 22 until 3 sts remain.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

1 Block all flags flat. Then it is up to you to decide

the order in which you would like your blocked flags to be displayed.

2 Once dry, lay the flags right-side down flat.

Place your rustic string over the widest point of the flag and fold the top edge of the flag over so that the wrong sides are facing, encasing the string at the top.

3 Mattress stitch or whip stitch around both open edges, leaving enough room for the string to move freely.

4 Repeat Step 3 until all flags are secured over the rustic string. 🧵





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