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Kirstie McLeod, Editor

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The sun is shining and it's the perfect time to show off your stunning knits! This issue brings elegant designs like our lace-sleeved peplum jumper and stylish dropped-stitch jumper. Got little ones? Our kids' bobble jumper is a winner! Or perhaps you're in the mood for something playful – like our blue-footed booby tea cosy, a rainbow beret, or adorable mice in a slice. Plus, don't miss Rowan's Merion jumper, the happy sunflower baby cardigan, or the start of our exciting homewares knit-along! Simply Knitting delivers more original patterns than any other UK magazine, but we also bring you top shopping, yarn reviews, reader knits and more. So grab your needles, find a sunny spot, and let's make this a summer to remember!











The SK Team x

Kirstie, Sophie, Nicola,
Camilla, Jennifer and Cory

















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OUR GIFTS TO YOU THIS MON

Summer Homewares collection & Swiss cheese plant needles

Get ready to add a splash of handmade charm to your home with our Summer Homewares collection! This gorgeous selection of patterns includes Kirstie McLeod's cherry bag charm – a sweet little accessory to brighten any tote. Siân Brown's cafetière cosy keeps your coffee snug, while Ann Franklin's floral tea cosy brings vintage beauty to your teatime. Nicola Valiji's hanging baskets are perfect for plants or stylish storage. We've also included a pair of 4mm needles with vibrant green Swiss cheese plant toppers so you can start knitting straight away!





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Looking for the perfect gift for a birthday, anniversary, or Father's Day? This mini collection has you covered! Featuring a trio of fun projects, it's designed to help you craft a heartfelt, handmade gift that will make his special occasion even more memorable.





Metal stitch holders in three sizes

Next issue, enjoy another exclusive gift - a trio of beautifully coloured metallic stitch holders in three sizes! Designed for ease, these safety-pin-style holders will keep your stitches secure. Plus, they're crafted with sustainability in mind, making them a thoughtful addition to your knit kit.



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£16.50 for 100g, www.woolandthegang.com



Hobbii are teaming up with Danish/Norwegian designers, easy as knit, for an exciting knit-along (KAL) featuring a gorgeous Scandi-style summer cardigan! This elegant cardigan is perfect for intermediate knitters. Starting on 4 June, the six-week-long KAL will unveil a new part of the pattern each week, complete with instructions and videos. Kits (available from 30 April) include all you need - yarn (a mystery wool blend!), exclusive goodies, and KAL-only buttons! Join us for a summer of knitting, and get ready

for the #EasySummerCardiKAL! For more information visit https://easysummercardikal-signupuk.kickoffpages.com

New from Rowan

Discover Rowan's gorgeous new knits, designed to bring classic style to your summer days



SUMMER MOHAIR

New kits from Wool And The Gang mix summer garment shapes with new Take Care Mohair Stripe for an unusual twist



these brand new knitting kits from Wool And The Gang could be for you. Knitted in their new yarn, Take Care Mohair Stripe, their latest pattern kit collection features T-shirts, cardigans and vests, each one blessed with a soft, randomised stripe pattern that's fresh and fun for spring and summer. Take Care Mohair is a unique yarn that promises to keep

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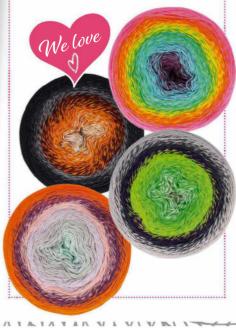




Eco-conscious crafters, have you met Scheepjes Cotton Whirl? This exciting new addition to the Whirl family offers the same beloved features as the original but now with a sustainable twist! Made from 100% GOTS Certified Organic Cotton and produced using recycled waste water, Cotton Whirl is perfect for mindful makers who love natural fibres.

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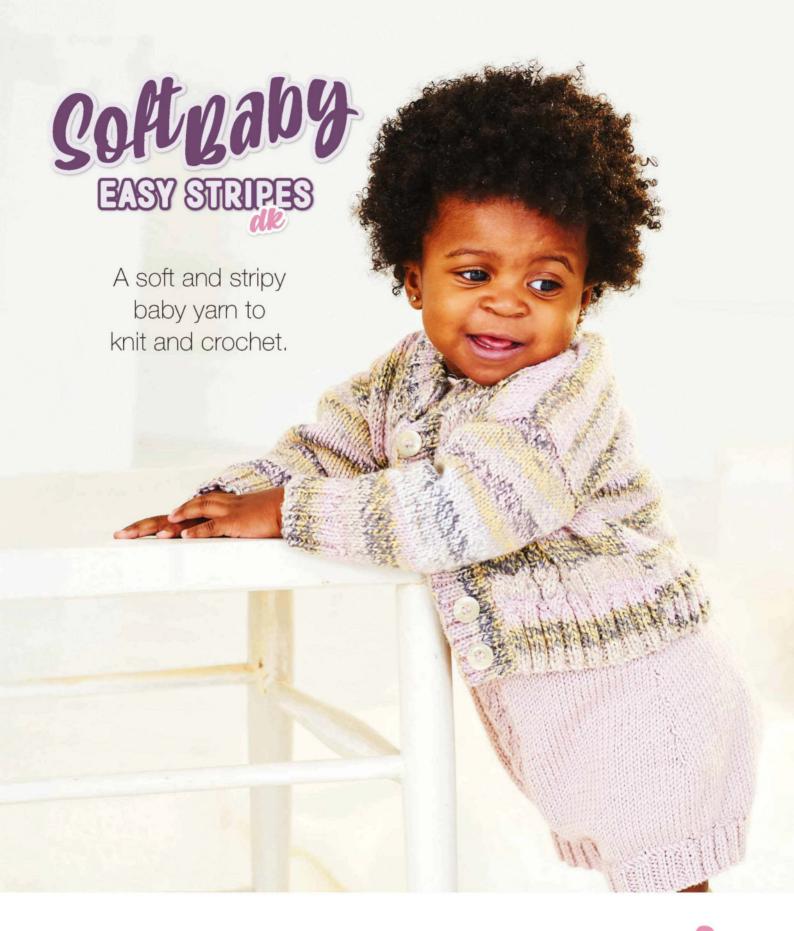
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CASUAL CORAL

A delicate blend of comfort and elegance, this warm-coloured jumper features lace sleeves and a soft peplum edge. By **Sarah Hatton**





* LACE-SLEEVE JUMPER



YOU WILL NEED

☐ West Yorkshire Spinners Elements DK (DK, 60% Lyocell, 40% Falkland Islands wool, 50g/112m)

For yarn quantities and measurements see size table

☐ A pair of 3.25mm needles ☐ A pair of 4mm needles ☐ Stitch holders

TENSION

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

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

WHERE TO BUY

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

OR YOU COULD TRY...

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"Wonderfully flattering, this gorgeous spring/summer knit comes with delicate lace sleeves and a hip-skimming peplum. It's perfect for trousers, skirts and more.

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



LACE-SLEEVE JUMPER BACK

Cast on 141 (157: 177: 191: 207: 221) sts using 4mm needles and the long-tail or thumb method.

Knit 4 rows.

Beg with a K row, work 20 (20: 20: 22: 22: 22) rows in st st, ending after a WS row.

Dec row (RS) K3 (4: 3: 3: 4: 4), (sk2po, K4) 19 (21: 24: 26: 28: 30) times, sk2po, K2 (3: 3: 4: 4). [101 (113: 127: 137: 149: 159) sts] Purl 1 row

Cont as folls:

Row 1 (RS) K3 (4: 1: 1: 2: 2), *k2tog, yo, K1, yo, k2togtbl, K5; rep from * to last 8 (9: 6: 6: 7: 7) sts, k2tog, yo, K1, yo, k2togtbl, K3 (4: 1: 1: 2: 2)

Row 3 K3 (4: 1: 1: 2: 2), *K5, k2tog, yo, K1, yo, k2togtbl; rep from * to last 8 (9: 6: 6: 7: 7) sts, K8 (9: 6: 6: 7: 7).

Row 4 Purl.

These 4 rows set lace pattern.

Rep Rows 1 to 4 another 3 times, then Rows 1 and 2 once more. Cont in st st until work meas 36 (36: 36: 36: 37: 38)cm, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Cast off 5 (6: 7: 8: 12: 14) sts at beg of next 2 rows. [91 (101: 113: 121: 125: 131) sts]

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		8-10	12-14	16-18	20-22	24-26	28-30	
TO FIT BUST	cm	81-86	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127	132-137	
	in	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50	52-54	
ACTUAL BUST	cm	90	101	114	123	134	143	
	in	35½	39¾	45	481/2	52¾	561/4	
LENGTH	cm	55	57	59	61	63	65	
	in	21¾	221/2	231/4	24	24¾	25½	
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	46	46	47	47	48	48	
	in	18	18	18½	18½	19	19	
YARN		West Yorkshire Spinners Elements DK (DK, 50g/112m)						
Yarn A Coral Reef (1237)		9	10	11	12	13	14	

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





Next row (dec) K2, k2togtbl, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2. [2 sts dec'd]

Next row (dec) P2, p2tog, purl to last 4 sts, p2togtbl, P2. [2 sts dec'd]

These 2 rows set armhole decreases.

Dec 1 st as set at each end of 0 (1:3:5:5:5) foll rows, then on 2 (2:3:5:5)3: 3: 4) foll RS rows. [83 (91: 97: 101: 105: 109) sts]** Cont without shaping until armhole meas 19 (21: 23: 25: 26: 27)cm, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 9 (11: 12: 13: 14: 15) sts at beg of next 4 rows. [47 (47: 49: 49: 49: 49) sts] Leave rem sts on a holder.

FRONT

Work as given for Back to **. [83 (91: 97: 101: 105: 109) sts]

Cont without shaping until armhole meas 12 (14: 16: 17: 18: 19)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE FRONT NECK

Next row K25 (29: 31: 34: 35: 37), turn and leave rem sts on a holder, cont on these sts for first side of neck.

Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 3 rows, 3 (3: 3: 3: 1: 1) foll RS rows and 1 (1: 1: 2: 3: 3) foll 4th rows. [18 (22: 24: 26: 28: 30) sts]

Work 5 rows, ending after a WS row. Armhole should now match Back to start of shoulder shaping.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Next row (RS) Cast off 9 (11: 12: 13: 14: 15) sts, knit to end. Work 1 row.

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

With RS facing, leave 33 (33: 35: 35: 35) sts on a holder for Front neck, rejoin yarn to rem sts and knit to end. [25 (29: 31: 34: 35: 37)sts]

Work 1 row.

* LACE-SLEEVE JUMPER



Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 3 rows, 3 (3: 3: 3: 1: 1) foll RS rows and 1 (1: 1: 2: 3: 3) foll 4th rows. [18 (22: 24: 26: 28: 30) sts] Work 6 rows, ending after a RS row. Armhole should now match Back to start of shoulder shaping.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Next row (WS) Cast off 9 (11: 12: 13: 14: 15) sts, purl to end. Work 1 row.

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

SLEEVES (BOTH ALIKE)

Cast on 49 (49: 51: 51: 53: 53) sts using 3.25mm needles.

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

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

These 2 rows set rib.

Work 3cm in rib as set, ending with WS facing for next row.

Next row (WS) Purl.

Change to 4mm needles.

Row 1 K2 (2: 3: 3: 4: 4), *k2tog, yo, K1, yo, k2togtbl, K5; rep from * to last 7 (7: 8: 8: 9: 9) sts, k2tog, yo, K1, yo, k2togtbl, K2 (2: 3: 3: 4: 4).



Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 K2 (2: 3: 3: 4: 4), *K5, k2tog, yo, K1, yo, k2tog tbl; rep from * to last 7 (7: 8: 8: 9: 9) sts, K to end.

Row 4 Purl.

These 4 rows set lace pattern.

Working in patt as set, inc 1 st at each end of next and 7 (3: 14: 6: 8: 17) foll 8th (6th: 6th: 4th: 4th) rows, then on every foll 10th (8th: 8th: 6th: 6th: 6th) row to 75 (79: 87: 93: 97: 103) sts. Cont without shaping until Sleeve meas 46 (46: 47: 47: 48: 48)cm, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE SLEEVE TOP

Cast off 5 (6: 7: 8: 12: 14) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

[65 (67: 73: 77: 73: 75) sts]

Dec 1 st at each end of next 8 (8: 10: 12: 10: 10) rows.

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

Dec 1 st at each end of 9 (9: 10: 9: 6: 6) foll RS rows.

[31 (33: 33: 35: 41: 43) sts]

Dec 1 st at each end of 1 (2: 2: 3: 6: 7) foll 4th rows. [29 sts]

Dec 1 st at each end of 2 foll RS rows. [25 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



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.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 4 rows. [17 sts] Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. [11 sts] Cast off rem 11 sts.

MAKING UP

Block pieces gently, following any instructions on the ball band. Join right shoulder seam.

NECKBAND

With RS facing, using 3.25mm needles pick up and knit 17 (17: 17: 19: 19: 19) sts down left side of neck, knit across 33 (33: 35: 35: 35) sts from holder at Front neck, pick up and knit 18 (18: 18: 20: 20: 20) sts up right side of neck and knit across 47 (47: 49: 49: 49: 49) sts on holder at Back neck. [115 (115: 119: 121: 123: 123) sts] Beg with a WS row, work 6 rows in rib as set on Sleeves. Cast off in rib.

FINISHING

Join left shoulder and Neckband seam. Easing fabric to fit, sew in Sleeves. Join side and Sleeve seams.



NEXT MONTH

Refresh your summer wardrobe with this striped T-shirt. *Simply Knitting* 265 is available from all good supermarkets and newsagents from 11 June 2025.







Kirstie McLeod, Editor

Tell me all about what you've been doing, I love hearing your latest knitting news!



What's better than one pink

teddy? Two of course! We're

sure Denise's daughter agrees



FLIGHT OF FANCY

I thought you might like to see my jumper. It's the first time I've tried Fair Isle and I'm pleased with the result. I knitted a size 16-18, although I'm a size 20-22. It is still a comfortably oversized garment. I substituted in a cheaper yarn as I couldn't afford what it would have cost with the recommended yarn.

Maureen Taylor

Maureen, and your jumper looks spectacular in all its bright colours!



We're love a good yarn substitution story



VINTAGE CHOICE

I saw the article from one of your readers who liked vintage knitting and thought you might like to see what I have been doing. I have just finished this jumper (below) for my granddaughter. I originally knitted it for my daughter 40 years ago as in the photo above. I do think some of the older patterns can still look good now.

Christine Warwick

I agree with you Christine - many vintage patterns stand the test of time and become classics. Great work!



TEDDY TREAT

When my daughter was born, she was gifted a pink teddy bear by my father and she still has that teddy bear today. It sits on top of the bookcase in her office watching over her. I've knitted stuffed animals for my granddaughter and myself in the past, and I wanted to knit one for my daughter as well. I thought about her pink teddy bear and I knew I wanted to replicate it. Now,

she'll have two pink teddy bears sitting on top of the bookcase in her office watching over her. The pattern is from Knit A Teddy and the yarn

Paintbox Simply DK. Denise Patterson

Such a lovely story, Denise, filled with wonderful memories, and the perfect gift!

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..... READER TOP TIP

Do you have a handy knitting tip you want to share with us, like Leslie?

NEAT NEEDLES

I thought you might like to see how I keep my needles together. The shorter needles I keep in a large clear pencil case (longer needles are in a bottle gift box) and I hold them together by cutting lengths of the curly hair bands.

Example 2 Leslie Preston

This is a great eco-friendly solution if you have hair bands lying around at home.

DO YOU HAVE A TIP TO SHARE?

Email simplyknitting@ourmedia.co.uk with all your top knitting tips!



Prizes subject to change

★KNITTER OF THE MONTH★

I'd like to introduce you to an incredibly inspiring individual, Noreen McCall, whose life beautifully combines care, creativity and community spirit. At 79 years old, Noreen is a cherished member of the Virginia Water Care Home, where she has worked for the past 16 years. Her journey in the care industry began in the early 1970s, initially as a private carer before moving on to care homes and assisted living facilities. Noreen now works as the concierge at Virginia Water Care Home, where she is adored by residents and staff alike for her warmth, kindness and dedication. Noreen is also an avid knitter - a passion she has cultivated since the age of nine. She is known for her knitted creations, including post box toppers and seasonal displays for her home village, as well as the care home - a true testament to her commitment to bringing joy through her craft. Noreen's story is one of dedication and creativity, and her impact on both the care industry and her community is immeasurable.

Ellie Stennett

We're thrilled to honour Noreen and her exceptional knitting talents. She thoroughly deserves a knitting treat!



Our letter writer wins a fab gift voucher from retailer Black Sheep Wools worth £25!*



BUNNY MOMENTS

I have been asked to knit some Easter bunnies, so here are a few of them! Proceeds are given to the Smile Train charity. The bodies are knitted with King Cole Cottonsoft DK and the clothes are knitted with YarnArt Baby Cotton 4ply. I love designing the clothes for the bunnies and often search the internet for ideas and scrutinise your magazine each month. (Your readers come up with so many things). It is very addictive!

Mangela Scott

You're absolutely right, Angela, our readers are very imaginative! And your bunnies will make such perfect gifts.





KNITTED GEMS

I knitted the Christmas jumper from issue 204. I decorated it with buttons from my collection, and tiny coloured beads and pompoms from a Charity shop. With the leftover yarn I made a striped jumper for my grandson, and six garter-stitch baby cardis.

Sally Vardy

You have been busy Sally! There's no denying the utter joy these colourful garments bring. And top marks for using up leftover yarn so productively. Well done!



SPRING HAS SPRUNG

I just want to write in and say what a great gift the 2025 wreath calendar was in Issue 257. I couldn't wait to knit the spring wreath for the nursery of my first grandchild who is due very soon. I've already starting working on the autumn one too!

Janet Woodward

Wasn't it a brilliant gift?! We absolutely loved bringing you the 2025 Seasonal Wreath's Calendar. We've seen so many knitters making the most of all the details. We're loving your work too, Janet!



We think they are gorgeous!

We love hearing from our readers so don't delay, pop up a post on Facebook, tag us on Instagram, follow us on Pinterest, add to our Ravelry Finished Projects Board, drop us an email or post us a letter! Here are all the details you need:

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YOU WILL NEED

☐ Stylecraft Grace (85% acrylic, 10% mohair, 5% wool, 100g/295m) 2 halls of

Yarn A Petals (2150) 1 ball of

Yarn B Hibiscus (2151)

☐ A pair of 5mm needles

TENSION

20 sts and 25 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 5mm needles

SIZE

Width 37cm (14½in) Length 164cm (64½in)

ABBREVIATIONS

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WHERE TO BUY

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OR YOU COULD TRY...

□Wool Warehouse 0800 505 3300 or www.woolwarehouse.co.uk ☐Little Wool Shop www.littlewoolshop.com

HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

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

Yarn A



K on RS; P on WS

Repeat

CHART





TEXTURED WRAP WOVEN BLOCKS (MULTIPLE 16 PLUS 9)

Row 1 (RS) *P9, (K1tbl, P1) 3 times, K1tbl; rep from * ending P9. Row 2 (WS) K1, P7, K1, *(P1tbl, K1) 4 times, P7, K1; rep from * to end. Row 3 to 8 Rep Rows 1 and 2.

Row 9 As Row 1.

Row 10 (K1, P1tbl) 4 times, K1, *K8, (P1tbl, K1) 4 times; rep from * to end

Row 11 *(P1, K1tbl) 4 times, P1, K7; rep from * ending (P1, K1tbl) 4 times. P1.

Row 12 to 17 Rep Rows 10 and 11.

Row 18 As Row 10.

Rep these 18 rows.

SCARF

Cast on 81 sts using 5mm needles and Yarn A. Knit 5 rows using Yarn A.

WOVEN BLOCKS SECTION

Row 1 (RS) Using Yarn A, K4, work Row 1 of woven blocks patt to last 4 sts, K4.

Row 2 Using Yarn A, K4, work Row 2 of woven blocks patt to last 4 sts. K4.

These 2 rows set the position for woven blocks patt with garter st

Cont until 2 full repeats (36 rows) in woven blocks patt have been worked.

Knit 3 rows using Yarn B.

CHECK SECTION

Row 1 (WS) K4 in Yarn A, purl Row 1 of Chart to last 4 sts, K4 in Yarn A.

Row 2 (RS) K4 in Yarn A, knit Row 2 of Chart to last 4 sts, K4 in Yarn A

These 2 rows set the position for the Chart patt with garter st

Work until 28 rows of Chart patt have been worked.

Knit 2 rows using Yarn B.

Purl 1 row using Yarn A.

Rep the woven blocks section and the check section until work measures approx 162cm from cast-on edge, ending after a complete section.

Knit 5 rows using Yarn A.

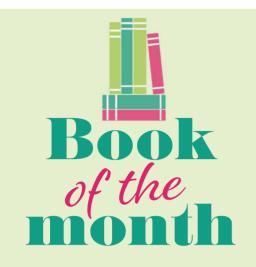
Cast off.

FINISHING

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

Cut 30cm lengths of yarn, 4 for each tassel, alternating between Yarn A and Yarn B. Attach 11 tassels to each end of the wrap by threading them through the edge row.









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LITTLE LATTE

Enjoy this coffee-coloured knit for little ones – it's warm, classic and full of bobbly fun! By **Jo Allport**









IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Rico Baby Cotton Soft Print DK (50% cotton, 50% acrylic, 50g/125m)
- ☐ Rico Baby Cotton Soft DK (50% cotton, 50% acrylic, 50g/125m) For yarn quantities and
- measurements see size table ☐ A pair of 3.25mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐4 stitch holders

TENSION

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

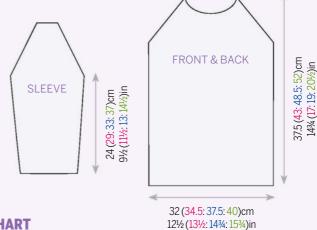
ABBREVIATIONS

Dec1 (decrease 1 st) On a RS row, work ssk at the beg of a row, and k2tog at the end of a row. On a WS row, work p2tog at the

beg of a row, and p2tog tbl at the end of a row

Make bobble (K1, yo, K1) in one stitch, turn and P3, turn and K3, turn and P3, turn and K3 then pass the second stitch over the first stitch, then the third stitch over the first stitch (on the right needle)

For a full list see page 79





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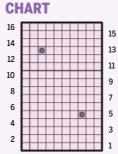
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KEY

☐ K on RS: P on WS

Bobble

Yarn A

Yarn B



"Bobbles are lovely and fun to knit and create a cute, tactile, 3D texture. One quick tip is to make sure you're 100% happy with each bobble you create before moving on.

JEN BÄRTLETT, TECHNICAL EDITOR





KIDS'JUMPER

Note Work in stranded colourwork technique, taking the unused yarn across the back (WS) of your work, catching it every 3 to 5 sts.

BACK

Cast on 72 (78: 84: 90) sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A. Rib Row 1 (RS) *K1, P1, rep from * to end.

Rib Row 2 (WS) As Row 1.

Repeat Row 1 until work measures 5cm from the cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.

Change to 4mm needles and work in Bobble Pattern as follows: Row 1 (RS) Using Yarn A, K1 (4: 2: 0), (work Chart Row 1 across 70 (70: 80: 90) sts), K1 (4: 2: 0).

Row 2 (WS) Using Yarn A, P1 (4: 2: 0), (work Chart Row 2 across 70 (70: 80: 90) sts), P1 (4: 2: 0).

These 2 rows set the position of the pattern: the edge 1 (4: 2: 0) sts worked in st st (knit on the RS and purl on the WS) and the central 70 (70: 80: 90) sts worked in Bobble Pattern.

Cont in Bobble Pattern repeating the 16-row Chart until work measures 23 (26: 31: 34)cm, ending with a WS row.





FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		2-3yrs	4-5yrs	6-7yrs	8-9yrs		
TO FIT CHEST	cm	56	61	66	71		
	in	22	24	26	28		
ACTUAL CHEST	cm	64	69	74.5	80		
	in	25¼	27¼	29¼	31½		
LENGTH	cm	37.5	43	48.5	52		
	in	14¾	17	19	201/2		
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	24	29	33	37		
	in	9½	11½	13	14½		
YARN		Rico Baby Cotton Soft Print DK (50g/125m)					
Yarn A Lilac-Brown (028)		4	5	6	7		
YARN		Rico Baby Cotton Soft DK (50g/125m)					
Yarn B Plum (068)		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



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





SHAPE RAGLANS

Cont in Pattern and **cast off** 5 (5: 6: 6) sts at the beg of the next 2 rows. [62 (68: 72: 78) sts]

Dec 1 st at both ends of the next row. [60 (66: 70: 76) sts] Work 3 rows straight.

Rep the last 4 rows 1 (3: 3: 2) more times. [58 (60: 64: 72) sts]
Dec 1 st at both ends of the next row, and every RS row until 42 (48: 50: 58) sts remain, ending with a WS row.**

Dec 1 st at both ends of the next row, and every foll row until 28 (30: 32: 32) sts remain, ending with a RS row.

Work one row straight then put these sts onto a holder.

FRONT

Work as for Back to **.

SIZES 4-5YRS, 6-7YRS AND 8-9YRS ONLY

Dec 1 st at both ends of the next - (2: 2: 6) rows, ending with a WS row. [-(44:46:46) sts]

Stitch count across all sizes [42 (44: 46: 46) sts]

ALL SIZES

Next row (RS) Dec 1 st, patt 10 sts, turn and put the rem sts onto a holder. [11 sts]

Next row (WS) Dec 1 st, patt to last 2 sts, dec 1 st. [9 sts]

Next row (RS) Dec 1 st, patt to last 2 sts, dec 1 st. [7 sts]

Rep the last 2 rows once more. [3 sts]

Next row (WS) Dec 1 st, P1. [2 sts]

Cast off.

With RS facing, leave the central 18 (20: 22: 22) sts on the holder and join yarn at the neck edge to rem 12 sts. Patt to last 2 sts, dec 1 st. [11 sts]

Next row (WS) Dec 1 st, patt to last 2 sts, dec 1 st. [9 sts]

* KIDS'JUMPER



Next row (RS) Dec 1 st, patt to last 2 sts, dec 1 st. [7 sts] Rep the last 2 rows once more. [3 sts] Next row (WS) P1, Dec 1 st. [2 sts] Cast off.

SLEEVES (MAKE 2)

Cast on 40 (44: 48: 50) sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A. Work ribbing as for Back until work measures 4cm from the cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.

Change to 4mm needles. Starting with a knit row, work 4 rows of st st.

Commence Sleeve incs as follows:

Sleeve inc row (RS) K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1. [inc 2 sts] Cont in st st and work Sleeve inc row every following 8th (8th: 10th: 12th) row until there are 54 (60: 62: 64) sts.

Work straight in st st until Sleeve measures 24 (29: 33: 37)cm, ending with a WS row.

SHAPE RAGLAN

Cont in st st and cast off 5 (5: 6: 6) sts at the beg of the next 2 rows. [44 (50: 50: 52) sts]



Dec 1 at both ends of the next row. [42 (48: 48: 50) sts] Work 3 rows straight.

Rep the last 4 rows 0 (0: 1: 1) times. [42 (48: 46: 48) sts] Dec 1 at both ends of the next row, and every RS row until 14 (16: 16: 18) sts remain ending with a WS row.

Put remaining 14 (16: 16: 18) sts onto a holder.

Block pieces lightly to smooth out work. Work Neckband.

NECKBAND

With RS facing and starting at the Back, using 3.25mm needles, knit the 28 (30: 32: 32) sts from the Back holder, knit the 14 (16: 16: 18) sts from the first Sleeve, pick up and knit 5 sts across the left neck, knit the 18 (20: 22: 22) sts from the Front holder, pick up and knit 5 sts across the right neck, knit the 14 (16: 16: 18) sts from the second Sleeve. [84 (92: 96: 100) sts]

Work ribbing as for Back across all sts for 3cm, ending with a RS row. Cast off in rib pattern on the WS.

MAKING UP

Sew neckline seam then raglan seams. Sew side and Sleeve seams. Weave in ends. Follow instructions on ball band for further yarn care instructions.

STEP-BY-STEP SSK SLIP, SLIP, KNIT



1 Working with the yarn at the back of your knitting, insert the point of the right-hand needle into the next stitch as if to knit, but instead slip the first stitch onto the right-hand needle.



2 Now slip the next stitch from the left-hand needle onto the right-hand needle in the same way as for step 1.



3 Push the point of the left-hand needle through the front of both the slipped stitches.



4 Bring the yarn around just as you would for a knit stitch and knit these two stitches together. You will now have a single stitch on the right-hand needle, and your two slipped ones will create a left-leaning decrease.

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Kirstie McLeod's triangle pattern cushion is knitted in simple garter stitch. Cast on a pair and auction them off at your local charity event!

YOU WILL NEED

□ Cygnet Chunky

(100% acrylic, 100g/156m)

We love

1 ball of each

Red (167)

Baby Blue (887)

Damson (465)

Seafoam (449)

Denim (319)

Cream (256)

Stone (199)

Black (217)

☐ A pair of 5.5mm needles

☐ A 4.5mm crochet hook

□Cushion insert, 48x48cm

TENSION

14 sts and 32 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over garter stitch using 5.5mm needles

SIZE

51x50cm

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77

CUSHION

Make 30 triangles: 5 Red, 5 Baby Blue, 4 Damson, 5 Seafoam, 3 Denim, 4 Cream and 4 Stone.

Cast on 29 sts using 5.5mm needles.

Row 1 (WS) Knit.

Row 2 (RS) Knit.

Row 3 Knit.

Row 4 K1, ssk, K to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1.

Row 5 and 6 Knit.

Rep Rows 3 to 6 until there are 5 sts left.

Next row (WS) Knit.

Next row K1, s2kpo, K1.

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Next row Knit. [3 sts] Next row S2kpo. Fasten off yarn.

MAKING UP

Weave in all loose ends. Pin the triangles together, into strips of 10 triangles. Using a 4mm crochet hook and the Black yarn, join the triangles with double crochet stitch along the edges. Fold in half and seam the edges putting your cushion insert inside before closing the final edge.

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- 20 hanks of Kate Davies Design ard-thir in Camusdarach (5001)



TRUE BLUE

This cosy denim-blue vest features a bold central cable and playful twists, making it fun and stylish for your man. By **Pat Menchini**









YOU WILL NEED

☐ West Yorkshire Spinners ColourLab Aran (100% wool, 100g/166m)

For yarn quantities and measurements see size table

☐ A pair of 4mm needles

☐ A pair of 5mm needles

☐ A cable needle (cn)

□2 stitch holders

TENSION

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

Cable meas 4.5cm wide Tw2 meas 1cm wide

ABBREVIATIONS

M1P Pick up and purl into back of horizontal strand lying before next st

C6B Slip next 3 sts on cn and hold at back of work, K3, now K3

C6F Slip next 3 sts on cn and hold at front of work, K3, now K3 from cn

TW2 Slip next st knitwise, K1, pass slipped st over st just knitted and knit into back of it

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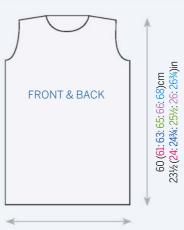


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44.5 (50.5: 56.5: 60.5: 66.5: 71.5)cm 17½ (20: 22¼: 24: 26¼: 28¼)in

CABLE KNITTING TIP

Use stitch markers between cable sections to avoid losing track of your pattern. This helps when working complex designs or multi-cable projects. Placing markers at key points saves time counting stitches and ensures you don't accidentally twist the wrong stitches.

"There's something so satisfying about knitting cables - the texture, the twists, the way they pop after blocking. No matter what your skill level, cabling feels like magic!"
KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



MEN'S VEST CABLE PANEL

Worked over 12 sts.

Row 1 (RS) K12. Row 2 P12.

Row 3 K3, C6B, K3.

Row 4 P12

Rows 5 to 8 Rep Rows 1 and 2 twice.

Row 9 C6B, C6F.

Row 10 P12.

Rows 11 to 14 Rep Rows 1 and 2 twice.

These 14 rows form Cable Panel.

BACK

Cast on 85 (95: 105: 113: 123: 133) sts evenly using 4mm needles. Row 1 (RS) K2, (P1, K1) to last st, K1.

Row 2 K1, (P1, K1) to end.

Rep these 2 rib rows for 6cm, ending after Row 1.

Next row (WS) P40 (45: 50: 54: 59: 64), M1P, (P3, M1P) twice, P39 (44: 49: 53: 58: 63). [88 (98: 108: 116: 126: 136) sts]

Change to 5mm needles.

SET CENTRE CABLE

Row 1 (RS) P38 (43: 48: 52: 57: 62), work 12 sts from Row 1 of Cable Panel, P38 (43: 48: 52: 57: 62).

Row 2 K38 (43: 48: 52: 57: 62), work Row 2 of Cable Panel, K38 (43: 48: 52: 57: 62).



* MEN'S VEST

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		S	M	L	1XL	2XL	3XL	
TO FIT CHEST	cm	81-86	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127	132-137	
	in	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50	52-54	
ACTUAL CHEST	cm	89	101	113	121	133	143	
	in	35	39¾	441/2	47¾	521/4	56¼	
LENGTH	cm	60	61	63	65	66	68	
	in	23½	24	24¾	25½	26	26¾	
YARN		West Yorkshire Spinners ColourLab Aran (100g/166m)						
Denim Blue (1174)		4	5	5	6	6	7	

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





Rows 13 and 14 Rep Rows 1 and 2 a further 6 times but working Rows 3 to 14 of Cable Panel.

These 14 rows set patt.

Cont in patt until work measures 24cm from lower edge, ending after a WS row.

Keeping cables correct set twist st patt:

Row 1 (RS) P32 (36: 40: 44: 48: 53), TW2, P4 (5: 6: 6: 7: 7), work 12 sts from next row of Panel, P4 (5: 6: 6: 7: 7), TW2, P32 (36: 40: 44: 48: 53).

Row 2 K32 (36: 40: 44: 48: 53), P2, K4 (5: 6: 6: 7: 7), work 12 sts from next row of Panel, K4 (5: 6: 6: 7), P2, K to end.

Rows 3 to 14 Rep Rows 1 and 2 a further 6 times.

Row 15 P26 (29: 32: 36: 39: 44), [TW2, P4 (5: 6: 6: 7: 7)] twice, work 12 sts from next row of Panel, [P4 (5: 6: 6: 7: 7), TW2] twice, P26 (29: 32: 36: 39: 44).

Row 16 K26 (29: 32: 36: 39: 44), [P2, K4 (5: 6: 6: 7: 7)] twice, work 12 sts from next row of Panel, [K4 (5: 6: 6: 7: 7), P2] twice, K to end. Rows 17 to 28 Rep Rows 15 and 16 a further 6 times.

Row 29 P20 (22: 24: 28: 30: 35), [TW2, P4 (5: 6: 6: 7: 7)] 3 times, work 12 sts from next row of Panel, [P4 (5: 6: 6: 7: 7), TW2] 3 times, P20 (22: 24: 28: 30: 35).

Row 30 K20 (22: 24: 28: 30: 35), [P2, K4 (5: 6: 6: 7: 7)] 3 times, work 12 sts from next row of Panel, (K4 (5: 6: 6: 7: 7), P2) 3 times, P to end.

The last 2 rows set patt for remainder.

Cont in patt until work measures 38cm from lower edge, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Cast off loosely 6 (8: 9: 10: 12: 14) sts at beg of next 2 rows. [76 (82: 90: 96: 102: 108) sts]

Next row (RS, dec row) K1, k2tog tbl, patt to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [2 sts dec'd]

Next row P1, p2tog, patt to last 3 sts, p2tog tbl, P1.

[72 (78: 86: 92: 98: 104) sts]

Next row K1, k2tog tbl, patt to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [2 sts dec'd] Next row P2, patt to last 2 sts, P2.

Rep the last 2 rows until 64 (68: 74: 78: 82: 86) sts rem.

Work straight until Back measures 65 (66: 66: 67: 69: 69) cm from beg, ending after a WS row.

Place a marker 20 (22: 22: 24: 26: 28) rows below last row worked.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

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

Slip rem 30 (32: 34: 38: 40: 42) sts on st holder and leave.

FRONT

Work as Back until Front measures same as Back up to marker, thus ending after a WS row.

SHAPE NECK

Next row (RS) Patt 19 (20: 22: 23: 24), k2tog, K1, turn and cont in this group of 21 (22: 24: 24: 25: 26) sts for left half of neck.

Next row P1, p2tog, patt to end.

Next row Patt to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. Rep these 2 rows once. [17 (18: 20: 20: 21: 22) sts]

Work 15 (17: 17: 19: 21: 23) rows straight, thus ending at armhole edge. **Note** Work 1 more row here on right half.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Cast off 6 (6: 7: 7: 8) sts at beg of next and foll alt row. Work 1 row straight.

Cast off rem 5 (6: 6: 6: 7: 6) sts.

With RS facing, slip next 20 (22: 24: 28: 30: 32) sts (centre sts) on a stitch holder and leave.

Neatly rejoin yarn at neck edge.

Next row (RS) K1, k2tog tbl, patt to end.

Next row Patt to last 3 sts, p2tog tbl, P1.

Rep the last 2 rows once, then first of these rows again. Complete to match left half of neck.

NECKBAND

Join left shoulder.

With 4mm needles and RS facing, K30 (32: 34: 38: 40: 42) sts from Back holder dec 2 sts evenly across centre cable, pick up and K19 (20: 20: 22: 23: 25) sts evenly down left side of Front, K20 (22: 24: 28: 30: 32) sts from Front holder dec 2 sts evenly across centre cable, finally pick up and K20 (21: 21: 23: 24: 26) sts evenly up right side of Front. [85 (91: 95: 107: 113: 121) sts]

Purl 1 row.

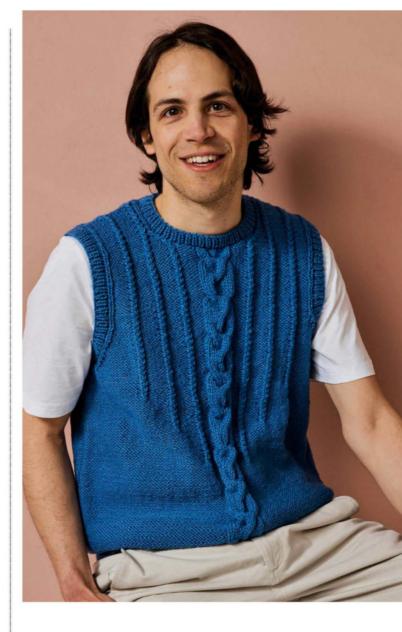
Beg with a Row 1, work 4 rows in rib as on Back.

 $\textbf{Cast off} \ \text{evenly in rib}.$

ARMHOLE BORDERS

Join right shoulder and edges of Neckband.

With 4mm needles and RS facing, pick up and K97 (107: 117: 125:



133: 143) sts evenly round armhole edge. Work as Neckband and repeat for other side.

MAKING UP

Join side seams and armhole borders. Weave in ends and gently block to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band.

STEP-BY-STEP C6B CABLE 6 BACK



1 Work up to where the cable pattern starts, then take the yarn to the back of the knitting.



2 Slip the first 3 stitches knitwise on to a cable needle. Hold these stitches at the back of the knitting.



3 Knit the next 3 stitches from the left-hand needle. Slide the stitches on the cable needle to the right-hand end of it and knit them on to the right-hand needle.



4. Bring the yarn to the front of your knitting, and pull the yarn tight to avoid ladders along the side of the cable. Work the next stitch and continue in the pattern.



KING COLE ORCHARD DK

Orchard DK is a blend of Merino superwash and anti-pilling arcylic making it a smooth and soft DK yarn. There are 10 shades in the range, from vibrant Orange Pippin pictured here to a cool blue Bramley, all inspired by the colours of countryside orchards. This yarn is durable and versatile, and will still look good wash after wash.

RRP £5.43 WEIGHT DK BALL 100g/290m NEEDLE 4mm **CONTENT** 55% Merino superwash, 45% anti-pilling acrylic CARE Machine wash 30°C, tumble dry www.kingcole.com



HOBBII SEASHELL

Get summer ready with Hobbii Seashell 4ply! With a combination of cotton, bamboo viscose and linen, this yarn's finished fabric has a beautiful drape. The bamboo viscose brings a soft glow to your projects as well as helping deliver great stitch definition. Seashell 4ply is ideal for summer-evening projects from lace wraps to loose cardigans.

RRP £4.95 WEIGHT 4ply BALL 50g/150m NEEDLE 3.5mm CONTENT 40% cotton, 35% bamboo viscose, 25% linen CARE Hand wash, low tumble dry www.hobbii.co.uk



STYLECRAFT BELLA BELLA

Try new Bella Bella – a super-soft, speckled yarn you'll love. Constructed using five lengths of yarn spun together, it pairs an earthy base colour with lovely heather tones for contrast. The yarn's pattern collection is suitable for all tastes, from trendsetting tank tops to stylish lace jumpers. Easy to care for, Bella Bella knits can be worn over and over again and will always look great!

RRP £5.70 WEIGHT Chunky BALL 100g/145m NEEDLE 6mm **CONTENT** 100% premium acrylic CARE Machine wash 30°C, cool tumble dry www.stylecraft-yarns.com

Summer shades

This issue we're exporing more new yarn releases, each one designed to enhance your knits, this season and beyond



LUCA-S WOOLEN WALK

Do your feet need a treat? Woolen Walk is a luxe hardwearing superwash sock yarn ideal for everyday socks. It comes in 12 solid and 8 space-dyed shades, allowing you to combine the colours and create unique socks for everyone. Just pop in the wash and dry on a sock blocker for the perfect finish.

RRP £3.28 WEIGHT 4ply/fingering BALL 50g/205m NEEDLE 3mm **CONTENT** 75% pure wool, 25% polyamide CARE No-softener 40°C machine wash, dry flat, preferably on a sock blocker www.lucasyarns.com



MODE AT ROWAN ALPACA WOOL

Check out Alpaca Wool, an exquisite blend of luxurious fibres which creates a soft, stylish fabric. The round yarn forms a beautiful stitch defintion which will make your knits pop. There are 10 beautiful shades in the range to complement everyone's wardrobe, and Mode at Rowan have a collection of garment and accessory patterns for all.

RRP £7.50 WEIGHT DK BALL 50g/116m **NEEDLE 3.75mm CONTENT 50% alpaca** 50% wool **CARE** Hand wash, dry flat, iron on a low heat www.knitrowan.com



WEST YORKSHIRE SPINNERS SOLSTICE 4PLY

Solstice 4ply is an exciting new yarn from West Yorkshire Spinners. Its combination of Falkland Islands wool, Lyocell and cashmere makes it a treat to knit with. With a choice of eight summer shades, Solstice is ideal for draped cardigans and flowing shawls for wearing all year round. Hand wash and dry Solstice knits flat, so they hold their shape.

RRP £14.95 WEIGHT 4ply BALL 100g/400m NEEDLE 3.25mm CONTENT 70% Falkland Islands wool, 20% lyocell, 10% cashmere CARE Hand wash, dry flat www.wyspinners.com

MEET HICKORY, DICKORY & DOC

Cast on this hilariously fun toy set and ensure hours of playful moments for your little ones. By **Amanda Berry**



* MOUSE PLAYSET







IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

☐ Sirdar Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 100g/280m) 1 ball of each

Yarn A Bright Lemon (819)

Yarn B Sunflower (978)

Yarn C Light Grey Mix (814)

Yarn D White (961)

Yarn E Bluebell (969)

Yarn F Coral (578)

Yarn G Fern Green (603)

Yarn H Biscuit (963)

☐ A pair of 3mm needles

☐ Two 3mm double-pointed needles (DPNs)

☐Stitch holder

■Toy filling

□3 pairs of black eye beads, 5mm

□ Lockable stitch markers

☐ Black embroidery thread

TENSION

24 sts and 31 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Cheese 13cm x 9cm x 10cm (5in x 3½in x 4in)

Mouse 10cm (4in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

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



MOUSE PLAYSET

Notes Unless otherwise specified, use an ordinary knitted cast-on for all pieces. The three Mice use the same pattern for body and arms but the sweater colours vary. Use mattress stitch for seaming unless otherwise instructed.

CHEESE

HOLES (MAKE 3)

Cast on 34 sts using the long-tail cast-on for a stretchy edge, 3mm



"Knit these three little mice who have found the perfect spot - snuggled into their cheese! This fun to knit project is full of personality, and 100% guaranteed to make you smile.

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR



needles and Yarn B.

Rows 1 to 17 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 18 (RS) K1, (k2tog, K2) 8 times, K1. [26 sts]

Row 19 Purl.

Row 20 K1, (k2tog, K1) 8 times, K1. [18 sts]

Row 21 Purl.

Row 22 (K2tog) 9 times. [9 sts]

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

Cast on 28 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Rows 1 to 32 Starting on a RS knit row, work 32 rows in st st. Cast off.

TOP AND BOTTOM

Note The 2 hole section forms the Top after assembly.

Cast on 28 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Rows 1 to 6 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 7 (RS) K18, (K1, lift 2nd st on RH needle over first) twice, K8. [26 sts]

LEFT SIDE OF FIRST HOLE

Row 8 P9, turn, leaving rem 17 sts on hold for Right Side of Hole.

Row 9 Cast off 2 sts, K to end. [7 sts]

Row 10 P7.

Row 11 Cast off 1 st, K to end. [6 sts]

Row 12 P6.

Row 13 Cast off 1 st, K to end. [5 sts]

Row 14 P5.

Row 15 K5.

Row 16 P5

Row 17 Cast on 1 st at start of row, K to end. [6 sts]

Row 18 P6.

Row 19 Cast on 1 st at start of row, K to end. [7 sts]

Row 20 P7.

Row 21 Cast on 2 sts at start of row, K to end. [9 sts]

Row 22 P9.

Row 23 Cast on 2 sts at start of row, then break Yarn A and leave these 11 sts on hold.

RIGHT SIDE OF FIRST HOLE

With WS facing, rejoin Yarn A to held 17 sts for Right Side of Hole.

Row 8 P17.

Row 9 K17.

Row 10 Cast off 2 sts purlwise, P to end. [15 sts]

Row 11 K15.

Row 12 Cast off 1 st purlwise, P to end. [14 sts]

Row 13 K14, turn.

Row 14 Cast off 1 st in purlwise, P to end. [13 sts]

Row 15 K13.

Row 16 P13.

Row 17 K13.

Row 18 Cast on 1 st at start of row, P to end. [14 sts]

Row 19 K14.

Row 20 Cast on 1 st at start of row, P to end. [15 sts]

Row 21 K15.

Row 22 Cast on 2 sts at start of row, P to end. [17 sts]

Row 23 K17,join 11 sts from Left Side of Hole with RS facing, K to end. [28 sts]

Row 24 Purl.

Row 25 K10, (K1, lift 2nd st on RH needle over first) twice, K16. [26 sts]

LEFT SIDE OF SECOND HOLE

Row 26 P17, turn, leaving rem 9 sts on hold for Right Side of Hole. [17 sts]

Row 27 Cast off 2 sts, K to end. [15 sts]

Row 28 P15.

Row 29 Cast off 1 st, K to end. [14 sts]

Row 30 P14.

Row 31 Cast off 1 st, K to end. [13 sts]

Row 32 P13.

Row 33 K13.

Row 34 P13.

Row 35 Cast on 1 st at start of row, K to end. [14 sts]



Row 36 P14.

Row 37 Cast on 1 st at start of row, K to end. [15 sts]

Row 38 P15.

Row 39 Cast on 2 sts at start of row, K to end. [17 sts]

Row 40 P17.

 ${\bf Row~41~Cast~on~2}$ sts at start of row, then break Yarn A and leave these 19 sts on hold.

RIGHT SIDE OF SECOND HOLE

With WS facing, rejoin Yarn A to held 9 sts for Right Side of Hole.

Row 26 P9.

Row 27 K9.

Row 28 Cast off 2 sts purlwise, P to end. [7 sts]

Row 29 K7.

STEP-BY-STEP SSK SLIP, SLIP, KNIT



1 Working with the yarn at the back of your knitting, insert the point of the right-hand needle into the next stitch as if to knit, but instead slip the first stitch onto the right-hand needle.



2 Now slip the next stitch from the left-hand needle onto the right-hand needle in the same way as for Step 1.



3 Push the point of the left-hand needle through the front of both the slipped stitches.



4 Bring the yarn around just as you would for a knit stitch and knit these two stitches together. You will now have a single stitch on the right-hand needle, and your two slipped ones will create a left-leaning decrease.



Row 30 Cast off 1 st purlwise, P to end. [6 sts]

Row 31 K6

Row 32 Cast off 1 st purlwise, P to end. [5 sts]

Row 33 K5.

Row 34 P5.

Row 35 K5.

Row 36 Cast on 1 st at start of row, P to end. [6 sts]

Row 37 K6

Row 38 Cast on 1 st at start of row, P to end. [7 sts]

Row 39 K7.

Row 40 Cast on 2 sts at start of row, P to end. [9 sts]

Row 41 K9, join 19 sts from Left Side of Hole with RS facing, K to end. [28 sts]

Rows 42 to 111 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st. Mark each end of Rows 46 and 65 for front-edge corners.

Cast off.

CHEESE SIDE WITH HOLE

Cast on 24 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Rows 1 to 6 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 7 (RS) K1, ssk, K11, (K1, lift 2nd st on RH needle over first) twice, K8. $\lceil 21 \text{ sts} \rceil$

LEFT SIDE OF HOLE

Row 8 P9, turn, leaving rem 12 sts on hold for Right Side of Hole.

Row 9 Cast off 2 sts, K to end. [7 sts]

Row 10 P7.

Row 11 Cast off 1 st, K to end. [6 sts]

Row 12 P6.

Row 13 Cast off 1 st, K to end. [5 sts]

Row 14 P5.

Row 15 K5.

Row 16 P5

Row 17 Cast on 1 st at start of row, K to end. [6 sts]

Row 18 P6

Row 19 Cast on 1 st at start of row, K to end. [7 sts]

Row 20 P7

Row 21 Cast on 2 sts at start of row, K to end. [9 sts]

Row 22 P9.

Row 23 Cast on 2 sts at start of row, then break Yarn A and leave these $11 \, \text{sts}$ on hold.

RIGHT SIDE OF HOLE

With WS facing, rejoin Yarn A to held 12 sts for Right Side of Hole.

Row 8 P12.

Row 9 K12.

Row 10 Cast off 2 sts purlwise, P to end. [10 sts]

Row 11 K10

Row 12 Cast off 1 st purlwise, P to end. [9 sts]

Row 13 K1, ssk, K6. [8 sts]

Row 14 Cast off 1 st purlwise, P to end. [7 sts]

Row 15 K7.

Row 16 P7.

Row 17 K7.

Row 18 Cast on 1 st at start of row, P to end. [8 sts]

Row 19 K1, ssk, K5. [7 sts]

Row 20 Cast on 1 st at start of row, P to end. [8 sts]

Row 21 K8.

Row 22 Cast on 2 sts at start of row, P to end. [10 sts]

Row 23 K10, join 11 sts from Left Side of Hole with RS facing, K to end. [21 sts]

Row 24 Purl.

Row 25 K1, ssk, K to end. [1 st dec'd]

Rows 26 to 30 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Rows 31 to 42 Rep Rows 25 to 30 twice. [18 sts]

Row 43 Rep Row 25. [17 sts]

Rows 44 to 46 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Cast off.

CHEESE SIDE WITHOUT HOLE

 $\textbf{Cast on} \ 24 \ sts \ using \ 3mm \ needles \ and \ Yarn \ A.$

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Rows 2 to 6 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 7 Knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [1 st dec'd]

Rows 8 to 43 Rep Rows 2 to 7 six times. [17 sts]

Rows 44 to 46 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Cast off.

MICE

HEAD (MAKE 3)

Start at back of head.

Cast on 9 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn C.

 $\textbf{Rows 1 to 2} \ \textbf{Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.}$

Row 3 (RS) K1, (kfb) 7 times, K1. [16 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 K1, (kfb, K1) 7 times, K1. [23 sts]

Row 6 Purl.

Row 7 K1, (kfb, K2) 7 times, K1. [30 sts]

Rows 8 to 12 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 13 K6, ssk, K5, ssk, k2tog, K5, k2tog, K6. [26 sts]

Row 14 Purl.

Row 15 K5, ssk, K4, ssk, k2tog, K4, k2tog, K5. [22 sts]

Row 16 Purl.

Row 17 K4, ssk, K3, ssk, k2tog, K3, k2tog, K4. [18 sts]

Row 18 Purl.

 $\textbf{Row 19} \hspace{0.1cm} \texttt{K3}, \hspace{0.1cm} \texttt{ssk}, \hspace{0.1cm} \texttt{K2}, \hspace{0.1cm} \texttt{ssk}, \hspace{0.1cm} \texttt{k2tog}, \hspace{0.1cm} \texttt{K2}, \hspace{0.1cm} \texttt{k2tog}, \hspace{0.1cm} \texttt{K3}. \hspace{0.1cm} \texttt{[14 sts]}$

Row 20 Purl.

Row 21 K2, ssk, K1, ssk, k2tog, K1, k2tog, K2. [10 sts]

Row 22 Purl.

Row 23 K1, (ssk) twice, (k2tog) twice, K1. [6 sts]

Break Yarn C and join Yarn H.

Row 24 Purl.

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



EARS (MAKE 6)

 ${\bf Cast}$ on 18 sts using the long-tail cast-on for a stretchy edge, 3mm needles and Yarn C.

Rows 1 to 2 Knit.

Row 3 (K1, k2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]

Row 4 Knit.

Row 5 (K2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]

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

BODY (MAKE 1 IN EACH OF SWEATER COLOURS E, F AND G)

Start at the neck.

Cast on 13 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn E/F/G.

Row 1 (WS) Knit.

Row 2 K1, (kfb, K2) 4 times. [17 sts]

Drop Yarn E/F/G and join Yarn D.

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 K1, (kfb, K3) 4 times. [21 sts]

Cont in 2-row stripes, carrying unused colour up side of work.

 ${\bf Rows~5~to~6}$ With Yarn E/F/G and starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Rows 7 to 8 With Yarn D, starting on a WS purl row, work in st st. Rows 9 to 12 Rep Rows 5 to 8.

Break Yarn D and cont with Yarn E/F/G.

Rows 13 and 14 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 15 (WS) Knit.

Break Yarn E/F/G and join Yarn C.

Rows 16 to 21 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 22 K1, (k2tog, K2) 5 times. [16 sts]

Row 23 Purl.

Row 24 (K2tog) 8 times. [8 sts]

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

ARMS (MAKE 2 IN EACH OF E, FAND G)

Cast on 5 sts using 3mm DPNs and Yarn E/F/G.

Rows 1 to 11 Using 2 DPNs, work i-cord.

Break Yarn E/F/G and join Yarn C.

Rows 12 to 16 Work i-cord.

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

FEET (MAKE 6)

Cast on 5 sts using 3mm DPNs and Yarn C.

Rows 1 to 6 Using 2 DPNs, work i-cord.

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

TAIL (MAKE 3)

Cast on 3 sts using 3mm DPNs and Yarn H.

Rows 1 to 26 Using 2 DPNs, work i-cord.

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

MAKING UP

Cheese For each of the 3 Holes, sew side edges tog. Then sew cast-on edge of each onto hole shapes in Cheese Slice Top and Side (pin in position first and work in mattress stitch with RS of Cheese and Holes facing you). Sew Back piece onto Top and Bottom piece, joining cast-on and cast-off edges tog. Pin each Side onto Cheese, noting that Side with Hole is on the RH side when viewing Cheese from back; line up cast-off end of each Side between markers on Top and Bottom. Sew Cheese tog around all edges, stuffing and removing markers as you sew, and leaving pockets in the stuffing for Holes to sit in.

Mouse Body Sew side edges tog, stuffing as you sew, leaving cast-on edge open at neck (seam runs down back of Body).

Head Sew side edges tog, stuffing as you sew, and gather cast-on edge sts tog at back (seam runs down underside of Head). Sew beads on sides of each Head for eyes. Cut a 30cm length of black embroidery thread, and embroider mouth and eyebrows using photos as a guide. Secure thread on underside of Head where it will meet Body. Embroider a small stitch in Yarn D on outside of each eye bead, securing yarn on underside of Head. Sew underside of Head onto neckline of Body, connecting a stitch on Head to a stitch on Body cast-on edge all the way around.

Ears Sew side edges tog to make a circle shape, and sew end of seamed edge onto top side of Head.

Arms Use cast-on tail to sew top of each Arm onto top side of matching Body, and weave in rem yarn tails inside Arm.

Feet Weave in cast-off tails, and sew each cast-on end onto bottom front of Body.

Tail Weave in cast-off tails, and sew cast-on end onto bottom back of Body.



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IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

☐ Stylecraft Special DK (100% acrylic, 100g/295m) For all four cushion squares 1 ball of each

Yarn A Mushy Peas (2173)

Yarn B North Sea (2178)

Yarn C Heather (2184)

Yarn D Purple Smoke (2181)

Yarn E Hint of Lilac (2174)

Yarn F Jade (2177)

Yarn G Cinder Rose (2171)

Yarn H Pink Rhubarb (2175)

Yarn J Green Lemon (2188)

Yarn K Blue Sky (2186)

Yarn L Milky Tea (2172)

Yarn M Poppy (2170)

Yarn N Leaf (2176)

Yarn P Nigella (2179)

Yarn Q Aquamarine (2187)

Note To knit these 4 squares you will need less than half a ball. To make the blanket over five issues, you will need these additional yarns:

1 ball of each

Yarn R Tea Green (2189)

Yarn S Perriwinkle (2183)

Yarn T Wild Orchid (2182)

Yarn U Mistletoe (2180) Yarn V Mallard Blue (2185)

☐ A pair of 4mm needles

□Cushion cover, 40x40cm

☐ Sewing thread and needle

TENSION

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

MEASUREMENTS

Individual squares 20x20cm (8x8in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

his issue marks the beginning of a wonderfully unique KAL, which consists of country cottage-inspired squares or patches which are presented to you with creative ideas. Over five issues we'll show you different ways your new squares can be used around your home, alternatively you could knit the squares as they arrive and wait to create a gorgeous blanket at the end, which will be revealed in the fifth part. Don't delay, cast on our mystery KAL today!

WHERE TO BUY

☐For yarn stockists contact Stylecraft on 01484 848435 or visit www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk

OR YOU COULD TRY...

■Wool Warehouse 0800 505 3300

www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

☐ Yarn etc

01423 885565

www.yarnetc.co.uk

TOP TIP

All the yarns in this gorgeous homewares knit-along are brand new 'Spun in Yorkshire' Stylecraft Special DK. Picked to create the perfect tonal match!



CHART 1 – BLUE CROSSHATCH

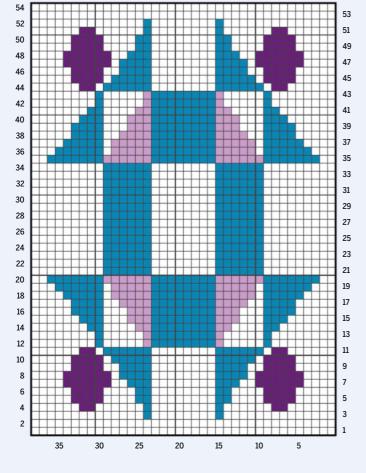
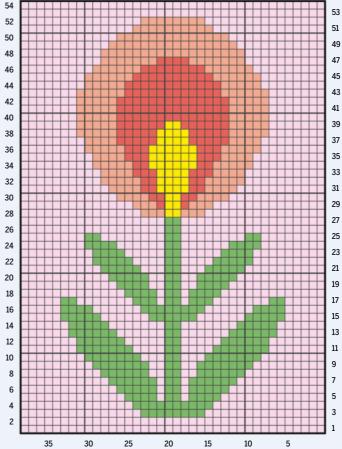


CHART 2 – PINK FLOWER



TOP TIPS FOR INTARSIA.

If you're new to intarsia remember, it is a slow and detailed process. Take your time, especially with intricate charts. Stop frequently to untangle yarns, double-check your chart, and admire your progress. Catching mistakes early is easier than ripping back. Enjoy the process because every stitch gets you closer to a beautiful design.

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



CAST ON 4
SQUARES...
...and make this
gorgeous patchwork
sofa cushion!

Perfect for your
armchair!



CHART 3 - HOUSE ON BLUE

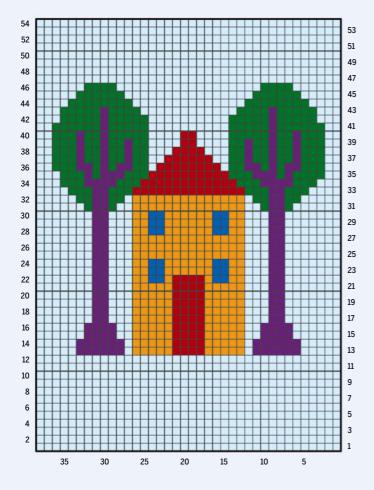
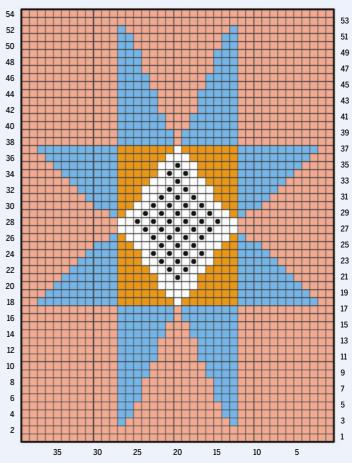


CHART 4 - BLUE STAR





"Our designer has used the newest shades from the Stylecraft Special DK range to make these easy-care squares - they're perfect for adding colour to your home.

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR - M



COSY COTTAGE COLLECTION **PATCHWORK CUSHION**

SQUARE 1 - GREEN CROSSHATCH

(Knit in Yarns A, B, C and D.)

Cast on 44 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A. Knit 3 rows.

START CHART

Row 1 (RS) K3, knit Row 1 of Chart 1, K3.

Row 2 K3, purl Row 2 of Chart 1, K3.

Rows 3 to 54 Cont as in Rows 1 and 2 until all rows of Chart 1 have been worked

Using Yarn A, knit 3 rows.

Cast off.

SOUARE 2 - PINK FLOWER

(Knit in Yarns E, F, G, H and J.)

Cast on 44 sts using 4 mm needles and Yarn E. Knit 3 rows.

START CHART

Row 1 (RS) K3, knit Row 1 of Chart 2, K3.

Row 2 K3, purl Row 2 of Chart 2, K3.

Rows 3 to 54 Cont as in Rows 1 and 2 until all rows of Chart 2 have been worked.

Using Yarn E, knit 3 rows.

Cast off.

SQUARE 3 - HOUSE ON BLUE

(Knit in Yarns, D, K, L, M, N and P.)

Cast on 44 sts using 4 mm needles and Yarn K. Knit 3 rows.

START CHART

Row 1 (RS) K3, knit Row 1 of Chart 3, K3.

Row 2 K3, purl Row 2 of Chart 3, K3.

Rows 3 to 54 Cont as in Rows 1 and 2 until all rows of Chart 3 have been worked.

Using Yarn K, knit 3 rows.

Cast off.

SQUARE 4 - BLUE STAR

(Knit in Yarns A, G, Q and L.)

Cast on 45 sts using 4 mm needles and Yarn G.

Knit 3 rows.

START CHART

Row 1 (RS) K3, knit Row 1 of Chart 4, K3.

Row 2 K3, purl Row 2 of Chart 4, K3.

Rows 3 to 54 Cont as in Rows 1 and 2 until all rows of Chart 4 have been worked

Using Yarn G, knit 3 rows.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

Weave in ends. Block squares gently, following any instructions on the ball band.

Sew the squares together using a matching sewing thread. Pin the 4 squares to a 40cm cushion and sew in place.

If you want to knit a cushion back, follow the knitting instructions below using one of the shades and 4mm needles:

Cast on 88 sts using 4mm needles

Starting with a knit row work in st st until the knitting measures 40cm

Cast off.

Sew the squares together using a matching sewing thread. With right sides facing, pin the 4 squares to the back, sew together 3 sides. Turn the cover the right way out, put the cushion pad inside and then slip stitch the cushion cover closed.

DON'T MISS A KAL ISSUE!

Our cosy cottage homewares collection KAL will appear in Issues 264 to 268. Simply Knitting is available at all good newsagents and supermarkets. But if you miss a copy, recent back issues can be ordered from www.ourmediashop.com.









SWEET SUNBEAM

Cast on a soft, golden baby cardigan in simple garter stitch that's perfect for your little rays of sunshine! By **DROPS**







YOU WILL NEED

□DROPS Nord (4ply, 45% alpaca, 30% polyamide, 25% wool 50g/170m)

For yarn quantities and measurements see size table

- ☐ A 3mm circular needle. 80cm long
- □4 (4: 5: 5: 6: 6) buttons, 15mm diameter
- ☐ Stitch markers
- ☐ Stitch holders

TENSION

24 sts and 48 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over garter st using 3mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79



23 (26: 28: 30½: 32: 35½)cm 9 (10¹/₄: 11: 12: 12¹/₂: 14)in

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www.thewoolfactory.co.uk

☐For yarn stockists

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BABY CARDIGAN STITCH PATTERNS

GARTER STITCH

Worked back and forth. Knit all rows.

ENGLISH RIB

Row 1 (RS) *K1, yo, sl1 purlwise; rep from * to 1 st before mrk, K1. Row 2 (WS) *Yo, sl1 purlwise, knit yo and slipped stitch tog; rep from * to 1 st before mrk, yo, sl1 purlwise.

Row 3 (RS) *Knit yo and slipped stitch tog, yo, sl1 purlwise; rep from * to 2 sts before mrk, knit yo and slipped stitch tog. Repeat Rows 2 and 3 onwards.

RAGLANS

All incs are worked on the right side. Inc 8 sts as follows: *Work garter stitch to marker, yo, SM, work English rib over 5 sts, SM, yo; rep from * to end of row (1 st inc on each side of the English rib sections = 8 sts inc'd). On the next row knit the yarn overs through the back loop to avoid holes and then work the new sts in garter stitch.

DECREASE TIP (SLEEVES)

All decreases are worked from the right side. Decrease 1 stitch on each side as follows: K1, skpo, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [2 sts dec'd on the row]

BUTTONHOLES

The first buttonhole is worked when the piece measures 1cm, then the next 3 (3: 4: 4: 5: 5) buttonholes with approx 5 (6: 5: 6: 5: 6)cm between each one.

Work the buttonholes on the right band (as worn) from the right side as follows: Work until there are 4 sts left on the row, k2tog, yo, K2. On the next row knit the yarn over leaving a hole.

I-CORD CAST-OFF

*K2, k2tog tbl, slip the 3 sts from the right needle onto the left

"This cardigan has a unique construction, as it's knitted all in one piece. It may seem tricky but it's not, and once you master it, we think you'll fall in love with the technique."

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needle (in the same order); rep from * until there are 3 sts left on the left needle, k3tog. Cut the strand and pull it through the last stitch. Fasten well.

YOKE

Cast on 72 (76: 80: 84: 90: 94) sts using 3mm circular needle. Work 4 rows in garter stitch (see Stitch Patterns) and inc 8 (8:8:8: 6:6) sts evenly spaced on the last row. [80 (84: 88: 92: 96: 100) sts]

On the next row (RS) place markers as follows:

Work 11 (12: 13: 14: 15: 16) sts in garter stitch (left front piece), PM, work 5 sts in English Rib (see Stitch Patterns), PM, work 12 sts in garter stitch (sleeve), PM, work 5 sts in English rib, PM, work 14 (16: 18: 20: 22: 24) sts in garter stitch (back piece), PM, work 5 sts in English rib, PM, work 12 sts in garter stitch (sleeve), PM, work 5 sts in English rib, PM, work 11 (12: 13: 14: 15: 16) sts in garter stitch and work the Buttonhole over last 4 sts (see Stitch Patterns) (right front piece). You have 8 markers, which show where you will work English rib and work raglan increases.

Work 1 row in pattern as set.

RAGLAN SHAPING

Now start ragian increases (see Stitch Patterns) on each side of all the sections of English rib, AT THE SAME TIME, working buttonholes on RS rows with approx 5 (6: 5: 6: 5: 6)cm between

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		0-1m	1-3m	6-9m	12-18m	2yrs	3-4yrs	
TO FIT CHEST	cm	38	40½	441/2	48	53	58½	
	in	15	16	17½	19	21	23	
ACTUAL CHEST	cm	46	52½	56	61	64	71	
	in	18	20¾	22	24	25¼	28	
LENGTH	cm	24	28	30	33	36	40	
	in	9½	11	11¾	13	14¼	15¾	
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	13	15	17	19	23	27	
	in	5	6	6¾	71/2	9	10¾	
YARN		DROPS Nord (4ply, 50g/170m)						
Goldenrod (18)		2	3	3	3	3	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

TOP TIPS

- 1 This all-in-one-piece baby cardigan is knitted from the top down. You'll shape the sleeves and body using increases and decreases.
- 2 Check tension and the yarn label for the needle size, but as garter stitch is stretchy, consider going down a needle size for correct measurements.
- 3 Get one step ahead it's a good idea to make and wash a swatch to see how the fabric looks and behaves before you cast on your cardigan.



Increase every 2nd row 4 (6: 7: 10: 11: 14) times, then every 4th row 8 (9: 9: 8: 8: 8) times. [176 (204: 216: 236: 248: 276) sts]

Continue the pattern without further increases until the piece measures 9.5 (11: 11.5: 12: 13: 14)cm from the cast-on edge.

DIVIDE FOR BODY AND SLEEVES

Next row (RS) Work 23 (27: 29: 32: 34: 38) sts in garter stitch, SM, work 5 sts in English rib, SM, place the next 36 (42: 44: 48: 50: 56) sts on a holder for the sleeve, cast on 7 sts under the sleeve, SM, work 5 sts in English rib, SM, work 38 (46: 50: 56: 60: 68) sts in garter stitch, SM, work 5 sts in English rib, SM, place the next 36 (42: 44: 48: 50: 56) sts on a holder for the sleeve, cast on 7 sts under the sleeve, SM, work 5 sts in English rib, SM, work 23 (27: 29: 32: 34: 38) sts in garter stitch.

[118 (134: 142: 154: 162: 178) sts]

BODY

Continue with garter stitch and English rib as before, working the new sts under each sleeve in English rib (on the first row these sts do not have yarn overs). Continue working buttonholes with approx 5 (6: 5: 6: 5: 6)cm between each one.

Work until the body measures 13 (15.5: 17: 19.5: 21.5: 24.5)cm, from the under sleeve cast on.

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.



Cast off from the right side using i-cord cast-off (see Stitch Patterns).

SLEEVES

Place the 36 (42: 44: 48: 50: 56) sts from one sleeve holder onto 3mm circular needle.

Work 2 rows in garter stitch, casting on 4 sts at the end of each row. [44 (50: 52: 56: 58: 64) sts]

When the sleeve measures 2cm decrease 1 stitch on each end of the next RS row (see Stitch Patterns). Repeat this decrease every 8th (8th: 6th: 8th: 8th) row 3 (6: 7: 8: 7: 9) times. [36 (36: 36: 38: 42: 44) sts]

Work without shaping until the sleeve measures 13 (15: 17: 19: 23: 27)cm.

Cast off with i-cord cast-off from the right side. Work the other sleeve in the same way.

MAKING UP

Sew the sleeve seams in the outermost loop of the outermost stitch, so the seam is flat. Sew the openings under the sleeves. Sew the buttons onto the left edge of the cardigan in line with the buttonholes.

KNITTING IN ALPACA BLENDS

We love alpaca blend yarns for all knits, but bear in mind it has a heavier drape than wool and can stretch especially when wet. It's slippery too, so wood or bamboo needles will hold onto your stitches better. It's a great yarn for warmth and moisture-wicking though, making it ideal for multi-season accessories, as well as baby clothes.











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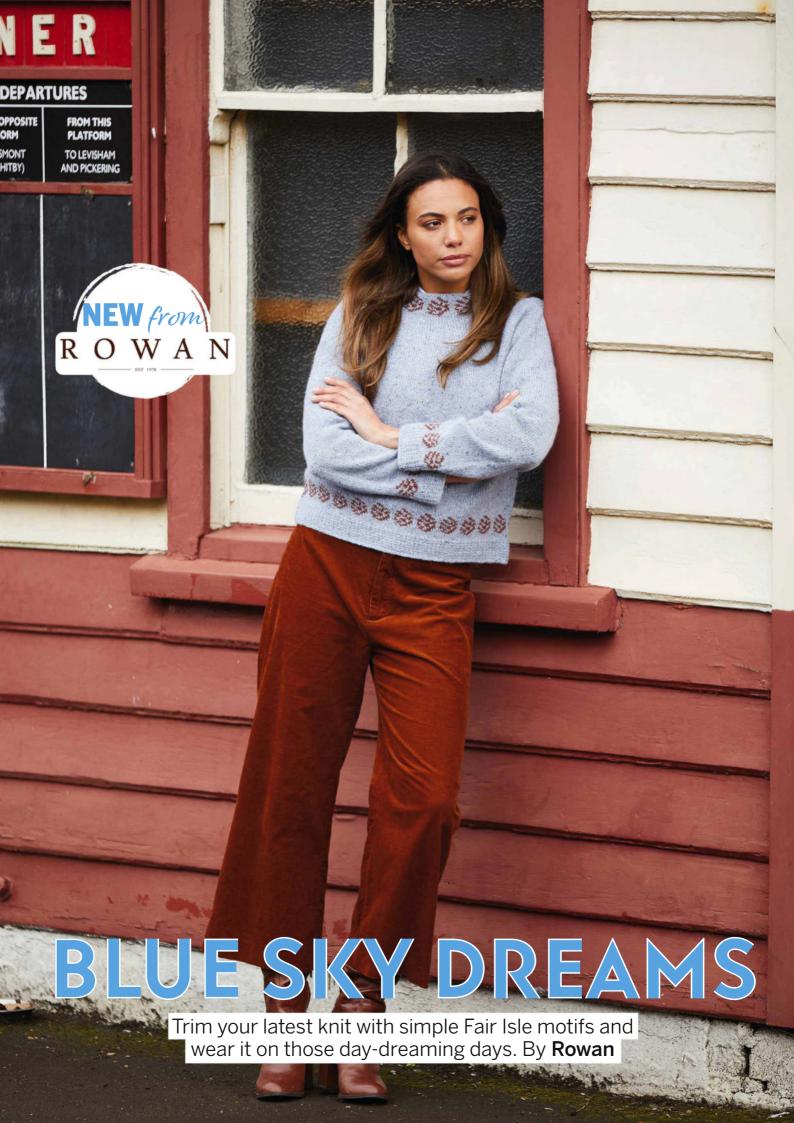








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* FAIR ISLE JUMPER



YOU WILL NEED

☐ Rowan Felted Tweed (DK, 50% wool, 25% viscose, 25% alpaca, 50g/175m)

For yarn quantities and measurements see size table

- ☐ A set of four 3.25mm doublepointed needles (DPNs)
- ☐ A set of four 3.75mm DPNs
- ☐ A set of 3.25mm circular needles no more than 60 (60: 60: 80: 80: 80: 80: 80: 80)cm long
- ☐ A set of 3.75mm circular needles no more than 60 (60: 60: 80: 80: 80: 80: 80) cm long
- ☐ Stitch holders
- □Stitch markers

TENSION

24 sts and 32 rounds to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3.75mm needles

25 sts and 28 rounds to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over patterned st st using 3.75mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

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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





FAIR ISLE JUMPER

Worked downwards in one piece to armholes beg at neckband. Cast on 116 (118: 120: 122: 122: 124: 128: 130: 130) sts using 3.25mm DPNs and Yarn A.

Taking care not to twist cast-on edge, distribute sts over 3 of the 4 needles and, using 4th needle, work in rounds as folls:

Round 1 (RS) Knit.

Place marker after last st of this round to denote centre back and beg and end of rounds – slip this marker from left needle to right needle on every round.

Round 2 *K1, P1, rep from * to end.

These 2 rounds form broken rib for neckband.

Cont in broken rib until neckband measures 4cm from cast-on edge.

Change to 3.75mm DPNs.

Now work in st st (K every round) as folls:

Round 1 K9 (8: 5: 7: 7: 6: 4: 4: 4), M1, *K14 (17: 11: 12: 12: 8: 10: 11: 11), M1, rep from * to last 9 (8: 5: 7: 7: 6: 4: 5: 5) sts, K9 (8: 5: 7: 7: 6: 4: 5: 5). [124 (125: 131: 132: 132: 139: 141: 142: 142) sts]

Rounds 2 and 3 Knit.

Round 4 K9 (8: 5: 6: 6: 6: 4: 5: 5), M1, *K15 (18: 11: 12: 12: 9: 11: 12: 12), M1, rep from * to last 10 (9: 5: 6: 6: 7: 5: 5) sts, K10 (9: 5: 6: 6: 7: 5: 5: 5). [132 (132: 143: 143: 143: 154: 154: 154: 154) sts]

Beg and ending rounds as indicated, using the Fair Isle technique and repeating the 11-st patt repeat 12 (12: 13: 13: 13: 14: 14: 14: 14) times around each round, cont in patt from Chart, which is worked entirely in st st (K every round) as folls:

Cont until all 11 rounds of Chart have been completed.

Break off Yarn B and cont using Yarn A only.

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		4-6	8-10	12-14	16-18	20-22	24-26	28-30	32-34	36-38
TO FIT BUST	cm	71-76	81-86	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127	132-137	142-147	152-157
	in	28-30	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50	52-54	56-58	60-62
ACTUAL BUST	cm	90	100	111	121	131	141	151	161	171
	in	35½	39¼	43%	47¾	51½	55½	59½	63½	67¼
LENGTH	cm	49	50.5	53	54.5	56.5	58.5	60	61.5	63
	in	191/4	20	20¾	21½	221/4	23	23½	241/4	24¾
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	44	45	45	46	46	46	46	46	46
	in	17¼	17¾	17¾	18	18	18	18	18	18
YARN		Rowan Felted Tweed (DK, 50g/175m)								
Yarn A Scree (165)		6	6	7	8	8	9	9	10	11
Yarn B Barn Red (196)		1	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

TOP TIPS FOR FAIR ISLE KNITTING

1 Fair Isle is best knitted with a "grippy" yarn, like wool. Once knitted the yarn meshes, creating more defined, clearer motifs.

2 It's important for Fair Isle that you loosen your needle grip and tension. A tight tension will cause your Fair Isle section to pucker.

3 Try to catch your yarn floats at the back of your work every five or six stitches. Twisting the yarn colours at every change.



"With charming Fair Isle motifs along the edges, this cosy jumper is a rewarding knit. A timeless piece with just the right challenge, it's one you'll love wearing again and again!

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Now work yoke as folls:

(Note As the number of sts increases whilst working yoke, change to the appropriately sized circular needle when required.)

Next round *K31 (31: 18: 18: 23: 23: 23: 23), k2tog, rep from * to last 0 (0: 3: 3: 4: 4: 4: 4) sts, K0 (0: 3: 3: 3: 4: 4: 4: 4).

[128 (128: 136: 136: 136: 148: 148: 148: 148) sts]

Work 3 (3: 3: 3: 3: 4: 4: 4) rounds.

Next round *M1, K9 (8: 8: 8: 7: 6: 6), rep from * to last 2 (0: 0: 0: 3: 4: 1: 4: 4) sts, K2 (0: 0: 0: 3: 4: 1: 4: 4).

[142 (144: 153: 153: 155: 166: 169: 172: 172) sts]

Work 3 (3: 3: 3: 3: 4: 4: 4) rounds.

Next round *M1, K10 (9: 9: 8: 8: 9: 8: 7: 7), rep from * to last 2 (0: 0: 1: 3: 4: 1: 4: 4) sts, K2 (0: 0: 1: 3: 4: 1: 4: 4).

[156 (160: 170: 172: 174: 184: 190: 196: 196) sts]

Work 3 (3: 3: 3: 3: 4: 4: 4) rounds.

Next round *M1, K11 (10: 10: 9: 9: 10: 9: 8: 8), rep from * to last 2 (0:

0: 1: 3: 4: 1: 4: 4) sts, K2 (0: 0: 1: 3: 4: 1: 4: 4).

[170 (176: 187: 191: 193: 202: 211: 220: 220) sts]

Work 3 (3: 3: 3: 3: 4: 4: 4) rounds.

Next round *M1, K12 (11: 11: 10: 10: 11: 10: 9: 9), rep from * to last 2

(0: 0: 1: 3: 4: 1: 4: 4) sts, K2 (0: 0: 1: 3: 4: 1: 4: 4).

[184 (192: 204: 210: 212: 220: 232: 244: 244) sts]

Work 3 (3: 3: 3: 3: 4: 4: 4) rounds.

Next round *M1, K13 (12: 12: 11: 11: 12: 11: 10: 10), rep from * to last 2

(0: 0: 1: 3: 4: 1: 4: 4) sts, K2 (0: 0: 1: 3: 4: 1: 4: 4).

[198 (208: 221: 229: 231: 238: 253: 268: 268) sts]

Work 3 (3: 3: 3: 3: 4: 4: 4) rounds.

Next round *M1, K14 (13: 13: 12: 12: 13: 12: 11: 11), rep from * to last 2

(0: 0: 1: 3: 4: 1: 4: 4) sts, K2 (0: 0: 1: 3: 4: 1: 4: 4).

212 (224: 238: 248: 250: 256: 274: 292: 292) sts.

Work 3 (3: 3: 3: 3: 4: 4: 4) rounds.

Next round *M1, K15 (14: 14: 13: 13: 14: 13: 11: 12), rep from * to last

2 (0: 0: 1: 3: 4: 1: 6: 4) sts, K2 (0: 0: 1: 3: 4: 1: 6: 4).

[226 (240: 255: 267: 269: 274: 295: 318: 316) sts]

Work 3 (3: 3: 3: 3: 4: 4: 4) rounds.

Next round *M1, K16 (15: 15: 14: 14: 15: 14: 12: 13), rep from * to last

2 (0: 0: 1: 3: 4: 1: 6: 4) sts, K2 (0: 0: 1: 3: 4: 1: 6: 4).

240 (256: 272: 286: 288: 292: 316: 344: 340) sts.

Work 3 (3: 3: 3: 3: 4: 4: 4) rounds.

Next round *M1, K17 (16: 16: 15: 15: 16: 15: 13: 13), rep from * to last

2 (0: 0: 1: 3: 4: 1: 6: 2) sts, K2 (0: 0: 1: 3: 4: 1: 6: 2).

[254 (272: 289: 305: 307: 310: 337: 370: 366) sts]

Work 3 (3: 3: 3: 4: 4: 4: 4) rounds.

Next round *M1, K18 (17: 17: 16: 16: 17: 16: 14: 14), rep from * to last 2

(0: 0: 1: 3: 4: 1: 6: 2) sts, K2 (0: 0: 1: 3: 4: 1: 6: 2).

[268 (288: 306: 324: 326: 328: 358: 396: 392) sts]

Work 3 (3: 3: 4: 4: 4: 4: 5: 4) rounds.

Next round *M1, K19 (18: 18: 17: 17: 16: 17: 15: 15), rep from * to last

2 (0: 0: 1: 3: 8: 1: 6: 2) sts, K2 (0: 0: 1: 3: 8: 1: 6: 2).

[282 (304: 323: 343: 345: 348: 379: 422: 418) sts]

Work 3 (3: 3: 4: 4: 4: 4: 5: 4) rounds.

Next round *M1, K20 (19: 19: 18: 18: 17: 18: 16: 16), rep from * to last

2 (0: 0: 1: 3: 8: 1: 6: 2) sts, K2 (0: 0: 1: 3: 8: 1: 6: 2).

[296 (320: 340: 362: 364: 368: 400: 448: 444) sts]

Work 3 (3: 3: 4: 4: 4: 4: 5: 5) rounds.

Next round *M1, K21 (20: 20: 19: 19: 18: 16: 17: 17), rep from * to last

2 (0: 0: 1: 3: 8: 0: 6: 2) sts, K2 (0: 0: 1: 3: 8: 0: 6: 2).

[310 (336: 357: 381: 383: 388: 425: 474: 470) sts]

Work 3 (3: 4: 4: 4: 4: 5: 5) rounds.

Next round *M1, K22 (21: 21: 20: 20: 19: 17: 18: 18), rep from * to

last 2 (0: 0: 1: 3: 8: 0: 6: 2) sts, K2 (0: 0: 1: 3: 8: 0: 6: 2).

[324 (352: 374: 400: 402: 408: 450: 500: 496) sts]

Work 3 (4: 4: 4: 4: 4: 5: 5) rounds.

Next round *M1, K23 (22: 22: 21: 20: 20: 18: 19: 19), rep from * to

last 2 (0: 0: 1: 2: 8: 0: 6: 2) sts, K2 (0: 0: 1: 2: 8: 0: 6: 2).

[338 (368: 391: 419: 422: 428: 475: 526: 522) sts]

Work 3 (4: 4: 4: 4: 4: 5: 5) rounds.

SIZES 12-14, 16-18 AND 32-34 ONLY

Next round *M1, K- (-: 23: 22: -: -: -: 20: -), rep from * to last

- (-: 0: 1: -: -: -: 6: -) sts, K- (-: 0: 1: -: -: -: 6: -).

[- (-: 408: 438: -: -: 552: -) sts]

Work - (-: 4: 4: -: -: 5: -) rounds.

SIZES 20-22, 28-30 AND 36-38 ONLY

Next round *M1, K- (-: -: -: 21: -: 19: -: 18), rep from * to last

- (-: -: -: 2: -: 0: -: 0) sts, K- (-: -: -: 2: -: 0: -: 0).

[- (-: -: -: 442: -: 500: -: 551) sts]

Work - (-: -: 4: -: 4: -: 5) rounds.

Next round *M1, K- (-: -: -: 22: -: 20: -: 19), rep from * to last

- (-: -: -: 2: -: 0: -: 0) sts, K- (-: -: -: 2: -: 0: -: 0).

[- (-: -: 462: -: 525: -: 580) sts]

Work - (-: -: 4: -: 4: -: 5) rounds.

SIZE 24-26 ONLY

Next round *M1, K21, rep from * to last 8 sts, K8. [448 sts] Work 4 rounds.

Next round *M1, K22, rep from * to last 8 sts, K8. [468 sts] Work 4 rounds.

Next round *M1, K23, rep from * to last 8 sts, K8. [488 sts] Work 4 rounds.

ALL SIZES

Next round K7 (13: 8: 10: 12: 12: 10: 13: 14), M1, *K19 (18: 23: 22: 23: 16: 21: 21: 19), M1, rep from * to last 8 (13: 9: 10: 13: 12: 11: 14: 15) sts,

K8 (13: 9: 10: 13: 12: 11: 14: 15).

[356 (388: 426: 458: 482: 518: 550: 578: 610) sts]

Do NOT break off yarn.

Leave sts on holders as folls:

Slip first 51 (57: 63: 69: 74: 80: 86: 91: 97) sts onto a holder for right Back, next 76 (80: 86: 90: 92: 98: 102: 106: 110) sts onto another holder for right Sleeve, next 102 (114: 127: 139: 149: 161: 173: 183:

195) sts onto another holder for Front, next 76 (80: 86: 90: 92: 98: 102: 106: 110) sts onto another holder for left Sleeve, and rem 51 (57: 64: 70: 75: 81: 87: 92: 98) sts onto another holder for left Back.

BODY

Worked downwards in one piece.

With RS facing, using 3.75mm circular needles and ball of Yarn A still attached to sts on right Back holder, join sts for Body as folls:

Next round (RS) K across 51 (57: 63: 69: 74: 80: 86: 91: 97) sts on right Back holder, turn and **cast on** 6 (6: 6: 6: 8: 8: 8: 10: 10) sts (for right underarm), turn, K across 102 (114: 127: 139: 149: 161: 173: 183: 195) sts on Front holder, turn and **cast on** 6 (6: 6: 6: 8: 8: 8: 10: 10) sts (for left underarm), turn, then K across 51 (57: 64: 70: 75: 81: 87: 92: 98) sts on left Back holder.

[216 (240: 266: 290: 314: 338: 362: 386: 410) sts]

Now work in rounds in st st on these sts until Body measures 19 (20: 20.5: 21: 21.5: 22: 22: 23: 23)cm from cast-on for underarm.

Next round K10 (12: 17: 19: 7: 13: 16: 22: 7), M1, *K14 (18: 29: 42: 20: 24: 30: 38: 22), M1, rep from * to last 10 (12: 17: 19: 7: 13: 16:

22: 7) sts, K10 (12: 17: 19: 7: 13: 16: 22: 7).

[231 (253: 275: 297: 330: 352: 374: 396: 429) sts]

Beg and ending rounds as indicated, using the Fair Isle technique, and repeating the 11-st patt repeat 21 (23: 25: 27: 30: 32: 34: 36: 39) times around each round, cont in patt from Chart, which is worked entirely in st st (K every round) as folls:

Cont until all 11 rounds of Chart have been completed.

Next round K9 (11: 16: 18: 6: 12: 15: 21: 6), k2tog, *K13 (17: 28: 41: 19: 23: 29: 37: 21), k2tog, rep from * to last 10 (12: 17: 19: 7: 13: 16:

22: 7) sts, K10 (12: 17: 19: 7: 13: 16: 22: 7).

[216 (240: 266: 290: 314: 338: 362: 386: 410) sts] Work in st st for 3 rounds more.

Change to 3.25mm circular needles.

Work in broken rib as given for neckband for 4cm, ending after Round 2

Cast off.

SLEEVES

Worked downwards.

With RS facing and using 3.75mm DPNs, rejoin Yarn A and work across sts on Sleeve holder as folls:

Next round (RS) Cast on 3 (3: 3: 3: 4: 4: 4: 5: 5) sts, K across these sts, K across 76 (80: 86: 90: 92: 98: 102: 106: 110) sts on Sleeve holder, turn and cast on 3 (3: 3: 3: 4: 4: 4: 5: 5) sts, turn. [82 (86: 92: 96: 100: 106: 110: 116: 120) sts]

Place marker after last st of this round to denote beg and end of rounds – slip this marker from left needle to right needle on every round.

STEP-BY-STEP M1 MAKE 1 INCREASE



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



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.

Now work in rounds in st st on these sts as folls: Work 12 rounds.

Next round K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2togtbl. [80 (84: 90: 94: 98: 104: 108: 114: 118) sts]

Working all Sleeve decreases as set by last round, dec 1 st at each end of 12th (12th: 10th: 10th: 8th: 8th: 6th: 6th) and every foll 12th (12th: 10th: 10th: 8th: 8th: 6th: 6th) round to 70 (80: 74: 84: 76: 94: 74: 84: 96) sts, then on every foll 10th (10th: 8th: 8th: 6th: 6th: 4th: 4th: 4th) round until 62 (64: 68: 70: 70: 72: 72: 76: 76) sts rem. (Sleeve should measure approx 36 (37: 37: 38: 38: 38: 38: 38: 38) cm from cast-on for underarm.)

SIZES 4-6, 16-18, 20-22, 24-26 AND 28-30 ONLY

Next round K8 (-: -: 5: 5: 8: 8: -: -), M1, *K15 (-: -: 10: 10: 14: 14: -: -), M1, rep from * to last 9 (-: -: 5: 5: 8: 8: -: -) sts, K9 (-: -: 5: 5: 8: 8: -: -). [66 (-: -: 77: 77: 77: 77: -: -) sts]

SIZE 8-10 ONLY

Next round K16, M1, K32, M1, K16. [66 sts]

SIZE 12-14 ONLY

Next round K16, k2tog, K32, k2tog, K16. [66 sts]

SIZES 32-34 AND 36-38 ONLY

Next round K38, M1, K38. [77 sts]

ALL SIZES

Beg and ending rounds as indicated, using the Fair Isle technique, and repeating the 11-st patt repeat 6 (6: 6: 7: 7: 7: 7: 7) times around each round, cont in patt from Chart, which is worked entirely in st st (K every round) as folls: Cont until all 11 rounds of Chart have been completed.

ALL SIZES EXCEPT SIZE 12-14

Next round K4 (8: -: 5: 5: 4: 4: 5: 5), k2tog, *K9 (14: -: 6: 6: 9: 9: 14: 14), k2tog, rep from * to last 5 (8: -: 6: 6: 5: 5: 6: 6) sts, K to end. [60 (62: -: 68: 68: 70: 70: 72: 72) sts]

SIZE 12-14 ONLY

Next round K15, k2tog, K32, k2tog, K15. [64 sts]

ALL SIZES

Work in st st for 3 rounds more.

Change to 3.25mm DPNs.

Work in broken rib as given for neckband for 3cm, ending after Round 2.

Cast off

MAKING UP

Block gently, following any instructions on the ball band. Fold the neckband in half to inside and sew the cast-on edge to the first round after the Fair Isle Chart. Join cast-on sts at underarms of Body and Sleeves using mattress stich, or backstitch if preferred. Weave in ends.



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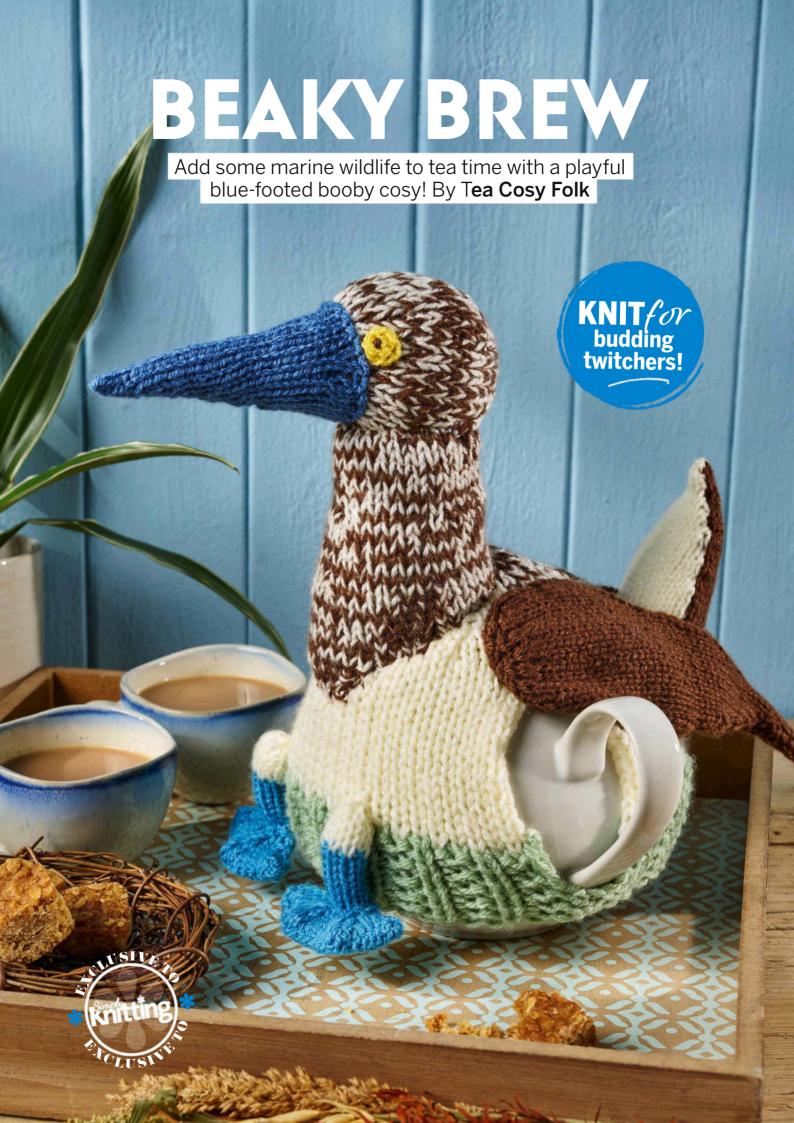


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* BIRD TEA COSY







IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

☐ Stylecraft Special DK (100% acrylic, 100g/295m) 1 ball of each

Yarn A Lincoln (1834)

Yarn B Cream (1005)

Yarn C Walnut (1054)

Yarn D Denim (1302)

Yarn E Citron (1263)

Yarn F Cornish Blue (1841)

☐ A pair of 5.5mm needles

☐ A pair of 4mm needles

□ Toy filling

TENSION

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

14 sts and 23 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 5.5mm needles with yarn held DOUBLE

MEASUREMENTS

To fit a 2 pint (6-8 cup) teapot

ABBREVIATIONS

kfbfb Knit into front, then back. then front, then back again of next stitch [3 sts inc'd]

p4tog Purl four stitches together [3 sts dec'd]

For a full list see page 79



TOP TIP

Our booby makes use of toy stuffing to enhance its features. When stuffing, use a light option and don't overfill the sections to avoid stretching the stitches unecessarily.

WHERE TO BUY

☐For yarn stockists contact Stylecraft on 01484 848435 or visit www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk

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"This delightful booby tea cosy pattern is as fun to knit as it is to admire! Packed with detail and cheeky charm, it's a wonderful addition to any tea cosy collection.

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



TEA COSY

Notes Divide Yarns A and B into two balls before you begin (or locate both ends of the ball) so that the yarn can be used held double where specified.

MAIN COSY FRONT

Cast on 28 sts using 5.5mm needles and Yarn A held DOUBLE.

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

Row 2 P1, *K2, P1; rep from * to end.

Rows 3 to 10 Rep Rows 2 and 3 four times.

Break Yarn A and join Yarn B held DOUBLE.**

Rows 11 to 28 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

***Row 29 (K5, k2tog) 4 times. [24 sts]

Row 30 and foll WS rows Purl.

Row 31 (K4, k2tog) 4 times. [20 sts]

Row 33 (K3, k2tog) 4 times. [16 sts]

Row 35 (K2, k2tog) 4 times. [12 sts]

Row 37 (K1, k2tog) 4 times. [8 sts]

Row 39 (K2tog) 4 times. [4 sts]

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

MAIN COSY BACK

Cast on 28 sts using 5.5mm needles and Yarn A held DOUBLE. Work as given for Front as far as **.

Rows 11 to 24 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Break one strand of Yarn B and add one strand of Yarn C and work with the 2 colours held tog.

Rows 25 to 28 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st. Complete as given for Main Cosy Front from ***.

Join side seams for about 9cm down from centre top of cosy towards cast-on edge. At bottom of each side seam, join seam upwards for about 3cm. The holes are left for teapot handle and spout. Put this part of cosy onto a teapot to make it easier to sew things into place.

NECK

Cast on 6 sts using 4mm needles and one strand of Yarn B and one strand of Yarn C held tog.

Row 1 (RS) Kfb, K4, kfb. [8 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 Kfb, K6, kfb. [10 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 Kfb, K8, kfb. [12 sts]

Row 6 Purl.

Row 7 Cast on 4 sts, knit to end. [4 sts inc'd]

Row 8 Cast on 4 sts, knit to end. [4 sts inc'd]

Rows 9 to 12 Rep Rows 7 to 8 twice. [36 sts]

Row 13 (K7, k2tog) 4 times. [32 sts]

Rows 14 to 18 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 19 (K6, k2tog) 4 times. [28 sts]

Rows 20 to 26 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Cast off

Join row edges tog and stuff. With seam at centre back, pin to front of Main Cosy so that centre back of Neck is on top of drawn-up part of Main Cosy and sew into place.

HEAD

 ${\bf Cast}$ on 6 sts using 4mm needles and one strand of Yarn B and one strand of Yarn C held tog.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 6 times. [12 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 (K1, kfb) 6 times. [18 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 (K2, kfb) 6 times. [24 sts]

Row 6 Purl.

Row 7 (K3, kfb) 6 times. [30 sts]

Rows 8 to 14 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 15 (K3, k2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]

Rows 16 to 18 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 19 (K2, k2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]

Row 20 Purl.

Row 21 (K2tog) 9 times. [9 sts]

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

Join row edges tog and stuff. Sew a row of running stitches along cast-on edge (back of Head) and draw up to close. With Head seam downwards, pin and sew Head to open top of Neck so that back of Head is level with back of Neck and front of Head slightly overhangs front of Neck.

BEAK

Cast on 24 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn D.

Row 1 (RS) K6, turn, sl1, P5, turn, K24.

Row 2 P6, turn, sl1, K5, turn, P24.

Row 3 K4, (k2tog) twice, K8, (k2tog) twice, K4. [20 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 K2tog, K6, (k2tog) twice, K6, k2tog. [16 sts]

Rows 6 to 8 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 9 K2tog, K12, k2tog. [14 sts]







Rows 10 to 12 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 13 K2tog, K10, k2tog. [12 sts]

Rows 14 to 16 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 17 K2tog, K8, k2tog. [10 sts]

Rows 18 to 20 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 21 K2tog, K6, k2tog. [8 sts]

Rows 22 to 24 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 25 K2tog, K4, k2tog. [6 sts]

Row 26 Purl.

Row 27 K2tog, K2, k2tog. [4 sts]

Row 28 Purl.

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

Join row edges tog and stuff, taking care to keep a nice pointy shape.

With seam at centre bottom, pin Beak to front of Head so that bottom part of Beak rests just above Neck, keeping top edge of Beak horizontal (bottom half of Beak overlaps Head more than top half due to short-row shaping). Sew into place.

EYES (MAKE 2)

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

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

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

Keeping piece flat, bring row-end edges around to meet and form a circle. With a length of Yarn C, embroider a pupil in centre of each Eye. Pin and sew Eyes onto sides of Beak, just above halfway point of Beak.

TAIL (MAKE 1 IN YARN B AND 1 IN YARN C)

Cast on 16 sts using 4mm needles.

Rows 1 to 6 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 7 (RS) K2tog, K12, k2tog. [14 sts]

Rows 8 to 16 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 17 K2tog, K10, k2tog. [12 sts]

Rows 18 to 20 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 21 K2tog, K8, k2tog. [10 sts]

Row 22 Purl.

Row 23 K2tog, K6, k2tog. [8 sts]

Row 24 Purl.

Row 25 K2tog, K4, k2tog. [6 sts]

Row 26 Purl.

Row 27 K2tog, K2, k2tog. [4 sts]

Row 28 Purl.

Row 29 Knit.

Row 30 (P2tog) twice. [2 sts]

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

Join row edges tog. Lightly stuff, flatten and oversew cast-on edges tog to close. With Yarn B side nearest teapot, pin Tail in an upright position to centre back of Main Cosy so that cast-on edge of Tail rests on Row 15 of Main Cosy. Sew into place.

WINGS (MAKE 2)

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

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 6 times. [12 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 (Kfb) 12 times. [24 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 Kfb, K10, (kfb) twice, K10, kfb. [28 sts]

Rows 6 to 10 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 11 Kfb, K12, (kfb) twice, K12, kfb. [32 sts]

Rows 12 to 18 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 19 Kfb, K30, kfb. [34 sts]

Row 20 Purl.

Row 21 K15, k2tog, ssk, K15. [32 sts]

Row 22 Purl.

Row 23 K14, k2tog, ssk, K14. [30 sts]

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.



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.



Row 24 Purl.

Row 25 (Ssk, K11, k2tog) twice. [26 sts]

Row 26 Purl.

Row 27 Ssk, K22, k2tog. [24 sts]

Row 28 Purl.

Row 29 K10, k2tog, ssk, K10. [22 sts]

Rows 30 to 32 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 33 Ssk, K18, k2tog. [20 sts]

Row 34 Purl.

Row 35 (Ssk, K6, k2tog) twice. [16 sts]

Rows 36 to 38 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 39 (Ssk, K4, k2tog) twice. [12 sts]

Row 40 Purl.

Row 41 Ssk, K8, k2tog. [10 sts]

Row 42 Purl.

Row 43 Ssk, K6, k2tog. [8 sts]

Rows 44 to 46 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 47 Ssk, K4, k2tog. [6 sts]

Rows 48 to 50 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 51 Ssk, K2, k2tog. [4 sts]

Row 52 Purl.

Row 53 Ssk, k2tog. [2 sts]

Row 54 Purl.

Row 55 K2tog and fasten off.

Join row edges tog (no need to stuff). With seam at bottom, flatten each Wing and sew cast-on edge to itself where it meets. Pin and sew Wings to each side of Body with joined edges facing outside and so that Wing touches cast-on edge of Tail and runs off back of Main Cosy.

FEET (MAKE 2)

Cast on 44 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn F.

Row 1 (RS) Kfbfb, K6, kfbfb, K7, kfbfb, K6, kfbfb, K21. [56 sts]

Row 2 P21, p4tog, P6, p4tog, P7, p4tog, P6, p4tog. [44 sts]

Row 3 K5, k2tog, ssk, K4, k2tog, ssk, K10, k2tog, ssk, K4, k2tog, ssk, K5. [36 sts]



Row 4 P2tog, *P2, (p2tog) twice; rep from * to last 4 sts, P2, p2tog. [24 sts]

Row 5 (Ssk, K1, k2tog, K2, k2tog, K1, k2tog) twice. [16 sts]

Row 6 Purl.

Row 7 (Ssk, K4, k2tog) twice. [12 sts]

Row 8 P2, p2tog, P4, p2tog, P2. [10 sts]

Cast off.

Join row edges tog. With seam on the right, flatten each Foot. Sew cast-off edge to itself where it meets. Note that top of Foot has bobbles for claws. Put to one side until Legs are made.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 8 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn F.

 $\textbf{Rows 1 to 8} \ \text{Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.}$

Break Yarn F and join Yarn B.

Row 9 (RS) (K1, kfb) 4 times. [12 sts]

Rows 10 to 12 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 13 (K2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]

Join row edges and stuff. Sew open cast-on edge of each Leg to centre back of a Foot. With tea cosy on the teapot and with teapot on a hard surface, pin Legs in place to Main Cosy making sure that Feet touch the hard surface and sew into place.



LOVE A BIRD KNIT?

If you're a bird fan, you'll be pleased to know our booby isn't our first bird tea cosy! In Issue 249, Tea Cosy Folk designed a cute duckling tea cosy too. Find digital back issues of Simply Knitting on www.ravelry.com/patterns/sources/simply-knitting for just £5.99 per issue – you'll need to log in first!

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Got a question for our

Technical Editor

Stitch expert and technical whizz, Jen tackles the trickiest of knitting problems with ease.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH



PERFECT PACKAWAY

I keep my knitting projects in the tote bags and boxes I have around the house. I've seen lots of pretty project bags for sale. Are they worth it? 1 Deb Prescot

Having a specific project bag is not necessary but they do have their benefits. Bags designed specifically for crafting usually have pockets or spaces to keep notions contained, and a way to fasten the bag to keep your projects clean and in one place. Some bags have different options

such as separate spaces to keep more than one project and they can come in different shapes and sizes for different purposes. Whether or not they're worth the cost is down to you! If you're mainly working on your project at home you might not feel the need for a project bag. If you want to travel with your knitting it can be helpful to have somewhere safe to keep your knitting and notions together. Or you may just want to buy yourself a gorgeous bag to keep your knitting in because it makes you happy! Jen

SHORT RETURN

When I make a jumper that's knitted bottom-up it often ends up short. I can't just undo the bottom and add length. How do I work out how to knit it to the length I want?

II Jennifer Cheng

Start with your gauge swatch, make sure you knit one large enough to accurately measure and check you'll get the same size as the pattern. For the length you'll need to check your row gauge. If you have more rows per 10cm your finished jumper will be shorter. The next thing to consider is the measurements given in the pattern compared to the measurements of your body. You could take an item of clothing you like the length of, measure that and see how it compares to the length of the pattern. As

you can't really try on a bottom-up garment easily to get an idea of fit, another option is to cast on with a provisional cast on, ignore the hem or rib at the bottom and get straight into the body of the jumper. When you're done you can then see the length and knit the hem to get the length you want. You could even block it before adding the hem to make sure any growth with blocking is taken into consideration. Cory







GUEST EXPERT

MAKE YOUR OWN BUTTONS

Searching for the perfect button? **Helen Spedding** from sister mag, The Knitter,
shows how to make them yourself

STASH BUSTER IDEA

Tiny knitted bobbles (1)

Make a slip knot, leaving a long yarn tail. **Row 1** Knit into the loop, but keep it on the needle; knit into the back, front, back and front again of the same stitch, and slide the stitch off the left needle. [5 sts] **Row 2** Purl

Row 3 *K1 without dropping stitch off needle, yo, knit into the same stitch again. Rep from * to end. [15 sts] Row 4 (P2tog) along row to last 3 sts, P3tog. [7 sts]

Now lift the second st on the left needle over the first st and off the needle.
Repeat for every stitch on the left needle until one stitch remains. Cut yarn, leaving a long tail, and thread through the remaining stitch. Tie the two yarn tails together firmly, forming a bobble shape; shape it gently with your fingers until it is round.

Crochet buttons

If you're comfortable with a few basic crochet stitches, you can make a variety of buttons. Here we give two examples (UK crochet abbreviations are used).

Lozenge button (2) – Make 11ch, turn and work 1 dc into each of 10 ch, turn with 1ch. Work 5 rows more, taking hook through back loop only. Seam one end, stuff, then sew bottom and other end.

Round button (3) – Make 4ch and join in a ring. Into the ring work 16tr. Break off yarn, leaving a long yarn tail; thread this through a yarn needle. Make a stitch into the top of each treble, pull threads tightly together to form a dome shape, then sew the yarn across the back.

Yarn-covered rings (4)

1 You will need a ring shape to form the base of your button; this could be a small curtain ring, a plastic washer or even a circle of plastic cut from a yogurt pot, with a hole in the middle.

2 Use a length of yarn at least one metre long, threaded onto a yarn needle. Sewing through the centre of the ring, wrap the ring base until it is completely covered, as if you were making a pompom. Once covered, sew around the edges of the ring using blanket stitch, looping through the top layers of yarn. Fasten off at the back.

Dorset buttons (5)

1 To make a simple Cross Wheel button, stitch around a brass curtain ring in blanket stitch using your chosen yarn, until the ring is completely covered. Turn all the stitches so they face inwards.

2 Create 'spokes' around the ring by wrapping the yarn evenly around the ring, 12 times. Make a couple of stitches in the centre of the wheel to hold the spokes in place.

3 Now the yarn must be wound around each spoke using backstitch. Bring the yarn up from the back between two of the spokes. Take the thread to the back of the ring around the first spoke and bring it up between the next two spokes. Repeat until you reach the start of your round, and continue backstitching rounds in this way until the entire button is filled. Secure the yarn at the back.











WEDDING BLISS

I'm getting married later this year and I'd love to make some knitted pieces to bring my love of knitting to the day. Do you have any ideas of things I could make for the big day?

Machigail Turner

How exciting, that's a lovely idea! There are so many things you could make depending on how much time you have and what kind of thing you want. Some ideas for bridal wear are a shawl or wrap, maybe a small cardigan to layer over your dress or some lacy gloves. You could even knit your own bouquet. For something smaller you could knit a small brooch, hair accessory or even a bridal garter. You could make matching accessories in different colours for your bridesmaids. For the groomsmen consider knitting some pocket squares, or maybe a knitted tie for the groom. If you have the time (or a group of willing knitter friends) you could make some place setting pieces or tiny gift bags for wedding favours. The options are endless and the great thing is you can keep all these things as beautiful reminders of your special day. It's important to remember this should add joy to your day so don't try and take on too much or cause vourself stress. Kirstie









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Yarn B Cobalt (1005)

Yarn C Blueberry Bonbon (365)

Yarn D Spruce (1006)

Yarn E Chocolate Lime (395)

Yarn F Turmeric (358)

Yarn G Sunflower (1001)

Yarn H Cherry Drop (529)

Yarn J Cayenne Pepper (510)

☐ A 2.75mm circular needle, 40cm long or 1 set of doublepointed needles (DPNs)

☐ A 3.25mm circular needle, 40cm long or 1 set of DPNs

□6 stitch markers

TENSION

28 sts and 36 rounds to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3.25mm needles

32 sts and 45 rounds to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over ribbing

(unstretched) using 2.75mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

To fit S (M: L)

Finished brim circumference 41.5 (44: 46.5)cm, 161/4 (171/4: 181/4)in

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79



WHERE TO BUY

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

OR YOU COULD TRY...

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www.woolstack.co.uk

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RAINBOW BERET

Note If you tend to have a tight cast on, use a larger size of needles than listed.

BRIM

Cast on 132 (140: 148) sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn B, and join to work in the rnd, taking care not to twist sts. PM to mark beg of rnd.

Rnd 1 *K2tbl, P2; rep from * to end of rnd. Rep Rnd 1 another 5 times. Cut Yarn B.

Using Yarn C, work Rnd 1 another 6 times. Cut Yarn C.

BODY

Change to 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.

Inc rnd *K2, M1; rep from * to end. [198 (210: 222) sts] Work in st st for 11 (12: 12) rnds. Cut Yarn A.

Using Yarn D, work in st st for 6 rnds. Cut Yarn D.

Using Yarn E, work in st st for 6 rnds. Cut Yarn E.

Using Yarn A, work in st st for 12 (13:13) rnds. Cut Yarn A.

CROWN

Using Yarn F.

Set-up round *K33 (35: 37), PM; rep from * to end of rnd. Dec rnd *Knit to 2 sts before SM, k2tog, sISM; rep from * to end of rnd. [192 (204: 216) sts]

Rep dec rnd another 4 times. [168 (180: 192) sts] Cut Yarn F.

Using Yarn G, work dec rnd another 6 times. [132 (144: 156) sts] Cut Yarn G.

Using Yarn A, work dec rnd another 11 (12:13) times. [66 (72: 78) sts] Cut Yarn A.

Using Yarn H, work dec rnd another 5 (6: 6) times. [36 (36: 42) sts] Cut Yarn H.

Using Yarn J, work dec rnd another 5 (5: 6) times. [6 (6: 6) sts]

MAKING UP

Cut yarn, leaving a tail of around 5cm. Thread through the remaining sts and pull tight.

Weave in ends and block gently to measurements on a 28cm dinner plate and leave to dry thoroughly.





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

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Knitting Riddle

I'm not a knot, but hold I things tight, With yarn and needles, I work day and night. I take many forms, from hats to shawls, But in a single row, I can unravel it all.

What am I?

ACROSS

- Tactile writing system (7)
- Make a splattering sound in the mud (7)
- Delicious (5)
- Seamless grafting stitch in knitting (9) 10
- 11 Consume (3)
- Citrus fruit (5)
- Japanese dish with rice and seafood (5) 13
- Bottom surface of a room (5)
- A row of stitches in knitting (6) 16
- Powerful (6)
- Cooked breakfast, often with eggs and bacon (3,2)
- Forbidden or prohibited (5)
- 24 Deep-fried potato pieces (5)
- Lavatory (3)
- 27 Structure made by bees (9)
- Bring together as one (5)
- The Greatest ---, musical film based on P.T. Barnum (7)
- 31 Furniture for storing clothes (6)

DOWN

- Aromatic herb used in cooking (3,4)
- Alexander ---, comedian and Pointless host (9)
- Faithful (5) 3
- Indigenous person of the Arctic (6)
- Smooth, glossy fabric (5)
- Expression of disgust or annoyance (3)
- --- End, famous British coastal point (5)
- 8 Female protagonist in a story (7)
- Parody or humorous imitation (5) 13
- Relating to styles from the past (5)
- Payments to authors or artists for their work (9)
- Objects used to start a fire (7)
- One who leads the way in new ventures (7)
- Pattern of alternating knit and purl stitches (6)
- 23 Stringed instrument with a round body (5)
- Entertainer with exaggerated make up and costume (5)
- Condiment or liquid used to enhance flavour (5)
- 28 Sweet potato (3)

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WHAT AM I? A stitch Key word PICNIC

24 Clown, 25 Sauce, 28 Yam.

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YOU WILL NEED

□Rowan Kid Classic (aran, 70% wool, 22% mohair, 8% polyamide, 50g/140m)

For yarn quantities and measurements see size table

☐ A pair of 4.5mm needles ☐ A pair of 5.5mm needles

TENSION

16 sts and 19 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over drop-stitch pattern using 5.5mm needles, after blocking

ABBREVIATIONS

drop stitch Start the knit stitch as usual but rather than wrapping the yarn around once, as you would for a regular stitch, wrap the yarn around the needle twice, continue

the stitch as usual. Once you have finished this stitch it will appear that you have doubled your number of sts but this is rectified on the next row by working each 'double' stitch as one

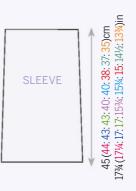
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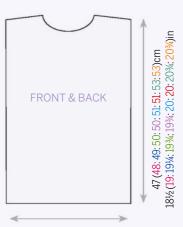


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39 (45: 50: 56.5: 61.5: 67.5: 72.5: 79: 84)cm 151/4 (173/4: 193/4: 221/4: 24: 261/2: 281/2: 31: 33)in

"When summer turns chilly we all reach for something to pop on over a vest top. This alternative to cardis and shawls is so soft on your shoulders and very light to wear.

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



DROP-STITCH JUMPER

Note This yarn and stitch combination relaxes a lot once blocked so to ensure accurate finished measurements, make sure that you are smoothing your work out flat when measuring as you go.

FRONT AND BACK (BOTH ALIKE)

Cast on 64 (74: 82: 92: 100: 110: 118: 128: 136) sts using 4.5mm needles

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 once more.

Row 5 Knit to end, picking up the corresponding cast-on stitch as you do, and knitting it together with the new stitch to create a rolled hem.

Change to 5.5mm needles.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 Knit

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 Work drop stitch to the end.

Row 5 Purl

Row 6 Knit.

Rows 1 to 6 form stitch pattern and are repeated.

Work in pattern until work measures 47 (48: 49: 50: 50: 51: 51: 53: 53)cm ending after Row 1.



* DROP-STITCH JUMPER

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		4	6-8	10-12	14-16	18-20	22-26	28-30	32-34	36-38
TO FIT BUST	cm	71	76-81	86-91	96-102	107-117	117-127	132-137	142-147	152-157
IO FII BUSI	in	28	30-32	34-36	38-40	42-44	46-50	52-54	56-58	60-62
ACTUAL	cm	77.5	90	100	112.5	122.5	135	145	157.5	167.5
BUST	in	30½	35½	39¼	441/4	481/4	53¼	57	62	66
LENOTH	cm	47	48	49	50	50	51	51	53	53
LENGTH	in	18½	19	19¼	19¾	19¾	20	20	20¾	20¾
SLEEVE	cm	45	44	43	43	40	40	38	37	35
LENGTH	in	17¾	17¼	17	17	15¾	15¾	15	14½	13¾
YARN Pumice (888)			Rowan Kid Classic (aran, 50g/140m)							
		5	6	6	7	7	8	9	9	10

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



NECKLINE

Row 1 Cast off 10 (14: 18: 21: 25: 28: 32: 37: 39) sts, knit to end. [54 (60: 64: 71: 75: 82: 86: 91: 97) sts]

Row 2 Cast off 10 (14: 18: 21: 25: 28: 32: 37: 39) sts purlwise, purl to end of row. [44 (46: 46: 50: 50: 54: 54: 54: 58) sts] Row 3 Knit.



Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 Knit.

Row 6 Purl.

Row 7 Knit to end, casting off as you go, and at the same time knitting each stitch together with the stitch from Row 3 to create a

SLEEVES (BOTH ALIKE)

Cast on 64 (74: 82: 92: 100: 110: 118: 128: 136) sts using 4.5mm needles.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 Purl

Rep Rows 1 and 2 once more.

Row 5 Knit to end, picking up the corresponding cast-on stitch as you do, and knitting it together with the new stitch to create a rolled hem.

Change to 5.5mm needles.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 Knit.

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 Work drop stitch to end.

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 Knit.

Rows 1 to 6 form stitch pattern and are repeated.

Work another 20 (16: 16: 16: 14: 12: 10: 10: 10) rows in pattern, ending after a RS row.

Decrease row (WS) P1, p2tog, purl to last 3 sts, p2tog, P1. [2 sts dec'd]

Repeat the last 20 (16: 16: 16: 14: 12: 10: 10: 10) rows another 2 (3: 3: 3: 3: 4: 4: 4: 4) times. [58 (66: 74: 84: 92: 100: 108: 118: 126) sts]

Continue working straight in pattern until work measures 45 (44: 43: 43: 40: 40: 38: 37: 35)cm from cast-on, ending after a Row 1. Cast off all sts.

MAKING UP

Block pieces gently to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band. Join shoulder seams. Align centre of top of Sleeves to shoulder seams and join to body. Join Sleeve and side seams. Weave in ends.



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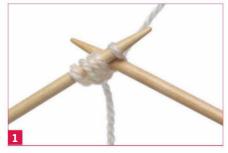
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CABLE CAST-ON METHOD Use it for a firm edge, and when adding stitches to your work



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.



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.



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



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.



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



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



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



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.



Now wind the yarn anticlockwise 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.



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.



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 righthand needle a little further through the stitch, pull the original loop up and off the lefthand 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.

decreased)

slip 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches

together, pass slipped stitch over

sk2po

make one nurlwise by nurling into



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

(2 stitches decreased)



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

ABE	BREVIALIONS AI	שמ
alt approx beg	alternate approximately beginning	M1P
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	MB mrk P/p patt(s PB
cn .	cable needle	pfb
cont dec	continue decrease(ing) (by working two stitches together)	PM P2tog
DK DPNs	double knitting double-pointed needles	P3tog
foll/s	following/follows	prev
g st	garter stitch (knit every row)	psso
inc	increase (usually knit into same stitch twice)	p(1)th pwise
K/k	knit	rem
kbfb	knit into the back, front and back of the next st [inc 2 sts]	rep(s) rev st
kfb	knit into front and back of stitch	RH
kwise	knitwise; by knitting the stitch	rib2to
k2tog	knit the next two stitches together	
k(1)tbl LH	knit (1) into back loop left hand	
meas	measure(s)	rnd(s)
M1	make one stitch by knitting into	DC
M1L	back of loop between two stitches (left leaning increase) with left needle tip, lift strand between	RS s2kpo
M1R	needles from front to back. Knit lifted loop through back of loop (right leaning increase) with left	skpo
	needle tip, lift strand between	

needles from back to front. Knit

lifted loop through front of loop

IL	make one puriwise by puriing into		(2 Stitches decreased)
	back of loop between two stitches	sl	slip
	(increase 1 stitch)	sl st	slip stitch
В	make a bobble	SM	stitch marker
rk	marker	ssk	slip 2 stitches one at a time, knit 2
/p	purl		slipped stitches together
att(s)	pattern(s)		(1 stitch decreased)
В	place bead	ssp	slip 2 stitches one at a time, purl 2
b	purl into front and back of stitch		slipped stitches together through
М	place marker		back loops (1 stitch decreased)
2tog	purl 2 stitches together (1 stitch	st(s)	stitch(es)
	decreased)	st st	stocking stitch
3tog	purl 3 stitches together (2	tbl	through the back of the loop
_	stitches decreased)	tog	together
rev	previous	w&t	(wrap and turn) take the yarn
SSO	pass slipped stitch(es) over		to the opposite side of the work
(1)tbl	purl (1) into back of the loop		between the needles, slip the next
wise	(purlwise) by purling the stitch		st to the right-hand needle, take
m	remain/remaining		the yarn back to the other side
p(s)	repeat(s)		of the work between the needles,
v st st	reverse stocking stitch		slip the stitch back to the left-
Н	right hand		hand needle.
b2tog	either k2tog or p2tog	WS	wrong side
	dep on what next stitch	wyib	with yarn in back
	in ribbing should be	wyif	with yarn in front
	(keeps ribbing looking	ybk	yarn to the back
	neat on buttonholes)	yfwd	yarn forward
ıd(s)	round(s) (on a circular needle/	yo	yarn over
	DPNs)	yrn	yarn round needle
S	right side	yon	yarn over needle
2kpo	slip 2 stitches, K1, pass both	*	work instructions immediately
	slipped stitches over (2 stitches		following *, then repeat as
	decreased)		directed
фо	slip 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch, pass		
	slipped stitch over (1 stitch		

NEEDLE SIZES					
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14	2mm	0			
13	2.25mm	1			
-	2.5mm	_			
12	2.75mm	2			
11	3mm	-			
10	3.25mm	3			
_	3.5mm	4			
9	3.75mm	5			
8	4mm	6			
7	4.5mm	7			
6	5mm	8			
5	5.5mm	9			
4	6mm	10			
3	6.5mm	10½			
2	7mm	-			
1	7.5mm	-			
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Stash treasures in style with this knit-and-go project by Becca Parker







YOU WILL NEED

☐ Yarnsmiths Create Aran (100% acrylic, 100g/195m) 1 ball of Cornflower (4270) □A pair of 4mm needles □1 button, approx 1cm diameter

TENSION

20 sts and 36 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 4mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

sl1p Slip 1 st purlwise

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MEASUREMENTS

9x7cm (3½ x2¾in)

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COIN PURSE

Cast on 21 sts using 4mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) K1, *K1, yfwd, sl1p, rep from * to last 2 sts, K2. [21 sts]

Row 2 (WS) Purl.

Row 3 *K1, yfwd, sl1p, rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 4 Purl.

Rows 1 to 4 set pattern.

Rows 5 to 52 Rep Rows 1 to 4 twelve more times.

DECREASE FOR FLAP

Row 53 P2, ssk, K13, k2tog, P2. [19 sts]

Row 54 P2, p2tog, P11, p2tog tbl, P2. [17 sts]

Row 55 P2, ssk, K9, k2tog, P2. [15 sts]

Row 56 P2, p2tog, P7, p2tog tbl, P2. [13 sts]

Row 57 P2, ssk, K5, k2tog, P2. [11 sts]

Row 58 P2, p2tog, P1, yo, p2tog, p2tog tbl, P2. [9 sts]

Row 59 P2, ssk, K1, k2tog, P2. [7 sts]

Row 60 P2, p3tog, P2. [5 sts]

Row 61 P1, k3tog, P1. [3 sts]

Row 62 P3tog. [1 st]

Fasten off and weave in ends.

MAKING UP

With WS facing out, fold Purse in half so cast-on edge meets corners just below flap. Seam the two open straight edges with mattress stitch. Weave in ends. Turn Purse RS out and sew the button onto the front of the purse so it aligns with the buttonhole on the flap.



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Brighten your home with these seasonal knitting patterns



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(119)Yarn E Buttercup Yellow (122)

Yarn F Neon Pink (156) Yarn G Tea Rose (142) ☐ A pair of 4mm needles ☐ A pair of 3.25mm needles

TENSION

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

MEASUREMENTS

To fit an average six-cup teapot: Width 25cm (10in) (over basket portion) Height 22cm (8½in)

ABBREVIATIONS

B&T (break and tighten) break off the yarn and thread the ends through the stitches left on the needle. Pull the end of the yarn to tighten the stitches together

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WHERE TO BUY

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SUMMER TEA COSY MAIN BODY (MAKE 2)

Cast on 10 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A. Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 and every alt row Purl.

Row 3 Kfb in every st. [20 sts]

Row 5 (Kfb, K1) to the end of the row. [30 sts]

Row 7 (Kfb, K2) to the end of the row. [40 sts]

Row 9 (Kfb, K3) to the end of the row. [50 sts] Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 25 rows.

Break off Yarn A and join in Yarn B. Beg with a knit row, work in st st for 25 rows

Knit 2 rows. (The first of these 2 rows is the turning row.)

BEGIN BASKETWEAVE PATTERN

Row 1 Knit

(ending on a RS row).

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 K2, *P4, K2; rep from * to the end of the row.

Row 4 P2, *K4, P2; rep from * to the end of the row

Row 5 As Row 3.

Row 6 As Row 4.

Row 7 Knit

Row 8 Purl.

Row 9 P3, *K2, P4; rep from * to the last 5 sts; K2 P3

Row 10 K3, *P2, K4; rep from * to the last 5 sts; P2 K3

Row 11 As Row 9.

Row 12 As Row 10.

Repeat these 12 rows once more.

Change to 3.25mm needles.

Purl 4 rows.

Cast off purlwise.

HANDLE

Cast on 66 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn B. Knit 9 rows.

Cast off.



ROSE (MAKE 4)

Cast on 55 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn C. Beg with a knit row, work in st st for 5 rows. Cast off knitwise

LEAF (MAKE 2)

Cast on 7 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A. Row 1 and every alt row Knit.

Row 2 Kfb, knit to the end of the row. [8 sts]

Row 4 Kfb, knit to the end of the row. [9 sts]

Row 6 Kfb, knit to the end of the row. [10 sts]

Row 8 K2tog, knit to the end of the row. [9 sts]

Row 10 K2tog, knit to the end of the row. [8 sts]

Row 12 K2tog, knit to the end of the row. [7 sts]

Row 13 Knit.

Cast off

GERANIUM (MAKE 4)

Cast on 10 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn D.

Row 1 (Kfb, K1) to the end of the row. [15 sts]

Row 2 (Kfb, K2) to the end of the row. [20 sts] Break off Yarn D and join in Yarn G.

Row 3 (Kfb, K3) to the end of the row. [25 sts] Row 4 Purl.

*Row 5 K5 turn

Beg with a purl row, work in st st for 3 rows on these 5 sts.

Row 9 Ssk, K1, k2tog. [3 sts]

Cast off 3 sts.*

With RS facing, rejoin the yarn to the rem sts. Repeat from * to * until all sts have been worked.

GERBERA (MAKE 2 EACH IN YARNS D. È AND F)

MAIN FLOWER

Cast on 10 sts using Yarn D, E or F and 3.25mm needles.

*Cast off 9 sts. Transfer the remaining stitch back onto the left-hand needle without twisting it. Cast on 9 sts.

Rep from * 14 times. [15 petals made]

CENTRE

Cast on 16 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn B. Row 1 (K2tog) to the end of the row. [8 sts] B&T





*FLORAL TEACOSY

PETUNIA (MAKE 2 EACH IN YARNS FAND G)

MAIN FLOWER

Cast on 7 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn F or G.

*Knit 2 rows.

Row 3 K6. turn.

Row 4 and every alt row Knit.

Row 5 K5. turn.

Row 7 K4. turn.

Row 9 K3. turn.

Row 11 K2. turn.

Row 12 Knit to end

Knit 2 rows.

Repeat from * 4 times.

Cast off

FLOWER CENTRE

Cast on 8 sts using Yarn C. B&T.



FINISHING

MAIN BODY

Sew a running thread through the cast-on edge and pull it up tightly. With right-sides together, join the two sides together for approximately 8cm from the centre of the cast-on edge. Join the two sides together for 3cm on either side of the turning row. Turn work to the right side, folding the basket portion up to the right side along the turn row. Oversew the basket sides to the side edge of the cosy. Place the handle across the top of the tea pot, catching down the two side seams level with the colour change row. Lightly tack the top of the Handle to the main piece.

Rose Roll the Rose up (side seam to side seam) along the cast-off edge, allowing the cast-on edge to curl in on itself, with the curl facing outwards. Sew the cast-off edge to itself across the bottom of the layers to form a small cylindrical shape that is flat on the bottom and has a curling top.

Leaf Sew a running stitch through the straightside edge, and then pull the stitches up to tighten them

Geranium Sew the side seam from the centre to the colour change row. Neaten all the ends for the petals.

Gerbera Sew a running stitch through the long-side edge and pull the stitches up to draw the petals into a circle. Flatten the petals slightly, so that the flower lies flat. Sew the side seams of the centre, then sew it to the centre of the flower

Petunia Sew the cast-on and cast-off stitches. together. Sew a running stitch along the shortside edge and pull the stitches up to close the gap. Sew the centre to the middle of the Petunia.

Once all the flowers have been made up, place them on the top portion of the Tea Cosy (above the basketweave section) in a random pattern. Once you are happy with the placement of the flowers, sew them to the top of the Tea Cosy.



SUGAR SOFT

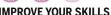
Delicate pastels and timeless style add cosy charm to any space. By **Siân Brown**











YOU WILL NEED

☐ Scheepjes Chunky Monkey (Aran weight, 100% acrylic, 100g/116m)

2 balls of **Yarn A** Stone (2017) 1 ball of each

Yarn B Amethyst (1432)

Yarn C Wild Orchid (1084)

Yarn D Mauve (1188)

- ☐ A pair of 5mm needles
- □4 buttons, 2cm diameter
- □ Pompom trim, 2m length
- ☐ Sewing needle and

thread to match trim ☐ Square cushion pad. 40cm x 40cm

TENSION

15 sts and 21 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 5mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

40cm (15¾in) square

ABBREVIATIONS

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WHERE TO BUY

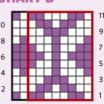
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KEY

- Yarn A
 - Yarn B
- Yarn D
- K on RS: P on WS
 - Repeat

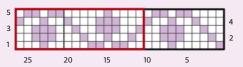
CHART B

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CHART A



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

FAIR ISLE CUSHION BACK

Cast on 60 sts using 5mm needles and Yarn A. Row 1 (WS) *K1, P1; rep from * to end.

Row 2 *P1. K1: rep from * to end to end.

Rows 3 to 5 Rep Rows 1 and 2, then rep Row 1 once more.

Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st until piece measures 30cm, ending after a RS row.

Next row (WS, edge) Knit.

FRONT

Starting with a RS knit row, work 3 rows in st st. ***Row 1 (WS) P1A. join Yarn B and work Row 1 of Chart A to last st. P1A.

Row 2 K1A, work Row 2 of Chart A to last st. K1A. These two rows set position of Chart and st st.



* FAIR ISLE CUSHION





Cont as set until Chart A has been worked in full. **With Yarn A. work 2 rows in st st.

With Yarn C. work 2 rows in st st.

With Yarn A, work 2 rows in st st.**

Row 1 (RS) K1A, join Yarn D and work Row 1 of Chart B to last st. K1A.

Row 2 K1A, work Row 2 of Chart B to last st. K1A. These 2 rows set position of Chart B and st st. Cont as set until Chart 2 has been worked in full. Work from ** to ** once more.

Rep from *** 3 more times, but on final rep end after Row 11 of Chart B.

With Yarn A and starting on a WS purl row, work 2 rows in st st.

Next row (WS, edge) Knit.

OVERLAP

Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st for 10cm, ending after a WS row.

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

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

These 2 rows set moss stitch.

Row 3 (buttonholes) Work 8 sts as set, (k2tog,

yo, work 12 sts as set) 3 times, k2tog, yo, work as set to end.

Row 4 As Row 2

Row 5 As Row 1.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

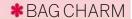
Join side seams, overlapping moss stitch sections so that buttonhole side is on top and sewing through all layers. Attach buttons to correspond with buttonholes and weave in all ends. Pin pompom trim around edges of cushion cover and sew in place.

TOP TIP

When knitting Fair Isle cushions, try lining the inside with a plain stockinette fabric. This hides long floats, prevents snagging, and adds extra warmth and structure. Simply knit a second panel in a matching yarn and sew it inside for a professional, polished finish.



Keep your bag perky or keys easy to find with Kirstie McLeod's stashsbusting accessory











YOU WILL NEED

☐ Any DK yarn from your stash in red and green

- ☐ Two 3.75mm doublepointed needles (DPNs)
- □14 red seed beads
- ☐ A keyring clasp

TENSION

A particular tension is not necessary for this project

ABBREVIATIONS

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"These lovely little bag charms are wonderfully fun for summer, and make great stocking fillers for Christmas."

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR



BAG CHARM CHERRY (MAKE 2)

Cast on 5 sts using 3.75mm DPNs and red yarn.

Row 1 and every alt row Purl.

Row 2 Kfb into each st. [10 sts]

Row 4 (Kfb, K1) to end of row. [15 sts]

Row 6 (Kfb, K2) to end of row. [20 sts]

Row 8 Knit.

Row 10 (K2tog, K2) to end of row. [15 sts]

Row 12 (K2tog, K1) to end of row. [10 sts]

Row 14 (K2tog) to end of row. [5 sts]

Cast off purlwise.

Sew half the beads in place (see photograph). Sew halfway up the seam of Cherry and stuff with leftover red yarn. Sew seam closed.

STEM

Cast on 3 sts using 3.75mm DPNs and green varn.

Row 1 (i-cord) Knit all the sts, and push the sts to the opposite end of the needle.

Row 2 Without turning the needle, knit to the

Work in i-cord as set until piece meas approx 10cm

Next row SI1, k2tog, psso. Fasten off.

LEAF

Work 3 sts i-cord as above for 2.5cm.

Row 1 Kfb, K1, kfb. [5 sts]

Row 2 and every alt row Purl.

Row 3 K1, kfb, K1, kfb, K1. [7 sts]

Row 5 K2, kfb, K1, kfb, K2. [9 sts]

Row 7 K2tog, K last 2 sts, k2tog. [7 sts]

Rep Row 7 until you have 3 sts remaining.

Next row SI1, k2tog, psso.

Fasten off

MAKING UP

Put the stem through the loop on the clasp. Fold the stem over and secure with a few sts with the green yarn. Sew the Cherries and the Leaf securely in place.



STYLISH STORAGE

Add a touch of functionality to your home with these beautiful hand-knitted, hanging baskets by **Nicola Valiji**

* HANGING BASKETS







EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

☐ King Cole Cotton Soft DK (100% cotton, 100g/210m) 2 balls of each **Yarn A** Saxe (718) Yarn B White (710) **Yarn C** Cloud (1575) ☐ A pair of 4mm needles

TENSION

16 sts and 22 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over pattern using 4mm needles with varn held DOUBLE

MEASUREMENTS

Large basket Height 29cm (11½in) Width 27cm (1034in)

Medium basket Height 26.5cm (10½in) Width 19.5cm (7%in)

Small basket Height 24.5cm (9¾in) Width 17cm (6¾in)

ABBREVIATIONS

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WHERE TO BUY

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"Fill your home with green leaves and bright blooms, when you cradle them in these handmade baskets!"

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR



HANGING BASKETS

Note Yarn is held double for all pieces.

LARGE BASKET

Cast on 8 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A held double.

Row 1 (RS) Purl.

Row 2 (Kfb) to end. [16 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 (K1, kfb) to end. [24 sts]

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 (K2, kfb) to end. [32 sts]

Row 7 Purl.

Row 8 (K3, kfb) to end. [40 sts]

Row 9 Purl

HANGING BASKETS *

Row 10 (K4, kfb) to end. [48 sts]

Row 11 Purl.

Row 12 (K5, kfb) to end. [56 sts]

Row 13 Purl.

Row 14 (K6, kfb) to end. [64 sts]

Row 15 Purl.

Row 16 (K7, kfb) to end. [72 sts]

Row 17 Purl.

Row 18 (K8, kfb) to end. [80 sts]

Row 19 Purl.

Row 20 (K9, kfb) to end. [88 sts]

Row 21 Purl

Rows 22 to 25 Knit

Row 26 (K1, P1) to end of row.

Row 27 (K1. P1) to end of row.

Row 28 (P1, K1) to end of row.

Row 29 (P1, K1) to end of row.

Rows 30 to 57 Rep Rows 26 to 29.

Row 58 and 59 As Rows 26 and 27.

Rows 60 to 62 Knit.

Row 63 (K9, k2tog) 8 times. [80 sts]

Rows 64 to 66 Knit.

Cast off.

MEDIUM BASKET

Cast on 8 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn B held

Rows 1 to 15 Work as Rows 1 to 15 of Large

STEP-BY-STEP HOW TO KNIT

KFB INCREASE 1 BY KNITTING INTO FRONT & BACK



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.



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.



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.

* HANGING BASKETS





Basket. [64 sts]

Rows 16 to 19 Knit.

Rows 20 to 53 Work as Rows 26 to 59 of Large Basket.

Rows 54 to 56 Knit.

Row 57 (K6, k2tog) 8 times. [56 sts]

Rows 58 to 60 Knit.

Cast off

SMALL BASKET

Cast on 8 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C held double.

Rows 1 to 13 Work as Rows 1 to 13 of Large Basket. [56 sts]

Rows 14 to 17 Knit.

Rows 18 to 49 Work as Rows 26 to 57 of Large Basket.

Row 50 to 52 Knit

Row 53 (K5, k2tog) 8 times. [48 sts] Rows 54 to 56 Knit. Cast off

HANGING STRAP (MAKE 3)

Make one in each colour.

Cast on 40 sts using 4mm needles and yarn held double.

Rows 1 to 6 Knit

Cast off.

MAKING UP

All three baskets are made up in the same way. Gather up the cast-on stitches and sew up the row edges to the cast-off edge on the wrong side. Turn right side out and sew the hanging strap to the top of the basket at the back.



Your beverage will be hot and your mornings perky with this cafetière cosy in textured, soothing hues by **Siân Brown**



*CAFETIÈRE COSY









YOU WILL NEED

☐ Debbie Bliss Cashmerino Aran (55% Merino wool. 33% acrylic, 12% cashmere, 50g/90m), 1 ball of each

Yarn A Beige (102) Yarn B Citrus (018)

Yarn C Ecru (101) ☐ A pair of 4.5mm

□ A 12mm diameter button

needles

TENSION

18 sts and 24 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 4.5mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

33cm wide x 16cm tall (13in wide x 6¼in tall)

ABBREVIATIONS

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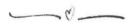
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"If you've got a favourite set of tablewear, pair it with a colour-matched cafetière cosy by switching up the shades!

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



CAFETIÈRE COSY

Cast on 65 sts using 4.5mm needles and Yarn A. Knit 3 rows.

With Yarn A:

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 K3, purl to last 3 sts, K3.

With Yarn A and B:

Row 3 (Yarn A) K3, P1, ybk, *(Yarn B) K1, (Yarn A)





yfwd, P1, ybk, rep from * to last 3 sts, (Yarn A) K3. Row 4 (Yarn A) K3, P1, *(Yarn B) ybk, K1, yfwd, (Yarn A) P1, rep from * to last 3 sts, (Yarn A) K3.

With Yarn A only:

Row 5 K3, P1, *K1, P1 rep from * to last 3 sts, K3.

Row 6 K3. purl to last 3 sts. K3.

Row 7 Knit.

Row 8 As Row 6.

With Yarn A and C:

Row 9 (Yarn A) K3, (Yarn C) K1, *(Yarn A) yfwd, P1, ybk, (Yarn C) K1, rep from * to last 3 sts, (Yarn A) K3.

Row 10 (Yarn A) K3, yfwd (Yarn C) ybk, K1, yfwd, *(Yarn A) P1, (Yarn C) ybk, K1, yfwd, rep from * to last 3 sts, (Yarn A) K3.

With Yarn A only:

Row 11 K4, *P1, K1, rep from * to last 3 sts, K3.

Row 12 K3, purl to last 3 sts, K3.

Rep these 12 rows until work measures 15cm from cast-on edge, ending with Row 5.

BUTTONHOLE FLAP

With Yarn A only:

Row 1 Cast on 5 sts. knit to end.

Row 2 Knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, yo, K2.

Row 3 Knit.

Cast off

MAKING UP

Darn in ends and block to measurements. referring to the ball band for full care instructions. Attach button to correspond with buttonhole, this will close over the top of the handle of the cafetière. Overlap the cast-on edge, in the same direction as the button fastening and slip stitch to close the cover below the handle



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