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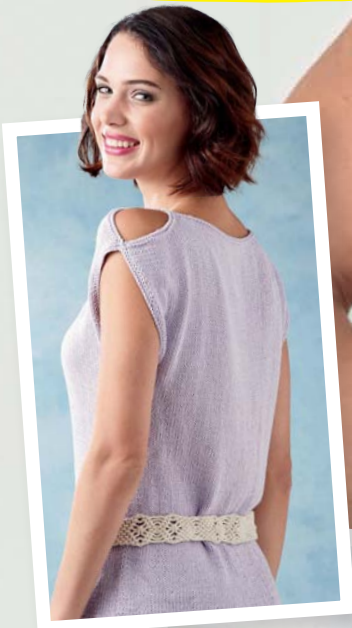
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# welcome to *Let's* knit



Easy to knit, easy to wear, and great value – that's the theme behind our 'casual summer collection' of garments in this issue. From Veronica Shaw's vest top on our cover (p12), knitted all in one piece and costing as little as £12, to Melissa Labarre's chunky garter stitch shrug (p27),

our collection is both simple and economical. Jacinta Bowie's stylish T-shirt (right) might look tricky, but the drop stitch pattern is easy to get to grips with, and there's no shaping apart from on the sleeves. It can be made from under £17 too! Find the pattern on page 18.

Everyone loves a cute toy, and we've got plenty in this issue! As well as our free safari kit featuring Milo the lion and friends, we've also got a quick toy special starting on page 53, including Smudge the cat (right), one of the easiest toys you'll ever come across!

The British Knitting & Crochet Awards opens this month, and voters will automatically be in the running for some great prizes. Turn to page 25 to find out more.

Happy knitting

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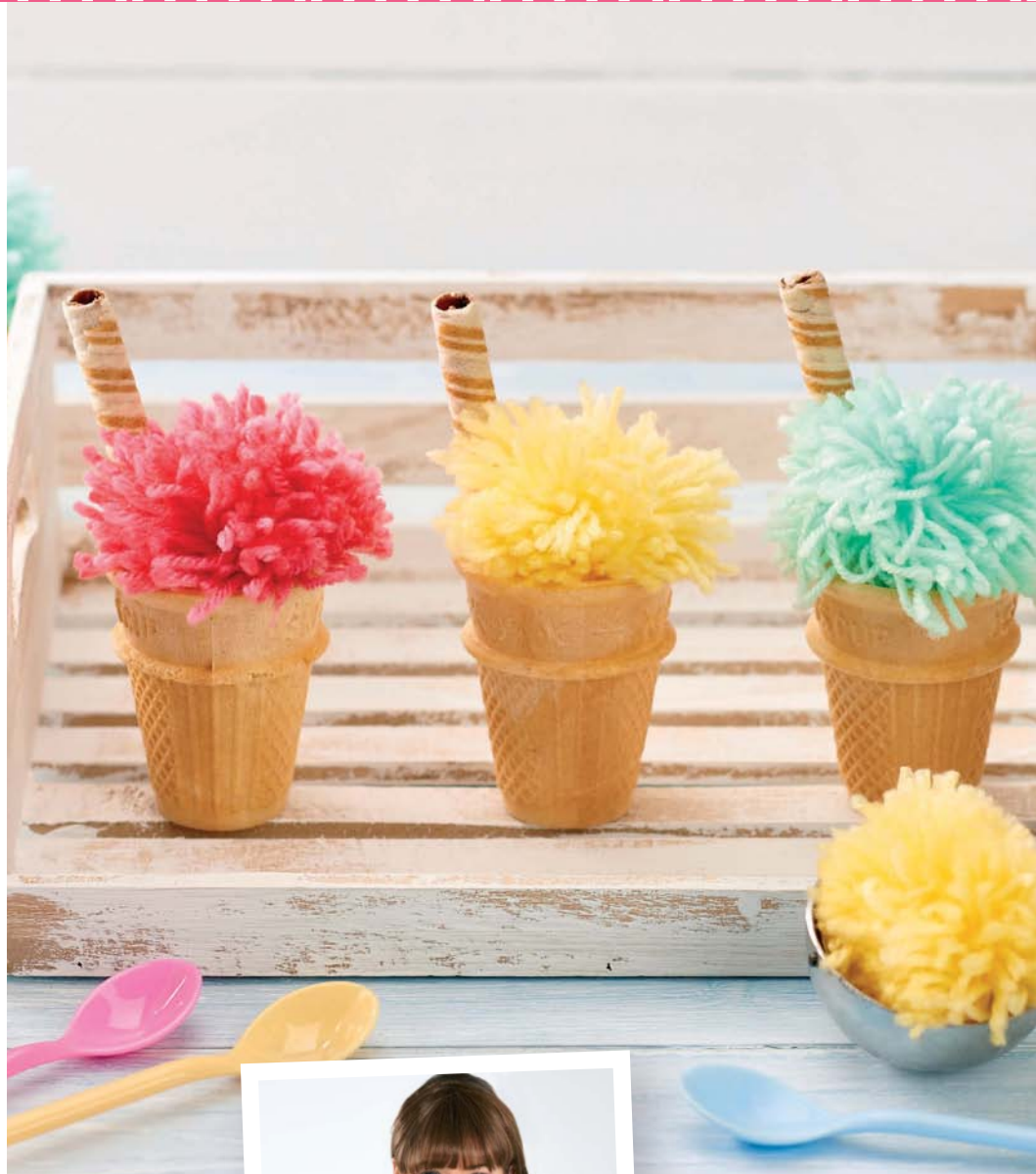
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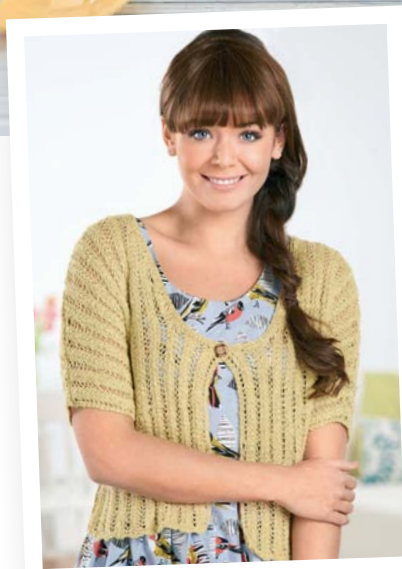
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## Your Fab Knits



*LK Reader Hazel Pashby made a stripy version of Susie Johns' Coral Bliss sweater and we think it looks brilliant!*



## STYLE CENTRAL!

We love Siân Brown's gorgeous summer cardi with its openwork stitch pattern and flattering curved neckline. Download the pattern for free at [www.letsknit.co.uk](http://www.letsknit.co.uk)

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Meet Florence, our sweet little hamster by Nicky Fijalkowska. Find the pattern on page 53!

## WE'VE JUST SEEN...

these gorgeous daffodils from Love Fibres! Daffodil season might have ended but you can create a cheerful display all year round with this delightful pattern. They'd make a sunny addition to any room and the heads would even work as a brooch or buttonhole. [www.lovefibres.com](http://www.lovefibres.com)



## Home Sweet Home!

Recreate your own house with these fantastic set from DMC. Crocheted in the brand's Natura Cotton 4ply, they are filled with charming details from shutters to window boxes. You can make all four houses from the one pattern. The leaflet is number 15312 and costs £2.50 from [www.purplelindacrafts.co.uk](http://www.purplelindacrafts.co.uk)

## What to do, WHERE TO GO

DON'T MISS THESE SPECIAL CRAFTY SHOWS AND EVENTS!

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[www.craftinglive.co.uk](http://www.craftinglive.co.uk)

20TH-22ND JULY

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## Don't Miss THIS!

### THE BRITISH WOOL SHOW, THIRSK

This popular fibre festival has moved to July so we don't have as long to wait to get our hands on gorgeous homegrown fibres! You'll be able to buy fabulous fleeces, as well as great supplies for knitting, crochet, spinning, weaving, stitching and more. The Sheep Show Man will be performing his excellent show and there'll be demonstrations and workshops, too! Adult tickets costs £6. To find out more, call **07790 391142** or visit [www.britishwool.net](http://www.britishwool.net)

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## WORKSHOPS TO BOOK NOW!

### 1 LACE KNITTING - MASTERCLASS

DATE: SAT 1ST JULY, DONCASTER  
PRICE: £15

Discover the joys of lace knitting! This class shows you it's not as scary as it looks. You'll learn the basic stitches, as well as how to read written and charted patterns, and use lifelines. **01302 366022**, [www.knitandstitchonline.com](http://www.knitandstitchonline.com)

### 2 INTARSIA WORKSHOP

DATE: WED 19TH JULY, LONDON  
PRICE: £18

Get to grips with intarsia knitting, including colour block patterns, slip stitch techniques and classic stripes - all fabulous ways of introducing colour to your projects. You'll need to know how to knit and purl, and don't forget your 4mm needles. **0207 738 7668**, [www.sharpworks.co.uk](http://www.sharpworks.co.uk)

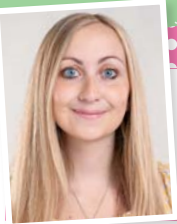
### 3 THERAPEUTIC KNITTING WORKSHOP

DATE: SAT 22ND JULY, WARRINGTON  
PRICE: £39.95

Find out how knitting really can make your life better with expert Betsan Corkhill. This interesting class looks at how crafting can relieve stress and even help with some medical conditions. It is also tailored to suit the needs of the attendees. **01925 764231**, [www.blacksheepwools.com](http://www.blacksheepwools.com)



# Look what's... New for you!



**Paisley Tedder** brings you all the latest knitty news

## Knitting EMERGENCY

As knitters, we all have our go-to yarn stash, but what happens when it suddenly runs out? What if the local yarn shop isn't open and you need to get your WIP finished? That's where this emergency stash comes in - filled with knitting goodies fit for any knitting crisis! This ultimate gift for any knitter costs £42 from [www.cardiganlane.shop.etsy.com](http://www.cardiganlane.shop.etsy.com)



## Did You KNOW?

DORIS DAY, AUDREY HEPBURN AND MARILYN MONROE WERE ALL AVID KNITTERS! HELLO HOLLYWOOD!



## Under the sea

Every woman has wanted to be a mermaid at some point, and with the latest crochet mermaid tail kit at the Craft Store - you can be! This amazing kit including the pattern plus a bundle yarn in tropical shades is available in three sizes: baby, toddler and adult so you could even get a matching set for your little one. Kits cost £29.99 from [www.craftstoreuk.com](http://www.craftstoreuk.com)



## Blanket in a Ball

Cygnat has released a brand new aran weight, variegated blanket yarn. With just one ball of this beautiful yarn, you can create a fabulous blanket for a little one. Not only that, but the ballband also has free patterns to knit and crochet! Available in five different shades and 300g balls, you can purchase this lovely new yarn for £7.60 from **0845 003 0775**, [www.wool4less.co.uk](http://www.wool4less.co.uk)

## The Charity WE LOVE



**MILITARY CHARITY BLIND VETERANS UK** is calling on the nation's knitters and crocheters to "Knit a Spit", a fantastic fundraising challenge in which the charity is aiming to knit enough squares to cover a Supermarine Spitfire replica. The aircraft at the Tangmere Military Aviation Museum in Chichester will be covered with knitted squares and displayed 6th August at a Family Fun Day. If

you'd be interested in knitting a square, you can register your details online at [blindveterans.org.uk/KnitASpit](http://blindveterans.org.uk/KnitASpit). Rachel Chitty, Regional Fundraiser at Blind Veterans UK, says: "Once your squares are knitted you can choose whether you would like to make a donation or raise sponsorship. As a special thank you, if you donate or raise £30 or more, we will send you an exclusive Knit a Spit cotton tote bag."



## SUMMER Haze

This new pattern from Sirdar is made in the brand's Cotton DK. The yarn is a great choice for summer with its huge range of 32 colours in both bold shades and pastels, perfect for creating a garment for any occasion. The pattern is leaflet 7913. To find your nearest Sirdar stockist call 01924 231 682 or go to [www.sirdar.co.uk](http://www.sirdar.co.uk)

## New Yarn Shop

Online yarn store Baa Baa Brighthouse has launched a Kickstarter campaign to raise funds to open a bricks and mortar yarn shop! But this will be a shop with a difference as it will be in the living room of owner, Elaine Jinks-Turner's 17th Century cottage in Rastrick, Brighthouse. The building was historically a wool shop during the 1940s, 50s and 60s and Elaine is keen to restate it into its original purpose. Find out how to donate to the campaign and also find great range of products including own-brand yarns at [www.baabaabrighthouse.co.uk](http://www.baabaabrighthouse.co.uk)



## We asked our readers...

WHERE IS YOUR FAVOURITE PLACE TO READ LET'S KNIT?

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*"Cuddled up with my little man who enjoys looking at it too!"*

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*"In my brand new comfy chair if I get there before my dog."*

@SMARSH1968

*"Sat on 'my' beach by the sea with a mug of tea on hand!"*

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3 OF THE BEST...



### Garden Glam

Summer is all about planting flowers and greenery to make the outdoors even more beautiful and we think this teacosity showcases that perfectly! Download the pattern from [www.letsknit.co.uk](http://www.letsknit.co.uk)



### Summery Stripes

If you're a crochet fan, this is definitely one for you! This pattern is simple yet stunning with its bright stripes – why not add in some sequins or beads? Download it from [www.topcrochetpatterns.co.uk](http://www.topcrochetpatterns.co.uk)



### Warm Blues

This elegant teacosity is in gorgeous shades of green and blue, we love the creative flowers and cute button embellishments! Download the pattern from [www.letsknit.co.uk](http://www.letsknit.co.uk)

FREE Summery Teacosity patterns

# Veronica Shaw's stylish LACE- TOPPED TEE

## Measurements & Sizes

**Dress size (approx):**  
8-10 (12-14, 16-18, 20-22),

**To fit chest (cm):**  
81-86 (91-97, 102-107, 112-117)

**Actual chest (cm):**  
91 (100, 110, 119)

**Length to armholes (cm):**  
30.5 (33.5, 36, 38)

**Length to top of shoulder (cm):**  
49.5 (54, 58, 62)

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** DMC Natura Cotton, shades (A) N20 Jade, 3 (3, 3, 4, 5) 50g balls, (B) N12 Light Green, 1 (2, 2, 3, 3) 50g balls

**Needles:** 3.75mm

**Cable needle**

**Stitch markers**

**Tapestry needle**

## Tension square

- 23 sts x 28 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- stocking stitch
- 3.75mm needles

For abbreviations see page 92

## Special abbreviations

**Cir 1:** sl next st onto cn, take to back of work, pull stitch and cable needle in a full circle motion underneath knitted edge and up front of work, k this st off cn

**Inc2:** [k1, p1, k1] in same st

## About the Yarn

**DMC Natura Cotton** is a 4ply cotton yarn with a light twist and soft, matte finish. It drapes beautifully so is ideal for summer garments. Choose from over 80 shades! It costs £2.99 per 50g (155m) ball from [www.purplelindacrafts.co.uk](http://www.purplelindacrafts.co.uk)

## Need an Alternative?

### Scheepjes Cotton 8

is a similar 4ply yarn that also comes in a great selection of colours. There are lots of blue and green tones, or you could work this in just one shade. If you do, remember you will need 4 (5, 5, 7, 8) 50g balls. This yarn costs £1.99 per 50g (170m) ball from **0845 519 4573**, [www.deramores.com](http://www.deramores.com)

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**L**ace and texture are two of our favourite stitch effects and this gorgeous top combines the two! We love the dual-colour design with contrasting top and hem details. It has a slightly unusual construction as you start at the bottom front hem then work up to the shoulders, cast off for the neck then work the back from the top down. There's a special stitch required, too, which uses a cable needle but isn't cables. Intrigued? Read our Special abbreviations to find out more!

## Start knitting here..

### FRONT

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn B, cast on 105 (115, 127, 137) sts loosely

□ Beg with a p (WS) row, work four rows in st st

Cut yarn B leaving a tail of 20cm for finishing, join yarn A

□ P one row

□ Next row (RS, edging): k8 (5, 3, 8), \* Cir 1, k7, rep from \* to last 9 (6, 4, 9) sts, Cir 1, k to end

□ Cont in st st until work meas

30.5 (33.5, 36, 38.5) cm from bottom edge including edging, and ending after a p row

Pm at each end of row to mark sleeve opening

□ Work in st st for a further 7.5 (8.5, 9.5, 11) cm, ending after a k row

□ Next row: p, dec (inc, inc, dec) one st in centre of row using p2tog (m1, m1, p2tog). 104 (116, 128, 136) sts

Cut yarn A leaving a 50cm tail for finishing

### Lace Panel and Sleeve Openings

Change to yarn B

□ Row 1 (RS): p

□ Row 2: \* inc2, p3tog, rep from \* to end

□ Row 3: p

□ Row 4: \* p3tog, inc2, rep from \* to end

Rows 1-4 set Lace patt

□ Rep last four rows until work meas 19 (20.5, 22, 23.5) cm from markers ending after a Row 2 or 4

**NOTE: keep a record of your exact number of Lace Panel rows for working Back**

### Shape shoulders

□ Next row: p20 (20, 24, 28),

cast off 64 (76, 80, 80) loosely, p to end

Keeping Lace patt correct, cont as follows:

□ Next row (WS): patt 20 (20, 24, 28), turn, using thumb method cast on 64 (76, 80, 80) sts, turn, patt 20 (20, 24, 28)

### Back

□ Cont in Lace patt until Back has same number of rows as noted on Front Lace patt

Cut yarn B, rejoin yarn A

□ Next row: k, inc (dec, dec, inc) one st in centre of row using m1 (k2tog, k2tog, m1). 105 (115, 127, 137) sts

□ Beg with a p row, cont in st st until Back meas same as Front to start of hem section

Cut yarn A, join yarn B

□ Work four rows in st st

□ Cast off

### TO MAKE UP

Lay work out flat. Pin out to measurements. Pin sides and sleeve openings, then pin neck edges to meet at centre shoulder. Smooth out curled edges at base and pin out centre of each scallop. Smooth out Back curled edge but leave it flat. Emphasise picot edges and pin into centre of a full group of stitches, not just on edge stitch. Block work. Backstitch side seams to sleeve openings, using relevant colours. Weave in ends **LK**



## knitwise

Look out for the shaping rows before and after the Lace pattern section. Remember, instructions in round brackets show the different sizes, so you will be either increasing or decreasing depending on the size you are making.

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## meet our DESIGNER

"This is knitted from the bottom up in one piece and two contrasting colours. It has a decorative rolled hem on the front and a plain rolled hem on the back. It's worked in a lovely, light, soft and drapery yarn that's perfect for summer."

VERONICA SHAW

Be on trend with Siân Brown's

# COLD SHOULDER TOP

## Measurements & Sizes

### Dress size (approx):

8 (10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22)

### To fit chest (cm):

82 (86, 92, 97, 102, 107, 112, 117)

### Actual chest (cm):

88 (93, 99, 104, 110, 115, 121, 126)

### Length to shoulder (cm):

54 (55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 62, 63)

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Sirdar Snuggly Baby Bamboo, shade 104 Bashful, 7 (7, 8, 8, 8, 9, 9) 50g balls

**Needles:** 3.25mm straight and circular, 4mm straight

### Stitch holder

### Tapestry needle

## Tension Square

- 22 sts x 28 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- Stocking stitch
- 4mm needles

For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn

### Sirdar Snuggly Baby Bamboo

blends 80% bamboo-sourced viscose and 20% wool. It's a soft, sleek yarn with a pretty sheen and lovely stitch definition and drape. There are 32 shades to choose from and it costs £3.29 per 50g (95m) ball from **0845 519 4573**, [www.deramores.com](http://www.deramores.com)

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## Need an Alternative?

**Rico Essentials Merino DK** is a pure wool yarn that would work well for this project. It is soft and gentle against the skin and can be machine washed. Shade 001 Rose is a close match. It costs £3.95 per 50g (120m) ball from **01376 743123**, [www.sconch.com](http://www.sconch.com)

## knitwise

There are lots of sizes to this garment so before you start knitting, go through the pattern and highlight the instructions that are specific to your size. The pattern repeat in the lace section is shown in square brackets, whereas sizes are shown in round brackets.

**W**hen we see a fashion trend we love, our first thought is always how we can incorporate it into our next WIP. Take this stylish shoulder-split for example. Known as a cold shoulder top, you work the front and back as normal, then use the neckband and armbands to join the pieces together. The front features a pretty lace panel which uses simple stitches and has no shaping, making this a great first lace garment.

## Start knitting here...

### BACK

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 99 (105, 111, 117, 123, 129, 135, 141) sts  
 K three rows  
 Change to 4mm needles  
 Beg with a k row, work in st st until Back meas 33 (33, 34, 34, 35, 35, 36, 36) cm from cast-on edge, ending after a p row

### Shape cap sleeves

Cast on five sts at beg of next two rows. 109 (115, 121, 127, 133, 139, 145, 151) sts  
 Work 56 (58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 70, 72) rows in st st

### Shape back neck and shoulders

Next row: k28 (30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42), turn  
 Work on these sts only  
 Next row: skpo, k to end. 27 (29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41) sts  
 Next row: k to last two sts, k2tog. 26 (28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40) sts  
 Cast off kwise  
 Leave centre 53 (55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67) sts on a holder, with RS facing, rejoin yarn to rem sts, k to end

Next row: k to last two sts, k2tog. 27 (29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41) sts  
 Next row: skpo, k to end. 26 (28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40) sts  
 Cast off kwise

### FRONT

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 99 (105, 111, 117, 123, 129, 135, 141) sts  
 K three rows  
 Change to 4mm needles  
 Row 1: k31 (34, 37, 40, 43, 46, 49, 52), p2, k33, p2, k31 (34, 37, 40, 43, 46, 49, 52)  
 Row 2 and every foll WS row: p  
 Row 3: k31 (34, 37, 40, 43, 46, 49, 52), p2, [k4, yfwd, skpo] five times, k3, p2, k31 (34, 37, 40, 43, 46, 49, 52)  
 Row 5: k31 (34, 37, 40, 43, 46, 49, 52), p2, k2, [k2tog, yfwd, k1, yfwd, skpo, k1] five times, k1, p2, k31 (34, 37, 40, 43, 46, 49, 52)  
 Row 7: k31 (34, 37, 40, 43, 46, 49, 52), p2, k1, k2tog, yfwd, [k3, yfwd, sl 1, k2tog, pss0, yfwd] four times, k3, yfwd, skpo, k1, p2, k31 (34, 37, 40, 43, 46, 49, 52)  
 Row 9: as Row 5  
 Row 11: as Row 3  
 Row 12: p  
 These 12 rows form lace panel with st st  
 Cont in patt until Front meas 33 (33, 34, 34, 35, 35, 36, 36) cm from cast-on edge, ending after a p row

### Shape cap sleeves

Cast on five sts at beg of next two rows. 109 (115, 121, 127, 133, 139, 145, 151) sts  
 Work a further 14 (16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28) rows in patt without shaping

### Shape front neck

Next row: patt 37 (39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51), skpo, turn  
 Work on these sts only  
 Next row: p  
 Next row: patt to last two sts, skpo

Rep last two rows four times more  
 Patt three rows  
 Next row: patt to last two sts, skpo  
 Rep last four rows six times more. 26 (28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40) sts  
 Patt three rows  
 K three rows  
 Cast off kwise  
 Leave centre 31 (33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45) sts on a holder, with RS facing, rejoin yarn to rem sts, k2tog, patt to end  
 Next row: p  
 Next row: k2tog, patt to end  
 Rep last two rows four times more  
 Patt three rows  
 Next row: k2tog, patt to end  
 Rep last four rows six times more. 26 (28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40) sts  
 Patt three rows  
 K three rows  
 Cast off kwise

### NECKBAND

Using 3.25mm circular needle and with RS facing, pick up and k 32 sts down left side of Front neck, k31 (33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45) sts from Front neck holder, pick up and k 32 sts up right side of Front neck, two sts down right side of Back neck, k53 (55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67) sts from Back neck holder, pick up and k 2 two sts up left side of Back neck. 152 (156, 160, 164, 168, 172, 176, 180) sts  
 K two rows  
 Cast off

### ARMBANDS

Using 3.25mm circular needle and with RS facing, pick up and k 45 sts across row-ends from armhole to shoulder, then 45 sts across row-ends down to armhole. 90 sts  
 K two rows  
 Cast off

### TO MAKE UP

Join row ends of Neckband. Join side and sleeve seams **LK**

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19 cm wide x 23 cm deep

Tension square

20sts x 28 rows

10cm x 10cm

Over pattern

4mm needles

## You will need:

**YARN:** Rico Creative Cotton Aran, shade 44 Light Pistachio, two 50g balls

**NEEDLES:** 4mm

**LINING FABRIC:** 23cm wide x 42cm deep

## Start knitting here

### BAG PANEL (make two)

Using 4mm needles, cast on 43 sts

\* Row 1 (RS): p3, k1, \* p5, k1, rep from \* to last three sts, p3

\* Row 2: k3, p1, \* k5, p1, rep from \* to last three sts, k3

\* Rows 3-4: rep Row 1-2

\* Row 5: k1, \* p5, k1, rep from \* to end

\* Row 6: p1, \* k5, p1, rep from \* to end  
These six rows form patt

\* Repeat Rows 1-6 six more times

\* Next row (eyelet): k3, (k2tog, yfwd, k5) five times, k2tog, yfwd, k3

### Border

\* Row 1: (k1, p1) to last st, k1

\* Rep last row five times more

\* Cast off

### TAB

Using 4mm needles, cast on 15 sts

\* K one row

\* Cast off

### TO MAKE UP

Press bag pieces at edges under a damp cloth. Pin and sew bottom and side seams. Fold tab in half, right side outwards, and sew to top of one of the sides. Cut eight 75cm lengths of yarn, plait to form a tie. Thread tie through eyelets

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### LINING

Fold fabric in half. Fold over one top edge twice, and sew in place. Put lining into bag and pin second top seam to fit just under eyelets. Sew edge of lining. Pin and sew one side seam. Put lining inside washbag and pin to mark second side seam. Sew this seam, then hand sew top seams in place **LK**

**YARN SHOP**

Rico Creative Cotton Aran costs £1.79 per 50g (85m) ball from [www.purpleindacrafts.co.uk](http://www.purpleindacrafts.co.uk)



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## Measurements &amp; Sizes

**Dress size (approx):**

8-10 (12-14, 16-18, 20-22, 24-26, 28-30)

**To fit bust (cm):** 81-86, (91-96, 102-106, 112-116, 120-126, 132-137)**Actual bust (cm):** 90, (100, 110, 120, 130, 140)**Length (cm):** 63, (63.5, 64, 67.5, 68, 68.5)

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** King Cole Bamboo Cotton DK, shade 1642 Sugar Pink, 3 (3, 4, 5, 5, 5) 100g balls**Needles:** 3.25mm, 4mm**Tapestry needle****Stitch holders**

## Tension Square

- 16 sts x 21 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- Over pattern
- 4mm needles

For abbreviations see page 92

## Special Abbreviations

**drop 1:** allow next st to drop off needle and unravel four rows down

## About the Yarn

**King Cole Bamboo Cotton DK**

is famous for non-allergic properties so is ideal for anyone with sensitive skin. It can also be machine washed which is handy if you're prone to clumsiness! It costs £5.40 per 100g (230m) ball from **01829 740903**, [www.laughinghens.com](http://www.laughinghens.com)

## Need an Alternative?

**Sirdar Snuggly Baby Bamboo** is

a good option if you can't get hold of the yarn given here. It shares the soft, gentle feel and keeps its high quality through machine washing and tumble drying. It is also available in many different shades so you can change the project colour as you wish. It costs £3.90 per 50g (95m) ball from [www.englishyarns.co.uk](http://www.englishyarns.co.uk)

# Make Jacinta Bowie's

## PASSIONATE PINK TOP!

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**T**his gorgeous top is a must-have for your wardrobe this summer, great for a variety of engagements and a great garment to practise working in rib. If you aren't particularly a pink fan, feel free to change the shade to something more suited to you. King Cole has an assortment of vibrant tones to suit your style needs.

**Drop stitch pattern**

- Row 1 (RS): p2, \* k4, rep from \* to last six sts, k4, p2
- Row 2: k2, \* p4, k4, rep from \* to last six sts, p4, k2
- Row 3: p2, \* [k1, yfwd] three times, k1, p4, rep from \* to last six sts, [k1, yfwd] three times, k1, p2
- Rows 4: k2, \* p7, k4, rep from \* to last nine sts, p7, k2
- Row 5: p2, \* k7, p4, rep from \* to last nine sts, k7, p2
- Rows 6-7: rep Rows 4-5
- Row 8: k2, \* [p1, drop 1] three times, p1, k4, rep from \* to last nine sts, [p1, drop 1] three times, p1, k2
- Row 9: p2, \* k4, p4, rep from \* to last, six sts, k4, p2

**knitwise**

Take care when casting off for neck and shoulders. A pattern repeat is always considered to be eight stitches even though on some rows we make an extra three stitches. Therefore, to cast off four stitches, on rows where your repeat is 11 stitches, drop the stitches that were made on a previous row and cast off the others.

**Start knitting here...**

- Row 10: k2 \* p4, k4, rep from \* to last six sts, p4, k2
- Row 11: p2, \* k4, [p1, yrn] three times, p1, rep from \* to last six sts, k4, p2
- Row 12: k2, \* p4, k7, rep from \* to last six sts, p4, k2
- Row 13: p2, \* k4, p7, rep from \* to last six sts, k4, p2
- Rows 14-15: rep rows 12-13
- Row 16: k2 \* p4, [k1, drop 1] three times, k1, rep from \* to last six sts, p4, k2

**Front and Back** (alike)

- Using 4mm needles cast on 72 (80, 88, 96, 104, 112) sts
- Work in Drop stitch patt until five reps of 16-row patt have been worked
- Cast on four sts at beg of next eight rows, working extra sts into [k4, p4] rib. 104 (112, 120, 128, 136, 144) sts
- Work on these sts for a further 32 (32, 32, 40, 40, 40) rows working extra sts into patt

**Shape neckline and shoulders**

**NOTE:** Place marker in centre of work on last row. St numbers change across patt rep so shape shoulder and neckline by foll the patt reps

- Next row: patt to marker and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder for opposite side of neck
- Next row: cast off two sts and half a pattern repeat, patt to end (see Knitwise)
- Next row: cast off two sts and half a patt rep, patt to end
- Next and every foll row: cast off half a patt rep until all sts are cast off
- Rejoin yarn to sts left on holder for right side of neck
- Next row: cast off two sts and half a patt rep, patt to end

- Next row: cast off two sts and half a patt rep, patt to end
- Next and every foll row: cast off half a patt rep until all sts are cast off

**NECK TRIM**

- Join one shoulder seam with mattress stitch
- Using 3.25mm needles, with RS facing starting at shoulder pick up and k eight sts per rep evenly along front and back of the neckline
- Row 1 (WS): k1, \* p2, k2, rep from \* to last three sts, p2, k1
- Row 2: p1, \* k2, p2, rep from \* to last three sts, k2, p1
- Work six more rows in rib as set
- Cast off in rib
- Join second shoulder seam and neck trim with mattress stitch

**SLEEVE TRIMS**

- Using 3.25mm needles, with RS facing starting at bottom edge of sleeve opening pick up and knit one st per row along both sides of the sleeve opening. 64 (64, 64, 80, 80, 80) sts
- Work eight rows in rib as given for neck trim
- Cast off in rib

**TO MAKE UP**

Weave in ends and sew side seams together using mattress stitch. Wet block to dimensions. **LK**



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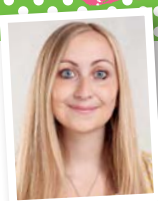
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# Knit Jo Allport's EASY WIDE NECK SWEATER

Everyone needs a comfy jumper to take on holiday, or maybe even more if you're planning a staycation! This top is a lovely easy knit made up of stocking and rib stitches, with three-quarter length sleeves. We love the marled effect of the self-patterning yarn but you could make it in a solid colour or work your own stripe sequence, if you're feeling creative.

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"Ribbing always looks great on a jumper and this fab yarn shows off the simple rib and stocking stitch pattern well. It's easy to knit too!"

JO ALLPORT

## Measurements & Sizes

### Dress size (approx):

8 (10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22)

### To fit chest (cm):

81 (86, 91, 97, 102, 107, 112, 117)

### Actual chest (cm):

92 (98, 104, 109, 114, 120, 127, 131)

### Length to back neck (cm):

58 (59, 60, 61, 63, 64, 65, 65)

### Underarm sleeve length (cm):

33 (35, 35, 35, 35, 36, 36, 37)

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** James C. Brett Marble DK, shade MT4, 5 (5, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7, 7) 100g balls

**Needles:** 3.25mm, 4mm

**Stitch markers**

**Stitch holder**

**Tapestry needle**

## Tension square

- 22 sts x 28 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- stocking stitch
- 4mm needles

For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn

**James C. Brett Marble DK** is a good value acrylic yarn that has a distinctive marled twist running throughout its self-patterning colourways. The yarn knits to a standard DK tension and can be machine washed. It has an RRP of £2.79 per 100g (220m) ball. For stockists, visit [www.jamescbrett.co.uk](http://www.jamescbrett.co.uk)

## Need an Alternative?

If you'd prefer a solid colourway and a hint of natural fibre, try **Stylecraft Life DK** which mixes 75% acrylic with 25% wool for added softness and durability. It costs £3.95 per 100g (298m) ball from **0845 544 2196**, [www.loveknitting.com](http://www.loveknitting.com)

## knitwise

To keep your shaping as neat as possible, use the following decreases:

**On a RS row:** work ssk at the beginning of the row and k2tog at the end of the row

**On a WS row:** work p2tog at the beginning of the row and p2tog tbl at the end of the row

## Start knitting here..

### FRONT

\*\* Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 102 (108, 115, 120, 127, 132, 140, 145) sts

Work in Rib patt as follows:

□ Row 1 (RS): p2 (0, 1, 1, 2, 2, 1, 1), \* k3, p2, rep from \* to last 5 (3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 4, 4) sts, k3, p2 (0, 1, 1, 2, 2, 1, 1)

□ Row 2: k2 (0, 1, 1, 2, 2, 1, 1), \* p3, k2, rep from \* to last 5 (3, 4, 4, 5, 4, 4) sts, p3, k2 (0, 1, 1, 2, 2, 1, 1)

□ Rep last two rows until work meas 4cm, ending after a WS row  
Change to 4mm needles

□ Beg with a k row, work in st st until work meas 38 (38, 38, 38, 39, 39, 39) cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row  
Pm at each end of row to mark start of sleeve

□ Cont in st st until work meas 46 (47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 53) cm ending after a RS row

□ Next row (WS, inc): p2 (5, 2, 4, 4, 6, 3, 6), \* m1p, p7, rep from \* to last 2 (5, 1, 4, 4, 7, 4, 6) sts, m1p, p2 (5, 1, 4, 4, 7, 4, 6). 117 (123, 132, 137, 145, 150, 160, 165) sts

Work in Rib patt as follows:

□ Row 1 (RS): p2 (0, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1), \* k3, p2, rep from \* to last 5 (3, 5, 5, 4, 4, 4, 4) sts, k3, p2 (0, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1)

□ Row 2: k2 (0, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1), \* p3, k2, rep from \* to last 5 (3, 5, 5, 4, 4, 4, 4) sts, p3, k2 (0, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1) \*\*

□ Rep last two rows until work meas 51 (52, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 58) cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row

### Shape Left Neckline

□ Next row: patt 31 (34, 38, 40, 44, 46, 50, 52) sts, turn

Leave rem sts on holder, cont on these 31 (34, 38, 40, 44, 46, 50, 52) sts only

□ Dec one st at neckline edge on every WS row until 26 (29, 33, 35, 39, 41, 45, 47) sts rem, ending after a WS row

### Shape Left Shoulder

□ Keeping patt correct, cast off 5 (5, 6, 7, 7, 8, 9, 9) sts at beg of next 4 (1, 2, 5, 1, 4, 5, 3) RS rows, ending after a WS row

□ Cast off 6 (6, 7, 0, 8, 9, 0, 10) sts at beg of next 1 (4, 3, 0, 4, 1, 0, 2) RS rows

### Shape Right Neckline

With RS facing, rejoin yarn at neck edge

□ Cast off 55 (55, 56, 57, 57, 58, 60, 61) sts, patt to end. 31 (34, 38, 40, 44, 46, 50, 52) sts



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□ Dec one st at neckline edge on every WS row until 26 (29, 33, 35, 39, 41, 45, 47) sts rem, ending after a RS row

### Shape Right Shoulder

□ Keeping patt correct, cast off 5 (5, 6, 7, 7, 8, 9, 9) sts at beg of next 4 (1, 2, 5, 1, 4, 5, 3) WS rows, ending after a RS row

□ Cast off 6 (6, 7, 0, 8, 9, 0, 10) sts at beg of next 1 (4, 3, 0, 4, 1, 0, 2) WS rows

### BACK

□ Work from \*\* to \*\* as for Front

□ Rep last two rows until work meas same as Front to beg of shoulder shaping, ending after a WS row

### Shape Shoulders

□ Keeping patt correct, cast off 5 (5, 6, 7, 7, 8, 9, 9) sts at beg of next 8 (2, 4, 10, 2, 8, 10, 6) rows

□ Cast off 6 (6, 7, 0, 8, 9, 0, 10) sts at beg of next 2 (8, 6, 0, 8, 2, 0, 4) rows. 65 (65, 66, 67, 67, 68, 70, 71) sts

□ Cast off

### SLEEVES (make two)

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 68

(70, 75, 77, 78, 80, 82, 83) sts

Work in Rib patt as follows:

□ Row 1 (RS): p0 (1, 1, 2, 0, 1, 2, 0), \* k3, p2, rep from \* to last 3 (4, 4, 5, 3, 4, 5, 0) sts, k3, p0 (1, 1, 2, 0, 1, 2, 0)

□ Row 2: k0 (1, 1, 2, 0, 1, 2, 0), \* p3, k2, rep from \* to last 3 (4, 4, 5, 3, 4, 5, 0) sts, p3, k0 (1, 1, 2, 0, 1, 2, 0)

□ Rep last two rows until work meas 3cm, ending after a WS row  
Change to 4mm needles and cont in rib patt as set, working in Sleeve incs as follows:

□ Next row (RS, inc): patt 1, m1, patt to last st, m1, patt 1

□ Rep inc row every fourth row until there are 96 (102, 107, 113, 118, 122, 126, 127) sts, ending after a WS row

□ Cont in patt without shaping until Sleeve meas 33 (35, 35, 35, 35, 36, 36, 37) cm, ending after a WS row

□ Cast off

### TO MAKE UP

Block pieces lightly if required. Sew shoulder seams. Insert Sleeve heads between markers and sew in place. Sew side and Sleeve seams. Weave in ends. See ball band for further care instructions **LK**

# SIRDAR



# SNUGGLY



# 1 CHEEKY MONKEY

Blankets make great gifts for new mums and their latest arrivals. This brilliant design features a collection of adorable monkeys who look like they're hanging from the textured garter stitch stripes. The i-cord tails are a fab finishing touch, too. This is a lovely project for intermediate knitters and is made in Cascade Yarns® Pacific®. It costs £5.49 per 100g (195m) ball from **0800 505 3300**, [www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)



# 2 MARVELLOUS MERINO

Treat your tot to a cute new hat with this fabulous faux-cable beanie pattern. It's knitted in Cascade Yarns® 220 Superwash® Merino which is a similar yarn to the classic 220 Superwash® but is made from pure merino wool fibres. It's a brilliant easy-care yarn that is suitable for garments and accessories for both adult and children. It costs £9.25 per 100g (200m) skein from **0845 544 2196**, [www.loveknitting.com](http://www.loveknitting.com)



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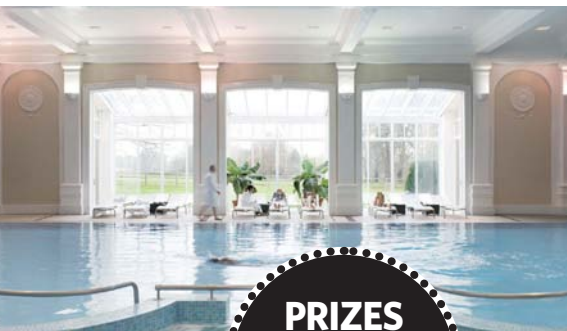
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# *Knit Melissa Labarre's*

## **SIMPLE EVENING SHRUG**

**B**e prepared for the summer night's chills with this easy shrug. It's worked from side to side in garter stitch. As the sleeves are worked in the round, you'll need to alternate between knit and purl rounds to create garter stitch. To work out which size to make, measure across the back between the centre of each underarm, then choose the size closest to this, remembering to factor in a few centimetres for ease.

## Measurements & Sizes

### Actual width across back:

41.5 (46.5, 51, 55, 60.5) cm

Sleeve length: 33cm

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Malabrigo Chunky, shade 74 Polvoriento, 4 (5, 5, 6, 6) 100g skeins

**Needles:** 8mm (80cm) circular, 8mm double-pointed

**Stitch markers**

**Tapestry needle**

## Tension Square

- 12 sts x 22 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- over pattern
- 8mm needles

For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn

**Malabrigo Chunky** is a pure wool yarn that comes in lovely semi-solid or variegated shades. You should wash projects by hand and let them dry flat. This yarn costs £7.99 per 100g (95m) skein from **0800 505 3300**, [www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)

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### LEFT SLEEVE

Using 8mm double-pointed needles and long-tail method, cast on 32 sts, join in the rnd taking care not to twist sts, pm for beg of rnd

### Cuff

Next rnd: \* k2, p2, rep from \* to end

This rnd sets 2x2 rib

Work in 2x2 rib until cuff meas 12.5cm from cast-on edge

### Second, third, fourth and fifth sizes only

Next rnd (inc): \* k7, kfb, rep from \* to end. - (36, 36, 36, 36) sts

P one rnd

### First and second sizes only

Work 44 (42, -, -, -) rnds in garter st, ending after a p rnd

### Third, fourth and fifth sizes only

Work - (-, 13, 13, 7) rnds in garter st, ending after a k rnd

Next rnd: \* p12, pm, rep from \* to end

Next rnd (inc): \* k to one st before marker, kfb, rep from \* to end

Rep inc rnd every - (-, 0, 16th, 10th) rnd - (-, 0, 1, 2) times more, removing markers on last rep. - (-, 39, 42, 45) sts

Work - (-, 27, 11, 13) rnds in garter st, ending after a p rnd

### All sizes BACK

Change to circular needle and work back and forth in rows

Next row (RS, inc): \* k7 (8, 8, 9, 10), kfb, rep from \* three times more, k0 (0, 3, 2, 1). 36 (40, 43, 46, 49) sts

Work 90 (100, 110, 120, 130) rows in garter st, ending after a WS row  
Change to dpns

Next rnd (RS, dec): \* k7 (8, 8, 9, 10), k2tog, rep from \* three times more, k0 (0, 3, 2, 1), join in the rnd, pm for beg of rnd.

32 (36, 39, 42, 45) sts

### RIGHT SLEEVE

Beg with a p rnd, work 44 (42, 26, 10, 12) rnds in garter st, ending after a k rnd

### Third, fourth and fifth sizes only

Next rnd: \* p- (-, 13, 14, 15), pm, rep from \* to end

Next rnd (dec): k to two sts before marker, k2tog, rep from \* to end

Rep dec rnd every - (-, 0, 16th, 10th) rnd - (-, 0, 1, 2) times more, removing markers on last rep. - (-, 36, 36, 36) sts

Work - (-, 15, 15, 9) rnds in garter st, ending after a p rnd

### Second, third, fourth and fifth sizes only

Next rnd (dec): \* k7, k2tog, rep from \* to end. - (32, 32, 32, 32) sts

### All sizes

#### Cuff

Work in 2x2 rib for 12.5cm

Cast off in patt

### LOWER BACK

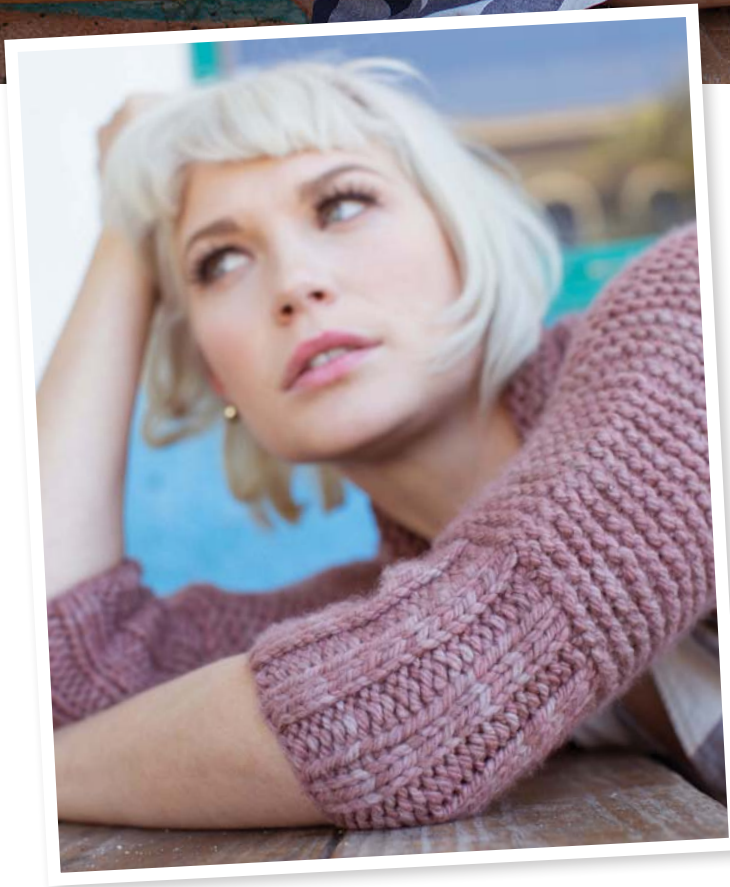
Using 8mm circular needle, pick up and k 45 (50, 55, 60, 65) sts





**Love this?**

This comfy shrug is from Garter Stitch Revival (£18.99, Interweave), a celebration of the simplest of stitch patterns. It features 20 stylish and creative projects to try, including cowls, ponchos, shawls and more. Get your copy at [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk) or order it from your local bookshop.

- along bottom long edge of opening with one st in each garter ridge, do not join in the rnd
- K five rows
  - Next row (RS, dec): k1, ssk, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1
  - Rep dec row every fourth row three times more. 37 (42, 47, 52, 57) sts
  - K one row

### Rolled Collar

- Do not turn
- With RS facing and beg after last st worked, pick up and k nine sts along left edge of Lower back panel, 45 (50, 55, 60, 65) sts along opposite long edge of opening, nine sts along right edge of Lower back panel, join in the rnd, pm for beg of rnd. 100 (110, 120, 130, 140) sts
  - Beg with a p rnd, work three rnds in garter st
  - Next rnd (inc): \* k4, kfb, rep from \* to end. 120 (132, 144, 156, 168) sts
  - Work seven rnds in garter st,

- ending after a p rnd
- Next rnd (inc): \* k5, kfb, rep from \* to end. 140 (154, 168, 182, 196) sts
- Work six rnds in garter st, ending after a k rnd
- Cast off pwise

### TO MAKE UP

Weave in ends. Wet block (see page 93) **LK**

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# Rascal the Puppy

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Get the pattern for Rascal's carry-bag bed in the next issue!

## Measurements & Sizes

**Dog:** 28cm tall

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Cygnet Pure Wool Superwash DK, shades (A) 2155 Gold, 100g, (B) 4888 Copper, 100g, (C) 2195 Cream, 100g, (D) 2837 Kingfisher, 50g, (E) 972 Mocha, 50g, (F) 217 Black, 50g

**Needles:** 4mm

**Buttons:** Four

**Safety toy stuffing**

**Stitch marker**

For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn

**Cygnet Pure Wool Superwash DK** is a versatile yarn that's easy to care for and machine washable. It comes in 23 unique shades and has an RRP of £2.55 per 50g (104m) ball. To find your nearest stockist, call **01274 743374** or visit [www.cygnetyarns.com](http://www.cygnetyarns.com)

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## Start knitting here..

### HEAD

Using 4mm needles and yarn C cast on six sts

- Row 1: p
  - Row 2: (kfb) to end. 12 sts
  - Row 3 and all odd-numbered rows: p
  - Row 4: \* k1, kfb, rep from \* to end. 18 sts
  - Row 6: \* k2, kfb, rep from \* to end. 24 sts
  - Row 8: \* k3, kfb, rep from \* to end. 30 sts
  - Row 10: \* k4, kfb, rep from \* to end. 36 sts
  - Row 12: \* k5, kfb, rep from \* to end. 42 sts
  - Rows 13-23: work in st st
- Place marker on this row to mark shaping for nose
- Row 24: \* k5, k2tog, rep from \* to end. 36 sts
  - Row 25 and all odd-numbered rows: p
  - Row 26: \* k4, k2tog, rep from \* to end. 30 sts
  - Row 28: \* k3, k2tog, rep from \* to end. 24 sts
  - Row 30: \* k2, k2tog, rep from \* to end. 18 sts
  - Row 32: \* k1, k2tog, rep from \* to end. 12 sts
  - Row 34: (k2tog) to end. Six sts
  - Cut yarn, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### BODY

Using 4mm needles and yarn C cast on six sts

- Rows 1-12: work as for Head. 42 sts
  - Starting with a p row work 23 rows in st st
  - Begin bib, use separate ball of Yarn C on either side and join in Yarn E
- NOTE: Letter following instruction indicates yarn shade**
- Row 36: k18 C, k6 E, k18 C
  - Row 37: p16 C, p10 E, p16 C
  - Row 38: (k3, k2tog, k4, k2tog,

- k4) C, k12 E, (k4, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k3) C. 38 sts
  - Row 39: p12 C, p14 E, p12 C
  - Row 40: (k2, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k2) C, (k2, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k2) E, (k2, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k2) C. 31 sts
  - Row 41: p9 C, p13 E, p9 C
- NOTE: work sts in same colour as on previous row unless otherwise stated**
- Row 42: k2tog, k2, \* k2tog, k3, k2tog, k2, rep from \* to end. 24 sts
  - Row 43: p
  - Row 44: \* k2, k2tog, rep from \* to end. 18 sts
  - Row 45: p
  - Cut Yarn E and work in yarn C only
  - Row 46: \* k1, k2tog, rep from \* to end. 12 sts
  - Row 47: p
  - Row 48: (k2tog) to end. Six sts
  - Cut yarn, thread through rem sts,

pull tight and fasten off

### LEGS (make four)

- Using 4mm needles and yarn C cast on six sts
- Row 1: p
  - Row 2: (kfb) to end. 12 sts
  - Row 3: p
  - Row 4: \* k1, kfb, rep from \* to end. 18 sts
  - Rows 5-15: cont in st st
  - Change to yarn A
  - Work four rows in st st
  - Change to yarn E
  - Work four rows in st st
  - Row 24: (k2tog) to end. Nine sts
  - Row 25: p
  - Row 26: (k2tog) four times, k1. Five sts
  - Row 27: p
  - Row 28: (k2tog) twice, k1. Three sts
  - Row 29: p3tog
  - Fasten off

## EARS (make two)

Using 4mm needles and yarn E  
cast on five sts

- Row 1: kfb, k to last st, kfb. Seven sts
- Row 2: k
- Rep last two rows until there are 11 sts
- Rows 6-15: k
- Row 16: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. Nine sts
- Row 17: k
- Rep last two rows until five sts rem
- K one row
- Cast off

## NOSE

Using 4mm needles and yarn F  
cast on seven sts

- Rows 1-5: k
- Row 6: k2tog, k3, k2tog. Five sts
- Row 7: k
- Row 8: k2tog, k1, k2tog. Three sts
- Row 9: k2tog, k1. Two sts
- Row 10: k2tog. One st
- Fasten off but leave a long tail for sewing nose to head

## TAIL

Using 4mm needles and yarn C  
cast on 12 sts

- Beg with a k row, work six rows in st st
- Row 7: \* k2, k2tog, rep from \* to end. Nine sts
- Row 8: p
- Change to yarn E
- Row 9: k1, (k2tog) three times, k2. Six sts
- Row 10: p
- Row 11: (k2tog) to end. Three sts
- Row 12: p
- Row 13: k2tog, k1. Two sts
- Row 14: p
- Row 15: k2tog. One st
- Fasten off

## COLLAR

Using 4mm needles and yarn D,  
cast on 30 sts

- Rows 1-3: k
- Fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Sew seam on body and stuff. Make head in same way. Take a needle threaded with yarn C and beginning at marked row run yarn through every stitch and draw up. Sew Nose in place, widest part is top of nose. Using long tail of yarn, sew mouth.



Using black yarn embroider eyes as shown. Sew ears on either side of head. Sew head to body. Sew Collar around neck, join at back neck. Sew seams on legs, add extra stuffing to base of legs to give shape. Sew in place onto body. Sew seam on Tail and stuff lightly, sew in place to back of Body **LK**

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next issue**

**MAKE RASCAL'S CARRY  
BAG AND BED!**

August issue of Let's Knit on sale  
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Perfect for parties and other special occasions, Tina Barrett's sweet little handbag features sequin yarn and two fabulous textured stitch effects: moss stitch and star stitch. Finish off the design with a simple knitted bow.

### Measurements & sizes

16cm x 20cm

### You will need:

#### YARN:

DK in shades (A) Lilac, (B) Peach, (C) Blue, one 20g ball of each, (D) King Cole Galaxy DK, shade 683 Mercury, one 50g ball

#### NEEDLES:

5mm

#### TAPESTRY NEEDLE

### STRIPE SEQUENCE

Work two rows in the foll shades:

- \* \*\* Yarn B
- \* Yarn A
- \* Rep from \*\* seven times more
- \* Yarn B

### Start knitting here

#### BAG PANEL (make two)

Using 5mm needles and yarn A, cast on 81 sts

- \* Row 1: k
  - \* Row 2: p1, (make star, p1) to end
- Work in two-row stripe sequence whilst working as folls:
- \* Row 3 and every odd-numbered row: k
  - \* Row 4: p3, make star, (p1, make star) to last three sts, p3
  - \* Rows 5-36: rep Rows 1-4 eight times
- Change to yarn D
- \* Row 37: k
  - \* Row 38: (k1, p1) to last st, k1
- This row sets moss st
- \* Rows 39-44: cont in moss st
  - \* Row 45 (RS): moss 11, cast off 18 sts, moss 22, cast off 18 sts, moss 11
  - \* Row 46: moss 11, cast on 18 sts, moss 22, cast on 18 sts, moss 11
  - \* Rows 47-50: (k1, p1) to last st, k1
  - \* Cast off

#### BOW

Using 5mm needles and yarn C, cast on 15 sts

- \* Rows 1-16: (k1, p1) to last st, k1
- \* Cast off

#### BOW CENTRE

Using 5mm needles and yarn D, cast on 15 sts

- \* Rows 1-3: k
- \* Cast off

#### TO MAKE UP

Sew in ends. Fold Bag in half and sew along bottom and side seam. Pinch Bow in half and wrap Bow Centre around. Secure Centre at back of Bow and sew to Bag **LK**

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# GLITTERY HANDBAG

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# Style on a SHOESTRING

FANTASTIC PATTERNS AND YARNS FOR THE THRIFTY KNITTER



There was a time when it was cheaper to make your own clothes than to buy them, but in the age of easy-access, disposable high street fashion, this is no longer the case. We don't mind though, our love of knitting comes from the pleasure of the craft and the joy of making. Having said that, it doesn't mean our hobby has to break the bank. We've put together a glorious gallery of great value makes from amazing accessories to gorgeous garments. There's also a handy shopping list for purse-friendly yarns, plus some handy hints on substituting for value yarns and getting the most from your stash! Read on to be inspired!

## Fab fashion for £15 or less!



### Cool & CASUAL

Knitted in Drops Paris, this pretty textured T-shirt is worked from the top down with a flattering yoke. To download this pattern and see the other style variations, visit [www.garnstudio.com](http://www.garnstudio.com) and search for Athena. The yarn costs £1.05 per 50g (75m) ball from **0208 313 3490**, [www.littlewoollie.co.uk](http://www.littlewoollie.co.uk)



### SUPER stripes

Add colour to your outfit with a fabulous wrap! It's King Cole pattern 4830 and is made in the brand's Opium Palette, a multicoloured yarn that adds texture to any project. It only uses two balls of this yarn, which costs £3.99 per 100g (250m) ball. Both the pattern and yarn are available from **01925 764231**, [www.blacksheepwools.com](http://www.blacksheepwools.com)



### Lovely LACE

We adore this lacy wrap, knitted in Cascade Yarns® Cascade 220® Fingering. It's a pure wool 4ply yarn that costs £3.49 per 50g (250m) skein from **0800 505 3300**, [www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk). The pattern is called Leafy Transitions. Download it for free from [www.cascadeyarns.com](http://www.cascadeyarns.com)

# Wardrobe faves for £20 or less!

## Classic CARDI

This bright red number is sure to become a holiday staple. Knitted in Scheepjes Cotton 8, a crisp mercerised cotton yarn, it can easily be dressed up or down. We love the curved edges and elbow-length sleeves. Find the pattern for free at [www.scheepjes.com](http://www.scheepjes.com). The yarn costs just £1.99 per 50g (170m) ball from **0845 519 4573**, [www.deramores.com](http://www.deramores.com)



## CRAZY for colour

Let the yarn do the work in this simple yet stylish summer vest. It's made in Cygnet Boho Spirit which knits into bright bands of colour. You can wear it on its own or layer it up with a long-sleeved T-shirt. It costs 100g (240m) ball from **0845 003 0775**, [www.wool4less.co.uk](http://www.wool4less.co.uk). The pattern can be downloaded for free at [www.cygnetyarns.com](http://www.cygnetyarns.com)

## Fab FASHION

It's amazing what you can do with just rib and stocking stitch, as demonstrated in Jo Allport's Easy Wide Neck Top – find the pattern on page 21. It's a simple knit that pairs well with your favourite jeans. The yarn has a lovely marled, self-patterning effect and with an RRP of £2.79 per 100g (220m) ball, it's a great bargain too. For stockists, visit [www.jamescbrett.co.uk](http://www.jamescbrett.co.uk)



## SENSATIONAL stash-busters!



Striped garments are a great way of using up yarn from your stash and you won't have to spend a single penny. Our Beginner's Stripy Summer T-shirt pattern uses DK yarn and is free to download at [www.letsknit.co.uk](http://www.letsknit.co.uk)



Designer Kaffe Fassett is well known for his vibrant colourwork. This is the Shuffle kimono from his Rowan Selects Kaffe's Cotton Colours collection. It's worked using the intarsia technique and is perfect for your DK yarn. The pattern is free to download at [www.knitrowan.com](http://www.knitrowan.com)

## 5 GREAT VALUE YARNS you'll love!

- **Rico Creative Cotton Aran** is a cotton yarn with a soft matte finish that knits up in next to no time. £1.79 per 50g (85m) ball from [www.purplelindacrafts.co.uk](http://www.purplelindacrafts.co.uk)
- **Scheepjes Catona** is a pure mercerised cotton yarn that's 4ply weight and perfect for summer garments. £1.79 per 50g (125m) ball from **01925 764231**, [www.blacksheepwools.com](http://www.blacksheepwools.com)
- **Wendy Love It** is a sleek acrylic DK yarn that's brand new for this summer! £2.75 per 100g (220m) ball from **0845 003 0775**, [www.wool4less.co.uk](http://www.wool4less.co.uk)
- **Stylecraft Special DK** is a soft and versatile acrylic yarn that's ideal for both knitting and crochet. £1.95 per 100g (295m) ball from **01376 743123**, [www.sconch.com](http://www.sconch.com)
- **Drops Belle** mixes 53% cotton, 33% viscose and 14% linen, and drapes beautifully. £1.55 per 50g (120m) ball from [www.purplesheep yarns.co.uk](http://www.purplesheep yarns.co.uk)



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# Perfect patterns for under £25



## Summer STUNNER

This lovely lacy vest is perfect for the warm weather. It's made in Bergere de France Coton Fifty, a soft cotton and acrylic blend, and we love the vibrant orange shade. The pattern is from the Le Wooling 4 collection, which costs £6.37. Both yarn and pattern are available to buy at [www.bergerede-france.co.uk](http://www.bergerede-france.co.uk)



## BAMBOO brights

Tie-front tops are back in fashion! Knit your own with this really easy pattern from Sirdar (leaflet 7949). The yarn is Hayfield Fiesta DK, which is made from bamboo-sourced viscose and acrylic. It costs £2.99 per 100g (250m) ball. Get the yarn and pattern from [www.purplelindcrafts.co.uk](http://www.purplelindcrafts.co.uk)



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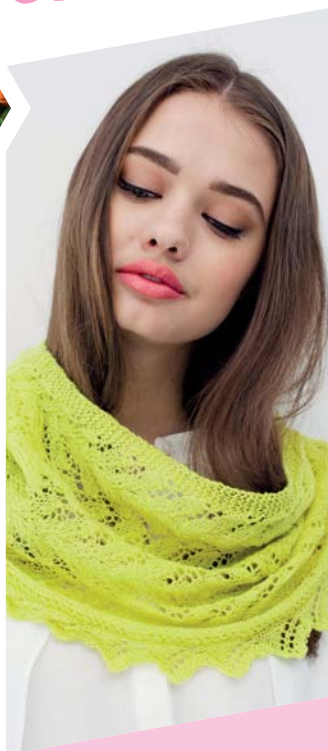
This pattern is from King Cole leaflet 4831 and we love the pretty lace detailing. King Cole Smooth DK is an acrylic yarn with a sleek feel and it drapes beautifully. It costs £3.39 per 100g (216m) ball, and the pattern is £2.99. Both are available from **0800 505 3300**, [www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)

## HOW TO SUBSTITUTE A YARN!

When searching for an alternative yarn, the first thing to look for is the tension. You want to match the tension of the original yarn as closely as possible. For example, not all DK yarns are exactly the same thickness so you may need to play around with the needle size to get the tension given in your pattern. Also, some fibres have a different drape so may not look the same when knitted. It's always important to knit a tension square before you begin any pattern, but especially if you've substituted the yarn.



## ONE BALL wonders



Being a thrifty knitter isn't just about choosing the cheapest yarns. If you can get a whole project from just one ball or skein, that's still great value for money. Debbie Bliss's pattern DB005 uses just one ball of Rialto Lace. Visit [www.designeryarns.uk.com](http://www.designeryarns.uk.com) for stockists.



When it comes to laceweight yarns, a little really can go a long way. They also provide the perfect opportunity for treating yourself to a luxury fibre or yarn brand. Anniken Allis's Miyu lace scarf is made from one 366m skein of yarn and is simple enough for beginners to try. Download the pattern for free at [www.letsknit.co.uk](http://www.letsknit.co.uk)

## OUR SAVVY readers!

### WE ASKED YOU FOR YOUR MONEY-SAVING TIPS

"Shop around. Inexpensive yarn brands can be just as good, if not better, than the designer ones."  
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# Get vacation ready with our HOLIDAY MUST-HAVES

## Measurements & Sizes

**Sunglasses case:** 8cm wide x 20cm long

**Beach bag:** 30cm high x 35cm wide

**I-cord bracelet:** circumference 17cm

**Headband:** point to point 6cm wide x 32cm long

**Passport bag:** 15cm wide x 16cm long

**Beach mat straps:** when flat 16.5cm long x 27cm wide

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Drops Paris shades (A) 13 Orange, one 50g ball, (B) 16 White, three 50g balls, (C) 2 Light Turquoise, two 50g balls, (D) 35 Vanilla, one 50g ball, (E) 39 Pistachio, two 50g balls

**Needles:** 4mm, 4.5mm, both straight, two 4mm double pointed

**Beads:** Large, two

**Cord:** leather, 58cm

**Buttons:** blue, ten; large wooden, three

**Ribbon:** blue, 96cm; yellow, 140cm; yellow, 36cm

**Zip:** white, 18cm

## Tension square

- 19 sts x 28 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- Over pattern
- 4.5mm needles

For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn

**Drops Paris** is a soft and sturdy, 100% cotton yarn that's ideal for summery projects. This yarn is a great choice for knitting beginners and the breathable fibre is perfect for those with sensitive skin. It costs £1.05 per 50g (75m) ball from [www.cottonpod.co.uk](http://www.cottonpod.co.uk)

## Need an Alternative?

**Rico Creative Cotton Aran** is another good value yarn that's available in bright summer shades and is machine washable. It costs £1.79 per 50g (85m) ball from [www.purpleindacrafts.co.uk](http://www.purpleindacrafts.co.uk)

**P**ersonalise your holiday bits for this summer's getaway with our glorious travel patterns! Keep your sunnies safe in our crafty case, and your WIP with you on-the-go inside our beautiful beach bag. Protect your passport with our knitted holder, ooze holiday elegance wearing our cool bracelet and headband, and carry your beach mat from place to place using ease with our simple straps. These patterns are perfect for sharpening up your skills and trying out new techniques including working in an eyelet and using garter stitch.

## Start knitting here..

### SUNGLASSES CASE

Using 4.5mm needles and yarn D, cast on 31 sts

- Rows 1-2: k
- Change to yarn A
- Row 3: p1, \* k1, p1, rep from \* to end
- Row 4: k1, \* p1, k1, rep from \* to end
- Change to yarn E
- Rows 5-6: k
- Change to yarn D

- Rows 7-8: rep Rows 3-4
- Change to yarn A
- Rows 9-10: k
- Change to yarn E
- Rows 11-12: rep Rows 3-4
- These 12 rows form patt
- Cont in patt until work meas 19cm, ending after an even-numbered row
- Change to 4mm needles and yarn E
- Next row: p1, \* k1, p1, rep from \* to end
- Next row: k1, \* p1, k1, rep from \* to end
- These two rows set rib
- Work in rib for 5cm
- Cast off

### TO MAKE UP

Fold rib over at top to form a tube and sew down. Fold case in half and sew down back seam. Placing seam at middle of back, sew across bottom. Thread cord through tube at top and attach beads to cord

### BEACH BAG SIDE PANEL (make two)

- Using 4.5mm needles and yarn C cast on 65 sts
- Rows 1-2: k
- Change to yarn E
- Row 3: p1, \* k1, p1, rep from \* to end
- Row 4: k1, \* p1, k1, rep from \* to end
- These four rows form Edge patt

- Rep Rows 1-4 three times more
- Change to yarn B and work in Eyelet patt as follows:
- Row 1: k1, \* yfwd, k2, sl 1, k2tog, psso, k2, yfwd, k1, rep from \* to end
- Row 2: p
- Row 3: k2, \* yfwd, k1, sl 1, k2tog, psso, k1, yfwd, k3, rep from \* to last seven sts, yfwd, k1, sl 1, k2tog, psso, k1, yfwd, k2
- Row 4: p
- Row 5: k3, \* yfwd, sl 1, k2tog, psso, yfwd, k5, rep from \* to last six sts, yfwd, sl 1, k2tog, psso, yfwd, k3
- Row 6: p
- Cont in Eyelet patt until work meas 27cm from cast-on edge
- Change to yarns C and E and work three reps of Edge patt
- Change to yarn C
- K two rows
- Cast off

### GUSSET (make two)

- Using 4.5mm needles and yarn C, cast on nine sts
- Work in Edge patt as far side panel until work meas approx 45cm, ending after a Row 4
- Change to yarn C
- K two rows
- Cast off

### TO MAKE UP

Sew cast-on ends of Gusset together to create a long strip and stitch to sides and base of Side panels. Sew 96cm length of ribbon to each side of bag for handle. Sew two buttons to each side of ribbon

### I-CORD BRACELET

- Using two 4mm dpns and yarn E, cast on six sts
- K one row, do not turn
- Slide sts to end needle, pull yarn across the back tightly
- Rep last two rows until work meas 66cm or enough to wind around wrist

### TO MAKE UP

Thread beads onto cord. Sew cast-on edge to cast-off edge. Twist around three times and attach all three strands together



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## HEADBAND

- Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on three sts
- Beg with a k row, work i-cord as for Bracelet until work meas 30cm
  - Next row: k1, m1, k1, m1, k1. Five sts
  - Next row: k
  - Next row: k1, m1, k3, m1, k1. Seven sts
  - Next row: k
  - Cont to inc as set until there are 11 sts, ending after a k row

### NOTE: letter foll instruction indicates yarn shade

- Next row: k1 A, (p1, k1) D four times, p1 D, k1 A
- Next row: k1 A, (p1, k1) D four times, p1 D, k1 A
- Using yarn A, k two rows
- Rep last four rows until work meas 27cm from cast-on edge
- Cont in yarn A only
- Next row: k1, k2tog, k5, k2tog, k1. Nine sts
- Next row: k
- Rep last two rows until five sts rem
- Next row: k
- Next row: k1, sl 1, k2tog, pss0, k1. Three sts
- Work in st st until cord meas 30cm
- Cast off

## PASSPORT BAG

### FRONT

Using 4.5mm needles cast on 11 sts in yarn B, 11 sts in yarn E, 11 sts in yarn B

### NOTE: letter foll instruction indicates yarn shade

- Row 1: k 11 B, k 11 E, k 11 B

- Row 2: p 11 B, k 11 E, p 11 B
- Row 3: k 11 B, (p1, k1) A five times, p1 A, k 11 B
- Row 4: p 11 B, (k1, p1) A five times, k1 A, k 11 B
- Row 5: k 11 B, k 11 D, k 11 B
- Row 6: p 11 B, k 11 D, p 11 B
- Rep Rows 1-6 until work meas 12cm
- Change to 4 mm needles and yarn B
- Work eight rows in garter st
- Cast off

## BACK

- Using 4.5mm needles and yarn E cast on 32 sts
- Work two rows in st st
  - Change to yarn A
  - Work two rows in st st
  - Change to yarn D
  - Work two rows in st st
  - Change to yarn E
  - Cont in two row stripe patt until work meas 12cm
  - Change to 4mm needles and yarn B
  - Work eight rows in garter st
  - Cast off

## TO MAKE UP

Placing WS together, sew down both side seams and across the bottom. Sew handle to both sides of back. Sew zip into top

## BEACH MAT HANDLES

- Using 4mm needles and yarn B cast on 33 sts
- Work ten rows in garter st
  - Change to yarn A
  - Rows 1-2: k
  - Row 3: p1, \* k1, p1 rep from



- \* to end
- Row 4: k1, \* p1, k1 rep from \* to end
- These four rows form patt
- Work patt three times more
- Change to yarn C and work patt four times more
- Change to yarn D and work patt four times more
- Change to yarn E and work patt four times more
- Change to yarn B and work five rows in garter st
- Next row (buttonhole row): k3, \* yfwd, k2tog, k3, rep from \* to end
- Work four rows in garter st
- Cast off

## TO MAKE UP

Sew six buttons to button band. Fasten length of yellow ribbon to buttonhole side for handle **LK**



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Paisley Tedder, Let's Knit Editorial Assistant



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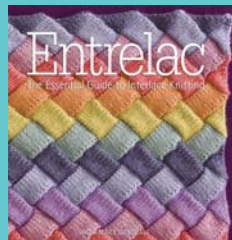
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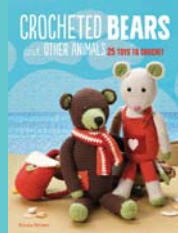
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# Fruit FEAST

EXCLUSIVE TO  
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Freshen up your dining area with these mouthwatering mats

**F**abulous and fruity is the theme this summer and we are determined to make your meals as deliciously decorative as possible. Knit up these coasters and place mats as a quirky yet practical project.



QUICK  
SUMMER  
KNITS

## Measurements & Sizes

**Coaster:** 10.5cm diameter

**Placemat:** 28cm diameter

## Knit Kit

**Yarn: Coasters (Makes 20)**

Paintbox Simply DK, shades (A) 151 Lipstick Pink (B) 100 Paper White (C) 129 Grass Green (D) 101 Pure Black, one 100g ball of each

**Place Mats (Makes 4)**

Paintbox Simply Chunky, shades (A) 351 Lipstick Pink (B) 300 Paper White (C) 329 Grass Green (D) 301 Pure Black, one 100g ball of each

**Needles:**

3.25mm double-pointed for Coasters

4mm double-pointed for Place Mats

**Stitch markers**

**Tapestry needle**

## Tension Square

- 24 sts x 34 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- Stocking stitch
- 3.25mm needles

**For abbreviations see page 92**

## About the Yarn

**Paintbox Simply DK** is a good value acrylic yarn, and with over 60 colours to choose from it is a must-have for your stash. It is also beautifully soft and easy to work with! It costs £2.25 per 100g (276m) ball. **Paintbox Simply Chunky** is the perfect yarn for chunky accessories like place mats and is soft and versatile so a great addition to your stash! It costs £2.25 per 100g (135m) ball. Both yarns are available from **0845 544 2196, www.loveknitting.com**

## Need an Alternative?

**Stylecraft Special DK** is available in a wide selection of colours and is easy to knit with. It costs £1.85 per 100g (295m) ball from **0845 519 4573, www.deramores.com**

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**King Cole Value Chunky** is a good option when you need a thicker yarn. It is soft and good value – always handy to have in your stash. It costs £2.29 per 100g (152m) ball from **www.purpleindacrafts.co.uk**

## knitwise

When you start this project it may seem awkward to have so many markers so close together, but they will soon become more spread out and easier to work with. Place the markers on the needle rather than through a stitch so you can slip them more easily.

## Start knitting here...

### COASTERS

Using 3.25mm dpns and yarn A, cast on eight sts. Join in the rnd, taking care not to twist

Rnd 1: k into the back of each st

Rnd 2: k

Rnd 3: \* k1, m1, pm, rep from \* to end. 16 sts

Rnd 4: k

Rnd 5: \* k to marker, m1, sm, rep from \* to end. 24 sts

Rnd 6: k

Rnds 7-12: rep Rnds 5-6 three more times. 48 sts

Cut yarn A, change to yarn B

Rnds 13-14: rep Rnds 5-6 once more. 56 sts

Cut yarn B, change to yarn C

Rnds 15-16: rep Rnds 5-6 once more. 64 sts

Rnd 17: as Rnd 5. 72 sts

Rnd 18: p

Cast off pwise

### PLACE MATS

Using 4mm dpns and yarn A cast on eight sts. Join in the rnd, taking care not to twist

Rnds 1-6: work as Coasters to end of Rnd 6

Rnds 7-28: rep Rnds 5-6 11 more times. 112 sts

Cut yarn A, change to yarn B

Rnds 29-32: rep Rnds 5-6 twice more. 128 sts

Cut yarn B, change to yarn C

Rnds 33-36: rep Rnds 5-6 twice more. 144 sts

Rnd 37: as Rnd 5. 152 sts

Rnd 38: p

Cast off pwise

### TO MAKE UP

Using cast-on tail, work running stitch around cast-on stitches and pull tight to close. Using yarn D, Swiss darn pips. Weave in ends and block **LK**

**coming  
next issue**

**BEACH HUT CUSHION  
BY JANE BURNS**

August issue of Let's Knit on sale  
THURSDAY 6TH JULY



“These coasters and placemats are a great way to make an alfresco lunch more Instagrammable! Be sure to tag us!”

LK Editorial Assistant  
Paisley Tedder

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A carpet of beautiful blue forget-me-nots is one of nature's wonders and this is a wonderful way to capture that charm the whole year round. They're small and relatively quick to make but take care as you'll be using small needles and fine 4ply yarn. To create a bunch of flowers, as shown here, make five flowers and bind the stalks using fine ribbon or florists' tape.

# Make Susie Johns' everlasting FORGET-ME-NOTS

EXCLUSIVE TO  
**Let's knit**

This dainty and elegant design makes a lovely gift

## Measurements & sizes

Each flower head: 4cm diameter

### Tension square

17 sts x 34 rows  
10cm x 10cm  
garter stitch  
4mm needles

## You will need:

**YARN:** DMC Petra 3, shade

54463, one 100g ball

**NEEDLES:** 3mm

**WIRE:** copper, silk-covered

**RIBBON:** 1cm wide green ribbon or florist tape (optional)

Flower stamens

## Start knitting here

### PETAL (make five)

Using 3mm needles, make a slipknot

\* Row 1: k into front, back and front of st. Three sts

\* Row 2: sl 1 kwise, p1, k1

\* Row 3: sl 1 kwise, (m1, k1) twice. Five sts

\* Row 4: sl 1 kwise, p3, k1

\* Row 5: sl 1, k to end

\* Row 6: as Row 4

\* Cast off, leaving tail of yarn

### TO MAKE UP

Weave in yarn ends on each petal, shaping petal as you do so. The cast-off edge can form the top of the petal, or one side, whichever looks best to you. On fifth petal, leave one yarn end and thread this through base of other four petals. Pull up tightly to gather them together, then go back through each one, taking a small stitch each time to form a neat flower shape. Push stalks of three stamens through centre of flower and twist together at base. Bend a 12-15cm length of covered wire into a hairpin shape, and push two ends down through centre of flower. Twist these around stamens and yarn end, to form a stalk **LK**



## meet our DESIGNER

"I don't deny that these little flowers are fiddly to make, so allow yourself enough time not only to knit the petals but to assemble them carefully and neatly."

SUSIE JOHNS

For abbreviations see page 92



## YARN SHOP

DMC Petra 3 costs £3.95 per 100g (280m) ball from 0800 505 3300, [www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)

Flower stamens (pips) cost £2.16 for 100 from [www.littlecraftybugs.co.uk](http://www.littlecraftybugs.co.uk)  
Silk-covered copper wire costs £3.58 per 20m from [www.wires.com](http://www.wires.com)

# COMING UP IN THE AUGUST ISSUE OF **Let's knit**

*Love the nautical trend*



Projects subject to change

**FREE** colourful lace yarn & easy shawl to knit!

*Fab asymmetric design*



*Gorgeous multi-coloured effect!*

**THREE BALLS OF EXCLUSIVE LACE YARN!**



**ALSO IN THIS ISSUE:**

- Lacy denim vest
- Quick baby knits
- Part 2 of our sock tutorial
- Easy summer cardigan

**ON SALE THURSDAY 6TH JULY**



Super stylish garments



Versatile wrap



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Cute crochet for kids



**Star  
LETTER  
Wins a prize!**



WE LOVE TO HEAR YOUR STORIES!

**Dear Let's Knit,**

I got a subscription to Let's Knit for my 30th birthday, and I LOVE it. I have a high pressure job and knitting is my escape. I love the featured patterns, as well as the ones you provide with the free yarn. I have recently made the summer hat from May's edition for my mother-in-law's 70th birthday, and she loves it! Thank you and your team for doing such a sterling job.

JENNY MAXWELL

*You're very welcome Jenny, we're so glad you are enjoying your subscription.*

# STOP & Share

STORIES AND MAKES GALORE FROM YOU, OUR WONDERFUL READERS

## Here's what you've made!

**Star MAKE**

**Beep Beep!**

"Just need some nice summer weather now. Thank you for some absolutely fantastic patterns!"

**Rosemary Wood**  
Well done, Rosemary!  
Enjoy your prize!

**Toy Town**

"Some old, some new toys I did in April."

**Sylvia Moore**

*What a lovely collection!*

**Flower Power**

"I knitted these daffodils to cheer up the communal lounge where I live"

**Brenda Hurdley**  
These are beautiful.  
Brenda!

**Amazing Accessories**

"Just finished the lace hat and scarf set. I put furry pompoms on, bought from the pound shop. I love the effect!"

**Linda Petch**  
We do too, fab work, Linda!

**Creature Feature**

"Octos for Poole Natal ward"

**Caroline Pendagast**  
Great make for a great cause!



## PINS AND NEEDLES

Socks are one of our favourite summer makes. Not least because they're nice and portable and we can sit and knit in the sunshine. They're also a great chance to try out new stitch patterns and techniques. Take a look at our Knitted Socks Pinterest board to be inspired!



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## WHY I LOVE MY LOCAL YARN SHOP

"NEEDLECRAFT IN HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE, IS THE BEST SHOP EVER AND SO HELPFUL - THE STAFF ARE AMAZING."

Jenny Monnington

Let us know why you love your local yarn shop by emailing us at the address below

This month, our Star Letter winner, Jenny, has won three balls of Patons 100% Cotton 4ply and a pair of KnitPro needles.



Our Star Make winner, Rosemary, has won a copy of A Little Course In Crochet, a ball of TOFT yarn and a crochet hook from Addi.



## WE ASKED ON TWITTER...

Do you knit for charity? If so, which ones and what do you make?

"I've sent baby blankets on to @FirstTouchNNU - a great way to use up scraps of wool."  
@dinoprincesschr

"I knit for Bonnie Babies, a charity that aids premature babies, and make hats, matinee jackets, blankets"  
@UnaUnapforsyth

"I knit for Help for Heroes, and usually make baby clothing and blankets but have had a go at soft toys."  
@GrahamTRyan2

"I add bows + flowers to headbands, soft toys, hats, mitts, dolls clothes and sell for @Snap"  
@mandydwl2



## Tip of the Month...

PRINTED TIPS WIN A £10 VOUCHER TO SPEND AT BLACK SHEEP WOOLS

"I keep notebooks noting pattern number, size, colourway, recipient, date and variations, so if I need to remake the item I can refer back to it" SUE DRAPER



### Teddy as you go

"I had to knit the adorable teddies, so easy yet so effective, thank you for the wonderful pattern and free kit."

Marnie Drysdale

These look fab, Marnie!

### Catch of The Day

"Knitted a couple of cute fish"

Heather Graham

Brilliant, Heather!



### Top Teds

"Adorable teddies using wool from my stash so quick and easy to make another colour on my needles"

Doreen Davis

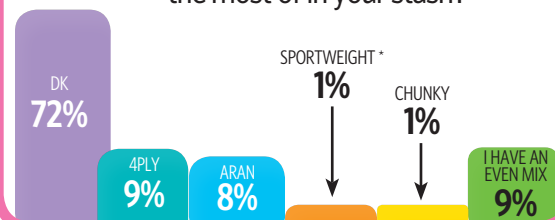
They're so bright and cheerful!

Visit our Facebook page every Monday to enter our Reader Makes Competition!



## We asked you on Facebook...

What yarn weight do you have the most of in your stash?



\* Sportweight is in between 4ply and DK, like Debbie Bliss Baby Cashmerino.

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# TEA Break

SETTLE DOWN WITH A CUPPA TO READ,  
RELAX AND TEST YOUR KNITTY KNOWLEDGE!

## Wordplay

We've jumbled up three yarn effects. Can you work out what they are?

**He in cell (8)**  
**Ravage diet (10)**  
**herd sub (7)**

## LET'S KNIT'S QUICK QUIZ

How much do you know about our favourite hobby?

- 1 On what island did Jason find the Golden Fleece?
- 2 Which knitter said "change colours if and when the spirit moves you"?
- 3 Which country grows the most cotton?
- 4 Who founded yarn company, Noro?
- 5 What is the native Shetland word for 'knitting'?

## Name that yarn

Here are three clues to our mystery yarn. Is it one that's in your stash?

- This DK yarn blends cotton, acrylic and viscose
- The viscose is incorporated almost like tweed-like neps
- It's a great value summer yarn that's well suited to knitting and crochet



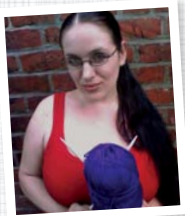
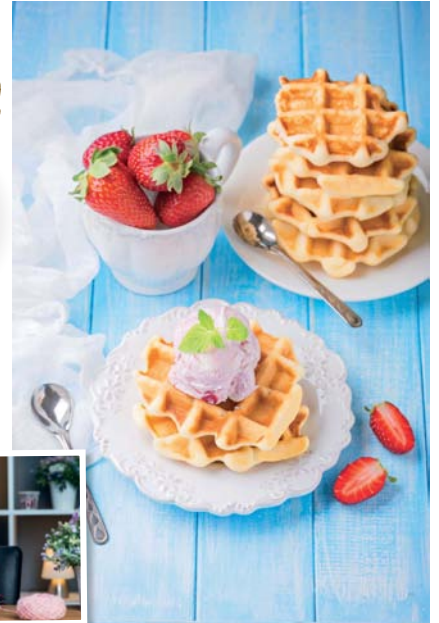
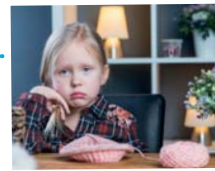
Check out the answers below to see how many you got right!



## Caption competition

Email [adrienne.chandler@aceville.co.uk](mailto:adrienne.chandler@aceville.co.uk) with your caption and we'll publish the winning entry in our next issue!

Here's our favourite caption from last issue  
**"I can't go to bed yet I haven't finished this row!"**  
Congratulations to **Lisa Hirst**



## PURLS OF WISDOM

By Claire Thomas

### It's My Party And I'll Knit If I Want To

My birthday is approaching. Normally I get very excited about this, and make plans and drop hints about unaffordable expensive knitting retreats for months in advance. But this year it's a landmark birthday, which has thrown me into rather a panic, and so uncharacteristically I'm pretending it's not happening.

"What do you want for your birthday?" my husband says at last, as we scrape round the edges of our ready meals while watching Masterchef Australia.

"Don't know," I mumble, watching Marco Pierre White attempt to psyche out a competent middle-aged paramedic who is expertly scooping middles out of artichokes with a flick of the wrist. If an artichoke doesn't faze her, a glowering Marco has no chance. I observe this to my husband, who

responds, "Why are you trying to change the subject?"

He has tact enough to let silence fall. It's clear that I don't want to discuss it further at the moment. Instead, his glance falls upon my knitting - still only half a dozen rows of what promises to be a huge piece, knitted in the round. "What's that?" he asks.

I move the marker to start the next row. "That information is classified."



He rolls his eyes. "I'll guess, then. Is it a sock for a giant?"

"Some giant, whose ankle is bigger than my waist."

He concedes this point. "Is it a cosy for the giant excavator at the building site they're developing on that farmland? Are you going to yarnbomb the site to protest green belt building projects in the East Midlands?"

"Very inventive." I give him a short round of applause, more as a break from a round that includes several hundred exhausting stitches in an ungluing, itchy yarn than anything else. He's just beginning to look smug when I add, "But it's still not right."

Exasperated, he starts to look grumpy. "Oh, come on. It must be something for our house, then. Maybe a blanket?"

"Nope"

**"IT'S A LANDMARK BIRTHDAY, WHICH HAS THROWN ME INTO A PANIC, AND I'M PRETENDING IT'S NOT HAPPENING"**

"What else can it be? A sleeping bag maybe." But when he feels it he agrees that it would be far too itchy to sleep under. "A really oversized jumper, maybe for me? But I'll never suit hot pink and purple stripes... a massive bag? But it would be the size of a bin bag. Is that what it is, an eco-friendly bin bag?"

He goes on in this vein for some time, guessing increasingly wild and out-there ideas for what could be on my needles. If only he knew.

He is nowhere near, but his guesses are so entertaining that I let him continue. The thought of my landmark birthday had given me such palpitations that I decided to withdraw from the usual celebrations...and so I started knitting myself a massive tipi in which I can sit and knit for the day, like my own mobile knitting retreat. Glasses of gin, thoughtful presents and yarn accepted at the door. A day's sheltered knitting, and I'll definitely be reconciled to a landmark birthday...I think.

Claire Thomas is a freelance journalist and founder of **Stitch 'n' Bitch group, Knit Pickers**

## HOW DID YOU DO?

QUICK QUIZ: 1. Colchis, 2. Elizabeth Zimmermann, 3. China, 4. Eisaku Noro, 5. Macking Wordplay: 1. Chenille, 2. Variegated, 3. Brushed Name That Yarn: Cygnet Cotton DK



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# Animal Magic

Five fab and easy patterns to knits in a weekend

**W**e love pets at LK HQ and knitted ones are extra special because they don't require as much care and are content with just sitting in your craft room and

watching you knit! Florence the hamster and Smudge the cat are cute, quick makes. If you want something more exotic you'll love our panda trio by top toy designer Sachiyo Ishii.



## Smudge the Cat

Knit **Julia Marsh's** kooky feline friend!

### Measurements & Sizes

10cm x10cm

### Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Rowan Softyak DK, shade 232 Plain, one 50g ball, oddment of Black DK

**Needles:** 3.25mm

**Buttons:** green, 10mm, two

**Sewing needle**

**Safety toy stuffing**

**Tapestry needle**

### Tension square

- 27 sts x 38 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- stocking stitch
- 3.25mm needles

For abbreviations see page 92

### About the Yarn

#### Rowan Softyak DK

mixes 76% cotton, 15% yak and 9% nylon. The chainette construction makes it easy to knit with. Wash by hand. It costs £7.49 per 50g (135m) ball from **01925 764231, www.blacksheepwools.com**

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### Need an Alternative?

See what DK yarn is in your stash. You may want to choose something that's machine washable.

### Start knitting here..

#### FACE & BODY (make two)

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 30 sts  
 Beg with a k row, work in st st until piece meas 10cm or is a square  
 Cast off

#### FEET

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 12 sts  
 Work in st st until piece is a square  
 Cast off

#### TO MAKE UP

Position one Face and Body square with cast-on edge at top. Sew on button eyes and embroider nose, mouth and whiskers detail using Black DK yarn. Fold Feet in half and

sew seam, stuffing as you go. Sew two sets of three small straight stitches for paws, using photo as a guide. Sew Face and Body squares together, leaving base open. Sew a few stitches diagonally at top corners to make ears. Stuff Face and Body. Insert Feet into centre of base then sew bottom seam, securing Feet in place. Make a 14cm twisted cord and sew to back for tail



## knitwise

To make a twisted cord cut two strands of yarn three times longer than needed. Knot the strands together at each end. Secure one end down and twist the other end, keeping yarn straight and taut. Twist the yarn until it kinks, then fold yarn in half and allow the cord to twist back on itself. Knot the ends to secure.

## Florence the Hamster

**Nicky Fijalkowska's** furry friend is a simple, speedy knit

### Measurements & Sizes

13.5cm tall

### Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Stylecraft Special DK, shades (A) 1420 Camel, 13g, (B) 1005 Cream, 4g, (C) 1240 Soft Peach, oddments, (D) 1002 Black, oddments

**Needles:** 4mm

**Beads:** 6mm, black, two

**Thread:** cotton, black

**Safety toy stuffing**

**Sewing needle**

**Tapestry needle**

### Tension square

- 20 sts x 28 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- Stocking stitch
- 4mm needles

For abbreviations see page 92

### About the Yarn

#### Stylecraft Special DK

is an easy yarn to work with and great for making small toys and accessories. It can be machine washed and coolly tumble dried. It costs £1.89 per 100g (295m) ball from **01925 764231, www.blacksheepwools.com**

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### Need an Alternative?

**Cygnat DK** is versatile and soft. It comes in a huge range of shades and is perfect for beginners. It costs £1.95 per 100g (298m) ball from **01376 743123, www.sconch.com**

## Start knitting here...

### HEAD

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on four sts

- Row 1: (kfb) in each st. Eight sts
- Row 2 and all even-numbered rows: p
- Row 3: \* kfb, k1, rep from \* to end. 12 sts
- Row 5: \* kfb, k2, rep from \* to end. 16 sts
- Row 7: \* kfb, k3, rep from \* to end. 20 sts
- Row 9: \* kfb, k4, rep from \* to end. 24 sts
- Row 11: \* kfb, k5, rep from \* to end. 28 sts
- Row 13: \* kfb, k6, rep from \* to end. 32 sts
- Row 15: \* kfb, k7, rep from \* to end. 36 sts
- Row 17: k
- Row 19: \* k2tog, k5, k2tog, rep from \* to end. 28 sts
- Row 21: \* k2tog, k3, k2tog, rep from \* to end. 20 sts
- Row 23: (k2tog) to end of



## knitwise

When making toys with lots of small individual parts it's a good idea to sew up and stuff each one as you go. This makes it easier to identify them and also cuts down on assembly time at the end.

- row. Ten sts
- Cut yarn, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### BODY

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on eight sts

- Row 1: (kfb) in each st. 16 sts
- Row 2 and all even-numbered rows: p
- Row 3: \* kfb, k2, kfb, rep from \* to end. 24 sts
- Row 5: \* kfb, k4, kfb, rep from \* to end. 32 sts
- Row 7: \* kfb, k6, kfb, rep from \* to end. 40 sts
- Row 9: \* kfb, k8, kfb, rep from \* to end. 48 sts

**NOTE: letter foll each instruction indicates yarn shade**

- Row 10: p22 A, p4 B, p22 A
- Row 11: k21 A, k6 B, k21 A
- Row 12: p20 A, p8 B, p20 A
- Row 13: k19 A, k10 B, k19 A
- Row 14: p19 A, p10 B, p19 A
- Rows 15-18: rep Rows 13-14 twice more
- Row 19: (k10, k2tog, k2tog, k5) A, k10 B, (k5, k2tog, k2tog, k10) A. 44 sts
- Row 20 and all even-numbered rows: p, maintaining colours
- Row 21: (k9, k2tog, k2tog, k4) A, k10 B, (k4, k2tog, k2tog, k9) A. 40 sts
- Row 23: (k8, k2tog, k2tog, k3) A, k10 B, (k3, k2tog, k2tog, k8) A. 36 sts
- Row 25: (k7, k2tog, k2tog, k2) A, k10 B, (k2, k2tog, k2tog, k7) A. 32 sts
- Row 27: (k6, k2tog, k2tog,

- k1) A, k10 B, (k1, k2tog, k2tog, k6) A. 28 sts
- Row 29: (k2tog five times) A, (k2tog four times) B, (k2tog five times) A. 14 sts
- Cut yarn B, cont in yarn A only
- Row 31: (k2tog) to end. Seven sts
- Cut yarn, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### ARMS (make two)

- Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on six sts
- Starting with a k row, work five rows in st st
- Change to yarn C
- Starting with a p row, work three rows in st st
- Cut yarn, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off



## meet our DESIGNER

"When knitting the body, work with two balls of yarn A from Row 10, so you don't have to carry the yarn over the back of the yarn B section."

NICKY FIJALKOWSKA

- LEGS (make two)**
- Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on six sts
- Starting with a k row, work ten rows in st st
- Change to yarn C
- Starting with a k row, work four rows in st st
- Cut yarn, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### EARS (make two)

- Using 4mm needles and yarn C, cast on six sts
- Starting with a k row, work four rows in st st
- Row 5: k1, (k2tog) twice, k1. Four sts
- Row 6: (p2tog) to end. Two sts
- Cut yarn, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### TAIL

- Using 4mm needles and yarn C, cast on four sts
- Starting with a k row, work four rows in st st
- Cut yarn, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

CONTINUED OVERLEAF



## TO MAKE UP

Using yarn A, sew up seam from back of Head to Nose and stuff. Sew up seam from top of Body to bottom and stuff. Sew Head onto Body. Using yarn C, sew Ears onto Head. Embroider Nose with straight stitches. Attach two black beads for Eyes, using black cotton thread. Using yarn D, embroider Mouth straight stitches. Sew up seams on Arms and Legs and sew onto Body. Sew up Tail seam, and sew onto back of hamster

## Panda Trio

Sachiyo Ishii's fun and colourful animal friends!

## Measurements & Sizes

12cm tall

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** DK in Yellow, Pink, Blue, Black, White, one 20g ball of each

**Needles:** 3.5mm

**Safety toy stuffing**

**Tapestry needle**

## Tension square

- 19 sts x 28 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- Stocking stitch
- 3.5mm needles



For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn

The designer used DK yarn from her stash.

## Need an Alternative?

Any DK yarn will work for this project. **Stylecraft Special DK** is an acrylic yarn that comes in over 70 shades, so you can choose your little one's favourite colours. It costs £1.95 per 100g (295m) ball from **01376 743123, www.sconch.com**

## Start knitting here..

### YELLOW PANDA BODY AND HEAD

Using 3.5mm needles and Yellow DK, cast on ten sts leaving a long tail

- Row 1 (WS): p
  - Row 2: (kfb) in each st to end. 20 sts
  - Row 3: p
  - Row 4: (k1, kfb) to end. 30 sts
  - Row 5: p
  - Row 6: (k2, kfb) to end. 40 sts
  - Rows 7-8: (p2, k2) to end
  - Rows 9-10: (k2, p2) to end
  - Rows 11-30: rep Rows 7-10 five more times
- Change to White DK
- Rows 31-41: beg with a p row, work in st st
  - Row 42: (k2, k2tog) to end. 30 sts



- Row 43: p
- Row 44: (k1, k2tog) to end. 20 sts
- Row 45: p
- Row 46: (k2tog) to end. Ten sts
- Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### PINK PANDA BODY AND HEAD

Using 3.5mm needles and pink DK, cast on ten sts leaving a long tail

- Rows 1-6: work as for Yellow panda. 40 sts
- Rows 7-8: (p1, k1) to end
- Rows 9-10: (k1, p1) to end
- Rows 11-30: rep Rows 7-10 five more times

Change to White DK

- Complete as for Yellow panda

### BLUE PANDA BODY AND HEAD

Using 3.5mm needles and Blue DK, cast on ten sts leaving a long tail

- Rows 1-6: work as for Yellow panda. 40 sts
- Row 7: (p1, k1) to end
- Row 8: (k1, p1) to end
- Rows 9-30: rep Rows 7-8 11 more times

Change to White DK

- Complete as for Yellow panda

### EARS (make two per panda)

Using 3.5mm needles and Black DK, cast on 14 sts

- Row 1 (WS): p
- Row 2: k2, (k2tog, k2) to end. 11 sts
- Row 3: p
- Row 4: k2tog, (k1, k2tog) to end. Seven sts
- Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts, pull tightly and fasten off

### ARMS AND LEGS (make four per panda)

Using 3.5mm needles and Black DK, cast on seven sts

- Row 1 (WS): p
- Row 2: (kfb) in each st to end. 14 sts
- Rows 3-9: beg with a p row, work in st st
- Row 10: (k2tog) to end. Seven sts
- Cut yarn, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

## knitwise

If you're giving these pandas to small children, make sure you use safety-approved washable toy stuffing and a yarn that doesn't easily shed its fibres. You also need to sew on the ears, arms and legs really securely so your toy will withstand rough and tumble playtimes!

## EYES (make two per panda)

Using 3.5mm needles and Black DK, cast on 12 sts

□ Cut yarn, thread through all sts, pull tight and fasten off  
Sew sides to make the piece into a circle

## TO MAKE UP

Using fasten-off yarn tail, sew head seam. Using cast-on yarn tail, sew running stitch around cast-on edge and pull to gather. Sew Body seam, leaving an opening for stuffing. Stuff Body and close gap. Sew seams on Arms and Legs, stuffing as you go. Attach limbs to Body using photo as a guide. Using fasten-off yarn tail, sew Ear seam and attach cast-on edge of Ear to head. Sew eyes to face. Using Black DK, sew three short straight stitches for nose. Using White DK, embroider French knots inside eye pieces **LK**

## coming next issue

### CUTE FLOWER DOLLS BY JANE BURNS

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“You want your pandas to be nice and plump but try not to overfill them or the stuffing will show through”

LK Deputy Editor **Adrienne Chandler**

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# The Friends I've Made Through Knitting

How our craft has sewn together groups of people, from knit and natter sessions to the search for new yarn!

**W**hen you think about it, craft and knitting in particular aren't typically solo activities. Although one can sit alone and knit, it is so much more enjoyable when doing it in a group, so if you have a problem with a stitch or just appreciate a good gossip while you're

putting the yarn amongst the needles, you've got someone to chat to. With knit and natter groups growing ever more popular and the rise in knitters connecting on social media, we look at the links you've made with others through this great hobby!

## Crafty Connection:

### Linda Nagle and Fran Fletcher

*Linda Nagle:*

"I live in Kilmarnock, Scotland but we spend a lot of time in Blackpool. Fran's husband was an entertainer with Blackpool promotions and we would always chat to him after his show. One night, we were all awake in the early hours - Fran and I began chatting on a Facebook thread, it turned out we were both keen knitters but she has very bad arthritis in her hands and I told her about some square needles I had brought back from the USA. I sent them to her to try and we arranged to meet up when I was next there so she could give them back to me.

Since then, no visit to Blackpool is complete without a meet up. Fran and I discuss knitting patterns, yarn and new places for me to investigate when I'm there. We talk on Facebook all the time and last year we were delighted to attend her 70th Birthday party. While Fran loves to knit baby clothes and knits for the Special Care Baby Unit at Blackpool Hospital, I tend to go for something totally off the wall - my latest project was sweaters for a kitten. We both suffer from anxiety and having our knitting



Linda and Fran with Fran's husband and grandson in Blackpool

hobby keeps us both calm and focused.

In two weeks time we are heading back to Blackpool for a party and no doubt there'll be lots of knitting talk. We've discovered a new supplier just up the road from our favourite coffee shop so hopefully we'll be able to pick up some yarn alongside our knitting natter!"



## It's great to have a knitting buddy...

"I met my friend Laura Whittington at a local knit and natter group and when I won tickets to the Stitching, Sewing and Hobbycraft show with Let's Knit I took her - to the great relief of my husband!"  
LK reader Suzanne Johnson

"I'm an Avon rep but since a lot of my customers are knitters, we end up sharing patterns, yarns and tips on that rather than the latest cosmetics."  
LK reader Karen Inglis

"I'd love to have a yarny friend! Maybe I should knit myself one."  
LK reader Calliope Skedgell

"My mum is my knitting friend! She taught me to knit when I was 3 and we still teach each other new tricks and techniques 36 years on."  
LK reader Bonnie Mutch

"My best friend to knit with is Catherine Cookson, I love watching her films and knitting and the films are so long - great excuse not to move!"  
LK reader Sooz Looloo

## Knit and Natter

Forming friendships through craft and knitting is still very much on our agenda as knitters and it has been fantastic reading the tales of your knit and natter groups, here are some of our favourites...

### Moving on Up

Knit One, Stitch One in East Yorkshire is run by Emma Abey and only opened in April this year, but that hasn't affected the popularity of its Knit and Natter group! Emma worked at a nearby shop for nine years until the lease ended and the owner didn't want to renew, so she decided to bite the bullet and open a shop on the next street. "I am really passionate about yarns, fabric and all things pretty and I hated the idea of there not being a shop close by!" She tells us, "The lovely ladies from the Knit and Natter group all moved with me, they brighten up my Friday mornings and although I never get the chance to sit down, I actually can call the ladies my friends now and think a lot about them, as they do each other."

Knit One, Stitch One's Knit and Natter group is on a Friday morning between 10am-12pm and there's a



Sconch yarn shop near Braintree in Essex is famous for its Knit and Natter group, Craft 'n' Cake

### The lovely ladies from the Knit and Natter group brighten up my Friday mornings

Crochet Chat and Sewing group for those interested in other crafts. "The Knit and Natter groups get quite involved in charity knitting which I love. We're currently working on knitted cupcakes for Dementia UK but we're also planning for Christmas Jumper Day in December for Save the Children." If you'd like to get involved and attend, email [knitonestitchone24@gmail.com](mailto:knitonestitchone24@gmail.com) or call **01482 843474**.



Knit one, Stitch one in East Yorkshire has a popular Knit and Natter group

### A knitting family

Sconch yarn shop near Braintree in Essex is famous for its Knit and Natter group, Craft 'n' Cake, which runs everyday the store is open. Owner, Sam Conway started the group in the January of 2014 as a way to spread the word that the shop existed. "The first few months were really slow, with only one person at our evening session for many weeks but slowly the groups grew. Now up to 22 people turn up and the sessions have increased to five times a week!" Sam tells us.

As the group grew, so did the shop family and three of the Craft 'n' Cake ladies have gone on to become Sconch employees. "People have formed new friendships and found a support network in the groups, and for some of my ladies it's their only outing for the week - it's nice that we are the place that they can come to so they aren't sitting at home feeling lonely." "Craft 'n' Cake epitomises what the shop is about, community. We learn from each other, build our skills and make friends - and that is what Knit and Natter is all about."

If you'd like to get involved with Craft 'n' Cake, you can contact Sconch on **01376 743123**, [www.sconch.com/craft-n-cake](http://www.sconch.com/craft-n-cake)

And you don't have to meet in a Yarn Shop...

"I'm a member of the Loopy Ladies knitting and crochet group, we meet every Saturday at our local library in North Shields, Tyne & Wear. We have a good laugh and I rarely miss a session."

LK reader Anne Graham

"I run a knit and natter group two Mondays a month in our local church hall. We have 14 regular members and hopefully some new ones joining this month. We knit or crochet for ourselves and for a charity, which this year is the RNLI."

LK reader Julie Roberts

"I run a knit and natter group in South West Ireland. We meet every Tuesday, but don't have a LYS so sit in a pub."

LK reader Heather Moss

"We have a knit & natter group at our local village hall in Thursday afternoons. Sometimes we do more nattering than knitting!"

LK Reader Janine Foster

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# Summery Shades for under £4!

Show off all the colours of the rainbow in your knits without breaking the bank!

With so many beautiful yarns on the market it's easy to overspend, so this month we've been searching for beautiful great value yarns in summery shades and fibres. Next time you feel the urge for a splurge, keep the cost down with some of these great choices!

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## 1 James C. Brett Cotton On

A beautiful blend of cotton and acrylic, this is a great choice for knitting garments and will ensure they stay soft and in shape throughout their lifespan despite being in and out of the wash! This yarn is available in a wide choice of shade, both solid colours and variegated. It costs £1.99 per 50g (145m) ball from [www.purplelindacrafts.co.uk](http://www.purplelindacrafts.co.uk)



## 2 Cygnet Cottony DK

A cotton mixture yarn, available in a number of sumptuous shades in fresh summer colours including coral, candy pink, poppy and powder blue. It has excellent stitch definition and is wonderful for knitting garments and accessories. It costs £1.75 per 50g (111m) ball from [www.allsortswoolandcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.allsortswoolandcraftshop.co.uk)



## 3 Cascade Yarns Cherub DK

A fantastic mix of acrylic and nylon, this yarn is super soft and perfect for anyone with sensitive skin who cannot wear animal fibres. The perfect yarn to use when knitting garments for children and babies, this yarn will pop in and out of the wash with ease. It costs £2.60 per 50g (165m) ball from **0845 544 2196**, [www.loveknitting.com](http://www.loveknitting.com)



## 4 Paintbox Cotton Aran

Knit in all of the colours of the rainbow with this reliable, vibrant yarn. Perfect for making garments for both adults and children alike, as well as home textiles, this bold yarn is available in a great selection of shades. It costs £2.50 per 50g (85m) ball from **0845 544 2196**, [www.loveknitting.com](http://www.loveknitting.com)



## 5 DY Choice Fruity

Sleek and soft, this fabulously fruity acrylic yarn is a good choice for knitting children's garments with its punchy, deliciously bright colours. It is affordable and can be machine washable so is ideal for when little ones have a spill! It costs £2.95 per 100g (250m) ball from **0845 519 4573**, [www.deramores.com](http://www.deramores.com)



## 6 Stylecraft Batik DK

This acrylic and wool blend DK gives a great rich look that looks fabulous when knitted up. With a huge range of tones, this is a great choice for knitting light, summery garments. It costs £1.99 per 50g (138m) ball from **01925 764 231**, [www.blacksheepwools.com](http://www.blacksheepwools.com)



## 7 Berge de France Sport

One of Berge de France's most popular yarns, this yarn contains 50% wool and is fantastic for making anything for the family. It works particularly well when you're working on textured stitches. It costs £2.66 per 50g (90m) ball, from **01829 740903**, [www.laughinghens.com](http://www.laughinghens.com)



## 8 Woolly Hippo Quality DK

Available in a wide selection of colours, this yarn has a great feel and is perfect for knitting anything from toys to a light children's jumper ready for the holiday season! This is a great choice for any knitters who are looking for practical and affordable everyday yarns. It costs £1.25 per 100g (200m) ball, from **01455 634127**, [www.woolyhippo.com](http://www.woolyhippo.com)



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# Funky Feet

Add a touch of animal magic to your home with these fun chair paws!

## Measurements & Sizes

9cm tall

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Deramores Studio DK, shades (A) Oatmeal, (B) Frost, (C) Smoke, (D) Chocolate, (E) Rose, (F) Ebony, one 100g ball of each

**Needles:** 3.5mm

**Safety toy stuffing**

**Tapestry needle**

## Tension square

- 23 sts x 28 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- Stocking stitch
- 3.5mm needles

For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn

**Deramores Studio DK** is an acrylic yarn that has special anti-pilling properties. It knits to a standard DK tension and can be machine washed. Choose from 35 colourways. It costs £1.99 per 100g (250m) ball from **0845 519 4573**, [www.deramores.com](http://www.deramores.com)

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## Start knitting here..

### CAT PAWS (make four)

Using 3.5mm needles and yarn B, cast on 14 sts

Rows 1-2: (k1, p1) to end

Change to yarn A

Row 3: k

Row 4: p

Change to yarn B

Row 5: k

Row 6: p

These four rows set stripe patt

Rep Rows 3-6 four more times

Cont in yarn B only

Row 23: k4, (kfb) six times, k4. 20 sts

Row 24: p

Row 25: k3, (kfb) to last three sts, k3. 34 sts

Rows 26-28: cont in st st

Row 29: k5, \* yfwd, k2tog, k3, rep from \* to last four sts, k4

Row 30: p

Change to yarn E

Row 31: (k2tog) to end. 17 sts

Row 32: p1, (p2tog) to end. Nine sts

Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

Cast off

### TO MAKE UP

Sew centre back seam, matching stripes. Lightly stuff bottom section.

Using an oddment of yarn F, embroider claws

### ZEBRA HOOVES (make four)

Using 3.5mm needles and yarn B, cast on 14 sts

Rows 1-2: (k1, p1) to end

Change to yarn F

Row 3: k

Row 4: p

Change to yarn B

Row 5: k

Row 6: p

These four rows set stripe patt

Rep Rows 3-6 three more times, then Rows 3-4 once more

Cont in yarn F only

Row 21: (k1, kfb) to end. 21 sts

Rows 22-26: beg with a p row, work in st st

Cast off

### BASE (make four)

Using 3.5mm knitting needle and yarn F, cast on six sts

Beg with a k row, work six rows in st st

Cast off

### TO MAKE UP

Sew centre back seam, matching stripes and leaving top and bottom open. Insert Base into

cast-off end of hooves and sew in place. Weave in ends. Lightly stuff

bottom section

### ELEPHANT FEET (make four)

Using 3.5mm needles and yarn C, cast on 16 sts

Rows 1-2: (k1, p1) to end

Beg with a k row, work 18 rows in st st

Row 21: k5, (kfb) six times, k5. 22 sts

Row 22: p

Row 23: k4, (kfb) to last four sts, k4. 36 sts

Rows 24-26: cont in st st

**NOTE: letter foll each instruction indicates yarn shade**

Row 27: k6 C, (k2 B, k3 C) five times, k5 C

Row 28: p7 C, (p4 B, p1 C) five times, p4 C

Row 29: k5 C, (k4 B, k1 C) five times, k6 C

Cont in yarn C only

Row 30: p

Row 31: (k2tog) to end. 18 sts

Row 32: (p2tog) to end. Nine sts

Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

Cast off

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### DOG PAWS (make four)

Using 3.5mm needles and yarn A, cast on 14 sts

Rows 1-2: (k1, p1) to end

**NOTE: letter foll each instruction indicates yarn shade**

Row 3: k4 A, k4 D, k6 A

Row 4: p5 A, p6 D, p3 A

Row 5: k3 A, k7 D, k4 A

Row 6: p4 A, p7 D, p3 A

Row 7: k4 A, k6 D, k4 A

Row 8: p5 A, p5 D, p4 A

Cont in yarn A only

Rows 9-12: cont in st st

Row 13: k2 A, k3 D, k9 A

Row 14: p8 A, p4 D, p2 A

Row 15: k3 A, k4 D, k7 A

Row 16: p6 A, p5 D, p3 A

Row 17: k3 A, k4 D, k7 A

Row 18: p8 A, p2 D, p4 A

Row 19: k4 A, k2 D, k8 A

Cont in yarn A only

Rows 20-22: cont in st st

Row 23: k4, (kfb) six times, k4. 20 sts

Row 24: p

Row 25: k3, (kfb) to last three sts, k3. 34 sts

Rows 26-28: cont in st st

Row 29: k5, \* yfwd, k2tog, k3, rep from \* to last four sts, k4. 34 sts

Row 30: p

Change to yarn E

Row 31: (k2tog) to end. 17 sts

Row 32: p1, (p2tog) to end. Nine sts

Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

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### DOG PAWS (make four)

Using 3.5mm needles and yarn A, cast on 14 sts

Rows 1-2: (k1, p1) to end

**NOTE: letter foll each instruction indicates yarn shade**

Row 3: k4 A, k4 D, k6 A

Row 4: p5 A, p6 D, p3 A

Row 5: k3 A, k7 D, k4 A

Row 6: p4 A, p7 D, p3 A

Row 7: k4 A, k6 D, k4 A

Row 8: p5 A, p5 D, p4 A

Cont in yarn A only

Rows 9-12: cont in st st

Row 13: k2 A, k3 D, k9 A

Row 14: p8 A, p4 D, p2 A

Row 15: k3 A, k4 D, k7 A

Row 16: p6 A, p5 D, p3 A

Row 17: k3 A, k4 D, k7 A

Row 18: p8 A, p2 D, p4 A

Row 19: k4 A, k2 D, k8 A

Cont in yarn A only

Rows 20-22: cont in st st

Row 23: k4, (kfb) six times, k4. 20 sts

Row 24: p

Row 25: k3, (kfb) to last three sts, k3. 34 sts

Rows 26-28: cont in st st

Row 29: k5, \* yfwd, k2tog, k3, rep from \* to last four sts, k4. 34 sts

Row 30: p

Change to yarn E

Row 31: (k2tog) to end. 17 sts

Row 32: p1, (p2tog) to end. Nine sts

Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

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### DOG PAWS (make four)

Using 3.5mm needles and yarn A, cast on 14 sts

Rows 1-2: (k1, p1) to end

**NOTE: letter foll each instruction indicates yarn shade**

Row 3: k4 A, k4 D, k6 A

Row 4: p5 A, p6 D, p3 A

Row 5: k3 A, k7 D, k4 A

Row 6: p4 A, p7 D, p3 A

Row 7: k4 A, k6 D, k4 A

Row 8: p5 A, p5 D, p4 A



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## Treat Yourself to Luxury Yarn

Here at Let's Knit we love nothing more than experimenting with scrumptious yarns, especially those that can add a touch of luxury to a project. We couldn't wait, therefore, to tell you about the Mulberry Silk and Raw Silk yarns from DesignEtte, which are absolutely glorious to knit and crochet with. You don't need to look far for design ideas as the company is offering a fabulous kit which provides everything you need to complete their stunning summer wrap, perfect for this season. The kit includes the yarn to make the shawl along with a pattern book containing seven knitting and two crochet patterns, designed by Camilla Ette Gotfredsen for optimal fit and in sizes XS to 3XL. The yarn and kits are all available from [www.designette.co.uk](http://www.designette.co.uk) or from Amazon.

## Knit with a Yarn Cake

Taking the industry by storm this season has been the arrival of the scrumptious yarn cakes phenomenon which has added another new exciting dimension to creating projects this summer. A range that's sure to catch your eye is Caron Cakes, which is available in 18 different

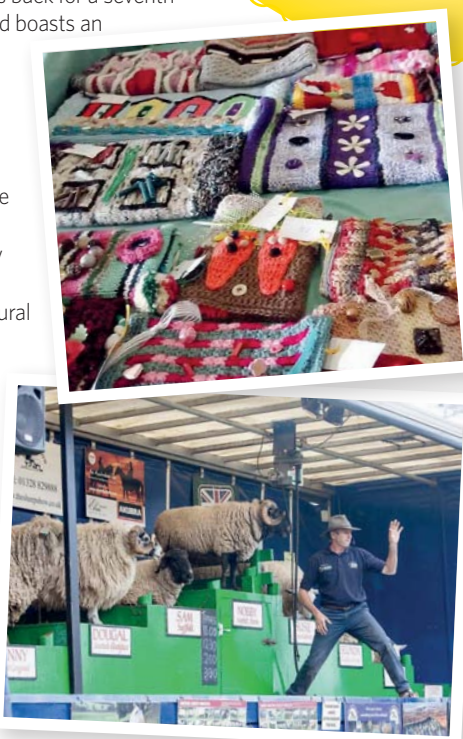
colourways and creates a glorious self-striping effect that will be the envy of your fellow crafters. It provides a fun and easy way of creating summer accessories including one of the hottest trends this season ... shawls! There's no limits to what you can make with this yarn and you can create a range of striping effects simply by changing the shade you start with. The yarn is available to buy from **01925 764231** [www.blacksheepwools.com](http://www.blacksheepwools.com)

# The Knitter's Summer Bucket List

Four great new things for knitters to try this season

## Visit a Natural Fibre Show

If you have a passion for all things wool and love to discover new British fibres and products then we highly recommend a trip to the annual British Wool Show. Taking place on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th July, the show is back for a seventh year by popular demand and boasts an array of fabulous stands for crafting enthusiasts to explore. In its new location, Thirsk, North Yorkshire, the show is not only perfect for passionate supporters of the British Wool industry but is also the perfect opportunity for crafters to find out more about how to introduce natural fibres into their knitting and crochet projects. You'll be sure to pick up some fabulous treasures and enjoy a great day out for the whole family. There's an early-bird ticket discount up until 30th June so don't miss out! To find out more about the show and book tickets visit [www.britishwool.net](http://www.britishwool.net) or call **07790 391142**.



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# Pretty as a Picture

Your skills will be permanently on display with **Jane Burn's** framed panel

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**DESIGNER**

"This is the perfect project for practicing working from a chart if you aren't confident."

JANE BURNS

## Measurements & Sizes

20 x 25cm

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Fiberspates Vivacious 4ply, shade 614 Pebble Beach, one 100g skein

**Needles:** 3.25mm

**Cable needle**

**Photo frame:** 25cm x 30cm to fit image 20cm x 25cm

**Coordinating paper**

**Glue**

**NOTE: only 25g of yarn is required**

**For abbreviations see page 92**

## About the Yarn

**Fiberspates Vivacious 4ply** is a luxurious 100% merino yarn that's hand dyed in Peru. It costs £13.45 per 100g (364m) skein from **0845 544 2196**, [www.loveknitting.com](http://www.loveknitting.com)

## Need an Alternative?

Any 4ply would work but natural fibres are best for blocking. See what's in your stash.

## Special abbreviations

**C10F:** sl next five sts onto cn, hold at front of work, k5 from LH needle, k5 from cn

**Inc2:** [k1, p1, k1] in same st

## knitwise

Lace knits should always be blocked when finished to even out the stitches and make them look their best. A panel like this can be sprayed lightly with water, pinned out to measurements and left to dry. You could also use the steam from an iron for a quick fix!

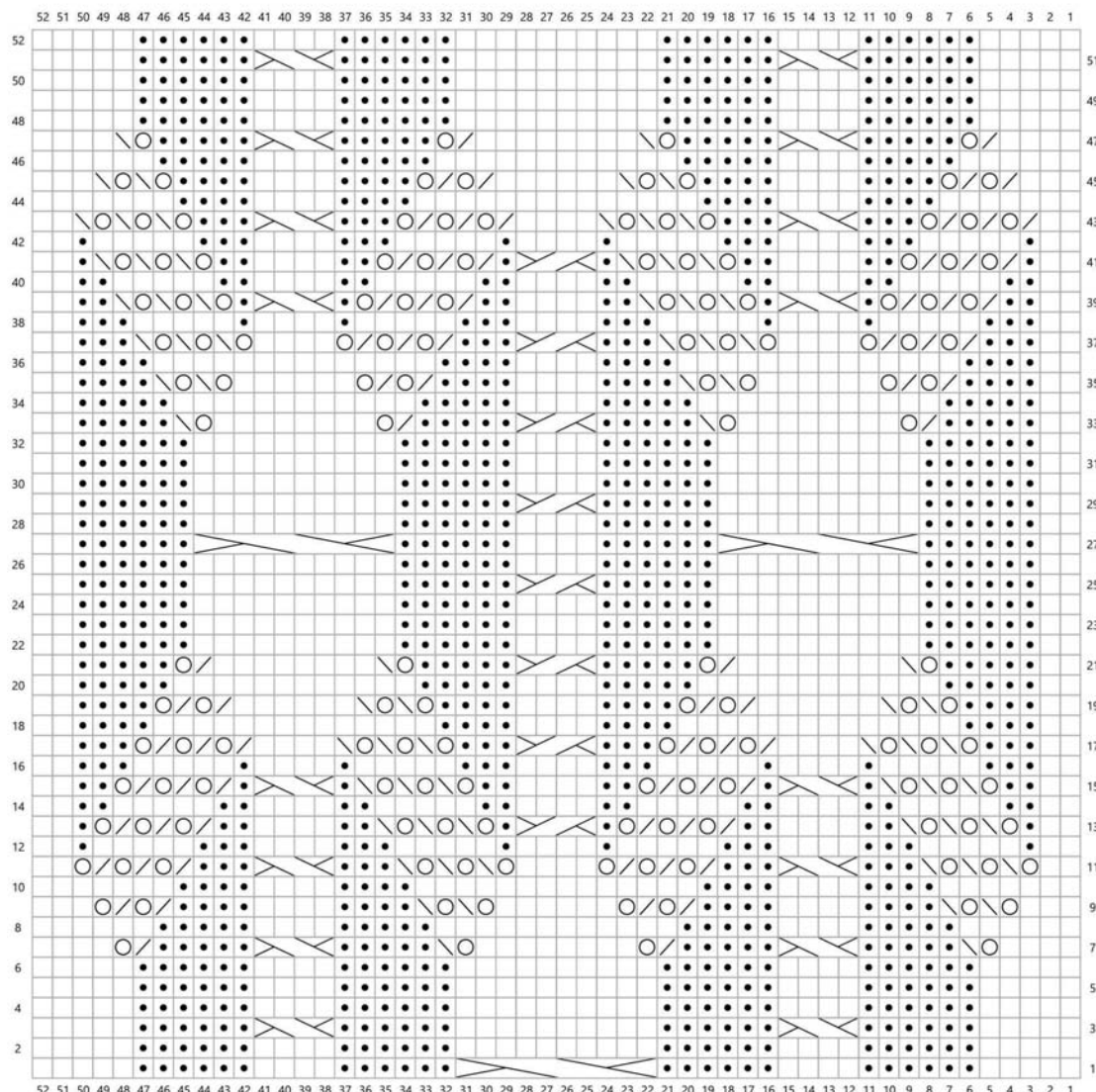
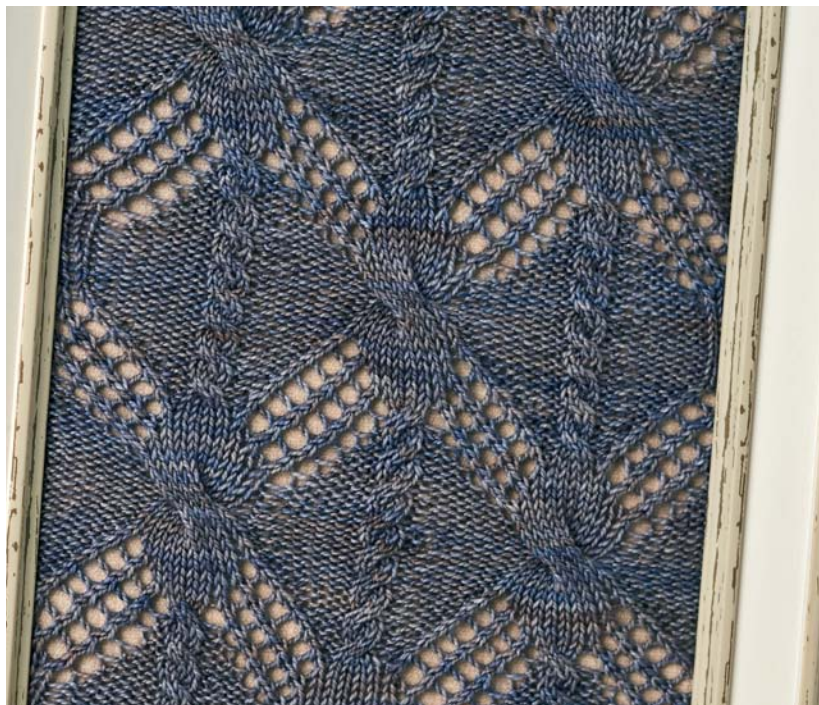
## Start knitting here..

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 52 sts

- Row 1: k
- Row 2: p
- Work Rows 1-52 from chart twice in total
- Next row: k
- Next row: p
- Cast off

## TO MAKE UP

Block knitted piece to 20 x 25cm (see p93). Remove glass from frame. Using piece of board inside, draw around coordinating paper and cut out. Stick to board. Lay knitted piece over board and use yarn strands to pull across back of board and sew to edges of knitted piece to keep in place. Do this length and width ways. Lay piece of board covered in knitting inside frame and close **LK**



### KEY

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# Baby Blues

Knit **Jacinta Bowie's** cute cardigan for a little one you love!

One of our favourite things to knit all year round are clothes for babies, and this adorable little cable cardigan is perfect for making sure they stay warm in a summer breeze. It is a truly timeless make, and can be made for any baby between newborn and three years. It is great practice for working in cables and is a good way to build up your experience in using different stitches.

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## meet our DESIGNER

"To avoid cutting your yarn and having extra ends to sew in, use both ends of the yarn by pulling out the loose end from the middle of the ball."

JACINTA BOWIE

## Measurements & Sizes

**Size:** Prem-newborn (3-9 mths, 12-18 mths, 2-3 yrs)

**To fit chest (cm):**  
40 (43, 48, 54)

**Actual chest (cm):**  
41 (45.5, 50, 57)

**Length to back of neck (cm):**  
21 (29, 33, 37)

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Rico Baby Classic DK, shade 25 Turquoise, 2 (2, 3, 3) 50g balls

**Needles:** 3.25mm, 4mm

**Tapestry needle**

**Cable needle**

**Buttons:** 1.5cm, three

**Stitch holders**

**Stitch marker**

## Tension square

- 20 sts x 35 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- Garter stitch
- 4mm needles

For abbreviations see page 92

## Special abbreviations

**C6F:** slip three sts onto cn and hold at front of work, k3, k3 sts from cn

**RT:** (right twist) k into second st then k into first st, slip both sts off the needle together

## About the Yarn

**Rico Baby Classic DK** is a perfect yarn for all your baby knits. The blend of acrylic and polyamide gives the yarn a supersoft finish and projects made in it can go in and out of the wash happily – essential for babywear. There are a wide range of colours to choose from too so you don't have to stick to the shade used here. It costs £2.39 per 50g (165m) ball from **01789 610695**, [www.wisebadger.com](http://www.wisebadger.com)

## Need an Alternative?

**Patons Fairytale**

**Soft DK** is another good option when knitting for babies. It has very similar fibres and a variety of tones to choose from. It costs £3.49 per 50g (163m) ball from **0800 505 3300**, [www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)

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## CABLE PATTERN

Work next six sts in st st, working C6F on third row and every foll sixth row

## Start knitting here...

### LEFT FRONT

Using 3.25mm needles cast on 46 (62, 70, 78) sts

□ Set up row (RS): \* p2, k2, rep from \* to last two sts, p2

□ Row 1 (WS): \* k2, p2, rep from \* to last two sts, k2

□ Row 2: \* p2, RT, rep from \* to last two sts, p2

These two rows set rib

□ Work seven more rows in rib

Change to 4mm needles

**NOTE: patt starts at hem edge**

□ Row 1 (RS): k3, work six sts in cable patt, k 22 (36, 42, 48), pm, k3, work six sts in cable patt, k6 (8, 10, 12)

□ Row 2: k6 (8, 10, 12), work six sts in cable patt, k3, sm, k22 (36, 42, 48), work six sts in cable patt, k3

□ Row 3: k3, work six sts in cable patt, k to one st before marker, w&t

□ Row 4: k21 (35, 41, 47), work six sts in cable patt, k3

**NOTE: For every two rows worked at the neck section four rows are worked on the body section**

□ Cont to work as set on Rows 1-4 working corresponding rows of cable patt at both neck edge and hem until 32 (36, 40, 44) rows have been worked on body section

Divide for body and sleeve as folls:

□ \*\* Next row: k3, work next row of

cable patt, k19 (31, 33, 39), leave these sts on stitch holder for body while sleeve is knitted

### SLEEVE

Using 4mm needles cast on 12 (14, 16, 18) sts onto needle containing neck section sts

□ Set-up row (RS): starting at beg of cast-on sts, k3, work six sts in cable patt, k3 (5, 7, 9) cast-on sts, working across sts of neck section k6 (8, 12, 12), work next row of cable patt, k6 (8, 10, 12). 30 (36, 44, 48) sts

□ Row 1 (WS): k6 (8, 10, 12), work next row of cable patt, k9 (13, 19, 21), work next row of cable patt, k3

□ Row 2: k3, work next row of cable patt, k5 (9, 15, 17), w&t

□ Row 3: k5 (9, 15, 17), work next row of cable patt, k3

□ Row 4: k3, work next row of cable patt, k9 (13, 19, 21), work next row of cable patt, k6 (8, 10, 12)

□ Cont as set on Rows 1-4, working corresponding rows of cable patt on both neck and sleeve edge until 60 (66, 78, 84) rows have been worked on sleeve including set-up row, ending after a WS row \*\*

### Back

□ Cast off 12 (14, 16, 18) sleeve sts, work to end of neck section

□ Next row (WS): work across all sts for neck section and body section, working next corresponding row of patt. 46 (62, 70, 78) sts

□ Cont in four-row patt worked on front panel as set until 72 (80, 88,



100) rows have been worked on back, ending after a WS row.

□ Work second sleeve from \*\* to \*\*

### Right front

□ Cast off 12 (14, 16, 18) sleeve sts, work to end of neck section

□ Next row (WS): work across all sts for neck section and body section, working next corresponding row of patt. 46 (62, 70, 78) sts





□ Work 30 (34, 38, 42) more rows in patt as given for Left front starting with a WS row of patt. 46 (62, 70, 78) sts  
Change to 3.25mm needles  
Work in rib patt as folls:

□ Row 1 RS: \* p2, RT, rep from \* to last two sts, p2

□ Row 2 WS: \* k2, p2, rep from \* to last two sts, k2

These two rows form rib patt

□ Work three rows more in patt

□ Buttonhole row: patt 2 (2, 3, 3), [work2tog, yo, patt 4 (4, 5, 5)], three times, patt to end

□ Patt four rows

□ Cast off in patt

### NECK TRIM

□ Using 3.25mm needles, with RS of work facing, pick up and k one st per two rows along edge of neck trim

□ Cast on two sts

□ I-cord cast off: k1, sl 1, k1, pssso, slip two sts back onto LH needle, rep until all sts have been cast off



### knitwise

This cardigan is worked from side to side in one piece, beginning at the hem edge of the left front.

The cable is worked every six rows, but because of the short-row shaping on the body, the number of rows on the hem will be different from the number of rows on the neck, so you will need to keep track of your cable rows separately.

The same happens when you work the sleeves.

### TO MAKE UP

Weave in ends. Lightly steam the garment under a damp cloth. Join sleeve seams. Sew the buttons in position on button band to correspond with buttonholes **LK**



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# Summer BOUQUET

Susie Johns' colourful posy will stay beautiful forever

**R**oses, lilies and carnations can brighten any room and these ones will never wilt or need watering! They're actually really easy to knit too, with simple shaping. The stems are worked by casting on then casting off straight away but you could use an i-cord or French knitting doll. They'd also make a lovely group project if you'd like to make a larger display.

## Measurements & Sizes

Each flower is between  
33cm-38cm tall

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Rico Essentials Merino DK, shades (A) 60 Natural, (B) 65 Yellow, (C) 74 Pumpkin, (D) 42 Green, one 50g ball of each

**Needles:** 3mm

**Tapestry needle**

**Pipe cleaners:** 30cm, 14

For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn

**Rico Essentials Merino DK** is a pure wool yarn that's been treated to make it superwash. We've chosen it for this project due to its fabulous choice of 49 shades. It costs £4.30 per 50g (120m) ball from **01483 361132**, [www.thehomemakery.co.uk](http://www.thehomemakery.co.uk)

## Need an Alternative?

This yarn is a standard DK weight, so see what's in your stash

## knitwise

The stems of these flowers need to be fairly firm to support the weight of the knitted flower head. You can use plastic-covered florists' wire or pipe cleaners. It might help to feed them through a long drinking straw, to reinforce them and prevent them from being too bendy.

"One ball of yarn in each colour is enough to make six lilies, five roses and three carnations."

LK Deputy Editor  
Adrienne Chandler

## Start knitting here...

### LILY (make six)

#### TRUMPET

Using 3mm needles and yarn A, cast on five sts

- Row 1: p
- Row 2: (kfb) to end. Ten sts
- Rows 3-5: beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
- Row 6: (k1, kfb) to end. 15 sts
- Rows 7-9: cont in st st
- Row 10: (k2, kfb) to end. 20 sts
- Rows 11-13: cont in st st
- Row 14: (k3, kfb) to end. 25 sts
- Rows 15-17: cont in st st
- Row 18: (k4, kfb) to end. 30 sts
- Rows 19-21: cont in st st
- Row 22: (k4, kfb) to end. 36 sts
- Rows 23-25: cont in st st
- Row 26: (k3, kfb) to end. 45 sts
- Rows 27-29: cont in st st
- Row 30: (k4, kfb) to end. 54 sts
- Row 31: p
- Cast off

### SPADIX (make six)

Using 3mm needles and yarn B, cast on 23 sts

- Beg with a p row, work seven rows st st
- Cast off

### STEM

Using 3mm needles and yarn D, cast on 60 sts

- Beg with a p row, work four rows, in st st
- Cast off kwise

### TO MAKE UP

Fold Trumpet in half with WS together and sew side seam. Sew cast-on and cast-off edges of Spadix together with RS facing. Insert Spadix into Trumpet and secure in place with a few stitches at base. Sew cast-on and cast-off edges of Stem together. Insert pipe cleaner or straw, then sew flower to one end

### CARNATION (make three)

Using 3mm needles and yarn B, \* cast on seven sts, cast off six sts, sl st from RH to LH needle, rep from \* until there are 44 sts

- Row 1: k
- Row 2: (k2tog) to end. 22 sts
- Row 3: (k2tog) to end. 11 sts
- Cast off

### STEM

- Work as for Lily



### TO MAKE UP

Roll cast-off edge into tight spiral. This forms base of flower. Stitch in several places, to secure. Make up Stem as for Lily

### ROSE (make five)

#### PETALS

Using 3mm needles and yarn C, cast on six sts

- Row 1: kfb, k to end. Seven sts
- Row 2: p to last st, kfb. Eight sts
- Row 3: k
- Row 4: p
- Row 5: k1, skpo, k to end. Seven sts

Row 6: p to last two sts, p2tog.

Six sts

Rep Rows 1-6 three times

- Row 25: kfb, k to end. Seven sts
- Row 26: p to last st, kfb. Eight sts
- Rep Rows 25-26 once more.

Ten sts

Beg with a k row, work four rows in st st

Row 33: k1, skpo, k to end.

Nine sts

Row 34: p to last two sts, p2tog.

Eight sts

Rows 35-36: rep Rows 33-34.

Six sts

Rep Rows 25-36 twice more

\*\* Row 61: kfb, k to end. Seven sts

Row 62: p to last st, kfb. Eight sts

Rep Rows 61-62 twice more.

12 sts

Row 67: k

Row 68: p

Rep Rows 67-68 twice more

Row 73: k1, skpo, k to end. 11 sts

Row 74: p to last two sts, p2tog.

Ten sts

Rep Rows 73-74 twice more.

Six sts \*\*

Rep from \*\* to \*\* three times more

Cast off

### SEPAL (make five)

Using 3mm needles and yarn D, cast on five sts

- Row 1: k
- Row 2: k3, turn
- Row 3: k to end
- Row 4: k
- Row 5: cast off four sts
- Row 6: cast on four sts
- Rep Rows 1-6 three times, then Rows 1-5 once more
- Cut yarn and fasten off

### STEM

- Work as for Lily

### TO MAKE UP

Thread tapestry needle with tail of yarn and sew a running stitch along the long straight edge of Petals. Gather up loosely. Roll strip from cast-on end, with knit side inwards so that petals curl outwards. Gather base of Sepals and join cast-on and cast-off ends together. Stitch to base of Rose. Make up Stem as for Lily **LK**

## coming next issue

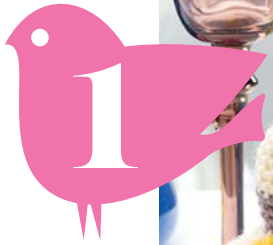
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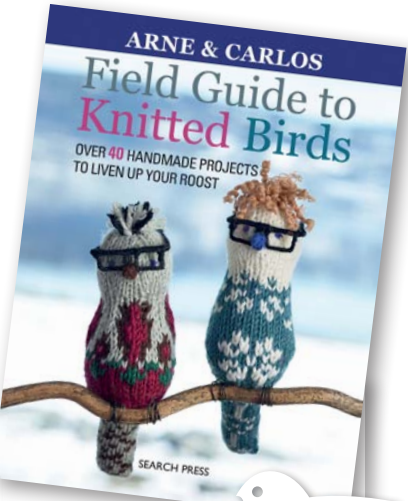
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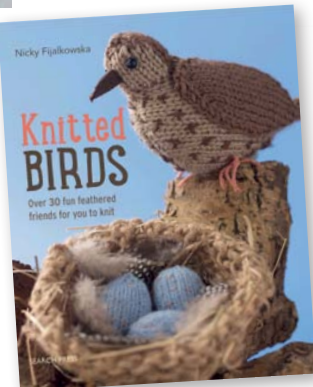
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Sue Stratford's sweet little bird knit kit is perfect for bird crafters! It contains three balls of Erika Knight's British Blue DK yarn, easily enough to make the romantic pair! It costs £12.99 from [www.suestratford.co.uk](http://www.suestratford.co.uk)



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# Knitted style with ERIKA KNIGHT

This simple, sophisticated shrug is perfect for summer evenings

**"C**oco Chanel is famously quoted as saying, "Before you leave the house, look in the mirror and take at least one thing off." And I think this is a great lesson for design in general. It is all too tempting to keep adding elements in the hope that more equals more and it can be so difficult to be self-critical of your own work. The best designs are simple, beautiful and functional. Simple doesn't necessarily mean plain, and plain doesn't have to be boring. Simplicity is an art, and it can be invigorating and freeing, allowing form and function to speak for itself. Hand knitting is an expression of simplicity; of that need to get back to basics and make something from the beginning without the added stress and strain of mass-produced products. What could be more basic than creating something with your hands and just two sticks and a continuous length of thread? This shrug pattern is unashamedly simple - knitted in stocking stitch with a ribbed border and fully-fashioned shaping for a perfect fit. [www.erikaknight.co.uk](http://www.erikaknight.co.uk)

## Measurements & Sizes

**Dress size (approx):**  
8 (10, 12, 14, 16, 18)

**To fit chest (cm):**  
81 (86, 91, 97, 102, 107)

**Actual chest (cm):**  
85 (88, 92, 95, 98, 102)

**Length (cm):**  
33 (35.5, 37, 38, 39, 41)

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** King Cole Bamboo Cotton DK, shade 522 Grey, 4 (4, 4, 4, 4, 5) 100g balls

**Needles:** 3.25mm, 3.75mm, both straight, 3.25mm long circular

**Tapestry needle**

## Tension Square

- 24 sts x 34 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- stocking stitch
- 3.75mm needles

**For abbreviations see page 92**

## About the Yarn

The yarn photographed has been discontinued but we've chosen a good replacement. **King Cole Bamboo Cotton DK** is a 50/50 blend of two great plant fibres and has a wonderful drape and natural sheen. It costs £4.19 per 100g (230m) ball from [www.purplelindacrafts.co.uk](http://www.purplelindacrafts.co.uk)

*"What could be more basic than creating something with your hands and just two sticks and a continuous length of thread?"*

## Start knitting here...

### BACK

Using 3.25mm straight needles, cast on 90 (94, 98, 102, 106, 110) sts

□ Row 1: [k1, p1] to end

This row sets rib

□ Cont in rib until work meas 3.5cm

Change to 3.75mm straight needles

□ Beg with a k row, work in st st inc one st at each end of ninth row and every foll sixth row until there are 102 (106, 110, 114, 118, 122) sts

□ Cont in st st throughout, work 9 (13, 13, 15, 17, 17) rows without shaping

### Shape armholes

□ Cast off 4 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6) sts at beg of next two rows

□ Dec one st at each end of next nine rows. 76 (80, 82, 86, 88, 92) sts

□ Work 45 (49, 53, 57, 57, 61) rows without shaping

### Shape shoulders

□ Cast off 12 (13, 13, 13, 14) sts at beg of next two rows then 13 (13, 13, 14, 14, 14) sts at beg of foll two rows. 26 (28, 30, 32, 34, 36) sts

□ Cast off

### RIGHT FRONT

Using 3.75mm needles, cast on 7 (9, 11, 13, 15, 17) sts

□ Row 1 (RS): k

□ Row 2: p to last three sts, pfb, p2

□ Row 3: k1, kfb, k to end

□ Rows 4-7: rep Rows 2-3 twice more

□ Row 8: as Row 2

□ Row 9: k1, kfb, k to last three sts, kfb, k2

□ Row 10: p to last three sts, pfb, p2

□ Row 11: k1, kfb, k to end

□ Row 12: p to last three sts, pfb, p2

□ Row 13: k1, kfb, k to end

□ Row 14: p to last three sts, pfb, p2

□ Rep Rows 9-14 twice, then Rows 9-11 once more. 39 (41, 43, 45, 47, 49) sts

□ Cont in st st throughout, work 20 (24, 24, 26, 28, 28) rows inc one st at end of fourth and tenth rows as set, ending after a RS row. 41 (43, 45, 47, 49, 51) sts

### Shape armhole

□ \*\* Cast off 5 (6, 7, 8, 8, 8) sts at beg of next row

□ Dec one st at armhole edge on next 11 (11, 12, 12, 15, 15) rows. 25 (26, 26, 27, 27, 28) sts

□ Cont without shaping until armhole matches Back to shoulder shaping, ending at armhole edge

### Shape shoulder

□ Cast off 12 (13, 13, 13, 14, 14) sts at beg of next row. 13 (13, 13, 14, 14, 14) sts

□ Work one row

□ Cast off \*\*

### LEFT FRONT

Using 3.75mm needles, cast on 7 (9, 11, 13, 15, 17) sts

## knitwise

When working your increases and decreases, work them three stitches in from each end of the row, as this will give a fully-fashioned finish that works well with the rib pattern.

On a knit row:

To increase, work "k3, m1, k to last three sts, m1, k3"

To decrease, work "k3, k2tog, k to last five sts, k2tog tbl, k3"

On a purl row:

To increase, work "p3, m1p, p to last three sts, m1p, p3"

To decrease, work "p3, p2tog tbl, p to last five sts, p2tog, p3"

- Row 1 (RS): k
- Row 2: p1, pfb, p to end
- Row 3: k to last three sts, kfb, k2
- Rows 4-7: rep Rows 2-3 twice
- Row 8: rep Row 2
- Row 9: k1, kfb, k to last three sts, kfb, k2
- Row 10: p1, pfb, p to end
- Row 11: k to last three sts, kfb, k2
- Row 12: p1, pfb, p to end
- Row 13: k to last three sts, kfb, k2
- Row 14: p1, pfb, p to end
- Rep Rows 9-14 twice, then rep Rows 9-11 once more. 39 (41, 43, 45, 47, 49) sts
- Cont in st st throughout, work 19 (23, 23, 25, 27, 27) rows inc one st at beg of fourth and tenth rows as set, ending after a WS row. 41 (43, 45, 47, 49, 51) sts

### Shape armhole and shoulder

- Work as for Right front from \*\* to \*\*

### SLEEVES (make two)

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 72 (76, 80, 84, 88, 92) sts

- Work in rib as for Back for 3.5cm
- Change to 3.75mm needles

### Shape sleeve cap

Beg with a k row, work in st st **AT THE SAME TIME** shape sleeve cap as folls:

- Dec one st each end of next five rows. 62 (66, 70, 74, 78, 82) sts
- Dec one st at each end of every foll alt row until 28 (30, 32, 34, 36, 38) sts rem
- Work one row
- Dec one st at each end of next four rows. 20 (22, 24, 26, 28, 30) sts
- Cast off three sts at beg of next four rows. 8 (10, 12, 14, 16, 18) sts
- Cast off

### TO MAKE UP

Weave in any loose yarn ends. Lay work out flat and gently steam. Sew both shoulder seams

### FRONT BANDS

- Using 3.25mm circular needle and with RS of Right front facing, rejoin yarn at side edge and pick up and k 112 (118, 124, 130, 136, 142) sts up Right front, 26 (28, 30, 32, 34, 36) sts across Back neck, and 112 (118, 124, 130, 136, 142) sts down Left front, do not join in rnd. 250 (264, 278, 292, 306, 320) sts
  - Work in rib as for Back for 3.5cm
  - Cast off in rib
- Sew Sleeve heads into armholes, then sew side seams **LK**



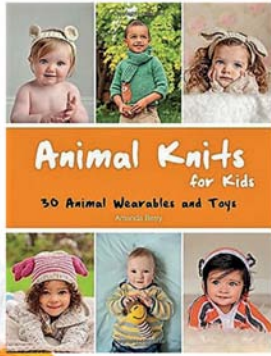
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Hi there! This month we discuss yarn clubs, lace and using up your cotton stash

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## WHAT IS... LACE WEIGHT YARN

Thinner than 4ply or sock yarn, lace weight yarn is used to knit delicate shawls like the one on the right. It's sometimes known as 2ply in the UK, although this can cause confusion with fine baby yarns of the same name. Lace weight yarn is often sold in 100g skeins which is enough to knit a complete shawl. The most common fibre for lace weight is wool, but silk and mohair is also popular.

## What can I knit with... 100G OR LESS OF COTTON YARN



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## Ask Martine



**Q** What are yarn clubs and how do they work?

**A** Short answer: yarn clubs are wonderful, wonderful things!

Slightly longer answer: a yarn club is usually a subscription based club where you pay, for example, a set monthly amount. Then every month you get a glorious package of yarn in the post. Some clubs might just be about yarn, but others will include patterns, knitting notions and other goodies.

Typically, yarn clubs are run by small-scale, independent yarn dyers, and there is a degree of exclusivity within the club. In other words, a set number of skeins will be dyed, and once they're gone, they're gone. If you like exclusive yarn, interesting colourways and unusual bases, join a yarn club.

Most clubs ensure that the yarn you receive is a surprise, taking careful steps to ensure that "spoiler" photos are not posted on social media too early.

Clubs are often themed too. A great example is Countess Ablaze's Classics Society. This yarn club is based on the ancient world. Each package you receive as part of the Society explores the ancient festivals of Greece and Rome.



The Queen's Surprise Club by Skein Queen looks rather nice too. It's run on a three-installment subscription over four months, and offers colourways inspired by a particular book each time.

I've participated in a number of sock yarn clubs in the past. Sock yarn is great for a yarn club, particularly if it comes with a pattern. Knitting a pair of socks in a month is usually realistic for me.

A yarn club subscription makes a great gift for the knitter or crocheter in your life. Actually, let's be honest, it makes an even better gift for you... go on, treat yourself.

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## HOW ABOUT YOU?

**We asked for your thoughts on yarn clubs**

*Yarn clubs and mystery boxes are a great way to try new things, especially if you find yourself in a knitting rut*  
**Claudia Wilkins**

*Receiving the packages is so exciting! Some clubs are better value than others though, so check first.*

**Lucy March**

**NEXT ISSUE: Why do people love knitting shawls?**

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# Learn to knit socks

## PART ONE

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MAKE **JANE BURNS'** STRIPY SOCKS!



*Adrienne Chandler shows you how...*

### Here's what you need...

We've used West Yorkshire Spinners Signature 4ply, shades (A) 360 Bubblegum, (B) Rum Paradise, one 100g ball of each. It has an RRP of £7.20 per 100g (400m) ball. For stockists, call 01535 664500 or visit [www.wyspinners.co.uk](http://www.wyspinners.co.uk)

A set of four 2.25mm double-pointed needles and a set of 2.5mm double-pointed needles. We've used 15cm double-pointed Symfonie wood needles from KnitPro.

A tapestry needle and stitch marker

When finished, your sock will measure:  
Cuff to base of heel: 20 (21, 22) cm  
Leg circumference: 16.5 (17.5, 20) cm  
To fit foot circumference: 18 (19, 22) cm

Socks are designed to be worn with a little negative ease to help them stay up. That means the actual measurement will be slightly smaller than your foot measurement. To choose the best fit, measure around the widest point of your foot and knit the size closest to the 'to fit foot circumference' size.

When working in stocking stitch in the round on 2.5mm double-pointed needles, you should be getting 34 stitches and 44 rows over a 10cm square.

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Over the next two issues, I will show you how to work a classic sock on double-pointed needles. This pair from Jane Burns is knitted from the cuff down to the toe, and features a traditional heel flap. The main yarn is self-striping so you don't have to do much colourwork. You will need to know how to knit and purl, but I'll show you the rest.

### Start knitting here...

Using yarn A, make a slipknot and place it on a 2.25mm dpn

Using the long-tail cast on method, cast on 55 (59, 67) more stitches so you have 56 (60, 68) stitches in total

The long-tail cast-on, also known as the thumb method, produces a neat yet slightly stretchy edge which is ideal for socks. Here's how you do it:

### THUMB METHOD

**Step 1:** leaving a length of yarn that's at least four times the circumference of your sock, make a slipknot and place it onto a needle. Then loop the yarn tail around your thumb as shown.



**Step 2:** insert the needle up through the loop, then wrap the yarn coming from your main ball around the needle from left to right



**Step 3:** place the loop that's on your thumb onto the tip of the needle, remove your thumb and pull your yarn tail tight



Repeat Steps 1-3 until all your stitches have been cast-on, remembering that your slipknot counts as your first stitch.

Distribute your stitches over three dpns as follows:

Needle 1 [N1]: 28 (30, 34) heel sts  
Needle 2 [N2]: 14 (15, 17) instep sts  
Needle 3 [N3]: 14 (15, 17) instep sts

Join in the round, taking care not to twist the stitches

Making sure all your stitches are neatly aligned on each needle, bring the needle points together so you are holding the first cast-on stitch in your left hand and the last cast-on stitch in your right hand. Now slip the last cast on stitch onto the left needle and pass the first cast-on stitch onto your right needle.



Place a marker in the first stitch to show the beginning of the round.



## Cuff

### □ Rnd 1: \* k2, p2, rep from \* to end

Take an empty double-pointed needle in your right hand and treat the first needle in the round as your left needle. Use the empty needle to work the stitches. When you have worked all the stitches on Needle 1, take another empty needle and move onto Needle 2, always using the empty double-pointed needle as your right-hand needle



- Repeat Rnd 1 until cuff measures 2.5cm from cast-on edge
- Cut yarn A and change to yarn B

## Leg

### Change to working with 2.5mm dpns

#### □ Knit one round

To avoid a visible step where you have changed colour, knit into the stitch below the first stitch on the next round.

- Knit every round until leg measures approximately 15 (16, 17) cm from the cast-on edge

When you work in the round, you will always have the right side of the work facing you. Therefore, you only need to work knit (right side) rows to create stocking stitch. To keep the stripes even on the leg of your sock, work to the end of your colour stripe before starting the heel flap

## Heel flap

### Change to yarn A but do not cut yarn B

For the heel flap you will be working back and forth in rows across 28 (30, 34) N1 stitches only

#### Starting with RS facing, work as follows:

- Row 1: \* sl 1 purlwise, k1, rep from \* to end of N1, turn

To slip a stitch purlwise, simply insert the right needle into the next stitch as if you were going to purl it, then transfer it to the right needle without working it.

- Row 2: sl 1 purlwise, purl to end of N1, turn
- Repeat Rows 1-2 rows until 28 (30, 32) rows have been worked for the heel flap

## Turn heel

- Row 1: k15 (16, 18), ssk, k1, turn

“As only 20g of yarn A is used, there’s enough yarn to make a second pair of socks using yarn A as the main colour and yarn B for the cuffs, heels and toes.”



“These socks are great for beginners as the bright self-striping yarn does most of the colourwork for you!”

LK Deputy Editor  
Adrienne Chandler



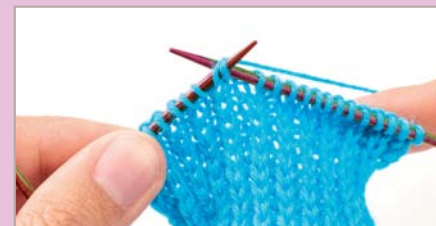
## SSK (SLIP, SLIP, KNIT)

This is a decrease stitch that leans to the left. Here's how you do it:

**Step 1:** one at a time, slip the next two stitches knitwise



**Step 2:** return these stitches to the left needle and knit them together through the back loop as shown



□ Row 2: sl 1 purlwise, p3, p2tog, p1, turn

## P2TOG (PURL TWO TOGETHER)

This is a decrease stitch that is worked on the wrong side. To do it, insert the needle through the next two stitches as if you were going to purl. Wrap the yarn around the needle and pull it through both stitches, allowing them to drop from the left needle.



□ Row 3: sl 1 purlwise, k4, ssk, k1, turn  
□ Row 4: sl 1 purlwise, p5, p2tog, p1, turn  
□ Row 5: sl 1 purlwise, k to one stitch before gap, ssk, k1, turn

You'll notice that by decreasing and turning on the previous rows, you now have a little gap. Your decreases are now worked across this gap and that is what creates your shape.

□ Row 6: sl 1 purlwise, p to one stitch before gap, p2tog, p1, turn  
□ Repeat Rows 5-6 until 0 (1, 1) sts remain unworked at each end of N1. (16, 18, 20) sts  
Work the following two rows 0 (1, 1) times:  
□ Next row: sl 1 purlwise, k to one stitch before gap, ssk, turn  
□ Next row: sl 1 purlwise, p to one stitch before gap, p2tog, turn. 16 (16, 18) sts  
Cut yarn A

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## Measurements & Sizes

44cm wide and 33cm tall

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** King Cole Big Value Recycled Cotton Aran, shade 1156 Cream, six 100g balls

**Needles:** 5mm

**Crochet hook:** 5mm

**Tapestry needle**

**Stitch holder**

**Buttons:** 24mm, 12

**Coat hanger:** with bar 40-45cm long

**Zip:** 30cm

## Tension Square

- 17 sts x 31 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- garter stitch
- 5mm needles

For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn

**King Cole Big Value Recycled Cotton Aran** blends 85% recycled cotton with other fibres that are re-purposed from the textile industry. These give it an almost tweed-like texture. It has an RRP of £3.49 per 100g (160m) ball. For stockists, call 01756 703670 or visit [www.kingcole.com](http://www.kingcole.com)



## knitwise

The best cast-on method for this project is the two-needle method. You can see how to do this on page 95. It creates a firm edge with clearly defined stitches, especially if you knit the first row by inserting the needle into the back of each stitch. This also makes sewing up and inserting the zip a lot easier. Storing heavy items in the pockets will distort the knitted fabric, so you may choose to line the pockets with fabric.

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### HANGER WITH DEEP POCKET

- Using 5mm needles, cast on 72 sts, using two-needle method
- Row 1: k each st tbl
  - Row 2: sl 1, k to end
  - Rep Row 2 until work meas 57cm from cast-on edge
  - Next row (buttonholes): sl 1, k7, (cast off two sts, k16 [including st from cast-off]) three times, cast off two sts, k to end
  - Next row: sl 1, k7, (cast on two sts, k16) three times, cast on two sts, k to end
  - Next row: sl 1, k to end
  - Rep last row five times more
  - Cast off

### BUTTON LOOP

- Using 5mm crochet hook, make 9ch
- 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end
  - Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Fold up cast-on edge to create a pocket 23cm deep. Stitch side seams. Sew Button loop in centre of top edge of pocket. Make a 50cm twisted cord and stitch centre of cord to main section just above button loop. Weave in ends and attach buttons to correspond with buttonholes. Loop top edge over bar of coat hanger and fasten buttons

### HANGER WITH SIX POCKETS

- Using 5mm needles, cast on 72 sts, using two-needle method
- Work as for Hanger with deep pockets but rep Row 2 until work meas 44cm from cast-on edge

### POCKET STRIP

- Using 5mm needles, cast on 72 sts, using the two-needle method
- Row 1: k each st tbl
  - Row 2: sl 1, k to end
  - Row 3: sl 1, k9, \* (kfb) four times, k20, rep from \* once more, (kfb) four times, k to end. 84 sts

- Row 4: sl, k to end
- Rep Row 4 until work meas 9cm from cast-on edge
- Cast off

### TO MAKE UP

Folding up cast-on edge to create a pocket 10cm deep, stitch side seams then sew two vertical lines of backstitch through both thicknesses of fabric to divide pocket into three. Pin Pocket strip to main section with lower edge 4cm above top edge of first pocket. Stitch lower edge to main section then join side seams. Sew two lines of backstitch, as before, to divide Pocket strip into three. Weave in ends and attach buttons to correspond with buttonholes. Loop top edge over bar of coat hanger and fasten buttons

### HANGER WITH ZIPPED POCKET

- \*\* Using 5mm needles, cast on two sts
- Row 1: k
  - Row 2: (kfb) twice. Four sts
  - Row 3: k
  - Row 4: kfb, k to last st, kfb. Six sts
  - Rep Rows 3-4 six times more. 18 sts
  - Cut yarn and leave sts on a holder \*\*
  - Rep from \*\* to \*\* three times more, but do not cut yarn after last rep
  - Leave sts on needle
  - Next row: sl 1, k to end, then k all sts from holders. 72 sts
  - Next row: sl 1, k to end
  - Rep last row until work meas 43cm from tip of one of the points
  - Next row (buttonholes): sl 1, k7, (cast off two sts, k16 [including st from cast-off]) three times, cast off two sts, k to end
  - Next row: sl 1, k7, (cast on two sts, k16) three times, cast on two sts, k to end
  - Next row: sl 1, k to end
  - Rep last row five times more
  - Cast off



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"If you can't crochet, just cast on eight stitches for the buttonhole loop, then cast off on the next row"

LK Deputy Editor **Adrienne Chandler**



## POCKET

Using 5mm needles, cast on 60 sts

□ Row 1: \* k1, p1, rep from \* to end

□ Row 2: \* p1, k1, rep from \* to end

These two rows set moss st

□ Cont in moss st until work meas 20cm, ending after a Row 2

□ Next row: (k1, p1) three times, cast off 48 sts, (k1, p1) three times

□ Next row: (p1, k1) three times, cast on 48 sts, (p1, k1) three times

□ Cont in moss st for a further eight rows

□ Cast off

## TO MAKE UP

Pin and stitch zip behind slit in the pocket, then pin and stitch pocket to main section. Make a short twisted cord and tassel, then tie this to tag on zip. Weave in ends and attach buttons to correspond with buttonholes. Loop top edge over bar of coat hanger and fasten buttons **LK**



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### To fit age (mths):

6-12 (12-24, 24-36, 36-48)

### To fit chest (cm):

48.5 (51, 53.5, 56)

### Actual chest (cm):

52.5 (56.5, 61, 65)

### Back length (cm):

41 (45, 49.5, 54)

### Width at hem (cm):

65 (69.5, 73.5, 78)

## Crochet Kit

**Yarn:** Stylecraft Classique Cotton DK, shades (A) 3665 Ivory, 2 (2, 3, 4) 50g balls, (B) 3668 Hot Pink, (C) 3662 Sunflower, (D) 3671 Azure, one 50g ball of each

**Hook:** 3mm, 3.5mm

**Tapestry needle**

## Tension square

- 19 sts x 14 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- over pattern
- 3.5mm hook

For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn

**Stylecraft Classique Cotton DK** is a cotton yarn with a soft, matte finish.

It comes in 28 shades including the lovely ice cream tones used here. Machine wash at 40°C and iron on a cool setting. It costs £2.19 per 50g (92m) ball from **0800 505 3300**, [www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)

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## crochetclever

To work the htr2tog decrease you are combining two half treble stitches into one. To do it, wrap the yarn around the hook and insert it into the next stitch. Wrap the yarn around the hook and pull through it through the stitch. Do the same in the next stitch so you have five loops on the hook. Wrap the yarn around the hook again and pull it through all five loops on the hook.

**D**oesn't Darcie look adorable in this pretty pinny? It's a simple yet stylish design which is worked in a pure cotton yarn that's comfy to wear and practical enough for mucky pups. The pattern is made up of easy half treble stitches with basic shaping around the armholes and neck. A classic granny square is a clever way of adding a patch pocket to hide little treats!

## Start to crochet here...

### BACK & FRONT (alike)

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn A, make 62 (66, 70, 74) ch

Row 1: 1htr in second ch from hook, \* miss one ch, [1dc, 1htr] in next ch, rep from \* to end. 62 (66, 70, 74) sts

Row 2: 1ch (counts as 1dc throughout), 1htr in last htr of prev row, \* [1dc, 1htr] in next htr, rep from \* to end

This row sets patt

Cont in patt **AT THE SAME TIME** dec one st at each end of every foll fifth row until there are 50 (54, 58, 62) sts

Cont in patt until work meas 24 (27, 29, 32) cm

### Shape armholes

Next row: sl st across first five sts, 1ch (counts as 1dc), 1htr in same st, patt to last four sts, turn. 42 (46, 50, 54) sts

Cont in patt dec one st at each end of next 1 (2, 3, 4) rows, then dec one st at each end of every foll alt row twice more. 36 (38, 40, 42) sts

### Shape neck

Next row: patt across first 13 (14, 15, 16) sts, 1dc in next st, turn.

14 (15, 16, 17) sts

Next row: sl st across first four sts, 1ch (counts as 1dc), patt to end. 11 (12, 13, 14) sts

\*\* Dec one st at neck edge only on next 3 (4, 5, 6) rows then on every foll alt row 3 (3, 2, 2) times. 5 (5, 6, 6) sts

Work three rows in patt without shaping

Fasten off \*\*

Rejoin yarn to ninth st with a sl st, 1ch (counts as 1dc), patt across next 13 (14, 15, 16) sts

Next row: patt to last three sts, turn. 11 (12, 13, 14) sts

Work as for first side of neck from \*\* to \*\*, making sure same number of rows are worked

### TO MAKE UP

Press on wrong side according to ball band instructions. With right sides together, oversew side and shoulder seams

### NECKBAND

Using 3.5mm hook, with RS facing, join yarn A with a sl st to shoulder seam of neck edge

Rnd 1: 1ch, 44 (48, 52, 56) dc evenly around neck edge to next

shoulder seam, 45 (49, 53, 57) dc evenly back to first shoulder seam, change to yarn B, sl st in first ch

\*\* Rnd 2: 1ch (counts as 1dc), 1dc in each dc of rnd, change to yarn C, sl st in first ch

Rnd 3: 1ch (counts as 1dc), 1dc in each dc of rnd, change to yarn D, sl st in first ch

Change to 3mm hook

Rnd 4: 1ch (counts as 1dc), 1dc in each dc of rnd, sl st in first ch

Fasten off \*\*

### HEM

Using 3.5mm hook, with RS facing, join yarn A with a sl st to side seam of lower edge

Rnd 1: 1ch (counts as 1dc), 61 (65, 69, 73) dc evenly lower edge to next side seam, 62 (66, 70, 74) dc evenly back to first side seam, change to yarn B, sl st in first ch

Rnd 2: 1ch (counts as 1dc), 1dc in each dc of rnd, change to yarn C, sl st in first ch

Rnd 3: 1ch (counts as 1dc), 1dc in each dc of rnd, change to yarn D, sl st in first ch

Rnd 4: 1ch (counts as 1dc), 1dc in each dc of rnd, sl st in first ch

Fasten off



## ARMBANDS (make two)

Using 3.5mm hook and with RS facing, join yarn A with a sl st to side seam of armhole edge

□ Rnd 1: 1ch, 27 (29, 31, 33) dc evenly around armhole edge to shoulder seam, 28 (30, 32, 34) dc evenly to side seam, change to yarn B, sl st in first ch

□ Work as for Neckband from \*\* to \*\*

Weave in ends and gently press bands

## POCKET

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn B, make a magic ring

□ Rnd 1: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 2tr in ring, \* 2ch, 3tr in ring, rep from \* twice more, pull yarn tail to close hole, 2ch, sl st to third of beg 3ch

□ Fasten off

Join yarn C to any 2-ch sp

□ Rnd 2: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 2tr in 2-ch sp, 2ch, 3tr in same 2-ch sp, \* 1ch, [3tr, 2ch, 3tr] all in next 2-ch sp, rep from \* twice more, 1ch, sl st in third of beg 3ch

□ Fasten off

Join yarn D to any 2-ch sp

□ Rnd 3: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 2tr in 2-ch sp, 2ch, 3tr in same 2-ch sp, \* 1ch, 3tr in next 1-ch sp, 1ch, [3tr, 2ch, 3tr] all in next 2-ch sp, rep from \* twice more, 1ch, 3tr in next 1-ch sp, 1ch, sl st in third of beg 3ch

□ Fasten off

Rejoin yarn B to any 2-ch sp

□ Rnd 4: 1ch (counts as 1dc), 2dc in same 2-ch sp, \* 11dc, 3dc in next 2-ch sp, rep from \* once more, 11dc, change to yarn C, sl st in beg 1ch

□ Rnd 5: 1ch (counts as 1dc), 3dc in next dc, \* 13dc, 3dc in next dc, rep from \* twice more, 12dc, change to yarn D, sl st in beg 1ch

□ Rnd 6: 1ch (counts as 1dc), 1dc in next ch, 3dc in next dc, \* 15dc, 3dc in next dc, rep from \* twice more, 13dc, sl st in beg 1ch

□ Fasten off

Weave in ends. Press on wrong side according to ball band instructions.

Sew to front of dress using photo as a guide **LK**

*“To get a neat colour change, join the new shade during the final stitch of the previous row”*

LK Deputy Editor Adrienne Chandler



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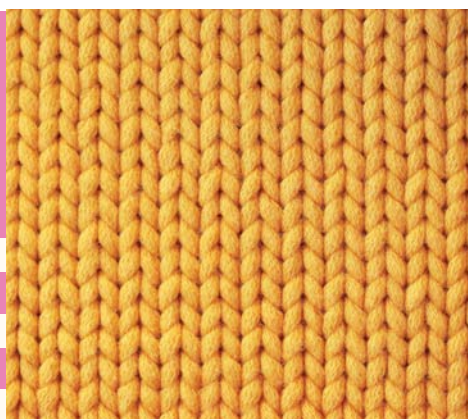
## YARN WEIGHTS

### ABBREVIATIONS

<b>0</b>	no stitches, times or rows	<b>skpo</b>	slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over
<b>-</b>	no stitches, times or rows for that size	<b>sk2po</b>	slip next stitch purlwise, knit two together, pass slipped stitch over and off needle
<b>alt</b>	alternate	<b>sl 2, k1,</b>	slip next two stitches knitwise at the same time, knit one, pass both slipped stitches over
<b>approx</b>	approximately	<b>p2sso</b>	pass two slipped stitches over and off needle
<b>beg</b>	beginning	<b>sl 1</b>	slip one stitch
<b>C4F</b>	(cable 4 front) slip two stitches on to cable needle, hold at front of work, k2, k2 from cable needle	<b>sl st</b>	slip stitch
<b>C4B</b>	(cable 4 back) slip two stitches onto cable needle, hold at back of work, k2, k2 from cable needle	<b>sm</b>	slip marker
<b>ch</b>	chain stitch	<b>sp (s)</b>	space(s)
<b>ch sp</b>	chain space	<b>ssk</b>	one by one slip the next two stitches knitwise. Put your left needle through the front loops of both slipped stitches and knit them together
<b>cm</b>	centimetres	<b>st (s)</b>	stitch (es)
<b>cn</b>	cable needle	<b>st st</b>	stocking stitch (k on RS row, p on WS row)
<b>cont</b>	continue (ing)	<b>tbl</b>	through the back loop (s)
<b>dc</b>	double crochet	<b>tr</b>	treble crochet
<b>dc2tog</b>	(insert hook into next stitch, yarn over hook, pull through loop) twice, yarn over hook, pull through all three loops on hook	<b>w&amp;t</b>	(on knit rows) take the yarn between the needles to the front of the work, slip the next stitch from the Left Hand needle to the Right Hand needle purlwise, take the yarn between the needles back to its original position, slip the stitch back to the Left Hand needle and turn (on purl rows) take the yarn between the needles to the back of the work, slip the next stitch from the Left Hand needle to the Right Hand needle purlwise, take the yarn between the needles back to its original position, slip the stitch back to the Left Hand needle and turn
<b>dec</b>	decrease (ing)	<b>WS</b>	wrong side
<b>dpn(s)</b>	double pointed needle(s)	<b>wyib</b>	with yarn in back
<b>dtr</b>	double treble crochet	<b>wyif</b>	with yarn in front
<b>fol (s)</b>	following (follows)	<b>yb</b>	yarn back
<b>htr</b>	half treble crochet	<b>yfwd</b>	yarn forward (between knit stitches)
<b>inc</b>	increase (ing)	<b>yo</b>	work yfwd/yon/yrn as appropriate
<b>k</b>	knit	<b>yoh</b>	yarn over hook
<b>kfb</b>	knit into the front and the back of the next stitch	<b>yon</b>	yarn over needle (between a purl and a knit stitch)
<b>k2tog</b>	knit two stitches together	<b>yrn</b>	yarn round needle (between purl stitches and between a knit and a purl stitch)
<b>kwise</b>	knitwise	<b>y2m</b>	wrap yarn twice around needle
<b>m1</b>	make one stitch, by picking up the horizontal loop before next stitch and knitting into the back of it	*	repeat instructions following the asterisk as many times as instructed
<b>m1p</b>	make one stitch, by picking up the horizontal loop before next stitch and purling into the back of it	<b>□</b>	work instructions inside the brackets as many times as instructed
<b>meas</b>	measure (s)		
<b>mm</b>	millimeters		
<b>N1 (2, 3)</b>	needle 1 (2, 3)		
<b>p</b>	purl		
<b>pb</b>	place bead		
<b>pfb</b>	purl into the front and back of next st		
<b>pm</b>	place marker		
<b>p2tog</b>	purl two stitches together		
<b>prev</b>	previous		
<b>psso</b>	pass slipped stitch over and off needle		
<b>p2sso</b>	pass two slipped stitches over and off needle		
<b>pwise</b>	purlwise		
<b>rem</b>	remain (ing)		
<b>rep</b>	repeat (ing)		
<b>rev st st</b>	reverse stocking stitch (p on RS row, k on WS row)		
<b>rm</b>	remove marker		
<b>rnd(s)</b>	round(s)		
<b>RS</b>	right side		

YARN TYPE	STANDARD TENSION	STANDARD NEEDLE SIZE
Lace	30-33 sts-36-50 rows	2mm-3mm
4ply	28 sts-36 rows	3.25mm
DK	22 sts-28 rows	4mm
Aran	18 sts-24 rows	5mm
Chunky	14 sts-19 rows	6.5mm
Super Chunky	9 sts-12 rows	10mm

NEEDLE SIZING		
UK (mm)	U.S.A	Old UK/Canada
2	0	14
2.25	1	13
2.75	2	12
3	-	11
3.25	3	10
3.5	4	-
3.75	5	9
4	6	8
4.5	7	7
5	8	6
5.5	9	5
6	10	4
6.5	10 1/2	3
7	-	2
7.5	-	1
8	11	0
9	13	00
10	15	000
12	17	-
15	-	-
16	19	-
19	35	-
20	36	-
25	50	-



### TENSION HEADACHE

It's really important to knit a tension square before you begin a project. Not everybody knits the same way - some knit more tightly than others - and this will affect how the stitch pattern looks and the finished size of the item. Tension squares are usually presented like this:

**22 sts x 30 rows**  
**10cm x 10cm**  
**stocking stitch**  
**4mm needles**

To knit your tension square, cast on the instructed number of stitches, in this case 22, plus five more. Then, using the needle size and same stitch pattern given, work the instructed number of rows, plus five more. Using a ruler and taking your measurements from the centre of the square, count the number of stitches and number of rows over a 10cm square. If you have more than you should do, it means your knitting is a little tight and you may need to use larger needles. Similarly, if you have fewer stitches and rows, use smaller needles to get the correct tension.

"Using the correct size of needles for the yarn weight helps to produce a taut, neat fabric"



## AT A LOOSE END?

Follow these steps for weaving in any tails of yarn:

1. Thread the yarn on to a tapestry needle and work with the WS of the project facing upwards.
2. Insert the needle under the loop of each stitch, and draw it through. Work it up

and down the loops of the stitches for 8cm. An alternative method is to weave through the back of the stitch, splitting the strand of yarn as you sew.

3. Cut the yarn close to the fabric.

**NOTE:** In colourwork, weave the yarn tails into the matching colour section.

## SUBSTITUTION

There are many reasons to want to substitute the yarn given in a project, from price to colour selection, but there are some important points to remember.

- Choose a yarn with a similar tension to the suggested yarn. Match the tension given on the ball band of the yarns, as the pattern may use a different stitch. Remember to do a tension square in the new yarn before you begin.
- Consider the fibre content of the yarn and how this might affect the finished project. For example, cotton yarn will knit up very differently to a wool yarn.



- Don't forget to check the care instructions of your new yarn. Not all yarns are machine washable.
- Look at the meterage of the new yarn, rather than the weight of the ball. Not all 50g balls have the same meterage and you don't want to run short when nearing the end of your project.

## ON THE BLOCKS

Blocking is the process of stretching and shaping your finished items to create the correct dimensions from the pattern and even out your stitches. It is also really useful for ensuring that pieces to be joined fit well together. There are a few different ways to achieve this, so check the information on the yarn ball band and pick the most suitable option.

**Wet blocking:** dampen the pieces so that they are wet through and gently squeeze out the excess water. Lay out the pieces and pin them to the correct

measurements, then leave them to dry. For delicate fibres and lace projects, you can just spritz the pieces with a water spray, rather than submerging them fully.

**Steaming:** lay a damp cloth over your work and gently iron over the top - do not iron directly on to your knitting. Continue to iron until the cloth is dry. Another option is to gently hover over your work with the iron and apply steam until the knitting relaxes, this is good for delicate projects and textured stitches. Pin to the desired measurements and allow to set.

# Pattern UPDATES

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### LK 119 June Gone Fishing, p16

Rows 42-44 should be worked in st st, keeping the two-row stripe sequence correct



### Country Cottage, p84

Row 6 of the Tulip Bud square should be worked as follows: k3 A, using yarn E k15, (k2tog, yfwd) twice, k1, (yfwd, skpo) twice, k15, k3 A



# Step-BY-Step

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## KNIT STITCH



1 Once cast on, insert the tip of the right needle upwards and from front to back into the top stitch on the left needle. The right hand needle should sit behind the left hand one. Wrap the ball end of yarn anticlockwise around the tip of the right hand needle.



2 Using the right hand needle, pull a loop of the wrapped yarn through the original stitch to create a new one on the right hand needle. Slide the original stitch off the left hand needle. Repeat from step one. You are now knitting! The knit stitch can be combined with other stitches to create hundreds of different stitch patterns.

## HELPING HAND

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**Thumb cast on**, p82

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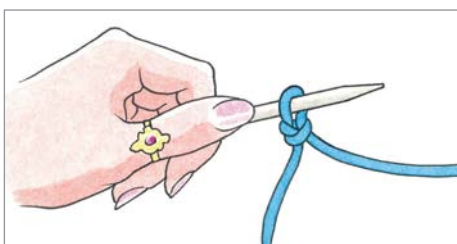
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## MAKING A SLIP KNOT



1 Holding the yarn under your left thumb, wrap it twice around your left index and middle fingers, with the second loop closer to the base of the fingers. With the backs of the fingers uppermost, insert the tip of the needle beneath the first loop and over the second, and pull the second loop under the first.



2 Remove the two fingers and gently tug on both ends of yarn to tighten the slip knot around the needle.

## GRAFT THE TOE



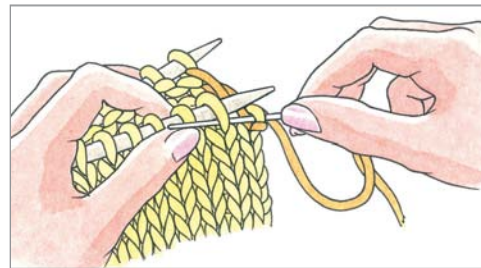
**Kitchener Stitch** is the method used to achieve this. It is worked as follows:

**SET UP:** Before starting you need to prepare the stitches on the needle. Hold the two needles with the remaining stitches parallel. The loose end of yarn should be coming from the back needle and lying to the right of the work.

1 Thread yarn end onto a tapestry needle and insert it purlwise into the first stitch on the needle closest to you. Pull the yarn through but leave the stitch on the needle.



2 Insert the tapestry needle knitwise into the first stitch on the back needle and pull the yarn through, leaving the stitch on the needle.



3 Having set up as shown in steps 1 and 2, repeat steps 3 and 4 until all stitches have been grafted. Insert the tapestry needle knitwise into the first stitch on the front needle and slide the stitch off. Before you pull the yarn through this stitch insert the tapestry needle into the next stitch on the front needle purlwise and pull the yarn through, this time leaving the stitch on the needle.

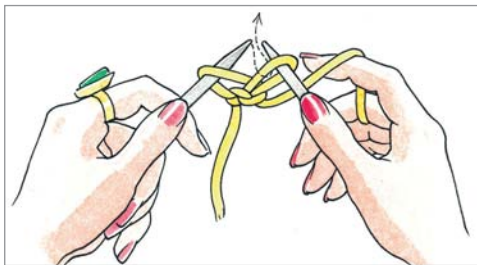


4 Insert the tapestry needle purlwise into the first stitch on the back needle and slide it off. Before pulling the yarn through this stitch, insert the tapestry needle into the next stitch on the back needle knitwise and pull the yarn through, leaving the stitch on the needle.

## CAST ON



1 Create a slipknot on your left hand needle, pulling it taut (but not too tight). Carefully insert the right needle into the knot from front to back, passing under the left hand needle. Wrap the ball end of yarn anticlockwise around the point of the right needle.



2 Pull the loop that forms back through the original stitch (knot) and insert the tip of the left hand needle into the new stitch from underneath to transfer it from the right hand to the left hand needle. There should now be two stitches on the left hand needle.



3 Repeat the above steps, knitting into the top stitch on the left needle and returning the new stitches from the right to the left needle until you have the required number of stitches.

## BACK STITCH

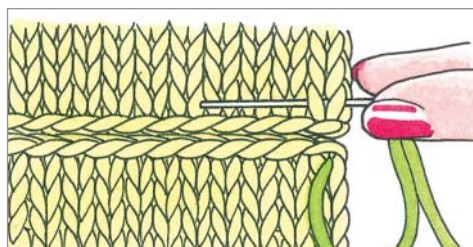


1 Pin the pieces to be joined, with the right sides together. Thread the loose end of yarn onto a tapestry needle. Start by stitching the two outer edges together, then bring the needle through the two pieces 1cm from back to front ahead of the previous stitch.

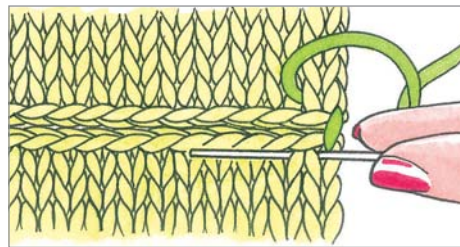


2 Push the needle back through at the position where the yarn emerged from the previous stitch. Return it to the front of the work, approx 1cm ahead of the stitch just made. Repeat this until the whole join is complete, working in a straight line.

## JOINING CAST OFF EDGES

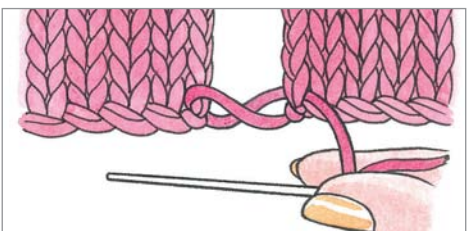


1 Lay the two pieces to be joined right side up and with the cast off edges touching. Thread a tapestry needle with the loose yarn and push this through the centre of the first stitch, and then in and out through the centres of two stitches on the opposite side.



2 Take the needle over to the first side and insert where it previously exited, bringing it out through the centre of the next stitch. Repeat this process alternating sides and stitching single stitches until the pieces are joined.

## BEGINNING A SEAM



1 With the pieces placed next to each other with right side upwards, thread the yarn tail through the fabric after the first stitch, moving the needle from front to back. Then, take the needle behind the first stitch on the second piece from the back of the work to the front. The yarn will form a figure 8. Tug gently to secure.

## MATTRESS STITCH



1 With the two pieces to be joined lying next to each other, hook the horizontal bar of the first stitch with the tapestry needle. Move to the other piece and hook the first horizontal bar of the stitch on that side.  
2 Repeat this moving from one piece to the next and pulling the yarn to tighten the join.

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# LAST WORD...

We spoke to Knit2Felt's Catherine Arnfield about her unique work in the world of knitting and felting!



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**K**nitting and felt designer, Catherine Arnfield has a tale or two to tell about her knitting experiences. Coming from a long line of crafters and starting out as an art teacher Catherine has finally let her own creative juices flow. We found out more about this knitting guru and where she finds her inspiration...

I come from a long line of knitters and crafters and have grown up surrounded by wonderfully creative people who always seemed to be able to make something out of nothing.

My maternal grandma was an obsessive knitter way into her 80s and we all grew up wearing her lovingly knitted garments. Her and my mum taught me everything I know about knitting but it wasn't until I reached 40 that I thought about creating my own designs. Before that I was an art teacher and loved sharing my ideas, but I'd

reached a point where the designer in me wanted to break free!

**I wanted my animal designs to be quite realistic, so started playing around with different yarns, shapes, sizes and techniques.**

Combining the two disciplines of knitting and needle felting was a natural move and this was how the idea of Knit2felt was born. I supply the pets as knitted and felted kits but I also sell them as separate patterns, yarns and accessories depending on what people need.

**I wish I could knit all day long.** Other responsibilities keep getting in the way like food shopping, household duties, children and my husband!

**My inspiration comes from living in the Peak District. We have an amazing national park and a lot of my ideas come from long walks with my dog.** I always have a camera and notebook to hand so

I can record ideas immediately. I'm also incredibly nostalgic and like to recreate my childhood, much loved pets or current pets owned by family and friends – I like to capture the character of a cheeky puppy or a lazy cat! Everytime I come up with a new design, my family and friends will 'trial run' the instructions so they can give me suggestions for improvements.

**I'm most proud of my Nora Dog Design (above, with several of my other creations), based on our real dog who was rescued from Manchester Dogs' Home.** She is such an important part of the family, I had to get her right – I'd put it off attempting a design of her for fear I couldn't do her justice. But when it came down to it and the felting detail was in the last stages it became apparent she was there in look, personality and pose – my sister thought it was the real thing!

**I mainly craft at home. I'm a real home bird and I love where I live.** While my family can be a distraction at times I wouldn't have it any other way. The beauty of my design process is that I can do it almost anywhere so I'll be working on my latest creation in the lounge, garden or even in bed. Even if a project looks too

complicated, you shouldn't be put off. I've found that even if a pattern looks alien to you, just taking it one step at a time makes it so much easier. If you're really struggling, social media groups or YouTube can usually help out – I've learnt so much from YouTube!

**I've got so much planned for the future.** I am expanding my range of knitting kits and patterns, but I am also working on a book with a collection of 15 of my projects inside. I hold onto a dream that my animals will one day become well-known characters in a children's TV show like Bagpuss so I might even try my hand at writing stories about them – who knows? **LK**



## Find out more!

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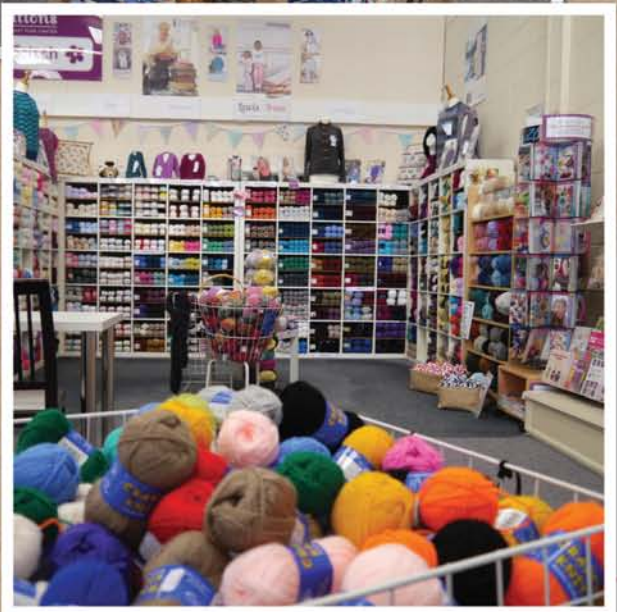


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## ARMS (make two)

### NOTE: start at top

Using 3.25mm straight needles and yarn A, cast on seven sts

- Row 1 (WS): p
- Row 2: k
- Change to yarn B
- Rows 3-4: cont in st st
- Change to yarn A
- Rows 5-6: cont in st st
- Rows 7-16: keeping two-row stripe sequence correct, cont in st st
- Change to yarn C
- Rows 17-18: cont in st st
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

## HORNS (make two)

Using two 3.25mm dpns and yarn B, cast on three sts

- Row 1: k to end, do not turn, slide sts to opposite end of dpn, pull yarn tight across back of work
- Row 2: as Row 1
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

## TAIL

- Using two 3.25mm dpns and yarn A, work as for Horns until five rows have been worked
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Sew underneath seam of Head, stuffing as you sew. Gather cast-on stitches at back of Head to finish. Sew on button eyes. Sew centre back seam of Body, stuffing as you go. Gather cast-on stitches at base. Sew underside of Head to cast-off end of Body. Sew side edges

of Arms. Gather cast-on stitches at top and attach this end to Body. Sew side edges of Legs, stuffing foot section only. Gather cast-on stitches at top and sew to Body so giraffe is seated. Attach Tail, Horns and Ears, using photo as a guide

## MILO THE LION HEAD

Using 3.25mm straight needles and yarn A, cast on nine sts

- Row 1 (WS): p
- Row 2: (kfb) to end. 18 sts
- Row 3: p
- Row 4: (k1, kfb) to end. 27 sts
- Rows 5-11: beg with a p row, work in st st
- Row 12: k9, (k2tog, k2) three times, k6. 24 sts
- Change to yarn C
- Rows 13-17: cont in st st
- Row 18: (k1, k2tog) to end. 16 sts
- Row 19: p
- Row 20: (k2tog) to end. Eight sts
- Cast off

## BODY

### NOTE: start at base

Using 3.25mm straight needles and yarn A, cast on ten sts

- Row 1: p
- Row 2: (kfb) to end. 20 sts
- Row 3: p
- Row 4: (kfb, k1) to end. 30 sts
- Rows 5-15: beg with a p row, work in st st
- Row 16: k7, k2tog, k13, k2tog, k6. 28 sts
- Row 17 and all WS rows: p
- Row 18: k6, k2tog, k12, k2tog, k6. 26 sts
- Row 20: k2, (k2tog, k2) to end. 20 sts
- Row 22: (k2tog) to end. Ten sts
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

## ARMS (make two)

### NOTE: start at top

- Using 3.25mm straight needles and yarn A, cast on eight sts
- Rows 1-9: beg with a p row, work

in st st

Change to yarn C

- Rows 10-12: cont in st st
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

## LEGS (make two)

### NOTE: start at top

Using 3.25mm straight needles and yarn A, cast on 11 sts

- Rows 1-10: beg with a p row, work in st st
- Change to yarn C
- Rows 11-14: cont in st st
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

## TAIL

Using two 3.25mm dpns and yarn A, cast on four sts

- Work as for Giraffe Horns until ten rows have been worked
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

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## knit wise

If you don't have double-pointed needles, you can work the i-cord on two straight needles. Here's how you do it:

**Step 1:** cast on the required number of stitches and knit one row

**Step 2:** do not turn your work.

Slip the stitches onto your second straight needle, so the working yarn is towards the base of the needle, rather than the tip

**Step 3:** pull the yarn across the back of the work and knit the stitches Repeat Steps 2-3 until you have worked the instructed number of rows

## TO MAKE UP

Sew underneath seam of Head, stuffing as you go. Gather cast-on stitches at back of Head. Sew on button eyes. Embroider nose using yarn D and satin stitch. Sew centre back seam of Body, stuffing as you sew. Gather cast-on stitches at base. Sew Head to Body. Sew side edges of Arms, gather cast-on stitches at top and attach to Body. Sew side edges of Legs, stuffing foot only. Gather cast-on stitches at top and sew to Body. Attach Tail to back. For mane, cut short lengths of yarn E, thread each one through Head and knot to secure

## OSCAR THE TIGER HEAD

- Work as for Milo the Lion using yarn B in place of yarn A

## EARS (make two)

Using 3.25mm straight needles and yarn B, cast on three sts

- Row 1: k
- Row 2: sl 1, k2tog, pssso. One st
- Fasten off

## BODY

- Rows 1-4: work as for Milo the Lion
- Join in yarn D and work in stripe sequence of two rows yarn D and two rows yarn B throughout
- Complete as for Milo the Lion

## ARMS (make two)

### NOTE: start at top

Using 3.25mm straight needles and yarn B, cast on eight sts

- Row 1 (WS): p
- Row 2: k
- Change to yarn D
- Rows 3-4: cont in st st
- Rows 5-10: keeping two-row stripe sequence correct, cont in st st
- Change to yarn C
- Rows 11-12: cont in st st
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

## LEGS (make two)

### NOTE: start at top

Using 3.25mm straight needles and yarn B, cast on 11 sts

- Row 1 (WS): p
- Row 2: k
- Change to yarn D
- Rows 3-4: cont in st st
- Rows 5-10: keeping two-row stripe sequence correct, cont in st st
- Change to yarn C
- Rows 11-14: cont in st st
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

## TAIL

Using two 3.25mm dpns and yarn B, cast on four sts

- Work as for Giraffe Horns until ten rows have been worked
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Make up as for Lion, omitting mane LK



## Measurements & sizes

**Lion:** 10.5cm tall

**Giraffe:** 12.5cm tall

**Tiger:** 11cm tall

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** DK, shades (A) Sunshine Yellow, one 25g ball, (B) Sunset Orange, one 20g ball, (C) Linen White, one 15g ball, (D) Pitch Black, (E) Fiery Orange, one 10g ball of each, FREE with this issue of LK

## YOU'LL ALSO NEED:

**Yarn:** 3.25mm straight, 3.25mm double-pointed, two

**Safety toy stuffing**

**Buttons:** 6mm, black, two per toy

**Sewing needle and thread**

## Tension Square

- 22 sts x 30 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- stocking stitch
- 3.25mm needles

For abbreviations see page 92 of main magazine

## About the Yarn

This yarn was produced exclusively for Let's Knit. The smooth yarns are acrylic and knit to a standard DK tension. The eyelash yarn is made of polyester. We'd suggest washing your toys by hand.

## Need an alternative?

Any DK yarn can be used for yarns A to D. To substitute yarn E, try **King Cole Tinsel Chunky**. It mixes lurex and polyester and shade 1991 Orangutan is a vibrant orange. It costs £2.49 per 50g (70m) ball from **01925 764231**, [www.blacksheepwools.com](http://www.blacksheepwools.com)

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## Start knitting here..

### JACOB THE GIRAFFE HEAD

**NOTE: start at back of Head**

Using 3.25mm straight needles and yarn A, cast on nine sts

- Row 1 (WS): p
- Row 2: (kfb) to end. 18 sts
- Row 3: p
- Row 4: (k2, kfb) to end. 24 sts
- Rows 5-11: beg with a p row, work in st st
- Row 12: k9, (k2tog, k2) twice, k7. 22 sts

Change to yarn C

- Rows 13-19: cont in st st
- Row 20: (k1, k2tog) to last st, k1. 15 sts
- Row 21: p
- Row 22: (k2tog) to last st, k1. Eight sts
- Cut yarn, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### EARS (make two)

Using 3.25mm straight needles and yarn A, cast on three sts

- Rows 1-3: k
- Row 4: sl 1, k2tog, pss0. One st
- Fasten off

### BODY

**NOTE: start at base**

Using 3.25mm straight needles and yarn A, cast on ten sts

- Row 1 (WS): p
- Row 2: (kfb) to end. 20 sts
- Row 3: p
- Row 4: (kfb, k1) to end. 30 sts
- Change to yarn B
- Row 5: p
- Row 6: k
- Change to yarn A
- Rows 7-8: cont in st st
- Cont in two-row stripe sequence throughout
- Rows 9-12: rep Rows 5-8
- Rows 13-15: rep Rows 5-7
- Row 16: k7, k2tog, k13, k2tog, k6. 28 sts
- Row 17 and all WS rows: p
- Row 18: k6, k2tog, k12, k2tog, k6. 26 sts
- Row 20: k2, (k2tog, k2) to end. 20 sts
- Row 22: k2, (k2tog, k1) to end. 14 sts
- Row 24: k2, (k2tog) to end. Eight sts
- Rows 25-31: cont in st st
- Using yarn A, cast off

### LEGS (make two)

**NOTE: start at top**

Using 3.25mm straight needles and yarn A, cast on nine sts

- Row 1 (WS): p
- Row 2: k
- Change to yarn B
- Rows 3-4: cont in st st
- Change to yarn A
- Rows 5-6: cont in st st
- Rows 7-12: keeping two-row stripe sequence correct, cont in st st
- Change to yarn C
- Rows 13-14: cont in st st
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off



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