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YES, ONE MAY HAVE A CUDDLE

We've gone royal baby bonkers – can you resist casting on our crowned teddy toy on page 17?



Hi there!

Oh baby! We're so excited about a new royal! By the time you read this a cute prince or princess may have arrived, so we simply couldn't resist including sweet baby knits in our new issue. Cast on our gorgeous royal teddy by our new toy designer, Monica Fuertes, the perfect knit for those precious bundles. Or perhaps you'd like to keep a newborn snug as a bug with our sweet baby pod and hat set. Add our gang of adorable wild animals (page 61) to your baby layette and your wee one will be all set!

It's been a busy 2018 so far. February saw knitting businesses from all over the UK competing for our British Craft Award gongs. The results were announced at a fizz-filled ceremony at CHSI Stitches at the NEC, Birmingham – are *your* favourites over on page 50? We're also busy planning World Craft Week, our social media extravaganza, which this year is being run in support of baby charity, Bliss. Look out for lots of craft fun between 16-22 April at www.worldcraftweek.com, and while you're online, join our new Facebook group (search for *Simply Knitting Magazine* group) and swap ideas, stories, WIPS and more.

Don't forget to show us your photos – we love to see what you're getting up to!

Kirstie

Kirstie McLeod

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Chunky lace ponchos are spring must-haves, page 43.



Rustic rainbows for happy hipsters, page 57.



The perfect cardi for garden get-togethers, page 25.



Cast on a set of adorable animal crackers, page 61.

Come join the party!

Visit us at www.theyarnloop.com – we have new blog posts, competitions, reviews and more to share with you every day!



On the set...

"Errr, eh, ah, ah" – getting that uber-cute facial expression spot on is all in a day's work for a supermodel!

Your fab free gifts!



This issue's two booklet gifts include baby knits galore and amazing accessories – dive in today!



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MEET THE TEAM

What are you casting on for spring?



Kirstie McLeod
Editor

My nephew has got a new puppy, it's a cute whippet and Bedlington terrier cross, so I'm making him a cosy coat to keep his little tummy warm.



Jen Bartlett
Technical Assistant

I can't remember a time when I didn't have a pair of socks on my needles. The colours just change with the season, so this week they are really pretty pastel shades.



Claire Watkins
Art Editor

Although it's spring I'm still all about keeping warm, so I've just cast on the lovely slip-stitch cowl from issue 170. I'm thrilled at how easy the stitch pattern is!



Louise Smith
Production Assistant

I have a laceweight skein of yarn in stunning purples and yellows sitting on my desk. I'm going to knit myself a floaty shawl to wear in the evenings.

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MEET OUR DESIGNER

Amanda Crawford

"I like the variegated yarns that look like flower petals all mixed together. This design came to me when I was looking at pictures of spring flowers poking through my snowy garden."

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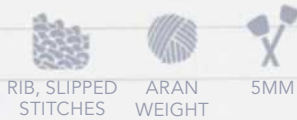


 **Verbena** 

Combine slipped stitches with stunning ombré yarn for this stylish cropped jumper! By **Amanda Crawford**.



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS



YOU WILL NEED

- DROPS, Nepal (65% wool, 35% alpaca, 50g/75m)
- DROPS, Big Delight (100% wool, 100g/190m)
- A pair of 5mm needles
- Stitch holder
- Stitch markers

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TENSION

Yarn used knits as aran to this tension:
 19 sts and 34 rows to measure 10x10cm
 (4x4in) over pattern using 5mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

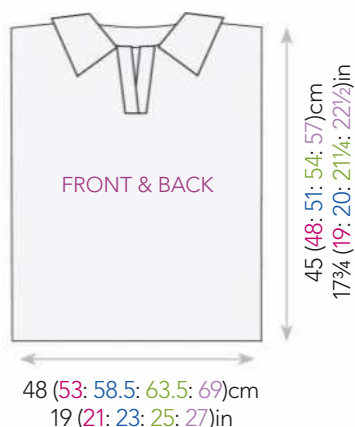
Lift 1 Pull up the loop by inserting right-hand needle under the 2 strands of Yarn B, then knit the next st, at the same time slipping the Yarn B strands over to the back of the work

For a full list see page 79

"Collars are so in..."

"...right now! I think I'm going to have to give this cosy-looking jumper a go while I'm on holiday this spring."

Louise Smith, Production Assistant



You won't have to pop this collar to look cool as a cucumber at garden parties and gatherings this spring – its stand-out shape does all the work for you. Speaking of doing all the work, pair a solid and a variegated yarn and use slipped stitches to create the gradual colour changes.

BACK

Cast on 91 (101: 111: 121: 131) sts using 5mm needles and Yarn A.

Work in rib as follows:

Row 1 (RS) P2 (4: 3: 2: 4), *K3, P3; rep from * to last 5 (7: 6: 5: 7) sts, K3, P2 (4: 3: 2: 4).

Row 2 K2 (4: 3: 2: 4), *P3, K3; rep from * to last 5 (7: 6: 5: 7) sts, P3, K2 (4: 3: 2: 4). Rep last 2 rows 5 more times.

Work in slipped-stitch patt as foll:

Row 1 (RS) With Yarn B, P2 (4: 3: 2: 4), *wyif, sl3, P3; rep from * to last 5 (7: 6: 5: 7) sts, sl3, P2 (4: 3: 2: 4).

Row 2 With Yarn B, K2 (4: 3: 2: 4) *wyib, sl3, K3; rep from * to last 5 (7: 6: 5: 7) sts, sl3, K2 (4: 3: 2: 4).

Row 3 With Yarn A, knit.

Row 4 With Yarn A, purl.

Row 5 With Yarn A, K3 (5: 4: 3: 5), *Lift 1, K5; rep from * to last 4 (6: 5: 4: 6) sts, Lift 1, K3 (5: 4: 3: 5).

Row 6 With Yarn A, purl.

Row 7 With Yarn B, P5 (1: 6: 5: 1), *wyif, sl3, P3; rep from * to last 8 (4: 9: 8: 4) sts, sl3, P5 (1: 6: 5: 1).

Row 8 With Yarn B, K5 (1: 6: 5: 1), *wyib, sl3, K3; rep from * to last 8 (4: 9: 8: 4) sts, sl3, K5 (1: 6: 5: 1).

Row 9 With Yarn A, knit.

Row 10 With Yarn A, purl.

Row 11 With Yarn A, K6 (2: 7: 6: 2) *Lift 1, K5; rep from * to last 7 (3: 8: 7: 3) sts, Lift 1, K6 (2: 7: 6: 2).

Row 12 With Yarn A, purl.

These 12 rows form pattern.

Cont in patt until work measures approx 45 (48: 51: 54: 57)cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Keeping patt correct, **cast off** 8 (10: 11: 13: 14) sts at beg of next 2 rows, 9 (10: 12: 13: 15) sts at beg of foll 2 rows and 9 (11: 12: 14: 15) sts at beg of foll 2 rows. [39 (39: 41: 41: 43) sts]

Leave rem sts on a stitch holder for back neck.

FRONT

Work as for Back until 5 (6: 6: 7: 8) full reps of pattern have been worked, ending after a WS row.

SPLIT FOR NECK

Work 43 (48: 53: 58: 63) sts and turn, leaving rem sts on a stitch holder.

Cont straight in patt until work measures 10cm from beg of split, ending after a WS row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge of every foll alt row until 26 (31: 35: 40: 44) sts rem.

Cont straight in patt until work measures same as Back to beg of shoulder shaping, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 8 (10: 11: 13: 14) sts at beg of next row, and 9 (10: 12: 13: 15) sts at beg of foll alt row.

Work 1 row straight.

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		8-10	12-14	16-18	20-22	24-26
TO FIT BUST	cm	81-86	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127
	in	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50
ACTUAL BUST	cm	96	106	117	127	138
	in	37¾	41¾	46	50	54¼
LENGTH	cm	45	48	51	54	57
	in	17¾	19	20	21¼	22½
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	45	45	46	47	48
	in	17¾	17¾	18	18½	19
YARN		DROPS, Nepal (50g/75m)				
Yarn A Off White (0100)		10	12	14	16	18
		DROPS, Big Delight (100g/190m)				
Yarn B Rose Garden (01)		2	2	2	2	2

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

Cast off rem 9 (11: 12: 14: 15) sts.
With RS facing, rejoin yarn to rem sts, then **cast off** first 5 sts.
Cont in patt on rem 43 (48: 53: 58: 63) sts, completing to match first side.

SLEEVES

Cast on 43 (45: 47: 49: 51) sts using Yarn A.

Work in rib as folls:

Row 1 (RS) P2 (3: 1: 2: 3) *K3, P3; rep from * to last 5 (6: 4: 5: 6) sts, K3, P2 (3: 1: 2: 3).

Row 2 K2 (3: 1: 2: 3) *P3, K3; rep from * to last 5 (6: 4: 5: 6) sts, P3, K2 (3: 1: 2: 3).
Rep last 2 rows 5 more times, placing a stitch marker 2 (3: 1: 2: 3) sts in from each end on the final row.

Work in 12-row Slipped-Stitch pattern as folls, AT THE SAME TIME inc 1 st each end of Row 7, then every foll 6th row to 63 (65: 67: 75: 81) sts, and then at each end of every foll 8th row to 77 (79: 83: 87: 91) sts, taking extra sts into patt where there are enough sts to do so:

Row 1 (RS) With Yarn B, P to SM, sl SM, *wyif, sl3, P3; rep from * to 3 sts before SM, sl3 wyif, P to end.

Row 2 With Yarn B, K to SM, sl SM, *wyib, sl3, K3; rep from * to 3 sts before SM, sl3, sl SM, K to end.

Row 3 With Yarn A, knit.

Row 4 With Yarn A, purl.

Row 5 With Yarn A, K to SM, sl SM, K1, *Lift 1, K5; rep from * to 2 sts before SM, Lift 1, K1, sl SM, K to end.

Row 6 With Yarn A, purl.

Row 7 With Yarn B, P to SM, sl SM, P3, *wyif, sl3, P3; rep from * to SM, sl SM, P to end.

Row 8 With Yarn B, K to SM, sl SM, K3, *wyib, sl3, K3; rep from * to SM, sl SM, K to end.

Row 9 With Yarn A, knit.

Row 10 With Yarn A, purl.

Row 11 With Yarn A, K to SM, sl SM, K4, *Lift 1, K5; rep from * to 5 sts before SM, Lift 1, K4, sl SM, K to end.

Row 12 With Yarn A, purl.

When all incs are complete, cont straight in patt until work measures approx 45 (45: 46: 47: 48)cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Join shoulder seams.

PLACKETS

With RS facing, using 5mm needles and Yarn A pick up and knit 30 sts down left side of split.



Follow a 12-row pattern repeat to create a cute honeycomb-style texture, with a bonus ombré look.



Team your knit with the latest trends.

Don't forget somewhere to keep your knitting...
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Slipped-stitch jumper

Row 1 (WS) *P3, K3; rep from * to end.

Row 2 As Row 1.

Rep last 2 rows 2 more times.

Cast off.

With RS facing, using 5mm needles and Yarn A pick up and knit 30 sts up right side of split.

Row 1 (WS) *K3, P3; rep from * to end.

Row 2 As Row 1.

Rep last 2 rows 2 more times.

Cast off.

COLLAR

With RS facing, using 5mm needles and Yarn A pick up and knit 45 (45: 50: 50: 49) sts up right side of neck, knit across 39 (39: 41: 41: 43) sts from back neck and pick up and knit 45 (45: 50: 50: 49) sts down left front.

[129 (129: 141: 141: 141) sts]

Work in rib as foll:


Row 1 (WS) K3, *P3, K3; rep from * to end.

Row 2 P3, *K3, P3; rep from * to end.

Rep last 2 rows for 10cm, ending after a WS row.

Cast off in rib.

Sew bottom of Placket in place, making sure the right Placket lays on top of the left Placket.

Join side seams and Sleeve underarm seam in one. 



Pick up and knit the collar in 3x3 rib, then sewing the plackets in place. Make sure the plackets overlap.

NEXT MONTH

Cast on a sweet lightweight top for summertime, by Pat Menchini. Issue 172 is on sale Thursday 19 April.

STEP-BY-STEP PICK UP AND KNIT



1 Holding the piece of knitting you are going to pick the sts up from in your left hand, and starting at the top-right corner, insert the right-hand needle between the first two stitches of the row.



2 Wind your yarn around the needle and 'knit' the first stitch...



3 ...And pull the new stitch through between the two stitches.



4 Continue to work like this along the row or until you have picked up the necessary number of stitches. Try to space your stitches evenly.



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Treat yourself!

ALL YOU NEED FOR A FUN MONTH OF KNITTING

SPRING COLOURS



WHAT? Are you planning a big homeware knit but don't know what to choose? Look no further. The knitting team at Stylecraft are launching a new colourway of designer Lynne Rowe's On Point Knitted Chevron Blanket. Lynne designed the blanket exclusively for Black Sheep Wools using Stylecraft Special Chunky and they have reworked the colours to bring you on-trend soft, heathery tones. The kit is £21.99 and includes your knitting pattern.

WHERE? You can buy this gorgeous knitting kit by calling Black Sheep Wools on 01925 764231 or visiting them at www.blacksheepwools.com. If you're lucky enough to be local you can pop into their fab craft barn at Warehouse Studios, Glaziers Lane, Culcheth, Warrington, Cheshire WA3 4AQ, too!

► Available in a range of washed-out earthy tones, sherbet pastels and faded denim hues, Rowan's latest addition, Cotton Cashmere (£8.50 for 50g), makes luxurious summer knits you'll love wearing all spring and summer long. A rich blend of 85% cotton and 15% cashmere, Rowan Cotton Cashmere delivers a well-defined fabric giving you clear stitch definition and a beautiful finish. Try it out using Rowan's range of gorgeous single patterns, available now from www.knitrowan.com.



Enjoy spring and summer at DROPS! For soft, chunky lace, pretty striped dresses and delicate lace sleeves visit www.garnstudio.com for their latest pattern collection.

Little Bo Peep...



MORE MAGICAL YARN West Yorkshire Spinners believe luxury yarns shouldn't be saved just for adult garments. After the huge success of West Yorkshire Spinners' Bo Peep Luxury Baby DK, it's no surprise that they've launched a gentle 4ply version to accompany it. Made from the same sumptuous blend of Falkland Island wool and fine nylon, Bo Peep Luxury Baby 4 Ply (£3.50 for 50g) is a soft and lightweight yarn perfect for wrapping your little ones in. Machine washable at 40°C, Bo Peep 4 Ply comes in 16 shades and is accompanied by a selection of adorable baby patterns, all packaged up in a wonderful book called Bo Peep Story Book 2 (£9.50). For details on all yarns visit www.wyspinners.com.

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Meet needle felted Knitting Nancy Sheep (9cm, £15.95) from www.noths.com – a great gift for favourite friends!





Don't miss this!



New King Cole Cottonsoft Baby Crush DK (£4.79 for 100g) adds variegated colour to your baby knits! Visit www.kingcole.com for more.

If you do one thing...

...head on over to www.craftsy.com and discover a whole host of online knitting courses. Our current fave is Knitting Shawls 14 Ways: Exploring Shape and Design, with Laura Nelkin. Watch it anytime, anywhere at www.craftsy.com.

BIRTHDAY BLOWOUT!

► This extensive circular set includes 16 different-sized bamboo tips, cables and handy accessories, adapters, safety pins, panda cable stoppers or bead cable stoppers, needle grips with cable connectors and an interchangeable needle case, all in a brocade storage bag! For stockists visit www.hiyahiya-europe.com.



The wish list

Celebrate St George's Day with a fun dragon knit!



DEVILISH DRAGON

Whip up Alan Dart's wickedly good knit for an exceptional celebration, at just £2.50 for the pattern. www.alandart.co.uk



MARTIN THE DRAGON

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GRIFF THE DRAGON Goofy eyes never go unloved here at SK HQ! Knit Griff, by Amanda Berry, for a bit of fun. Find the £3.60 pattern at www.fluffandfuzz.weebly.com.

Out and about

Enjoy your free time – fun days out, craft shows & workshops.

We loved it... CORNWOOLLY

*** What?** A small but perfectly formed fibre and textile show at Chi an Bobel, Heartlands, Redruth, Cornwall.

*** What did we do?** After paying our £1 entry fee we browsed a bounty of wonderful stalls, enjoyed a wide selection of yarn and textile art and learnt about sheep conservation from the Rare Breeds Survival Trust.

*** What did we buy?** Some very cute silver sheep jewellery, bundles of luxurious hand-dyed yarn and some beautifully bright shawl pins.

*** Why you should go** If you're local, or happy to travel a short distance, this delightful Cornish show makes a rewarding morning out for those with a love of all things crafty. Stallholders are keen to talk about their crafty lives, giving customers insight into how they create their wares, and what inspired them to start up their own business.

*** What's up next?** This young, annual spring event was held on 18 March this year. For updates visit www.cornwoolly.co.uk.



60 seconds with Bev Hodgkinson



What makes your workshop different? I aim to put each participant at ease right from the start and always endeavour to make the workshop as relaxed, informative

and enjoyable as possible.

What will we learn? How to work cabled rib; how to read from a chart and how to use cabling and textured stitches in your own projects.

Why do you love teaching? Knitting is such an important part of my life and I want as many fellow knitters as possible to join our lovely community.

What questions do you always get?

Why is tension so important? How do I substitute the yarn given in a pattern?

Why hasn't my garment worked to size?

Common mistakes The instructions for how to work short row shaping seem to confuse an awful lot of knitters, but the vast majority of problems occur with not reading an instruction through to the end and of course, not making up a tension square before you start.

Your next workshop is... Cabled Mitts on 21 April at Black Sheep Wools' Craft Barn, Warrington. For details email Bev Hodgkinson at scoutie52@virginmedia.com or call 07905 301719 or visit www.blacksheepwools.com.

The Handmade Fair, Ragley Tickets for this 11-13 May event are selling fast and this year there's free parking too! Visit www.thehandmadefair.com/ragley for more.

TREND WATCH

What would you knit for the royal baby?



Must visit

Wonderwool Wales returns on 28-29 April. Held at the Royal Welsh Showground, you'll find great artisan products there and the great people who made them! Visit www.wonderwoolwales.co.uk for more details.

TAKE A TRIP!

► Why not join www.justhands-on.tv and Arena Travel for a wonderful summer knitting retreat this 2-9 July (from £1,399)! Knitting experts, Sarah Hatton and Rosee Woodland will be joining you on the beautiful island of Madeira. Here you'll spend a terrific week at the 4-star Enotel Quinta Do Sol on a bed and breakfast basis with a welcome dinner in the hotel and a farewell dinner in a traditional folklore restaurant. Take time to buff up your knitting skills during the trip's workshops and enjoy the company of fellow knitters. There are two great excursions included in the price of your ticket too. Visit www.arenatravel.com for details.





MEET OUR DESIGNER

Monica Fuertes

"I have been looking at cute illustrations for inspiration and came across a little girl who looked like a princess so I blended her and a bear idea I had together to create a sweet ted."



Hayfield Bonus DK is such a fab yarn for toys, it comes in so many shades!



Royal Teddy



Treat your own little royal highness to this sweet cuddly bear by **Monica Fuertes**. That pom-pom bow is just too cute!



EASY TO KNIT



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DK
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3½MM

YOU WILL NEED

- Hayfield, Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 100g/280m)
1 ball of each:
Yarn A Oatmeal (964)
Yarn B Cream (812)
Yarn C Classic Red (833)
 - Lion Brand, Vanna's Glamour (96% acrylic, 4% metallic, 50g/185m)
1 ball of **Yarn D** Topaz (170)
 - A pair of 3mm needles
 - A pair of 3½mm needles
 - 3 black glass eyes, 8mm in diameter (two for the eyes, one for the nose).
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TENSION

Yarn used knits as DK to this tension:
23 sts and 30 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3½mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

26cm (10in) tall (including crown)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

"Oh, he's such a cutie!"

"I want to say that I'll knit this little guy for one of my nieces or nephews, but I sort of want him for myself..."

Louise Smith, Production Assistant

When this little royal cutie arrived in the office there were plenty of squeals of delight! He's full of simple increases and decreases, worked across easy stocking stitch rows – making him a doddle to knit. Plus, he's just perfect for gifting to older children – although we can think of a few adults around here who would be delighted with him! Designer, Monica Fuertes gives clear instructions for first-time pompom makers, too.

TEDDY HEAD

Note Head begins at the muzzle.

Cast on 7 sts using 3½mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end of row. [14 sts]
Work 5 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Change to Yarn A.

Row 7 K3, (kfb) 8 times, K3. [22 sts]

Row 8 Purl.

Row 9 K3, (kfb, K1) 8 times, K3. [30 sts]

Row 10 Purl.

Row 11 K8, (kfb) 14 times, K8. [44 sts]

Work 14 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 26 P1, (p2tog, P6) 5 times, p2tog, P1. [38 sts]

Row 27 Knit.

Row 28 (P2tog, P4) 6 times, p2tog. [31 sts]

Row 29 Knit.

Row 30 P1, (P2tog, P2) 7 times, p2tog. [23 sts]

Row 31 Knit.

Row 32 P1, (p2tog) to end. [12 sts]

Row 33 (K2tog) to end. [6 sts]

Cast off.

Sew the Head and stuff. Sew on or apply black eyes and nose using the picture as a guide. Weave in ends.

OUTER EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 6 sts using 3½mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (Kfb, K1) to end. [9 sts]

Work 5 rows in st st beg with a P row.

Cast off.

INNER EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 6 sts using 3½mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (Kfb, K1) to end. [9 sts]

Work 4 rows in st st beg with a P row.

Cast off.

Sew the Inner and Outer Ears together with WS facing and stitch to the Head, curving both ends in slightly towards the front of the Head, using picture as a guide. Weave in ends.

BODY

Note Body begins at the neck.

Cast on 10 sts using 3½mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end of row. [20 sts]
Work 3 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

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

Work 9 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 15 (Kfb, K2) to end of row. [40 sts]

Work 19 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 35 K1, (k2tog, K4) 6 times, k2tog, K1. [33 sts]

Row 36 Purl.

Row 37 (K2tog, K1) to end. [22 sts]

Row 38 (P2tog) to end. [11 sts]

Row 39 (K2tog) to last st, K1. [6 sts]

Cast off.

Sew and stuff the Body. Weave in ends.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 7 sts using 3½mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (Kfb) to end. [14 sts]

Work 23 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 25 (K2tog) to end of row. [7 sts]

Cast off.

Sew and stuff the Arms just a little bit. Attach the Arms to the Body, sewing one white button at each Arm using diagram on page 20 as a guide. Weave in ends.

FEET AND LEGS (MAKE 2)

Note Legs begin at the Feet.

Cast on 15 sts using 3½mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (Kfb) to end. [30 sts]

Work 5 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 7 K9, (k2tog) 6 times, K9. [24 sts]

Row 8 Purl.

Row 9 K7, (k2tog) 5 times, K7. [19 sts]

Row 10 Purl.

Row 11 K6, k2tog, sk2po, k2tog, K6.

[15 sts]

Work 21 rows in st st beg with a P row.



Knit the crown sideways, join the two ends together and then sew onto the head.

Row 33 K1, (k2tog) to end of row. [8 sts]

Cast off.

Sew and stuff the Legs and Feet. Attach Legs to Body sewing one white button at top of each Leg, using diagram on page 20 as a guide. Weave in ends.

TAIL

Make a pompom (see below) approx 2.5cm in diameter using Yarn A and sew it to the Teddy's bottom. Weave in ends.

TO MAKE A POMPOM

Cut two circles from a piece of cardboard. Make a hole in the centre, making the distance from the hole to the edge of the circle a little larger than the finished pompon should be. Using a yarn needle with one or more long strands of designated yarn, sew through the centre hole, spacing stitches evenly around the entire cardboard circle. When the cardboard is covered and you have enough wraps to make a firm pompon, lay this on a table and slip scissors between the outer edges of cardboard to cut the strands. Using a double strand of yarn, carefully slip this yarn between the cardboard circles and tie firmly with a single knot, pulling the centre of all the cut strands together. Remove the cardboard circles and tie the double strand into a tight double knot. Trim edges of pompon and use a double strand of yarn to fasten pompon to Teddy.

GOLDEN CROWN

Cast on 5 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn D.

Row 1 K3, yo, K2. [6 sts]

Row 2 Knit.

Row 3 K4, yo, K2. [7 sts]

Row 4 Knit.

Row 5 K5, yo, K2. [8 sts]

Row 6 Knit.

Row 7 K6, yo, K2. [9 sts]



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We can almost see that little pompom tail wiggling! Use two circles of cardboard to create a fuzzy pompom tail.

STEP-BY-STEP KFB INCREASE 1 BY KNITTING INTO FRONT & BACK



1 Insert the tip of the right-hand needle into the front of the stitch and knit as normal, but don't drop it from the left-hand needle.



2 Then take the right-hand needle behind the left-hand one and insert the tip of the needle down through the back of the stitch on the left-hand needle.



3 Wrap the yarn around the tip of the right-hand needle to knit the stitch. Bring the needle through to make the stitch, keeping it on the right-hand needle.



4 Take the stitch off the left-hand needle. You will have increased one stitch by knitting twice into the original stitch, first at the front, then at the back.

Royal teddy

Row 8 Cast off 4 sts, K to end. [5 sts]

Repeat Rows 1-8, 5 more times.

Cast off.

Sew the cast-on and cast-off edges of the Crown into a circular shape and sew it to the top of the Teddy's Head using image on page 18 as a guide.

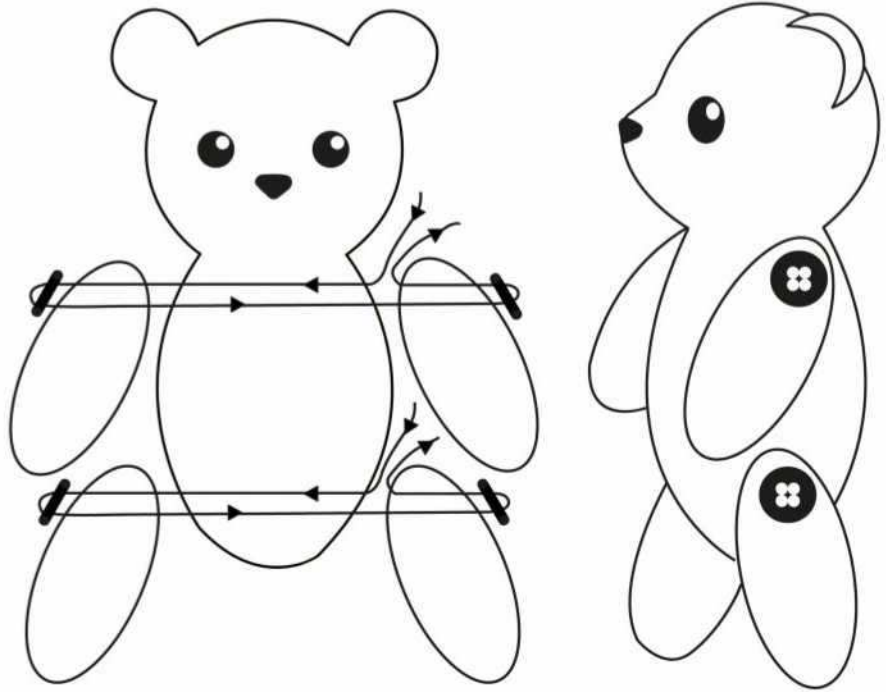
RED BOW

Plait a braid using 3 strands of Yarn C, approx 28cm long.

Make 2 pompoms approx 2.5cm in diameter and attach one to each end of the braid. Tie the braid around the neck and tie into a bow at the front. 🧶

NEXT MONTH

Head to the beach with Louise Crowther's sweet little summer girl cuddly toy! Issue 172 is on sale Thursday 19 April.



Use the diagram above as a guide for sewing the arms and legs in place, using small white buttons and matching yarn or thread. This method allows the limbs to move.

IT'S ALL IN THE DETAIL



Each white button is sewn in place while attaching an arm or a leg to the teddy.



These little pompoms (2.5cm in diameter) are made using two circles of cardboard.



Use small glass eyes (8mm in diameter) to make the teddy's eyes and nose features.



The ears are made up of inner and outer parts, which are knitted separately.



Teddy's tail is made using the same method as the bow's pompoms – using Yarn A instead.



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TENSION

Yarn knits as aran to this tension:
19 sts and 25 rows to measure 10x10cm
(4x4in) over stocking stitch using 4½mm
needles

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

"This is my kind of..."

"...cardi! I'm fairly tall so when I see a longline cardi like this I've got to knit it. I'm thinking mustard yellow..."

Louise Smith, Production Assistant



FRONTS & BACK

68 (68: 70: 72: 74: 74)cm
26¾ (26¾: 27½: 28¼: 28¼: 29: 29)in

49 (51: 54: 56: 59: 61: 64: 66)cm
19¼ (20: 21¼: 22: 23¼: 24: 25: 26)in



SLEEVE

45 (45: 45: 46: 46: 46)cm
17¾ (17¾: 17¾: 18: 18: 18)in

Say hello to your new wardrobe favourite! Knitted in a super-soft mix of wools and polyamide, this cosy cardi is great for lazy Sundays. Thanks to its stylish stitches, it's also fab for spring walks and parties! It's all knitted flat and joined together at the end, with the neck picked up and knitted.

BACK

Cast on 89 (93: 97: 101: 107: 111: 115: 119) sts using 4mm needles.

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

Row 2 Knit.

These 2 rows set rice stitch.

Work 6 rows more in rice stitch.

Change to 4½mm needles and cont in Rice Stitch until work meas 15cm from cast-on edge, after a RS row.

Next row (WS) K to end, inc 4 (4: 6: 6: 6: 6: 6: 6) sts evenly across row.

[93 (97: 103: 107: 113: 117: 121: 125) sts]

Beg with a K row, cont in st st until work meas 46 (46: 47: 47: 48: 48: 49: 49)cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

Work 4 rows, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Row 1 (RS) K2, P1, K3, P1, K1, skpo, K to last 10 sts, k2tog, K1, P1, K3, P1, K2.

[2 sts dec'd]

Row 2 P8, P2tog, purl to last 10 sts, P2togtbl, P8. [2 sts dec'd]

Row 3 K2, P1, sl1, K1, yo, K1, pass slipped st over these 3 sts, P1, K1, skpo, K to last 10 sts, k2tog, K1, P1, sl1, K1, yo, K1, pass slipped st over these 3 sts, P1, K2.

[2 sts dec'd]

Row 4 P8, P2tog, purl to last 10 sts, P2togtbl, P8. [2 sts dec'd]

Row 5 K2, P1, K3, P1, K1, skpo, K to last

10 sts, k2tog, K1, P1, K3, P1, K2.

[2 sts dec'd]

These last 4 rows set armhole shaping and mock cable detail.

Working mock cable detail as set throughout, dec 1 st as set at each end of next 4 (4: 4: 4: 0: 0: 0: 0) rows, then on 3 (3: 4: 4: 5: 5: 5: 5) foll alt rows.

[69 (73: 77: 81: 93: 97: 101: 105) sts]

Cont without shaping, continuing to work mock cable, until armhole meas 20 (20: 21: 21: 22: 22: 23: 23) cm, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Next row Cast off 5 (6: 7: 8: 10: 11: 12: 13), K10 (11: 11: 12: 15: 16: 16: 17), turn and work on these last 10 (11: 11: 12: 15: 16: 16: 17) sts only.

Next row (neck shaping) **Cast off** 4 sts, P to end. [6 (7: 7: 8: 11: 12: 12: 13) sts]

Cast off rem sts.

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to rem sts, **cast off** 39 (39: 41: 41: 43: 43: 45: 45) sts, K to end.

Next row Cast off 5 (6: 7: 8: 10: 11: 12: 13), P to end.

Next row (neck shaping) **Cast off** 4 sts, K to end. [6 (7: 7: 8: 11: 12: 12: 13) sts]

Cast off rem sts.

POCKET LININGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 21 sts using 5mm needles.

Work in rice stitch as set on Back until work meas 12cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

Leave sts on a holder.

LEFT FRONT

Cast on 50 (52: 56: 58: 60: 62: 64: 66) sts using 4mm needles.

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22
TO FIT BUST	cm	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46
	in	81	86	91	97	102	107	112	117
ACTUAL BACK WIDTH	cm	49	51	54	56	59	61	64	66
	in	19¼	20	21¼	22	23¼	24	25	26
LENGTH	cm	68	68	70	70	72	72	74	74
	in	26¾	26¾	27½	27½	28¼	28¼	29	29
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	45	45	45	45	46	46	46	46
	in	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾	18	18	18	18
YARN		Rowan, Kid Classic (50g/140m)							
Cherry Red (847)		7	8	8	8	9	9	10	10

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

Row 1 (RS) *K1, P1; rep from * to last 20 sts, K3, (P1, K1) 6 times, P1, K4.

Row 2 K1, P3, K13, P3, K to end.

Row 3 *K1, P1; rep from * to last 20 sts, sl1, K1, yo, K1, pass slipped st over these 3 sts, (P1, K1) 6 times, P1, sl1, K1, yo, K1, pass slipped st over these 3 sts, K1.

Row 4 K1, P3, K13, P3, K to end.

These 4 rows set rice stitch and front edging with mock cable.

Work 6 rows more as set.

Change to 4½mm needles and cont as set until work meas 15cm from cast-on edge, ending after a RS row.

Next row (WS) Patt 21, K1, kfb, K1 (2: 4: 5: 6: 7: 8: 9), **cast off** 21 sts, K3 (4: 6: 7: 8: 9: 10: 11), kfb, K1. [2 sts inc'd and 21 sts cast off for Pocket]

PLACE POCKET

Next row K6 (7: 9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14), K across 21 sts from Pocket Lining holder, knit to last 21 sts, patt to end.

[52 (54: 58: 60: 62: 64: 66: 68) sts]

Next row Patt 21, P to end.

Cont as foll:

Next row K to last 21 sts, patt to end.

Next row Patt 21, P to end.

These 2 rows set front edge patt and st st.

Cont as set until work meas 46 (46: 47: 47: 48: 48: 49: 49)cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE FRONT NECK

Dec row (RS) Patt to last 24 sts, k2tog, K1, patt to end. [1 st dec'd]

This row sets neck shaping.

Work 3 rows straight, ending with RS facing for next row.

[51 (53: 57: 59: 61: 63: 65: 67) sts]

SHAPE ARMHOLE

Working armhole shaping as set on Back, dec 1 st at armhole edge of next 9 (9: 9:



Pick up and knit the neck, using mock cable stitch and rice stitch to create a textured finish.

9: 5: 5: 5: 5) rows, then on 3 (3: 4: 4: 5: 5: 5: 5) foll alt rows and AT SAME TIME dec 1 st at neck edge of next and 3 (3: 4: 4: 3: 3: 3) foll 4th rows.

[35 (37: 39: 41: 47: 49: 51: 53) sts]

Dec 1 st at neck edge only of 1 (1: 3: 3: 0: 0: 0: 0) foll 4th rows, and 2 (2: 1: 1: 5: 5: 6: 6) foll 6th rows.

[32 (34: 35: 37: 42: 44: 45: 47) sts]

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

SHAPE SHOULDER

Next row **Cast off** 5 (6: 7: 8: 10: 11: 12: 13) sts, patt to end.

Work 1 row straight.

Next row **Cast off** 6 (7: 7: 8: 11: 12: 12: 13) sts, patt to end. [21 sts]

Leave these 21 sts on a holder.

RIGHT FRONT

Cast on 50 (52: 56: 58: 60: 62: 64: 66) sts using 4mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) K4, P1, (K1, P1) 6 times, K3, *P1, K1; rep from * to end.

Row 2 K to last 20 sts, P3, K13, P3, K1.

Row 3 K1, sl1, K1, yo, K1, pass slipped st over these 3 sts, P1, (K1, P1) 6 times, sl1, K1, yo, K1, pass slipped st over these 3 sts, *P1, K1; rep from * to end.

Row 4 K to last 20 sts, P3, K13, P3, K1.

These 4 rows set rice stitch and front edging.

Work 6 rows more as set.

Change to 4½mm needles and cont in rice stitch until work meas 15cm from cast-on edge, ending after a RS row.

Next row (WS) K1, kfb, K3 (4: 6: 7: 8: 9: 10: 11), **cast off** 21 sts, K1 (2: 4: 5: 6: 7: 8: 9), kfb, K1, patt 21 to end.

STEP-BY-STEP KFB INCREASE 1 BY KNITTING INTO FRONT & BACK



1 Insert the tip of the right-hand needle into the front of the stitch and knit as normal, but don't drop it from the left-hand needle.



2 Then take the right-hand needle behind the left-hand one and insert the tip of the needle down through the back of the stitch on the left-hand needle.



3 Wrap the yarn around the tip of the right-hand needle to knit the stitch. Bring the needle through to make the stitch, keeping it on the right-hand needle.



4 Take the stitch off the left-hand needle. You will have increased one stitch by knitting twice into the original stitch, first at the front, then at the back.

Longline cardigan

PLACE POCKET

Next row Patt 21, K4 (5: 7: 8: 9: 10: 11: 12), K across 21 sts from Pocket Lining, K to end.

[51 (53: 57: 59: 61: 63: 65: 67) sts]

Next row P to last 21 sts, patt 21.

Cont as folls:

Next row Patt 21, K to end.

Next row P to last 21 sts, patt 21.

These 2 rows set front edge patt and st, cont as set until work meas 46 (46: 47: 47: 48: 48: 49: 49)cm, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE FRONT NECK

Next row (RS) Patt 21, K1, skpo, K to end.

[1 st dec'd]

This row sets neck shaping.

Work 3 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

[51 (53: 57: 59: 61: 63: 65: 66) sts]

SHAPE ARMHOLE

Working armhole shaping as set on Back, dec 1 st at armhole edge of next 9 (9: 9: 9: 5: 5: 5: 5) rows, then on 3 (3: 4: 4: 5: 5: 5: 5) foll alt rows and AT SAME TIME dec 1 st at neck edge of next and 3 (3: 4: 4: 3: 3: 3: 3) foll 4th rows.

[35 (37: 39: 41: 47: 49: 51: 53) sts]

Dec 1 st at neck edge only of 1 (1: 3: 3: 0: 0: 0: 0) foll 4th rows, and 2 (2: 1: 1: 5: 5: 6: 6) foll 6th rows.

[32 (34: 35: 37: 42: 44: 45: 47) sts]

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

SHAPE SHOULDER

Next row Cast off 5 (6: 7: 8: 10: 11: 12: 13) sts, patt to end.

Work 1 row.

Next row Cast off 6 (7: 7: 8: 11: 12: 12: 13) sts, patt to end. [21 sts]

Leave these 21 sts on a holder.

SLEEVES (BOTH ALIKE)

Cast on 37 (37: 39: 39: 41: 41: 43: 43) sts using 4mm needles.

Work 6 rows in rice stitch as set on Back. Change to 4½mm needles and cont in rice stitch until work meas 7 (7: 7: 7: 8: 8: 8: 8)cm, ending after a RS row.

Next row (WS) K to end, inc 2 sts evenly across row.

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

Beg with a K row and working in st st throughout, inc 1 st at each end of 5th and 6 foll 4th rows, then on every foll 6th row to 71 (71: 73: 73: 75: 75: 77: 77) sts. Cont without shaping until Sleeve meas 45 (45: 45: 45: 46: 46: 46: 46)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.



Knit the linings of the pockets before placing them and knitting them into the cardigan.

SHAPE SLEEVE TOP

Dec 1 st at each end of next 9 (9: 9: 9: 5: 5: 5) rows, then on 3 (3: 4: 4: 5: 5: 5) foll alt rows.

[47 (47: 47: 47: 55: 55: 57: 57) sts]

Work 1 row straight.

Cast off 5 (5: 5: 5: 6: 6: 6: 6) sts at beg of next 8 rows. [7 (7: 7: 7: 7: 9: 9) sts]

Cast off rem sts.

TO MAKE UP

Join shoulder seams.

Place marker at centre-back neck.

Using 4½mm needles rejoin yarn to 21 sts at each front neck, cont in patt on these sts until band fits around back neck to marker.

Cast off.

Sew neck edging in place and join cast-off edges.

Join side and Sleeve seams.

Matching decreases and easing rem fabric into place, sew in Sleeves. 🧵

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Baby Hat 1 ball of Salmon-Grey (001)
 - Rico, Baby So Soft DK
(100% polyamide, 100g/250m)
Baby Pod 1 ball of White (001)
Baby Hat 1 ball of White (001)
- If knitting both Baby Pod and Hat, you will only need 1 ball of White (001)*
- A 3 1/4mm circular needle, 40 cm long (for the Pod)
 - A set of 4mm double-pointed needles (DPNs), for the Pod
 - A 4mm circular needle, 40cm long (for the Pod)
 - A pair of 4mm needles (for the Hat)
 - Stitch marker

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TENSION

Baby Pod Yarn used knits as DK to this tension: 26 sts and 22 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over Pod pattern using 4mm needles

Baby Hat Yarn used knits as DK to this tension: 22 sts and 30 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3 1/4mm needles.

MEASUREMENTS

Baby Pod

To fit 0-6 months (6-12 months)

Actual length

41 (47)cm / 16 (18 1/2)in

Actual circumference

46 (57)cm / 18 (22 1/2)in

Baby Hat

To fit Preemie (0-3 months: 3-6 months: 6-12 months)

Head circumference 30.5 (35.5: 38:

40.5)cm / 12 (14: 15: 16)in

Actual hat circumference

28 (31: 33 1/2: 36 1/4) cm / (11 (12: 13 1/4: 14 1/4)in

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

New parents will love this sweet baby set! The simple 16-row pattern repeat and easy stitches make this a quicker knit than it looks. Knitted in stripes of white and self-striping yarn, you can mix and match shades to suit the lucky recipients. The pod is knitted in the round, on 3 1/4mm and 4mm needles, with the hat knitted flat on 4mm needles. Both yarns used are made to last, making this an ideal heirloom knit.

BABY POD

Cast on 120 (148) sts using a 3 1/4mm circular needle and Yarn A.

Join to knit in the round, taking care not to twist sts. PM to mark beg of round.

Rounds 1-4 Knit.

Rounds 5-15 (K2, P2) to end.

SIZE 0-6 M ONLY

Round 16 (K2, P2) to end.

SIZE 6-12 M ONLY

Round 16 (Rib 49, kfb) twice, rib to end. [- (150) sts]

ALL SIZES

Change to a 4mm circular needle and Yarn B.

Round 17 *K2tog, K5, yo, K1, yo, K5, skpo; rep from * to end.

Round 18 Knit.

Repeat Rounds 17-18, 3 more times.

Change to Yarn A.

Repeat Rounds 17-18, 4 times.

These 16 rows form pattern.

Continue in 8-row stripes of each colour until Pod measures approx 36 (42)cm, ending with a Row 8 of pattern.

DECREASE FOR BASE

Note Change to DPNs when necessary. Cont in pattern and stripe sequence, work next round as follows:

Round 1 *K2tog, K3, k2tog, yo, K1, yo, skpo, K3, skpo; rep from * to end. [104 (130) sts]

Round 2 and every foll alt round Knit.

Round 3 *K2tog, K2, k2tog, yo, K1, yo, skpo, K2, skpo; rep from * to end. [88 (110) sts]

Round 5 *K2tog, K1, k2tog, yo, K1, yo, K1, skpo; rep from * to end.

Round 7 *(K2tog) twice, yo, K1, yo, skpo, skpo; rep from * to end.

Round 9 *K2tog, yo, K1, yo, skpo.

Round 11 K2tog, k3tog, k2tog.

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Sew up bottom seam, slightly gathering it up to form a rounded base to the Baby Pod.

BABY HAT

Cast on 62 (68: 74: 80) sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Knit 12 (12: 14) rows.

Join in Yarn B.

Begin working in st st in 4-row stripes of each colour until Hat measures 6 (7: 8: 9)cm from cast-on edge.

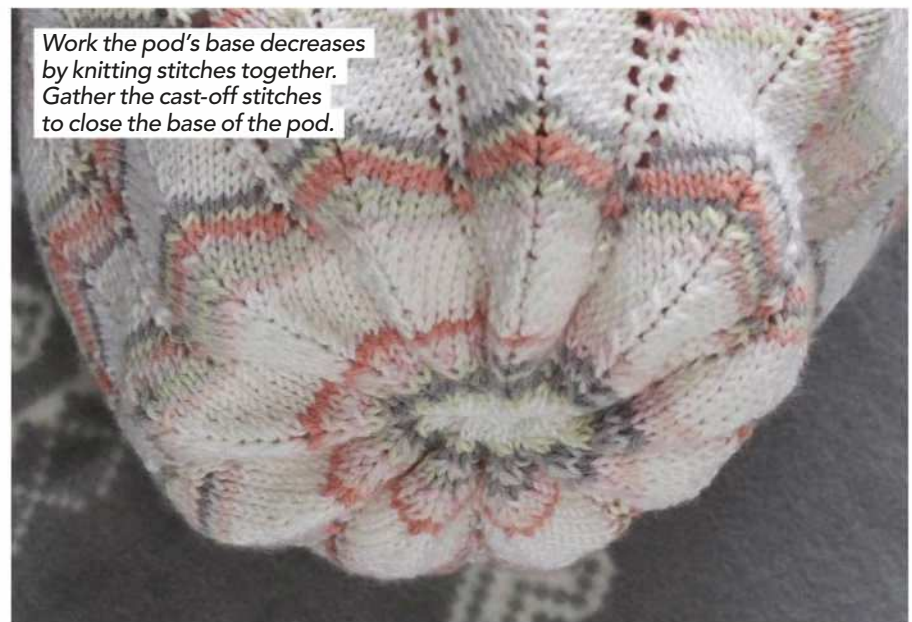
DECREASE FOR CROWN

Cont working in stripes throughout, decrease for Crown as follows:

Row 1 K1 *k2tog, K8 (9: 10: 11); rep from * to last st K1. [56 (62: 68: 74) sts]

Row 2 and every foll alt row Purl.

Row 3 K1 *k2tog, K7 (8: 9: 10); rep from * to last st K1. [50 (56: 62: 68) sts]



Work the pod's base decreases by knitting stitches together. Gather the cast-off stitches to close the base of the pod.

"Baby pods are so useful!"

"They're so handy for keeping baby snug and safe – an adorable hat is a fab bonus. This is on the knit-list."

Sophie Jordan, Production Editor

Row 5 K1 *k2tog, K6 (7: 8: 9); rep from * to last st K1. [44 (50: 56: 62) sts]
Row 7 K1 *k2tog, K5 (6: 7: 8); rep from * to last st K1. [38 (44: 50: 56) sts]
Row 9 K1 *k2tog, K4 (5: 6: 7); rep from * to last st, K1. [32 (38: 44: 50) sts]
Row 11 K1 *k2tog, K3 (4: 5: 6); rep from * to last st, K1. [26 (32: 38: 44) sts]
Row 13 K1 *k2tog, K2 (3: 4: 5); rep from * to last st K1. [20 (26: 32: 38) sts]
Row 15 K1 *k2tog, K1 (2: 3: 4); rep from * to last st, K1. [14 (20: 26: 32) sts]

SIZES 0-3M, 3-6M AND 6-12M ONLY

Row 17 K1 *k2tog, K- (1: 2: 3); rep from * to last st, K1. [- (14: 20: 26) sts]

ALL SIZES

Next round Purl.

Next round *K2tog; rep from * to end. [7 (7: 10: 13) sts]

TO MAKE UP

Fasten off and thread the yarn tail through a tapestry needle, draw through rem sts and pull gently to close. Weave in the tail. Sew up side seam using mattress stitch with RS facing. Fold up the brim (using image as a guide) and join the turn up using whip stitch. Weave in ends and gently block to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band.

NEXT MONTH

Knit a sweet baby jumper in snugly West Yorkshire Spinners' yarn, by Sarah Hatton. Issue 172 is on sale Thurs 19 April.



The pod is started at the top and knitted in the round, finishing at the base.



Start the hat from the brim and finish with the crown decrease, threading the tail through the last few stitches.

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



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



2 Knit the next stitch as



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



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

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In the loop

TIME TO UNWIND WITH OUR FUN MIX OF LETTERS, PUZZLES AND SNIPPETS.



STAR LETTER!



BLOCK-BY-BLOCK JUMPER

I thought you might like to see a jumper that I knitted for my great nephew. He is seven years old and really keen on Minecraft. I used a basic raglan pattern and added the Minecraft effect to the front. I found it was a good way to use up many scraps of brown and green from my stash. I am thinking of knitting another one, with many different coloured squares.

Heather Bovey, via email 



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TROPICAL TWEETS ▶

I've attached a picture of my latest knit from *Simply Knitting* magazine, in issue 169. I couldn't wait to get started making it. I changed the pink base to the two green shades of the birds.

Laura Marshall, via email



Go green! We're just loving those tropical hues, Laura.

STASH BUSTER ▼

I made this baby blanket from a little book that came with my *Simply Knitting* magazine a while back. It was a lovely pattern for using up my odd balls of wool. I knitted it for a future great-grandchild – I have five already and I knit for them all. I love your magazine, thank you for the lovely patterns.

Elaine Telford, via Facebook

If you would like to knit this blanket you'll find it in our 'Quick & Easy Knits' booklet, free with issue 155. Find your digital copy at www.theyarnloop.com/magazine/simply-knitting/digital.

▼ Look at that beautiful heirloom knit! Elaine has done such a wonderful job.



SHOWTIME! ▼

I loved knitting these patterns from issues 166 and 167! It was so easy to follow and only took me a week to finish.

Dulcie Haddock, via Facebook

Dulcie's Pantomime cast can be found in *Simply Knitting* issues 166 and 167. Find your digital copy at www.theyarnloop.com/magazine/simply-knitting/digital.



▲ This fabulous cast of characters only took Dulcie a week to knit – amazing!



TIME TO SHOW OFF!

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HATS OFF!

WE CAN'T BELIEVE THIS CUTE BEANIE IS @NANA_SQUARED'S FIRST EVER KNITTED HAT! A LONG-TIME CROCHETER, SHE'S GIVING KNITTING A GO AND DIDN'T EVEN USE A PATTERN TO KNIT THIS CLEVER CAP – WE LOVE IT!



SWEET SURPRISE

@THEKNITTINGJENN CAME HOME AFTER WORK TO A FRIDGE FULL OF YUMMY FOOD (YES PLEASE!) AND A BRAND NEW COPY OF *SIMPLY KNITTING* WAITING FOR HER, ALL COURTESY OF HER KIND PARENTS.

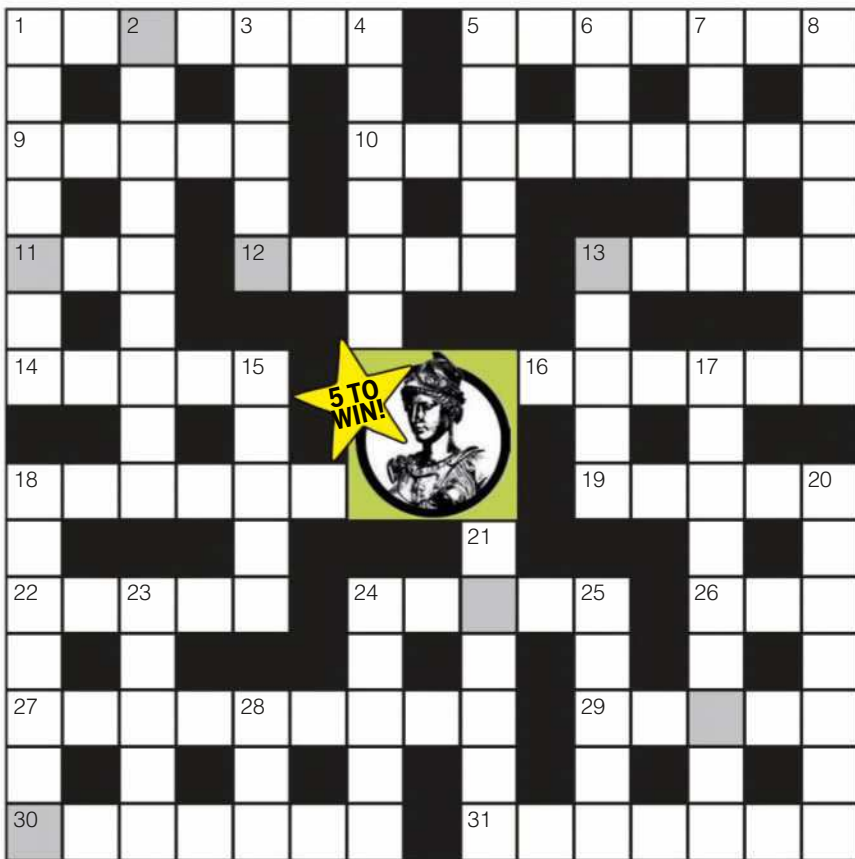


WORK OF HEART

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Down: 1 Emperor, 2 Lazy daisy, 3 Peach, 4 Escort, 5 Marry, 6 Two, 7 Evans, 8 Seattle, 13 Viola, 15 Needy, 17 Boomerang, 18 Mr Right, 20 Eleanor, 21 Assess, 23 Skein, 24 Roast, 25 Salsa, 28 Tag.
Prize word: TERESA (as in Mother Teresa!)

TURN TO PAGE 38 FOR HOW TO ENTER OUR COMPETITIONS

ACROSS

- 1 Sideboard with shelves for showing crockery (7)
- 5 Produce flowers (7)
- 9 Smells unpleasant (5)
- 10 Gridded version of stocking stitch (4,5)
- 11 Climbing vine also known as Hedera (3)
- 12 Compass point (5)
- 13 Card game involving betting (5)
- 14 Husband-to-be (5)
- 16 --- Gaynor, American disco singer (6)
- 18 Spring festival (3,3)
- 19 Wedding attendant (5)
- 22 Arm joint (5)
- 24 Iron (5)
- 26 Tool for piercing a hole in fabric (3)
- 27 Cricket event between two nations (4,5)
- 29 Church passageway (5)
- 30 Florida theme parks city (7)
- 31 Knitting implements (7)

DOWN

- 1 Mending a hole in knitted material (7)
- 2 --- Wants To Rule The World, Tears for Fears (9)
- 3 --- Boyle, Scottish singer and former Britain's Got Talent winner (5)
- 4 Holiday location (6)
- 5 Deciduous tree with small brown nuts (5)
- 6 Elderly person (1,1,1)
- 7 Light meal (5)
- 8 Disease carried by mosquitoes (7)
- 13 Indian rice dish (5)
- 15 Cat's cry (5)
- 17 Practice recital (9)
- 18 Prominent conductor (7)
- 20 Hair curlers (7)
- 21 --- Markle, royal bride (6)
- 23 Fragrant herb used in pesto (5)
- 24 Outdoor paved area (5)
- 25 The --- Of Water, blockbuster film (5)
- 28 Mr ---, series of children's books by Roger Hargreaves (3)

CURTAIN CALLS ▼

I wanted to share my Alan Dart knit from issue 163, Jack and the Giant. I work in a theatre and this year our pantomime was Jack and the Beanstalk, so I couldn't resist knitting up my own mini version. Although I didn't have time to make the giant, I was pleased when my little knit got displayed on one of our backstage noticeboards. It put a smile on all the cast's and crew's faces as they walked onto the stage every day.

Laura Davies, Wiltshire



Seeing this little fella every day would definitely put smiles on our faces, too!

WOOLLY WARMTH ►

Here is a picture of a great friend's granddaughter, wearing a sweater I made using a pattern from one of your more recent issues (165). She lives in Vermont, a very cold area. The sweater fits her really well and looks great with her blue eyes! For added warmth, I lined it with flannel fabric and she likes that it makes it extra soft to wear. Thank you for a wonderful pattern.

Melissa Pagel, Missouri, USA

ANNUAL MEET-UP ▼

These little guys get together every year at Christmas – don't they look happy!

Carole Mooney, a Simply Knitting subscriber for many years



▲ Cuteness overload! Melissa's jumper looks almost as adorable as the little model wearing it.

◀ Just look at these sweet fellas! We're in love with that little guy in the corner – such cuddly beards.



COME ON IN

◀ KIND WORDS

Here is my take on the reindeer tea cosy from issue 166, as I couldn't find all the colours in the list. The same issue contained a poem I wrote, inspired by my friends. A present from my youngest grandson inspired me to write this one:

*I opened a present from a grandson
An envelope came into sight
A subscription to Simply Knitting
Imagine my sheer delight
It drops on the mat without shopping
That's difficult for me to do
Packed full of ideas and patterns
Which one will I choose to do?
Free gifts of kits or needles
Are some things to look forward to
And codes for a discount on yarn
And a chance of "freebies for you"
I enjoy the crossword and puzzles
Keeps my brain ticking over, you see
So I can understand the patterns
And knit something useful for me
Other readers' letters and photos
Of projects that they have done*

*Are a source of inspiration
Also "Purls of Wisdom" and
"Knit One, Purl Fun"
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Great for getting people together
And everyone knitting at will
So keep up the good work
Simply Knitting
We can tweet, post a pic or hashtag
Or simply e-mail our contributions
To a truly inspirational mag.*

Kath Stonier, Staffordshire

NEAT IDEA ▼

The *British Birds* booklet that came with issue 168 prompted me to pass on my tip for making use of all odd scraps left over from sewing up. I put mine to good use rather than in the bin and our little feathered friends are so happy to use them. I save all net bags from fruit and veg, then cut up the scraps of wool into short pieces of about two inches. It doesn't take too long if you wrap them around your hand and chop them. I pop them in a net bag, tie the bag shut and tie them onto the trees in my garden. The birds soon take them to furnish their nests with multi-coloured warm lining to bring up their new babies in. They love it.

L Villiers, Coventry



▲ We love Kath's version of our reindeer cosy set, and her beautiful poem has absolutely warmed our hearts. Thank you so much, Kath!

10 TO WIN!

SUDOKU TIME!

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★ TURN TO PAGE 38 FOR HOW TO ENTER OUR COMPETITIONS ★



▲ What a fab idea! We're going to give it a go through the spring and summer. Thank you for such a useful scrap yarn tip – and nature thanks you too.

In stitches by Malcolm Bird



See more of Malcolm's great artwork on his website www.malcolm-bird.co.uk



READER STORY

“SOCKS CAN WARM FEET AND HEARTS”

Doting grandma, Jill Jenson, knitted extra-special socks for all of her grandchildren last Christmas...



Jill Jenson had the perfect surprise for her grandchildren last year – paint-your-own-socks, knitted by grandma!

Jill has been

knitting for her grandchildren since before they were born and continues to knit for them now. “I dye, spin and knit each new baby a blanket,” explains Jill.

Taught to knit by her grandmother, when she was just three years old, Jill has been putting her woolly skills to good use ever since – and passing them onto her own children, as well as theirs.

“My grandkids are always wanting to help,” says Jill. “They love to run to the sock basket when they get here and will come out with a skein of yarn on each

foot to tell me they need these. Their names go on the yarn and it gets put on my to-do-list. It makes my heart happy.”

“If a family member asks you to make

something for them, I feel like it’s an honour to be asked,” adds Jill. “I try very hard to make it happen.”

Jill reveals that she typically knits at least 36 pairs of socks throughout the year to give as gifts. She follows a basic pattern for the bulk of her Christmas sock knitting and measures her grandchildren’s feet twice a year (at Easter and Halloween time) to make sure their new socks will fit properly.

“When I get my notebook and tape measure out they know what it means,” explains Jill. “They come running and shoes go flying, feet are suddenly in the air and I hear a chorus of: “Me first! I’m ready!” from each of them.”

After thinking long and hard about how to make their next lot of socks even more special and unique, Jill decided to knit them each a blank pair using Knit Picks Bare Felici Worsted and Sport. She then purchased a set of dyes from Paradise Fibres.

“The folks there are very knowledgeable and friendly,” says Jill. “I watched a YouTube video they have on microwave dyeing with



Just look at all the fun doodles on these socks!

the dyes I bought and that’s how we dyed and set all the socks that I knitted.”

Jill gave each of her grandchildren the finished – but still blank – socks and told them they could paint them any way they liked using the set of dyes.

As expected, Jill’s grandchildren absolutely love their new socks and had oodles of fun painting them. She has been assured that whenever the shoes come off, the socks go on. “The socks are just a few weeks old, but you can tell they are well-loved already,” says Jill.

“The kids are old enough now to get a knitting book and pick out things they want,” says Jill. “It never occurs to them Grandma wouldn’t do it for them, and I hope it never does!”

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Jill also knitted squares to sew into keepsake memory blankets.



Jill’s grandchildren had such great fun dyeing their socks.



Each of the socks were wrapped in clingfilm and set in the microwave.

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to
WIN!



6 Parents and kids alike will love this bright and cheerful dress from Patons. Knitted with 11 balls of Fairytale Cotton 4ply, we have four sets of yarn and patterns to give away (worth over £35). Have fun with the easy stocking stitch and sweet Fair Isle.
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7 It's always the right season to cast on a good jumper! LoveKnitting are offering two of you the chance to win all you need to make the beautiful Samantha Jumper (above). Each set includes the yarn and needles needed to knit it in the largest size.
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8 Say hello to Fennel the Highland Cow! We have five fantastic kits up for grabs, courtesy of Knit2Felt. Inside each one, you'll find all the yarn and felt needed to create your very own Fennel, plus a pair of needles, toy stuffing and pattern (worth £25 each).
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Knit & natter



Claudia is currently working on this wonderful stripy blanket.



**NORTH BERWICK
KNIT AND NATTER**

Gathered around the fire in a cosy little pub, just off the high street in North Berwick, you'll discover the sound of clicking needles and clinking glasses. They belong to North Berwick Knit and Natter.

The Auld Hoose pub has been home to this lively group for more than six years now, with members coming and going when the urge to knit strikes them. "The club started with approximately ten people meeting up," explains long-time member Claudia Gehrig. "Numbers always vary as we don't register anyone and meetings are open to anybody who fancies joining in, even if it is just for one week (as some tourists do)."

Claudia says that a few years ago their numbers dropped, due to family commitments, changes in work life and sadly, losing some members to cancer. However, the core of the group remains strong, with four regular members huddling around the coals each week.

"We normally have a tippie – the pub is known for its weekly changes of real ales on tap," says Claudia. "We quickly found out that gin and tonic doesn't work very well with knitting, as you lose too many

stitches and end up with fewer on your needles than you started with!"

The ladies welcome anyone passing through the pub to join in with their knitting (or crocheting). If enough people turn up, they will pull a group of tables together, near the fire. "Very often, the local fishermen have a chat with us, asking what we're knitting," adds Claudia.

During the winter months, the pub's fire is the place to be for this group (it's the reason they chose to meet there in the first place), but when summer hits, you'll find these ladies and their needles outside in the sun. "If the weather is good enough, we sometimes meet up at the beach," says Claudia. "It's just a couple of yards away from the pub."

Past summers have seen the group team up with other local crafters to create woolly exhibitions in their town. "In 2014, we worked together to liven up North Berwick Harbour," says Claudia. "We all brought along our knitted or crocheted nautical-themed items to decorate the harbourside, and we knitted lovely fish and even some gulls out of plastic bags."

In December 2015, the group held their first stall at the local market, raising money

for Macmillan Cancer Support. "We sold scarves, mittens and hats," says Claudia.

"We managed to raise over £250 and at the moment, one of our members (Silvia) is busy knitting wristwarmers and hats for premature babies at Edinburgh Hospital."

Individually, the ladies enjoy knitting jumpers, shawls, cardigans and blankets. "It's very encouraging that you can ask someone for support, whether it's knitting or moral, and it's lovely that we have a good mixture of ages," says Claudia. "It's just nice to have such a diverse group and it's great that you don't have to commit, or even say if you're coming or not, you can just pop in and leave when you like."

This group meets every Tuesday, from 5.30-7pm, at The Auld Hoose, 19 Forth Street, North Berwick EH39 4HX. Find out more at www.facebook.com/theauldhoosenorthberwick.

THIS ISSUE, OUR CLUB OF THE MONTH WINS A £30 BLACK SHEEP WOOLS GIFT CARD TO USE AT WWW.BLACKSHEEPWOOLS.COM!

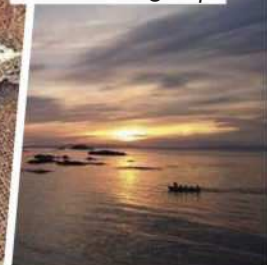


From scarves to plastic birds, you'll find all sorts of projects in this group.



Member Cherry McIntyre finished this shawl last year, as a gift for a lucky person.

When the sun is out, the beach is the place to be for this group!



Be our Club of the Month Email us at simplyknitting@immediate.co.uk or write to us at the address on page 37.

Visit **THE YARN LOOP** for more

MORE GROUPS

■ Hobbycraft Knit and Natter

Meets every Tuesday, 6-10pm, at Hobbycraft in Fort Kinnaird Shopping Park, Newcraighall Road, EH15 3RD. Email katya9254@sky.com for more.

■ Knit, Crochet and Eat Cake

Meets every Saturday, 10.30am onwards, at

Lovecrumbs, 155 West Port, Old Town, Edinburgh EH3 9DP. Email tess.joyce@actuaries.org.uk for more. Entry costs £1 per meeting.

■ Knitting Without Borders

Meets every Wednesday, 5.30pm onwards, at Henry's Coffee House, 4 City Square, Dundee DD1 3BA. Email Henrietta at knitting_without_borders@outlook.com for more info. Attendance is free.



Knitting in front of the Auld Hoose's fire is a favourite activity for the group.

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Purls of WISDOM

Christine Perry laments the charming ups and irksome downs of knitting in public...

I am sitting on a train. I have my latest sock to knit, a cup of tea, headphones at the ready with podcasts lined up to listen to, and a long journey ahead of me. I couldn't be happier! Knitting in public is never something that has bothered me – I'm happy to whip my needles out wherever I am and will look people squarely in the eye and smile broadly if I catch them staring.

HERE COME THE COMMENTS

"Ooh, you should never do that!" you might say. "That's when you get the comments!" We've all had those, haven't we? "Can you knit one in my size?" or "My Grandma used to knit," and so on. That's how the knitting-in-public bingo game started because people are so predictable in their comments – but doesn't that just mean that you are doing something that has caught their imagination and they want to let you know? Yes, there are times when you might want to use your needles as a lethal weapon (never mess with a knitter with DPNs in his or her hands), but there are many more times when you know that someone is going to go home and look out their own dusty set of knitting needles – that chance encounter with you might just change their life. Knitting-in-public bingo comments are simply a way of starting a conversation that might otherwise never happen and for all the annoyance they might cause, I think they're always worth tolerating because of the potential to create another knitter on that very day.

SAY HELLO OR STAY AWAY

Therapeutic knitting expert, Betsan Corkhill, says that knitting in public can be used in one of two ways: firstly, to invite comments and to encourage someone to talk to you – because it

really would appear that few people can resist commenting on the sight of your flashing fingers, especially if you make eye contact. Secondly, to keep people away, in much the same way that headphones do. I'd never thought of it that way, always seeing things from my own rather self-conscious point of view, but our sharply pointed needles and the way we hold our arms creates a barrier between ourselves and the outside world that shouts "Stay back!". Surprisingly, knitting in public is just the thing for many people who are nervous of interaction with others, as despite the few comments that you may get, many more people will simply look and not say anything at all; the knitting becomes a shield to keep others at bay and there is comfort to be had in feeling the needles in your hands.

THE SOCIAL CARRIAGE

I've spent most of my journey chatting to the lady opposite. She's also a knitter and on her way to visit relatives so we've talked about families, yarn shops and what we've got on our needles. She hadn't been sure about getting her own knitting out on the train but seeing me with mine has encouraged her, and the stations and landscape flash past as we create stitches and share conversation. It's very sociable!

OR MAYBE NOT...

I'm quite sorry to see her go as she gets off at a station before mine and a man takes her seat. Sadly, he's not a knitter but he does have a story about a recent run-in with his car insurance company to share with anyone who will listen – whether they look like they want to or not. When I see him staring at my knitting, I catch his eye, smile broadly ... and put my headphones snugly into my ears!

For more knitting wonder and wisdom visit www.winwickmum.co.uk.

THIS MONTH

I'M LOVING



GORGEOUS NEW YARNS

...West Yorkshire Spinners' new Florist collection yarns. Such beautiful colours and squish-able enjoyment!

I'M MAKING



SQUISHY SOCKS

...no-nylon socks in New Leaf Yarns alpaca/BFL/Teewater 4ply sock yarn blend. It's so wonderfully soft!

I'M SHARING



FRIENDLY ADVICE

...a new tutorial for patchwork socks coming up later this year! Don't miss this great chance to try something new.

Pick out a bright, bold colour from this 24-shade Rico yarn range!



MEET OUR DESIGNER

Caroline Birkett

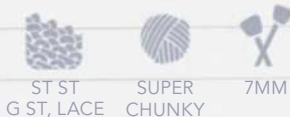
"You will be super cosy but still looking good in this chunky poncho, a design that shows that lacy stitches are not just for lightweights – it's perfect for spring and for autumn!"

Blue Monday

Start the week casting on this fun-filled poncho by **Caroline Birkett** and discover the joy of chunky lace.



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS



YOU WILL NEED

- Rico, Essentials Big (50% wool, 50% acrylic, 50g/48m)
Yarn A Light Grey (22)
Yarn B Turquoise (34)
- A 7mm circular needle, 100cm long
- A set of 7mm double-pointed needles (DPNs)

For yarn stockists contact
 Rico Design www.rico-design.de

TENSION

Yarn used knits as super chunky to this tension: 11 sts and 16 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 7mm needles
 1 repeat of Chart B measures 7cm x 11cm (2¾in x 4¼in)

MEASUREMENTS

Small (Medium: Large)
Width at bottom 80 (88: 95.5)cm
Length 48 (53: 58)cm

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

"This looks like lots of fun."

"I'm no lace expert, but this knit looks like it might be huge fun to try, not to mention pretty quick to make, too!"

Sophie Jordan, Production Editor

We're always looking for ways to improve your knitting world, which is why we were so excited about this particular poncho. If you're ready to start your lace journey, this chunky knit makes for a fun but straightforward start, especially if you've already got shaping under your belt!

Note Chart A is worked back and forth to make a vent in each side, then joined and continued in the round for the remainder of the pattern. You will need to wind off small amounts of Yarn A to work the intarsia method for the vents.

PONCHO

HEM

Cast on 89 (105: 121) sts using a 7mm circular needle, Yarn A and the thumb cast on. Do not join into the round.

Work 5 rows garter st.

Change to Yarn B for the main body of the Poncho, with 2 sts g st at either edge worked in Yarn A. Use intarsia method with 2 different balls of Yarn A, twisting the yarns together at the colour changes.

SECTION 1 (MAKE 2)

Set-up row (WS) In Yarn A K2, in Yarn B, P to last 4 sts, in Yarn A K2.

Begin working Chart A:

Row 1 In Yarn A K2, in Yarn B work Row 1 of Chart A to last 2 sts, in Yarn A K2.

Continue in patt as set, working 2 sts in garter stitch in Yarn A at each end and lace patt in Yarn B.

Work Rows 1-12, 2 times, then Rows 13-16 once more. [28 rows in total]
 Place sts on a holder or onto waste yarn and make one more piece the same.

SECTION 2

Using Yarn B and with RS facing, join the two pieces together to work in the round as follows:

Round 1 K88 (104: 120), k2tog, K87 (103: 119), K last st of round together with first stitch of round. [176 (208: 240) sts]

Work 8 rounds in st st.

Next round *K9 (11: 13), k2tog; rep from * to end. [160 (192: 224) sts]

SECTION 3

Work 16 rounds from Chart B.

SECTION 4

Round 1 *K8 (10: 12), k2tog; rep from * to end. [144 (176: 208) sts]

Round 2 and 3 Knit.

Round 4 *K7 (9: 11), k2tog; rep from * to end. [128 (160: 192) sts]

Round 5 and 6 Knit.

Round 7 *K6 (8: 10), k2tog; rep from * to end. [112 (144: 176) sts]

Round 8 and 9 Knit.

Round 10 *K5 (7: 9), k2tog; rep from * to end. [96 (128: 160) sts]

Round 11 and 12 Knit.

Round 13 *K4 (6: 8), k2tog; rep from * to end. [80 (112: 144) sts]

Round 14 Knit.

SIZES M AND L ONLY

Round 15 Knit.

Round 16 *K- (5: 7), k2tog; rep from * to end. [- (96: 128) sts]

Rounds 17 Knit.

SIZE L ONLY

Round 18 Knit.

Round 19 *K- (-: 6), k2tog; rep from * to end. [- (-: 112) sts]

Round 20 Knit.

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		S	M	L
TO FIT BUST	cm	76-88	91-106	107-120
	in	30-34½	35¾-41	42-47
ACTUAL HEM	cm	162	191	220
	in	63¾	75¼	86½
LENGTH	cm	55.5	57.5	60.5
	in	21¾	22½	23¾
YARN		Rico, Essentials Big (50g/48m)		
Yarn A Light Grey (22)		1	1	1
Yarn B Turquoise (34)		10	13	15

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



SECTION 5

Work 6 rounds from Chart C.

SECTION 6

Round 1 *K3 (4: 5), k2tog; rep from * to end. [64 (80: 96) sts]

Rounds 2 and 4 Knit.

Round 3 *K2 (3: 4), k2tog; rep from * to end. [48 (64: 80) sts]

SIZE L ONLY

Round 5 *K- (-: 3), k2tog; rep from * to end. [- (-: 64) sts]

Round 6 Knit.

NECKBAND

Change to Yarn A.

Work 5 rounds garter st as follows:


Round 1 Knit.

Round 2 Purl.

Rep Rounds 1 and 2 once more then Round 1 again.

Cast off purlwise using the loose cast-off method as follows: P2tog, wrapping the yarn clockwise (the opposite to the normal way) around the needle. Transfer the resulting stitch from the RH needle back onto the LH needle and repeat.

FINISHING

Steam and neaten ends. 

Working a lace stitch pattern in chunky yarn can make it easier to see how the stitches are formed.

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For ease of movement when wearing, a vent has been included on either side.

KEY







-  K on RS; P on WS
-  Yo
-  K2tog
-  Ssk
-  S2kpo
-  Repeat

CHART A

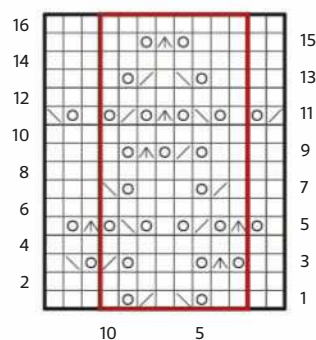
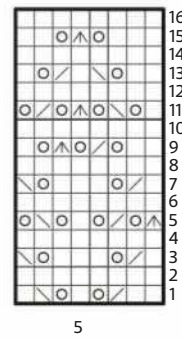


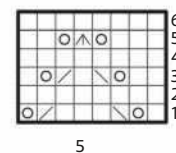
CHART B



HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

Start at the bottom right-hand corner. Read all rounds from right to left. A row of squares represents a row of knitting.

CHART C





Knit hats for **HEADWAY**

Join in the fun and knit a fabulous hat in support of Hats for Headway Day, this May.

Headway aims to promote an understanding of all aspects of brain injury and provide information, support and services to survivors and their families and carers. "Hats for Headway Day first started more than a decade ago," says Headway's Press Officer, Charlotte Jones. "It was such a hit, the charity decided to make it an annual fundraiser and it has grown more and more successful every year."

The hat-donning day falls during Headway's annual Action for Brain Injury Week, running 14-20 May this year. Of course, you can sport your hat in support any day of the week, but the day to make sure it's on your head is Friday 18 May.

"People can put on their wackiest hat, take a photo, share it on social media with the hashtag #hatsforheadway and make a donation," says Charlotte.

Liz Meddings won the best hat award in 2017 and Michelle Munt (avid blogger at www.jumbledbrain.com) shined with her sheep beanie. "We're really hoping to see some fantastic knitted efforts this year," adds Charlotte.

As knitters, we have the joy of being

"If you already do a lot of knitting, why not see if you can sell it to raise money for Headway?"



Liz Meddings won Headway's best hat competition last year, with this amazing crocheted brain hat!



We're big fans of Michelle Munt's baa-rilliant hat from last year.

able to create our own silly hats for the occasion. We also have the privilege of being able to donate the hats we knit to Headway directly. "If *Simply Knitting* readers would like to knit hats for Headway, that would be a fantastic help," says Charlotte. "They can send their knitted hats to us and they'll be sold in our charity shops to raise funds for Headway."

If your hands are already reaching for your needles then

consider following a theme for your handmade hat! "This year, Hats for Headway Day will be just a few days before the royal wedding," explains Charlotte. "Prince Harry is a great supporter of Headway and he attended the launch of our Brain Injury Identity Card last year, so we're encouraging people to think royal when it comes to their hats. If readers are feeling really ambitious, they could even try knitting a crown or a tiara!"

MORE THAN HATS

If hats just aren't your thing, don't worry, you can still help! Jean and Alan Thatcher both knit dolls, which are sold in their local tearooms, to raise funds for Headway.

"I sit down at 3pm every afternoon and knit until I go to bed," says Jean. "I do stop to eat dinner of course!"



Knitters and non-knitters alike can support Hats for Headway together.

Jean and her husband Alan have been visiting their local tearoom for six years now, and during that time have become close friends with owner Doris Edwards. After Doris' husband, John, sadly passed away as a result of a brain haemorrhage, Doris told Jean and Alan about Headway.

"I suggested I bring my knitting in to sell in the tearoom, to see if it would raise any money for Headway," says Jean. "I think Doris was quite stunned the first time I brought all the toys down for her to sell, but they continue to be popular!"

Jean urges others to knit for Headway too, whatever the item might be. "If you already do a lot of knitting, why not see if you can sell your knitting to raise money for Headway? It's a good thing to do."



Jean and Alan regularly replenish Doris' tearoom stock with cute dolls.

MORE INFO

Hats can be sent to
Headway Retail, Bradbury House, 190 Bagnall Road, Nottingham NG6 8SF.
For more information visit www.headway.org.uk.





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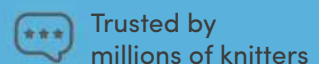
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MEET OUR DESIGNER

Siân Brown

"The idea behind this design was to produce a colourful blanket in simple intarsia. The individual panels allow the pieces to be knitted more easily."

This popular Cascade yarn comes in over 200 different shades!

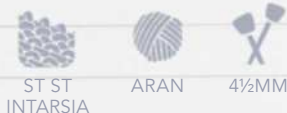


Go graphic!

Tessellated triangles make a cool nod to the modern geometric trend flooding the high street. By **Siân Brown**.



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS



YOU WILL NEED

- Cascade, 220 (100% wool, 100g/200m skein)
- 3 balls of **Yarn A** Silver Grey (8401)
- 1 ball of **Yarn B** Gold (9463B)
- 2 balls of **Yarn C** Anis (8908)
- 1 ball of **Yarn D** Lilac Mist (8912)
- 1 ball of **Yarn E** Deep Lavender (8762)

- A pair of 4½mm needles
- A set of 4½mm circular needles, 80-100cm long

For yarn stockists contact
Wool Warehouse 01926 882818
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

TENSION

Yarn used knits as aran to this tension:
21 sts and 25 rows to measure 10x10cm
(4x4in) over st st using 4½mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

105 x 120cm (41¼ x 47¼in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

Every month we take a look at the best of the home trends to bring you fab designs you'll love knitting and using. Siân Brown's geometric blanket, with its geometric shapes, pastel shades and calming grey border, gathers together some of our favourite home looks for 2018!

Note The throw is knitted in three pieces, using the intarsia technique. There is an extra stitch in the colour being used for the next panel at the edges which are to be sewn together.

LEFT-HAND PANEL

Cast on 68 sts using 4½mm needles and Yarn A.

Beg with a knit row, work 35 rows in st st.

Beg working Chart and st st as folls, noting that Row 1 is a WS row and the Chart will be worked from left to right:

Row 1 (WS) P30 in Yarn A, P37 sts from Chart row 1, P st 37 from Chart row 1.

Row 2 K st 37 from Chart row 2, K37 sts from Chart row 2, K30 in Yarn A.

Rows 1 and 2 set Chart placement. Continue to follow the Chart as set until all 38 rows have been worked.

Repeat Rows 1-38 five more times (6 repeats in total, 228 rows).
Using Yarn A only, work 35 rows in st st.
Cast off.

MIDDLE PANEL

Cast on 76 sts using 4½mm needles and Yarn A.

Beg with a knit row, work 35 rows st st.

Beg working Chart and st st as folls, noting that Row 1 is a WS row and the Chart will be worked from left to right:
Row 1 (WS) P st 1 from Chart row 1, P37 sts from Chart row 1 twice, P st 37 from Chart row 1 once more.
Row 2 K st 37 from Chart row 2, K37 sts from Chart row 2 twice, K st 1 from Chart row 2 once more.

Rows 1 and 2 set Chart placement. Continue to follow the Chart as set until 38 rows have been worked.

Repeat Rows 1-38 five more times (6 repeats in total, 228 rows).

Using Yarn A only, work 35 rows in st st.

RIGHT-HAND PANEL

Cast on 68 sts using 4½mm needles and Yarn A.

Beg with a knit row, work 35 rows st st.

Beg working Chart and st st as folls, noting that Row 1 is a WS row and the Chart will be worked from left to right:

Row 1 (WS) P st 1 from Chart row 1, P37 sts from Chart row 1, P30 sts in Yarn A.

Row 2 K30 in Yarn A, K37 sts from Chart row 2, K st 1 from Chart row 2 once more.

Rows 1 and 2 set Chart placement. Continue to follow the Chart as set until 38 rows have been worked.

Repeat Rows 1-38 five more times (6 repeats in total, 228 rows chart).

Using Yarn A only, work 35 rows in st st.
Cast off.

FINISHING

Sew in ends. Block pieces and press under a damp cloth. Pin and sew the pieces together.

EDGING SIDE EDGES

Using 4½mm circular needle and Yarn C, pick up 209 sts.
Knit 4 rows.

Cast off.

BOTTOM AND TOP EDGES

Using 4½mm circular needle and Yarn C, pick up every stitch including the top of the side edges.
K 4 rows.

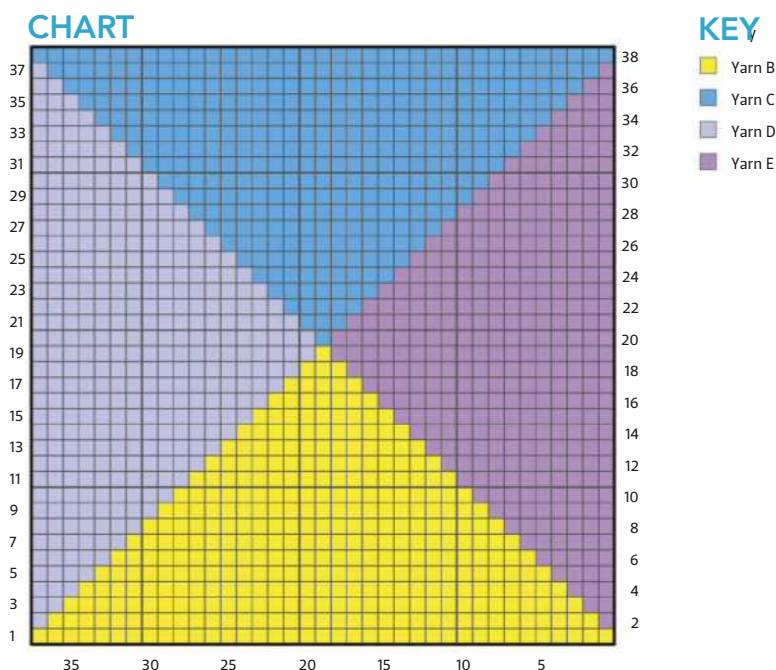
Cast off.

FINISHING

Press edges.

HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

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



The British Craft Awards

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AND THE WINNER IS...

The British Craft Awards 2018 honours craft bloggers, retailers, designers and brands as we reveal our knitting champions!

Armed with handfuls of sparkly awards, not to mention a few glasses of delicious fizz and filled with excitement, Immediate Media's craft magazine teams joined together to announce this year's British Craft Award winners at trade show CHSI Stitches this

February. Heading up the glittering proceedings, presenter John Scott, from new shopping channel Sewing Quarter, honoured 80 lucky winners and runners-up from the four corners of the craft industry, from knitting to crochet, papercraft to sewing. With each category voted for by the general public, there was eager

anticipation as businesses and designers waited to hear who had snagged this year's big wins and won the admiration of their customers, visitors and fans. With a plethora of different categories, there was something for everyone to get excited about. Here we reveal who won big in the knitting categories...

PRODUCT OF THE YEAR

1st ADDI CIRCULAR NEEDLES

If you're looking for pompom makers, stitch markers, row counters or knitting thimbles, you can find them (among other craft goodies) at Addi. But what our readers really love about Addi is their circular needles, and it's easy to see why. From bamboo to polished white brass, standard to sock, olivewood to children's, there's a circular needle on the Addi website that you'll be tempted to add to your tool kit instantly. We particularly love their 20cm circular sock needle, available in sizes 2-3.75mm. They're perfect for knitting ease when creating treats for your toes!

To find out more about the Addi range call 07810 518997 or visit www.addineedles.co.uk.



"We are so happy that we have won the Product of the Year Award! We do a lot in our production to make the best possible quality. As a consequence, we have almost no complaints! We produce our needles in Germany, and so we are very proud to receive this confirmation of our work."
Thomas Selter.

2nd



Eucalan No Rinse Delicate Wash

3rd



Rowan Alpaca Soft DK

DESIGNER OF THE YEAR

1st WOOLLY WORMHEAD

With a background in textiles and engineering, self-proclaimed 'hat architect' – Woolly Wormhead – designs hats like no other. As a child, Woolly dabbled in hand-dyeing, dressmaking and fashion design, setting her up as a knit designer extraordinaire from an early age. Her patterns are only ever released as print-on-demand and PDFs options in line with her passion for the environment, as she uses the world around her as inspiration. Whether you're looking for a beanie, beret or turban for an adult or child, in sock weight, DK or chunky, you'll find many exciting options on her website.

Find out more about Woolly Wormhead at www.woollywormhead.com.



"It was a surprise to be nominated for Knit Designer of the Year and even more of a surprise to win! I really can't thank everyone enough for their support." Woolly Wormhead



Azula pattern by Woolly Wormhead.



Cirro pattern by Woolly Wormhead.

2nd



Debbie Bliss

3rd



Anniken Allis

BRAND OF THE YEAR

1st ROWAN

Named after the pretty shrubs on the banks of the River Holme, the Rowan business was launched in 1978 above a Yorkshire grocery store. Its original commitment to bringing crafters a selection of high-quality yarns and patterns, which are a pleasure to knit with and wear, still holds true today. To learn more about this great brand, head on over to the Rowan website and enjoy timeless, heritage knits and modern, fashion reflective knitwear that you'll love knitting over and over again.

Check out Rowan's amazing new yarns and patterns at www.knitrowan.com.



"We're so happy with this win! We've had a challenging 18 months so it really means a lot to us." Sharon Brant



Cast on Rowan's Dearne Crew Neck pattern in Rowan Valley Tweed.

2nd



Stylecraft

3rd



Jamieson & Smith



Cotton Cashmere is one of Rowan's latest yarns.



Rowan's Bradfield Scarf is a winter favourite.

BLOG OF THE YEAR

1st LITTLECOTTONRABBITS

Enjoy Julie's pretty days through her delightful blog – littlecottonrabbits.typepad.co.uk. Filled with inspiring tales of knitting, designing, nature, cooking and family life, it's a pure joy to take a wander around Julie's beautiful Hertfordshire world. Hear interesting tales about her husband, two children and three chickens, fall in love with her adorable knitted animals and pick up a knitting pattern via her Etsy shop.

Visit www.littlecottonrabbits.typepad.co.uk for more.



"I'm blown away to win such a prestigious award. Writing the blog allows me to share my love of knitting and I'm constantly surprised and grateful to all of the people who visit it. Thanks so much to everyone who voted for me." Julie at Littlecottonrabbits

2nd



Louise Scollay from www.knitbritish.net.

3rd



Alana Dakos from www.nevernotknitting.com.

CRAFT HERO AWARD

WEST YORKSHIRE SPINNERS

This year the British Craft Award judges awarded West Yorkshire Spinners their Craft Hero Award to acknowledge their outstanding contribution to and support of the British yarn industry. Combining state of the art technology with generations of expertise, they are one of few remaining worsted spinners in the UK. www.wyspinners.com.



Richard and Holly from West Yorkshire Spinners.



WYS Illustrious combines quality with creativity.



WYS's free Exquisite Shawlette pattern.

RETAILER OF THE YEAR

1st WOOL WAREHOUSE

Independent craft business, Wool Warehouse, has grown into a trusted, favourite supplier for knitters and crafters alike. Owners Holly and Andy opened its doors in 2012, and the mix of bricks and mortar business plus online retailer has continued to offer a personalised service backed by a small, expert team. We love that your order is often packed by the person who took your call!

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With a chainette construction this yarn creates a light, airy knit



Sunday stroll

In the spirit of spring, we bring you **Jennie Atkinson's** rib and stripe wrap-around cardigan for chillier mornings.



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS



RIB
STRIPES



LIGHT DK
WEIGHT



4MM
4½MM

YOU WILL NEED

- Rowan, Alpaca Merino DK (83% alpaca, 10% nylon, 7% wool, 25g/105m)
- A pair of 4mm needles
- A pair of 4½mm needles
- Stitch holders

For yarn stockists contact

Rowan 01484 950630

www.knitrowan.com

TENSION

Yarn used knits as light DK to this tension: 30 sts and 30 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over rib using 4½mm needles

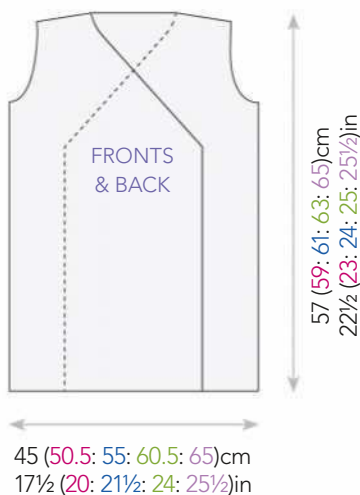
ABBREVIATIONS

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"Amazingly easy to wear!"

"For me, pulling on a wrap-around cardigan is one of the cosiest ways to relax at the weekend. So comfy!"

Kirstie McLeod, Editor



If we were to knit only one garment again and again, a cardigan is likely to be our choice. Brilliantly versatile for every season, it's the knit you don't need to pack away once the summer comes (at least not in the UK, more's the pity!). This rib-and-stripe option from Jennie Atkinson will stand the test of time, in luxurious Rowan Alpaca Merino DK yarn.

STRIPE SEQUENCE

Rows 1 to 26 Using Yarn A.

Rows 27 to 34 Using Yarn B.

Rows 35 to 46 Using Yarn C.

Rows 47 and 48 Using Yarn D.

Rows 49 to 56 Using Yarn A.

Rows 57 to 66 Using Yarn B.

Rows 67 to 72 Using Yarn C.

Rows 73 to 76 Using Yarn D.

Rows 77 and 78 Using Yarn A.

Rows 79 to 84 Using Yarn B.

Rows 85 to 112 Using Yarn C.

Rows 113 to 124 Using Yarn D.

Rows 125 to 130 Using Yarn A.

Rows 131 to 140 Using Yarn B.

Rows 141 to 150 Using Yarn C.

Rows 151 to 156 Using Yarn D.

These 156 rows form Stripe Sequence and are repeated.

BACK

Cast on 135 (151: 165: 181: 195) sts using 4½mm needles and Yarn A.

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

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

These 2 rows form rib and Rows 1 and 2 of Stripe Sequence.

Beg with Stripe Sequence Row 3, cont in

rib until Back meas 34 (34.5: 35: 35.5: 36) cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Keeping rib and stripes correct, **cast off** 4 (5: 6: 7: 8) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

[127 (141: 153: 167: 179) sts]

Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 (5: 5: 7: 7) rows, then on foll 3 (5: 7: 7: 8) alt rows.

[115 (121: 129: 139: 149) sts]

Cont straight until armhole meas 20 (21½: 23: 24½: 26)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE SHOULDERS AND BACK NECK

Cast off 4 (5: 5: 6: 7) sts, rib until there are 31 (33: 36: 40: 43) sts on right needle and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder. Work each side of neck separately.

Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 8 rows and AT THE SAME TIME **cast off** 4 (5: 5: 6: 7) sts at beg of 2nd and foll 1 (3: 1: 2: 3) alt rows, then 5 (-: 6: 7: -) sts at beg of foll 2 (-: 2: 1: -) alt rows.

Work 1 row.

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

With RS facing, slip centre 45 (45: 47: 47: 49) sts onto a holder, rejoin appropriate yarn and rib to end.

Complete to match first side, reversing shapings.

LEFT FRONT

Cast on 111 (119: 127: 135: 143) sts using 4½mm needles and Yarn A.

Beg with Rib Row 1 and Stripe Sequence

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		8	10	12	14	16
TO FIT BUST	cm	81	86	91	97	102
	in	32	34	36	38	40
ACTUAL BUST	cm	90	101	110	121	130
	in	35½	40	43½	47½	51
LENGTH	cm	57	59	61	63	65
	in	22½	23	24	25	25½
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	43	43	44	44	44
	in	17	17	17½	17½	17½
YARN	Rowan, Alpaca Merino DK (25g/105m)					
Yarn A Hambleton (110)	7	7	8	8	9	
Yarn B Glenfield (112)	4	4	5	5	5	
Yarn C Ragdale (106)	6	6	7	8	8	
Yarn D Belvoir (107)	3	3	3	3	3	

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

Row 1, cont in rib as given for Back until 22 rows less have been worked than on Back to beg of armhole shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE FRONT SLOPE

Keeping rib and stripes correct, dec 1 st at end of next row and at same edge on foll 21 rows, ending with RS facing for next row. [89 (97: 105: 113: 121) sts]

SHAPE ARMHOLE

Keeping rib and stripes correct, **cast off** 4 (5: 6: 7: 8) sts at beg and dec 1 st at end of next row. [84 (91: 98: 105: 112) sts]

Dec 1 st at front slope edge of next row. [83 (90: 97: 104: 111) sts]

Dec 1 st at armhole edge of next 3 (5: 5: 7: 7) rows, then on foll 3 (5: 7: 7: 8) alt rows and AT THE SAME TIME dec 1 st at front slope edge of next 9 (15: 19: 21: 23) rows. [68 (65: 66: 69: 73) sts]

Dec 1 st at front slope edge only on next 38 (28: 22: 16: 14) rows, then on foll 3 (7: 11: 15: 17) alt rows. [27 (30: 33: 38: 42) sts]

Cont straight until Left Front matches Back to beg of shoulder shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Keeping rib and stripes correct, **cast off** 4 (5: 5: 6: 7) sts at beg of next and foll 2 (4: 2: 3: 4) alt rows, then 5 (-: 6: 7: -) sts at beg of foll 2 (-: 2: 1: -) alt rows. Work 1 row.

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

RIGHT FRONT

Cast on 111 (119: 127: 135: 143) sts using 4½mm and Yarn A.

Beg with Rib Row 1 and Stripe Sequence Row 1, cont in rib as given for Back until 22 rows less have been worked than on Back to beg of armhole shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE FRONT SLOPE

Keeping rib and stripes correct, dec 1 st at beg of next row and at same edge on foll 21 rows, ending with RS facing for next row. [89 (97: 105: 113: 121) sts]

Complete to match left front, reversing shapings.

SLEEVES

Cast on 99 (103: 107: 111: 115) sts using 4½mm needles and Yarn A.

Beg with Rib Row 1 and Stripe Sequence Row 1, cont in rib as given for Back until Sleeve meas 43 (43: 44: 44: 44)cm,



This wrap cardigan's rib pattern will help to keep its shape for years to come.

ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE TOP

Keeping rib and stripes correct, **cast off** 4 (5: 6: 7: 8) sts at beg of next 2 rows. [91 (93: 95: 97: 99) sts]

Dec 1 st at each end of next 24 (26: 28: 30: 32) rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Cast off rem 43 (41: 39: 37: 35) sts.

MAKING UP

Gently block pieces, following any special yarn care instructions on the ball band.

Join both shoulder seams using backstitch, or mattress stitch if preferred.

NECK TRIM

With RS facing, using 4mm needles and Yarn A, beg and ending at beg of front slope shaping, pick up and knit 118 (122: 126: 130: 134) sts evenly up right front slope, and 9 sts down right side of back neck, K across 45 (45: 47: 47: 49) sts on back holder, pick up and knit 9 sts up left side of back neck, and 118 (122: 126: 130: 134) sts evenly down left front slope. [299 (307: 317: 325: 335) sts]

Beg with Row 2, work in rib as given for Back for 4 rows, ending with WS facing

for next row.

Cast off in rib (on WS).

TIES (MAKE 2)

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

Row 1 (K1, P1) twice.

Rep this row until tie is 105 (115: 125: 135: 145)cm long.

Cast off in rib.

Place centre of cast-off edge of Sleeve to shoulder seam. Set in Sleeve, easing sleevehead into armhole.

Join side and Sleeve seams, enclosing one end of each tie in side seams approx 7cm below armhole. ●

KNIT PAT MENCHINI'S TWO-COLOUR SLEEVELESS JUMPER NEXT MONTH. ISSUE 172 IS ON SALE THURS 19 APRIL.



This pattern by Jennie Atkinson is taken from Rowan Magazine 62. For stockist details call 01484 950630 or go to www.knitrowan.com.

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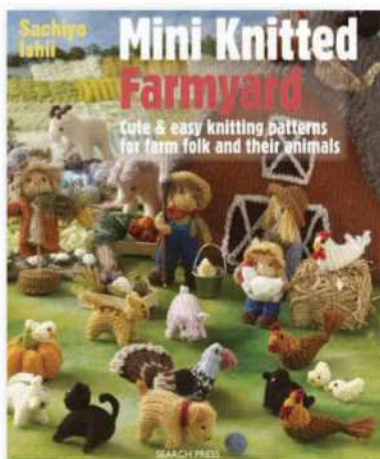
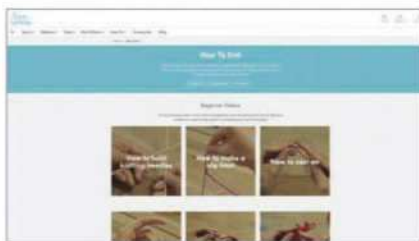
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Mini Knitted Farmyard Sachiyo Ishii (Search Press, £9.99)

Fans of Sachiyo Ishii's adorable mini series (and newbies too) will be delighted to discover her latest addition, a cute knitted farm! From classic cottage designs and barns, right down to individual woolly fruit and veg, you can create your own unique farmyard scene. The book begins with clear step-by-step instructions on how to sew all of the pieces together after knitting and suggests using DK yarns from your stash, as each design only uses a small amount of yarn.

Cute Comfort Knits Jem Weston (www.jemweston.co.uk, £11.99)

Give your home the cuteness-filled makeover it deserves! Indulge in beautiful yarns and let yourself be swept away by stunning photography inside this stylish project book. Each of the ten designs begin with a little note about the inspiration behind them, plus handy tips to get the most out of them. Choose from cabled cushions, cosy socks, a cuddly cat, a textured blanket and more – or don't choose at all, go for it and make the whole lot!



BOOK OF THE MONTH

60 Quick Knits for Beginners Sixth & Spring (Sixth & Spring £12.87)

Whether you're new to needles or looking to brush up on the basics, this part-guide, part-project bible will take you from newbie to expert in no time. Discover the tools of the trades, all the techniques you need to go from casting on to casting off and more, plus – an absolute must – how to read knitting patterns. Put your newfound skills to the test with a choice of 60 trendy projects for you and your home.

Rainbow Knits Nicki Trench (CICO Books, £12.99)

A treat for both the eyes and hands, this joyful book is full of luxurious yarns in must-have colours. Split into three sections (To Wear, Babies and Children, and Gifts and Home), there's a bright and colourful knit for everyone in here. Choose a skill level to suit your mood – opt for an easy garter stitch cowl or a stripy jumper. Turn to the back for a thorough guide of the techniques used, with stunning, crisp photography.

Choose smart buttons to give the jacket the perfect finishing touch!



MEET OUR DESIGNER

Pat Menchini

"My husband is Italian and loves exciting colours. He encouraged me to create simple stitchery for this cosy raglan jacket, in the gorgeous colouring of Rico Melange Chunky."

Kaleidoscope

All the fun of colourwork without any of the hard graft!
Pat Menchini's stylish cardi is an utter joy to knit.



EASY TO KNIT!



RIB, G ST
ST ST



CHUNKY
WEIGHT



5MM
6MM

YOU WILL NEED

- Rico, Creative Melange Chunky (53% wool, 47% acrylic, 50g/90m)
 - A pair of 5mm needles
 - A pair of 6mm needles
 - 7 buttons (ours are from Duttons for Buttons www.duttonsforbuttons.co.uk)
- For yarn stockists contact
Rico Design www.rico-design.de

TENSION

Yarn used knits as chunky to this tension: 14 sts and 19 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 6mm needles

14 sts and 24 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over ridge pattern using 6mm needles

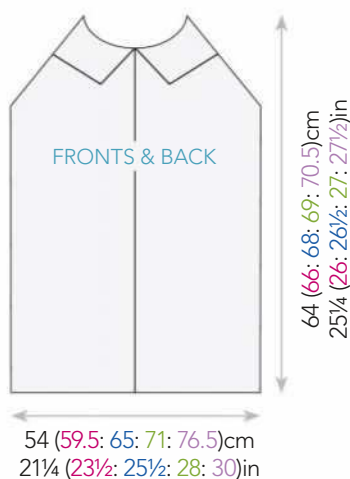
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"I know just the fella..."

"...who would love a cardi like this! I'm going to have to knit my husband his own cardi in Turquoise Cinnamon."

Sophie Jordan, Production Editor



Style and cosiness go hand-in-hand with this handsome cardigan design. We love the wide rib and springy ridged texture. Knitted in separate pieces (the back, fronts, borders, and collar) you can take bits of this project on the go and sew it all together at the end. Start everything off with 6cm of classic 1x1 rib and finish it all with a careful block to get the right fit.

BACK

Cast on 71 (79: 87: 95: 103) sts using 5mm needles.

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

Row 2 K1, *P1, K1; rep from * to end. Rep these 2 rows for 6cm, ending after a Row 1. **

Inc row (WS) P, inc 1 st at each end of row. [73 (81: 89: 97: 105) sts]

Change to 6mm needles and wide rib patt as follows:

Row 1 (RS) K9 (3: 7: 11: 5), (P5, K5) 5 (7: 7: 7: 9) times, P5, K9 (3: 7: 11: 5).

Row 2 P9 (3: 7: 11: 5), (K5, P5) 5 (7: 7: 7: 9) times, K5, P to end.

Rep these 2 rows until work measures 34cm from cast-on edge, measured through centre of work, ending after a Row 2.

Change to ridge patt:

Rows 1-2 Knit.

Row 3 Knit.

Row 4 Purl.

Rows 5-6 Knit.

Rows 7-12 Beg with a K row, work 6 rows in st st.

These 12 rows set the ridge patt. Cont in ridge pattern over raglan shaping as follows:

SHAPE RAGLAN

Rows 1-2 Cast off loosely 2 (2: 2: 3: 4) sts, K to end. [69 (77: 85: 91: 97) sts]

SIZES S, M AND L ONLY

Dec row K1, k2tog tbl, K to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [2 sts dec'd]

Row 4 K1, P1, work in patt to last 2 sts, P1, K1.

Row 5 Knit.

Row 6 K1, P1, work in patt to last 2 sts, P1, K1.

Keeping patt correct, dec as set on next row and 2 (1: 0: - : -) folls 4th rows.

Work 3 rows straight in patt. [61 (71: 81: - : -) sts]

ALL SIZES

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

Next row K1, P1, work in patt to last 2 sts, P1, K1.

Rep these 2 rows until 19 (21: 23: 23: 25) sts rem, ending after a WS row.

Cast off loosely.

RIGHT FRONT

Cast on 35 (39: 43: 47: 51) sts using 5mm needles and work as Back to **.

Inc row (WS) Inc 1 st at beg of row, P to end. [36 (40: 44: 48: 52) sts]

Change to 6mm needles and wide rib.

Row 1 (RS) K2, (P5, K5) 2 (3: 3: 3: 4) times, P5, K9 (3: 7: 11: 5).

Row 2 P9 (3: 7: 11: 5), (K5, P5) 2 (3: 3: 3: 4) times, K5, P2.

Rep these 2 rows until work meas 34cm from cast-on edge, ending after a Row 2.

Change to ridge patt and work Rows 1-12 as given for Back.

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		S	M	L	XL	XXL
TO FIT CHEST	cm	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127	132-137
	in	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50	52-54
ACTUAL CHEST	cm	108	119	130	142	153
	in	42½	47	51¼	56	60¼
LENGTH	cm	64	66	68	69	70.5
	in	25¼	26	26½	27	27½
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	47	47	47	47	47
	in	18½	18½	18½	18½	18½
YARN	Rico, Creative Melange Chunky (50g/90m)					
Cinnamon Azure (053)		10	12	13	14	15

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

Work 1 row more, thus ending at side edge and cont in ridge pattern over raglan shaping as folls:

SHAPE RAGLAN

Row 2 (WS) Cast off loosely 2 (2: 2: 3: 4) sts, work in patt to end.
[34 (38: 42: 45: 48) sts]

SIZES S, M AND L ONLY

Dec row K to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1.
[1 st dec'd]

Row 4 K1, P1, work in patt to end.

Row 5 Knit.

Row 6 K1, P1, work in patt to end.

Keeping patt correct, dec as set on next row and 2 (1: 0: - : -) foll 4th rows.

Work 3 rows straight in patt.

[30 (35: 40: - : -) sts]

ALL SIZES

Next row (RS) K to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1.
[1 st dec'd]

Next row K1, P1, work in patt to end.

Rep these 2 rows until 14 (16: 17: 18: 19) sts rem, ending at front edge.

SHAPE NECK

Next row (RS) Cast off 4 (5: 6: 6: 7) sts, K to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1.

[9 (10: 10: 11: 11) sts]

Work 3 rows, dec 1 st at neck edge on all rows and at raglan edge on 2nd of these rows (a RS row). [5 (6: 6: 7: 7) sts]

Cont dec at raglan edge only on every RS row as before until 2 sts rem.

Work 1 row straight.

Cast off.

LEFT FRONT

Cast on 35 (39: 43: 47: 51) sts using 5mm needles and work as Back to **.

Inc row (WS) P to end, inc 1 st at end of row. [36 (40: 44: 48: 52) sts]

Change to 6mm needles and wide rib.



Knit the two front border pieces separately and then sew them on when putting all the pieces together.

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Row 1 K9 (3: 7: 11: 5), (P5, K5) 2 (3: 3: 3: 4) times, P5, K2.

Row 2 P2, (K5, P5) 2 (3: 3: 3: 4) times, K5, P to end.

Rep these 2 rows until work meas 34cm from cast-on edge, ending after a Row 2.

Change to ridge patt and work Rows 1-12 as given for Back, thus ending at side edge and cont in ridge pattern over raglan shaping as folls:

SHAPE RAGLAN

Row 1 (RS) Cast off loosely 2 (2: 2: 3: 4) sts, K to end. [34 (38: 42: 45: 48) sts]

Row 2 Work in patt to last 2 sts, P1, K1.

SIZES S, M AND L ONLY

Dec row K1, k2tog tbl, K to end.
[1 st dec'd]

Row 4 Work in patt to last 2 sts, P1, K1.

Row 5 Knit.

Row 6 Work in patt to last 2 sts, P1, K1. Keeping patt correct, dec as set on next row and 2 (1: 0: - : -) folls 4th rows.

Work 3 rows straight in patt.

[30 (35: 40: - : -) sts]

ALL SIZES

Dec row (RS) K1, k2tog tbl, K to end.
[1 st dec'd]

Next row Work in patt to last 2 sts, P1, K1.

Rep these 2 rows until 14 (16: 17: 18: 19) sts rem, ending at front edge.

SHAPE NECK

Next row (WS) Cast off 4 (5: 6: 6: 7) sts, work in patt to last 2 sts, P1, K1.

[9 (10: 10: 11: 11) sts]

Work 3 rows, dec at neck edge on all 3 rows and dec at raglan edge on 1st and

STEP-BY-STEP K2TOG KNIT TWO STITCHES TOGETHER



1 Insert the point of the right-hand needle through the loops of the next two stitches as if to knit.



2 Wind the yarn round the tip of the right-hand needle and pull the yarn through the two stitches, knitting them both together.



3 Drop the two stitches from the left-hand needle and keep the new stitch on the right-hand needle.



4 Knitting two stitches together decreases your stitch count by one, and the decrease stitch leans to the right. This is how a series of k2tog decreases will look.

Men's jacket

3rd rows. [4 (5: 5: 6: 6) sts]

Cont dec at raglan edge only on every RS row as before until 2 sts rem.

Work 1 row straight.

Cast off.

SLEEVES

Cast on 29 (29: 31: 33: 35) sts using 5mm needles and work as Back to **.

Next row P, inc 1 (3: 3: 3: 5) sts evenly across row. [30 (32: 34: 36: 40) sts]

Change to 6mm needles and, beg with a K row, work 4 (4: 2: 4: 4) rows straight in st st.

Cont in st st, inc 1 st at each end of next row, then on every foll 8th (6th: 6th: 4th: 4th) row until there are 36 (42: 50: 42: 46) sts, then on every foll 8th (8th: 8th: 6th: 6th) row until there are 46 (50: 54: 58: 62) sts.

Work 7 rows straight.

If you want to lengthen the sleeve cont straight in st st for the required extra length, after after a WS row, before working the next 12 rows.

Work 12 rows in ridge patt as given on Back AT THE SAME TIME inc 1 st at each end of 1st and 7th of these rows.

[50 (54: 58: 62: 66) sts]

SHAPE RAGLAN

Rows 1-2 **Cast off** 2 (2: 2: 3: 4) sts, work in patt to end. [46 (50: 54: 56: 58) sts]

Row 3 K1, k2tog tbl, K to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [2 sts dec'd]

Row 4 K1, P1, work in patt to last 2 sts, P1, K1.

Row 5 Knit.

Row 6 K1, P1, work in patt to last 2 sts, P1, K1.

Keeping patt correct, dec as set on next row and 7 (7: 7: 7: 8) foll 4th rows.

Work 3 rows straight in patt.

[28 (32: 36: 38: 38) sts]

Keeping patt correct, dec as set and next row and 10 (12: 14: 15: 15) foll alt rows.

[6 sts]

Work 2 rows straight in patt.

Rep Rows 3-4 only until 6 sts rem.

Cast off.

FRONT BORDERS

Cast on 7 sts using 5mm needles and work as Back to **.

Cont in rib until strip, when slightly stretched, fits up right front edge, ending after a Row 2.

Cast off in rib.

Mark position on Border for 7

buttonholes, the first and seventh to be 5 or 6 rows from each end of the strip and the remaining 5 spaced evenly between.

Work buttonhole strip as first strip,



Start your cardigan with a 1x1 rib, changing to a wider rib for an open-look, stretchy texture.

working buttonholes to match markers opposite as follows:

Row 1 (RS) K2, **cast off** 2 sts – 1 st on RH needle after cast-off, K2.

Row 2 Work in rib casting on 2 sts over those cast off.

COLLAR

Cast on 97 (101: 107: 111: 115) sts using 5mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) K2, (P1, K1) 2 (3: 2: 3: 4) times, (P5, K5) 8 (8: 9: 9: 9) times, P5, (K1, P1) 2 (3: 2: 3: 4) times, K2.

Row 2 (K1, P1) 3 (4: 3: 4: 5) times, (K5, P5) 8 (8: 9: 9: 9) times, K5, (P1, K1) 3 (4: 3: 4: 5) times.

Rep these 2 rows until Collar measures 11cm, ending after a Row 2.

Cont in 1x1 rib, shape Collar at neck edge as follows:

Row 1 Rib to last 8 sts, turn.

Row 2 S11 firmly, rib to last 8 sts, turn.

Rows 3-4 S11 firmly, rib to last 12 sts, turn.

Rows 5-6 S11 firmly, rib to last 16 sts,

turn.

Rows 7-8 S11 firmly, rib to last 20 sts, turn.

Rows 9-10 S11 firmly, rib to last 24 sts, turn.

Row 11 S11 firmly, rib to end of row.

Cast off firmly in rib.

TO MAKE UP

Block pieces gently, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band. Join raglan, side and sleeve seams. Sew on Borders. Sew cast-off edge of Collar to neck edge, beginning and ending at centre of Front Borders.

Sew on buttons.

Block garment again to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band. 🧶

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MEET OUR DESIGNER

Amanda Berry

"I had to make a lion because I adore big cats (I love his hair!). I made him a few animal friends too, so he doesn't get lonely."



Make the animals in your children's favourite colours for a bit of fun!



Animal crackers



Toy genius **Amanda Berry** takes four popular animals and turns them into playful friends for your little ones.



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WEIGHT

3¼MM

YOU WILL NEED

■ Patons, Baby Smiles Fairytale Fab 4ply (100% acrylic, 50g/184m) 1 ball of each:

Yarn A Grey (01090)

Yarn B Jade (01070)

Yarn C Sundance (01022)

Yarn D Camel (01010)

Yarn E Chestnut (01011)

■ 1m of black and 1m of white 4ply yarn to embroider the Lion's nose and Alligator's teeth

■ A pair of 3¼mm knitting needles

■ A pair of 3¼mm double-pointed needles (DPNs)

■ Toy filling, 150g

■ Two 6mm safety toy eyes per animal

For yarn stockists contact

Patons 01484 950630

www.knitpatons.com

TENSION

Yarn used knits as 4ply to this tension:

28 sts and 36 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3¼mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Lion, Elephant and Chimp are 13cm tall (sitting); Alligator 18cm long

ABBREVIATIONS

P11E purl 11 stitches in Yarn E

For a full list see page 79

"I love these so much!"

"I love a complicated knit, but sometimes you need a frivolous make that's easy and fun, just like these."

Faye Perriam-Reed, Technical Editor

Soft, safe makes for little ones are some of the most rewarding things you can knit. Amanda Berry's quartet of wild animals are bound to include a favourite or two! Their simple construction and detail means you'll find them easy to tackle, even if you're new to toy making.

ELEPHANT HEAD

Cast on 10 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn A.

Start at the back of the Head.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (RS) (Kfb) 9 times, K1. [19 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 (K1, kfb) 9 times, K1. [28 sts]

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 (K2, kfb) 9 times, K1. [37 sts]

Rows 7-15 Starting and ending on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 16 K6, (K2, ssk) 3 times, K1, (k2tog, K2) 3 times, K6. [31 sts]

Row 17 Purl.

Row 18 K6, (K1, ssk) 3 times, K1, (k2tog, K1) 3 times, K6. [25 sts]

Row 19 Purl.

Cast off all sts.

TRUNK

Cast on 25 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn A.

Start at the top of the Trunk.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (RS) (K2, ssk) 3 times, K1, (k2tog, K2) 3 times. [19 sts]

Rows 3-5 Starting and ending on a WS purl row work in st st.

Row 6 (K1, ssk) 3 times, K1, (k2tog, K1) 3 times. [13 sts]

Rows 7-15 Starting and ending on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 16-17 Knit.

Row 18 K1, (k2tog) 6 times. [7 sts]

Cut yarn and thread through rem sts to fasten off.

BODY

Cast on 9 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn A.

Start at the bottom of the Body.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (RS) (Kfb) 8 times, K1. [17 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 (K1, kfb) 8 times, K1. [25 sts]

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 (K2, kfb) 8 times, K1. [33 sts]

Row 7 Purl.

Row 8 (K3, kfb) 8 times, K1. [41 sts]

Rows 9-15 Starting and ending on a WS purl row work in st st.

Row 16 K9, (ssk, K3) twice, K3, (K3, k2tog) twice, K9. [37 sts]

Rows 17-19 Starting and ending on a WS

purl row work in st st.

Row 20 K9, (ssk, K2) twice, K3, (K2, k2tog) twice, K9. [33 sts]

Rows 21-23 Starting and ending on a WS purl row work in st st.

Row 24 K9, (ssk, K1) twice, K3, (K1, k2tog) twice, K9. [29 sts]

Rows 25-27 Starting and ending on a WS purl row work in st st.

Row 28 K2, (k2tog, K1) twice, (ssk, K1) twice, K1, (K1, k2tog) twice, (K1, ssk) twice, K2. [21 sts]

Row 29 Purl.

Row 30 K2, (k2tog) twice, (ssk) twice, K1, (k2tog) twice, (ssk) twice, K2. [13 sts]

Cast off.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 14 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn A.

Start at the inner edge of the Ear.

Row 1 Purl.

Row 2 (K1, kfb) 3 times, K1, (K1, kfb) 3 times, K1. [20 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 K1, kfb, K2, kfb, K3, kfb, K2, kfb, K3, kfb, K2, kfb, K1. [26 sts]

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 (K1, kfb, K4, kfb, K4, kfb, K1) twice. [32 sts]

Rows 7-9 Starting and ending on a WS purl row work in st st.

Row 10 (K1, ssk, K10, k2tog, K1) twice. [28 sts]

Row 11 Purl.

Row 12 (K1, ssk, K8, k2tog, K1) twice. [24 sts]

Row 13 Purl.

Cast off.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 17 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn A.

Start at the top of the Leg.

Rows 1-11 Starting and ending on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Rows 12-13 Purl.

Row 14 Knit.

Row 15 P1, (p2tog) 8 times. [9 sts]

Cut yarn and thread through rem sts to fasten off.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 14 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn A.

Start at the top of the Arm.

Rows 1-21 Starting and ending on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 22 Purl.

Row 23 (P2tog) 7 times. [7 sts]

Cut yarn and thread through rem sts to fasten off.

TAIL

Cast on 4 sts using 3¼mm DPNs and

Yarn A.

Using two DPNs work i-cord for 6 rows. Cut yarn and thread through rem sts to fasten off.

LION MANE

Note The mane is knitted in loop stitch.

LOOP STITCH PATTERN

1 Knit into the stitch, but do not allow the original stitch to fall off the left-hand needle. Bring the yarn forward between the tips of the needles to the front.

2 Stretch out your left thumb so that it is in front of the knitting and wrap the yarn around and under it.

3 Take the yarn back between the tips of the needles to the back (keeping it wrapped around your thumb to make a loop).

4 Knit into the same stitch again on the left needle, and drop the original stitch off the left needle. Take your thumb out of the loop.

5 Put the tip of the left-hand needle through the front of the two stitches just made on the right needle and knit together.

Cast on 10 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn D.

Start at the centre back.

Row 1 (RS) K1, (loop) 8 times, K1.

Row 2 (WS) (Kfb) 9 times, K1. [19 sts]

Row 3 K1, (loop) 17 times, K1.

Row 4 (K1, kfb) 9 times, K1. [28 sts]

Row 5 K1, (loop) 26 times, K1.

Row 6 (K2, kfb) 9 times, K1. [37 sts]

Row 7 K1, (loop) 35 times, K1.

Row 8 Knit.

Rows 9-10 Rep Rows 7-8.

Row 11 Rep Row 7.

Cast off.



Use exciting loop stitch to create your lion's fabulous mane.

HEAD

Cast on 10 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn C.

Start at the back of the Head.

Rows 1-19 Follow Elephant Head patt Rows 1-19 in Yarn C. [25 sts]

Cast off.

SNOUT

Cast on 25 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn C.

Rows 1-5 Starting and ending on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 6 K1, (k2tog, K1) 8 times. [17 sts]

Row 7 Purl.

Row 8 K1, (k2tog) 8 times. [9 sts]

Cut yarn and thread through rem sts to fasten off.

BODY

Cast on 9 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn C.

Rows 1-31 Follow Elephant Body patt Rows 1-31 in Yarn C. [13 sts]

Cast off.

STEP-BY-STEP SSK SLIP, SLIP, KNIT



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



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



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



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

Wild animal toys

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 12 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn C.

Start at the top of the Arm.

Rows 1-21 Starting and ending on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 22 (K2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]

Cut yarn and thread through rem sts to fasten off.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 14 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn C.

Start at the top of the Leg.

Rows 1-9 Starting and ending on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 10 K3, (kfb) 8 times, K3. [22 sts]

Rows 11-15 Starting and ending on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 16 K1, (k2tog, K1) 7 times. [15 sts]

Row 17 Purl.

Row 18 K1, (k2tog) 7 times. [8 sts]

Cut yarn and thread through rem sts to fasten off.

TAIL

Cast on 4 sts using 3¼mm DPNs and Yarn C.

Using two DPNs work i-cord for 9 rows in Yarn C and 4 rows in Yarn D.

Cut yarn and thread through rem sts to fasten off.

ALLIGATOR BODY

Cast on 5 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn B.

Start at the tip of the tail.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 K1, (kfb, K1) twice. [7 sts]

Row 3 P2, K3, P2.

Row 4 Knit.

Row 5 Rep Row 3.

Row 6 K1, (kfb) twice, K1, (kfb) twice, K1. [11 sts]

Row 7 P3, K5, P3.

Row 8 Knit.

Rows 9-10 Rep Rows 7-8.

Row 11 Rep Row 7.

Row 12 K2, (kfb) twice, K3, (kfb) twice, K2. [15 sts]

Row 13 P4, K7, P4.

Row 14 Knit.

Rows 15-16 Rep Rows 13-14.

Row 17 Rep Row 13.

Row 18 K3, (kfb) twice, K5, (kfb) twice, K3. [19 sts]

Row 19 P5, K9, P5.

Row 20 Knit.

Rows 21-22 Rep Rows 19-20.

Row 23 Rep Row 19.

Row 24 K4, (kfb) twice, K7, (kfb) twice, K4. [23 sts]

Row 25 P6, K11, P6.

Row 26 Knit.

Rows 27-28 Rep Rows 25-26.

Row 29 Rep Row 25.

Row 30 K4, kfb, K1, kfb, K9, kfb, K1, kfb, K4. [27 sts]

Row 31 P7, K13, P7.

Row 32 Knit.

Rows 33-42 Rep Rows 31-32 five more times.

Row 43 Rep Row 31.

Row 44 K2, (k2tog, K1) 8 times, K1. [19 sts]

Row 45 P5, K9, P5. This row is the neckline.

Row 46 K2, (kfb, K1) 8 times, K1. [27 sts]

Row 47 P7, K13, P7.

Row 48 Knit.

Rows 49-50 Rep Rows 47-48.

Row 51 Rep Row 47.

Row 52 K2, (k2tog, K1) 3 times, K6, (k2tog, K1) 3 times, K1. [21 sts]

Row 53 P5, K11, P5.

Row 54 Knit.

Rows 55-56 Rep Rows 53-54.

Row 57 P6, K9, P6.

Row 58 K4, ssk, k2tog, K5, ssk, k2tog, K4. [17 sts]

Row 59 P5, K7, P5.

Row 60 Knit.

Row 61 Rep Row 59.

Row 62 K3, ssk, k2tog, K3, ssk, k2tog, K3. [13 sts]

Row 63 P4, K5, P4.

Row 64 Knit.

Row 65 Rep Row 63.

Row 66 K2, ssk, k2tog, K1, ssk, k2tog, K2. [9 sts]

Row 67 P3, K3, P3.

Row 68 K1, (k2tog) 4 times. [5 sts]

Cut yarn and thread through rem sts to fasten off.

LEGS (MAKE 4)

Cast on 6 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn B.

Start at the top of the Leg.

Rows 1-7 Starting and ending on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 8 K1, kfb, K2, kfb, K1. [8 sts]

Row 9 Purl.

Row 10 (K2, kfb) twice, K2. [10 sts]

Row 11 Purl.

Cast off.

CHIMP HEAD

Cast on 9 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn E.

Start at the back of the Head.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (RS) (Kfb) 8 times, K1. [17 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 (K1, kfb) 8 times, K1. [25 sts]

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 (K2, kfb) 8 times, K1. [33 sts]

Rows 7-12 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Use intarsia colourwork on Rows 13-16 as follows:

Row 13 P11E, P11D, P11E.

Row 14 K8E, sskE, K4D, sskD, K1D, k2togD, K4D, k2togE, K8E. [29 sts]

Row 15 P9E, P11D, P9E.

Row 16 K7E, sskE, sskD, K1D, sskD, K1D, k2togD, K1D, k2togD, k2togE, K7E. [23 sts]

Cut Yarn E and cont in Yarn D only.

Row 17 Purl.

Cast off.

SNOUT

Cast on 23 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn D.

Rows 1-5 Starting and ending on a WS purl row, work in st st.





Your chimp's i-cord tail will develop a natural curve if you keep your tension consistent.

Row 6 K2, (k2tog, K1) 7 times. [16 sts]

Row 7 Purl.

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

Cut yarn and thread through rem sts to fasten off.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 4 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn E.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (RS) K1, (kfb) twice, K1. [6 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 K1, (kfb) 4 times, K1. [10 sts]

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 K1, (k2tog) 4 times, K1. [6 sts]

Row 7 Purl.

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

Cut yarn and thread through rem sts to fasten off.

BODY

Cast on 9 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn E.

Start at the bottom of the Body.

Rows 1-6 Follow Elephant Body patt

Rows 1-6 in Yarn E. [33 sts]

Rows 7-19 Starting and ending on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 20 K1, (ssk, K2) twice, (k2tog, K2) twice, (ssk, K2) twice, (k2tog, K2) twice. [25 sts]

Rows 21-23 Starting and ending on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 24 K1, (ssk, K1) twice, (k2tog, K1) twice, (ssk, K1) twice, (k2tog, K1) twice. [17 sts]

Rows 25-27 Starting and ending on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 28 K1, (ssk) twice, (k2tog) twice, (ssk) twice, (k2tog) twice. [9 sts]

Cast off.

ARMS & LEGS (MAKE 4)

Cast on 9 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn E. Start at the top.

Rows 1-20 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Cut Yarn E and cont in Yarn D only.

Row 21 Purl.

Row 22 K1, (kfb) 7 times, K1. [16 sts]

Rows 23-27 Starting and ending on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 28 (K2tog) 8 times. [8 sts]

Cut yarn and thread through rem sts to fasten off.

TAIL

Cast on 4 sts using 3¼mm DPNs and Yarn E.

Using two DPNs work i-cord for 22 rows.

Cut yarn and thread through rem sts to fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Lion Sew the cast-on edge of the Snout to the cast-off edge of the Head. Sew the side edges of the Snout together, adding stuffing as you sew. This seam runs down the centre underside of the Head. Insert the toy safety eyes on the Head. Then sew together the side edges of the Head, stuffing as you sew. Gather the cast-on sts together at the back of the Head. Embroider the nose on the Snout in black yarn. Gather cast-on sts of Mane tog, sew side edges tog to make Mane cap. Fold the cast-off edge under and sew last row of loops onto the yellow Head. For the Body, the cast-off edge is the neckline and this is left open. Sew the side edges together, adding stuffing as you sew. This seam runs down the centre back of the Body. Gather the cast-on sts together at the base of the Body. Sew the underside of the Head onto the cast-off edge (neckline) of the Body. For each Arm/Leg, sew the side edges together and stuff. Sew the cast-on edge onto the Body. Sew the cast-on end of the Tail on the back of the Body.

Elephant Sew the cast-on edge of the Trunk to the cast-off edge of the Head. Sew the side edges of the Trunk together, adding stuffing as you sew. This seam runs down the centre underside of the Trunk. Insert the toy safety eyes on the Head. Then sew together the side edges of the Head, stuffing as you sew. Gather the cast-on sts together at the back of the Head. Fold each Ear in half and sew the side edges together, then sew the cast-on/off edges onto the back of the Head. Make up the Body, Arms, Legs and Tail as per the Lion instructions.

Chimp Make up Head and Snout as per Lion instructions. For each Ear, fold in half and sew the side edges onto the side of the Ear. Make up the Body, Arms, Legs and Tail as per Lion instructions.

Alligator Insert the Eyes, then sew the side edges of the Body tog and stuff, and gather the cast-on sts tog. At the neckline, tie a length of Yarn B around the neck and pull tight, knot firmly, and hide ends inside stuffing. For each Leg fold cast-off edge in half and oversew, sew side edges of Legs together and sew cast-on edge onto the Body. Note that the Legs are not stuffed. Embroider the teeth in white yarn. 🐊

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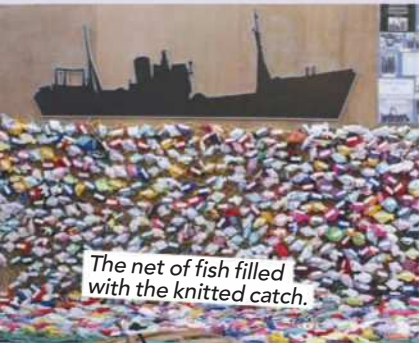
Knit One PURL FUN!

Tracey Stephens from Hull instigated a memorial made of knitted fish, in memory of lost fishermen.

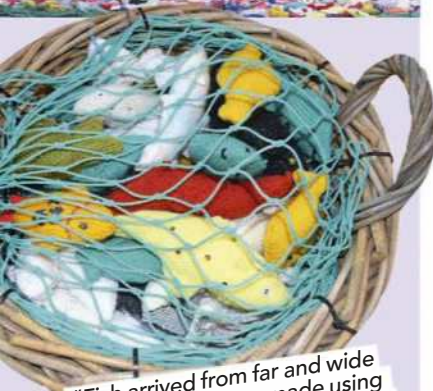


Tracey Stephens

To commemorate the death of her uncle in 1968, Tracey began working with the Fisherman's Mission.



The net of fish filled with the knitted catch.



"Fish arrived from far and wide ranging from those made using basic skills to intricate patterns."



People from the community were asked to get involved.



900 fish were knitted to represent the 900 boats that were lost.

Growing up in Hull, Tracey Stephens knew she wanted to do something to support the families of fishermen in the area.

"When I was just a small girl, my Uncle David was lost during the triple trawler tragedy of January 1968 – he was one of the crew on the St Romanus," she says. "I now work with the Fishermen's Mission to support the welfare needs of active and retired fishermen, their widows and their families."

Tracey and her team at the Mission were keen to create an exhibition that would highlight Hull's fishing heritage as part of its City of Culture events. "The initial idea came from a volunteer of the Fishermen's Mission, Ruth Creasey, who became the curator of the exhibition," says Tracey. "We chatted about it and our ideas came together to create a memorial to portray the loss of vessels and lives lost."

With 900 Hull fishing trawlers lost between 1835-1985, the concept was to knit 900 fish to represent each of the vessels and all the men who had been on board.

It was clear from the offset that it was the perfect topic for a community crafting venture. A number of local knit and natter groups offered to knit fish and spread the word, and "Many people had a connection to Hull's fishing heritage or knew someone connected to it. They wanted to be part of the story."

community workshops were held. "Fish arrived from far and wide, ranging from those made using basic knitting skills to intricate patterns created in a variety of colours."

Each individual fish was labelled with the name, number and dates of a ship lost between 1835 and 1985.

"We wanted others to be part of our exhibition and to get as many people involved as possible, which made knitting a pertinent choice for the memorial," says Tracey. "Taking part reminded people of their link with their heritage. Many had a connection to Hull's fishing heritage or they knew someone connected with it. They wanted to be part of the story," explains Tracey.

Just as they were putting the finishing touches to the memorial, Tracey picked up a blue fish by chance. Attached to it was a label printed with the trawler name St Romanus. "I held it to my face and began to cry," Tracey says. "I couldn't believe that out of 900 fish I'd happened to pick up that one. Thanks to that knitted fish, I was able to remember and grieve for my uncle again."

Written by Judy Darley



Each fish was labelled with the name of a lost vessel.



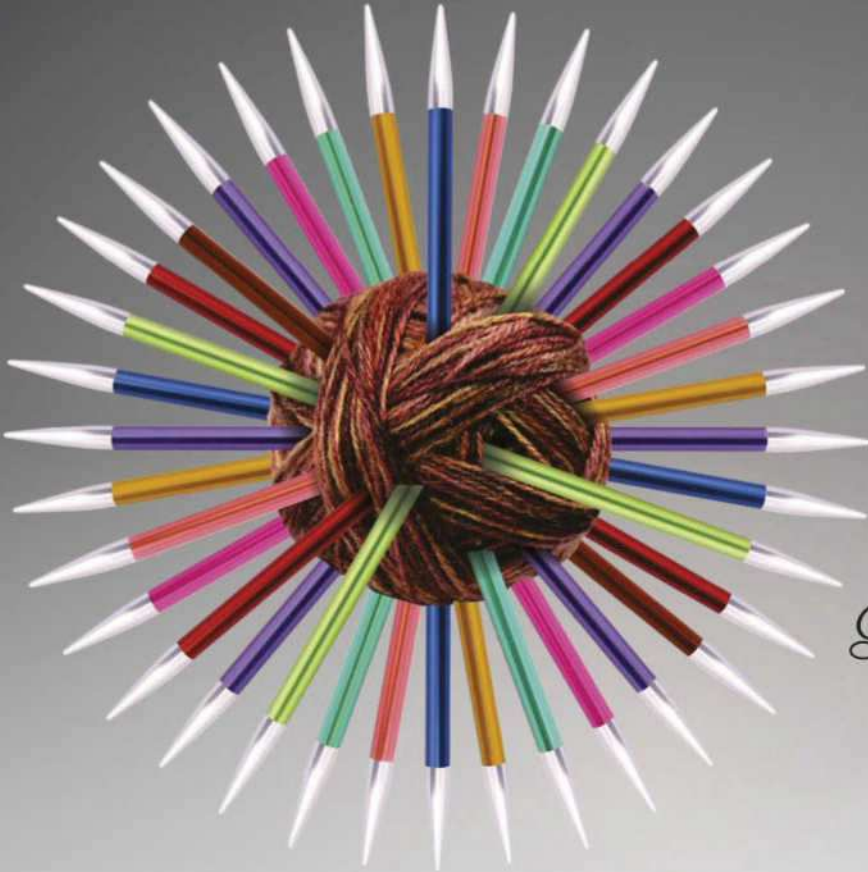
The initiative was a perfect idea for a community crafting venture.



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CAST ON 8 sts using the long-tail method.

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ROW 2 (K1, kfb) to end. [12 sts]

ROW 3 Purl.

ROW 4 (K1, kfb) to end. [18 sts]

ROW 5 Purl.

ROW 6 **Cast off** 5 sts, K to end. [13 sts]

ROW 7 **Cast off** 5 sts, P to end. [8 sts]

ROW 8 Knit.

ROW 9 Purl.

ROWS 10-15 Repeat Rows 8 and 9, 3 more times.

ROW 16 Ssk, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [6 sts]

ROW 17 Purl.

ROW 18 Ssk, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [4 sts]

ROW 19 Purl.

Cast off.

Weave in ends on WS of work.

Block shape heavily, until it lies flat.

To do this, soak it in warm water and pin on a foam board, or towel. Be careful not to stretch the shape.

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Repeat process if necessary.

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There's a choice of ten fun shades, each with a solid base and a rainbow of colours speckled throughout. We fell for Strawberry Laces (above), but all of the options are as

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BALL 50g/167m
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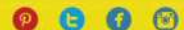


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CAST ON: CABLE METHOD

Use it for a firm edge, and when adding stitches in your work.



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



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



3 Pull the loop out with the right-hand needle, then slip it over the tip of the left-hand needle.



4 Repeat steps 2 & 3 until you have the number of stitches you require.

CAST ON: THUMB METHOD

A great all-rounder, use it to cast on stitches quickly and easily.



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



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



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



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

KNIT

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



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



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



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



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

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



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



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



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

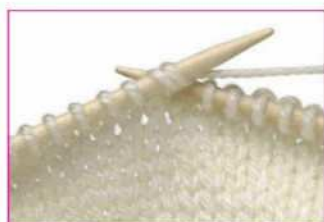


4 Pushing the point of the right-hand needle further through the stitch you've just created, pull the original loop up and off the left-hand needle. That's one purl stitch! Repeat points 1–4 across the row.

K2TOG Knit two stitches together to give a right-leaning decrease.



1 Insert the point of the right-hand needle through the loops of the next 2 stitches as if to knit.



2 Wind the yarn round the tip of the right-hand needle and pull the yarn through the 2 stitches, knitting them both together.



3 Drop the 2 stitches from the left-hand needle and keep the new stitch on the right-hand needle.



4 Knitting two stitches together decreases your stitch count by one, and the decrease stitch leans to the right. This is how a series looks.

KFB Increase 1 stitch by knitting into the front and back of an existing stitch.



1 Insert the tip of the right-hand needle into the front of the stitch and knit as normal, but don't drop it from the left-hand needle.



2 Then take the right-hand needle behind the left and insert the tip of the needle down through the back of the stitch on the left-hand needle.



3 Wrap the yarn round the tip of the right-hand needle to knit the stitch. Bring the needle through to make the stitch, keeping it on the right-hand needle.



4 Take the stitch off the left-hand needle. You will have increased one stitch by knitting twice into the original stitch, first at the front, then at the back.

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



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



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



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



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

How to add a crochet edge

Use the basic crochet stitches to add decorative edgings and more!

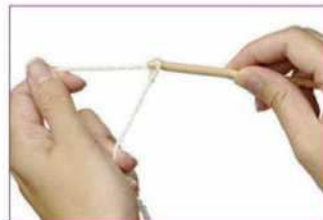
CHAIN STITCH This is the foundation of all crochet stitches.



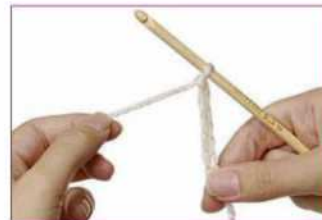
1 About 15cm (6in) from the end of the yarn, make a loop with the ball end on top. Insert the hook through this loop and catch the yarn, pulling it through the loop. Slide the slipknot up to the hook.



2 With the hook in your right hand, hold the slipknot between thumb and finger of the left hand. Move the hook under and over the yarn.



3 Pull the hook and yarn back through the slipknot loop to form your first chain (ch) stitch. Now repeat steps 1 & 2 until you've formed a chain.



4 This is what your row of chains will look like. Keep going until you have the number of chains that are stated on your pattern. (Don't count the slipknot.)

DOUBLE CROCHET Double crochet is an easy stitch often used for edging knitted garments.



1 To make a double crochet stitch, insert the hook under the top two loops of the first stitch on the previous row.



2 Wind the yarn around the hook and pull it through the two loops, giving you two loops on your crochet hook.



3 Yarn round hook again, then pull the yarn through both loops. You've made one double crochet and have a loop on your hook ready for the next stitch.



4 For following rows, turn and make one turning chain. T-ch doesn't count as a st. Work first dc in the st at base of ch. At end of row work into top of t-ch.

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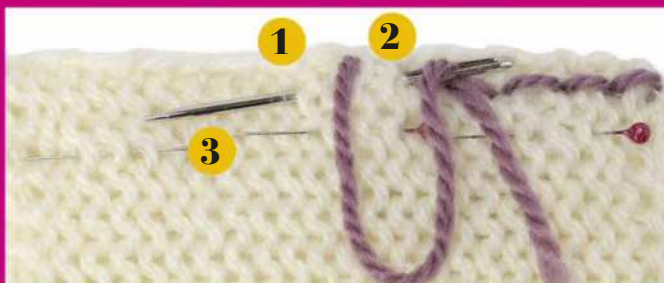
MATTRESS STITCH

Thread your yarn on to a needle, then weave along an edge to where you want to start. Bring it to the front between the first and second stitches of this edge, then insert the needle between the first two stitches of the other edge. Bring it back up through the opposite piece, between the two stitches and below the horizontal strand you just made. Keep stitching in this way, pulling the yarn tight every few stitches.



BACKSTITCH

First, pin your two pieces together and secure the yarn by making a couple of stitches over each other at the base of the seam. Now working from right to left, bring the needle up a couple of stitches away at **1**. Take the needle down at **2** and up again at **3**. Repeat, keeping the stitches regular and ensuring you put the needle through the middle of each knitted stitch to avoid splitting the fabric.



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Abbreviations & useful info

alt	alternate	MB	make a bobble	st(s)	stitch(es)
approx	approximately	MC	main colour	st st	stocking stitch
beg	beginning	P/p	purl	tbl	through the back of the loop
C2B	slip next stitch to cn & hold at back, K1; K1 from cn	patt(s)	pattern(s)	T2B	slip next stitch to cn & hold at back, K1; P1 from cn
C2F	slip next stitch to cn & hold at front, K1; K1 from cn	PB	place bead	T2F	slip next stitch to cn & hold at front, P1; K1 from cn
C4B	slip next 2 stitches to cn & hold at back, K2; K2 from cn	PM	place marker	T5B	slip next 2 stitches to cn & hold at back, K3; P2 from cn
C4F	slip next 2 stitches to cn & hold at front, K2; K2 from cn	P2tog	purl 2 stitches together (1 stitch decreased)	T5F	slip next 3 stitches to cn & hold at front, P2; K3 from cn
C6B	slip next 3 stitches to cn & hold at back, K3; K3 from cn	P3tog	purl 3 stitches together (2 stitches decreased)	tog	together
C6F	slip next 3 stitches to cn & hold at front, K3; K3 from cn	prev	previous	W3	wrap 3 stitches – with yarn held at back of work, slip next 3 sts to cn and hold at front of work. Wrap yarn 3 times around these 3 sts, being careful not to pull it too tight and ending up with yarn at back of work. Slip the 3 sts to right needle without knitting them
cb	cable back	psso	pass slipped stitch(es) over	WS	wrong side
CC	contrast colour	p(1)tbl	purl (1) into back loop purlwise; by purling the stitch	wyib	with yarn at back
cf	cable forward	rem	remain/remaining	wyif	with yarn in front
cn	cable needle	rep(s)	repeat(s)	ybk	yarn to the back
co	cast on	rev st st	reverse stocking stitch	yfwd	yarn forward
cont	continue	RH	right hand	yo	yarn over
dec	decrease(ing) (by working two stitches together)	rib2tog	either k2tog or p2tog dep on what next stitch in ribbing should be (keeps ribbing looking neat on buttonholes)	yn	yarn round needle
est	established	rnd(s)	round(s) (on a circular needle/DPNs)	yon	yarn over needle
DK	double knitting	RS	right side	*	work instructions immediately following *, then repeat as directed
DPNs	double-pointed needles	RT	right twist	w&t	wrap and turn – slip next st from LH to RH needle, take yarn between needles to other side of work, slip st back to LH needle, take yarn between needles to its starting point, then turn. On next row, knit or purl the wrapped stitch together with the strand wrapping around it
foll/s	following/follows	skpo	slip 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch, pass slipped stitch over (1 stitch decreased)		
g st	garter stitch (knit every row)	sk2po	slip 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches together, pass slipped stitch over (2 stitches decreased)		
inc	increase (usually knit into same stitch twice)	sl	slip		
K/k	knit	sl st	slip stitch		
kfb	knit into front and back of stitch	SM	stitch marker		
kwise	knitwise; by knitting the stitch	ssk	slip 2 stitches one at a time, knit 2 slipped stitches together (1 stitch decreased)		
k2tog	knit the next two stitches together	sssk	slip 3 stitches one at a time, knit 3 slipped stitches together (two stitches decreased)		
k(1)tbl	knit (1) into back loop	ssp	slip 2 stitches one at a time, purl 2 slipped stitches together through back loops (1 stitch decreased)		
LH	left hand				
LT	left twist				
meas	measure(s)				
M1	make one by knitting into back of loop between two stitches (increase 1 stitch)				
M1L	left leaning increase. With left needle tip, lift strand between needles from front to back. Knit lifted loop through back of loop				
M1R	Right leaning increase. With left needle tip, lift strand between needles from back to front. Knit lifted loop through front of loop				
M1P	make one purlwise by purling into back of loop between two stitches (increase 1 stitch)				

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9	3¾mm	5
8	4mm	6
7	4½mm	7
6	5mm	8
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3	6½mm	10½
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–	20mm	36
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11	3mm	–
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9	3.5mm	E/4
8	4mm	G/6
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My life in STITCHES

Designer Chloe Webster talks lap-cat knitting, mini cactus love and what she thinks about blocking!



CHLOE WEBSTER Mum of one, Chloe, loves renovating her 1920s house, designing and knitting garments for her toddler, and enjoying her partner's delicious cooking.

Parsley the Cat only likes lap time when Chloe's hands are knitting.



Your home life I live in a 1920s semi with my partner, toddler, cat and two chickens. We bought the house when it was a wreck and have slowly done the work ourselves. In my spare time I can usually be found painting a wall, restoring furniture, knitting or sewing. Seeing the house we live in slowly come back to life is incredibly satisfying.

On your needles I've just finished a cable jumper for my little boy. Once I was able to try it on him, he hated it and cried until I took it off. He's a very picky customer and I hope he'll be happier with the next one.

Where do you keep your stash? My yarns are kept all over the house. I'm a massive hoarder of yarn and I can't resist buying random skeins wherever I find them. Unfortunately, I rarely find enough to finish a project.

Pet hate Loud eaters really seem to get to me!

Guilty knitting secret I hate blocking and hardly ever do it.

Dream place to live We often talk about buying an old farmhouse one day. Somewhere we can keep animals. I'd love to have alpacas and learn to spin my own yarns.

The best thing about knitting Never being bored.

Terrible at... Cooking. Thankfully my partner loves to cook and makes amazing food for us and our toddler.

Biggest extravagance I'm not a massive spender and most of our spare cash goes on the house, but I do have a weakness for leather handbags. My most recent one was a bit of a splurge – with plenty of room for knitting, of course.

Best knitting companion My cat Parsley. He likes to sit on my knee while I knit because if my hands are busy I won't over fuss him. I just have to be careful he doesn't claw at my yarn while I'm knitting away though.

Prized possession My mini cactus collection. My partner started buying them for me when we first met and I used to give them all names. We still pick them up here and there and we've lost a few over the years.

Fave part of the day I like early mornings, which is lucky being the parent of a young toddler. I like to be out walking early when it's cool and crisp outside. My favourite early mornings are Sundays when we drive out to our local car boot sale and have a good rummage for bargains.

Favourite pattern Anything with cables. I first learned to knit because I wanted to knit cables. I love the texture of them and the endless possibilities. I enjoy designing cables because I love the freedom of the movement and I don't really plan, mostly I just make it up as I go along.

Happiest knitting memory Knitting tiny things while I was pregnant and then seeing my baby wearing my creations was one of the loveliest moments, so far.

When she's not knitting, Chloe indulges in a little sewing too...



An example of Chloe's fantastic knit designs.



"I like early mornings, which is lucky being the parent of a toddler."

Chloe loved making little knits for her sweet son.



Chloe loves to knit anything in glorious, textured cables.

A simple garter stitch and stocking stitch sweater.



Do you love to design? Post your knit design ideas on our Instagram page @simplyknittingmag

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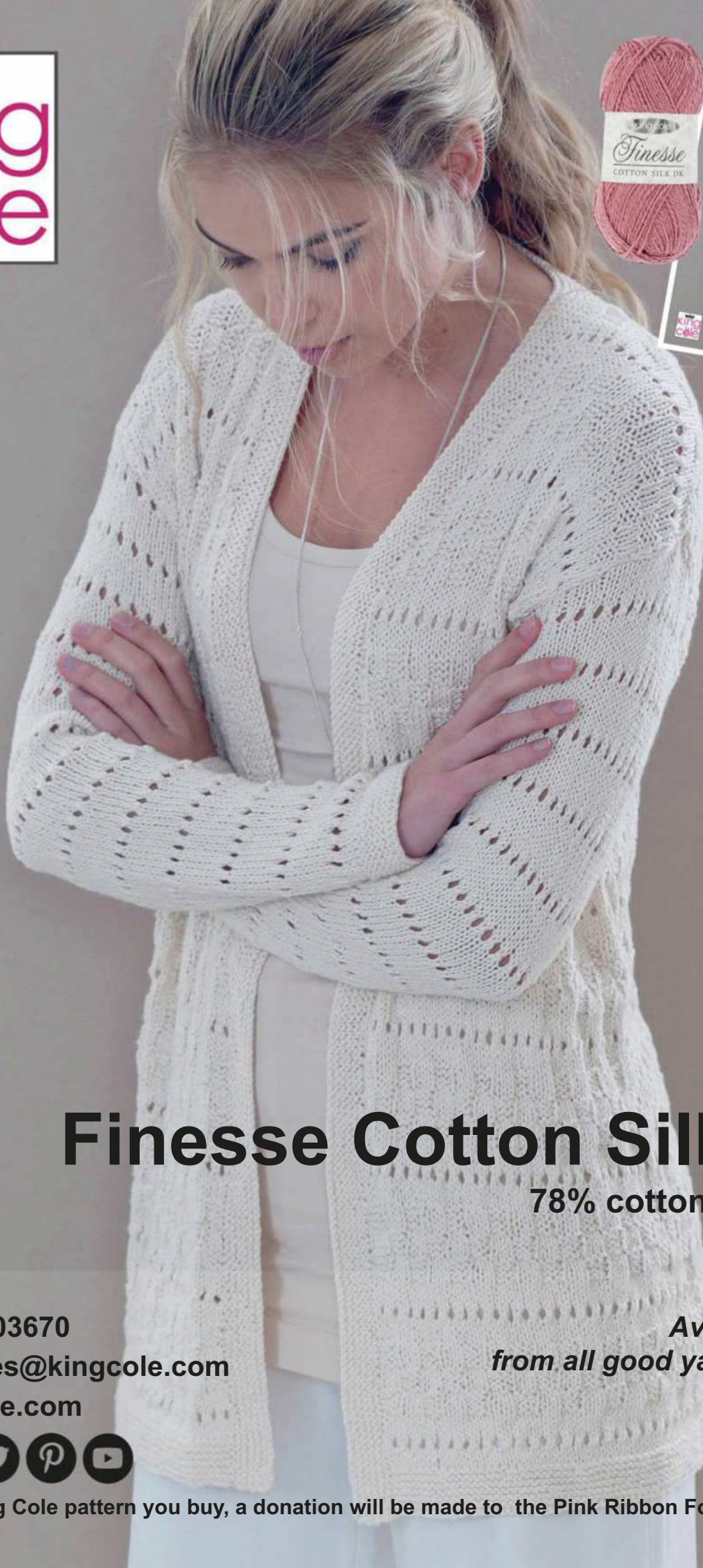
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Hurrah! There's going to be a new royal baby!

We know many of you love knitting for babies, and with the imminent arrival of a new prince or princess, we're here to help the nation celebrate! We've collaborated with our good friends at Patons to bring

you *Royal Baby Knits* – our special selection of delicate makes for little ones. Filled with timeless techniques, beautiful stitch patterns and classic construction, you can be sure your project will stand the test of time. Cast on one of two snugly sweaters, a classic cardi or a beautiful blanket – or perhaps create a wonderful gift by knitting a selection of items and packaging them beautifully for a newborn. Have fun knitting this month!

Kirstie

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A soft, garter
stitch neckline
adds unique detail
to your knit





Patons Fairytale
Fab DK is a
great budget
baby yarn!



AS WHITE AS SNOW

This matching set in a delicate cable pattern turns chilly days into happy moments. By **Patons**.



YOU WILL NEED

For the Jacket and Sweater

- Patons, Fairytale Fab DK (100% acrylic, 50g/100m)
- A pair of 3¼mm needles
- A pair of 4mm needles
- A cable needle
- Buttons (1 for Sweater, 3 for Jacket)

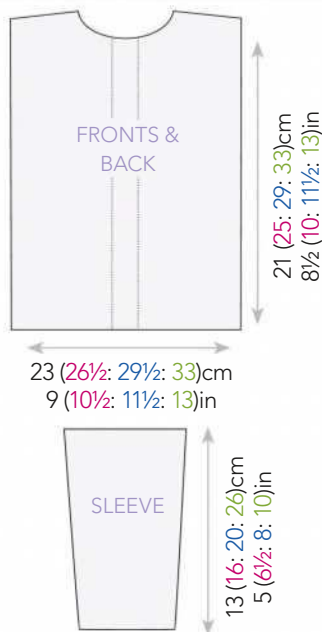
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TENSION

Yarn used knits as DK to this tension:
25 sts and 34 rows to measure 10x10cm
(4x4in) over patt using 4mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

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We all know a handknitted baby gift is the ultimate gesture. Not only are you knitting love into every stitch, but you've made something from nothing with your own hands! This neat set with its pretty stitch pattern would make the perfect present.

SWEATER BACK

Cast on 58 (66: 74: 82) sts using 3¼mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

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

Rows 3 and 4 As Rows 1 and 2.

Change to 4mm needles.

Row 5 K1, *C2B, C2F; rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 6 P2, *K2, P2; rep from * to end.

Row 7 Knit.

Rows 8 and 9 As Rows 6 and 7.

Row 10 P2, *K2, P2; rep from * to end.

Row 11 K1, *C2F, C2B; rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 12 As Row 2.

These 12 rows form patt.

Using 4mm needles throughout, cont in patt until Back meas 10 (13: 16: 19)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

Place markers at both ends of last row to denote base of armholes.**

Cont straight until work meas 6 (7: 8: 9)cm from markers, ending with RS facing for next row.

DIVIDE FOR BACK OPENING

Next row (RS) Patt 29 (33: 37: 41) sts, turn and work this side first.

Cont straight until work meas 5cm from dividing row, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE SHOULDER

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

fold alt row.

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

Break yarn and leave rem 12 (13: 14: 15) sts on a holder.

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to rem sts, patt to end.

Cont straight until work meas 5cm from dividing row, ending with WS facing for next row.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Cast off 6 (7: 8: 9) sts at beg of next and fold alt row, then 5 (6: 7: 8) sts at beg of fold alt row, ending with RS facing for next row.

Break yarn and leave rem 12 (13: 14: 15) sts on a holder.

FRONT

Work as for Back to **.

Cont straight until 14 (14: 16: 16) rows less have been worked than on Back to start of shoulder shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE NECK

Next row (RS) Patt 24 (27: 31: 34) sts, turn and work this side first.

Keeping patt correct, dec 1 st at neck edge of next 4 rows, then on fold 3 (3: 4: 4) alt rows. [17 (20: 23: 26) sts]

Work 3 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE SHOULDER

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

Work 1 row.

Cast off rem 5 (6: 7: 8) sts.

With RS facing, slip centre 10 (12: 12: 14) sts onto a holder, rejoin yarn to rem sts, patt to end. Complete to match first side, reversing shapings, working an extra row before start of shoulder shaping.

SLEEVES

Cast on 30 (34: 34: 38) sts using 3¼mm needles.

Work in patt as for Back for 4 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Change to 4mm needles.

FIND YOUR SIZE

AGE		0-3m	3-6m	6-12m	12-18m
TO FIT CHEST	cm	41	46	51	56
	in	16	18	20	22
ACTUAL CHEST	cm	46	53	59	66
	in	18	21	23	26
LENGTH	cm	21	25	29	33
	in	8½	10	11½	13
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	13	16	20	26
	in	5	6½	8	10
YARN		Patons, Fairytale Fab DK (50g/100m)			
Sweater White (1001)		2	3	3	3
Jacket White (1001)		2	3	3	4

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



This adorable jumper can be knitted with just three balls of DK yarn.

Cont in patt, shaping sides by inc 1 st at each end of next (next: next: 3rd) and every foll alt (alt: alt: 4th) row to 48 (42: 40: 52) sts, then on every foll 4th (4th: 4th: 6th) row until there are 54 (58: 62: 66) sts, taking inc sts into patt.

Cont straight until Sleeve meas 13 (16: 20: 26)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Press carefully following instructions on ball band. Join shoulder seams.

NECK BORDER

With RS facing and using 3¼mm needles, K12 (13: 14: 15) sts on left back holder, pick up and knit 14 (14: 16: 16) sts down left side of neck, K10 (12: 12: 14) sts on front holder, pick up and knit 14 (14: 16: 16) sts up right side of neck, then K12 (13: 14: 15) sts on right back holder. [62 (66: 72: 76) sts]

Work in g st for 2 rows, ending with WS facing for next row.

Cast off knitwise (on WS).

BACK OPENING BORDER

With RS facing and using 3¼mm needles, starting and ending at top of Neck Border, pick up and knit 13 sts down right side of back opening, then 13 sts up left side of back opening. [26 sts]

Row 1 (WS), K11, (k2tog) twice, K11 [24 sts]

Row 2 K1, k2tog, yo, K7, (k2tog) twice, K10.

Cast off rem 22 sts knitwise (on WS).

Sew Sleeves to Back and Front between markers. Join side and Sleeve seams. Sew on button.

JACKET BACK

Work as for Back of Sweater to **.

Cont straight until work meas 11 (12: 13: 15)cm from markers, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 6 (7: 8: 9) sts at beg of next 4 rows, then 5 (6: 7: 8) sts at beg of foll 2 rows.

Break yarn and leave rem 21 (26: 28: 30) sts on a holder.

LEFT FRONT

Cast on 30 (34: 38: 42) sts with 3¼mm needles.

Work in patt as for Back for 4 rows.

Change to 4mm needles.

Cont in patt until Left Front meas 10 (13: 16: 19)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

Place markers at end of last row to denote base of armhole.

Cont straight until 15 (15: 17: 17) rows less have been worked than on Back to start of shoulder shaping, ending with WS facing for next row.

SHAPE NECK

Keeping patt correct, **cast off** 5 (6: 6: 7) sts at beg of next row. [25 (28: 32: 35) sts]
Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 5 rows, then on foll 3 (3: 4: 4) alt rows.
[17 (20: 23: 26) sts]
Work 7 (7: 8: 8) rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

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

Work 1 row.

Cast off rem 5 (6: 7: 8) sts.

RIGHT FRONT

Work to match Left Front, reversing shapings, working an extra row before start of neck and shoulder shaping.

SLEEVES

Work as for Sleeves of Sweater.

MAKE UP

Press, carefully following instructions on ball band.

Join shoulder seams.

NECK BORDER

With RS facing and using 3¼mm needles, starting and ending at front opening edges, pick up and knit 20 (21: 23: 24) sts up right side of neck, K 21 (26: 28: 30) sts on back holder, then pick up and knit 20 (21: 23: 24) sts down left side of neck.
[61 (68: 74: 78) sts]

Work in g st for 2 rows, ending with WS facing for next row.

Cast off knitwise (on WS).

BUTTON BORDER

With RS facing and using 3¼mm needles, pick up and knit 40 (48: 56: 65) sts evenly along one front opening edge (left front for a girl, or right front for a boy), between top of Neck Border and cast-on edge.
Work in garter st for 2 rows, ending with WS facing for next row.

Cast off knitwise (on WS).

BUTTONHOLE BORDER

With RS facing and using 3¼mm needles, pick up and knit 40 (48: 56: 65) sts evenly along other front opening edge, between top of Neck Border and cast-on edge.

Row 1 (WS) Knit.

FORA GIRL

Row 2 K18 (22: 26: 31), *yo, k2tog (to make a buttonhole), K7 (9: 11: 13); rep from * once more, yo, k2tog (to make 3rd buttonhole), K2.

FORA BOY

Row 2 K2, *k2tog, yo (to make a buttonhole), K7 (9: 11: 13); rep from * once more, k2tog, yo (to make 3rd buttonhole), K18 (22: 26: 31).

FORA GIRL OR BOY

Cast off knitwise (on WS).

Sew Sleeves to Back and Fronts between markers. Join side and sleeve seams.

Sew on buttons. 



Mix it up with a different colour. You can choose from five subtle shades.



G ST
TEXTURE



DK
WEIGHT



3 1/4MM
4MM

YOU WILL NEED

■ Patons, Fairytale Soft DK
(55% polyamide, 45% acrylic,
50g/163m ball)
3 balls of White (1001)

■ A pair of 3 1/4mm needles

■ A pair of 4mm needles

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TENSION

Yarn used knits as DK to this tension:

23 sts and 33 rows to measure
10x10cm (4x4in) over patt using
4mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

50x61cm (19 1/2x24in)

ABBREVIATIONS

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BLANKET

Cast on 110 sts using 3 1/4mm needles.

Work in g st for 9 rows, ending with WS
facing for next row.

Next row (WS) K14, kfb, (K19, kfb) 4 times,
K15. [115 sts]

BEGIN PATTERN

Change to 4mm needles.

Row 1 (RS), K9, *P1, K7; rep from * to last
10 sts, P1, K9.

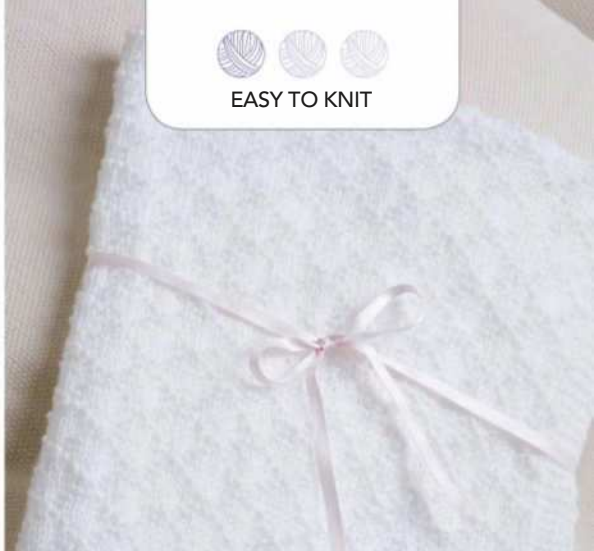
Row 2 K5, P3, *K1, P1, K1, P5; rep from *
to last 11 sts, K1, P1, K1, P3, K5.

Row 3 K7, *P1, K3; rep from * to last 4 sts,
K4.

Row 4 K5, P1, *K1, P5, K1, P1; rep from *



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COSY WRAP

Swaddle your sleepy baby in this
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to last 5 sts, K5.

Row 5 K5, *P1, K7; rep from * to last 6 sts,
P1, K5.

Row 6 As Row 4.

Row 7 As Row 3.

Row 8 As Row 2.

These 8 rows form patt.

Cont in patt until Blanket meas approx.
59cm, ending after Row 1 or 5 with WS
facing for next row.

Change to 3 1/4mm needles.

Next row (WS) K14, k2tog, (K19, k2tog) 4
times, K15. [110 sts]

Work in g st for 9 rows, ending with WS
facing for next row.

Cast off knitwise (on WS).

FINISHING

Press carefully following instructions
on the ball band.



IMPROVE
YOUR
SKILLS

Knitted in soft
DK, this sweet
jumper knits up
super quickly!

LITTLE DIAMOND

This delicate pattern by **Patons** creates a lovely light jumper, just perfect for keeping baby cosy.



G ST
TEXTURE



DK
WEIGHT



3¼MM
4MM

YOU WILL NEED

- Patons, Fairytale Soft DK (55% polyamide, 45% acrylic, 50g/163m ball)
- A pair of 3¼mm needles
- A pair of 4mm needles
- 1 button

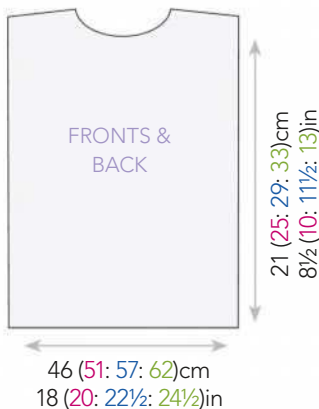
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When it comes to baby makes, delightful patterns and soft DK yarns are a match made in heaven. Patons has cleverly worked those two elements into a baby delight with this gorgeous garment! Cast on this practical knit with 3¼mm needles.

BACK

Cast on 53 (59: 65: 71) sts using 3¼mm needles. Work in garter st for 4 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Change to 4mm needles.

Work in patt as follows:

Row 1 (RS), K2 (5: 0: 3), *P1, K7; rep from * to last 3 (6: 1: 4) sts, P1, K2 (5: 0: 3).

Row 2 (P1, K1) 0 (0: 1: 0) times, P1 (4: 5: 2), *K1, P1, K1, P5; rep from * to last 4 (7: 2: 5) sts, K1, P1, K1 (1: 0: 1), P1 (4: 0: 2).

Row 3 K0 (3: 2: 1), P1, *K3, P1; rep from * to last 0 (3: 2: 1) sts, K0 (3: 2: 1).

Row 4 P0 (0: 3: 0), (K1, P1) 0 (1: 1: 0) times, K0 (1: 1: 1), *P5, K1, P1, K1; rep from * to last 5 (0: 3: 6) sts, P5 (0: 3: 5), K0 (0: 0: 1).

Row 5 K6 (1: 4: 7), *P1, K7; rep from * to last 7 (2: 5: 8) sts, P1, K6 (1: 4: 7).

Row 6 As Row 4.

Row 7 As Row 3.

Row 8 As Row 2.

These 8 rows form patt.

Cont in patt until Back meas 11 (14: 17: 20) cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Keeping patt correct, cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. [47 (53: 59: 65) sts]

Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows, then on foll 1 (2: 3: 4) alt rows.

[39 (43: 47: 51) sts]**

Cont straight until armhole meas 4 (5: 6: 7) cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

DIVIDE FOR BACK OPENING

Next row (RS) Patt 19 (21: 23: 25) sts, turn and work this side first.

Cont straight until armhole meas 10 (11:

12: 13)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE RIGHT SHOULDER

Cast off 3 (3: 4: 4) sts at beg of next and foll alt row, then 3 (4: 3: 4) sts at beg of foll alt row.

Work 1 row, ending with RS facing for next row. Break yarn and leave rem 10 (11: 12: 13) sts on a holder.

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to rem sts, k2tog, patt to end.

Cont straight until armhole meas 10 (11: 12: 13)cm, ending with WS facing for next row.

SHAPE LEFT SHOULDER

Cast off 3 (3: 4: 4) sts at beg of next and foll alt row, then 3 (4: 3: 4) sts at beg of foll alt row, ending with RS facing for next row.

Break yarn and leave rem 10 (11: 12: 13) sts on a holder.

FRONT

Work as for Back to **.

Cont straight until 14 (14: 16: 16) rows less

have been worked than on Back to start of shoulder shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE NECK

Next row (RS) Patt 16 (17: 19: 20) sts, turn and work this side first.

Keeping patt correct, dec 1 st at neck edge of next 4 rows, then on foll 3 (3: 4: 4) alt rows [9 (10: 11: 12) sts].

Work 3 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE LEFT SHOULDER

Cast off 3 (3: 4: 4) sts at beg of next and foll RS row.

Work 1 row.

Cast off rem 3 (4: 3: 4) sts.

With RS facing, slip centre 7 (9: 9: 11) sts onto a holder, rejoin yarn to rem sts, patt to end.

SHAPE RIGHT SHOULDER

Cast off 3 (3: 4: 4) sts at beg of next and foll WS row.

Work 1 row.

FIND YOUR SIZE

AGE		0-3m	3-6m	6-12m	12-18m
TO FIT CHEST	cm	41	46	51	56
	in	16	18	20	22
ACTUAL CHEST	cm	46	51	57	62
	in	18	20	22½	24½
LENGTH	cm	21	25	29	33
	in	8½	10	11½	13
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	12	15	19	23
	in	4½	6	7½	9
YARN		Patons, Fairytale Soft DK (50g/163m balls)			
White (1001)		2	2	3	3

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

Cast off rem 3 (4: 3: 4) sts.

SLEEVES

Cast on 29 (31: 33: 35) sts using 3¼mm needles. Work in garter st for 4 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Change to 4mm needles.

Work in patt as folls:

Row 1 (RS), (Kfb) 1 (0: 0: 0) times, K5 (7: 0: 1), *P1, K7; rep from * to last 7 (8: 1: 2) sts, P1, K5 (7: 0: 1), (kfb) 1 (0: 0: 0) times.

[31 (31: 33: 35) sts]

Row 2 P0 (0: 1: 0), (K1, P5) 1 (1: 1: 0) times, *K1, P1, K1, P5; rep from * to last 1 (1: 2: 3) sts, K1, P0 (0: 1: 1), K0 (0: 0: 1).

Row 3 Kfb, K0 (0: 1: 2), P1, *K3, P1; rep from * to last 1 (1: 2: 3) sts, K0 (0: 1: 2), kfb. [33 (33: 35: 37) sts]

Row 4 P3 (3: 4: 5), K1, P1, K1, *P5, K1, P1, K1; rep from * to last 3 (3: 4: 5) sts, P3 (3: 4: 5).

Row 5 (Kfb) 1 (0: 0: 0) times, K3 (4: 5: 6), *P1, K7; rep from * to last 5 (5: 6: 7) sts, P1, K3 (4: 5: 6), (kfb) 1 (0: 0: 0) times.

[35 (33: 35: 37) sts]

Row 6 P4 (3: 4: 5), K1, P1, K1, *P5, K1, P1, K1; rep from * to last 4 (3: 4: 5) sts, P4 (3: 4: 5).

Row 7 (Kfb) 0 (1: 1: 1) times, K3 (1: 2: 3), P1, *K3, P1; rep from * to last 3 (2: 3: 4) sts, K3 (1: 2: 3), (kfb) 0 (1: 1: 1) times.

[35 (35: 37: 39) sts]

Row 8 P0 (0: 1: 2), *K1, P1, K1, P5; rep from * to last 3 (3: 4: 5) sts, K1, P1, K1, P0 (0: 1: 2).

These 8 rows form patt and start Sleeve shaping.

Cont in patt, shaping sides by inc 1 st at each end of next (3rd: 3rd: 3rd) and every foll 4th row until there are 45 (49: 47: 43) sts, taking inc sts into patt.

SIZES 6-12M AND 12-24M ONLY

Inc 1 st at each end of every foll 6th row until there are - (-: 53: 57) sts.

ALL SIZES

Cont straight until Sleeve meas 12 (15: 19: 23)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE TOP

Keeping patt correct, **cast off** 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. [39 (43: 47: 51) sts]

Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows, then on foll 10 alt rows, then on every row until 11 sts rem, ending with RS facing for next row.

Cast off rem 11 sts.

TO MAKE UP

Press carefully following instructions on ball band. Join shoulder seams.

NECK BORDER

With RS facing and using 3¼mm needles, K 10 (11: 12: 13) sts on left Back holder, knit up 14 (14: 16: 16) sts down left side of neck, K 7 (9: 9: 11) sts on front holder, knit up 14 (14: 16: 16) sts up right side of neck, then K 10 (11: 12: 13) sts on right Back holder. [55 (59: 65: 69) sts]

Work in garter st for 2 rows, ending with WS facing for next row.

Cast off knitwise on WS.

BACK OPENING BORDER

With RS facing and using 3¼mm needles, starting and ending at top of Neck Border, knit up 18 sts down right side of back opening, then 18 sts up left side of back opening. [36 sts]

Row 1 (WS), K16, (k2tog) twice, K16. [34 sts]

Row 2 K1, k2tog, yfwd (to make a buttonhole), K12, (k2tog) twice, K15.

Cast off rem 30 sts knitwise on WS.

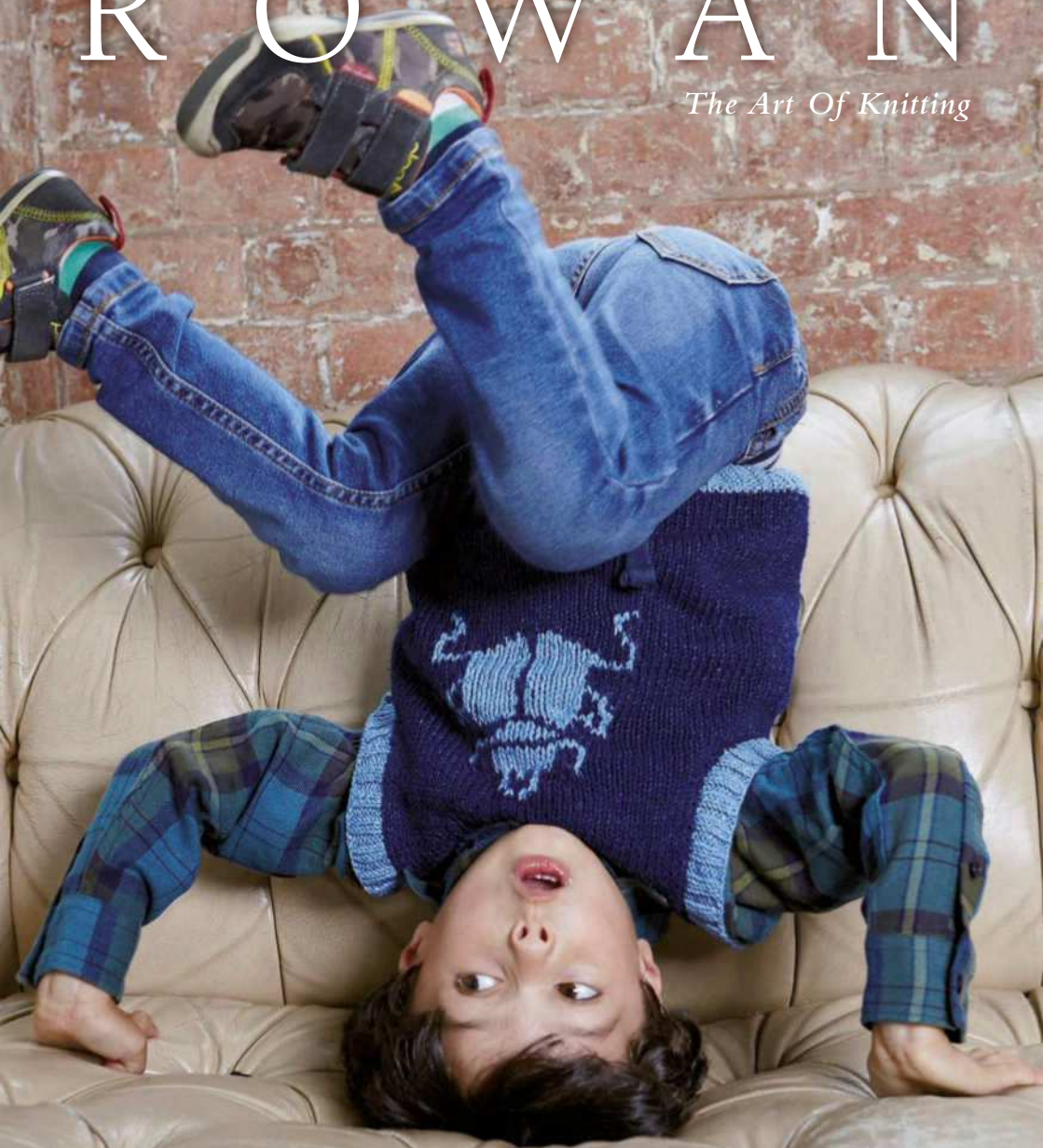
TO MAKE UP

Join side seams. Join sleeve seams.

Insert Sleeves. Sew on button. 

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Hello!



Welcome to *Simply Knitting – Accessories!*

During spring and summer I usually find myself knitting a year's worth of gifts for friends and family. In between tackling bigger projects you'll find me experimenting with smaller patterns and yarn

from my stash. It's always good to have a selection of gifts ready to go!

To help spread the love, we've put together this fun collection of quick accessory knits so you can pick and choose from slippers, shrugs and more for your friends and family. We're having a team knit-along for the Butterfly Beanie (p8), as everyone wants it for themselves or for a gift – it just goes to show, no matter what season, there's always time for wonderful hats!

For a bit of pure fun, cast on Louise Smith's gorgeous farm keyrings on page 4. Use your free kit, choose your favourite animal pair and cast on – happy knitting!

Kirstie

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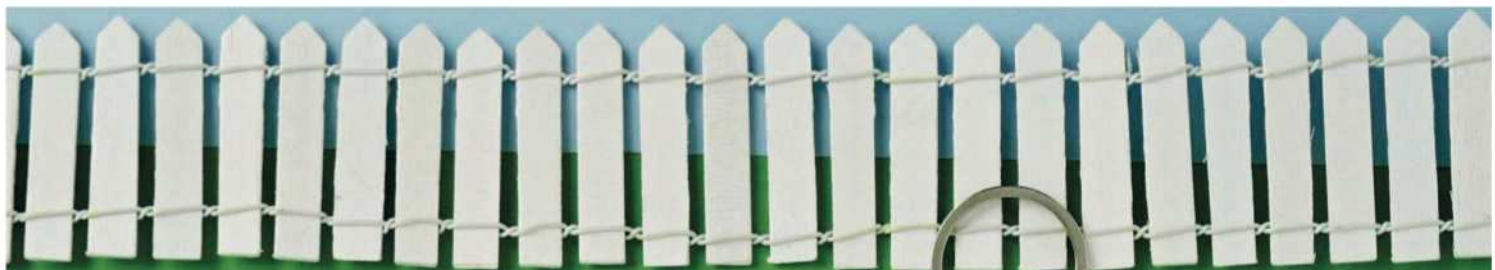
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FARM FRIENDS

Use this month's cover kit to titivate keys, bags and so much more with **Louise Smith's** adorable animal keyrings!



EASY TO KNIT



BRAMBLE ST ST ST, MOSS ST
DK WEIGHT
3MM

YOU WILL NEED

■ Yarn from your kit to knit one of the animal pairs, or oddments of DK yarn:

Yarn A White

Yarn B Brown

- A pair of 3mm needles
- 3mm and 4mm safety eyes
- Black embroidery thread
- Split keyring with two chains
- Tapestry needle

TENSION

Yarn used knits as DK to this tension:
26 sts and 36 rows to measure 10x10cm
(4x4in) over st st using 3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Mum keyrings approx 8x7cm (3¼x2¾in)

Baby keyrings approx 6x5cm (2½x2in)

ABBREVIATIONS

P5tog Purl 5 sts together

For a full list see page 79 in
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Mummy Sheep is knitted in Bramble Stitch and Lamb in moss stitch.

These little loves are easy to knit, all smiles and ready to cheer up your day. You'll have a hard time choosing which of the three animal pairs to knit with your cover kit, as they are all absolutely adorable. Perhaps you're a die-hard sheep fan, or a Highland cattle fanatic, or maybe you've fallen head over heels for the cute piggies – we certainly have!

MUMMY SHEEP BODY

Cast on 17 sts using Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) Purl.

Row 2 (WS) *(K1, P1, K1) in same st, p3tog; rep from * to last st, (K1, P1, K1) in same st. [19 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 *P3tog, (K1, P1, K1) in same st; rep from * to last 3 sts, p3tog. [17 sts]
Rep Rows 1-4, 10 more times.

Cast off.

HEAD

Cast on 18 sts using Yarn B.

Row 1 P5tog, P8, p5tog. [10 sts]

Row 2 Knit.

Work 8 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 11 Ssp, P to last 2 sts, p2tog. [2 sts dec'd]

Row 12 Knit.

Rep Rows 11 and 12 once more. [6 sts]

Rep Row 11 once more. [4 sts]

Break off yarn and thread yarn through rem sts, pulling tightly to secure.

Insert 4mm safety eyes between sts 3 and 4, and 7 and 8 of Row 6.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 8 sts using Yarn B.

Work 4 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Break off yarn and thread through rem sts, pulling tightly to secure.

Sew up side seams using cast-off tail.

Stuff rem yarn ends into leg.

TAIL

Cast on 7 sts using Yarn A.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

Cast off.

KEYRING CORD

Cast on 5 sts using Yarn A.

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Using a length of Yarn A sew up one side seam of Body, catching corner sts inside work to round off shape. Sew up the bottom of the Body, catching the Legs evenly spaced within the seam. Stuff Body. Sew up second side seam. Position Head in centre of Body (slightly up from middle) and sew in place using Yarn B.

For the nose use black embroidery

thread to sew a running stitch across bottom of Head, using image as a guide. Bring the needle up through the centre of the running stitch and back down vertically directly under Head to complete the nose.

Using yarn tail sew Tail to centre-back of Body, with purl side up.

Using yarn tail sew Keyring Cord to top of Body. Using second yarn tail attach Keyring Cord to pull ring on keyring.

Weave in any ends.

LAMB BODY

Cast on 11 sts using Yarn A.

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

Rep Row 1, 25 more times.

Cast off.

HEAD

Cast on 12 sts using Yarn B.

Row 1 P4tog, P4, p4tog. [6 sts]

Row 2 Knit.

Work 4 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 7 Ssp, P to last 2 sts, p2tog. [2 sts dec'd]

Row 8 Knit.

Rep Row 7 once more. [2 sts]

Break off yarn and thread yarn through rem sts, pulling tightly to secure.

Insert 3mm safety eyes in sts 2 and 5 of Row 4.

Your cover kit

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 6 sts using Yarn B.
Work 3 rows in st st, beg with a P row.
Cast off.

TAIL

Cast on 5 sts using Yarn A.
Row 1 Knit.
Row 2 Purl.
Cast off.

KEYRING CORD

Cast on 9 sts using Yarn A.
Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Follow Sheep Mum instructions.

MUMMY COW BODY

Cast on 17 sts using Yarn A.
Work 44 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
Cast off.

HEAD

Cast on 10 sts using Yarn B.
Work 10 rows in st st, beg with a P row.
Row 11 Ssp, P to last 2 sts, p2tog.
[2 sts dec'd]
Row 12 Knit.
Rep Rows 11 and 12 once more. [6 sts]
Rep Row 11 once more. [4 sts]
Break off yarn and thread yarn through rem sts, pulling tightly to secure.
Insert 4mm safety eyes between sts 3 and 4, and 7 and 8 of Row 6.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 3 sts using Yarn B.
Work 4 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
Break off yarn and thread yarn through rem sts, pulling tightly to secure.

RIGHT HORN

Cast on 3 sts using Yarn A.
Work 6 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
Next row Ssk, K1. [2 sts]
Next row Purl.
Break off yarn and thread yarn through rem sts, pulling tightly to secure.

LEFT HORN

Cast on 3 sts using Yarn A.
Work 6 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
Next row K1, k2tog. [2 sts]
Next row Purl.
Break off yarn and thread yarn through rem sts, pulling tightly to secure.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 8 sts using Yarn A.
Work 4 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
Break off yarn and thread through rem sts, pulling tightly to secure.

Sew up side seams using cast-off tail.
Stuff rem yarn ends into leg.

TAIL

Cast on 7 sts using Yarn A.
Row 1 Knit.
Row 2 Purl.
Cast off.

KEYRING CORD

Cast on 9 sts using Yarn A.
Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Sew and stuff Body and Legs following Mummy Sheep instructions.
Sew Head to middle of Body, slightly up from the bottom. Using black embroidery thread, sew a few running sts towards bottom of Head to create Nose. Use the image as a guide for placement.
Sew an Ear either side of Head, just down from the top.
Using Yarn A and a tapestry needle, draw loops of yarn approx 38mm long through the sts below the Ears and above the Head. To do this, come up through a st, hold onto the length of yarn drawn through, go back down through same st – making sure to keep loop held secure. Once you have made enough loops to cover Head and sides of Head, fasten off yarn. Cut through the centre of each loop and pat down hair.
Using Yarn B and a tapestry needle, embroider two running sts on each Leg, using image as guide.
Follow same instructions for Tail and Keyring Cord as for Mummy Sheep.
Weave in any ends.

CALF BODY

Cast on 10 sts using Yarn A.
Work 26 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
Cast off.

HEAD

Cast on 6 sts using Yarn B.
Work 6 rows in st st, beg with a P row.
Row 7 Ssp, P to last 2 sts, p2tog.
[2 sts dec'd]
Row 8 Knit.
Rep Row 7 once more. [2 sts]
Break off yarn and thread yarn through rem sts, pulling tightly to secure.
Insert 3mm safety eyes in sts 2 and 5 of Row 3.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 3 sts using Yarn B.
Work 4 rows in st st, beg with a K row.
Break off yarn and thread yarn through rem sts, pulling tightly to secure.



The tails are created by casting on 7 sts, knitting 2 rows of st st, then casting off.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 6 sts using Yarn A.
Work 3 rows in st st, beg with a P row.
Break off yarn and thread through rem sts, pulling tightly to secure.
Sew up side seams using cast-off tail.
Stuff rem yarn ends into leg.

TAIL

Cast on 5 sts using Yarn A.
Row 1 Knit.
Row 2 Purl.
Cast off.

KEYRING CORD

Cast on 9 sts using Yarn A.
Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Sew and stuff Body and Legs following Mummy Sheep instructions.
Using Yarn B and a tapestry needle, embroider one running st on each Leg, using image as guide.
Position Head in centre of Body (slightly up from middle) and sew in place using Yarn B.
Using black embroidery thread, sew a few running sts towards bottom of Head to create Nose. Use the image as a guide for placement.
Using Yarn A and a tapestry needle, draw loops of yarn approx 1cm long through the sts above the Head. To do this, come up through a st, hold onto the length of yarn drawn through, go back down through same st – making sure to keep loop held secure. Once you have made enough loops to cover Head and sides of Head, fasten off yarn. Cut through the centre of each loop, and ruffle the strands to fray them a little.
Follow same instructions for Tail and Keyring Cord as for Lamb.
Weave in any ends.

MUMMY PIG BODY

Rep instructions for Mummy Cow Body.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 10 sts using Yarn A.

Work 4 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Break off yarn and thread through rem sts, pulling tightly to secure.

Sew up side seams using cast-off tail.

Stuff rem yarn ends into leg.

NOSE

Cast on 10 sts using Yarn A.

Work 2 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Break off yarn and thread through rem sts.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 8 sts using Yarn A.

Work 4 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Next row Ssk, K to last 2 sts, k2tog.

[2 sts dec'd]

Next row Purl.

Repeat previous 2 rows once more. [4 sts]

Break off yarn and thread through rem sts.

TAIL

Cast on 15 sts using Yarn B.

Cast off.

Thread yarn tail through sts to curl tail.

KEYRING CORD

Cast on 5 sts using Yarn B.

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Fold Body in half and insert 4mm safety eyes in top half of front (the cast-on and cast-off edges will sit at the bottom), using image as a guide.

Sew Nose between eyes, sitting just below them – use image as a guide.

Using black embroidery thread, sew two small running stitches lengthways across nose, using image as a guide.

Using black embroidery thread, sew a

running st approx 1cm long diagonally under left side of Nose, using image as a guide. Pull running stitch down slightly, catching in place with a small st.

Sew and stuff Body and Legs following Mummy Sheep instructions.

Sew Ears either side of top of Body, running slightly down side edges.

Sew Tail to back of Body, in the centre slightly up from the bottom.

Sew the Keyring Cord in place using Yarn B, following instructions given for Mummy Sheep.

Swiss darn patches as follows around Body, using Yarn B.

SWISS DARNING

Use the diagram and general information on Swiss darning below to help you.

With RS facing, using a tapestry needle threaded with Yarn B, bring the needle from the WS of the fabric out towards you at the bottom of the 'V' that the stitch produces. Take the needle down at the top right leg of the 'V' and behind the stitch, coming out at the top right leg of the 'V'. Take the needle back down to where you came up at the bottom of the 'V' to produce one Swiss darned stitch.

To work the stitch next to it, come up at the base of the next 'V' to the left and repeat. Work a few of these, making patches of varying amounts of stitches on the Pig and Piglets bodies.

Weave in any ends.

PIGLET BODY

Rep instructions for Calf Body.

LEGS

Cast on 8 sts using Yarn A.

Work 3 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Break off yarn and thread through rem sts.



Cast on 9 stitches and then cast them off to create the cord to attach the keyring.



Use yarn in your stash to create a whole farmyard of brilliant animal keyrings!

NOSE

Cast on 8 sts using Yarn A.

Work 2 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Break off yarn and thread through rem sts.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 6 sts using Yarn A.

Work 4 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Next row Ssk, K to last 2 sts, k2tog.

[2 sts dec'd]

Next row Purl.

Repeat previous 2 rows once more. [2 sts]

Break off yarn and thread through rem sts.

TAIL

Cast on 10 sts using Yarn B.

Cast off.

Thread yarn tail through sts to curl tail.

KEYRING CORD

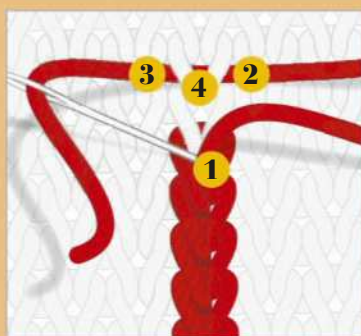
Cast on 9 sts using Yarn B.

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Follow the instructions given for how to make up Mummy Pig. 🐷

STEP-BY-STEP SWISS DARNING



Swiss darning or duplicate stitch is a great way to add small details to your knitting, covering the stitch with an embroidery stitch the same shape as the stitch beneath it.

Work from bottom to top, bringing the needle out at the base of the stitch at 1. Take the needle behind the top of the 'V', in at 2 and out at 3. Take the needle down at 4 and bring it up at 1, at the base of the stitch above. Continue in this way up the line of knitted stitches.



OH-SO PRETTY!

Room for a little one? **Sandra Nesbitt's** sweet lace and cable beanie is knitted in marvellous Mandarin.





CABLES
LACE



DK
WEIGHT



3MM
3/4MM

YOU WILL NEED

- Bergère de France, Merinos 4 (100% Merino wool)
2 balls of Mandarine (72)
- A set of 3¾mm double-pointed needles (DPNs)
- A 3mm circular needle, 40cm long
- A 3¾mm circular needle, 40cm long
- 2 cable needles
- Stitch marker

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TENSION

Yarn used knits as DK to this tension:
23 sts and 36 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3¾mm needles
1 repeat of butterfly lace pattern measures 8.5cm wide by 8.25cm high

ABBREVIATIONS

Butterfly Cable slip 3 sts to cable needle (cn) and hold at back, slip 3 sts to another cn and hold at front, K3 from left hand needle, K3 from cn held at front and K3 from cn held at back

For a full list see page 79 in *Simply Knitting* magazine.

Hats are, without a doubt, one of the nation's most popular makes. Quick, achievable and utterly wearable, they fill up those relaxing evenings perfectly. So, if after all those garter and stocking stitch knits you're ready to take on something with a little more technique, this beautiful butterfly option will give you the motivation to spread your knitting wings – its delicate mix of lace and cable will soon have you hooked! Why not cast on today in a bright, bold shade like this one and pull on the perfect hat for cheering up Mondays?

HAT

Cast on 120 sts using a 3mm circular needle. Join to work in the round, taking care not to twist the stitches, and PM for the start of the round.

Work brim as follows:

Rounds 1-20 *P2, K3; rep from * to end.

Next round (Inc) *P1, M1P, P1, K3; rep from * to end. [144 sts]
Change to a 3¾mm circular needle.

Work Rounds 1-33 of Chart A or the written instructions.

CHART A

(WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS)

Round 1 *P3, K1, k2tog, yo, K1, (yo, skpo) twice, K1, P3, K9; rep from * to end.

All even rounds apart from Rounds 12, 16, 28 and 32 *P3, K9; rep from * to end.

Round 3 *P3, (k2tog, yo) twice, K1, (yo, skpo) twice, P3, K9; rep from * to end.

Round 5 *P3, (yo, skpo) twice, K1, (k2tog, yo) twice, P3, K9; rep from * to end.

Round 7 *P3, K1, yo, skpo, yo, s2kpo, yo, k2tog, yo, K1, P3, Butterfly Cable; rep from * to end.

Round 9 *P3, K2, yo, skpo, K1, k2tog, yo, K2, P3, K9; rep from * to end.

Round 11 *P3, K3, yo, s2kpo, yo, K3, P3, K9; rep from * to end.

Round 12 *P3, K9, P3, K4, kfb, K4; rep from * to end. [150 sts]

Round 13 *P3, K9, P3, K3, k2tog, yo, skpo, K3; rep from * to end. [144 sts]

Round 15 *P3, K9, P3, K2, k2tog, yo, K1, yo, skpo, K2; rep from * to end.

Round 16 *P3, K9, P3, K4, kfb, K4; rep from * to end. [150 sts]

Round 17 *P3, K9, P3, K1, (k2tog, yo) twice, skpo, yo, skpo, K1; rep from * to end. [144 sts]

Round 19 *P3, K9, P3, (k2tog, yo) twice, K1, (yo, skpo) twice; rep from * to end.

Round 21 *P3, K9, P3, (yo, skpo) twice, K1, (k2tog, yo) twice; rep from * to end.

Round 23 *P3, Butterfly Cable, P3, K1, yo, skpo, yo, s2kpo, yo, k2tog, yo, K1; rep from * to end.

Round 25 *P3, K9, P3, K2, yo, skpo, K1, k2tog, yo, K2; rep from * to end.

Round 27 *P3, K9, P3, K3, yo, s2kpo, yo, K3; rep from * to end.

Round 28 *P3, K4, kfb, K4, P3, K9; rep from * to end. [150 sts]

Round 29 *P3, K3, k2tog, yo, skpo, K3, P3, K9; rep from * to end. [144 sts]

Round 31 *P3, K2, k2tog, yo, K1, yo, skpo, K2, P3, K9; rep from * to end.

Round 32 *P3, K4, kfb, K4, P3, K9; rep from * to end. [150 sts]

Round 33 *P3, K1, (k2tog, yo) twice, skpo, yo, skpo, K1, P3, K9; rep from * to end. [144 sts]

Work Rounds 2-28 once more.

CROWN

Work Rounds 1-18 of Chart B or the written instructions below. Change to using DPNs when needed.

CHART B

(WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS)

Round 1 *P3, K3, k2tog, yo, skpo, K3, P3, K3, s2kpo, K3; rep from * to end. [132 sts]



Butterfly beanie

Round 2 *P3, K9, P3, K7; rep from * to end.

Round 3 *P3, K2, k2tog, yo, K1, yo, skpo, K2, P3, K2, s2kpo, K2; rep from * to end. [120 sts]

Round 4 *P3, K4, kfb, K4, P3, K5; rep from * to end. [126 sts]

Round 5 *P3, K1, (k2tog, yo) twice, skpo, yo, skpo, K1, P3, K1, s2kpo, K1; rep from * to end. [108 sts]

Round 6 *P3, K9, P3, K3; rep from * to end.

Round 7 *P3, (k2tog, yo) twice, K1, (yo, skpo) twice, P3, s2kpo; rep from * to end. [96 sts]

Round 8 *P3, K9, P3, K1; rep from * to end.

Round 9 *P3tog, skpo, yo, skpo, K1, k2tog, yo, k2tog, p3tog, K1; rep from * to end. [60 sts]

Round 10 *P1, K7, P1, K1; rep from * to end.

Round 11 *P1, skpo, yo, s2kpo, yo, k2tog, P1, K1; rep from * to end. [48 sts]

Round 12 *P1, K5, P1, K1; rep from * to end.

Round 13 *P1, skpo, K1, k2tog, P1, K1; rep from * to end. [36 sts]

Round 14 *P1, K3, P1, K1; rep from * to end.


Round 15 *P1, s2kpo, P1, K1; rep from * to end. [24 sts]

Round 16 *P1, K1, P1, K1; rep from * to end.

Round 17 *S2kpo, K1; rep from * to end. [12 sts]

Round 18 *K2tog; rep from * to end. [6 sts]

FINISHING


Cut yarn leaving a 6cm tail. Thread tail through rem sts and fasten off. Weave in ends. Block gently to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band. 


KEY

 Knit

 Purl


 Skpo


 K2tog

 S2kpo

 Yo

 Kfb

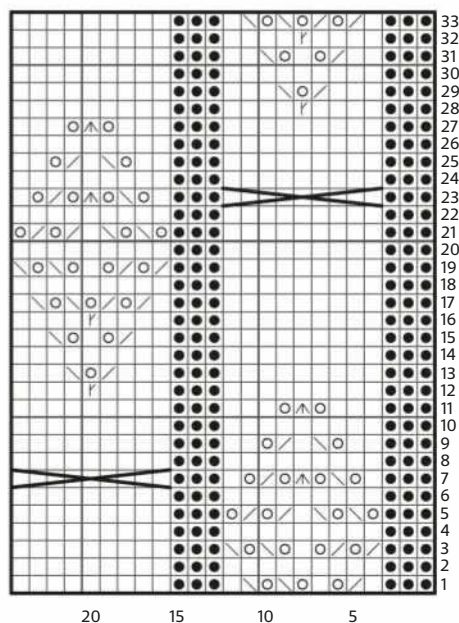
 P3tog

 No stitch

 Butterfly Cable



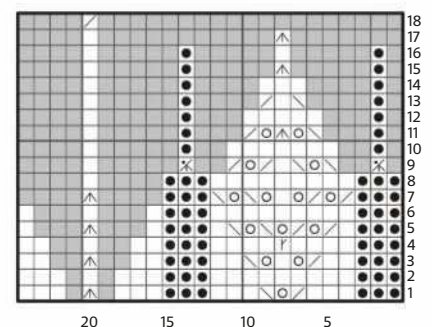
CHART A



HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

Start at the bottom right-hand corner. Read all rounds from right to left. A row of squares represents a row of knitting.

CHART B



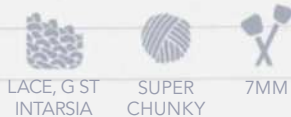
Rico Essentials Big
yarn knits up in no time
for the speediest
of home knits!



THE COSY CORNER

Modernise a traditional lace blanket with an on-trend mustard-coloured border this season. By **Caroline Birkett**.





LACE, G ST
INTARSIA

SUPER
CHUNKY

7MM

YOU WILL NEED

- Rico, Essentials Big
(50% wool, 50% acrylic, 50g/48m)
2 balls of **Yarn A** Saffron (32)
14 balls of **Yarn B** Light Grey (22)
 - A 7mm circular needle, 100cm long
- For yarn stockists contact
Rico Design www.rico-design.de

TENSION

Yarn used knits as super chunky to this tension: 11 sts and 15 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over garter st using 7mm needles; 1 rep of Fern Lace Rib (20 sts) measures 16cm

MEASUREMENTS

118cm (46½in) wide x 100cm (39¼in) long

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79 in
Simply Knitting magazine

Knitting lace blankets can be pretty daunting but these days, with the dawn of chunky-knit patterns, they are far more doable, and fabulously quick, too! Add a bright modern border to Caroline's beautiful lace pattern, and bring your homeware bang up to date.

FERN LACE RIB PATTERN

Row 1 *K3tog, K4, yo, K1, yo, P2, yo, K1, yo, K4, sk2po, P2; rep from * 5 more times, k3tog, K4, yo, K1, yo, P2, yo, K1, yo, K4, sk2po.

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 *P8, K2; rep to last 8 sts before border P8.

Row 3 *K3tog, K3, yo, K1, yo, K1, P2, K1, yo, K1, yo, K3, sk2po, P2; rep from * 5 more times, k3tog, K3, yo, K1, yo, K1, P2, K1, yo, K1, yo, K3, sk2po.

Row 5 *K3tog, K2, yo, K1, yo, K2, P2, K2, yo, K1, yo, K2, sk2po, P2; rep from * 5 more times, k3tog, K2, yo, K1, yo, K2, P2, K2, yo, K1, yo, K2, sk2po.

Row 7 *K3tog, K1, yo, K1, yo, K3, P2, K3, yo, K1, yo, K1, sk2po, P2; rep from * 5 more times, k3tog, K1, yo, K1, yo, K3, P2, K3, yo, K1, yo, K1, sk2po.

Row 9 *K3tog, yo, K1, yo, K4, P2, K4, yo, K1, yo, sk2po, P2; rep from * 5 more times, k3tog, yo, K1, yo, K4, P2, K4, yo, K1, yo, sk2po.

BLANKET

Before you begin, wind off each ball of Yarn A into two smaller balls.

Cast on 146 sts using 7mm needles and Yarn A.
Knit 7 rows.

From now on the first and last 4 sts will be worked in Yarn A, and the sts in between worked in Yarn B. Use the intarsia method, using a different ball of Yarn A for each end, twisting the yarns where they meet Yarn B.

Set up row (WS) K4B, P to last 4 sts in Yarn A, K4B.

Row 1 K4B, work Row 1 of Fern Lace Rib pattern to last 4 sts, K4B.

Row 2 K4B, work Row 1 of Fern Lace Rib pattern to last 4 sts, K4B.

Last 2 rows set pattern placement for garter stitch edges and Fern Lace Rib pattern.

Cont to work in patterns as set, working through Rows 1-10 of Fern Lace Rib pattern until Blanket measures approx. 100cm from cast-on edge, finishing on a Row 10.

Break Yarn B and continue in Yarn A.

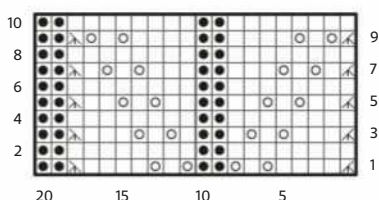
Knit 6 rows.

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

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

CHART



KEY


- K on RS; P on WS
- P on RS; K on WS
- K3tog
- Sk2po

HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

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



The Fern Lace Rib pattern creates a natural rippled effect at the top and bottom of the blanket.



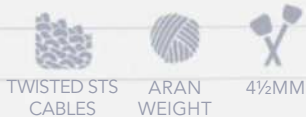
This hard-wearing
100% wool aran
yarn will last for
years and years

FEELING PEACHY!

Kick off those uncomfy heels, then sit back and relax into **Siân Brown's** diamond and bobble cushion.



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS



TWISTED STS
CABLES

ARAN
WEIGHT

4½MM

YOU WILL NEED

- Cascade, 220 Aran (100% wool, 100g/200m)
2 skeins of Bright Nectarine (9615)
- A pair of 4½mm needles
- A cable needle
- 6 buttons
- A 40x40cm (15¾x15¾in) cushion pad

For yarn stockists contact
Wool Warehouse 01926 882818
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

TENSION

Yarn used knits as aran to this tension:
19 sts and 27 rows to measure 10x10cm
(4x4in) over st st using 4½mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

40x40cm (15¾x15¾in)

ABBREVIATIONS

MB (make bobble) (K1, P1) twice into next st, (turn, P4, turn, K4) twice, turn, P4, turn, s2kpo

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Simply Knitting magazine

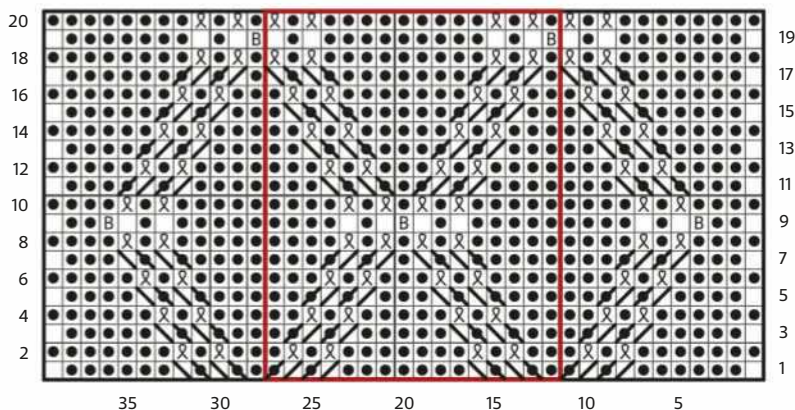
HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

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

KEY

- K on RS; P on WS
- P on RS; K on WS
- T2B
- T2F
- MB
- Ptbl
- Repeat

CHART



Fabulous textured cushions like this one are all the rage – knit them in classic muted tones for sophisticated sofas, or tropical brights for lavish lounges!

CHART PATTERN (WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS)

- Row 1 (RS)** K1, P6, (T2B) twice, *P1, (T2F) twice, P7, (T2B) twice; rep from * to last 12 sts, P1, (T2F) twice, P6, K1.
- Row 2** K7, (P1tbl, K1) twice, K1, *(K1, P1tbl) twice, K7, P1tbl, K1, P1tbl, K2; rep from * to last 11 sts, (K1, P1tbl) twice, K7.
- Row 3** K1, P5, (T2B) twice, P1 *P2, (T2F) twice, P5, (T2B) twice, P1; rep from * to last 12 sts, P2, (T2F) twice, P5, K1.
- Row 4** K6, P1tbl, K1, P1tbl, K3 *K2, P1tbl, K1, P1tbl, K5, P1tbl, K1, P1tbl, K3; rep from * to last 11 sts, K2, P1tbl, K1, P1tbl, K6.
- Row 5** K1, P4, (T2B) twice, P2, *P3, (T2F) twice, P3, (T2B) twice, P2; rep from * to last 12 sts, P3, (T2F) twice, P4, K1.
- Row 6** K5, P1tbl, K1, P1tbl, K4, *K3, P1tbl, K1, P1tbl, K3, P1tbl, K1, P1tbl, K4; rep from * to last 11 sts, K3, P1tbl, K1, P1tbl, K5.
- Row 7** K1, P3, (T2B) twice, P3, *P4, (T2F) twice, P1, (T2B) twice, P3; rep from * to last 12 sts, P4, (T2F) twice, P3, K1.
- Row 8** K4, P1tbl, K1, P1tbl, K5, *K4, (P1tbl, K1) 3 times, P1tbl, K5; rep from * to last 11 sts, K4, P1tbl, K1, P1tbl, K4.
- Row 9** K1, P2, MB, K1, P1, K1, P4, *P5, K1, P1, K1, MB, K1, P1, K1, P4; rep from * to last 12 sts, P5, K1, P1, K1, MB, P2, K1.
- Row 10** As Row 8.
- Row 11** K1, P3, (T2F) twice, P3, *P4, (T2B) twice, P1, (T2F) twice, P3; rep from * to last 12 sts, P4, (T2B) twice, P3, K1.
- Row 12** As Row 6.
- Row 13** K1, P4, (T2F) twice, P2, *P3, (T2B) twice, P3, (T2F) twice, P2; rep from * to last 12 sts, P3, (T2B) twice, P4, K1.
- Row 14** As Row 4.
- Row 15** K1, P5, (T2F) twice, P1, *P2, (T2B) twice, P5, (T2F) twice, P1; rep from * to last 12 sts, P2, (T2B) twice, P5,

K1.

Row 16 as Row 2.

Row 17 K1, P6, (T2F) twice, *P1, (T2B) twice, P7, (T2F) twice; rep from * to last 12 sts, P1, (T2B) twice, P6, K1.

Row 18 K8, (P1tbl, K1) twice, *P1tbl, K1, P1tbl, K9, (P1tbl, K1) twice; rep from * to last 11 sts, P1tbl, K1, P1tbl, K8.

Row 19 K1, P7, K1, P1, K1, *MB, K1, P1, K1, P9, K1, P1, K1; rep from * to last 12 sts, MB, K1, P1, K1, P7, K1.

Row 20 As Row 18.

Rows 1-20 set pattern.

CUSHION

Cast on 80 sts using 4½mm needles.

Row 1 (K1, P1) to end.

Row 2 (P1, K1) to end.

Rep these 2 rows once more, then Row 1 once more.

Work in stocking st until work measures 30cm from cast-on edge, ending on a RS row, inc 7 sts evenly across last row. [87 sts]

Next row (WS) Knit.

Begin Chart:

Row 1 Work Row 1 of Chart or written instructions to end of row, working the repeat section 4 times.

Row 2 Work Row 2 of Chart or written instructions to end of row, working the repeat section 4 times.

Cont working Chart, repeating 20 rows of chart until the front measures 40cm, ending on a Row 10.

OVERLAP

Next row Purl.

Next row Dec 7 sts evenly across row. [80 sts]

Work 10cm stocking st. Fold over to the back, and make sure that the stitches on the needle sit just above the cast-on edge (if they don't, add or undo rows until they do).

BUTTONHOLE BAND

Row 1 (K1, P1) to end.

Row 2 (P1, K1) to end.


Row 3 Starting with a K1, moss st 6, k2tog, yo, (moss st 11, p2tog, yo) 5 times, moss st 7.

Row 4 As Row 2.

Row 5 As Row 1.

Cast off.

Block and press stocking stitch part of cushion cover. Pin and sew side seams. Sew on buttons to correspond with buttonholes.



Our snuggly slipper yarn
is made up of cosy wool
and soft alpaca

HAPPY FEET

Treat your toes to our quick and easy slippers by
Monica Russel and keep those chills at bay!



EASY TO KNIT!



YOU WILL NEED

- DROPS, Andes (65% wool, 35% alpaca, 100g/90m)
2 balls of **Yarn A** Denim (6295)
1 ball of **Yarn B** Cerise (3755)

- A pair of 8mm needles

For yarn stockists contact
Wool Warehouse 01926 882818
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

TENSION

Yarn used knits as super chunky to this tension: 10 sts and 20 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over garter stitch using 8mm needles and yarn held double

ABBREVIATIONS

K22A/P22A Knit or purl the given number of stitches in yarn specified (here, 22 stitches in Yarn A)

For a full list see page 79 in *Simply Knitting* magazine.

When your feet are chilly, you want a slipper pattern that knits up quickly and easily. Enter Monica Russel's toasty slippers, worked in rib, garter stitch and stripes. Knitted in DROPS Andes yarn, they won't break the bank either!

Note Yarn is used double throughout.

SLIPPERS (MAKE 2) CUFF

Cast on 33 sts using 1 strand of Yarn A and 1 strand of Yarn B held together.

Row 1 *K2, P2; rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 2 P1, *K2, P2; rep from * to end.

Rep Rows 1 and 2, 9 more times.
(Work should measure approx 15cm.)

Cut off Yarn B and join in a second strand of Yarn A.

TONGUE

Working with two strands of Yarn A held double:

Row 1 (RS) K22A, turn.

Row 2 (WS) K11A, turn.

Join in two strands of Yarn B held double.

Row 3 (RS) K11B, turn.

Knit 20 more rows over these 11 sts, working 2 row stripes of each colour. Cut off Yarn B.

SHAPE TOE

Next row (RS) K2tog, K7, k2tog. [9 sts]

Next row Knit.

Next row K2tog, K5, k2tog. [7 sts]

Next row Knit.

Next row K2tog, K3, k2tog. [5 sts]

FOOT

Row 1 (RS) Pick up and knit 13 sts along left side of the Tongue, knit 11 sts from the Cuff. [29 sts]

Row 2 K29, pick up and knit 13 sts on right side of the Tongue, knit 11 sts from the Cuff. [52 sts]

Knit 7 rows, dec 1 st on the final row.

SOLE

Row 1 (RS) K2tog, K19, k2tog, K2, k2tog, K2, k2tog, K19, k2tog. [47 sts]

Row 2 Knit.

Row 3 K2tog, K17, k2tog, K1, k2tog, K1, k2tog, K18, k2tog. [42 sts]

Row 4 Knit.

Row 5 K2tog, K16, k2tog, k2tog, k2tog, K16, k2tog. [37 sts]

Row 6 Knit.

Cast off all sts.

TO MAKE UP

Sew Foot, heel and Cuff seams. Weave in ends and gently block to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band. 🧶



The foot is created by picking up stitches along the side of the tongue and cuff.



The chunky, garter stitch soles give a comfy, cushioned effect under your feet.



...AND RELAX

Fran Morgan's trio of home decoration knits is designed to deliver maximum 'me' time.



EASY TO KNIT



YOU WILL NEED

■ King Cole Riot DK (30% wool, 70% acrylic, 100g/294m)

Cushion Cover 2 balls of Juniper (1690)

Coasters 1 ball of Juniper (1690)

Caddy 1 ball of Juniper (1690)

Three balls will knit all three items

■ A 3¼mm circular needle, 60cm long

■ A 4mm circular needle, 60cm long

■ Stitch holder

■ 4 buttons, 15mm diameter

■ A 40x40cm (15¾x15¾in) cushion pad

For yarn stockists contact

King Cole 01756 703670

www.kingcole.com

TENSION

Yarn used knits as DK to this tension:

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

MEASUREMENTS

Cushion Cover 40x43cm

Coasters 11x11cm

Caddy 27x58cm

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79 in *Simply Knitting* magazine



Never be without your needles, yarn or remote control with our cool caddy.



The clever double knitting technique used will give your chair caddy stability.

There's nothing like taking an hour out of your day to sit down and watch your favourite TV show along with your treasured knitting – we all know it's the perfect way to bring your stress levels down. A good knitting nook is vital for craft addicts and our trio of brilliant knits from Fran Morgan will help you create just that! Tuck your needles, yarn and remote control inside the simple, soft pockets, pop your piping-hot cuppa on a cool coaster and rest your back on our comfy cushion. Each of these makes are easy to knit, so you'll soon be chilling out in style.

ARMCHAIR CADDY

Note Double knitting (not to be confused with the yarn weight), is a knitting technique that enables you to produce a double layer of stocking stitch. The foundation row is made by working a yarn over after every knit stitch. On subsequent rows, one stitch

is knitted and the next slipped, which forms a double layer. Be careful not to catch any yarn from the slipped stitch, and always bring the yarn forward before slipping the stitch and then take it back to knit the next stitch.

Cast on 60 sts using 3¼mm needles.

Knit 8 rows.

Change to 4mm needles.

Set up for double knitting:

Row 1 (RS) K4, (K1, yo) 24 times, K4, (K1, yo) 24 times, K4.

Row 2 K4, (P1, Sl 1 wyif) 24 times, K4, (P1, Sl 1 wyif) 24 times, K4.

Row 3 K4 (K1, Sl wyif) 24 times, K4, (K1, Sl 1 wyif) 24 times, K4.

Rep Rows 2 and 3 until work measures 19cm from end of garter st.

Next row (RS) K4, (P1, Sl 1 wyif) 24 times, K4, (P1, Sl 1 wyif) 24 times, K4.

Next row (WS) K4, (P1, Sl 1 wyif) 24 times, K4, (P1, Sl 1 wyif) 24 times, K4.

Next row K4 (K1, Sl wyif) 24 times, K4,



This variegated yarn works beautifully with the basketweave pattern.

(K1, Sl 1 wyif) 24 times, K4.

Next row (RS) K4, (P1, Sl 1 wyif) 24 times, K4, (P1, Sl 1 wyif) 24 times, K4.

Rep the last 4 rows once more then work the first 2 of these 4 rows once more. (10 rows total)

Next row Sl 4, (Sl 1 to RH needle, Sl 1 to a holder) 24 times, K4, (Sl 1 to RH needle, Sl 1 to a holder) 24 times, Sl 4.

The front and the back sections of the pocket should separate.

With RS facing, return to the sts on the needle to cast off the pocket.

Next row (RS) K4, **cast off** 24 sts from the front needle, K until there are 4 sts after the cast off, **cast off** 24 sts, K to end.

Next row (WS) K4, P24 sts from holder, K4, P24 sts from holder.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 K4, P24, K4, P24, K4.

Rep the last 2 rows until work measures 56cm.

Change to 3¼mm needles.

Knit 8 rows.

Cast off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends and block gently, following any instructions on the ball band.

CUSHION COVER

Cast on 166 sts, using a 3¼mm circular needle.

Border is worked back and forth.

Knit 6 rows.

Buttonhole row K14, k2tog, yo twice, k2tog, *K12, k2tog, yo twice, k2tog; rep from * 2 more times, K to end. Knit 4 rows.

Next row K to end AT THE SAME TIME inc 10 sts evenly spaced across row. [176 sts]

Join work to knit in the round, being careful not to twist sts. PM to denote beg of rnd.



When working with bright colours a subtle button can set it off perfectly.



Create the 'boxes' by knitting 11 stitches, then purling 11 stitches for 15 rows.

Lounge set



Keep your surfaces ring-free with these cool coasters, made in double moss stitch.

Round 1 (RS) *K11, P11; rep from * to end of round.
Rep the last round 13 times more.

Round 15 (RS) P11, *K11; rep from * to end of round.
Rep the last round, 13 times more.
These 28 rounds form Basketweave Patt.

Cont in Basketweave Patt until work measures 43cm from beg of patt.

Turn work inside out.
Distribute half the sts evenly across both ends of the circular needle.
Using another 4mm needle **cast off** Back and Front together using the three-needle cast-off method.

TO MAKE UP

Weave in ends and block gently to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band. Sew in yarn ends. Sew border sides together. Attach 4 buttons.

COASTERS (MAKE 4)

Cast on 30 sts using 4mm needles.
Knit 4 rows.

Rows 1 and 2 K3, *K2, P2; rep from * to last 3 sts, K3.

Rows 3 and 4 K3, *P2, K2; rep from * to last 3 sts, K3.

Rows 1 to 4 form double moss stitch patt.
Cont in patt until work measures 10cm.

Knit 4 rows.

Cast off.

FINISHING

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



Our chosen variegated yarn creates a wonderful ombré effect for your coasters.



The clever moss stitch pattern means either side of the coaster can be used.

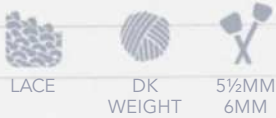
Amitola Grande
yarn comes in a
range of rainbow
coloured options!



TROPICAL TREAT

Knit up a little equatorial sunshine with
this colourful shrug from Jo Allport.





YOU WILL NEED

- Louisa Harding, Amitola Grande (80% wool, 20% silk, 100g/250m)
See table for yarn amounts
 - A 5½mm circular needle, 80cm long
 - A 6mm circular needle, 80cm long
 - 4 split-ring stitch markers
- For yarn stockists contact
www.loveknitting.com

TENSION

Yarn used knits as chunky to this tension:
17 sts and 23 rows to measure 10x10cm
(4x4in) over pattern using 5mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79 in
Simply Knitting magazine

Tropical colours and an easy lace pattern, like grass waving in the wind, make this a quick and colourful summer knit. Cast on using Louisa Harding's popular Amitola Grande yarn and 6mm needles and discover exactly how easy it is to create a throwover that looks fashionable and fabulous, all at the same time. Summer never looked better!

LACE PATTERN

Knitted over multiples of 15 sts and 16 rows.

- Row 1 and all WS rows** *K3, P9, K3; rep from * to end.
Row 2 (RS) *P3, yo, K4, ssk, K3, P3; rep from * to end.
Row 4 *P3, K1, yo, K4, ssk, K2, P3; rep from * to end.
Row 6 *P3, K2, yo, K4, ssk, K1, P3; rep from * to end.
Row 8 *P3, K3, yo, K4, ssk, P3; rep from * to end.
Row 10 *P3, K3, k2tog, K4, yo, P3; rep from * to end.
Row 12 *P3, K2, k2tog, K4, yo, K1, P3; rep from * to end.
Row 14 *P3, K1, k2tog, K4, yo, K2, P3; rep from * to end.
Row 16 *P3, k2tog, K4, yo, K3, P3; rep from * to end.

SHRUG

Cast on 135 (150: 160: 175: 184: 195) sts using a 5½mm circular needle. Do not join in the round as Shrug is worked flat.

Work in garter st for 2cm, working an even number of rows.

Change to 6mm circular needle.
Begin Lace Pattern as follows:

Row 1 (WS) K0 (0: 5: 5: 2: 0), work Lace



Sleeve Edgings are picked up and knitted along the cast-on and cast-off edges.



The pretty lace pattern is worked over multiples of 15 sts and 16 rows.

Pattern Row 1 across 135 (150: 150: 165: 180: 195) sts, K0 (0: 5: 5: 2: 0).

Row 2 (RS) P0 (0: 5: 5: 2: 0), work Lace Pattern Row 2 across 135 (150: 150: 165: 180: 195) sts, P0 (0: 5: 5: 2: 0).

These 2 rows set the pattern.

Continue to work as set by Rows 1 and 2, working through all 16 rows of Lace Pattern until you have worked 9 (9: 9: 9: 10: 10) repeats, then work rows 1-8 0 (0: 1: 1: 0: 0) more times.

(144 (144: 152: 152: 160: 160) rows worked.)

Change to 5½mm circular needle.
Work in garter st across all sts for 2cm, ending with a RS row.



33 (33: 35: 35: 37: 37)cm
13 (13: 13¾: 13¾: 14½: 14½)in

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		4-6	8-10	12-14	16-18	20-22	24-26
TO FIT BUST	cm	71-76	81-86	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127
	in	28-30	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50
ACTUAL WIDTH	cm	79.5	88	94	103	108	115
	in	31¼	34¾	37	40½	42½	45
LENGTH (BEFORE FOLDING)	cm	67	67	70	70	74	74
	in	26½	26½	27½	27½	29¼	29¼
YARN		Louisa Harding, Amitola Grande (100g/250m)					
Tango (507)		3	3	3	3	4	4

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

Cast off on the WS.

SLEEVE EDGINGS

Work Sleeve Edgings as follows: measure 16cm along each side edge from the cast-on and cast-off edges. Mark these two points.

With RS facing and 5½mm circular needle, pick up and knit 60 (60: 64: 64: 68: 68) sts between markers. Work in garter st for 4 rows, ending with a RS row. Cast off on the WS.

Repeat for the other Sleeve Edging.

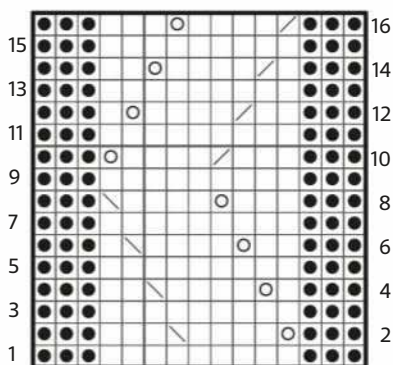
TO MAKE UP

Fold Shrug in half lengthways, so that side seams are together. Sew Sleeve Edgings together and side seams. Rep for other Sleeve. Weave in ends and block to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band.

HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

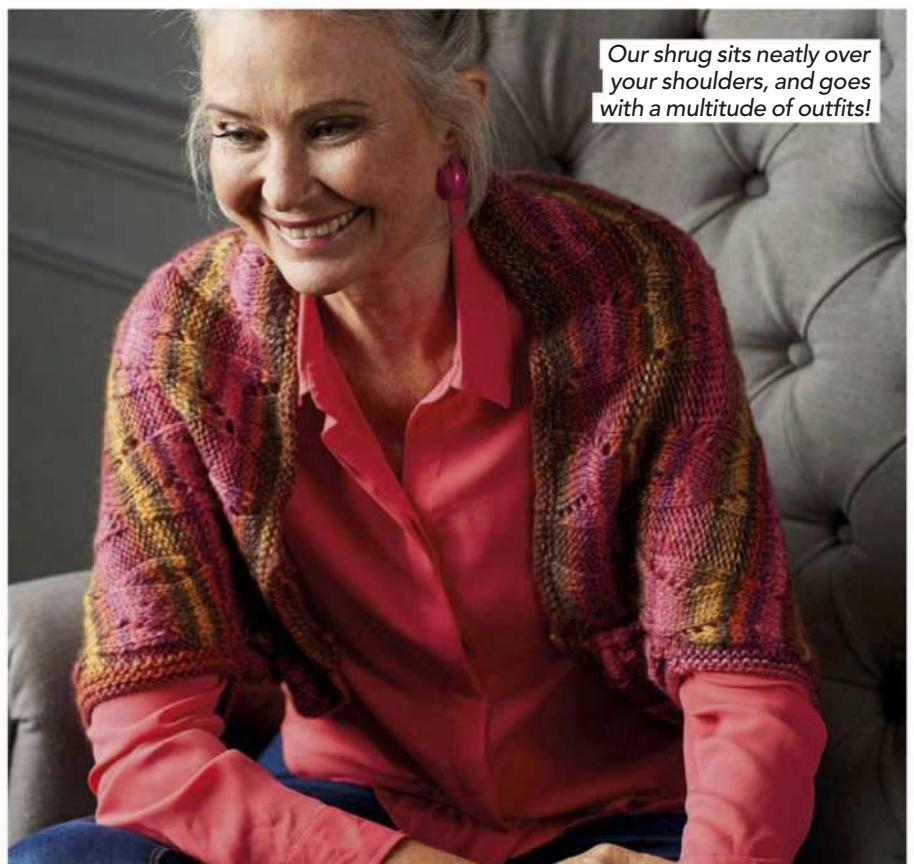
Start at the bottom right-hand corner. Read right side rows from right to left and wrong side rows from left to right. A row of squares represents a row of knitting.

CHART



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- K2tog
- Ssk
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