

INTRODUCTION

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Knit Along

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BEFORE YOU START

This jolly Christmas blanket can be knitted flat or in the round (to be steeked afterwards). If knitted flat, you will be working backwards and forwards in rows of knit and purl. If you decide to try the steeked version, all the rounds will be knit rounds. Once the tube of fair isle is complete you will then cut through the knitting – called steeking – and finish the edges as you would for the flat version. Whichever way you choose to construct your blanket, you'll find detailed instructions throughout the pattern and there are videos and help in our Facebook Make Along group too.

STEEKING

Please be aware that we only recommend the Rowan Felted Tweed yarn for the steeked version of this blanket. The Sirdar Loveful Tweed cannot be steeked, therefore must be knitted flat. The yarn needs a higher wool content to steek.

SIZE

Completed blanket is approx 87 cm (34½ in) wide and 116 cm (45½ in) long including edgings.

YARNS

There are two kits available, one uses Rowan Felted Tweed and the other Sirdar Loveful Tweed DK, a 100% recycled yarn.

If you have purchased one of our kits you simply need to add your needles and you are good to go. If you are buying the yarn yourself the quantities and colours needed are listed here.

Rowan

Felted Tweed version

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| A Clay 177 | 5 x 50gm |
| B Scarlet 222 | 2 x 50gm |
| C Ciel 215 | 2 x 50gm |
| D Lotus Leaf 205 | 2 x 50gm |
| E Ginger 154 | 1 x 50gm |
| F Barn Red 196 | 1 x 50gm |
| G Camel 157 | 1 x 50gm |

Sirdar

Loveful 100% Recycled Tweed Blend version

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|----------------------|-----------|
| A Birch 200 | 3 x 100gm |
| B Berry 203 | 1 x 100gm |
| C Pool 202 | 1 x 100gm |
| D Pine 205 | 2 x 100gm |
| E Maple 207 | 1 x 100gm |
| F Bracken 208 | 1 x 100gm |
| G Oak 209 | 1 x 100gm |

You may find it helpful to write the colour reference letter on the ball bands – it saves time later!

MATERIALS

Your colour pack does not include needles, and can be knitted in 2 ways – flat or in the round and steeked afterwards. Depending on which version you are making, you will need the following needles:

Version knitted flat

3.75mm (UK 9) (US 5) circular knitting needle at least 90 cm long (for main section).

Steeked version

3.75mm (UK 9) (US 5) circular knitting needle no more than 70 cm long (for main section).
3.25mm crochet hook.

Both versions

3.25mm (UK 10) (US 3)
circular knitting needle at least
120 cm long (for edgings).
Stitch Markers.

TENSION

26 stitches and 27 rows (or
rounds) to 10 cm measured
over fairisle pattern using
3.75mm (UK 9) (US 5) needles,
or size required to achieve the
correct tension.

It is vitally important that you
achieve the correct tension, as
the tension affects the finished
look of your item and the
amount of yarn used.

Before you begin, knit a
tension swatch at least 12 cm
(5 in) square. (You could knit
one complete chart as your
swatch – if your tension is
correct, this swatch should
measure 14 cm wide.)

If you have MORE stitches and
rows to 10 cm than stated, your
knitting is too tight and you may
have yarn leftover afterwards.
Knit another swatch using a
thicker needle.

If you have LESS stitches and
rows to 10 cm than stated,
your knitting is too loose and
you may run out of yarn. Knit
another swatch using a thinner
needle.

The amounts of yarn in your
kit, and as stated above, should
be sufficient to complete the
blanket if you work to the
correct tension.

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