



WEEK ONE

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Knit Along

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### CHRISTMAS TREES and GINGERBREAD MEN

You have your yarn. You have your needles. And now you're ready to start to knit your own Christmas blanket!

But first – you need to decide whether to knit it flat, working backwards and forwards in rows, or in the round and steek it afterwards.

#### KNITTING FLAT

If knitting your blanket flat, in rows of knit and purl, you will create one large flat section. You will cast on and work in rows as you would for a classic "normal" knit.

#### STEEKING

If you decide to knit your blanket in the round, you will knit a tube of fairisle and every round will be a knit round. Once your tube is complete, you will cut through your tube along the steeking stitches and then you will have a large flat piece that is almost identical to if you had knitted in rows.

#### KNITTING FLAT V STEEKING

If you dislike working purl rows with more than one colour, then steeking is a good choice – as all rounds are knit rounds and you can always clearly see the design.

Steeking can sound daunting however, follow the instructions carefully and everything will work out fine.

Whichever method you choose, your completed blanket should look the same.

Please note, Sirdar Loveful Tweed is not suitable for steeking, Rowan Felted Tweed is suitable.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**cont** = continue; **K** = knit; **P** = purl; **patt** = pattern; **rep** = repeat; **RS** = right side; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **WS** = wrong side.



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### CHART ONE – CHRISTMAS TREES

KEY

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- F
- G

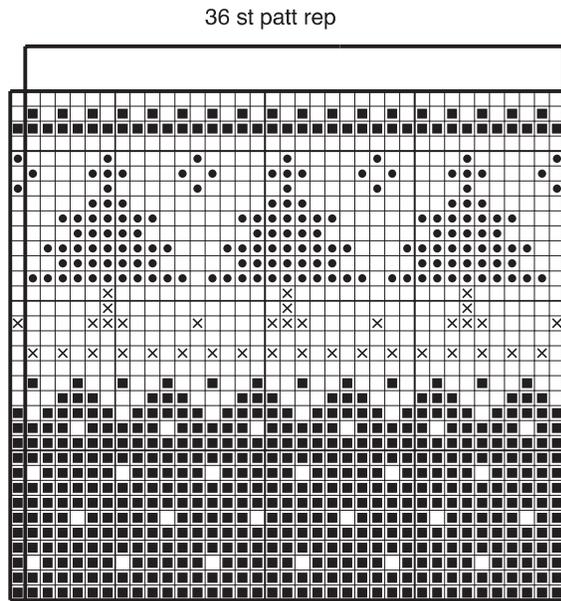


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### CHART TWO – GINGERBREAD MEN

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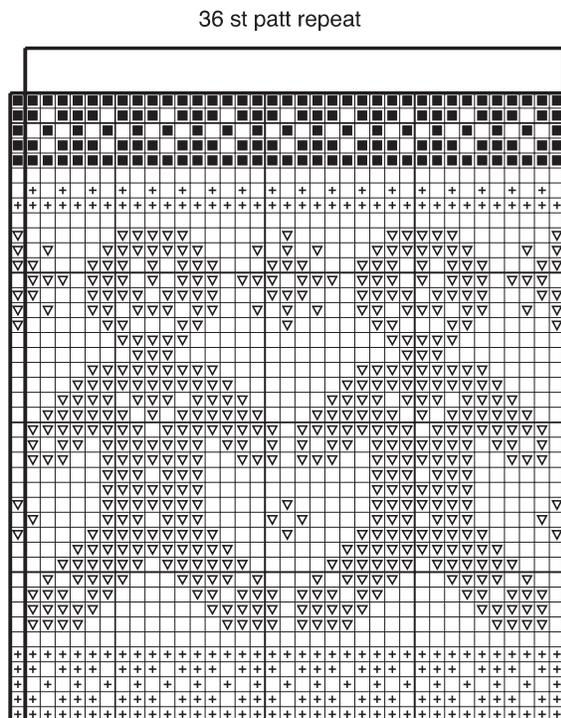


CHART TWO – GINGERBREAD MEN

## KNITTING FLAT

Using 3.75mm (UK 9) (US 5) circular knitting needle and yarn B, cast on 217 sts.

### Christmas Trees (chart one)

Working backwards and forwards in rows, joining in and breaking off colours as required and stranding yarn not in use loosely across WS of work, weaving it in every 3–4 sts, now work in patt from chart one (Christmas Trees) as follows:

**Row 1 (RS):** Work all 36 sts of the patt rep 6 times, and then work the end st as shown – work all odd numbered rows of chart as **knit** rows, reading chart from **right to left**.

**Row 2:** Work the end st as shown on chart, then work all 36 sts of the patt rep 6 times – work all even numbered rows of chart as **purl** rows, reading chart from **left to right**.

Cont in this way until all 34 rows of chart one have been completed.

### Gingerbread Men (chart two)

Now following chart two (Gingerbread Men), work all 42 rows of this chart in exactly the same way as for the Christmas Trees.

You have now completed charts one and two, and 76 rows in total. Your work should measure 28 cm (11 in) from the cast-on edge.

Leave sts on the needle, ready for the next sections.

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### KNITTING IN THE ROUND (FOR STEEKING)

Using 3.75mm (UK 9) (US 5) circular knitting needle and yarn B, cast on 224 sts.

Place a marker on the last cast-on st (to denote the steek line) and, taking care not to twist cast-on edge, now work in rounds as follows:

### Christmas Trees

*(chart one)*

Joining in and breaking off colours as required and stranding yarn not in use loosely across WS of work, weaving it in every 3–4 sts, now work in patt from chart one (Christmas Trees) as follows:

**Round 1 (RS):** Using yarn B K3, work all 36 sts of the patt rep 6 times, and then work the end st as shown on chart, using yarn B K4.

The first 3 and last 4 sts of every round are the steek sts – this is where the work will be divided later. Always use the main shade used for the round to knit the steek sts. For the first 13 rounds, use yarn B for all 7 steek sts, and start using yarn A for the steek sts above this.

Cont in this way until all 34 rows of chart one have been completed.

### Gingerbread Men

*(chart two)*

Now following chart two (Gingerbread Men), work all 42 rows of this chart in exactly the same way.

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Leave sts on the needle, ready for the next sections.



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